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(Editor's note: The following speech was delivered by Chief Frank Cloutier during the July 28 Saginaw Chippewa Community Meeting held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.)

"Boozhoo to everyone here today! On behalf of the Tribal Council, I would like to formally welcome each and every one of you to this year's welcome home celebration.

Council Member and Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl sends her regrets; she could not be with us today due to another engagement. I would like to take this time to say chi-miigwetch to Cynthia Floyd for stepping in and providing us with the blessing today.

There are so many things planned over the next few days and it is our sincere hope that you get the time to enjoy every bit of it.

These homecomings are a chance for us to intermingle and reconnect. The celebration of our culture and exchange of our traditional ways gives us the opportunity to celebrate the people we are and to teach others of our cultural values. This is your leadership's opportunity to update you on what we have been doing, the challenges we have been facing, and the plans we have looking toward the next several months.

We have asked organizational leaders to join us today, during this meeting, who will be able to talk in detail about some of the things I will mention during my address. I promise not to keep you all afternoon. After all, you will need time to hit the floor and enjoy your time home.

The Treasury and Investment department has historically struggled with its organizational chart, processes and procedures. There were some personnel changes and the day-to-day operations became convoluted and disorganized.

As many of you may recall, not long after our last community meeting, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) filed a complaint against our former treasury investment manager. The complaint is a matter of public record, and there were several articles about it that were also circulated. The complaint accused the former treasury manager of fraud. I'd like to talk about that. Before I do, I will caution all of us on this matter; it is as serious as it is complex.

The matter surrounds the purchase of securities commonly called a REIT, or Real Estate Investments Trust. Several years ago, the Tribe began purchasing many of these and similar-type investments. We have come to understand these were not appropriate investments at that time.

As the complaint indicates, they were misrepresented to us. It's further complicated because there are a number of ways one could purchase these types of investments, and unfortunately that, too, is a large part of the problem.

We happened to purchase some that are not publicly traded, and therefore have no readily available market by which we can sell them. We cooperated fully with FINRA. Perhaps, even more importantly, we are looking into these ourselves.

We are exploring it for two reasons:

1. We are looking into what legal avenues are available to us to hopefully address these

misrepresentations, and the inappropriateness of the purchase especially given the fact we may not be able to sell all of them to redeem our funds.

2. We can learn what else went wrong to allow this to happen to us. I cannot provide a great amount of detail yet to answer those questions because that process is ongoing, but I do want to hopefully provide you with some reassurance to what we have done, and what we will be looking to do.

- We have made personnel changes. This began in the prior administration, and we have continued to evaluate who we have, in what role to make sure we have the best people in the right places.

- We have decided to rebuild the Treasury Department. We believe this directly supports the Tribe's vision and mission for enhancing self-reliance and expanding our sovereignty. However, it is not enough to just rebuild. We must rebuild and improve.

- Therefore, we have, and continue, to review and improve policies, procedures and controls to ensure we have appropriate checks and balances to safeguard our financial assets.

- We will also be evaluating all of our vendors and partners to ensure we are engaging the best available inside and outside expertise and resources for our Tribal government.

- We will hold our people, our departments and our vendors accountable.

- We will explore all legal avenues available to us to do so.

I have had this visual developed to show you each trust account and the percentage of "REIT" interaction.

Visual: I am aware that this sounds vague and that is on purpose.

Since our first day in office, Tribal Council has been dealing with this problem that was inherited from the previous leaderships. We are taking a firm stance with this issue. We are working cooperatively with FINRA and the Federal Exchange Commission.

To date, the REIT we have been able to market has not seen favorable returns in the investment portfolio. We, however, have restricted, as I stated, about one-third of the total portfolio amount which limits our ability to remodel, pursue opportunities and expand as quickly as we could if the opportunity arose.

The newly-rebuilt Treasury and Investment department is and will remain working diligently to search for opportunities to liquidate these REIT investments as soon as we can with as little impact as possible.

Today we have with us Matt Brege, director of Treasury and chief investment officer. Matt comes to us with more than 15 years of investment and financial services experience.

Formally a managing director and director of investments working with institutional clients, investment products and strategy for the likes of PNC Bank and JP Morgan's Investment Bank.

Matt advised and managed investments for a number of Native American tribes throughout Michigan.

He has his bachelor's degree in international business and a master of science in finance.

Please join me in welcoming Matt to the team.

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Migizi EDC unveils new Sagamok Express Mobil on July 8

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

The Migizi Economic Development Company owns the Isabella Sagamok Express Mobil, and is one of its evolving properties. On July 8, Migizi served as hosts for a grand opening ribbon cutting as the former Shell gas station became the new Mobil.

Chief Frank J. Cloutier gave brief remarks and introduced his fellow Council members.

"The Sagamok station, where the crossroads meet in our community, is similar to where people meet across Michigan and many Tribal communities are known for their contribution to those teachings," Cloutier said. "They provided good and safe passageways where the people gathered and it's appropriate, in the heart of our community, we have this economic development and this partnership with

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Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Chief Frank Cloutier (center) cuts the ribbon with Migizi Interim CEO Lisa Darnell, along with Tribal Council and Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors for the Isabella Sagamok Express Mobil grand opening.



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Attention Saginaw Chippewa
Tribal Members

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee currently has six vacancies on the committee to fill. If you are interested in serving on this committee that will assist in the planning, coordination of activities, set up, and daily operations of the event, please submit a letter of interest to the Powwow Committee.

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Sept. 10 & 11, 2016

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A summer of changes theme for Migizi EDC

FREDRICK KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager Migizi EDC

A summer of changes continues with the Migizi Economic Development Company.

In addition to the upgrades and exterior renovation at Sagamok Express Mobil, an expansion of the beach area took place at Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park and Migizi EDC has recently welcomed a new CEO.

Robert Juckniess has assumed the head position within the company replacing Interim CEO Lisa Darnell.

Juckniess joined Migizi in July, relocating from the greater Chicago area.

He is an award-winning executive leader with deep experience in driving exponential growth and profitability by developing and communicating a clear strategic vision, exemplary execution and continuous improvement.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management in finance, marketing and international business.

Please join all of Migizi and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in welcoming Juckniess to the organization.

The development and improvement of the RV Park has made vast upgrades this season.

Recently, the beach area has been enlarged allowing for larger numbers of people to utilize the facility.

In addition to offering more amenities to guests, this expansion will allow the park to offer paid access to local residents in search of outdoor summer fun. Those buying an access pass to the RV Park can rent available watercraft such as kayaks, canoes or paddleboats and enjoy the new water trampoline.

Currently, the RV Park is experiencing a great year with nationwide visitors enjoying the offerings of this Good Sam 10/10/10 park, a ranking of North America's best RV parks.

Make certain to look for Cardinal Pharmacy at the Native Farmers Market every Tuesday.

Cardinal has been on hand all season offering artisan soaps, gifts and candles. Among the picks of those visiting Cardinal's table are the offerings from local favorite, Love That Soap.

Cardinal Pharmacy has partnered with the local makers of the soap products and has a wide variety available at both the Farmer's Market and in the store.

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Mobil and Blarney Castle. This is truly a blessing for our Tribal community."

Lisa Darnell, interim CEO for Migizi, said when the team began discussing renovations for the Isabella Sagamok, their number one goal was to provide better customer service.

"Phase one is complete with the transition to Mobil including upgrades of brand new pumps, islands, signage, point of sale system, and imaging," Darnell said. "In the coming weeks, we will be repairing the parking lot and in the fall, and winter months we will be bringing (guests) a fresh and inviting image to the store front and the inside of the store."

There were numerous reasons why Mobil was chosen by Council and the Migizi Board of Directors and most of those focused on synergy.

"I think the final selling factor when we looked at a variety of things was the Mobil brand was the most flexible when collaborating with other Tribal entities as we move forward," Darnell said. "Blarney Castle and their group did a fantastic job in renovating the place with the brand new pumps. Right now, the Migizi Board, with Council support is looking at doing a building renovation also. Miigwetch for letting us serve your community."

Blodgett Oil has been a part of the Sagamok story from its inception. Larry Blodgett was on hand with Blarney Castle Oil & Propane representative Dennis McCarthy.

"Over the past year and a half, Blarney Castle has worked with the staff at Migizi to get the Sagamok

reimaging project completed," McCarthy said. "I can honestly say that the working relationship with Migizi and the staff at Sagamok has been excellent. When you reimage and remodel a retail petroleum system, there are a lot of moving parts. Today's consumer expects quick and safe credit card transactions, a good looking image, and outstanding customer service. I think the conversion to Mobil and the efforts by everyone meets the consumer's needs."

McCarthy said Blarney Castle will continue to support Sagamok's business with Mobil's programs.

"These programs include the Plenti Loyalty Program, Mobil's Point of Purchase Sign Program, Mobil's Credit Card Programs, and Mobil's point of sale network," McCarthy said. "Blarney Castle is very proud of our working relationship with (the) tribe and we look forward to working together for years to come."

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided an invocation and the Mino Ode Singers offered an honor song for the occasion.

My 104.3 FM WCZY radio personality Chris Spachman interviewed Cloutier and Frederick Kuhlman, marketing manager for Migizi, as the employees gave away plenty of cupcakes, USB car chargers and popcorn at the event.

"I would like to thank the Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors for joining us in the heat and humidity as well as President Bret Hyble and the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors," Kuhlman said. "This business is important to the Tribal community and has been here for 23 years as a Shell location. It is a hub for the community and a place for gathering as represented in the Sagamok Express logo of the crossroads."

Larry Sprague shares black ash basketry teachings

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Tradition and culture came to life once more on June 15 as the Seventh Generation Program cultural outreach series continued with a black ash cotton swab basket workshop.

Larry Sprague, elder and master basket maker, was pleased to see the class was full for the hands-on workshop at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

"When working with black ash, it's important to have the strips shaved down to the right size in order to shape the basket," Sprague said. "I use a lot of water while I make the baskets because the strips are easier to bend while wet. There's not that many who are still doing baskets the way I was taught by (Chief Little Elk) Eli (Thomas). I grew up pounding strips for Alice (Bennett), Lucy (Pelcher) and Maggie (Jackson)."

Sprague shared memories of what it was like to make baskets on the Rez back in the early days.

He said getting the needed strips to make baskets was not the only challenge, but travel was required to sell them.

"There wasn't a big market for baskets back then," Sprague said. "You had to go to a metropolitan area to sell them because it wasn't happening in Mount Pleasant."

Janice Wilcox, accreditation and quality assurance specialist for Nimkee Clinic, and her daughter Jenna attended the workshop.

"(Sprague) was humbling and extremely knowledgeable when it came to the craft of basket weaving. He stated that both of his grandparents, maternal and paternal, had made baskets on the Reservation," Wilcox said. "Larry has truly mastered the craftsmanship of basket weaving and he also expressed an interest in sewing. One could clearly see that from the beautiful sweet grass and black ash edging around the rim of the baskets."

The next offering is Aug. 17-18 for the manoomin (wild rice) tool making workshop in collaboration with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Winnay Wemigwase (left) and Shara LeValley weave their black ash baskets.



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Volunteers requesting donation items for the poverty-stricken Pine Ridge Reservation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After numerous visits to the poverty-stricken Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, Tribal Member Michelle George has a wish to help the Lakota people in any way she can.

George is requesting assistance in collecting items for Pine Ridge residents.

George's mother Gail, who is also assisting in the project, would often take her to visit Pine Ridge.

"We went to Pine Ridge every summer for a total of seven times," George said. "We have been to the reservation many times. The Lakota people have a very high rate of poverty and suicide. I have a strong desire to help out in any way I can. I just want them to know that others are thinking of them."

George hopes to collect hats, mittens, scarves, hand warmers, socks, boots and coats of various sizes for the brisk winter ahead.

George attends the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene, which previously assisted Cecilia Spottedbear (now retired), from the Lakota Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Wounded Knee, S.D.

Spottedbear's grandson Alex BadBear took over as pastor and will aid with delivering any donations received.

George is setting up a donation box at the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene, available at all times from Aug. 1 until the end of September, outdoors on the porch.

George is currently brainstorming other ideas of how to give back to Pine Ridge, and said she will keep the Tribal Observer updated with any additional information.

George wished to thank the community for support.

Monetary donations may be made out to:

Pastor Alex Badbear
C/O Lakota Memorial
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Migizi EDC welcomes new CEO Robert Juckniess

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Migizi EDC's Board of Directors selected Robert Juckniess as Migizi's new CEO.

The announcement came on July 11 and Tribal Chief Frank Cloutier said Juckniess will bring a positive change.

"We went through an exhaustive search and vetting process to fill this key position with someone who understands the importance of strategic growth planning, business development and organizational leadership," Cloutier said. "One of his goals is to turn our Migizi businesses into a highly efficient, organized and sustainable profit center. I'm sure that is where the Tribal Membership want our business portfolio to be as we continue to move in a positive direction."

In a Tribal employee-wide email, Juckniess expressed his excitement to start the position.

"I have owned and operated my own businesses for the past 25 years," Juckniess said. "I have been involved in ventures related to healthcare, retail, gasoline, convenience stores, car washes, fast food, commercial real estate, and management companies in addition to others. I have been fortunate to have worked with my own teams that have won numerous awards for excellence in operations, sales growth, profitability growth and customer service."

Before his official first day, Juckniess said he visited most of the retail sites and is excited to meet every employee.

"I truly believe that (the employees) are all working hard and doing many things very well. I also believe that together, we can identify room for improvement



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Robert Juckniess began as Migizi Economic Development Company's new CEO on July 11.

and growth," Juckniess said. "My goal is to start with our currently operating businesses, conduct a deep dive review of these businesses and put together a plan of action that I hope will improve upon the customers' experience while insuring sales and profit growth."

Juckniess said he needs Tribal leaders and employees assistance to accomplish future goals.

"I know that if we work as a team toward common goals and objectives, we can accomplish anything that we set our minds to," Juckniess said. "I personally thank all of our employees for their hard work, loyalty and dedication to Migizi and SCIT. Miigwetch!"

As the Migizi Human Resources Manager, Samantha Olson said she is looking forward to working with Juckniess.

"Bob has a very diverse background working many different industries," Olson said. "He has much to offer Migizi and we are excited to see what he will bring to the team."

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.



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Recommitment to the Earth ceremony demonstrates honor and respect for ancestors

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

It was an opportunity to bring ancestors home on June 29 when more than 50 Tribal elders, employees and community members reverently came together during the Recommitment to the Earth ceremony at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery.

Shannon Martin, director of the Ziiibwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, traveled with a



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elder and Ogitchedaw warrior Kent Jackson shares a smudge blessing to prepare the grounds before the ceremony begins.

delegation to Cambridge, Mass. to repatriate remains from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology (PMAE) at Harvard University.

“We repatriated the physical ancestral remains of two individuals who have been determined to be culturally affiliated with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe,” Martin said. “In 1915, these remains were removed from a site three miles northwest of Byron, Burns Township, Shiawassee County, Mich. by Arthur W. Carpenter.”

The Peabody Museum expedition investigated the historic Ojibwe Reservation of Keetchewaundagnink.

Carpenter donated these human remains to the Peabody Museum in 1915, Martin said.

“This man who we are bringing home could have been your great, great grandfather and the child could have been a great, great auntie or uncle,” Martin said at the cemetery. “They are rejoining relatives that we brought back from the Peabody Museum on May 21, 2010.

Ziiibwing was born as a response from the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

“We acknowledge Bonnie Ekdahl as the founding director as she and early Ziiibwing staffers, like elder Charmaine Shawana, knew there were ancestors waiting to come home,” Martin said.

The U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs and Peabody Museum, in consultation with the Ziiibwing delegation mutually agree the Keetchewaundagnink historic site was an early reservation of the Saginaw Chippewa in the historic period.

NAGPRA was passed in 1990 and it requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections and to consult with federally-recognized Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding the return of these objects to descendants or tribes and organizations.

NAGPRA indicated there were more than 200,000 ancestral remains spread across various museums and academic institutions across the country.

William Johnson, curator for Ziiibwing and NAGPRA designee, also serves as chair of the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Recommitment to the Earth ceremony took place at the Nibokaan Indian Cemetery on June 29.

Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA).

“The Keetchewaundagnink Reservation encompasses a village site of the same name that was established in 1810. The reservation itself was established by the Treaty of Saginaw in September 1819, and ceded in 1837 after a small pox epidemic,” Johnson said. “The presence of mounds and graves near the Keetchewaundagnink village site are known from historic accounts. An early written history of Shiawassee County indicates that a large cemetery was known to be associated with the Keetchewaundagnink village.”

Mide’ Elder and former Tribal Chief Steve Pego has made numerous visits to academic institutions.

“We honor (the ancestors) with this ceremony and they are looking down at us with all our relatives as they see all the good work people on this Reservation have done,” Pego said. “I thank Shannon, Willie and Ziiibwing for all they do for our people. I sang a (recommittal) song gifted to me from Leech Lake Elder Porkey White who was a fourth degree Midewiwin. He passed on and he is now with the ancestors singing this song as these ancestors offer their final gift back to Mother Earth.”

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FP046

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72 mos/**\$446**/\$28,000



GU061

**2014 Ram 1500 Big
Horn Crew Cab 4WD**
Auto, V6 3.6L, 34k Miles.

72 mos/**\$458**/\$28,875



GT105B

**2013 Chrysler 200
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Auto, Gas V6 3.6L, 25k Miles, MP3.

72 mos/**\$235**/\$14,880



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LaMarr Woodley brings Hollywood 56 Red Carpet Event to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Red carpet was rolled out at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for the LaMarr Woodley Celebrity Weekend Hollywood 56 Red Carpet event on Saturday, July 16.

Woodley, former University of Michigan college football player and current NFL outside linebacker free agent, hosted the event for his charity.

The LaMarr Woodley Foundation is a nonprofit organization, designed to help underprivileged and underserved youth in his hometown, Saginaw, Mich., to overcome their adverse environments by providing opportunities and experiences that will help them unlock their full potential, according to the website.

The event began at 9 p.m., and lasted until 2 a.m.

The 9-11 p.m. VIP social hour cost guests \$56, which included

endless complimentary drinks and food.

Josh Blake, guest relations manager for SECR, said the Marketing team had about 2.5 weeks' notice to plan the event.

"LaMarr was very approachable by all guests of the event; he took photos and signed autographs all night," Blake said. "He brought his own special guest DJ, (musician) Lloyd to help with the atmosphere... LaMarr enjoyed himself here at SECR, and we will continue to develop this relationship and look forward to bigger things in the future."

With a short time to plan, Blake approached John Curns, facilities project manager, on July 6 about the need for a bar for the event.

"On Friday the 8th, John contacted me to meet with him and his woodshop team to discuss options," Blake said. "He showed us the drawings and the materials that would be

used and we agreed on everything. He then contacted us again on Tuesday the 12th to see what they had done so far. We were completely blown away by what they had created in two working days."

After social hour, the entry fee included \$15 from 11 p.m. to 12 a.m., and \$25 from 12 a.m. to 2 a.m., with the sculpted ice bar and numerous cocktail tables presented all night.

The guests were required to be at least 21 years old, donning upscale attire.

The morning of the SECR event, Woodley hosted a free youth football camp in Saginaw, Mich. for aspiring football players ages 7 to 14, where the children learned football fundamentals.

Woodley attended Soaring Eagle's superbowl party, hosted in the same ballrooms, and decided it would be a great change of location, previously

held in Saginaw, for the annual event.

Saginaw's own DJ DC Spinnin kept the music going.

Woodley has formerly played in the NFL for the Arizona Cardinals, Oakland Raiders and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Woodley's foundation continues to give back to Saginaw children and families in need each year. In November 2014, for example, the LaMarr Woodley Foundation provided 500 Saginaw families with boxed items during the annual Thanksgiving Giveaway.

The boxes contained paper goods, aluminum foil, laundry detergent, toothpaste, cups and cutlery.

On the foundation's website, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel is listed as a major sponsor.

The LaMarr Woodley Foundation also offers the First Impression event



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NFL free agent LaMarr Woodley (right) and Mike Kutzback pose for a photo at Woodley's July 16 Celebrity Weekend Hollywood 56 Red Carpet fundraising event.

— a back-to-school event that provides free haircuts, manicures and school supplies to children, the Holiday Toy Drive — a toy collection event to benefit the Child Life Department at the Children's Hospital and Sack Attack — matching dollars fundraising program to benefit local charities.

Monsters invade Reservation in record number as 'Pokémon GO' craze takes off

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There is one truth that drives people to play "Pokémon GO"... "You gotta catch 'em all."

The pocket monsters have been invading the Reservation in record number ever since the app was launched on July 6.

"Pokémon GO" has brought in gamers to visit numerous Tribal businesses including "PokéStops," which allow players to collect more Poké balls, eggs, potions, etc., at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park and the Ziibiwing Center.

Frederick Kuhlman, marketing director for Migizi EDC, said he downloaded the free mobile app and immediately found two monsters at the Isabella Sagamok Express Mobil.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Youth and Family Specialist David Merrill plays Pokémon GO.

"We have been getting confirmed sighting at the Cardinal Pharmacy, Eagle Valley Outfitters and Pokémon water monsters have been seen at Eagle Bay Marina," Kuhlman said. "From a marketing perspective, it's all about getting people at your business and 'Pokémon GO' is getting them there. I see

this as a positive for both the Tribe and Migizi properties."

Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for Nimkee, said he has witnessed increased physical activity from the game's players.

"When I've ran through the Isabella County parks for my own fitness routine, I've been amazed to see the increased amount of people walking and playing the game," Harman said. "That's when I thought to myself 'hey, at least they're walking and not remaining sedentary on the couch.' I always encourage people to get 30 minutes of activity in a day, and I bet a lot more people are getting this now. Hopefully they will begin to see and feel the benefits of moving and not sitting."

Since the app was launched, suspicious activity has been reported to law enforcement throughout the country.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Lt. Kelly Babcock shared some concerns.

"Although law enforcement encourages physical and fun activities by all, we ask that everyone do so in a safe and cautious manner," Babcock said. "Playing such games as 'Pokémon GO' while driving motor vehicles could lead to serious incidents and/or accidents which could be life altering."

Babcock also had advice for players on foot.

"Since this game will lure you to many different locations, we at the Tribal Police would highly recommend traveling in pairs to help maintain safety and respect all private property owners by not trespassing on their land," he said. "Finally, let's all remember this is just a game. Having fun is the key."

Michael Fisher, environmental response program specialist, said

he has been playing Pokémon since he was in fourth grade.

"I find it extremely amusing that there is such a wide age range of Pokémon trainers (players)," Fisher said. "I live near Central Michigan University's campus and there is a ton of activity... As I'm walking through campus, I see hundreds of people outside playing. The cool part is everyone seems really nice and helpful, and it's great to see such a positive student community."

The world of Pokémon came into existence through a Nintendo Game Boy idea from creator Satoshi Tajiri in 1995 where Pokémon trainers would catch the monsters to battle each other in "gyms."

So if you think you can be like main character Ash Ketchum and find your own Pikachu, come around the Rez and you may find them hiding here. But remember, "You gotta catch 'em all."

Baby Celebration at Seventh Generation welcomes six new community members

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Another cause for celebration happened June 29 at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center. The Niibing Baby Celebration brought a full house of families together with support from Seventh Generation and the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon gave the invocation for the meal and was pleased to be able to share with the blessings on the six new babies that made their debut within the past year.

"I consider this as one of the highlights in my job as a nurse here at Nimkee Clinic," Hon said.

Hon said Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon shared the teachings of the sacred



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Danielle Sawmick celebrates with and son Vincent.

fire to Tribal Members who came all the way from Holland, Mich.

"I was amazed that in the 16 years I have been attending baby celebrations, that this was the first time I was able to hear the teachings and happy



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Cheyenne Prining and daughter Shayliana pose for a photo.

to know that the lost teachings are being shared with the young families," Hon said. "I am pleased to say, if it would not have been for this celebration, they may not have ever received this important teaching."

Hon has been involved with baby celebrations since 1999.

"Young parents are now more concerned about doing for another rather than the idea of 'it's all about me.' They can bring their families for an alcohol and

drug-free event and enjoy special activities for their older children along with lots of giveaways for their new baby," she said. "This program is like a well-oiled machine and the staff at Seventh Generation never tires of putting on a beautiful celebration. Just when I think that the celebration couldn't get any better, it does!"

Bonnie Ekdahl served as the featured guest speaker.



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Chuck Pope (left) with Chayton and Andrew Wagner with Makiyah.

Each child received a homemade blanket from Tribal elder Sandy Smith.

"I have been (making the giveaway blankets) for 20 years now and I see mothers who received a blanket from me when they were born," Smith said. "I'm doing this for the next generation and I just enjoy giving back to these families like I saw my grandmother do back then."



Cultural Awareness Day at Sanilac Petroglyphs offers education carved in stone

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

History carved in stone by ancestors centuries ago holds sacred meaning and a connection to the past. The Sanilac Petroglyphs is one of those spiritual places where ancestors' artistic footprints can be seen.

Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp), assistant director for the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, served as coordinator for the June 25 Cultural Awareness Day at the petroglyphs.

"Our ancestors continue to guide us with their wisdom and teachings left on the stone and referred to as mishomis or grandfather," Waabanoqua said.

The collaboration developed between the Michigan's Department of Natural Resources, Historical Center, State Historic Preservation Office, Archeologist Office and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe including Ziibiwing Center seeks to protect this historic site while providing educational opportunities for the visitors, Pamp said.

"Building strong inter-governmental relationships has enabled the Anishinabe



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Firekeeper David Syckle starts the sacred fire in a good way at the Sanilac Petroglyphs ceremony.

to continue to provide stewardship of this sacred spiritual site while sharing... our Anishinabe cultural teachings," Waabanoqua said.

Don Beavers, historic guide, said the tribal influences at the site represent the Native American story in Michigan.

"The Anishinaabeg have a profound history in Michigan as they became some of the prominent tribes throughout the Great Lakes," Beavers said. "It is hoped that a visit to the Petroglyphs will have a lasting impression on visitors

and how the Native Americans and nature interacted together, lived and related to the non-Native Americans."

State Archaeologist Dean Anderson served as one of the keynote speakers along with Stephanie Stone from Sarnia, First Nations Canada.

"A number of years ago, a series of meetings was held between SCIT and from the State of Michigan to discuss the petroglyphs," Anderson said. "Many issues were discussed, but the two main issues were the preservation of the petroglyphs and creating more interest in the petroglyphs."

Throughout the last five years, DNR staff, State Historic Preservation Office staff, and Ziibiwing Center staff, have become partners in pursuing common goals with the petroglyphs.

"That productive partnership has led in helping to preserve the carvings such as trimming vegetation around the rock outcrop to increase air flow to reduce the growth of moss and lichen on the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Crowds of people came to the Sanilac Petroglyphs for a pipe ceremony and to hear special dignitaries speak about the important teachings found in the rock.

rock surface," Anderson said. "Rain gutters and downspouts were added to the roof to direct water away from the petroglyphs."

The petroglyphs aren't just images carved into stone; they are the thoughts and beliefs of people who lived long ago, Anderson said.

"The carvings bring us closer to those people," he said. He informed the audience that the biggest hazard is Mother Nature.

"The petroglyphs are carved into Marshall sandstone, which is a relatively soft stone," he said. "Over time, the forces of nature wear down the carvings... The roof

over the carvings helps protect them from rain and snow, and wind to some degree... Nature over time does take a toll on the petroglyphs."

He said another concern is vandalism.

"Vandalism in the form of names and initials scratched into the rock continues to this day," Anderson said. "The enclosure around the petroglyphs certainly helps to deter vandalism, but it does not stop it completely. It is also ironic that while the remoteness of the location of the petroglyphs may help protect it from vandalism, the same remoteness may prevent those bent on vandalism from being observed and thwarted."

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It is very important that we remain clear on everything happening within our Tribal community. At times, these topics can be very exciting and uplifting. At times, they can be very difficult and heavy-hearted. Together, we must face both realities.

The membership has to realize that your leadership is also Tribal Members and want the best for our Tribe.

Tribal Council has been informed that all cases regarding collateral tracing have been scheduled with the office of Administrative Hearings. What that means for us is that these cases will follow the track of the hearings process. Some of these cases may be concluded at the point of summary disposition which means it will become clear that there are no other arguments to support lineal descent, and the recommendation from the hearing board will be sent to the certifier for final disposition. In some of these cases, that may begin as shortly as the first of the month.

I want to make it very clear to all that the final decisions in these cases are the responsibility of the Tribal certifier. That body is the Tribal Council. Each one of us has the ability to determine our own vote based on the administrative record from the office of Administrative Hearings.

It is expected that any certifier related to any one of these cases will recuse themselves as required by law and allow the process to continue.

The Appellate Court case in 2013 clearly held that the constitution requires lineal descent to a constitutional base roll. It is unfortunate that we now stand at the steps of disenrollment within our Tribal Membership.

Tribal Council is sworn to uphold the constitution of the Tribe. As difficult as these proceedings are, they are guided by the constitution and our sworn obligation to follow the law. I give you my word that every step will be taken to ensure those people affected by these proceedings will be afforded the fair and impartial due process of law and will be given respect, humanity and assistance during the process.

We will work to ensure all have ample time to make adjustments before that final decision. No one can change who we are, nor can they change our destiny.

Tribal Council has been working with Administration to develop the analytical work and research that needs to be done in re-evaluating all of our job descriptions.

Wage study efforts have begun and all positions will be reviewed for changes and or adjustments that will meet the needs of our tribal government and our market share. These job descriptions have not been updated in more than nine years and we have fallen behind industry standards. To ensure we have the best future,

we need to be current with the industry and setting the trends instead of following them.

Having the best people in the appropriate positions will ensure we can operate efficiently with the best talent and resources available.

When we took office back on Dec. 2, 2015, there were noticeable voids in key positions. Since that time, we have had one opportunity to hire a skilled and competent candidate for the position of casino CEO. That individual had been picked, accepted and subsequently declined stating personal issues.

We then decided to take more of an aggressive recruitment effort in filling this position and are currently reaching through alternative talent groups for specific skills and experience.

Currently, eight qualified candidates have been identified out of a field of 20, and interviews are being scheduled. We are very confident we will have the best candidate pool to choose from.

Robert Juckiness has been hired as the new Migizi Economic Development CEO and began work July 8, 2016. You will be introduced to him during the Migizi update.

Bob comes to us with a wealth of experience having owned his own business for more than 25 years. He has been involved in ventures related to health care, retail, gasoline, convenience stores, car washes, fast food, and commercial real estate and management companies.

I am more than confident he is the person to take Migizi Economic Development to the next level.

Ethel "Marie" Summers has been selected as the new director of Human Resources for our community and gaming operations.

Marie, as she likes to be called, is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. She is a mother of five children and has three grandchildren.

Marie has her bachelor's degree in management development and an AA degree in management.

She has a very long list of accomplishments in and out of Indian gaming. She is very comfortable in the HR settings with experience both in Tribal government and gaming operations. Her credentials speak for themselves.

Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors have taken great care to communicate expectations for the work to be done.

We are currently actively recruiting for the positions of Tribal and Gaming chief financial officers (CFO). We are looking for specific abilities and specialized skill sets for these positions.

Further down in the agenda, you will be hearing updates from our Interim CEO Bob VanWert, Marketing Director Raul Venegas and Facilities Director Steve Jablonski. I just wanted to briefly touch on the information they have to share today.

Our market has been meeting some very significant challenges and the management and staff at all properties have been meeting those challenges.

Bob will be sharing the detail of what is another year of increased revenues for us.

Raul will report on our highly successful Outdoor Summer Concert Series and the many diverse marketing concepts all designed to peak the curiosity of our patrons and guests.

Steve will be briefing us on the expansion in Saganing and the multiple projects we have started to reinvent ourselves within the marketplace. For so many years now, there has been little consideration given to the condition of our buildings and or the repair needs that have been compounding. We have recognized the need to prioritize these much needed repairs and remodel that will make us current again.

Today we realize that we need to reinvest in ourselves if we are to reclaim our lead in the Michigan market. Your Tribal Council is committed to being the ones that recreate us back to the leadership role in Indian Country we have enjoyed in the past.

A culture of building institutional memory is just what we need to keep ourselves self-sustaining. We can achieve that by relying on you, the membership, and making opportunities for everyone who can work to work.

On our efforts nationally with regard to our legislative work, the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act passed the U.S. House and is now in the Senate. While the Supreme Court declined to hear our legal case, we are hopeful we will have a vote in the U.S. Senate in the fall.

I traveled to Washington, D.C. in February where I and 11 other chiefs met with President Barack Obama and personally lobbied for support on this issue. Although he remained hesitant to go against organized labor, he gave assurances that he would not veto any legislative effort as long as we had ordinances that clearly spelled out our interaction with organized labor.

The President is very aware that our unique Tribal government economic development efforts are directly related to our day-to-day operations and direct benefit to you, the members.

I would like to encourage each one of you to find your way to the Public Relations table where they are ready with letters of support to Senators Stabenow, Peters and other legislators for your signature. We will forward them on your behalf.

The President was interested in assisting us with final determinations on the issue of "off reservation" gaming. We requested that we have a final determination on this very important issue before years end and we were given his assurances. There are plans to meet with the Interior along with our off reservation coalition leaders to consult and assist with the Interior's determination.

We have been leading the fight to stop off reservation casinos in both Lansing and Muskegon. Both the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and the Little River Band have compacts where they have agreed not to do off reservation casinos unless all tribes concur. We expect a decision sometime this fall and we fully expect to prevail.

On a more local platform, the state of Michigan has been very busy advancing their online wagering offerings through the Michigan lottery.

The Michigan economy has been such a challenge with ups and downs. The State of Michigan is doing all it can to increase revenues. The gaming industry is one direction they have been looking.

There is a crossroads in gaming and it is called internet gaming. It is time we become involved in this market so we can be at the forefront and protect our base in the market. All be it federally impermissible, I believe we can make some end roads with this form of gaming.

Nudge Machines are another challenge to our gaming efforts. These machines act like, look like and function just like a class three slot machine.

A bill will be introduced this fall by State Rep. Garcia (R, Holland) to bring these machines under the control of the Michigan Gaming Control Board where they can be regulated out of operation. We will be teaming up with the lottery and the department of education to support this bill.

Lottery and education are strange bed-fellows but they have a vested interest in stopping these machines given they derive no benefit from them in shared revenues.

By law, the State of Michigan must revisit its clean energy laws and make necessary changes to it. The Tribe's position is to promote sustainable and future production.

There are third party energy companies that are reselling energy at a lower cost and threatening the ability for long-term sustainable energy growth. They are attempting to come into our region and use the resources without the community commitment and or connections until they have reached their financial objectives then leave us with the cost of clean-up and mitigation. This would only lead to higher energy prices and we cannot allow that.

The Tribe will work with our institutional partners who have vested in our region and support their efforts to obtain a fair and balanced Energy Act.

I have a PowerPoint presentation that was developed by Bonnie Ekdahl our consultant with the "Youth Education Project."

This Tribal Council is unique in the fact that there are seven who have never served on Tribal Council before, but all have enjoyed lengthy careers in Gaming or Tribal Operations.

That gives us the ability to take our experiences with policy, resolutions and ordinances and improve on them based on those past experiences. We know what needs to be done within our community and our economic development efforts.

Economic Development Director Brian Smith has been working within and outside of our community to find opportunities for us to diversify and create more jobs. He will be hiring a project manager who will oversee the development in Saganing, which will ensure we stay on task and within budget.

We have opportunities in clean energy and agriculture.

Your leadership will work to become a leader in Indian Country. Together we can make this happen.

In closing, I have two final points I would like to cover. There are many issues that need your voice. Planning for the future and the direction we take needs your input.

I will be working with At-Large Member Services and the Tribal Council to return our At-Large meetings with a few changes.

The meetings will be member-driven with focus points. These meetings will remain open to all members, they will be agenda-driven with an opportunity for your input.

My second point is the need to give some attention to the pool up at the hill. Too much money is being spent keeping an old and antiquated pool area open. We will begin work shortly with our key facilities and maintenance staff to develop and build a new pool and pool house facilities so everyone has an enjoyable experience visiting the camp ground.

Chi-miigwetch for your attendance and your patience. Have a safe and blessed homecoming celebration."

Father's Day Fishing Tournament



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anglers of all ages showcased their skills at the Father's Day Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 18.

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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 hands of change 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

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Dear Wigwam: I have a problem with women who are always trying to date me even though I am in a committed relationship. I've even had a couple of stalkers. I really have no idea why they are like this. I have been told I'm too nice but not sure if that is it? I'll joke and laugh, but I don't initiate anything. Once I was trapped in a two-hour conversation and the woman actually put her name and number in my phone. I refuse to be mean so don't ask me to do that. **Taken**

Dear Taken: Being in a committed relationship probably means you don't wear a wedding ring which is a definite symbol that you are off the market. You can continue to be nice, but you need to learn to be assertive. I suspect most women are vulnerable and taking your politeness as being interested. Not sure how anyone can be trapped in a two-hour conversation and if anyone gave you their name and phone number, it is because you allowed it to happen. Make sure your ego is in check and remember it takes two to tango!

Dear WW: I just convinced a woman, who I've been after for a long time, to go on a date with me. That was the easy part. The hard part is doing everything right so that I can continue to see her. I picked a really nice restaurant and have been thinking of things to talk about that might be of interest to her. Do you have any advice for a first date? **Nerves**

Dear Nerves: There are some things that are a definite turn off to women that I can share: Don't chew with your mouth open! If you speak badly about an ex, she knows you will probably also speak badly about her and a first date is no place for that. Keep your eyes on your date! Pay attention to her and everything she says and keep a majority of the conversation about her. Allowing her to speak about her life will become an investment in you and don't judge or criticize. One last thing, make sure you reach for the bill first!

Dear WW: I wish my son would listen to me. Every time he comes over to my house, I tell him he needs to get new tires on his truck. The tires are bald and it's only a matter of time before they blow. The worst part is that my grandchildren are usually in it. He makes good money so I know it's not financial. I feel like just buying the tires myself, should I? **Blow Out**

Dear Blow Out: Kids these days! It sounds like a power struggle if you keep mentioning it and he doesn't do anything, especially if he has the means in which to do so, you could purchase the tires but if it's not a financial issue, he would be taking advantage of you. I would ask a third party to mention it so it does not come from just you. Other than that, all you can do is pray on it.

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Can't stop, won't stop: SCIT takes home the Family Olympics gold

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A heat advisory did not deter the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe from taking home the gold for the fourth consecutive year at the 29th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 22.

SCIT Members joined more than 10 other Michigan tribes or tribal organizations for a little friendly competition at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field.

More than 1,110 people were pre-registered for the day, a record number.

Opening ceremonies began shortly after 9 a.m. with Ogitchedaw flag carriers and community drummers. Various participants from all tribes walked one lap around the track before a flag song.

The day's competitions included baby crawl, tot trot, tug-of-war, bean bag toss, archery, softball toss, long jump, fitness circuit, jump rope, kids' obstacle course, free throw and three-point basketball shorts, lacrosse, sponge relay and numerous meter dashes and races.

The prior morning, Waabooz Run Golf Course hosted a golf tournament as a portion of the games.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Ogitchedaw flag carriers lead the lap around Central Michigan University's Bennett Track during the July 22 Michigan Indian Family Olympics opening ceremonies.

Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator, was the primary coordinator for this year's events, with the help of the Family Olympics Committee and Nimkee departments.

"The Michigan Indian Family Olympics was truly a team effort in so many ways and I am overwhelmed by how everyone came together to make this a great experience for everyone who participated," Harman said. "We, again, had record numbers of participants and it was another success."

Individuals receiving gold medals earned their team five points, silver medalists earned their team three points and bronze medalists earned their team one point.

Three team trophies were awarded to the top three scores. If there was a tie, it came down to who had the most individual gold medals.

Youth Activities Manager Lucas Sprague not only served on the event committee, but took home a few medals for himself. He won gold in the one-mile run, and overall highest score of 81 in archery, silver in three-point basketball and bronze in golf.

"Family Olympics has always been one of the premier tribal events I look forward to every year. It's also a great community event where we can cheer on and support one other," Sprague said. "Not only do I go out and try to win medals for our Tribe, but I am not happy with anything less than gold. I have been pretty successful over the years and take pride in doing what I can for Team SCIT."

Interim PR Director Erik Rodriguez served as emcee and announced winners as results came in.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Community drummers and singers perform a flag song.

Along with Nimkee Public Health, the Tribal Fire Department stepped in to help develop a plan to prevent heat illnesses in the 95 degree weather.

Fire Chief Fred Cantu reported 16 individuals were treated for medical by both Fire and Nimkee, and one individual was transported by ambulance to the hospital for further treatment.

"During the event, individuals could get a wet towel to place around their necks to help keep cool along with informing individuals to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water," Cantu said. "One of the items that seemed to be a big hit was the misting fans that blew out water as people walked by or through the fan."

Cantu said Nimkee Clinic staff aided with displaying signs to remind individuals to look for symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

A triage tent was added this year by the suggestion of Helen Williams, healthy start child nurse and member of the Emergency Management Team.

"(The triage tent) provided an area where individuals could come and lay down if needed and medical personnel monitored vitals as well as having fans that would blow on the patients to assist with the cool-down process," Cantu said.

Throughout eight weeks prior to the event, 10 of Michigan's tribal communities also competed in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's fifth annual Tribe to Tribe Blues Community challenge to determine which team could log the most miles of physical activity.



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Vinnie Kequom (right) putts, as Steven Wassegijig watches, during the July 21 Olympic golf competition at Waabooz Run.

Winners were announced by the Blue Cross team at the Olympic event.

SCIT also took home the gold medal in the competition, logging the highest number of miles of physical activity among all teams. SCIT won for the second year in a row, and received a total of \$3,500 in grants.



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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe tug-of-war team uses all of their strength to try to win.



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Marcell Schocko Jr. looks like he is ready to make a move during the baby crawl.



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Milan Quigno-Grundahl represents Team SCIT and competes in the lacrosse speed shot.



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Michael McCreery crosses the finish line during the 400-meter run.



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Duane Sheahan (sitting) watches as Clara Begay competes in the jump rope competition.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kylie Wemigwans tested her basketball skills in the free throw competition.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SCIT receives \$3,500 in checks for achieving first place in the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge.



Family Olympics



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Racers from all tribes take off at the starting line for the one-mile run.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Youth members competed in a fitness circuit, for ages 7 to 15, which involved a timed sit-up competition.



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Chief Frank Cloutier assists with carrying the SCIT banner during the opening ceremonies.

The competitors logged their daily physical activity through the Blue Cross “WalkingWorks” online tracking tool. This year, almost 600 tribal members registered for the challenge.

At the end of the challenge, more than 92,500 miles were logged by the participants, the equivalent of about 3,534 marathons.

“It’s no secret that we’re more likely to exercise if we have support,” said Shelley DuFort, senior community liaison for Blue Cross. “Community challenges, like the Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge, are a fun way to address the serious problem of health disparities in Michigan. It’s amazing to watch members of tribal communities come together, rallying around their common goal of living a healthier lifestyle.”

Also part of the program, 79 children completed the second annual #MIKidsCan Tribe to Tribe Youth Marathon, which encouraged youth to track 25.2 miles of physical activity throughout the same eight-week period. Competing children were encouraged to finish their last mile at the one-mile run at the Family Olympics.

“We made some great improvements to the event this year with a new souvenir event booklet (created by Tribal Observer Graphic Artist Matthew Wright) for each participant,” Harman said. “We also were able to work with the IT department to make results available online immediately through having computers and tablets at each event.”

This year, participants were able to view individual and team results on their smart phones from the sagechip.org website.

“Each year, the IT Department has been working to improve the scoring system,” said Dan Gahagan, multi-media development manager. “This year we really wanted to make some big changes like allowing the scorekeepers to enter results directly, allowing participants to view results live as they came in, and personal profile pages for each participant.”

Gahagan said Nimkee Fitness supplied scorekeepers with a tablet to enter scores immediately after each athlete finished.

“This meant that many participants could see the results online only after they competed



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Gizi, of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, says hello to children at the Family Olympics.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Parents and family members gather for the first competition of the day, the baby crawl.

in an event; a big improvement from last year where many participants didn’t get to see the results until the end of the day,” Gahagan said.

Also new this year, one tribe received the traveling tug-of-war trophy. This award went to the Gun Lake Tribe, which received the most points in all three age groups.

Committee members began planning the event in January. Committee members included: Harman, Sprague, Rodriguez, Marcella Hadden, Jayme Green, Walt Kennedy, Sandy Sprague, Brandon Schultz, Robyn Grinzing, Damian

Fisher, David Merrill, Jonathan Updegraff, Lindsey Sprague, Walter Trepanier, Kyle Shomin, Bernard Sprague and Colleen Green.

“It all leads up to bring a lot together, especially in the last two weeks leading up to the event,” Harman said. “It truly becomes a team effort to pull off a large event like this and many people assist in the planning process that I’m always grateful for.”

At 11 a.m., lunch was served, courtesy of the Nbakade Family Restaurant.

Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis – Summer Moon Photography was on hand to take photos of medal winners. To download and/or get printed photos, please visit marcellahadden.com and use “MIFO2016” as the client access code.



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Throughout the day, SCIT Members contested to place in the archery competitions.

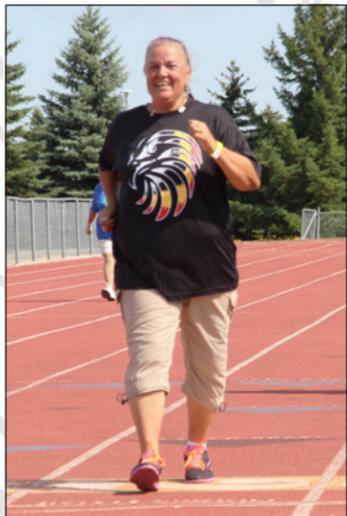
The Family Olympics were started in 1987 by Sue Miller, health educator for SCIT, whose goal was to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of physical activity with mainly track and field events.

Sponsors included Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Sound Productions, United States Department of Agriculture and Blue Cross Blue Shield.



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Isabella Saboo participates in the softball throw contest.



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Judy Pamp reaches the finish line during the 400-meter walk.



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Family Olympics organizer Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for Nimkee, explains the tug-of-war rules.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Mid bean bag toss, this youth SCIT team member hoped to win the competition.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Jenna Rios (left) and Aiyannah Borton show a little friendly competition in sprinting for the finish line.

MIFO Team Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 396 points

- 2nd:** Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians 292
- 3rd:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa 278
- 4th:** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians 216
- 5th:** Pokagon Potawatomi 192
- 6th:** Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi 147
- 7th:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 61
- 8th:** American Indian Health and Family Services 28
- 9th:** Hannahville Indian Community 18
- 10th:** American Indian Services 5

Other Tribes: Bay Mills Indian Community, Chickhane, Grand River, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Muscogee, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Walpole Island.



Great horned owl found at Behavioral Health in critical condition, taken to rescue

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As a kindred spirit to the bald eagle, the great horned owl is considered a messenger in Native teachings. On July 19, there was a reported sighting of a great horned owl that appeared injured after being struck by a vehicle.

Behavioral Health staff witnessed the owl and Tim Walraven of Public Works immediately reported the incident.

Officer Trent Vatter of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and firefighters Chris Lerma, John Bollinger and Jeremy Woods were on the

scene within minutes of the call to dispatch.

With the help of the two Tribal agencies and a Department of Natural Resources Conservation officer, the owl was humanely captured.

Fire Chief Fred Cantu said it not unusual for the Fire Department to assist with rescue calls and this call was no different other than the species in danger.

"The Tribal officer, along with the conservation officer, was already attempting to secure the owl and as the assist agency, we did not want to stress the owl any more than it was already so we waited for the two officers to secure the owl," Cantu said.

"We assisted with making sure the owl was securely in the box and wouldn't get out preventing further injury."

Wildlife Biologist Heather Shaw was called to assist.

"I transported the owl to Dr. Mary Isaac of Bangor Veterinary Clinic in Bay City who determined that it had head trauma and slight retinal detachment but no broken bones," Shaw said. "The owl seemed very stunned and allowed the vet and technician to take X-rays and blood without struggle, not a very positive sign for a raptor."

Sandy Miner, certified wildlife rehabilitator from Essexville, Mich., is now caring

for the owl and has reported there has not yet been significant progress other than that the animal has eaten, Shaw said.

"The raptor was also tested for West Nile virus as a precaution," Shaw said. "The two have had a long-standing partnership examining and rehabilitating injured wildlife and were amazing to work with."

Shaw said the compassion all of the rescuers showed for the animal were very touching.

"We were all blessed to see such a magnificent bird up close and hope we are able to have given it a second chance," she said. "I have the highest hopes that this bird makes it and only time will tell."



Courtesy of Heather Shaw

An injured great horned owl is handled with care by Dr. Mary Isaac.

If anyone witnesses injured wildlife, please contact Tribal Police or Shaw directly at **989-775-4146** to ensure that the animal is taken to the proper facility.

Editorial: Keep the trash out and keep our waters clean

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

During the summer, everyone enjoys spending time by the river, whether it is tubing, swimming, boating, fishing or just enjoying the scenery. If you spend enough time on the river, sooner or later you see trash somewhere in the river; floating along the surface, at the bank, or on the stream bed.

Trash ends up in the river by people directly throwing it into the river, the wind blowing it into the river from a surrounding area, or by rain washing it down into the river. All this trash in the water is harmful for aquatic ecosystems.

When someone throws trash into the Chippewa River, the trash may eventually float down the river where it will meet the Tittabawassee River, and then the Saginaw River before it empties out into the Saginaw Bay.

The Saginaw Bay is designated by the state as an "area of concern," which is an area in the Great Lakes that has serious water quality problems known to interfere with the beneficial uses aquatic resources provide.

Putting trash into the Chippewa River will not only make the situation in Saginaw Bay worse, but will degrade the water quality and aquatic habitat in Lake Huron in general. These major effects can also be observed at the local level

as trash in the river clogs out critical aquatic habitats.

Fish and water fowl end up swallowing this trash, which they cannot digest, and will eventually kill them.

When trash is thrown into the river, it does not disappear forever just because you don't have to look at it anymore. The trash may move from the rivers, to our lakes, and eventually to our oceans.

Globally, it is estimated that there are 5.25 trillion pieces

of plastic trash in the oceans. This is an outstanding number. So, next time you are planning on going to spend some time on the river, please remember to bring a trash bag or pack a waste-free meal.

Reusable items are made available everywhere these days and they are a good alternative to your one-use type items. Please help keep our rivers clean and the fish happy by keeping trash out of the waters!

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Editorial: Golfers needed for the 2016 Saginaw Chippewa Amateur Tour

BERNARD SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

Are you a trail blazer? Would you like to be a part of history? I'm looking for 16 players to help establish the Saginaw Chippewa Amateur Tour. The tour would be similar to the PGA Tour, golfing each week or month.

Golfers would be at a different course each time and all teams would receive points according to their order of finish.

At the end of the season, the team with the most points would be named the SCAT Champions.

I need eight teams of two to get this tour started. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

If possible to begin this year, a committee would be established to prepare and oversee the 2017 season, which would include rules and schedule. All interested players are eligible to play.

Aug. 21 to Sept. 25 (six weeks) first eight teams to pay will play. The fee is \$60 per player.

Tee time is at 4 p.m., if you miss this, you move to the end of the line. If you miss the day, no points will be awarded.

Each team must record a score on the scheduled day to receive points.

Teams earn points for order of finish each week: First place receives 50 points, second place - 40 points, third place - 30

Saginaw Chippewa Amateur Tour Schedule

- Aug. 21 - Waabooz Run Golf Course, Mount Pleasant
- Aug. 28 - Pines Golf Course, Lake Isabella
- Sept. 4 - Pleasant Hills, Mount Pleasant
- Sept. 11 - Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd
- Sept. 18 - Eagle Glen Golf Course, Farwell
- Sept. 25 - Waabooz Run Golf Club, Mount Pleasant

points, fourth place - 25 points, fifth place - 20 points, sixth place - 15 points, seventh place - 10 points and eighth place receives 5 points.

Players pay green and cart fees weekly at each course (golf membership players will only pay the cart fee.)

Men use white tees, and women use red tees. At Waabooz Run, men use blue tees.

The format is a two-player scramble. Club lengths are limited to course hazards. Absolutely no club lengths on

or around the green, the highest score on any hole will be 8.

League budget for awards/banquet with eight teams involves \$960. The budget breakdown includes an \$850 payout, \$60 trophies and \$50 banquet.

First place team will receive a trophy each and split \$300. Second place will split \$200. Third place team will split \$100 and fourth to eighth place teams will receive \$50.

To register your team, please call Bernard Sprague at 989-400-1838.

Allyssa Shawboose wins photography contest

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In May 2016, youth Tribal Member Allyssa Shawboose won the National Crime Victims' Rights Community Outreach's art contest for her photograph "Hands of Hope."

During the April 10-16 National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the Isabella County building, visitors could vote for their favorite photograph by a Shepherd High School student.

In lieu of winning the competition, Shawboose's photograph will be forever displayed at the Office of the Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney.

The assignment came from Mrs. Yeagley's Photography - Mixed Media class last school year. The project was to photograph a representation of hope.

Yeagley selected a number of the students' pictures she thought best suited that theme. Those photos were then placed on a blackboard with a number for public voting.



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Youth Tribal Member Allyssa Shawboose's winning "Hands of Hope" photo.

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumni socialize at SCTC luncheon

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On June 28, the fourth annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumni luncheon at the east campus brought students back to where they completed their academic associate degree experience.

SCTC alumni joined SCTC President Carla Sineway, college faculty and administrative staff in attendance as Sineway gave a brief history of the land grant institution.

Kathy Hart, SCTC STEM recruiter and alumna, said attending SCTC gave her the support, encouragement, and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

President Carla Sineway gives her SCTC Alumni Luncheon address.



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Cathy Matthews



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(Left to right) SCTC faculty Patricia Alonzo, Kathy Hart and Gena Qualls

skills to move forward with her education.

“Without the Tribal College, I probably would not be where I am today,” Hart said. “Education is the key to success. It is definitely needed for professional and personal growth. SCTC gives people that opportunity and hopefully, in the near future, we will have a campus that we can call our own and be proud of. Along my educational journey, I have made a lot of friends and gained a new family with staff and students.”

Part of Hart’s responsibilities as SCTC STEM Recruiter

is to create an interest in STEM and get students involved in the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

“I started the STEM/AIHEC club back up,” Hart said. “This past year we had 20 students attend AIHEC competing in several different competitions. SCTC Science Bowl students took third place out of 18 teams competing which was a great accomplishment. This summer is the second year students have held STEM summer camp for younger children in our community.”

Hart said the event is a favorite of SCTC faculty because it is like a homecoming.



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Sheridan Pelcher



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Nicole Nedwash

“I love working with the students and to see them grow and realize what opportunities they have available,” Hart said. “To watch our students take advantage of what SCTC

offers to gain as much experience and knowledge they can to help them with their future endeavors makes me feel good knowing we have accomplished that awareness.”



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Carrie Farr

What does the SCTC Extension mean for the community?

SHUNA STEVENS

SCTC Extension Coordinator

As the new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension coordinator, I am excited to provide outreach to tribal families and the community, as well as collaborate with tribal departments to help reach the goals and objectives of the Extension grants, funded through the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

Extension’s mission states: “SCTC-Extension will enrich

the lives of American Indian families with an active outreach program designed to encourage tribal families to explore new opportunities, exchange ideas, and excel in healthy attitudes.”

The program is intended to bring vital, practical information to agricultural producers, small business owners, consumers, families, and young people through land-grant colleges and universities.

The current grant cycle is focused on the following areas: Family and consumer science, youth development,

emerging entrepreneurs, and Anishnaabe arts and crafts.

Since I started in this position on May 23, I have made connections with several departments and committees for collaboration on upcoming activities, events, and workshops. Extension is finishing up the summer session of the Mahnoomin workshops.

Extension and the Ziibiwing Center are planning a week-long youth art and entrepreneur camp to be held at Ziibiwing on Aug. 8-12, and the upcoming Art Walk Central’s Anishnaabe Culture Day to be held downtown Mount Pleasant on Aug. 22.

About 80 youth from the Niibing Program were also hosted by Extension on the SCTC campus for two days of fun educational activities and workshops. Extension has been collaborating with the STEM recruiter at SCTC on the STEM Summer Camp.

There are future plans to collaborate with the Youth Council on an upcoming event. Extension will host a multigenerational team dance special at the People’s Powwow in September.

There are several goals that Extension is targeting through the grants and the community can participate either directly through Extension or through collaboration with other departments in upcoming activities, events, and workshops focusing on the topics of: food knowledge and nutrition, family exercise, family-friendly activities, family health, youth health and wellness, youth leadership and cultural knowledge, entrepreneur and business planning, and Anishnaabe arts and crafts.

The community will have several opportunities to participate in free informal educational workshops offered throughout the year and in varying capacities.

If you would like more information, would like to offer suggestions on future workshops, or would like to collaborate with SCTC Extension on a focus area above, please feel free to call me at **989-775-4123** or email me at ssstevens@sagchip.org.



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SCTC Extension Coordinator Shuna Stevens.



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Eagle Spirit Awards honor 2015-2016 higher education recipients

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members who achieved higher education degrees in 2015-2016 were awarded and recognized for their accomplishments during the Eagle Spirit Award banquet on July 13.

The occasion kicked off just after noon in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

Betsey Alonzo, college vocational recruitment and support specialist, provided opening remarks and kept the event moving along.

Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier and Council members were in attendance. Cloutier provided welcoming remarks.

“I’ve said it many times before – not only in my role as Tribal chief, but my public relations days and even at gaming commission – our largest asset is not our gaming economic development, but our largest asset is our members and our youth,” Cloutier said to the crowd. “When we empower them to pursue higher education, what a valuable asset they become.”

Cloutier also praised the supportive family members of those achieving higher education.

“A special miigwetch to families who support higher education,” he said. “To the moms and the dads, and the aunties and uncles, the grandpas and grandmas who encourage us to keep educating ourselves, encouraging our youth to go back to school and who encourage each and every one of us to strive for higher education.”

Melissa Montoya, education director, recently received her master’s degree through Central Michigan University. She served as guest speaker.

“It is required by law, a certain extent, to go through elementary school, middle school and most of high school, and after that we’re on our own,” Montoya said to the recipients. “If we want to continue a secondary education, it’s our own will and motivation that keeps us going because there is not a law saying you have to go. So that, in itself, is an amazing feat. You made a decision to continue and here you sit today. That’s something to take pride in.”

Montoya shared her personal hardships, and successes, during her schooling path.



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Education Director Melissa Montoya served as guest speaker and was also recognized for achieving her master’s degree through Central Michigan University.



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Bethany Tarbell, student congress treasurer, announces the graduate plaques and eagle spirit recipients.

“It may take you the ideal two years to get your associates degree, it may take you the ideal four years to get your bachelor’s degree, and it might take you the two years to get your master’s and so on. It might not,” she said. “What should have taken me eight years, if you add those years together, took me 20. But keep going, education is something nobody can take away from you. Remember that you are the inspiration to those around you and you are your own best motivator.”

Bethany Tarbell, student congress treasurer, announced the graduate plaques, made by JNR Engraving, and eagle spirit recipients.

The following Tribal Members earned 2015-2016 higher education honors:

Master’s degree: *Donielle Bannon, Melissa Montoya and Tracey Olivier.*

Bachelor’s degree: *Betsey Alonzo, Angela Austin, Heather DeMoines, Marilee Estelle Fleming, Gena Qualls, Penny Raap and Nicolynn Rose.*

Associates degree: *Rachel Bailey, Carrie Carabell, Leah Denhof, Trisha Heron, Rachel House, Jennifer Lindstrom, Shawna Neyome, Maureen Rueckert and Bethany Tarbell.*

Certificate recipients: *Sarah Harrison – certificate of achievement in nursing, Jennifer Johnson – certificate in professional dental assistant, and Rochelle Woodcox – certificate in manicuring.*

After recipients received their honors, SECR Food & Beverage provided lunch.

Drummers and singers provided both a welcome song and an honor song at the event.

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided the invocation.

Montoya said each learning path is different. Some will accomplish a perfect, straight line from point A to point B, and some paths will be “a scribbled mess, but that’s OK.”

“Find the self-motivation to push yourself forward,” Montoya said. “Allow yourself the time that you need. Sometimes things happen and you just need to rest. Just don’t get stuck there.”

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned student of the month during the 2015-2016 school year: Lyric Owl, Clara Begay, Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher, Analicia Palomo, Riana Chippewa, Quenten Rolfes, Adrianna West, Mana Pelcher, Caleb Sprague, Brihanna Dunham, Joe Jackson, John Wemigwans, Alexis Trepanier, Tawney Jackson, Annie Lada, Sara Saunders, Aubrey Pelcher, Nikki Jackson, Eva Reyes, Kayana Pelcher, Bela Magnell, Zoey Disel, Kenneth Wemigwans, Foster Crampton, Rocky Shomin, Donovan Harris, Kaleb Potter, Quinn Pelcher, Anita Pelcher, Peyton Brabbs, Alberta Trepanier, Chelsea Pelcher, Levi Pelcher, Duane Sheahan, AzhiyenWemigwans, Charles Trepanier, Martine Wiggins, Raymond Pelcher, Tavia Kahgegab, Simon Jackson, Bradley Woodworth, Meredith Magnell, Liam Arbogast, Albert Trepanier, Alayna Disel, Joshua Wemigwans, Julianna Garcia, Thalia Bennett, Gabriel Quigno, Aaron Jaso, Prentiss Jones, Carmela Negrete-Ledesma, Robert Saunders, Lawrence Hinmon, Layla Paul, Allen Pego, Aiyana Sheahan, Sadie Disel, Kiley Nicholson, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Raynah Perez, Calijah Trepanier, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Mana Pelcher, Peyton Cleveland-Morsey, Niigik Pamp, Ahjinees Osawabine, Alex Grice, Brandon Wemigwans, Caden Pego, Alberta Trepanier and Chelsea Pelcher.

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Hollywood Vampires bite into classic covers on 2016 tour

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

One way to celebrate deceased loved ones is to get together with friends and honor their lives.

Singer Alice Cooper has done just that with his new band Hollywood Vampires, an American rock supergroup formed to honor the music of rock stars who died in the '70s, who were a part of Cooper's "drinking fraternity" based at Los Angeles' Rainbow Bar and Grill.

Fronted by Detroit native Cooper and actor Johnny Depp — with Aerosmith's Joe Perry absent due to serious health issues since collapsing during a July 10 New York performance — the Hollywood Vampires rocked right onto the Soaring

Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor stage on Wednesday, July 13.

Additional band members included bassist Robert DeLeo of the Stone Temple Pilots, and Guns N' Roses, and Velvet Revolver drummer Matt Sorum.

Perry's absence did not go unmentioned.

"One of our brothers is not here tonight," Cooper said, paying tribute to Perry with a performance of Aerosmith's "Sweet Emotion."

Cooper asked fans to shout "Joe, get better!"

"I hope he can hear this wherever he is," Cooper said.

The band's 20-song set list covered the likes of David Bowie, Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, T. Rex, Led Zeppelin and The Who.

Robin Zander of Cheap Trick, which served as the opening band, joined the stage to offer lead vocals for a cover of The Beatles' "Come Together."

A large fan draw was observing Depp in concert, who dangled his guitar low, strutting the stage from one side to the other to wave to fans just as he had been a professional musician his entire life.

Different this performance, however, was the beaded medallion Depp sported around his neck with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribal logo, crafted by Tribal Member Alice Jo Ricketts.

"Johnny wrote this next song ('As Bad As I Am') about his stepfather, who was probably a vampire," Cooper said, struggling to find the precise words to describe him.

"He was a criminal," Depp interrupted without missing a beat.

Cooper said Depp's stepfather would "get the family together and raise a toast to say, 'as good as you are, as bad as I am.'"

The intro to Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" comprised of a harmonica solo by Cooper.

Paying tribute to the drinking club, Cooper said, "They're all gone now. Except



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Alice Cooper (left) and Johnny Depp of Hollywood Vampires take center stage during their cover of David Bowie's "Rebel Rebel."

for me... I wrote this song about all of the ghosts that live in the Rainbow."

The band jammed on the hard rocking "My Dead Drunk Friends."

"The next song is about a real-life vampire, from Detroit city, written in Detroit about Detroit," Cooper said of his song, "I'm Eighteen."

Hollywood Vampires rocked right through their encore of Tiny Bradshaw's "Train Kept A-Rollin'" and Cooper's "Schools Out."

Cheap Trick began their set with "Hello There," "Big

Eyes," and The Move's "California Man."

"This next song was recorded before 97 percent of you were born," Zander said to the crowd.

The Illinois-based band performed their biggest hits "Surrender," "I Want You To Want Me," "Dream Police" and "The Flame."

The band was recently inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April.

Their set concluded with "Goodnight" from their 1978 live and best-selling album "Cheap Trick at Budokan."



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Cheap Trick lead singer Robin Zander (center) points out to the crowd during the chorus of their hit song "Big Eyes."

Maxwell, Fantasia and Anthony Hamilton's souls shine at Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was Mother Nature's way of saying "the show must go on" when violent thunderstorms came to an end about one hour prior to the July 12 outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.

Intense, but short-lived thunderstorms struck Mount Pleasant, Mich., causing a slight delay in the Tuesday night show, but guests left pleased after R&B/soul singer



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

R&B singer-songwriter Anthony Hamilton opened the July 12 outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.

Maxwell's, better-than-the-recording, live concert.

Maxwell, Fantasia and Anthony Hamilton separately graced the outdoor stage, each fulfilling a set with incredible talent and vocals.

The house lights went off and Prince's "Kiss" got the audience standing and dancing along, waiting for Maxwell. Maxwell entered the stage to perform "No One," and "Bad Habits."

"I'm so honored to be here with you. We've been rocking for 20 years," he said. "I'm so honored to say I've shared this stage with Anthony Hamilton."

Maxwell also praised the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal land.

"We are on a Reservation," he said. "We are really chillin' with the first Americans ever. We are on borrowed land."

With his impressive improvisation skills, he often threw in new words and phrases while singing his songs, anything from complimenting the venue and audience, to expressing hope for a future peaceful world and commenting on today's world news.

He then showcased moving, pitch-perfect performances of "This Woman's Work," using his falsetto voice, and "Lifetime."

"The only thing I have right now is music, and that can be loved by all colors of people," he said.

Maxwell's new album "blackSUMMERS" night

was just released July 1 (Columbia). He performed the single "Lake By The Ocean," released April 8.

He then gave a soulful tribute to the late icon Prince with "Nothing Compares 2 U," which he also performed at this year's BET Awards.

"Sumthin' Sumthin'," "Get To Know Ya," the gospel-like "Fortunate," and "Ascension" were performed.

Maxwell ended his show near midnight with the ever-soulful "Pretty Wings."

Throughout her set, Fantasia Barrino, the 2004 "American Idol" winner, repeatedly announced, "I'm a soul singer." Her raspy, powerhouse vocals proved that to be accurate.

In a sparkly, floor-length dress, Fantasia's passion for performing flooded as she energetically danced around on stage.

"I ain't never moved in this dress like I just did," Fantasia said.

A cover of "Summertime" was one of her most memorable performances from "American Idol," and she includes the song in her set list to this day.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Showcasing his incredible range, concert headliner Maxwell performs "Bad Habits."

"They can never put me in a box cause there's nothing I can't do," she said.

When it was about time for her to leave the stage, the audience let out a cry.

"Oh ya'll don't want me to go, but when I walked out, ya'll was acting like you never saw me before," she joked.

She also performed "When I See U," "Lose to Win," "Free Yourself," "Sleeping With the One I Love," which debuted in May, and a moving rendition of James Brown's "Man's World."

Grammy award-winning R&B singer-songwriter Anthony



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In between belting out bluesy, R&B songs, Fantasia frequently announced "I'm a soul singer" to the crowd.

Hamilton also let his powerhouse vocals shine during his performance.

Hamilton's deep, smooth voice set his tone in 2003 with his hit "Charlene."

The audience could be spotted grooving along to "Cool," "Best of Me," and "Can't Let Go."

R&B singer Ro James was scheduled to perform, but his set got cancelled due to delays from the storm. That, however, did not stop him from having a meet and greet with some of his fans backstage.



Soaring Eagle celebrates Fourth of July with great 'Dirt, Spurs & Thrills' crowd

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Monster trucks, demolition derby and rodeo action took over the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during "Dirt, Spurs & Thrills" on Fourth of July weekend.

The dirt was flying and the engines were revving as Monster Truck Madness 7 on July 2 delighted young and old alike.

Drivers included 2012 monster truck throw down champion Jim Koehler (Avenger), 2013 champion Devin Jones (Barbarian), 2015 champion Greg Winchenbach (Crushstation), Cory Rummell (Rage), Brad Allen (Brutus), Mike Thompson (Wrecking Crew) and Allison Patrick (Samson).

Making their debut was Derick Anson (Heavy Hitter) from Louisville, Ky. and Jeremy Hosman (Lumberjack) from Nunica, Mich.



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"Heavy Hitter" monster truck driver Derick Anson jumps a ramp at Monster Madness 7.

Fan favorite and 2014 champion Jamey Garner, from Fortville, Ind., was back with Wild Side and his newly-rebuilt monster machine Over Bored.

Because of an earlier season injury, Garner has the Groth brothers (Tyler and Travis) from Seattle behind the wheel of Over Bored and Wild Side.

"This is the first time we have been here and the drivers across the country look forward to being at Soaring Eagle with the great fans here," Tyler Groth said. "Jamey asked if we would like to come out here and entertain the fans in his brand new truck and we couldn't turn that down. The truck has 66-inch BKT tires and a brand new Chevy body, tube chassis with a 540-cubic inch motor and 1,500 horsepower."

The Super Kicker Rodeo was back in the saddle as the weekend thundered on with a kick.

The rodeo took over July 3 at 7 p.m. and car-crunching action came to life at the demolition derby on July 4.

The rodeo results were tabulated by staffer Angie Lauer.

"Matt Ford took the trophy belt buckle for the bareback

riding competition with 76 points, with Joe Corville placing a close second with a score of 74," Lauer said.

In the bull riding event, John Braska took first place with 85 points, while Jake Farris finished second with 82. Nick Nagy took third with 80 points.

"(Delton, Mich. native)

Braska has rode in the professional bull riders circuit and has been riding professionally since he was doing 4H when he was 14," Lauer said.

In the team roping event, Lauer said Tye Casey and Randy Mayger took first place honors with Cash Shegan and Cale Johnson in second, and Colton Bugis and Dusty Link posting a third place team finish.



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Jacob Dunlavey is spurred on by the crowd as he takes a ride on a bronco.

In the barrel racing timed event, cowgirl Randi Hall was top of the field with 15.376 seconds closely followed by second place winner Kelly Matthews at 15.545 and Brandy Krupila in third at 15.61.

SECR also offered a fireworks display on Friday and Saturday nights, along with a carnival full of miscellaneous rides all weekend long.

Edge of Summer MX to return in September, adding adaptive athletes to the competition

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For the third year in a row, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will host the Edge of Summer MX, a star-studded, action-packed weekend of professional and amateur Motocross and ATV racing on Sept. 9-11.

The races will feature some of the sport's top professional riders in both two-and four-wheel competitions, said RCH's and NFC Management's Justyn Amstutz.

This year, race promoters have added Adaptive Motocross to the schedule, showcasing awe-inspired athletes who have physical challenges, including paralysis and limb loss.

Spencer McGinnis, Steve Howe and Mike Schultz will headline the adaptive athletes who let no challenge, obstacle or life's unforeseen circumstances prevent them from fulfilling their dreams

or accomplishing their goals, Amstutz said.

"After my amputation in 2008, I would have been lost if I had to give up riding," said Schultz, a seven-time X Games gold medalist and co-founder of the adaptive motocross sport. "Adaptive Motocross motivated me to get back into shape, design new prosthetic technology to allow me to ride and really look forward to competition again."

The adaptive classes will compete on Sept. 10-11 and be broken into three groups - Upper Limb, Lower Limb and Para.

Para Class riders compete with a paralysis that prevents the rider from standing. At all times, this class is required to be seated on the bike with a waist belt, and was designed to be fair for riders who have limited physical control.

"Every season I look forward to riding at the adaptive events around the country and meeting up with the other riders,"

Schultz said. "The camaraderie and attitude is always so positive and contagious."

Retired military veteran McGinnis is also co-owner of the motocross adaptive sport, and creator of the Rally & Race of Heroes.

"After being medically retired from the Army as a limb salvage patient, I started pursuing a dream of giving back, particularly to my military family," McGinnis said. "As a result, I was fortunate enough to meet some truly inspirational (adaptive athletes). Motocross has been a big part of my life for a long time but as a recent amputee, I look at it in a whole new way... I want to help bring adaptive motocross into the light at center stage to showcase the amazing talent and courage."

Competitor Howe was born without a right hand, but never let that hinder him from riding. He will compete under the RCH canopy aboard his Suzuki RM-Z450.

"I couldn't be more excited to be a part of the Edge of Summer motocross event at Soaring Eagle this year," said Howe, who won the 2014 Rally & Race of Heroes Upper Limb Class. "Being able to race motocross allows me to motivate and inspire others that have challenges in their life."

Amstutz said he is thrilled to welcome the adaptive athletes this year.

"Watching them race, you'd never have a clue that they were adaptive," he said. "The competitive spirit and passion in which adaptive athletes compete is an inspiration to people of all ages, adaptive or otherwise."

SECR will host its annual celebrity golf tournament with the RCH racers on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Pohl Cat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

ATV Amateur and Pro Racing classes 70cc-450cc, plus top-ranked ATV pro racers begin Friday, Sept. 9 at 8 a.m.

Pro finals will be held at 3 p.m. At 5 p.m., autograph sessions will follow.

Motocross amateur races begin Saturday, Sept. 10 at 8 a.m., with minibike and motorcycle classes from 50cc to 450cc. Saturday night includes veterans and today's pro racers, along with up-and-coming youth racers.

Amateur motocross will be held Sunday, Sept. 11 beginning at 8 a.m., with a full range of minibike and motorcycle classes.

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Educating children on body safety this August

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It's our job as parents, adults and community members to keep our children safe. Did you know one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused?

We often think of child predators as strangers who grab children off the street, when in fact, it's the very people that we trust our children with on a daily basis; family members, friends, teachers, coaches, clergy babysitters, and neighbors.

How to inform children on prevention of sexual abuse. Have children:

- Know the correct name for their private parts.

- Know to not keep secrets from you.
- Educated to never accept gifts from adult without parents' permission.
- Be aware there are sexual predators and what it means.
- Understand it is okay to say "no."
- Know they don't have to hug, kiss or touch anyone if they do not want to.
- Know you will listen and help protect them.

Children should be taught the following:

- They are the boss to their body; no one has a right to touch them or ask them to touch their private parts.
- No one has a right to expose their private parts to them.
- "Private parts are private."
- No one should see any

part of their body that a bathing suit covers.

- No one should ask "them" to expose their private parts.
- No one has a right to take pictures of their private body parts.
- No one should ask "them" to keep a secret from their parents.
- They can talk about things that make them worried or uncomfortable.
- That you will always listen and believe them.

Child abusers come from all classes, racial, and religious backgrounds and may be heterosexual or homosexual.

While it is more common to hear about male offenders, women can also abuse children.

In most sexual abuse cases, the abuser is known to their victims. Young people

are also capable of causing sexual harm to other children as well. People who abuse children often build relationships with the child and their family (grooming).

Groomers often have criteria for targeting victims. They look for or have access to a child who:

- Doesn't know the difference between right and wrong sexual behavior.
- Can't say no because their abuser is someone they trust.
- Will keep a secret.
- Lacks a sense of affection/attention from parents that can be brainwashed into believing the abuser loves them.
- Will be too embarrassed or ashamed to tell their parents.
- Has a history of rebellion and may not be believed if they told.

If a disclosure is made by your child, your reaction to what they are telling you will determine how much a child will disclose to you.

If a statement of abuse is made, be calm and supportive, and simply ask the child open-ended questions or statements as, "tell me more about that."

Children will often times "float" a disclosure by you to see how you will react.

Remember, it is not their fault. Stay calm and listen!

Local law enforcement has specially-trained forensic interviewers to gather pertinent information to keep our community safe from child predators. Working together we make our tribal community a safer place to live and thrive.

Report abuse to Tribal Police at **989-775-4700**.

An inactive lifestyle is hazardous to your health

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

According to past studies, a sedentary lifestyle or inactivity kills as many people as smoking and obesity. Not being active is a primary risk factor for fatal diseases such as breast and colon cancer, Type 2 diabetes, and heart disease.

Getting the recommended 150 minutes of weekly physical activity is a good start toward a healthier lifestyle. But what you do the other 6,500 waking minutes of your week is also important.

Some activities that do not require much training or preparation include playing with your children or grandchildren

outside, walking the dog, washing the car, and gardening.

You are not doomed, however, if you have a desk job. Just move as much as you can. Ideas include: taking your lunch to a nearby park and getting a walk in, have a standing meeting or make it a walking one, use a pedometer and try to get at

least 6,000 steps daily, stand while reviewing your schedule for the day, eat fruit for a work snack, and walk to a colleague's desk to deliver a work message instead of e-mailing.

Again, Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger and I would like to thank everyone who participated in the recent Blue

Cross Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge. SCIT won first place. Way to go team!

To keep up your walking all year long, we still have slots available at Morey Courts for Tribal Members and employees to walk for free thanks to our Public Health 4x4 Grant.

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Medically-assisted treatment provides context to those suffering with addiction

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Help comes in a lot of forms and education is a key component.

The Michigan Public Health Training Center is offering a three-part series through the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center. The first training on July 15 featured Dr. Cara Poland's webcast lecture on medically-assisted treatment (MAT) as an evidenced-based healing option.

"Often times, the (brain) frontal cortex of an addict is underdeveloped because it developed in an unhealthy way," Poland said. "Instead of learning healthy coping skills (physical activity, talking problems/issues out, yoga, spirituality, etc.), the person has chemically altered their brain as their biggest coping mechanism."

The frontal cortex has learned that chemical alteration is the best way to deal with life stressors rather than healthy coping mechanisms. If we've never learned those coping methods, we don't know what they are, Poland said.

Tribal Court Magistrate Carol Jackson said Poland provided great insight to addiction struggles that surround all communities daily.

"This is a national epidemic and not tribally specific," Jackson said. "The MAT training is helping us find a way to not only better understand how it affects the brain, but also how to effectively treat the individual who suffers from this disease."

Jackson said the treatment for addiction should not be looked at any differently than diseases are.

"We have no problem understanding what the treatment is for diabetes," Jackson said. "No one looks down on someone who has the disease or says they are a bad person... They are treated through diet and some cases medications. Addiction is addiction at any level, and with proper treatment and aftercare, they can lead normal, happy lives."

Poland informed on the similarities between diabetes and addiction.

"Both diseases have a genetic component to them," she said. "The biggest commonality between them is that eating and overeating or unhealthy eating habits affect the same pleasure-reward center in the brain as substances of abuse. If the diabetes is secondary to obesity, it could be that the person is struggling with an imbalance in the same area of the brain. This can certainly make it harder to treat both the diabetes and addiction."

Poland said both psychosocial and spiritual treatment is essential for a favorable outcome with medically-assisted treatment.

"Traditional practices like attending sweat lodges and ceremonies absolutely help the patient along with the medicine," Poland said. "Anything we can do to increase the feeling of belonging and community support are beneficial. Addiction is an isolating disease that takes people away from a loving community environment."

Cathy Matthews, healing to wellness program coordinator, said in her research, clients educated on addiction have the least amount of overdoses.

Matthews said MAT is saving people's lives.

"I am so thankful that we had 178 people nationwide register for this webcast and representation from Tribal Council, Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, Nimkee Clinic, Tribal Health Board and McLaren Central," Matthews said. "We are working together to help our community and future generations and I know that medically-assisted treatment can provide positive outcomes."

Matthews said there have been 34 clients that have circulated through the Healing to Wellness Program; there are currently



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Chief Frank Cloutier addresses the full Nimkee Public Health conference room.

12 clients in attendance. Five have graduated.

"I loved (Poland's) compassion for treatment and the way she speaks to her patients, reiterates the care she has for them and wanting to see them succeed," said Karmen Fox, executive health director for Nimkee.

Part two of the series is scheduled for Aug. 24 with Dr. Kathleen Regan speaking on substance abuse disorders as a public health issue.

Nimkee Healthy Start presents safe sleeping for infants

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

SUID (Sudden Unexpected Infant Death) is an infant death in which the cause of death are not immediately obvious prior to investigation and includes both SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) and ASSB (Accidental Suffocation and Strangulation in Bed).

According to a recent PowerPoint presentation by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, every two to three days in Michigan, a baby dies because they are placed to sleep in an unsafe sleep environment. From 2010-2014, 712 infants died in unsafe sleep environments.

Unsafe sleep environments include one or more of the following:

- Soft bedding such as blankets, pillows, and/or quilts.
- Infant sleeping in an adult bed or on a couch, sofa, arm chair, cushion, floor; or any other unsafe location that is not a crib, bassinet, or portable play yard.
- Infant sleeping with another adult or child.
- Infant sleeping on their stomach or side.
- Infant is overdressed leading to being overheated.

Articles in the crib such as stuffed animals, bumper pads, clutter, diapering supplies, etc. Many older parents and grandparents still insist that placing a baby on their stomach is acceptable, but much new information has come out throughout the years to prove that placing infants on their backs for every sleep time (nap or night) is safest.

Placing babies on their back avoids "re-breathing" issues and protects the airway. Vital organs of the body are in different positions when placing an infant on their back or stomach.

When infants are on their backs, the airway is on top of the esophagus (the tube that carries food.) If the baby spits up while on their back, the food and fluid run back into the stomach and not to the lungs. When on

their stomach, the esophagus is on top of the airway and food and fluid can more easily enter the airway and cause choking.

When the baby sleeps on the tummy or there are items around the face, carbon dioxide that is being exhaled can build up around baby's head and face. So the baby is unable to breathe fresh air. Carbon dioxide builds up in their system and they can experience lack of oxygen.

Some babies' brains do not give them a signal to cough, cry, or turn their heads or they simply do not have the muscle strength to do so.

Hopefully you have learned new information today that will help keep your baby safe. Contact your Healthy Start nurse, Anna at **989-775-4616** or Helen at **989-775-4621** if you need more information.

August is Michigan Breastfeeding Awareness Month

ANNA HON

Healthy Start Child Nurse

Breastfeeding is a family matter: Dads, help your partner during those middle-of-the-night feeding sessions by getting the baby from his or her crib, and putting his or her back in the crib after feeding.

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August is Michigan Breastfeeding Awareness Month. Call your local Family Spirit program for support on your breastfeeding journey.

Courtesy of Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Healthy Start Programs

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please call one of our certified lactation consultants: Anna Hon at **989-775-4616**; Helen Williams at **989-775-4621**, Sandi Chesebrough at **989-775-4654** or Sally Van Cise at **989-775-4615**.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule August 2016

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Muscle Makin' Monday - Jaden	Suspension Training - Jayme	Warrior Wednesday - Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		
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Elders Advisory Board meets with MIIBS Committee at Ziibiwing Center

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Elders Advisory Board members and the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School committee held a meeting and luncheon

Rosalie Maloney, administrator for Andahwod, said the June 13 meeting caught her interest.

"I was excited to learn that the old boarding school property has the chance to become included on the National Register of Historic Places. Kudos to the Ziibiwing (Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways) for initiating this process," Maloney said.

Maloney said she would like to see the Board organize a delegation to attend the

review meeting in Lansing, Mich. on Sept. 23.

"That would send a powerful message to the State Review Board to see that the Tribal community is behind this project," she said.

As a special guest, Steve Jessmore, communications photographer for Central Michigan University, attended and discussed his previous work experience with the Tribe.

"I spoke briefly as I introduced myself about my experience with the Tribe during the '80s before the casino and much of the area had been built up," Jessmore said. "I had spent time with Chief Arnold Sowmick and Chief Little Elk who were both very welcoming to me and my photography."

Many of Jessmore's photos now hang in the Soaring Eagle



Elders Advisory Board Member Cynthia Floyd (left) gives photo identification assistance to Ziibiwing Research Center Coordinator Anita Heard.



Central Michigan University's Communications Photographer Steve Jessmore (left), the Elders Advisory Board and MIIBS Committee view historical photographs.

Casino & Resort lobby, and Tribal Operations hallway.

"They are portraits and everyday life from approximately 1986-1987," Jessmore said. "I donated many photos to the Tribe and copies of some of (the photos) were looked at after the meeting."

Jessmore said he hopes to update his previous work and take portraits of Tribal Members and photograph events. He would also like to partner with the Ziibiwing Center in recording histories.

Tribal Chief Frank Cloutier was briefed on the collaborative meeting.

"Each of the members of the Board and MIIBS Committee was appointed by us to further projects that benefit our Tribe and to hear of the first full meeting of the boards is exactly where Council would like to see where we are using all our resources at their full potential," Cloutier said. "Council was especially pleased to hear a possible opportunity to work with CMU photographer Steve Jessmore. His work with the historic photographs seen all around Tribal Operations could lead to providing a living history for future generations."

Robin Spencer, research center specialist for Ziibiwing, said the elders were given sticky notes and ink pens to label anyone they could identify in the photo books.

"(The elders) were also impressed of all of the information we had in three-ring binders, which sometimes our elders prefer over modern computers," Spencer said. "The Board and the Research Center both benefitted from the experience of sharing information and learning from each other. The Board, MIIBS and the Research Center are planning for collaborations on future projects."

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Tips for keeping elders and children cool in August heat

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager
Andahwod CCC and ES

Elders and children are especially vulnerable to hot weather. A Chicago Medical Center study found that 40 percent of heat-related fatalities were in people 65 years of age or older.

Older people are vulnerable to the heat for several reasons: The type of medication they are taking may make them prone to dehydration, the ability to notice changes in their body due to the heat

decreases with age, and underlying health conditions may make them more susceptible to the heat.

Keep in mind the following tips for avoiding heat stroke and exhaustion:

- Drink plenty of liquids, water is the best choice because caffeinated or alcoholic drinks actually contribute to dehydration.
- Wear light weight loose fitting clothes and a hat when going out on a hot day.
- Stay indoors between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the hottest part of the day.

• Avoid exercise and strenuous activity indoors or outdoors, when it is very hot.

• Watch the heat index. The higher the humidity, the more dangerous the heat is.

• Seek air conditioned environments. Andahwod is a cooling station for elders in the community. If you need to get out of the heat and your home does not have air conditioning, come on over to Andahwod and enjoy an afternoon with the residents. If you are unable to leave your home, take a cool shower or bath.

• Know the warning signs of a heat-related illness, which includes dizziness, nausea, headache, rapid heartbeat, chest pains, fainting, and breathing

problems. Seek immediate medical assistance if experiencing these warning signs.

(Source: www.aplaceformom.com)

Elders take a trip to Bison Bed & Breakfast

KATHERINE REID

Andahwod Activity Assistant

Elders took a trip to the Bison Bed & Breakfast on Saturday, July 9.

They enjoyed a bison burger lunch with homemade strawberry shortcake.

After lunch they sat on the patio to watch bison roam and play in the pasture while learning everything they could about bison from the owner Krista Pohl.

Underneath the Bison Bed & Breakfast is a store where they sell bison meat, bones, and trinkets.



Courtesy of Katherine Reid

Tribal elders and Community Activities Assistant Katherine Reid got a chance to see some wildlife at the Pohl Bison Bed & Breakfast in Clare, Mich. (Left to right: Dolly Rueckert, Reid, Duane Pelcher and Barb Sprague.)

The elders expressed how much they enjoyed this outing and would like to come back.

Even days after the outing, one of the elders still talked about how good the bison burger was.

Joe Kequom receives Andahwod's June Employee of the Month

KATHERINE REID

Andahwod Activity Assistant

Security Officer Joe Kequom has been selected as the Andahwod's June Employee of the Month by the residents of Andahwod.

Joe has been a security officer at Andahwod since 2009. Joe enjoys visiting and interacting with Andahwod residents.

He started working as a tribal police officer and worked his way up in the ranks. He worked for the Tribal Police department for 29 years. His last nine years he served as captain before retiring from the department.

He has also written a law enforcement administrative assistance grant with Joseph Sowmick for the Tribal Police.

Joe is married to his wife, Marje, of 29 years. They are busy grandparents as well as taking care of their five horses and three dogs.

He likes to hunt and fish in his free time.



Joe Kequom

AUGUST 2016 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 Eric Zocher, Mary Cargill | 16 Marilyn Bailey, Brian Quigno, Sharmaine Brooks, Loretta Smith |
| 2 Victoria Fisher | |
| 3 Carl Benz, Gary Harris, Laurie Newton | 17 Larry Post |
| 4 Kenneth Douglas, Matthew Pamp, Alton Smith, Joseph Anderson, Danny Russell, Toni Swalley | 18 Andrea Gonzales, Brenda Nolan, Susan Leksche, Michelle Pena |
| 5 Brenda McMillin, Rosalie Stevens | 19 Alice Morre-Barton, Ralph Ambs, Diane Garrett, Mark Mitchell, Charles Sharon, Vicki Steffen, Benjamin Willis Sr., David Zocher |
| 6 Kevin Bird, Marcella Hadden, Ricky Snyder, William Thibult | 20 Kimberly Crandall |
| 7 Juan Carranza, Michael Floyd Sr., David Otto, Veronica Bos, Victoria Carini, Dawn Jackson | 21 James Peters |
| 8 Pamela Floyd | 22 Jacqueline Daniels, Michael Abraham, Lynne Stewart, Ronald Collins Sr. |
| 9 Sandra Stevens, Rosalie Bloom, Michael Hart, Cecelia Wieland | 23 Brenda Davis, Roger Jackson, Gloria Narvais, Maynard Kahgegab Sr., Lisa Gregurek-Clemens |
| 10 Renee Deman | 24 Paula Alexander, Terri Maki |
| 11 Debra DeFrens, Theresa Falcon, Dorothy Shawano, Theresa White, Diane Jones, Laura Kellogg, Phillip Mena | 25 Michael Bennett, Bryan Shuler |
| 12 Michelle Bartow, Rosalie Maloney, Madonna Sanders, Ronald Nelson, Edward Cross, Margaret Jackson, Kenneth Kendall, Beverly Morse | 26 Rachel Mandoka, Neuel Denman |
| 13 Mark Bailey, James Falcon, Ida Ziehmer, Carol Brame, John Henry, Dolly Holzhausen | 27 Colleen Wagner, Wanda Ellis, Michael Schramm, Aloma Underwood |
| 14 Todd Darby | 28 Mary Jackson, Gregory Dean, Donna Hunt |
| 15 Joni Heiss | 29 Anita Shawboose |
| | 30 Thomas Bonnau, Luanna Finney, Constance Pashenee |
| | 31 Jamey Garlick, Sharon Skutt, William Snowden Jr., Marc Williams |

Recipes and photos needed for Andahwod community cookbook project

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Bringing the community together with food – Andahwod residents, along with the Elder's Advisory Board, are compiling a community cookbook filled with favorite family recipes.

Andahwod hopes to start selling the community cookbook this November. Proceeds from the sales will go toward programming for elder activities.

Don't miss out; your family can be part of this unique and fun project!

Send in your favorite family recipe (you know the one the kids always ask for) and include a photo of the finished product or a pic of your elder cooking.

Anyone can buy a cookbook and enjoy the wonderful family recipes and stories. You can mail or bring in your recipes and pictures to Andahwod.

Photos will be copied and promptly returned. Andahwod's address is: 2910 S. Leaton, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.



A historical photo of Eli Thomas. (Courtesy of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways, Judy Pamp Collection.)

Andahwod CCC & ES Events - August 2016

Euchre
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
Aug. 4 | 1 p.m.

Loons Game
Aug. 14 | Leaving at 1 p.m.
• Elders only, must sign up
• Trip to Midland, Mich.

Open Crafts with Elisa
Tuesdays | 5 p.m.

Evening Bonfire & Music
Aug. 17, 19, 25, 27

Anderson & Girls Orchard Daytrip
Aug. 26 | 1 p.m.
• More info and sign up at Andahwod

Jewelry with Kay
Aug. 2 | 1 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
Aug. 10, 24 | 9 a.m.

**Activities and events are subject to change.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



AUGUST 2016 EVENT PLANNER

Behavioral Health Open House

- Aug. 2 | 3-7 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4850
 - BBQ food, door prizes, games and tours.

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

- Aug. 2 - 23 | Tuesday nights: 6 - 9 p.m.
All day outings: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Contact: 989-775-4115
 - Aug. 2: Five Lakes
 - Aug. 9: Budd Lake
 - Aug. 16: Crooked Lake
 - Aug. 23: SCIT Tribal Classic (all day outing)
 - \$15 per person, per night. Youth 16 and under fish free.

Weight Room Workouts

- Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 2 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - Bring your gym shoes, gym clothes and water bottles.

Summer Feast

- Aug. 3 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
 - Contact: 989-775-4780

Jake & Mary Pine: Traditional Healers

- Aug. 4, 5 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
 - Contact: 989-775-4780

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

- Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26
- Contact: 989-775-4115
 - Join the Recreation Department on Fridays for fun activities and trips.
 - Open to all Native youth in grades 7-12.

SCTC Free Community Wild Rice Courses

- Contact: 989-775-4123
- Aug. 5, 12: 1-3 p.m. & 3-5 p.m.
- Location: SCTC East, USDA Land Grant Office
- Certification will be given upon completion of course.
- Aug. 6, 13: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Location: Participants will visit wild rice lakes.
- Participants will identify mahnoomin, natural resources, historical archival locations and will also participate in harvest activities on canoes (weather permitting.)

Chief Little Elks Golf Tournament

- Aug. 6 | Shotgun start: 10 a.m., pairings at 9:50 a.m.
- To register: 989-775-1838
 - Location: Waabooz Run Golf Course
 - Entry fee: \$50/player or \$100/team
 - Two player scramble
 - Entry fee covers: 18 holes with cart, lunch, proximities and door prizes.
 - Cash payouts for five places.
 - Honoring the lives of Eli Thomas, Betsy Thomas, Eleanor Sprague, Shirley Sprague Day and Rocky Sprague.
 - Skins: \$20 per team
 - 50/50 raffle: six tickets for \$5
 - Cash payouts for five places: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- Aug. 11, 25 | 3 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4850

Tribal Ops Employee Cookout

- Aug. 12 | 12 p.m.
- Location: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campgrounds
 - Contact: 989-772-2285
 - Open to all Tribal Operations Employees.

AIMS Open Golf Tournament

- Aug. 12 | Shotgun start: 9 a.m., registration: 8-9 a.m.
- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club
 - Contact: 989-992-0896
 - \$50 per person
 - Cost includes 18 holes, cart and lunch.
 - Four person scramble: Bring two, draw two.

Women's Support Group

- Aug. 16 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4850

Family Spirit: Celebrating Dads

- Aug. 16 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Location: Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
 - Contact: 989-772-4616 or 989-775-4621
 - Healthy Start program invites your young family to swim, paddleboat and cook out.

Wild Rice Tool Making Workshop

- Aug. 17, 18 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
 - Contact: 989-775-4780

Financial Workshop

- Aug. 18 | 12 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
 - Contact: 989-775-4552

2016 Friday Night Skins Game

- Registration: 5 p.m., Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.
- Pleasant Hills: Aug. 5, 26 & Sept. 2, 23, 30
 - Waabooz Run: Aug. 12, 19 & Sept. 9, 16
 - Cost: \$9 for nine holes with cart
 - Skins games: \$20 per player
 - Contact: 989-817-4802

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1 Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mommy & Me Tea Party Broadway Park 12 - 1 p.m.	2 Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 7 p.m. SCTC STEM Camp SCTC East Campus 6 p.m.	3 Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Talking Circle Andahwod 7 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Old Conference Room 5 p.m.	4 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. SCTC STEM Camp SCTC East Campus 6 p.m.	5 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.	6 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 7 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Operations

Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs/projects. Knowledge and certification in Native language instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishinabemowin-related experience. Applicant must demonstrate leadership ability, commitment to this community and to the Anishinabe language and culture. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin.

Economic

Development Analyst

Open to the public. Must possess economic development analytical work experience with personal time management accountability. Must have a demonstrated track record of professional success in a demanding, professional office setting. Minimum: Bachelor's degree in business or related field required, with two years of economic development analytical experience. Must have strong skills in verbal and written communication.

Comm Services Web Store Clerk

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass a competency test with 65 percent or greater. Must have good communication skills, basic computer skills, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment.

T.O. Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Three years experience in general accounting, governmental accounting preferred outside the tribal organization or one year of governmental accounting within tribal organization. This position is a mid-level accounting position within the Tribal Accounting Department. This position has the responsibility of maintaining the integrity of the general ledger for the Tribe.

Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Family Practice Physician

Open to the public. Must be a MD or a DO licensed by the State of Michigan/ or be eligible to become licensed. Must maintain Michigan Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance

License and Federal Controlled Substance Registration through the U.S. Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Must maintain up to date board certification, or be grandfathered to allow SCIT to bill third party payers. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Applicants not licensed by the State of Michigan prior to interview will be required to obtain licensure by the State of Michigan before date of hire.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services or human services related field. Must have supervisory experience in social services or human services related field. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS. This includes prevention and outreach services, protective services, ICWA and licensing services.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills including demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor of Arts degree in related field of study or equivalent experience. Must have grant writing experience, planning skills, and demonstrated ability to work with federal/state agencies. Three years experience in management and/or administration of federal grants and contracts and demonstrated experience in program development.

Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills including a high level of motivation in acquiring the Anishinabe language, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and a demonstrated commitment to learning and speaking Anishinabemowin.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition, five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin.

Police Officer FT

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be

MCOL certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a special law enforcement commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license, insurable under the Tribe's policy.

Dispatcher/Corrections

Open to the public. High school graduate or equivalent. Prefer advanced course work in correctional administration. Prefer some experience related to law enforcement or corrections. Successful completion of Michigan Law Enforcement Office Training (MLEOTC) corrections course and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs corrections course. Must pass an intensive background check.

Leadership Apprentice

Must be a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process.

Residential Treatment Coordinator

Open to the public. A minimum of a bachelor's level in social work or a human services related field. Master's preferred with limited or full licensure. Minimum of four years of combined school and demonstrated substance abuse professional field experience preferably within a residential setting.

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education or education, valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate with special education endorsement. Must be willing to attend training. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

Saganing Support Services Tech I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT-related degree. Must possess excellent written and oral communications skills. Must be willing to work any scheduled shift and provide on-call coverage as needed.

Senior Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; four or more years experience as a practicing attorney. Minimum three plus years experience working for an Indian

tribe or Indian organization. Knowledgeable about federal Indian law and the history of Indian tribes. Sensitivity to Indian rights. Ability to adjust priorities on short notice and to apply effective management techniques and leadership skills in directing the activities of attorneys and support personnel.

Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma (or equivalent) with six to 12 months clerical experience. Applicant must possess the ability to accurately and efficiently type reports and correspondence.

Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high School diploma or equivalent. Must possess a valid Michigan driver's license and ability to acquire a tribal drivers license.

General Labor Pool

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

SECR

CEO

Open to the public. Must have a bachelor's degree, Master's degree preferred, with preference in business, finance, or hospitality/casino management. Must have minimum of 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and Indian gaming property experience preferred. Preferred candidate will have: 10 years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with more than 1,000 employees with a minimum of seven to 10 years in Class III gaming experience in Indian gaming. Proven ability to meet or exceed revenue goals. Under the direction of SECR Board of Directors, this position is responsible for complex administrative activities related to finances and accounting, marketing and promotions, resort operations, staffing, and other activities to support the business operations of all gaming properties. This position will manage and direct the organization towards its primary objectives, based on profit and return on capital, by performing the following duties personally or through subordinate managers.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Desire to work hard.

Inventory Control

Warehouser PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal driver's an Industrial truck operator permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

Carpet/Upholstery

Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus. Must pass training test on truck mount operation within 90-day probation period.

Inventory Control

Warehouser PT

Open to Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal driver's an Industrial truck operator permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

Lead Cook

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Steward PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire. Must be able to walk and/or stand for long periods of time, carry up to 30 lbs.,

and safely climb up and down several flights of stairs.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good guest service skills and work well with others. Must be a team player and able to work flexible hours, including weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts.

High Lift Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to withstand heights up to 90 feet.

Count Team Associate PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency. Language skills to include ability to read and comprehend documents such as operating and maintenance instructions, and policy and procedure manuals.

Concierge PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have minimum of one-year experience in front office operations and three years of customer service experience.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Housekeeper PT

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required.

SELC

Waitstaff (level 1) PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF MARION R. WILLIAMS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Case No. 15-CI-0809 Plaintiff: Independent Bank c/o Attorney, Plaintiff's attorney: William M. Clos (P65113) 2155 Butterfield Drive, Ste. 200S Troy Michigan 48084 (248) 362-6100 Vs. Defendant: Marion R. Williams 7198 Aagimaak Street Mount 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 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 on May 16, 2016.**



SCIT Recreation scores a win with “Who’s Your Caddy?” golf tournament

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The SCIT Recreation Department scored another team win for its annual “Who’s Your Caddy?” golf tournament on July 16 at the Maple Creek Golf Club in Shepherd, Mich.

The 2016 “Who’s Your Caddy?” champions were the foursome of Erik Rodriguez, Chase Owl, Andrew Kreger and Greg Silverthorn who scrambled in a tournament best score of 58 (-14 under par.)

Andrew “Bear” Raphael, Gayle Ruhl, Chris Cislo and Joe Felice finished two strokes back and posted a 60 (-12).

Trophies were also awarded in the first flight division where two teams shot an identical score of -7 under par 65 and a tiebreaker hole was used to determine a winner.

Kastin Owl, Derrick Owl, Ben Schuilling and Kyle Pronick took first place hardware, and Philemon “Bean” Sprague, Kenny Sprague, Bill Durfee and Steven Wassegijig received second place honors.

Nick Cononico, director of golf operations of Maple Creek, said this is his seventh year being involved in the tournament.

“I love to see the golfers come out and enjoy the course and with the competitive length of the course, many teams had excellent rounds with almost everyone shooting under par,” Cononico said. “It’s nice to see the friendly faces I know and recognize, some for over 15 years. We pride ourselves in giving everyone a good experience on the course and with the Fireside Grill, everyone enjoyed a good buffet meal also.”

New to this year’s tournament was a marshmallow drive that was run by Shomin where golfers paid \$5 to drive a large marshmallow for distance with a 7-iron.

“Ben Schuilling hit a drive that landed about 60 yards to win \$120,” Cononico said. “That’s some serious money for hitting a marshmallow and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Greg Silverthorn sinks the birdie putt on the competitive hole 16 at Maple Creek Golf Club.

I think we’re going to be doing this at other golf outings.”

Other contests included a skins game where \$220 was divided among seven winners and a longest putt challenge that was won by Team Kewayosh. Two closest to the pin contests were won by Erik Rodriguez and Chris Cislo.

Paula Quigno and Val Raphael took honors in two ladies longest drive contests.

In the men’s longest drive contest, Chase Owl ripped his driver on the 10th tee for the win and Ted Kewayosh knocked a third hole tee shot more than 250 yards for his first place finish.

Many of the participants said they are already planning to compete in the Little Elk’s Golf Tournament slated for Aug. 6 at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

Lucas Sprague, recreation youth activities manager, commended his fellow staffers (Organized Sports Specialist Walter Trepanier and youth & family recreation specialists David Merrill and Kyle Shomin) on coordinating the events and making the golf outing fun for everyone.

“I would like to thank our sponsors who make this a popular event for all our golfers.



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Kyle Pronick tries some body English on his putt as teammate Kashtin Owl looks on.



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Team Kewayosh traveled from First Nations Sarnia, Ontario and won the longest putt challenge.



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Youth and Family Recreation Specialist Kyle Shomin holds a sample “golf ball” used in the marshmallow drive contest.



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Tribal youth Andre Leaux takes a vicious 7-iron swing in the marshmallow drive contest.



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Golfer Rueben Moore shows off some good driving fundamentals on his tee shot.



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(Left to right) Derrick Owl, Kyle Pronick, Ben Schuilling and Kashtin Owl were tops in the first flight category.



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Second place team (left to right) Gayle Ruhl, Chris Cislo, Joe Felice and Andrew “Bear” Raphael won their trophy with a score of 60.

Nick and the staff from Maple Creek always an excellent job for us and this was our seventh year having the tournament there,” Sprague said. “Soaring Eagle once again really came through for us and sent over several great prizes. SECR Marketing Administrative Assistant Consuelo Gonzalez brought the prizes over and helped with the door prizes

drawings and many contests. SECR Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague and his team was pretty competitive out there and he brought an overnight stay in a Jacuzzi room.”

Motor Poll Mechanic Terry Thompson and his business (Tru Customs and Wash) also donated some door prizes for the outing.



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(Left to right) Greg Silverthorn, Andrew Kreger, Chase Owl and Erik Rodriguez bring home the first place championship by shooting -14 under par.



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(Left to right) Steven Wassegijig, Bill Durfee, Philemon “Bean” Sprague and Kenny Sprague received second place honors in the first flight division.