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Great Lakes Native American Conference presents "Circle of Hope, Circle of Healing" theme

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Victims of crime advocates united to discuss how to deter the rising numbers of sexual assault against Native women.

Native women suffer the highest rate of sexual assault in the United States, according to the Department of Justice (2004). And, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 46 percent of Native women have been raped or have experienced physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in a lifetime (2011).

Victim advocates such as tribal leaders, law enforcement, court personnel, medical professionals, human services, school employees, probation officers, prosecutors, judges, clergy and social service workers conversed on how to reduce these numbers at the 2016 Great Lakes Native American Conference "Circle of Hope, Circle of Healing."

The sessions took place on Aug. 10-12 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez provided salutations and introduced Chief Frank Cloutier to provide welcoming remarks.

"As we talk about the circle of hope, the circle of healing, and as human services workers... you have no idea what it is, the gift, that you bring every day that you go to work," Cloutier said to the attendees. "You work on behalf... of the people victimized, and... work to bring positives into the midst of some pretty horrible things... It's nice to know we have people, such as yourselves, who are committed to helping others."

Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, as appointed by President Barack Obama, also attended and shared a few words.

"As prosecutors, we really focus on conviction and sentencing but we have these

victim advocates in our offices that do such important work," McQuade said.

McQuade said the day prior, she was "working on a sex extortion case involving a teenage girl who was horribly victimized."

"We were very gratified with the 30-year sentence the defendant got, but really the most important aspect of that was when the (victim's) mother came up to the prosecutor at the end of that sentencing and said, 'thank you for restoring my hope in humanity,'" McQuade said. "After this devastating crime that was committed against her daughter, she had really lost all faith in humanity. Seeing the healing that happened within victim advocates and with the criminal justice system really did restore their hope."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Det. Sgt. Jason VanConant, criminal investigator, addresses the Aug. 10 Great Lakes Native American Conference audience.

McQuade said she was fortunate to be able to send the victim down a path where she can resume a normal life.

"So, we know how important it is, that work that you do, and I'm grateful that you're here," McQuade said to the audience.

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Sub-Chief Jackson writes in support of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, opposing Dakota Access Pipeline

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Within the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota, indigenous activists are protesting the proposed \$3.8 billion Dakota Access oil pipeline, which was reported will threaten to contaminate the Missouri River, on Treaty lands a half-mile from the reservation.

Since Aug. 12, more than a thousand indigenous activists from numerous tribes throughout the U.S. have traveled to the Sacred Stone Spirit Camp, launched on April 1.

Of late, the protests have shut down construction along portions of the pipeline.

On Aug. 20, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the International Indian Treaty Council have appealed to the United Nations for help in their fight against the construction.

"We specifically request that the United States government

impose an immediate moratorium on all pipeline construction until the treaty rights and human rights of the Standing Rock Tribe can be ensured and their free, prior and informed consent is obtained," said Chairman David Archambault II and the Treaty Council in their appeal to top U.N. human rights officials.

To support the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Sub-Chief Brent Jackson wrote a letter to Archambault on behalf of the Tribal Council and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Membership.

"We would like to acknowledge and support the stance you have taken in strongly opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline," Jackson wrote. "We understand the consequences that this could have on the sacred lands and waters that we are committing to protecting for future

generations. We stand with you in protecting our natural resources and send our blessings as you have taken it upon yourselves to lead this fight in protecting your historic and cultural lands."

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has also sued the U.S. Army of Corps of Engineers over its approval of the pipeline.

"Given the nature of this issue and knowing that the pipeline is a threat and could catastrophically damage water and land, we support your efforts and call for a stoppage of the Dakota Access Pipeline project on or near Tribal lands," Jackson wrote. "We ask that a formal tribal consultation and an environmental review be conducted to ensure the appropriate decisions are made."

Jackson concluded with, "Again, we would like to extend our thoughts and blessings to you and your nation

in this difficult time. We send you strength and support to help your courageous fight against the pipeline and all those aligning themselves in supporting these unthinkable and unjustified acts.

On Aug. 22 in an attempt to "break up" the camp, the State of North Dakota removed water tanks of drinking water for the protestors on site.

Additionally, law enforcement is no longer allowing trucks to drive onto the site to empty the portable toilets set up for protestors.

Since Aug. 11, the number of protestors has grown to more than 2,000. Some estimate the number is closer to 4,000.

At Observer press time, the latest reports stated Judge James E. Boasberg from the United States District Court for the District of Columbia said he will make a decision about the pipeline on or before Sept. 9.



Glenn Frederick Hall

Feb. 23, 1951 - Aug. 18, 2016

Glen Frederick Hall, age 65, of Standish, Mich., formerly of Mount Pleasant passed away Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at St. Mary's Hospital in Standish.

Glenn was born on Feb. 23, 1951, to Glenn Lawery Hall and Ersel (Wheaton) McArthur.

Glenn graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School - Class of 1969. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran, serving in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War.

Glenn earned his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, and was also a graduate of Indian Police Academy and Kirtland Community College. He worked at Hannahville Indian Reservation as a police officer. For many years, he worked at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a police officer, director of Security, and was vice chair of the Gaming Commission. Glenn also worked as a manager for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish.

He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the American Legion. Glenn was a gunsmith, and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Glenn is survived by his children, Nicholas (Jessica) Hall of Lansing, Adam Hall (Mercedes Clifford) of Standish, Steven (Robin) Malone of Texas, and Shannon Hall of Katy, Texas; one granddaughter, Mackenzie Hall; and a brother, Leo Hall of Hornell, N.Y.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; loving stepfather, Ronald McArthur; son, Brian Hall; and a brother, Victor Hall.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Pastor Ronald Johansen officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Taylor "Kook" Vasquez

Jan. 7, 1989 - Aug. 6, 2016

Taylor "Kook" Jordan Vasquez, age 27, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016.

Taylor was born Jan. 7, 1989, the son of Terry Francisco Vasquez and Candace (Chippewa) Benzinger. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Taylor had worked for the Nimkee Clinic in maintenance, Northland Electric, Central Ceiling and Partition, and the Tribe's Summer Youth Program.

Taylor enjoyed detailing cars, watching motocross and hockey. He loved spending time with his brothers and sisters, but the heart and soul of his life was his son Miles.

Taylor is survived by his son, Miles Taylor Vasquez and Miles' mother, Rachel House of Mount Pleasant; his parents, Terry F. Vasquez of Mount Pleasant and Candace and Jason Benzinger of Mount Pleasant; his grandparents, Donald and Leigh Chippewa Sr. of Mount Pleasant, Frank Vasquez Jr., Beverly Ann Vasquez of Mount Pleasant and step-grandmother, Gayle Benzinger of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; brothers, Andrew Vasquez, Jeffrey Vasquez, Payton Vasquez, and Presley Lee Vasquez, all of Mount Pleasant; sisters Izabella Benzinger, Audrey Elliott, Natasha Elliott, and Brooke Vasquez, all of Mount Pleasant; niece, Ayla Elliott-Pelcher; and several loving aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins.

Taylor was preceded in death by his grandmother, Karen Lee Chippewa; and step-grandfather, John Dale Benzinger.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment took place in Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a fund for his son.



Message from Noelle Wells:

On behalf of the Isham Family, I would like to thank all those for the support during our loss of our father Edgar Isham. We greatly appreciate those who donated fire wood and food to help feed fire keepers and those who helped keep the fire burning. Also, to those who helped with food for the luncheon and for travel donations. I know that my father would have been proud to know how many cared for him, and the support that his children very much needed during this time.



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Gerald Alfred Moggo

Dec. 13, 1947 - Aug. 15, 2016

Gerald Alfred Moggo from St. Johns, Mich., formerly of Bridgeport, age 68, died Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 at his home in Harrison, Mich.

Gerald was born to the late William and Myrtle (Ruffertshafer) Moggo on Dec. 13, 1947 in Saginaw.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from July 28, 1966 to July 25, 1969 receiving commendations of Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and Marksman Badge (Rifle).

Gerald, a Teamster member, retired from Nash Finch. He was a Tribal elder of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society.

He was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He especially enjoyed his fishing trips to Canada and Alaska. He hunted throughout the states with his relatives and friends. Two of his favorite trips were a fishing trip to Glennallen, Alaska with his son-in-law Ryan Cummins and hunting buffalo in Arizona with his nephew Jeff Gould.

He deeply loved his home state of Michigan with all its wonderful lakes, streams, and woodland. No one was more delighted than Jerry when his daughter Sarah went to work for the DNR in his beloved state. He tended his 40-acre hunting land in Clare; much like a farmer tends his property. A farmer loves his livestock and takes good care of it, but knows it is for food. Jerry loved the wild game and enjoyed their presence on his property but knew there would come a season when he would hunt and that would be his family's food. It was never a sport for him; it was a way of life.

Gerald had an adventurous spirit and loved traveling. He especially enjoyed his trips to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji with his brother and traveling roommate Richard through the Saginaw Chippewa At-Large Program.

In 1971, he married Trudy Elsie Hrinik and was baptized at Faith Lutheran Church of Bridgeport.

He is survived by his wife along with his two daughters Angela (Matthew) Oonk of Ann Arbor and Sarah (Ryan) Cummins of Lansing; his four granddaughters Elsa and Josephine Oonk, and Evelyn and Abigail Cummins; his sisters Betty Gould, Rose Greenwald, Mary Ann Reis, and Jody Wojcik; his brother Richard Moggo; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Fred and Lewis Moggo.

The funeral service took place Monday, Aug. 22, 2016, at 1 p.m. at Case Funeral Home, 5700 Dixie Highway in Bridgeport.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors, Eisenhower Center, 3200 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 or Our Savior Lutheran School, 7910 E. St. Joe Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe | Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Order Establishing Deer Season 2016

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the **2016 Deer Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016** and will close on **Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017** unless ordered otherwise.

The 2016 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless*
- Two restricted (antlered or antlerless*).
 - One any sized antlered
 - One restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side.

*Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 29, 2016 at the Tribal Planning Department office.

\$10 per harvest tag, only five tags allowed per license. *Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- Hunter orange is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5.
- Harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B).
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property two weeks before deer season on Aug. 23 and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date by Jan. 15; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc.. are permitted, except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area.

Order Establishing Small Game Season 2016

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the **2016 Small Game Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016** and will close on **Friday, March 31, 2017** unless ordered otherwise.

The 2016 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limit as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male Pheasants ONLY with a limited of five per day.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink, Pine Marten, Fisher and Otter are ALL CLOSED to Small Game Hunting.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink and Otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 29, 2016 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. *Please refer to Tribal Ordinate 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2016

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the **2016 Fall Wild Turkey Season** shall begin **Monday, Oct. 1, 2016** and will close on **Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016** unless ordered otherwise. The 2016 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex, per license.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Sept. 23, 2016 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$10 per harvest tag, only two tags allowed per license. Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B) **animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.** *Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

Order Establishing Trapping Season 2016

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision 2 the **2016 Trapping Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016** and will close **Friday, March 31, 2017** unless ordered otherwise.

- Badger and Otter limit two/season (tags included with license)
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.
- Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Skunk, Weasel and Opossum will not have a bag limit for the Trapping Season.
- No conibare style traps larger than 220 size (7"x7" jaw) may be used on land unless made inaccessible to cats and dogs at ground level.

Licenses will be available starting Aug. 29, 2016 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. *Please refer to Tribal Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

Small Game License required to hunt Bobcat, Coyote and Fox.



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Attention: Tribal Clerk/Enrollment Hours

Tribal Clerk's/Enrollment office is closed on Fridays for walk-in/desk services for Administrative Office days, until further notice.

The Clerk's office will still be open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for regular business.

Community input needed for naming new Tribal school and recreation facility

BONNIE EKDAHL

Consultant, Youth Education Project

In May 2016, the Tribal Council passed a motion to hire an architectural firm for the new Tribal School and Recreation Center Project.

The Planning Committee comprised of program directors, board members and staff, has been diligently moving forward on this project.

Up to this point, the project has been referred to as the tribal school and recreation center facility, which is simply not an adequate description of an amazing action-packed facility designed to provide awesome services and programs for youth and families!

The committee needs community input and ideas to name this great new project. If you have ideas for a name, please submit them in this naming contest.

The winner will receive a Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel overnight stay.

One entrant per person and this is open to all community members.

The contest closes on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016 at 5 p.m. The winning name will be reviewed and selected by the committee.

Please submit entries to: Bonnie Ekdahl, Melissa Montoya, Ron Ekdahl, and Misty Pelcher.

Talk to your children, elders, aunties and uncles and submit those great ideas. Miigwech

Mentors wanted for Nijikewehn Mentoring Program

The Nijikewehn Mentoring Program is a collaboration between Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University. We are currently recruiting Native American college students to work with fifth to eighth grade Native American youth in the community for the 2016/2017 academic year.

The mentors would choose one of our five schools that best fits your schedule to mentor in one day of the week for 90 minutes. Together, you and your youth would engage in cultural, educational, recreational and healthy lifestyle activities that are organized by the coordinators.

The following are the requirements to become a mentor:

- Background check
- 15-minute application interview
- Mentorship and cultural training
- Pre- and post-program survey of academic and social experiences
- Application packet

Please consider this opportunity to give back to your community by supporting and enhancing the cultural identities and school experiences of local Native American youth.

To sign up or more information, please contact us by email, nijj@cmich.edu or by phone, **989-774-3203**.

Attention Tribal Members

With the decrease in per cap coming, now is the time to contact Housing for financial and budgeting assistance.



For more information, please contact:

Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552 or SKennedy@sagchip.org



Promoting Healthy Food and Native Art

Every Tuesday

June 7 - Oct. 18, 2016

Where: Farmers Market Pavilion
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Items for Sale

- Wild Rice
- Jam & Jellies
- Fresh Seasonal Produce
- Baked Goods
- Maple Syrup

For more information, please contact:

SCIT Public Relations Department at 989.775.4059

Youth Council Vacancies

Vacancy for one general representative

Letters of interest may go to:

Youth Council
C/O: Tribal Administration
7070 E. Broadway Road
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center will be closed on Tuesday nights from 5-7 p.m.

- We will restart the 5-7 p.m. schedule again on Sept. 6, 2016.

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

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



Happy Birthday

My BEAUTIFUL MOM!
God Bless you with many more!
Love you beyond words!
Derwin & Jeanette



Happy 1st Birthday

Minajiwin!
September 9th
Love Mom, Auntie & Natalia



Happy Birthday to:

Dolly Rueckert Sr.
September 9
Gary Rueckert Sr.
September 15
Aubree M. Rueckert
September 12



Happy "Sweet 16" Birthday!

Hunter, you are our miracle
Love, Mom and Dad



Happy 21st Birthday

Alex Leureaux
Sept 11



Happy Birthday

Brian Deaton!
Love, Michelle and Cactus J.

Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

Assist Your Local Law Enforcement and Narcotics Enforcement Teams in Protecting the Future of Your Community!

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Summer Youth Workers honored at Aug. 11 banquet



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

On Thursday, Aug. 11, the Saginaw Chippewa Summer Youth Workers wrapped up their 2016 work experience at the program's banquet.

The students began early in the summer and worked in various Tribal departments within the

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and Tribal Operations.

The youth workers were honored by the human resource department, and some were recognized for outstanding awards and perfect attendance.

District one residents: Prepare for hydrant flushing

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Water Plant Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants in district one on Sept. 12-16.

Annual hydrant flushing is necessary to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution system for

adequate flow and pressure.

If there is residue in the water, run cold tap water for a few minutes until the water clears. If it doesn't clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again, said Joe Johnson, water operator supervisor.

Please avoid washing clothes and drinking from the tap until the water clears.

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

Eighteenth annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk"

RUTH ANNE SOWLE

Contributing Writer

Family, friends and caregivers, please bring your survivor to Community Cancer Service's 18th annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk" on Sept. 23 at the Isabella County Fairgrounds to help them celebrate surviving cancer.

The cancer survivors' candle light ceremony, sponsored

by Isabella Bank, is at 7 p.m. with the cancer survivor walk around a luminary lit pathway immediately to follow.

All funds raised stay here within the Isabella County community for local cancer patient support, research and education. Teams are encouraged but are not necessary to walk. Volunteers are also needed to help with the event.

For more information, please call **989-644-2504** or log onto www.isabellacommunitycancer.org.

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.



Attention Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members:

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the application for a renewal of an Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

1. New Tribal License for Retail Off-Premise General License for the Cardinal Pharmacy located at 2410 S. Leaton Road, Suite 8, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged liquor, beer and wine to be consumed by buyer off premise. The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

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Horrible statistics reported also included that 34.1 percent of Native women will be raped during their life (CDC, 2005), and 55 percent of Native women have experienced some form of sexual violence (CDC, 2014).

At 10:45 a.m. on the first day, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Sexual Assault Response Team, or SART, discussed their role in assisting victims.

The SART team discussed the development of the team and their advocacy for victims and a multi-agency approach to justice for victims.

SART is a multi-jurisdictional team that is responsible for the coordination of investigations involving adult sexual assault and for reducing trauma to the adult victim.

SCIT's Victims of Crime Advocate Mandy Wigren introduced the SART team: Brooke Huber, lead; Shelby McCliggott, counselor; Graham Leach, prosecutor; and Det. Sgt. Jason VanConant, criminal investigator.

Wigren, MA, LLPC, has worked in her position for 14 years and said she has given out her personal cell phone number to victims/clients.

Huber discussed how SART aids the community with its projects including training, giving away bags of clothing and cultural medicines to victims.

"Ideas of special projects come directly from survivors," Huber said.

McCliggott, MA, LPC, presented helpful tips to remember when counseling victims/clients, and helping them piece together trauma recollections.

"Always believe in the victims," McCliggott said to the fellow advocates. "Remind them they're not alone."

Leach discussed the prosecution side of a reported assault.

"The victim center program has multiple viewpoints by keeping the victim the focus throughout the process through the initial reporting, investigation, prosecution and sentencing," Leach said. "Sometimes a survivor needs a day in court and an opportunity to face their attacker and others don't and they can't."

Leach said "sometimes prosecutors tend to get a little too focused on the conviction and sentence only."

"By having this victim-center approach and the (SART) team that we have, they can keep me informed, and keep the police informed, of what the victim is going through, what they're thinking about, where they are at as far as what they would like to see happen with (a sentencing)," Leach said. "We can get justice in many different ways and it doesn't have to be through a conviction and a sentence."

He said SART, which meets at least once a month, has been "fantastic in multiple points."

"The team's perspective has helped me become a better prosecutor," he said. "The passion of (SART members) and our working together to make some changes has benefited our Tribal community beyond just directly



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Victims of Crime Advocate Mandy Wigren discussed the Sexual Assault Response Team's role in assisting victims.

helping an individual victim with their individual case."

Prior to SART being in place, the Tribal Code of the Reservation had only two code sections that addressed sexual assault in any way: A general rape statutory and an indecent liberty charge with a child.

"This one-size-fits-all box of prosecuting sexual assault cases certainly wasn't as effective as it could be, and this change went hand-in-hand as we developed our SART team," he said.

As of 2013, there are now eight sexual assault crimes listed in the Tribal Code.

While the new codes were not solely the work of SART, Leach said it was "the work of many people and agencies throughout the Tribal community."

"I think this shows how much more effective we've become in addressing an individual crime as they happen," he said. "These changes

brought us into compliance with the changes in the sex offender registry law, which I think is incredibly important."

He also reported SART is working on the statute of limitations, which is close to completion. The Code currently states:

1.107 STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. "No prosecution shall be maintained under this Code unless the action shall commence within one year after the alleged commission of the offense. Such time period shall not include time spent outside the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of avoiding prosecution. The burden for providing the reason for absence from the jurisdiction shall be upon the prosecution."

VanConant walked the audience through a recent Tribal case study and presented the facts of the incident. The sentencing of that case is currently scheduled for later this month.

Several additional guest speakers also presented.

Sarah Deer, citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, discussed the development of tribal elder abuse laws.

Professor Deer of Mitchell Hamline School of Law presented "Tribal Justice and Healing: Finding Our Voice."

Deer had five major findings: "The Truth: We are suffering; The Good: We have not always lived this way; understanding the historical context, The Great: How Native women's activism has changed federal law and key questions on how to end rape."

Gayle Thom, a retired FBI victim specialist, addressed coordinating crisis response



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Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, provided welcoming remarks.

to victims' families in Native American communities.

Jacob Flores discussed past victimization issues and the need to move forward by healing from the past.

Tony RedHouse, a Native American (dine') sound healer, uses his voice and music to inspire and heal toward wellness for the victims and their service providers.

The conference also explained Gathering of Native Americans and how it can work in Indian Country, and help with self-care.

"With sharing information, learning about new practices – the best practices – and developments in the law, we can all better serve the victims and help them in their healing," McQuade said.

The conference was sponsored by Great Lakes U.S. Attorney's Offices of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota and the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime.

Tribal SART team and Isabella County community re-introduce SANE services

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

One of the purposes for the Tribe's Sexual Assault Response Team, or SART, is to reinstate the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, or SANE, programming in Isabella County.

SANE is the team that responds when a sexual assault is reported.

As of June 2016, the community partnership has successfully reestablished 24/7 medical and trauma care for victims of sexual assault or abuse.

The SANE program at McLaren Central Michigan provides critical services to those at least 12 years old in need.

SANE members are registered nurses who have completed specialized education and clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of a patient who has experienced sexual abuse.

"We initially had 12 nurses from the ER interested in becoming trained," said Brooke Huber, lead for SART.

Services include emergency contraception, trauma



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On Aug. 10 at the Great Lakes Native American Conference, SART Lead Brooke Huber discussed the re-development of Isabella County's Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, or SANE, program.

response, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, forensic medical care and referral to further support services, which are all vital for evidence collection to identify and hold offenders accountable.

Most important, however, is the survivor's treatment and recovery, Huber said.

The previous Isabella County SANE program ended

in 2013 due to grant funding reductions. Sexual assault survivors then had to travel at least an hour to receive services from other programs in mid-Michigan.

In 2013, SART was created, courtesy of a federal grant, with the purpose of establishing an Isabella County sexual assault victim-centered response.

"It became immediately evident that without a SANE program, we were missing the crucial component of medical forensic services," Huber said.

The team submitted a grant request to be reallocated in support of SANE efforts.

In September 2015, the request was approved, and the SANE program officially relaunched in June 2016.

"We are excited to welcome back this crucial service for Mount Pleasant," said Lt. Larry Klaus of the Central Michigan University Police Department in a press release. "Now, we are able to implement a patient-centered response to sexual assault and abuse."

Huber assisted in forming a collaborative team of key stakeholders which include

the Tribe, McLaren Central Michigan, Central Michigan University and Women's Aid Service.

"We found success amongst hurdles in implementing this program because of the key players involved," Huber said. "Each member of our team is passionately committed to ensuring the best care in provided is provided to survivors in these situations."

SANE services may be accessed by contacting McLaren's Emergency department at 989-772-6777 or presenting directly to the emergency room. From there, the victim will be taken to a private

area within the hospital.

Trained advocates are available 24/7 to provide support to the survivor through exam and processes which follow.

SANE members hosted a re-launch event on Aug. 11 from 5-7 p.m. at McLaren Central Michigan.

"We are very appreciative of all of the community leaders who took the time to come celebrate the implementation of the program with us," Huber said. "Re-instating this program was truly a team effort, so many wonderful people were involved and it simply couldn't have been done without each one of them."

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RezBallers rock the pavement during the annual basketball tournament

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the song by Flo Rida reminded the RezBallers, “welcome to my house, play that music too loud,” mad basketball skills rocked the pavement at its debut in the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel parking lot on Aug 10.

Lucas Sprague, youth activities manager for the Recreation department, played the point position in coordinating the annual three-on-three competition with a little help from his friends.

“Our SCIT Recreation was in full team mode with Lindsey Sprague, Walter Trepanier, Kyle Shomin and David Merrill in the house,” Sprague said. “We connect this

event with American Indian Sobriety Month because a lot of the families enjoy the fast-paced action.”

Competing were 18 teams in four age divisions on five courts with a special shootout just for the parents that came out to support their favorite teams.

The “lightning” game made its RezBall debut with Dawn Morrow taking home hardware for the women and Andrew “Bear” Raphael winning another men’s trophy for his expanding collection.

Taking championship honors in the men’s division was team “Yep!” (David Israel, Eric Pearson, Mike Perolu and Kashtin Owl), along with the “Lady Ballers” (Kourtney Crawford, Reannon, Alicia Raphael and Jaznae Randall)



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The “Lady Ballers” (Kourtney Crawford, Reannon, Alicia Raphael and Jaznae Randall) dominated the high school girl’s division.



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The “Tune Squad” (Brett Grice, Thomas Hursey, Evan Busby and Garrett Shananaquet) went overtime to grab tops in their division.

in the girls’ high school division trophy.

In the junior high girls’ competition, team “G.G.C.” (Satori Griffin, Alysse Clark and Justice Griffin) took “The Authority” (Chloe Katz, Hannah Murphy, Hailey Sobol and Alexis Dilts) in a three-game grinder.

The “Tune Squad” (Brett Grice, Thomas Hursey, Evan Busby and Garrett Shananaquet) struck the right note against Team “6ONE6” (Jordan Walton, Jacario Holts, Mase Shomin and Ephraim Hinton) in a last contest of the evening.

“The event was well organized, well attended and enjoyed by all participants and spectators alike,” said Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess. “I believe that Lucas Sprague did a fantastic job organizing this tournament. Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel was delighted to host such a tremendous event. (General Manager) Bonnie Sprague and (Assistant General Manager) Melinda Coffin really went above and beyond to show off their property and provide refreshments to everyone. After speaking

with Melinda, we are looking forward to hosting the event again in the future.”



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David Israel, Eric Pearson, Mike Perolu and Kashtin Owl of Team “Yep!” were the RezBall 2016 Champions in the men’s division.



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The junior high girls team “G.G.C.” (Satori Griffin, Alysse Clark and Justice Griffin) grinded out a close victory.



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Dawn Morrow takes a close contest at the free throw line to score the women’s “lightning” trophy.

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Ziibiwing Center's Native Fest brings Indian Elvis, Car Bingo to the Rez

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Playing to a large crowd under the tent, Ziibiwing Center's July 27 NativeFest Music & Comedy Night showed that "Indian Elvis" Joseph Hall was "King."

Hall brought his critically-acclaimed "Elvis Rock N' Remember" tribute show to NativeFest and his energy and spirit showed why he was a star on the NBC network show "America's Got Talent" in 2008.

"It was my first time being part of NativeFest, I was overwhelmed by the heartfelt welcoming and kindness shown to my family by the staff at the festival and Saginaw Chippewa Tribe," Hall said. "Everyone had wonderful energy and was very helpful. Even when it began to rain, nobody's spirit was bothered. It was a wonderful atmosphere and I truly enjoyed myself."

The evening started with a prayer by elder George Martin and a meal catered by NativeFest sponsor, Nbakade Restaurant.



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Multi-talented entertainer Joseph Hall was the "King" of the NativeFest Music & Comedy Night.

"The kids liked the comedy slam and hula hoop contest and we decided the Elders should take their chance to join in the fun," said Glenna Halliwill, event coordinator. "We also had face painting, balloon art, caricatures, a petting zoo, horse riding and bouncy houses."



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"Indian Elvis" gives his scarf to Tribal elder Dolly Rueckert as he performs the timeless classic, "Love Me Tender."

Halliwill said there was also an "best Elvis moves contest" along with a "name that tune" and Elvis trivia for prizes.

Hall told the crowd he believes Elvis was the original iconic performer and he came at the right time in American pop culture.

"The music of Elvis could register in anyone's soul and make you feel the emotion he was feeling in a song. He was the voice of the youth and the face of the Nashville

music industry," Hall said. "He is the real American success story as a child born into nothing. Holding onto his spiritual beliefs, rising from poverty to fame, Elvis believed in family values. Elvis was giving man and I think that's why many people of yesterday and today could and can connect to him."

Hall knocked through a full set of Elvis' chart toppers.

"I truly enjoyed myself at the festival and was honored to be given an abalone shell neck choker from one of your Tribal elders," Hall said. "That was certainly a surprise and something I will fondly cherish. I'm proud of it and I wear it often and I think of your Tribe every time I do."

NativeFest also held its most anticipated event of the year as the car bingo took us back into the days of 1970's on July 26.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Council member Michelle Colwell made July 26 Native Fest Car Bingo a family affair under the tent.

Amanda Lewis, funding and development specialist for Ziibiwing, said the best thing about NativeFest is it brings the community and families together and it's an event that attracts all ages.

"Attendance for car bingo was amazing," Lewis said. "It's such a fun event and one that many of our community members look forward to every summer. It brings back great memories for some of our elders, and it's always nice to hear all their old car bingo stories."

Solving the multilayered problem of truancy will take a group effort

SANDRA STEVENS

ACFS Prevention Specialist

Truancy is a multi-layered problem that is rarely as simple as a child not wanting to go to school.

Unemployment, generational trauma, historical trauma, educational mind sets, substance abuse, cultural indifferences, lack of tolerance for one's culture within the school environment, poor academic performance, retention, negative peer influences, child abuse and neglect, lack of family support, violence, teen pregnancy or parenthood,

racism, substance use/abuse, bullying are some contributing factors to truancy.

Instability in a family often affects truancy rates. Parents that don't have transportation aren't able to bring their children to school if they happen to miss the bus. Adequate housing/homelessness/ out of home placements also are factors in truancy.

Are we supporting the whole child/family? A child/family who doesn't have enough to eat, a warm place to sleep, a safe place to live, a place to bathe or transportation, in foster care,

exposed to sexual/physical/mental/emotional abuse, exposed to drugs and alcohol abuse are more likely to have truancy issues than stable families.

Truancy facts from the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention state that 80 percent of dropouts were chronically truant before dropping out, and 90 percent of youth in detention for delinquent acts were chronically truant.

Truancy is one of the early warning signs that a student is headed for a variety of problems. A nation-wide study found

that 75 percent of truant middle and high school students fail to graduate. (Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention)

Solving the problem of truancy is not easy and it is not something we can do alone. Tribal leaders, schools, students, parents/guardians, communities, and the whole nation need to work together to tackle this problem.

With the mandate to graduate in order to receive per-capita, the need to be in school is crucial. We need family involvement, effective programs with

meaningful consequences for truancy and meaningful incentives for attendance.

How do we as a tribal nation address truancy concerns? Let's put our heads together and come up with a solution by embracing a mindset of what we can do!

I challenge every family to submit a family picture and a sign that reads "My Family Can Stop Truancy By," with your ideas listed, and send them to AFCS, some may be featured in an upcoming Tribal Observer. Together let's make a difference.

Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden retires to expand photography business

(Editor's note: In an email sent to Tribal Operations and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort personnel, Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden announced her retirement letter sent to Tribal Council, Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director and Sandy Sprague, administrative assistant. Hadden plans to devote her full-time interest to her Niibing Giizis Photography

business. The following is the letter in its entirety.)

"Please accept my letter of resignation, effective end of business day, Aug. 5, 2016. I have enjoyed working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for more than 22 years. I am leaving to pursue my passion in photography and expand my business.

I started working for the Tribe back in the early '90s before the

big gaming boom. My first job was a grant position and then I transferred to gaming. I was present for the opening of the Slot Palace and then Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and all the other business adventures in between. When I switched back to Tribal Operations, I never took for granted having an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekday schedule with weekends off.

The highlight of my career has been working in Public

Relations and with the many Council administrations over the years. Thank you for the experience and knowledge I gained and for having trust in me to do my job.

I have met some great people along the way that will remain in my heart and be my friends forever."

Miigwetch,
Marcella Hadden,
Public Relations Manager



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Chief Frank Cloutier (right) presents Marcella Hadden with a plaque to thank her for 23 years of service.

Attention Tribal Members

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society Board of Directors needs to fill a 2-year term vacancy. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

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Sundance Institute alumni invited to join Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Aug. 3, the Sundance Institute Native and Indigenous Program proudly announced five of the program's alumni have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The program's commitment to uplifting the voices of Native artists is woven throughout the organization's history and their efforts has built and sustained an indigenous film circle for 22 years.

Sherman Alexie, Native filmmaker from the Spokane/Coeur D'Alene Tribe, and Dog Creek First Nation Manitoba Adam Beach were among the five selected.

Alexie has participated in the Sundance Feature Film Program Screenwriters Lab and is a Film Festival alumnus. Alexie is also an accomplished author with director credits in the indigenous major release films "Smoke Signals" (1998) and "The Business of Fancydancing" (2002).



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New Zealand filmmaker Taika Waititi speaks at Celebration Cinema for the Film Forward workshop in 2011.

Alexie has done several workshops at Central Michigan University, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan along with visits to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Beach had a lead role in "Smoke Signals" he has also attended the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow and met with Tribal youth and community members several years ago.

Beach is featured as Christopher Weiss/Slipknot alongside actors Will Smith, Jared Leto and Margot Robbie in the Aug. 5 Warner Bros. studio film "Suicide Squad."

Other alumni invited to join include Te Arawa/Ngati Hauiti Maori native Cliff Curtis, Cherokee native Heather Rae and New Zealand Te Whanau Apanui native Taika Waititi.

Shannon Martin, director for the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, said Waititi was a presenter at a May 14, 2011 Sundance Filmmaking Workshop at Ziibiwing.

Waititi was recently chosen to direct the Marvel Studios film "Thor."

"Whenever I encounter other indigenous communities, I always try to relate their cultures to my own and it's amazing discovering the similarities and becoming enlightened to the differences," Waititi said in a previous visit. "One beautiful aspect of Ziibiwing... was experiencing the Anishinabe creation stories. The thing that stuck out to me was their idea

that all other creation stories are valid. They accept that there are many ways to see the creation of our world, our peoples and each take on it is relevant and true."

N. Bird Runningwater (Cheyenne/Mescalero Apache) is Sundance's Native American and Indigenous Program director and Martin said he has brought the Sundance team to Ziibiwing on four different occasions.

Runningwater said Sundance's Native program has recognized two up-and-coming young artists from the Tribe — Arlan George and Devin Weekly-Dean.

"With Arlan and Devin, in particular, I was able to see the talent that exists not only within the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community but also how the interest and talent among the young Saginaw Chippewa artists reflects the incredible artistic gifts shared by an entire new generation of young Native artists, which we are calling the emerging 'fourth generation' of Native and Indigenous storytellers," Runningwater said.

At the Native Program we are charged with a very important responsibility, which is to ensure that our young artists have the tools and resources to share their stories, Runningwater said.

"We do that every time we visit a community such as Saginaw Chippewa and we are able to work closely with young Native artists," he said.

He said there has been a "long existed barrier between Native artists being fully accepted into mainstream Hollywood.

"It's important to note that Native film wouldn't have blossomed without the commitment of Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program and us giving it a stage to recognized within the industry," he said. "The five invitees have careers that are rooted in the Native Program. I am encouraged by their invitations and am hopeful that this will continue in the future. It is great proof that our continued investment in our storytellers can have positive and lasting impact."

Makayla Stevens, 12, completes 2016 youth police academy

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was the very first day of the youth police academy that 12-year-old Makayla Stevens said was the toughest. But she proved she is no quitter after fully completing the three-week program July 11-28.

"On the first day, we did our fitness training," Stevens said. "We had (Central Michigan young) marines come in, and those people were a little scary because they yell. We learned how to do our marching (routine) and that was pretty difficult."

The Youth Services Unit of the Mt. Pleasant Police hosted its 16th annual summer academy with 24 cadets graduating, 21 of which were new to the program.

Stevens, who will be entering seventh grade at West Intermediate School this fall, said she cannot pick just one favorite moment.

"It's pretty hard to pick a favorite because everything we did, every day was awesome," she said. "I liked touring the jail even though it was scary. I thought it was cool when we went under the tunnel (from the jail) to go to the courthouse."

Cadets were required to participate in physical training each day, and even complete the same agility testing given to officers in a standard academy.

"Miss Stevens did a great job," said Nate Koutz, officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department. "She always had a great attitude and a bright smile on her face."

Officers run the academy very similar to a real police academy with teamwork, integrity and discipline highly valued.

The main instructors included Koutz, Brandon Bliss, officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police, and Laura Martinez, community policing officer for Central Michigan University.

The daily curriculum also included hands-on learning, and demonstrations from the SWAT team, K-9 officers, the DNR, and Michigan State Police underwater recovery.

Classroom topics included crime scene investigations, traffic stops, marine patrol activities, defensive driving techniques and firearms safety.

"This is a free program that is designed to provide youth in our communities the opportunity to gain insight into the everyday functions and training of the variety of law enforcement agencies and emergency services in our government," said Jeff Browne, public information officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police. "The youth academy is not a boot camp for troubled youth. It is a program offered to students who have an interest in law enforcement."

Koutz had nothing but nice things to say about Stevens.

"I hope we have 19 more cadets as bright and bubbly as she is," he said.

At the Mount Pleasant High School on Thursday, July 28, the cadets received their graduation diplomas, along with boater's safety certificates, earned during a training day at Coldwater Lake.

"We're proud of you," Koutz said to the cadets. "Hopefully



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Makayla Stevens, 12, uses the Michigan State Police's underwater sonar during the Youth Police Academy's Coldwater Lake training day on July 21.

you've made friends and consider us friends too."

Mike Pung, superintendent for Mount Pleasant Public Schools, offered a commencement address. His grandson was also one of the cadets.

"When I look at this young group of people, I know the future of this community is in good hands," Pung said.

Youth cadet instructors included Delaney Scully, Macey Novak, Shelby Fall, Adam Keeler and Evan Brown.

Along with Stevens, cadets were Emma Lauria, Xander Bardell, Benjamin Natzel, Kyle

Sytsema, Taylor Zeneberg, Harley Smith, Isabel Coffell, Gabrielle Moutsatson, Kylei Shaner, Dillon Mathis, Andersen Griffin-Stand, Daniel Kostrzewa, Brady McDonald, Cayden Deming, Evan Devenney, Alayna Andrews, Emily Brewer and Connor Gruzwaliski.

Stevens said when she found running the required daily mile to be a bit challenging, it was the other cadets' support and cheers that helped her not give up.

"The other cadets said 'keep going MaKayla' and that just kept me going," she said.



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Brandon Bliss, officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police, congratulates and hands Stevens her certificate of completion for the Youth Police Academy. The ceremony occurred July 28 in the Mount Pleasant High School auditorium.

"It made it easier when others were helping me out and running by my side."

Her older sister, Shuna Stevens, told her about the academy and suggested she give a try. She then filled out an application and wrote an essay on why she was interested in attending.

Stevens said because of the experience, she feels a little stronger.

"I love the police academy," she said. "I've never done it before, never heard of it before, but I tried it and it was awesome."

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Editorial: Red Chair Project honors those who lost their struggle to addiction

BEN HINMON

Seventh Generation

The Red Chair Project was conceived with the notion of calling attention to the tremendous human loss to addiction occurring within the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community.

As an observer, it is increasingly alarming that addiction continues to take the lives of so many in the community. Its impact can be felt through the pain and suffering as families mourn the loss of loved ones and through the huge outcry from community members and community leaders to bring an end to these tragic losses of life.

The empty red chair symbolizes this human loss as yet another chair is left vacant in Tribal homes, leaving families with heartache and sorrow.

Each time a community member loses their battle with addiction, the community rallies to support the families who mourn and tribal leaders grapple with finding lasting solutions to combat the disease.

While several initiatives have already been implemented in the community; a tribally-based treatment facility, personal counseling and traditional healing and wellness programs, the human casualties to addiction continue to mount.

It is important for the community to find a meaningful way to honor the memories of those who have lost their personal battle with addiction and



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The empty red chair symbolizes human lives lost due to addiction. The chair is left empty to show the vacancies that are left in families and the community

call attention to the human cost of addiction.

Individually, each victim of addiction leaves behind a memory, pain and suffering for grieving families, and an undeniable void for surviving families. While families have made every effort to provide lasting remembrances for loved ones lost to addiction, the community needs a meaningful way to acknowledge the loss and begin healing in order to implementing meaningful changes to prevent further loss of life.

Despite the fact more and more medical professionals are recognizing that addiction quickly evolves into a serious "disease" which controls the lives of those afflicted, there

remains a social stigma of "shame" associated with the disease of addiction.

Addiction is often mistakenly viewed by society as a "moral failing," linked to a weak character and/or associated with criminal activity, which should be addressed by swift punishment.

A study in the August 2005 issue of Addictive Behaviors surveyed three groups of people with different levels of drug-related problems: two sets of college students and a group of prison inmates.

The study found that in all three groups, shame was significantly linked to substance abuse issues, concluding that "fear of judgment and social reproach," which manifest itself as shame, is a problem faced by a wide demographic within the community of addicts. (www.thefix.com/content/ending-cycle-shame-and-addiction)

In order for healing to begin in our community, we must remove the "stigma of shame" associated with addiction. According to the same article, "removing the shame and pain from addiction will require a tectonic shift in the way the disease is viewed by all individuals, and such

efforts require persistence, faith and bravery on the part of those seeking to implement the change."

By refocusing community efforts on healing, rather than punishment for those afflicted with addiction, and by changing the perception that addiction is somehow a "moral or character weakness," the community can begin to implement and build lasting solutions that support those in recovery.

More education about how the disease affects the brain, more education that addiction is a serious disease and alternative sentencing that focuses on healing rather than treating addicts as criminals.

The Red Chair Project seeks to do just that. To first, provide a meaningful visual reminder to the community of the staggering number of community members who have lost their battle with addiction, and second, starting to educate families about disease.

Chairs will be displayed in the pattern of the snake dance, swirling clockwise to the center, symbolizing the life journey and the path to renewal.

Each affected family would be encouraged to take a chair to decorate a lasting memorial and become part of the event

this fall. Families are welcome to personalize the chairs with images and memorial items that talk about their loved one and what they meant to the family.

The whole community is invited to take part in the event beginning with a viewing of the chairs followed by testimonials from community leaders, spiritual leaders and surviving family members.

The afternoon would culminate with the snake dance. Participating community members and families would dance by each chair working their way to the center of the memorial and then make their way out, and complete the dance by jumping over a ribbon symbolizing the beginning of a new life.

Seventh Generation will partner with Behavioral Health, Nimkee Wellness Center, Ziibiwing Center and Administration.

Seventh Generation will serve as a staging area for painting the metal-folding chairs and by making several evenings available for families to paint.

Please help us to refocus the community's energy on healing and moving on the social stigma's associated with this disease. Miigwech.



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Storrer garners national recognition through exceptional rural professional award

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On June 14, Robert “Bob” Storrer, substance abuse counselor for Behavioral Health, received national recognition for his dedicated years of service in the field from the National Rural Alcohol and Drug Abuse Network, Inc.

Bob garnered the 2016 National Exceptional Rural Professional Award on June 14 at the annual conference held in Menominee, Wis.

Chief Frank Cloutier commended Behavioral Health and Bob on their efforts.

“We offer so many different programs for the Tribal Membership and we can truly appreciate it when those programs and individuals are recognized on a national stage,” Cloutier said. “We have an excellent team at Behavioral Health



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Bob Storrer, substance abuse counselor for RTC, who received the award, is photographed at the past Aug. 22 Red Chair event at Seventh Generation.

and the Residential Treatment Center and I congratulate Bob on being a big part of that.”

Bob came to the Tribe in August 2008 and has been working in the field about 25

years. He started working in substance abuse prevention and the last 18 years as a residential therapist and counselor at Pine River, Ten16, then at RTC.

Bob received his award at the Harold E. Hughes Awards luncheon.

“I had the opportunity to meet, listen and talk with Senator Hughes... and was strongly affected by both his personal story of recovery and his fierce lifelong passion in making recovery and treatment opportunities available to those suffering from the disease of addiction,” Bob said. “To be honored with an award bearing his name is humbling, as it was when I received the Larry Monson Award in 2008, to be recognized with men who dedicated their life to encouraging others to be better themselves so that we can be better able to treat and advocate for addicts and alcoholics is extremely humbling.”

Bob said “Behavioral Health is an exceptional program.”

“Being able to provide a very strong cultural component to the science of recovery in providing opportunity for wellness has been an amazing journey so far,” he said. “The dream continues to grow with strong support from Tribal Council and the Behavioral Health team. By taking the concept of a community-based treatment center, and making it a reality, has been a constantly evolving challenge.”

Steve Pego, mide’ elder and helping healer, said Bob is “a hardworking man and his dedication to the program goes way beyond.”

“When I started working for Behavioral Health and the residential treatment center, I’ve learned to work with Bob when we started using the Seven Grandfather Teachings

and the mishomis book,” Pego said. “RTC took off with the odeswanee (sweat lodge) and a lot of good things started to happen when we started getting knowledge through the lodge and our traditional teachings.”

Positive things are in store as we continue the healing of what we call the “sick forest,” Pego said.

“Bob has a good heart and he respects our (Anishinabe) ways and our medicine,” Pego said. “Bob’s goal and (my goal) is to have a healthy tribe and I’m glad that he was recognized for his work on a national level.”

The conference was also sponsored by SAMHSA: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), the Scaife Family Foundation, the Cenpatico/Centene Corporation, and the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery and the Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling.

Editorial: Yes, you can make a difference for the environment

MATTHEW BROOK

Water Quality Intern

The environment in which we live has a tremendous impact on the life of the people calling the area “home.” It is very important that we take care of the lands and waters that provide the resources that allow us to thrive.

Michigan’s waters, much like the human body, are all connected by many complex systems. What is released into the environment can follow one of two pathways; it either eventually spreads throughout the rest of the environment or stays right where it was released.

There is not a natural process for filtering out foreign materials or pollution because they do not naturally belong there. The job of caretaking for the environment rests on the shoulders of those living in it.

Traditional indigenous teachings place great importance on caring for the environment. We don’t just need the lands and waters; we have a mutual relationship with them.

They provide us with a countless amount of benefits, and in turn, we must work to keep our Mother Earth healthy.

In most cases, when an area is heavily polluted, the general population might just leave and move on to another cleaner location. However, the Reservation has a finite boundary, an allotted amount of land that is federally recognized by the government. As a result, it is important for indigenous peoples living in these areas to take exceptional care of the land and waters.

When we commit acts we consider insignificant, such as transporting that small mussel on the side of the boat or drowning that soda can into the river, contamination is introduced into the ecosystem. Regardless of its seemingly insignificant impact, whether it is an invasive species or a piece of trash, these acts add up and continue to cause harm to the environment.

There are many different ways to help preserve the natural processes of the

environment around you. Make sure to wash off boats and trailers when transporting between different bodies of water or moving to an upstream location.

The Coldwater River is already deeply infested by zebra mussels and doing simple tasks like washing off your boat, will have a significant impact towards ensuring that this menacing invasive species does not invade other bodies of water.

The Planning Department has decontamination kits available to the Tribal community to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

We’ve all been taught not to litter, but let’s go the extra step and keep our eyes open for any trash that might be lying on the ground or in the rivers and pick it up because until you or someone else does, it will continue to be a pollutant in our backyard.

When trash gets introduced into the environment, not only does the trash become part of the environment, the environment becomes part of the trash.

The lands of the Reservation, as they currently stand, are in good condition. However, this status cannot be taken for granted and will not last forever unless we decide to come together and help each other combine our efforts towards a collective coalition of people willing help take care of the this land and the waters.

This land and its waters bring so much to the physical, cultural, mental and spiritual health of the inhabitants. Let’s work together to make a difference in the environment that we depend so heavily upon. If you have any further questions, please contact the Planning Department at 989-775-4014.

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee (SCCC) for a two-year term beginning Nov. 15, 2016. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

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Dear Wigwam: I have my dream job! I get excellent pay and can use my degree that took me six years to get. Only one problem... I am miserable. I hate my co-workers who like to play 'keeping up with the Jones.' They brag about their wild and extravagant vacations. I am a modest person who likes to save, save, save. I have a lot saved but don't feel the need to flaunt it. I hate the thought of looking for a new job but feel that might be the next step. Any advice of how I can deal with my co-workers? **Nest Egg**

Dear Nest Egg: I applaud you for your modesty and ability to save! The new "successful" these days has been defined as being debt free. The best thing to do is ignore your co-workers when the bragging starts. Keep to yourself and do your work. Most people that brag are insecure and try to compensate for things they lack. Shallow people like to fill voids with "things" and vacations.

Dear WW: I am planning my wedding for next summer and have bought the dress, picked out flowers and am searching for a photographer. The problem is my fiancé. He just doesn't care one way or the other about any of the details. I could spend a \$1,000 or \$10,000 and it doesn't matter. I asked him about red or pink and he said "you decide." I know he loves me and adores me but I would like his opinion just the same. How do I get him interested in this wedding that I am planning for "us"? **Details**

Dear Details: The problem you are having right now is called communication. The one thing that will be the most important part of your relationship in the future as you grow older and have children is communication. If you can't communicate now, plan to have a rocky marriage and learn to play guessing games. I suspect when your fiancé says it doesn't matter, it means it doesn't matter. He is leaving the details up to you and trusts your decisions. I would highly recommend premarital counseling to help you learn how to get through times like this. It is actually just as important or even more important than all of the details for your wedding.

Dear WW: Teenage kids these days! How do you get them interested in anything other than their phones? I live on a farm and there are lots of things to do including picking vegetables, chopping wood, gathering eggs, etc. However, I am the only one doing it. I'm not going to be here forever and these kids need to learn how. I get constant complaints when I ask them to pitch in so I just end up doing it myself so I don't have to put up with it. **Nevermind**

Dear Nevermind: Who allows these kids to have phones? Who purchased them in the first place? I would simply take the phones, assign tasks and give the phones back when the chores are complete. Any complaining will be a day extra without a phone. I bet if you were to do the above, your chores would get done in a matter of minutes!

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SECR summer golf match with Gun Lake results

BERNARD SPRAGUE
Contributing Writer

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Gun Lake golf teams joined for a 2 p.m. final golf match of the season at The Pines in Lake Isabella.

It was a beautiful, warm day and the course was in great shape.

SECR took the finale six matches to three with Steve Norbury and Matt Schoensee of Waabooz Run recording the best score (69) of the day for team SECR.

Ryan and L.J. Sprague turned in the best score (67) for the Lakers and it was the best score overall.

Each tribe had nine teams for a total of 36 players

with both teams entering two coed teams and players 65 years of age and older.

SECR was led by Steve Norbury and Matt Schoensee 69, Aaron Tedajewski/Doug Sineway, Steve Wassegijig/Gayle Ruhl, Kashton Owl/Steve Hoffman finished with 70, Tony Jackson/Bear Raphael 71 and Bean Sprague/Dana Kequom 73.

The first match of 2017 will be at Gun Lake. The date and course are yet to be determined. This will eventually be named The Native American Cup, with the trophy issued to the winning team after each match.

If you would like to join team Eagle for the 2017 home and home matches, please call Bernard Sprague at **989-772-4013**.

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My name is Kalliope. I'm a 2-year-old Domestic Short hair. In February, I was found wandering around the dog walking trail at the shelter. It was in the middle of winter and I was nothing but skin and bones. I was so weak, I fell over when I tried to run from the dogs. Luckily, the HATS staff helped me survive frostbite. The tips of my ears froze off, but that doesn't make me any less lovable! I'm ready for my new home.



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The spirit of recovery is alive and thrives at the 2016 Freedom Walk

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

More than 200 supporters who took a stand July 30 against drugs and alcohol on the Reservation saw that the spirit of recovery is alive and thrives at the 2016 Freedom Walk.

The annual event took place Saturday morning during powwow weekend at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Participants received a delicious Nbakade Restaurant breakfast buffet along with a beautiful T-shirt designed by coordinator Alice Jo Ricketts.

"Tribal Observer Graphic Artist Matthew Wright was able to prepare my artwork for

reproduction and we received Tribal Council's and Migizi's support to have these wonderful shirts made," Ricketts said. "This event is so special to our Behavioral Health and prevention team and there was a lot of good feeling and prayers offered up on this special day."

Ricketts shared her experience, strength and hope about her journey in recovery along with special guest speakers Linze Ritter, Jason Quigno and Eric Sowmick.

"I can see that when people start walking that red road of recovery, they tend to get back to the things that really matter. That's where our tradition, culture, love



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

More than 125 Freedom Walk participants make their pledge of peace on the Reservation in the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow arena.

of our family and all things Anishinaabe come from," Sowmick said. "Walking a path of recovery is not easy

but we can all walk it together when we support each other."

Tribal elder Roger High and the Anishinaabe Ogichedaw veterans Mike Perez, Damian Fisher and Jonathan Cabrel presented eagle feathers to Tribal Members Bonnie Sprague and Tommy Chamberlain.

Chamberlain also received a warrior tomahawk, and High was honored with a ceremonial cedar eagle feather for his continued support of the Freedom Walk and recovery on the Reservation.

"I never received an honor like this and it was a complete surprise to me," High said. "Staying sober one day at a time is a gift I receive every day but it is special

being recognized by the Freedom Walk Committee like this."

Ricketts thanked the SCIT Facilities department for their assistance for using one of our four sacred medicines in creating the beautiful recognition for High.

Tribal Police Sgt. James Post and Investigator Jason VanConant assisted the Tribal Fire department in escorting the Freedom Walkers down Leaton and Tomah roads while en route to the powwow arena.

This year's event was the first to feature a high school marching band drum line, courtesy of Chippewa Hills High School and Tribal youth drummer Cobmoosa Otto.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

(Left to Right) Roger High received a ceremonial cedar eagle feather along with Bonnie Sprague and Tommy Chamberlain, as Alice Jo Ricketts and Mike Perez congratulate them.



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Tribal youth Joseph and Jonan Wemigwans and Christina Benz take a stand against alcohol and drugs on the Reservation.

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Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways receives \$42,350 IMLS grant

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' Native American and Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program awarded the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways \$42,350 for its 2017 fiscal year.

The grant was awarded in support of the Ziibiwing Center's Diba Jimooyung Multi-Media Enhancement Project.

This grant, combined with a \$40,000 award from The

Cultural Resource Fund, will assist Ziibiwing and its Tribal Historic Preservation Office, or THPO, in supporting Anishinabe history, culture and education preservation.

The Diba Jimooyung (Telling Our Story) permanent exhibit opened to the public on May 21, 2004.

"The exhibit continues to remain relevant and impactful in its presentation of the cultural, historical and contemporary facets of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes

Anishinabek," said Shannon Martin, director for Ziibiwing. "However, after 12 years, the multimedia components and productions within the exhibition are outdated, and in some cases, essential equipment has failed due to repetitive and time-looped daily operation."

The main component that operated both theatres could not be repaired, and is no longer being manufactured, rendering both theatres inoperable for three months in early 2015 until a temporary equipment solution could be implanted, Martin said.

"In addressing these needs, Ziibwing/THPO will be responsible to emerge at the conclusion of a one-year funding cycle with hardware and software media replacements and/or upgrades for the Diba Jimooyung permanent exhibition's 'Creation Theatre and Who We Are Theatre' as well as for the audio zones and video interactive within the exhibition," she said.

IMLS awarded a total of 21 Native American/Native Hawaiian grants, from Alaska to New York, totaling \$972,000.

"The IMLS grants... will be used to support best practices among tribal museums, and will buttress their role as stewards of our nation's tribal cultural heritage," said Kathryn Matthew, director for IMLS, in the press release.

The \$972,000 was part of \$2.4 million in grants that IMLS announced on July 15. The agency also awarded \$1.4 million under the African American History and Culture grant program and \$158,534 through the Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums program.

Chef Betty's Premium Ice Cream offers a delicious way to beat the summer heat

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

We all scream for ice cream, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is marketing its own brand, made in house by one of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort chefs.

Chef Betty's Premium Ice Cream has been on sale at the SECR Native Grind coffee shop since October 2015, said creator Betty Riddle, chef for the Banquets Department.

"At this point, it is packaged for retail sale at the Native Grind and the MiiJim Convenience store. It is also a part of the birthday cake and ice cream package available as a room service amenity," Riddle said. "Our sales team offers it as a live-action custom ice cream station to our banquet guests as well. We also have it available for outdoor events which are more family based."

Riddle said flavors are in a rotation based on seasonality and they offer an interesting variety of key lime pie, fresh raspberry hot chocolate, strawberry rhubarb and fluffernutter.

A fluffernutter is a sandwich made with peanut butter and marshmallow fluff usually served on white bread.

Christopher Nadobny, executive chef for SECR, said the ice cream is also sold from the SECR mobile food trailer based on the events.

"We do work with the sales team to offer the products to our events, the products are always very well received and we often see future requests for the ice cream, based on the clients trying them once," Nadobny said. "Seasonally, Betty is working on peach cobbler, blueberry cheesecake and cinnamon basil flavors with SECR Food & Beverage roll out dates to be determined."

Although not all of them have been on sale yet, the SECR Marketing team is busy creating labels for printing as they introduce the flavors for retail sale.

Riddle said she utilizes some of the freshest ingredients available in making the treat right on the property of SECR.

"My team and I make the bases and process the ice cream in the hotel kitchen. At this point, we can process about 1.5 quarts every eight minutes," Riddle said. "After we process it, we portion it and store it in a chest freezer until our quick service team needs to restock the freezers in the two outlets that sell it."

Riddle said the SECR Marketing team has done a great job making the product visible to guests.

"Chris Nadobny and Executive Sous Chef Shaun McGee and their passion for my product have really been the

driving force behind getting the whole project started," Riddle said. "As custom artisan products are becoming more popular, I found this was the perfect time to launch this product. As for the ice cream recipes, I really try to bring new life to foods that people already love. I think that is a huge selling point. I also like to do some flavors that are unexpected."

Riddle has been working at SECR for more than 21 years. She began in March 1995.

"I started as a concession cashier and changed to the position of line cook when it was created years ago," she said. "As a line cook, I worked in the buffet for about six years



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SECR Chef Betty Riddle samples fluffernutter ice cream at the Native Grind.

before becoming a lead line cook, then a sous chef and eventually a department chef. As a chef, I have worked in the buffet, in the pastry department; in the quick service areas before it become its own entity."

Sharon Peters named 2016 Ms. Senior Michigan

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

"I was in total shock" is how Sharon Peters, administrative assistant for Nimkee Fitness Center, felt when she was named the 2016 Ms. Senior Michigan.

Peters, 73, was judged in three categories: her interview, talent – playing the piano – and poise/philosophy.

Competing against six other qualifiers, Peters was crowned on June 20 during the Rochester Hills, Mich. pageant.

Peters said the judging was also based on "how graceful you were in your walk, and also your smile."

"You always have to look toward the audience when you are walking; smile and walk at the same time," Peters said.

This was the first time Peters has ever been in a pageant.

"I never, in my whole life, thought I would be in something like this and actually win," Peters said.

After performing the talent section, Peters said she had to rush backstage to her dressing room to change into her gown.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sharon Peters, 73, administrative assistant for Nimkee Fitness Center, is photographed in the gown she wore when she was crowned 2016 Ms. Senior Michigan.

Contestants had to stand on stage while an announcer read their biography.

When the music began, Peters had to walk across the stage a couple times and then up to the microphone to recite her philosophy; each

contestant was allowed 35 seconds to do so.

"Don't dwell on the past – live for today to improve tomorrow," she said, presenting the judges with her philosophy. "You must believe in yourself. You are never too old to set a new goal to try something new. Strive to make a difference. Start each day as a new beginning. You, and only you, can determine if you are going to fail or succeed in life."

Next up, Peters competes in the Ms. Senior America in Atlantic City, N.J., on Oct. 16, which she said will "be a tough one to compete in."

After teaching her aquatic class at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, it was hotel guest, Marie, who approached Peters and suggested she try out for the pageant.

"My favorite part, I think was the wonderful people that I met while doing this," Peters said. "I met so many nice ladies, some that I will always be friends with. We keep in correspondence with each other even now."

She said she highly recommends that other women give pageants a try.

"I think all women should try this because you are never too old," she said. "No one stays young forever, but I do think diet and exercise, and just getting around to do the things that you have to do to believe in yourself."

After participating in the Lone Ranger Posse Parade in Oxford, Peters hopes to be in more, including in Mount Pleasant High School's Homecoming Parade. She graduated from MPHS in 1961.

Eagle Bay Marina hosts free July 30 concert



Courtesy of Gina Borushko

Eagle Bay Marina staff takes a break to pose with country music recording artists Olivia Lane and David Shelby during the 94.5 Live at Eagle Bay Marina event on July 30. (Left to right: Gilbert LaFave, Ashley Wilczynski, Jacob Serum, Lane, Stacy Pamame and Shelby.)

This event was a free concert which featured both Lane and Shelby as well as local Standish country musician Donald Benjamin.

Attendees enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of music and family fun with a variety of lawn games and bounce houses for the children to play in.



The 32nd annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow honors Anishinaabe artists

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a theme of “honoring Anishinaabe artists” during the 32nd annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on July 29-31.

Head veteran George Martin led the grand entry, with dignitaries, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw and head dancers Netawn Kiogima and RJ Smith following, 7 p.m. Friday, noon and 6 p.m. Saturday and noon on Sunday.

During the powwow on Saturday afternoon, Chief Frank Cloutier invited Congressman John Moolenaar, fourth district of Michigan, to serve as dignitary during grand entry and walk alongside him.

“I invited the congressman to join me hoping he would take away a greater understanding of our people and the culture,” Cloutier said.

Tribal Council member Ronald Ekdahl, sergeant-at-arms, also joined in for Saturday’s grand entry.

“Powwow is always a busy time of year for my family,” Ekdahl said. “My family and I always look forward to spending the weekend at the powwow. This year, my wife Rosemary, my son Michael and I all danced



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dancers of all ages headed to the 32nd annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow “Honoring Anishinaabe Artists” on July 29-31.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Head veteran George Martin leads grand entry, with U.S. Congressman John Moolenaar and Chief Frank Cloutier following.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

One little girl stands with many male dancers during the Saturday afternoon flag song.

in the grand entry on Saturday. This is the first time we have all participated and we had a great time doing it.”

Bear Creek served as host drum, and Manny King and Sandon Jacobs served as masters of ceremonies, keeping the crowd informed of upcoming dances.

The sound system was courtesy of ReZonance Productions.

Dave Shananaquet and Walker Stonefish kept the event running smoothly as they served as the arena directors.

The sacred fire was available near the eastern door where the powwow dancers and dignitaries entered the arena.

Joe Bointy and Shelly Eagleman-Bointy were the dance judges.

This year’s dance specials involved a fry bread contest, random mystery spot dances, women’s backup singer, luck-of-the-draw hand drum, men’s and women’s fancy show down, hoop dance (all ages) and a youth two-step.

“I always look forward to seeing the dancers from around

the country,” Ekdahl said. “We have a lot of champion dancers who come to our powwow and it is such a beautiful site to see

them all. All of the drums who were there did a great job all weekend. We enjoyed the good songs and great food like always.”



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Denise Pelcher, contract health clerk for At-Large/Member Services, provided a bird’s eye view with her drone.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Beautiful shawls and regalia were on full display all weekend.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On Saturday, July 30, the tot trot was one of the earliest dances of the afternoon.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Zack Jackson, youth worker for the Ziibwing Center, competes in powwows in his spare time.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Miss Odawa Alexa Oldman of the Northern Arapaho Tribe and Little Traverse Bay Band has her fancy shawl on full display.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

(Left to right) Head female dancer Netawn Kiogima, arena director Walker Stonefish and head male dancer RJ Smith.



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Batchewana Bay First Nation Canada Traditional Dancer Paul Syrette won second place in the senior adult men’s traditional.



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Raymond Cadotte, traditional dancer and visitor services representative for the Ziibwing Center, took first place in platinum age for men.



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(Left to right) Cicilee Chivis, Dajia Shinos (first place in teen girls jingle), Aaliyah Montoya-Pego dance during the inter-tribal dance.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Men's traditional dancer Michael Sims awaits the judges' decision.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chase Stevens competes in the arena during Saturday afternoon.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Noodin-Niimebin Shawanda (Odawa Cree) dances to the heartbeat of the nation.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sandon Jacobs served as masters of ceremonies and kept the crowd informed of upcoming dances.

Craig Graveratte, treasurer for Powwow Committee, said some of the highlights for him this year included the horseshoe and corn

hole tournaments that the Recreation department hosted at the campgrounds on Friday.

When asked what was unique this year, Graveratte said the different types of competitions.

"The Powwow Committee held a men versus women fancy showdown, a switch dance and a women's back-up singer contest," he said.

The Friday night fireworks were a huge, colorful display and could be heard from miles away.

"I appreciate all of the hard work that the Powwow Committee members do, and all of the community members who work hard keeping the event running smoothly," Ekdahl said.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

It's like mother, like daughter as Cecilia Stevens and her daughter dance during Saturday afternoon's grand entry.



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Dancer Amanda Brock recently graduated from the Anishinabe Performance Circle on May 3, 2016.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Grass dancer Adrian Stevens (right) escorts Ojibwe Princess Shelby Snyder.

2016 Results

Jr. Boys Grass

- 1st: Miskwakome White
- 2nd: Kaimare Eaglestar
- 3rd: Xander White
- 4th: Brayen Boivin

Jr. Boys Fancy

- 1st: Jaymin Boivin
- 2nd: Tacoma Salter
- 3rd: Joaquin Jackson
- 4th: Khylan Isaac

Jr. Boys Traditional

- 1st: Leodyn Kingbird
- 2nd: Guppy Benton
- 3rd: Chadon Locklear
- 4th: Gegek Webkamigad

Jr. Girls Jingle

- 1st: Kitahna Silas
- 2nd: Naiyana Harris
- 3rd: Madison Kingbird
- 4th: Snowy White

Jr. Girls Fancy

- 1st: Micayla Silas
- 2nd: Kayla Dreaver
- 3rd: Ioleta Kingbird
- 4th: Isabella White

Jr. Girls Traditional

- 1st: Taliyah Eaglestar
- 2nd: Liliana Mars
- 3rd: Aryana Robinson
- 4th: Emily Stevens

Teen Boys Grass

- 1st: Chaske Jacobs
- 2nd: James Eaglestar
- 3rd: Merv Day LaRose
- 4th: Wakinyan Fiddler

Teen Boys Fancy

- 1st: Quentin Cleveland
- 2nd: Colten Burrige
- 3rd: Nodin Jackson
- 4th: Liam Sands

Teen Boys Traditional

- 1st: Nakya Leviner
- 2nd: Zackary Jackson
- 3rd: Brevin Boyd
- 4th: Jaden Parker

Teen Girls Jingle

- 1st: Dajia Shinos
- 2nd: Maya Schiylar
- 3rd: Tessa Diamond
- 4th: Tiana Schocko

Teen Girls Fancy

- 1st: Shelby Snyder
- 2nd: Miigwaans Smith
- 3rd: Jasmyne Jackson
- 4th: Coral Benton

Teen Girls Traditional

- 1st: Aerius Benton
- 2nd: Tristin Antoine
- 3rd: Deborah Lyons
- 4th: Morgan Leviner

Jr. Adult Men Grass

- 1st: Albert King Jr
- 2nd: Nigel Schuyler
- 3rd: Stewart Boivin Jr
- 4th: Sean Snyder

Jr. Adult Men Fancy

- 1st: Darwin Charley
- 2nd: Brian Thunder
- 3rd: Adrian Stevens
- 4th: Dustin Aquash

Jr. Adult Men Traditional

- 1st: Adrian Klein
- 2nd: Chadwick Redelk
- 3rd: Joe Syrette
- 4th: Joe Bigmountain

Jr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Rynne White
- 2nd: Waskwane Stonefish
- 3rd: Iliana Montoya
- 4th: Jackie Klein

Jr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Beedaskah Stonefish
- 2nd: Naomi Nevaquaya
- 3rd: Patricia Bugg
- 4th: Pamela Boivin

Jr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Alva Fiddler
- 2nd: Krystal Bigsky
- 3rd: Arianna Greencrow
- 4th: Elizabeth Nevaquaya

Sr. Adult Men Grass

- 1st: Rusty Gillette
- 2nd: Quanah LaRose
- 3rd: Russ Blackbird
- 4th: Orrento Snyder

Sr. Adult Men Fancy

- 1st: Wayne Silas Jr
- 2nd: Jason Whitehouse
- 3rd: Jay Mule
- 4th: William Morris

Sr. Adult Men Traditional

- 1st: Shane Mitchell
- 2nd: Paul Syrette
- 3rd: Jason Kingbird
- 4th: Mark Kingbird Sr

Sr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Dionne Jacobs
- 2nd: Maia Chivis
- 3rd: Johana Denny
- 4th: Dawn Shenasky

Sr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Valerie Parker
- 2nd: Rose Track
- 3rd: Lisa Hill
- 4th: Crystal Cleveland

Sr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Tosha Goodwill
- 2nd: Toni Tsatoke-Mule
- 3rd: Quahna Mars
- 4th: Danielle Benton

Golden Age Men

- 1st: Peter Powlers
- 2nd: Terry Fiddler
- 3rd: Charles Hindsley
- 4th: Ken Funmaker

Golden Age Women

- 1st: Debbie Plain
- 2nd: Delina White
- 3rd: Becky Taylor
- 4th: Faith Carmona-Pego

Platinum Age Men

- 1st: Ray Cadotte
- 2nd: Bobby Bird Sr
- 3rd: Mike King
- 4th: Vince George

Platinum Age Women

- 1st: Oralann Caldwell
- 2nd: Deborah Klein
- 3rd: Evelyn WhiteEye
- 4th: Pat St.Germaine

Women's Switch Dance

- 1st: Waskwane Stonefish
- 2nd: Valarie Parker
- 3rd: Miigwaans Smith

Youth Two-Step

- 1st: Nakys Lenier & Steve Lowry
- 2nd: Micayla Silas & Jazmin Bevrin
- 3rd: Shelby Snyder & Oarion Snyder

Drum Contest

- 1st: Midnight Express
- 2nd: Smokey Town
- 3rd: War Paint
- 4th: Crazy Spirit
- 5th: Eagle Flight

Fry Bread Contest

- 1st: Glenna Halliwill
- 2nd: Christina Sharp
- 3rd: Michelle Barstow

Hand Drum

- 1st: Wayne Silas Jr
- 2nd: Jason Kingbird
- 3rd: Joe Rainey Sr

Women's Back-up Singer

- 1st: Gil Pyawasit
- 2nd: Jasmine Jacobs
- 3rd: Amelda Eaglestar

Hoop Dance

- 1st: Celina Cada-Matasawagon
- 2nd: Jaden Parker

Men's Switch Dance

- 1st: Sean Snyder
- 2nd: Guppy Benton
- 3rd: Ad Stevens

Men vs. Women Fancy Showdown

- 1st: Waskwane Stonefish
- 2nd: Sean Snyder
- 3rd: Wayne Silas Jr
- 4th: Beedaskah Stonefish
- 5th: Shorty Crawford
- 6th: Miigwaans Smith

Team Dance

- 1st: Ad Stevens
- 2nd: Stewart Biovin
- 3rd: Gerald White



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Students show creativity at Anishinaabe Youth Art and Emerging Entrepreneur Camp

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Tribal students jumped at the opportunity to show their flair and creativity as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College coordinated their Anishinaabe Youth Art and Emerging Entrepreneur Camp.

The Aug. 8-12 weeklong series of art workshop sessions with Anishinaabe master artists is made possible through an SCTC collaborative effort with the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways and a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant.

Shannon Martin, director for Ziibiwing, said nine tribal youth from the Tribe and Hopkins, Mich., participated.

"The first Monday workshop featured tribal elder and master artisan Kent Jackson as he shared a teaching and practical



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Anishinaabe Youth Art and Emerging Entrepreneur Camp graduates share a moment with SCTC's Shuna Stevens (left) and Ziibiwing Visitor Services Representative Renata Borton (back page).

knowledge on how to make a raw-hide ceremonial shaker," Martin said. "Tribal artisans Adam Avery and Lisa Kennedy of Niishode (two hearts) Anishinaabe Arts assisted the students on Tuesday in the creation of quill boxes."

Wednesday, Ben Hinmon, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, provided a cedar box workshop and taught

students were taught how to price, market, write artist statements, exhibit and sell their work.

Jackson said he made his first shaker about 15 years ago at Seventh Generation.

"Shakers come with a teaching and a lesson because it is the first sound we hear from the Creator, so I'm always thinking of that and sharing

students how to burn designs on wood and how to glue the wood together in a good way.

The next day, tribal artist Kelly Church instructed the students on the fine art of black ash basket making.

Martin said during the Friday workshop, stu-

the importance of that with the youth," Jackson said. "It's an honor to instill the teaching to our youth because it is a part of both men and women spiritual gatherings like sweat lodge and water ceremonies."

Jackson was assisted by Shuna Stevens, Renata Borton and Glenna Halliwill.

Avery and Kennedy shared their story on how they learned from their Elders.

"Adam Avery and I were influenced by two quill artists," Kennedy said. "Our first teacher was Jonita M. Zephier, from Marty, S.D. and she taught us the art of quill wrapping on hide. Our second teacher is Ronald J. Paquin is a proud member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Ron has taught us to work quills on birch bark (frames, containers, and quill boxes). Adam has spent the last two and half years working

with Ron learning the tradition of birch bark canoe making."

Avery said their Niishode business has an extensive history and working knowledge of glass seed beads and they have dedicated their time together refining the art.

"We both enjoy the opportunity to learn and teach arts from our culture, especially the opportunity to work with youth," Avery said. "We let the students know we always take time to process these gifts we harvest and we are meticulous about plucking, sorting, washing, and dyeing our quills."

Kennedy and Avery were assisted by Stevens, Borton and Ziibiwing Assistant Director Judy Pamp.

The community enjoyed a feast and awards ceremony where each student was able to show their appreciation for having the opportunity.

The Anishinaabe Art Camp artists speak



Aiyannah Eliyah Borton

Aiyannah Eliyah Borton is member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and a descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I am Misheka (Turtle) Clan and my Anishinabe name is Mitigo-kwe. I am 14 years old and will enter the ninth grade at Shepherd High School this fall. I would like to attend college after

high school and explore new places. I enjoy playing sports, dancing jingle, singing, braiding hair, camping, traveling, making traditional Native American arts and crafts, filmmaking and listening to music. I enjoy black ash basket weaving, beading, drawing and woodwork. My family and friends are my greatest artistic inspirations."



John Stevens

John Stevens is a descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I am also descended from the Blackfoot and Cherokee Tribes. I stand nearly 6-feet tall and I am real good looking. I am an only child, but I have a half-brother and sisters. I have a dog named Precious, and two cats named Lilly and Max. I am 12 years old and will enter the seventh grade at West Intermediate this fall. My favorite class is math. I enjoy playing video games and I like to collect furs. I enjoy working with quills. My cousin Adam Avery inspires me to do quillwork."



India Perez

India Perez is a descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I belong to the Martin Clan. In this upcoming school year, I will be completing my final year of high school at Shepherd. Over my last four years of school, I've mostly enjoyed history classes and find that they come more easily to me than any

other core class. After I graduate, I have been considering taking a gap year and organizing my life before I continue my schooling to become a part of law enforcement. During this week, I've taken to quill work the best and find inspiration in my own mind. I like my ideas to come from what I think of. Other than art, I like running track and participating in field events, being a part of poms and reading. As you get to know me, please feel free to call me Monti or Indi."



Makayla Misheka Stevens

Makayla Misheka Stevens is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I am Turtle Clan and my Anishinabe name is Misheka (Turtle). I love turtles, a lot! I am 12 years old and will enter the seventh grade at West Intermediate this fall. I would like to attend college after high school and become a police officer. I enjoy riding my bike and swimming. My favorite art medium is working with wood. The wood box-making day-long workshop with artist Ben Hinmon was amazing. My cousin Adam Avery and his partner Lisa Kennedy are my artistic influences."



Mason J. Peterson

Mason J. Peterson is an Ojibwe from the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians in northern Wisconsin.

"I am Bear Clan and my Anishinabe name is Makoonz it means 'little bear.' I am 13 years old and will enter the eighth grade at West Intermediate this fall. My favorite classes are band, history and science. I would like to attend Central

Michigan University or Mid-Michigan Community College after high school, and then go to a college with a good animal program. I want to study zoology and biology in college, but still do art during that time. I enjoy playing the drums, drawing and learning about animals. I like to work with pen and paper most of all, but I would like to start working with quills and baskets soon. My mom, Debbie Peterson, is my artistic inspiration."



Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias

Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"Most people know me by my nickname 'Guad.' I am 14 years old and will enter the eighth grade at Odyssey this fall. My favorite classes are math and world history. My plans after high school are to 'get a job, get money and get rich.' I enjoy reading, writing, eating and breathing. I like to work with paints, beads and make baskets. My greatest inspiration is myself."



Taylor Burton

Taylor Burton is a descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I belong to the Martin Clan. I am 14 years old and will enter the ninth grade at Shepherd High School this fall. My favorite classes are English, Spanish and choir. My mom, Charla Burton, is someone who has influenced me to continue doing beadwork since I was 10 years old."



Tobias Pamp

Tobias Pamp is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I am Bear Clan and my Anishinabe name is Kewadin Nimkee. I am 14 years old and will enter the ninth grade at Shepherd High School this fall. My favorite classes are science, art and physical education. I would like to become a DJ

and go to college after high school. I enjoy playing basketball, video games, doing beadwork, black ash basket making, drawing, and listening to music and computers. I like to work with beads, quills and make black ash baskets. My mom Judy Pamp, my family and my teacher Kelly Church are my greatest artistic inspirations."



Annalee Bennett

Annalee Bennett is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"I am 14 years old and will enter the eighth grade at Hopkins Middle School in Hopkins, Mich. this fall. My favorite classes are math and English. I would like to attend college after high school and work in the art industry. I enjoy creating arts and crafts, listening to music, playing basketball, reading, writing and enjoying the outdoors. I enjoy beading, making cedar boxes, painting, writing and drawing. Seeing nature and looking at pictures are my greatest artistic inspirations."



Special Olympics Michigan Water Warriors dock at Eagle Bay Marina

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Water Warriors are men and women who have two things in common: their love of water sports and their desire to help people.

The Water Warriors docked at Standish's own Eagle Bay Marina on July 27 as they continued their five-day, 450-mile endurance ride on wave runners.

Their annual fundraiser started July 24 at Mackinaw City as they ride their fleet the entire length of Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and culminating at Harsens Island, to raise money for the Special Olympics Michigan athletes.

Rita Champine, support service supervisor for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, said the event had Area 9 and Area 7 Special Olympians who were joined by family, friends and community supporters.

Champine is on the Board of Area 7 Bay Arenac Special Olympic and she helped coordinate the event.

Gail Huber is the Area 7 Isabella County Special Olympic Director and coordinated Area 7 athletes participation to the event.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort CEO Bob Van Wert said a generous donation was made of behalf of SECR for \$1,500.

"For the event, both Area 7 and Area 9 Special Olympics organizations will get 25 percent of the funds raised back into their respective areas," said



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Rita Champine (left), IT support supervisor for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, and JoAnn Bowen (center), marketing supervisor for SELC, present a check to Tom Chauvin, organizer for Water Warriors.

Christy Fedak, administrative assistant for Saganing Eagles Landing. "To see the excitement in the kids' faces when they notice the Waterpark mascot Gizi was at the marina was priceless."

Marina Service Manager Stacy Pamame and his staff joined several employees from SELC, SECR, Migizi Economic Development Company and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel as on-site support.

Time Honored Occasions (owners Matt and Tiffany Rouleau) provided a photo booth complete with funny hats and costumes.

"Time Honored Occasions has been truly honored and rewarded by being part of this special day for the second year in a row," Matt Rouleau said. "Everyone involved made this one day a memory of a lifetime. The helpful staff at Eagle



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Water Warriors and Special Olympics athletes show their appreciation and team spirit at Eagle Bay Marina.

Bay Marina is one of the many reasons to have an event there, not to mention the beautiful view of our Saginaw Bay, it is truly a great location."

After collaborating on seven events with and for the Tribe, Matt Rouleau wished to express gratitude for allowing them to be a part of the events.

Marketing Analyst Gina Borushko said she looks forward to the event each year.

"We are proud to be one of the host locations during the ride and always look forward to greeting both the Athletes from Area 7 and Area 9 as well as the Water Warriors," Borushko said. "We cannot thank all of the event sponsors and volunteers enough for making this day truly memorable for all of our guests year after year."

The Special Olympians enjoyed the ice cream and popcorn provided by the Saganing Sagamok Shell and the Saganing Tribal Center hot dogs and chips.

Pro-Scape also donated popcorn donation and John Gorm and his crew from Linwood Marina provided a spotter boat into the marina and over to the next Water Warrior stop at Caseville.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Area 7 Special Olympians take to Saginaw Bay to guide in the Water Warriors.

"We couldn't have done it without an amazing array of sponsors to give their time, money and services to the Water Warriors," Champine said. "I would like to give thanks to Michelle Pfund, Christy Fedak, JoAnn Bowen, Sena Hutchenson, Heather Kalil, Kenisha Shields, Eric Rodriguez, Jody Mielke, our Chef Don Nelson. Saganing Eagles Landing Casino presented a check for \$1,000 and over \$400 in T-shirt sales were done to raise money for the Water Warriors."

Golfers came together for Chief Little Elks Memorial Golf Tournament

BERNARD SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

The second annual Chief Little Elks Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 6, 2016 was an extension of the Shirley Sprague Day Memorial that Larry Sprague hosted for many years, but Larry Sprague retired after the 2014 event.

It was a sunny day with little wind. The day kicked off with an honor song with hand drum artist Aaron Chivis.

The players enjoyed breakfast burritos from Nbakade as they waited to tee.

There were 18 teams (36 players); this year there were men's, coed and women's teams. The top five and the proximity winners are as follows:

- First place: George Sprague/Johnny Wemigwans
- Second place: Nick Riley Sr. and Nick Riley Jr.
- Third place: Bill/Shirley Tooshkenig
- Fourth place: Kelly Chamberlain/Vinnie Kequom Jr.
- Fifth place: Bean/Bernard Sprague
- Closest to the pin for ladies: no. 5 Carol Hubble, no. 9 Tonia Leureaux, no. 12 Dana Neyome and no. 17 Gayle Ruhl.
- Longest putts for ladies: no. 2 Samantha Chippeway, no. 7 Dana Neyome, no. 13 Gayle Ruhl and no. 18 Sheila Leureaux.

- Women's Closest to the line was no. 3 Sheila Leureaux.

- Men's closest to the pin: no. 6 Bean Sprague, no. 8 Al Wassegijig, no. 10 Kelly Chamberlain and no. 14 Chip Neyome

- Men's longest putts: no. 1 Terry Thompson, no. 4 Vinnie Kequom Jr., no. 11 Terry Thompson and no. 15 Chip Neyome.

- Men's closest to the line was no. 16 Marc VanAlstine.

- Raffle winners were Sue Durfee who won \$1,000, Sherry Border won a Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel package and Ben Perez won \$250.

The family of Eleanor Thomas Sprague would like to thank all of those who supported the raffle and other fundraising efforts. We would also like to thank the players for coming out and sharing this special day with us. We also appreciate the efforts of the staff at Waabooz Run and Nbakade they put on a class act and provide excellent service.

The Committee members Barb Sprague, Bean Sprague, Jo Kat Sprague, Ken Sprague and Bernard Sprague of the 2016 Little Elks Memorial Golf Tournament would like to take the time to say miigwetch, ahow to all of those that supported and honored our family this year, we hope to see you in 2017 at Waabooz.



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Question and answer with the new SCA Principal David Harwood

(Editor's note: The Education Department would like to welcome David Harwood to the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. Harwood has been hired as the new principal. He brings with him 15 years of experience in elementary education. Below is a question and answer session with Harwood.)



Courtesy of David Harwood

**New SCA Principal
David Harwood.**

What do you think makes a great principal? There are many aspects to being a great principal. A principal must be knowledgeable about curriculum, school law and procedures. A principal needs to be a great facilitator to work effectively with staff, community and students. A great principal also must have a passion for what he or she does.

How do you plan to find out the challenges and strengths of SCA? To find out about the challenges and strengths of SCA, I will have open conversations with staff, parents and community members. If

anyone would like to contact me, they may at dharwood@sagchip.org or 989-755-4453.

Do you play sports? I do not play sports anymore. In my youth, I played basketball, track and cross country. I do enjoy exercising at the gym which could include lifting weights or cardio training.

How will you develop a relationship with the SCA students, families and community? I believe everyone should be treated with respect. As principal, I will be present at many community events. I want parents, families, and students to feel comfortable to approach me.

Where is the coolest place you've traveled? Banff National Park is probably the coolest place I have ever been. It is located in Alberta, Canada. I can recall as a teenager hiking through Banff National Park through narrow passages up the mountains. The view was amazing. Once you got to the summit, there was a coffee shop!

Why are you the right principal for SCA? I feel incredibly honored to be principal. I believe that my skills and experience allow me to be the ideal principal. I have more than 15 years of teaching experience at Chippewa Hills School District, with a wide range of areas: Kindergarten, second grade,

fourth grade, fifth grade, and physical education.

How can parents be involved at SCA? There are numerous ways parents can be involved at SCA. Parents can volunteer in their child's classroom, volunteer during a field trip, attend school events, read with their children and discuss what they've read.

I also have more than two years of administration experience while at Education and Training Connection.

I will use my experience and expertise to ensure that all students are given a quality education. I strive to work with parents and staff to ensure that students are achieving their potential.

Tribal Library issues 2016 summer reading challenge to students

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library issued a fun way for students to Maanendisan Wii-gindaasyin Gbe-niibin (challenge yourself) to join the summer reading program. The 2016 summer reading challenge was a seven-week program from June 13 to July 29.

Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann said the program

was a great way for readers to challenge themselves to get lost in a book all summer.

"We're very happy to cooperate again with Primary Language Specialist Isabelle Osawamick from the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Niibing, Sasiwaans, and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel," Heidemann said. "Supporting our local libraries is truly supporting the love

of reading and a student's education. Working together with other departments really makes our summer program special for everyone who participates."

The program also offered participants an opportunity to win great prizes.

Library Assistant Kimberly Condon said the children's grand prize was four all-day passes to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark, along with four \$10 gift cards to Cyber Quest.

The young adult grand prize was two movie tickets to Celebration! Cinema, along with a \$10 gift card to spend.

The adult grand prize was a dinner and movie package along with a \$25 gift card to the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort.

"Many kids lose touch with books over the summer," Condon said. "Our summer reading program helps kids not only get excited for

winning prizes but it keeps them interested in reading."

This year we are helping them try new books that they normally wouldn't choose, she said.

"This program isn't a competition among participants but its more focused on challenging oneself to do the best they can while expanding their interest within the library," she said.

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Darius Rucker's 'southern state of mind' delivers abundance of country music hits

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Emerging on the American music scene in the late '80s, singer/songwriter Darius Rucker was known as the lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for the Grammy Award-winning rock band Hootie & the Blowfish.

Rucker showed his versatility when he announced he was launching a solo country music career in 2008, signing with Capitol Nashville.

On Friday, Aug. 19, at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, 50-year-old Rucker rocked right into "Lighter Up," "Radio," "Southern State of Mind" and "If I Told You," the soaring first single from his upcoming fifth country album.

"Ever since I was a little kid, all I wanted to do was play music and you guys allow me to do that," Rucker said to the audience.

Although several times he expressed how grateful he is to be making music, he discussed what is most important to him.

"God put me here to be a father of those three kids," Rucker said, referring to his daughters Daniella and Caroline and his son Jack.

He then dedicated "It Won't Be Like This For Long" to all the parents in the audience.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Darius Rucker performs "Radio" during the Aug. 19 Soaring Eagle outdoor show.

He referred to "Don't Think I Don't Think About It" as his "first number one hit song, ever."

"One of my pet peeves is we have to label everything in America," Rucker said. "We can all agree – a great song is a great song."

Whether it's a country song or a rock song, he said.

He then performed songs he considers great, Garth Brooks' "Friends in Low Places" and Blackstreet's "No Diggity."

Rucker said as a kid, he tried to write "She Talks to Angels" for Bonnie Raitt and "Let Her Cry" just poured out.

Opening acts Dan + Shay and Michael Ray joined him for "Hold My Hand."

Rucker then performed a selection of his hits "Homegrown Honey," "Only Wanna Be With You" and "Comeback Song" before leaving the stage.

Responding to the audience's encore request, Rucker re-entered the stage within a couple minutes.

"If you have a dream and you're trying to live it, this song goes out to you," Rucker said of "So I Sang."

Rucker then ended the show with his chart-topping 2013 cover of "Wagon Wheel," and Prince's "Purple Rain."

In their return to the outdoor stage (since opening for Keith Urban on June 26, 2015), country music duo Dan + Shay offered a lively set before Rucker involving their hit singles "19 You + Me," "Show You Off" and "Nothin' Like You."

Since the release of "From the Ground Up" (February 2016), the song has remained at number one in U.S. Country Airplay (Billboard), and number three on the U.S. Hot Country Songs (Billboard).

Dan + Shay also performed covers of Cee-Lo's "Forget You," and Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Band Name."

Kicking off the show, 28-year old singer/songwriter Michael Ray sang his hit singles "Real Men Love Jesus," "Think a Little Less" and his debut single "Kiss You in the Morning" (February 2015).

Ray was mentored by John Rich of country duo Big & Rich on the singing competition



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Michael Ray smiles at the Friday night crowd after singing "Look Like This."

"The Next: Fame Is at Your Doorstep," which he won.

Ray and Rich co-wrote Big & Rich's 2015 hit single "Run Away with You."



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Country music duo Dan + Shay perform their hit "Nothin' Like You."

Don Henley performs greatest songs from his four-decade music career

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

With several hits from his entire four-decade music career, Don Henley had an abundance of his greatest songs to play during his Wednesday night Aug. 17 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor show.

Before launching into a solo career, Henley was known as a founding member of the Eagles. He was the drummer and co-lead vocalist from 1971-1980, when the band broke up, and from 1994 to 2016, when they reunited.

Henley caught the audience's attention when he nonchalantly walked out on stage and began his show with an a cappella "Seven Bridges Road," with his band members providing effortless harmonies.

Henley greeted the audience and gave a preview of what they were in for.

"We're going to play over two hours of music for you," Henley said to the audience, causing applause and hollers.

After the Eagles broke up in 1980, Henley began releasing solo albums. He has released

five studio albums, two compilation albums and one live DVD, according to his website.

He performed some of his greatest solo hits including "Dirty Laundry," "Sunset Grill," "New York Minute," "The End of Innocence," "The Heart of the Matter" and "The Boys of Summer."

On Sept. 25, 2015, Henley released his latest "Cass County" album. He performed several singles from that album.

"That Old Flame," recorded with Martina McBride, "When I Stop Dreaming," recorded with

Dolly Parton and "Bramble Rose," recorded with Mick Jagger, were all sung by Henley, with his touring female vocalists taking turns to make the performances duets.

Other songs presented from that album included "Words Can Break Your Heart" and "Train in the Distance."

He played a couple songs from his 1989 album "The End of Innocence" including "Shangri-La" and "How Bad Do You Want It?"

Showing some appreciation for other artists' compositions,

he also performed Garth Brooks' "It Don't Matter to the Sun," also featured as a bonus track on Henley's latest album, and Tears for Fears' "Everybody Wants to Rule the World."

He did not forget his roots, however, when he performed many of the Eagles' songs including "Witchy Woman," "One of These Nights," "I Don't Want to Hear Anymore," "The Last Resort," and his encore included some their greatest hits, "Life in the Fast Lane," "Hotel California" and "Desperado."

Soaring Eagle Open tees off again at Waabooz Run Golf Course and PohlCat

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The second annual Soaring Eagle Open on Aug. 19-21 had two local golf courses running full tilt for an action-packed weekend on the links.

Waabooz Run Golf Course hosted the Friday seniors' three-man scramble event while the PohlCat Golf Course had the women's three-player scramble going on simultaneously.

Steven Norbury, golf operations coordinator for Waabooz, and PohlCat Coordinator Jason Clark saw some competitive golfing from the teams all weekend and both courses were up to the challenge.

"With \$3,300 minimum in the prize pool at each of the Friday tournaments, we knew

the golfers would be motivated to hit their best shots," Norbury said. "The players' tournament offered a prize pool minimum of \$34,500 and brought some of the best golfers around the state, including former PGA pros Dan Pohl and Doug LaBelle."

In the ladies division championship flight, the Gayle Ruhl, Cheryl Mitchell and Shirley Tooshkenig team topped the leaderboard with a 63 (-9) on the PohlCat par 72 course.

First flight winners were Dana Neyome, Val Raphael and Linda Dutcher with a four over par 76 to take honors.

In the Friday men's senior division at Waabooz Run, the championship flight team of Mike Kostrzewa, Dan Kostrzewa and Dick Horgan shot a 48 (-13) on the par 61

course. The team of Pat Davis, Bob Gallihugh and Marv Pyle took the first flight division with a 55 score (-6).

At the Saturday and Sunday players tournament, Matt Ostby, Tom Parker and Chris Friel won the championship flight with a 104 (-29) in the par 133.

Second place championship flight honors went to Dan Pohl, Doug LaBelle and Chuck Pohl just one stroke back with a 105 (-28).

First flight open winners were Erik Rodriguez, Mike Mieske and Andrew Kreager with 113 (-20) followed by Kashtin Owl, Steve Hoffman, and Mike Hinkel with a 115 (-18).

Second flight open winners were James Frizzell, Randy Sell and Jennifer McDonnell who shot a 124 (-9) with the

team of Pat Davis, Bob Gallihugh and Marv Pyle one stroke off the pace with a 125 (-8).

Bernard Sprague, director of hotel operations for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, noticed there were a lot of golfers who stayed at the properties on Thursday night and throughout the weekend.

"We would like to say miigwetch to all of the support from the SECR Marketing and the Resort, Miigizi marketing and accounting, the staff at Nbakade (Restaurant) and the (Soaring Eagle) Waterpark," Sprague said. "Also, thanks to the staff at the Pohlcat and Waabooz and our Sponsors Hank Graff Chevrolet of Mount



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The Sineway brothers (Doug, Rob and Chris) shot a -12 under par for the Soaring Eagle Open.

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Korn and Skillet fuse metal and hard rock into deafening double-header at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The distinctive sounds of heavy rock filled the air on Saturday, Aug. 20, and it was unapologetically loud, boisterous and aggressive.

Bands Korn and Skillet teamed up as part of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Nu-metal pioneers Korn opened their night with the anthemic single "Right Now," off their sixth studio album "Take a Look in the Mirror."

The signature thick, heavy sound of Korn was on full display during the song "Here to Stay."

This sound is melded through the chugging guitar riffs of guitarist James "Munky" Shaffer and Brian "Head" Welch combined with the unorthodox, resonating slap bass style of Reginald "Fieldy" Arvizu.

The band segued into "Rotting in Vain," the first single off their new album "The Serenity of Suffering." The album is set to release Oct. 21, 2016.

Lead singer Jonathan Davis, clad in his signature kilt getup, showcased his impressive vocal range during the songs "Somebody Someway" and "Did My Time."

Davis' immense stage presence is matched by his ability to go from guttural growls to falsetto wailing, and everything in between.

Audience members banged their heads along to the beefy, down-tuned guitar grooves of "Coming Undone."

After powering through performances of the songs "Y'all Want a Single," and "Make Me Bad," Davis disappeared off stage. Audience members cheered as he reemerged, bagpipes in hand, to play the opening chorus of "Shoots and Ladders."

The intense opening guitar riffs of the hit song "Blind" brought the audience members to their feet, as Davis screamed the signature opening lyrics, "are you ready?!"

He showed off his growling scat prowess during the frenzied, nonsensical lyrics of "Twist."

The band transitioned with a flurry of their hits including "Got the Life" and "Falling Away From Me."

To close out the night a cover of Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall"



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Korn bassist Reginald "Fieldy" Arvizu (left) and lead singer Jonathan Davis are basked in red light as they perform their newly-released single "Rotting in Vain."



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Three members of Skillet take center stage during their Aug. 20 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. (Left to right: Lead singer/bassist John Cooper, drummer Jen Ledger and guitarist Korey Cooper.)

preceded the energetic song "Freak on a Leash."

Opening for Korn were Christian hard rockers Skillet.

The band blitzed out of the gates with their hit songs "Whispers in the Dark," "Forsaken" and "Sick of It."

Next up were "Awake and Alive" and "Hero" off their platinum-selling album "Awake."

Prior to playing "It's Not Me, It's You," lead singer and bassist John Cooper took a small break to share an anecdote with the audience.

"We're Skillet and I can

promise you, if you're not having fun; it's not me, it's you," Cooper said.

The group also performed "Feel Invincible," "Not Gonna Die" and "Back from the Dead."

Hit songs "Comatose," "Monster" and "Rebirthing" were then performed to close out their set.

For more information on upcoming Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort shows, visit its website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com, "Like" its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle [SoaringEagle777](https://twitter.com/SoaringEagle777).



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Mahnoomin (wild rice) offers high nutritional value

SALLY VAN CISE
Nutritionist

Wild rice's popularity has increased in North America, but has diminished in many other parts of the world, simply due to inaccessibility.

Wild rice has a chewy outer sheath that holds the nutrient-dense grain inside, and this type of rice grows on short stalks in shallow water, and is harvested by humans for general consumption, as well as various types of aquatic animals.

Wild rice was depended on heavily by Native Americans, and was considered sacred to some tribes. It was extremely valuable due to its accessibility and high nutritive value, as well as the consistency of the

Let's Cook Mahnoomin! Basic Wild Rice Recipe

Makes six servings

Ingredients:

- ½ cup of dry wild rice
- ½ tsp of salt
- 1 tsp of butter (optional)

- 2 cups of water (can be substituted with 2 cups of chicken broth.)

Note: Wild rice uses a 4:1 ratio. Four cups of water to one cup of wild rice.

Instructions:

1. Add all ingredients to a two quart pot, with a lid, and bring to a slow boil.
2. Cook approximately 30 to 45 minutes checking frequently, or follow specific directions provided with the wild rice.
3. Remove from stove, and drain any remaining liquid.



Wild Rice, Berries and Maple Syrup

Makes six servings

Ingredients:

- 2 cups of hot cooked wild rice
- ½ cup sliced strawberries
- ½ cup blue berries

- ½ cup sliced raspberries
- ½ cup diced apples
- ½ cup blue berries
- ½ cup maple syrup

Instructions:

1. Mix all ingredients together and stir until well mixed.
2. Serve warm as is, or with a scoop of ice cream. It can also be served cold.



Substitutions: You may substitute 1 cup of brown sugar for 1 cup of maple syrup. You can also substitute a 12 oz. package of mixed frozen berries thawed to room temperature, or two cups total of your favorite berry and fruit mixture.

plant. When the grains are harvested, many other grains fall into the muddy soil beneath the water and grow for the following year.

Wild rice has gained a great deal of attention due to its high antioxidant, protein, mineral, and vitamin content, almost all of which are

considerably higher than traditional white rice.

Check out the two recipes (that were also featured at the Native Farmers' Market) for ways to enjoy manoomin: The wild rice, berries and maple syrup dish, and the wild rice and arugula salad.

According to Lee Sprague, who leads the Mahnoomin class at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, the wild rice, berries and maple syrup dish is often regarded as a traditional dish, offered in gratitude that the people survived the winter.

The dish represented the fact that the harvest was

plentiful enough the previous year, to provide nourishment for all, through the winter. The maple syrup and the berries are spring foods, gifts again from the earth.

Taste-testers agreed, it was a good idea to change the proportions, and use only half the amount of maple syrup.

The recipe is from a homemade booklet called "Mahnoomin: The Food That Grows on the Water, Teachers Resource Guide Supplement," created by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Advocates, LLC.

Free Health Risk Assessment for SCIT Members and employees with BCBS health insurance

TONI SMITH

Wellness Coordinator

SCIT Members and employees with Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance may receive a free health assessment, a new tool offered through Blue Cross and powered by WebMD.

Individuals should see their physician for an annual exam before taking the health assessment.

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Annual exams help patients receive important health information including blood pressure, total cholesterol, HDL & LDL, triglycerides, blood sugar, height, weight, and waist measurement. The numbers of this information are required for the assessment.

In order to login and create an account on www.bcbsm.com, a BCBSM ID card is needed.

Login and click the "Health/Wellness Tab" and then click the "Take Your Health Assessment Tab." The assessment takes about 15 minutes to complete.

After completion, personalized health score and health report, which could alert on potential health problems, are provided.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

JENNA WILCOX

RN, BSN, Women's Health Coordinator

With the kids heading back to school, you now have the chance to take time for yourself by completing your yearly women's health screening. Remember, you need to keep up on your health to make sure your family stays healthy and safe.

September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Ovarian cancer is found inside, near or on the outer layer of the ovaries (female reproductive organ.)

Symptoms of ovarian cancer may include, but are not limited to, bloating, trouble eating or the sensation of feeling full quickly, having abdominal or pelvic pain, feeling the need to urinate often and urgently, feeling fatigue, having an upset stomach and heartburn not related to food intake, having back pain, having pain during intercourse, constipation and menstrual changes.

Risk factors for ovarian cancer can include a personal family history of breast, ovarian or colon cancer, increased age and infertility.

Know the facts: All women are at risk for developing ovarian cancer. Symptoms exist, but can be very vague and increase over time. Early detection can increase your survival rate, a pap smear does not detect ovarian cancer, and one in 75 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer during their lifetime.

Remember, having your yearly women's health screening physical can help save your life. Please contact your primary care physician today to schedule your yearly screenings.

For more information, please visit www.ovarian.org or contact your medical provider today.

Purchased Referred Care Referral Policy & Guidelines

The Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Program is for medical/dental care provided away from an IHS or tribal health care facility. PRC is not an entitlement program, an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources (www.ihs.gov).

Referrals

1. If you are referred by Nimkee Medical or Dental to an outside provider you must take a referral every time.
2. If the outside provider cannot treat you and refers you to another provider, you must take a different referral to your appointment. Call PRC three days in advance to allow the paperwork to be prepared.
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Purchased Referred Care: 989.775.4633, Shelly Bailey: 989.775.4635, Marge Elliott: 989.775.4634, Jean Robinson: 989.775.4636

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule September 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		
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy	Belly Dance Deanna	Yoga Tammy	



The force awakens at the 21st annual Saganing Health and Safety Fair

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On July 21, the force was strong with participants who came out from a galaxy far, far away to the Star Wars-themed 21st annual Saganing Health and Safety Fair.

Jenny Trout, event organizer and public health nurse, said more than 400 participants and vendors attended.

“Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez did an excellent job as our emcee and coordinating the door prize drawings,” Trout said. “It is great to be able to provide the community with resources to assist with health and safety. In addition, it was wonderful to get all the departments and local agencies together and share knowledge and work together on a common goal.”

Trout said there was a little something for everybody – bounce houses and water slides for the kids and premium play



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Leelin Home Health Care show some "out of this world" spirit at the Star Wars-themed Saganing Health Fair.

from Saganing Eagles Landing Casino for adults.

“The bicycle drawing offered by Soaring Eagles Landing Casino, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Saganing Outreach Center had many people leave with a smile on their face,” Trout said. “The summer and Star Wars-themed music played by someone with a light saber dressed like a Jedi knight helped a lot too.”

Herosa Simon, an American Red Cross and AmeriCorps

member, who specializes in community engagement, enjoyed her first trip to the event and is already talking about coming back next year.

“The vendors were inviting, friendly and well prepared and knowledgeable with the information they were presenting to the community,” Simon said. “The times for the event were perfect... not too

early, and not too late.”

Don Nelson, director for the Saganing Outreach Center, said the event is one of the most anticipated events year for many district two and three tribal members.

“The Saganing Health and Safety Fair provides an opportunity for exposure to all the services open to people who live in Arenac County,” Nelson said. “It is an added bonus for our event to see so many Tribal department and employees



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Keagon Federic was riding high when he found he won a Spiderman BMX bike from the Tribal Police and Saganing Sgt. Luke Dixon.

who made the trip from Mount Pleasant to be with us.”

Tribal Council District Two Representative Ron Nelson went from booth to booth to personally thank the sponsors, vendors and departments, on behalf of the Tribe.

Booths from the Tribe included the Tribal Police, Andahwod Continuing Care & Elder Services, Housing, Behavioral Health, At-Large/



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Saganing youth Leona Card got a three-wheeled surprise as she won this tricycle from Officer Wade Spyker.

Member Services, Nimkee Public Health, LARA-BSBP, Victims of Crime Program, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Planning and Environmental Team, Saganing Sagamok, Eagles Landing Gift Shop, Cardinal Pharmacy, Eagle Valley Outfitters and Public Relations.

Crafters needed for Oct. 11 Feather Link Tea

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Women’s Health will be holding the Feather Link Tea this year on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

We would like to again invite all crafters including community

members, friends, and employees to contribute items to our silent auction benefiting Community Cancer Services.

Items can be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health any time prior to the event if you wish recognition in our

program; or to the Soaring Eagle Convention Center on the day of the event. We are accepting all handmade items.

Questions call Judy at 989-775-4629 or Jenna at 989-775-4604. We appreciate your donations!

September is mental well-being month

TONI SMITH

Wellness Coordinator

We all have to deal with stress in our lives. There are many healthy ways to handle stress. Try some of the following techniques to see which one works best for you:

1. Recognize the things you can’t change. Accepting that you can’t change certain things allows you to let go and not get upset.

2. If possible, avoid stressful situations.

3. Get in some exercise! Getting physical activity every day is one of the easiest -- and best ways to cope with stress.

When you exercise, your brain releases chemicals that make you feel good.

4. Do something you enjoy. When stress has you down, do something you enjoy to help pick you up. It could be as simple as reading a good book, listening to music, watching a favorite movie, or having dinner with a friend.

5. Learn new ways to relax. You can do some stretches or take some deep breaths.

6. Change your outlook. Try to develop a more positive attitude toward challenges.

7. Connect with loved ones. Spending time with family

and friends can help you feel better and relieve stress.

8. Get enough sleep. Getting a good night's sleep can help you think more clearly and have more energy. Aim for about seven to nine hours each night.

9. Eat a healthy diet. Eating healthy foods helps fuel your body and mind.

10. Learn to say no! If your stress comes from taking on too much at home or work, learn to set limits.

You can receive free phone counseling from Cigna EAP by calling 1-888-371-1125, if you are a SCIT employee.

Two Members Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board.
Two Health Advisory Board Members are needed.

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

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Will need Tribal Council approval.

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
2591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.

Local Community Fitness Events

- Sept. 5: Midland | BARC Labor Day Run
- Sept. 9: Mount Pleasant | Glow in the Park 5K
- Sept. 10: Alma | Snap Fitness Grand Prix 5K
- Sept. 11: St. Louis | Boots for Heroes 5K
- Sept. 17: Lansing | Capital City River Run
- Sept. 17: Alma | Step It Up Plaid Dash 5K
- Sept. 17: Brooklyn | Tough Mudder - Michigan
- Sept. 18: Harrison | Timber Trail Races
- Sept. 24: Saginaw | Wild Goose Chase
- Sept. 25: Frankenmuth | Powerman Michigan

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Andahwod residents, elders and community members enjoy a favorite summer treat

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On July 28, many of the Tribal Members who attended the annual homecoming community meeting went directly from the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall to the Andahwod Continuing Care & Elders facility to enjoy a favorite summer treat: ice cream.

Activity Assistant Elisa Schleder said this year's annual

Andahwod Ice Cream Social drew in more than 135 people.

The event was sponsored by At-Large/Member Services.

"It was a fun atmosphere and I believe everybody had a great time. It's always nice to see the people from out of town come to Andahwod over the powwow weekend," Schleder said.

Tribal Council members helped serve up the ice cream.

"Our program would like to thank Candace (Benzinger), Ronnie (Ekdahl), Kenny

(Sprague), Lindy (Hunt), Tim (Davis), Gayle (Ruhl) and Brent (Jackson) for taking time to come out after the community meeting," Schleder said.

Rosalie Maloney, administrator for Andahwod, said the event brought in old friends to laugh and reminisce.

"My eldest brother and I agreed at the community meeting to meet up at Andahwod afterward to sit down and visit," Maloney said. "My brother, my cousin and I had a good time

catching up with each other that day over a bowl of our favorite sundae toppings."

Dietary Lead Cook Damon Cornett said the event is a staff favorite. He said the food offerings do, however, take into account the medical needs of the elders.

"It's important that we look at menus that offer healthy alternatives to the residents and elders," Cornett said. "We served regular vanilla and chocolate ice cream as well as raspberry sherbet, sugar-free vanilla and fudge swirl ice cream. We served those in ice cream cups, in regular cones and waffle cones."

"We also featured toppings consisting of sprinkles, walnuts, cherries, pineapple, mountain mix, whipped topping, regular and sugar-free chocolate syrup, regular and sugar-free butterscotch regular and sugar-free caramel and regular and sugar-free chocolate chips," he said.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Council members Ronald Ekdahl, Candace Benzinger, Brent Jackson and Kenneth Sprague are ready to serve the elders and community.

Planning Department inspires Andahwod elders' window art project

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

It has been said that art can imitate life and images in the environment can be reflected in many ways.

On Aug. 12, the Andahwod Continuing Care & Elder Services facility welcomed the Planning Department as they went to work on transferring plate glass into a true work of art for everyone to enjoy.

Rosalie Maloney, administrator for Andahwod, said David Syckle, environmental resources technician and Taylor Hollis, watershed outreach coordinator, outlined six panels on large windows for the residents to paint.

"The project used tempera paint on the glass which easily washes off and we got the idea from looking at the windows at Ric's Food Store," Maloney said. "The residents are invited to finish painting the scenes whenever they feel like it."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The seven grandfathers and powwow dancers blend traditional teaching with environmental science at Andahwod.

On behalf of Andahwod, Maloney wished to thank the Planning Department "for the fun and creative art activity they provided."

Syckle said the project allowed their department to continue their mission of environmental education in a creative medium.

"We know our people are creative and visual and we can thank our elders for inspiring us to embrace many of those qualities," Syckle said. "The Planning Department came up with



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

David Syckle II makes a brush stroke as fellow artist Taylor Hollis continues her watershed mural.

images to highlight environmental themes that our Elders could relate to like summer gatherings at powwow, wildlife common to Michigan and the water resources that are so abundant here in our state."

Syckle said the project also allowed him to practice "his artistic talents for the benefits of others within the tribal community."

Andahwod July Employee fo the Month

KATHERINE REID

Elder Community Activities Assistant

Brittany Benson was selected as the July 2016 Employee of the Month by Andahwod residents. Brittany has worked at Andahwod as a dietary cook's aide for almost one year.

She was asked what she loved the most about working at Andahwod and her response was, "I love the residents and how much I have learned from them."

Brittany has also worked at the casino as a quick server for eight months.

Brittany has five brothers and one sister. She moved to Mount Pleasant with her daughter about three years ago. She lives with her boyfriend and his son. They all love to spend time together outside exploring the Reservation on their golf cart.

One of Brittany's favorite memories she has with her grandma was when she took her on vacation to Puerto Rico for a week.

Brittany really enjoys working at Andahwod and serving the residents. Some of the positive things the residents have said about Brittany are:



Courtesy of Andahwod

Brittany Benson

"Brittany takes the time to build a relationship with residents. She is friendly and outgoing." "Brittany is so cheerful!"

SEPTEMBER 2016 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1 Timothy Pete | 17 Barbara Huffine, David Otto, Kristine Smith, Lela Walker |
| 2 Jamie VanDerSteen | 18 Delmar Jackson Sr. |
| 3 Joyce Ervin, Diane Leksche, Mark Ojeda-Vasquez, Nancy Coleman, Bonnie Jackson, Alma Smith | 19 Michelle Garvey |
| 4 Garland Moses, Laura Schaad | 20 Raymond Fisher, Charles Jackson |
| 5 Genevieve Chippeway, Ronald Jackson, Jacqueline Baker, Sherry Obrecht, Tracey Olivier, Marion Roth | 21 Perry Bailey Jr., Lester Chippeway Sr., Michael Bearden, Brian Peters, Delores Smith |
| 6 Burt Hunt II, Christopher Fallis | 22 Frances Fisher, Melissa Highly, Cora Leauxaux, Lori Nahdee, Angela Peters, Mildred Allen, Robert Netmop |
| 7 Mark Chapoton, Elizabeth Hughes, Salina Jackson, Dianna Goodwin, Forrest Jackson, Robert Wayne Jr. | 23 Janet Hodges, Ruth MacGregor, Judith Mays, Louise Smith, Clarence Squanda |
| 8 Sharon Cole, Amelia Hinton, Florence White, Ramona Shawa, Barbara Bennett-Fleming | 24 Jerry Douglas, Selene Moore, Maurice Pego Jr., Theodore Stevens Sr., Garry Douglas, Sandra Rubin-Warner, Jeannette Shambo |
| 9 Dolly Rueckert Sr., Wilma Bennett, David Chatfield, Celeste Hamner, Janet Neilson | 25 Cynthia Floyd, Feliz Perez, LE Reed Jr., Rita Bills, Mark Godbey, Kevin O'Brien, Rose Raslich, Richard Starkey |
| 10 Judith Hunt, Kimberly Lewis, Patricia Tarkowski | 26 Matthew Seger, Keith Davis, Lucinda Graverette-Smith, Janet Kerns, Alexander Walraven |
| 11 Darlene Watkins | 27 Sheridan Pelcher, David Wilson, Tonia Bleuer, Carol Wheaton |
| 12 Myria Carr, Wayne Dutton | 28 Theresa Rubin, Fitzgerald Stevens |
| 13 William Davis, Darci Tucker, Loree Werth | 29 Agnes Flynn, Dianne Nelson, Nancy Cisneros, Marcella Wing |
| 14 Doreen Eggleston, Jeffrey Brown, Eugene Ives Jr. | 30 Donald Chippewa Sr., Sonja Sowmick |
| 15 Gary Rueckert Sr., Andrew Byce Sr., Kimberly Fisher | |
| 16 Tonya Crudup, Karen Gibson, Evelyn Grills, Sharll Hudson, Richard Nahgahgwon, Joseph Smith Sr. | |

Andahwod CCC & ES Events - September 2016

Euchre
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
Sept. 1 | 1 p.m.

Jewelry with Kay
Sept. 6 | 1 p.m.

Grandparents Day Celebration
Sept. 10

Elders Breakfast
Sept. 14 & 28 | 9 a.m.

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

Uncle Johns Cider Mill Craft Show Outing
Sept. 17 | Leaving at 10 a.m.
• Limited seating, sign up by Sept. 9

Saganing Bingo w/ Friends
Sept. 20 | Leaving at 9 a.m.
• Limited seating, \$5 fee.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



SEPTEMBER 2016 EVENT PLANNER

Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

Sept. 1, 2
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4850

Jake & Mary Pine: Traditional Healers

Sept. 1, 2 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Labor Day Picnic

Sept. 5 | 1 - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
 • Contact: 989-775-4149
 • Food, music, inflatables, games and prizes.
 • Games include: Tug-o-war, egg toss, corn hole toss, horseshoes and more.
 • Door prizes (must be present to win.)
 • Meal will be provided 3-5 p.m.
 • Bring your own potluck (side dish/dessert) to be entered into a special door prize drawing.

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Sept. 8, 22 | 3 - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4850

People's Traditional Powwow

Sept. 10 & 11 | Open to the public - free admission
 • Location: 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Medicine Wheel Teachings

Sept. 14 | 5 - 7 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Financial Workshop

Sept. 15 | 12 p.m.
 • Location: Housing Conference Room
 • Contact: 989-775-4552

Menopause Support Group

Sept. 16 | 12 - 3 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • Contact: 989-775-4654

Women's Support Group

Sept. 20 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4850

Run on the Rez

Oct. 15 | Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
 • Location: Tribal Operations Parking Lot
 • Contact: 989-775-4696
 • 5K starts at 10 a.m.
 • Kids 30 meter dash starts at 9:30 a.m.
 • Fee postmarked before Oct. 12: \$15, family rate: \$35
 • Fee postmarked after Oct. 12: \$20, family rate: \$40
 • First 150 registered participants receive a free T-shirt.
 • First 200 participants to finish 5K or one-mile run/walk receive a medal.

Employee Wellness Fair

Oct. 17 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. at SECR
 Oct. 18 | 3 - 11 p.m. at SECR
 Oct. 19 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at SELC
 • Contact: 989-775-5624
 • Raffle drawings, giveaway items, health education, food and fitness demos.
 • Open to all staff.

Paint the Rez Purple Color Run

Oct. 22 | 11 a.m., registration starts at 10 a.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4896
 • 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness walk/run

2016 Friday Night Skins Game

Registration: 5 p.m., Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.
 • Pleasant Hills: Sept. 2, 23, 30
 • Waabooz Run: Sept. 9, 16
 • Contact: 989-817-4802

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
Curbside Collection Delay Curbside Collection will be delayed one day during the Labor Day holiday week. Trash that is picked up on Thursday will be picked up Friday. Trash that is picked up on Friday will be picked up Saturday.		● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.	1 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sasiwaans Parent Orientation 6 p.m.	2 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.	3 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 4 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
	5 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	6 SCA First Day of School Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 7 p.m.	7 Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle Andahwod 7 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. SCA Parent Advisory Meeting SCA Cafeteria 5 p.m.	8 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	9 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.
12 Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	13 OK2SAY Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative Presentation SCA Cafeteria 5:30 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 7 p.m.	14 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.	15 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	16 Tribal Observer Deadline 5 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.	17 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 18 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.

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.

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.

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 MCOLES cer-

tified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards.

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 GPA. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Certified Aide

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan.

Dentist

Open to the public. Minimum requirements include DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school and a Michigan

Dental License. Duties include the provision of dental services associated with a general dentistry clinic to patients served at the facility assigned, or to any other facility or program where the Tribe provides services in accordance with privileges granted.

Dietary Cook Aide PT

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere.

Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teaching Certification. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

Physical Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education with a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate; educational emphasis in physical education and two years' experience in teaching pre-k to sixth grade physical education classes. Or a bachelor's degree in a related field such as health, fitness, recreation or sports with two years' experience working with school age children.

Sasiwaans Early Childhood Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field required. Candidate must possess a valid State of Michigan Early Childhood Certification and/or ZS Endorsement. Prefer two years of experience and/or combination of related experience and training in early childhood education.

Reading/Math Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate. RTI experience required in reading and math.

Compensation Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business, human resources or related field with four years of compensation experience specifically in job evaluation, market salary analysis and salary survey participation and interpretation.

Warehouse Clerk PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required. One year of warehouse experience preferred.

Chief Financial Officer

Open to the public. Must have a bachelor's degree in accounting and CPA. M.B.A. preferred. Must have 10 years experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for multi-faceted direction and planning required. Must have five years experience as a CFO or Controller/Comptroller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization. Five years experience with casino accounting and financial reporting in a Tribal organization preferred.

SECR

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 Warehouse 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 license 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.

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.

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.

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.

Line Cook - Pastry

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.

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Some accounting

experience preferred. Must be able to deal with the public in a professional manner.

Guest Room Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred.

Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred.

Grounds Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have a minimum of a two year college degree in related field or three years experience in a landscaping or professional lawn care environment.

Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Applicants must pay a \$400 fee for training. This fee can be payroll deducted at \$50 per week.

SELC

Waitstaff (level 1) PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Saganing Bartender PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

115 For Sale

Estate Sale

ESTATE SALE: Sept. 8-10, "Yogi" Jackson had several nice collections including Native American art and artifacts. Selling entire household including: furniture, tools, trailers, housewares lots of interesting things, pre-paid tag sale for most items. Silent auction of select items begins Thursday and ends on Friday. Auction items include; John Deere Gator, Cub Cadet lawn tractor LTX1040, 80 gal air compressor, golf cart, 59 Bel Air car, vintage Hoosier style cabinet, Sligh grandfather clock, mobility cart, antique curio cabinet, 2007 Lincoln Mark LT truck, more. Open Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 3640 Sweetgrass Mt. Pleasant (in Little Elk estates).

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American Indian Sobriety Month events inspire recovery throughout the Reservation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

August on the Reservation has the distinction for many years as American Indian Sobriety Month and a myriad of events inspiring recovery brought families and Tribal departments together.

The July 30 Freedom Walk, on powwow weekend, served as a kickoff event, followed by a successful Behavioral Health open house and backyard family BBQ.

Tours of the facility and a chance to meet all the Behavioral Health staff was all part of the day.

Prevention Specialist Kevin Ricketts said the hot August heat didn't affect the outcome of the event.

"We had lots of people that showed up to observe our facility and the many programs we offer," Ricketts said. "At the same time, they got to enjoy some great food and community fellowship. I am really looking forward to next year and, if I might say so, the ribs were delicious."

Seventh Generation joined AISM by hosting their cultural niibing (summer) feast on Aug. 3, and SCIT Recreation held court at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel on Aug. 10.

On Aug. 12, Maple Creek was the site for the AISM Golf Tournament.

Prevention Specialist Jennifer Crawford said Consuelo Gonzalez, administrative assistant for SECR Marketing, brought back the AISM golf outing.

"While it was a smaller tournament, we hope to see it grow each year and are so excited to see it back," Crawford said. "The AISM outing was a great



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Tahlia Alonzo applies white frosting to her Cupcake Wars entry.



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Behavioral Health Intake Specialist Lacie Kelly displays a tray of cupcakes for the artists to decorate.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Nicole McLaughlin is gearing up for the school year, recruiting students for the Nijikewehn Mentor Program at the AISM Open House.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Kat Pierce shows a steady hand as she decorates her entry in Cupcake Wars.

example of a sober, family-friendly activity and we were so excited to see the golfers out there today."

AISM traveled to the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on Aug. 16 to join the Nimkee Healthy Start Program at the Family Spirit Celebrating Dads event.

Child nurses Anna Hon and Helen Williams and fellow Public Health staffer Judy Davis greeted the families as they enjoyed a cookout along with swimming, fishing and paddle boating.

"The morning started out very rainy but by the time our event was starting, the skies were clear, the temperature was nice and warm and the families came. It was a wonderful way to celebrate dads," Hon said. "Anishinabe Outreach Language Specialists Isabelle Osawamick and Margaret Flamand from ALRD provided Ojibwe language plinko and we all came together to eat. There's an old saying 'the family that eats together stays together.'"

Hon gave a "Budgeting for My Family" lesson from the Family Spirit Curriculum. She said there was a lot of interaction throughout the lesson where families discussed ways to save money, make money and how to make a budget you could live by.

The event for dads reported the presence of a father has a positive impact in many ways. Studies show that children with fathers or positive male role models have fewer behavioral problems, obtain better academic results, and are economically better off.

Tribal youth and families flocked into the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Aug. 17 to see first-hand on what cupcake wars was all about. The young and young at heart had a friendly competition where Crawford, Hon, Behavioral Health Clinical Therapist Amy Kisel and Intake Specialist Lacie Kelly provided plain cupcakes ready to decorate.

"I was excited to be a part of bringing this event to AISM," Kisel said. "I enjoy



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AISM Golf Tournament winners (left to right) Philemon "Bean" Sprague, Consuelo Gonzalez, Jennifer Crawford and Steven Wassegijig shot a -12 under par at Maple Creek.

baking and decorating and was happy to expose the kids to this fun hobby. I was amazed at the creativity of all of the kids who participated. It was also nice to see the adults supporting the kids as they went through each round. Being the official judge was the hardest job because all the kids did so amazing but everyone left with a cupcake and a smile so I would say it was a success!"

Kelly said she was thankful to be part of the AISM committee who are committed to bringing quality programming for our youth and families.

"The AISM committee hosted cupcake wars to give the youth an opportunity to participate in our version of the popular television show. We had 17 youth (in three age divisions) showcase their creativity and talents," Kelly said. Parents and staff were amazed as they made some delicious



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ALRD Administrative Assistant Rhonda Quigno shows off her earring design during the AISM Beading Workshop.

creations. It was definitely a fun afternoon full of frosting, fondant, and sprinkles!"

The concept of cupcake wars can be seen on the nationally syndicated television show found on the Food Network.



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ALRD Primary Language Immersion Specialist Margaret Flamand demonstrates language plinko game to Tribal youth.



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Proud parents Cecilia and Chase Stevens share a moment on Grewe's Lake at the AISM Family Spirit Celebrating Dads picnic.



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Cooks Shad Tarver (front) and Coach Kevin Ricketts man the grill as they delight the crowd with mouth-watering BBQ ribs.



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Clinical Therapist and Cupcake Wars judge Amy Kisel looks over some tasty entries.



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Behavioral Health staffers (left to right) Sarah Winchell-Gurski, Debbie Robb, Elizabeth Evans and Camille Sumpter offer smiles and tours of their facility.