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Severe flooding affects Tribal community, Isabella County

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Isabella County received an unprecedented amount of rain in a short period of time on Thursday evening, June 22, resulting in severe flooding throughout the community.

On Friday, June 23, Isabella County Board of Commissioners Chairman George Green declared a state of emergency.

That same evening, Gov. Rick Snyder's office declared an emergency/disaster for Isabella County. The declaration will allow for State assistance and resources to be deployed throughout the county, including within the Reservation.

At a June 28 press conference at the Isabella County Emergency Operations Center, it was reported Isabella County private property accumulative damages total \$39,109,285 which includes homes, businesses and nonprofit organizations.

Public property accumulative damages total \$26,994,067,

a portion includes preliminary damage reports from the Tribe.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates a substantial loss of crops financially impacting farms and the agricultural economy totaling \$21,142,250.

Several roads in Isabella County are "closed indefinitely" due to damage in the area.

Isabella County Central Dispatch said "there are 100 miles of roadway that have been severely impacted by high water."

"Please remember that multiple roads and trails in Isabella County are closed and barricaded," said Margaret McAvoy, administrator/controller for Isabella County. "Please do not remove the barricades or drive around them. Also, please be aware that there are spontaneous sink holes occurring. Please drive with caution."

The Central Michigan District Health Department wishes to warn the public that wells and swimming pools that have been submerged by flood water should be inspected by a professional.

Local and state law enforcement agencies reported the Chippewa River is currently unsafe and should not be accessed in any way until further notice.

The Isabella County Office of Emergency Management is warning all residents about the dangers of hiring unlicensed contractors who often prey on natural disaster victims. Residents should work with their insurance company when hiring contractors. Residents should ask for proof of Michigan licensure and insurance from the contractors.

Due to damage in the Tribal Operations basement, the following departments have been relocated until further notice:

Per Capita staff is temporary located in the Tribal Operations Old Conference Room and may be reached at (989) 775-4142.

Amber Brooks, per capita and accounting administrative assistant, is located in the Business Regulations department. She may be reached at (989) 775-4040.

The Accounting department has moved to the Black Elk Building.

According to Kim Otto McCoy of the Planning Department, Granger (trash and recycle pick up) reported it will service what it can each week to catch up to normal amounts of trash.

Bulk items are limited for members to one per week. Granger may not be able to take bulk items during the first pick up, due to missing collection during the week of the floods.

Granger reported it will service the cart and bagged trash in amounts that allows it to service as many Tribal Members as possible.

Throughout the next two or three weeks, Granger will begin to take extra items and bulks.

Meanwhile, Tribal Members may drop off trash or bulk items at the Granger Disposal Center in Alma, at 2355 Michigan Ave., for no or minimal cost. Tribal Members must present their I.D. to show their addresses for Granger's records.

June 30 groundbreaking occurs for Saganing Casino expansion

ERIK RODRIGUEZ
Interim Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and several Tribal representatives attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the expansion of Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, Mich.

The planned expansion includes the addition of a new five-story hotel with 148 guest rooms and a hospitality suite, a full-service restaurant, additional square footage for retail space and an increased gaming floor with accommodations for more than 400 additional slot machines.

The ground-breaking ceremony took place on Friday, June 30, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, just west of the existing casino entrance.

The Tribal and local community were welcomed to join in the opportunity to hear about the planning and vision of the project with updates of phase one construction from the General Contractor, Spence Brothers.

JCJ Architecture and Rowe Engineering were also on site and provided insight and renderings of the project.

The estimated completion timeline for the expansion

is approximately 18 months, with a grand opening slated for early 2019.

"This expansion further solidifies our presence in our aboriginal territory and shows our commitment to the community and economic growth for the region," said Chief Frank J. Cloutier. "I am very proud of our abilities and our staff for all that they do to make the Saganing Eagles Landing one of the most preferred places to visit. Chi-miigwetch to all of our patrons for your visits,

and soon-to-be your play and stay experience. There are so many possibilities for a brighter future and with continued collaboration we will look forward to enjoying them together."



Courtesy of JCJ Architecture
A conceptual design of the proposed Saganing hotel.



2017 Homecoming

Community Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2017 • SECR Entertainment Hall

Doors open at 9 a.m. • Breakfast served at 10 a.m.

*All Tribal Members welcome, must show Tribal ID. **Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.



Delores M. Stillson

Nov. 14, 1950 – June 18, 2017

Delores M. Stillson, age 66, of Grand Haven passed away Sunday, June 18, 2017.

Delores was born Nov. 14, 1950 in Saginaw to Matthew Collins and Velma Guy.

Delores was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She was an avid reader, enjoyed remodeling homes and most of all, being a grandma. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her son, Joseph (Alicia) Ives; four grandchildren: Nicholas, David, Lily, and Amanda; one great-grandson, Domminic; sister, JoAnn Clark; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her son, Matthew Burns, and daughter, Laura Klepper; and several brothers and sisters.

A celebration on Delores's life was held on June 21 at The VanZantwick Chapel in Grand Haven. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.



Linda Sue Hudak

April 25, 1949 – June 5, 2017

Linda Sue Hudak, age 68, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, June 5, 2017, at the MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland.

Linda was born on April 25, 1949, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Edward Hudak and Arlene Jackson.

She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Linda enjoyed attending powwows, bead working, going to casinos, playing bingo, and had many special friends, who she considered family.

Linda is survived by her children, Victoria Fisher, Victor Bailey, Shelly (Joie Reihl) Bailey, Dennis (Donna) Bailey, and Tonia (Keith) Jewell; grandchildren, Randy, Daniel, and Jeremy Fisher, Cori Edward Bailey, Nicki Saum, Kelly Woodworth, Heather Foster, and Thomas Foster, Tony Bailey, and Cassandra Thelen, Jade Pelcher, Aaron and Adam Jewell; siblings, twin-sister, Mrs. Gilberto Brenda Franco, Kim Aasved, and Darlene Wilson; special friend, Jesse Servantez; aunt, Ruth Lenhart; uncles, Lorne and Stewart Jackson; and many cousins.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Patricia Wilson and Deb Anderson; grandchildren, Zane Jewell, Andres Pelcher, and Jaxon Saum.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on June 8 with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen.



Antonio Hernandez Jr.

Nov. 26, 1981 – May 30, 2017

Antonio Hernandez Jr., age 35, of Rosemount, Minn., formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Tony was born Nov. 26, 1981 in Grand Rapids to Antonio Hernandez Sr. and Paula Hart.

He was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Tony married Cassandra Balsimo on Sept. 28, 2013 in Merced, Calif.

Tony was a loving, funny guy who loved his family. He enjoyed watching Kali and Sicily play sports, and loved all sports especially anything that Detroit represented.

Tony is survived by his wife Cassandra Hernandez of Rosemount, Minn.; stepchildren Kali Balsimo and Sicily Balsimo; expectant son Antonio John Hernandez; his parents Antonio Hernandez Sr. and Paula Hart both of Grand Rapids; grandparents Nifa and Nieves Hernandez of Grand Rapids; brothers Alex Hernandez and Juan Hernandez both of Mt. Pleasant; sister Maria Hernandez of Grand Rapids; close family members Robert Hart, Bobby Hart, Johnny Wemigwans, Tommy Wemigwans; parents in law Richard and Kim Balsimo of St. Paul, Minn. and Diane and Jack McCarthy of Redwing, Minn.; brothers and sisters in law Raquel Turner, Jennifer Bateman, Matthew Balsimo, Douglas Balsimo, and Ricky Balsimo.

Tony was preceded in death by his grandparents John and Joyce Hart; aunts Angela Wemigwans and Debra Vidana; uncle Paul Hart, brother-in-law Austin Turner; cousin Anthony Towns, and nephew Malakhi John Bondon.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on June 3 with Steve Pego officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



SCTC Stem Summer Camp

12-5 p.m. | SCTC East Building

For 4th - 8th graders or ages 9-15.

Six week schedule

- Week 1: July 6 | Science
- Week 2: July 13 | Technology
- Week 3: July 20 | Engineering
- Week 4: July 27 | Art
- Week 5: Aug. 3 | Mathematics

To register, please contact:

Kathy Hart at Khart@sagchip.org or 989.775.4123

Deadline: July 5, 2017 by 5 p.m.

(Limited to first 20 registrants)

2018 Annual Reports are now available.

They will be available at the **Homecoming Community Meeting** on July 27, 2017.

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

Tribal Children Welfare Program Affidavits

will be available starting July 3

Deadline:

Aug. 4, 2017 by 5 p.m.

(No postmarked or faxed affidavits accepted.)

Tribal Clerk's office will be open

Friday, Aug. 4 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesdays

June - October | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items for sale include:

Seasonal produce, handmade soap, baked goods, eggs, maple syrup, beaded/sculpted/natural art.

For more information, please contact:

Brandon Schultz, Market Master

• Phone: 989.775.4663 • Email: bschultz@sagchip.org

IN LOVING MEMORY

ERIC LEE HUNT

MARCH 1, 1976-JULY 18, 2013

Love, the Hunt Family

Attention Tribal community:

The Ziibwiing Cultural Society acquired seven cement statues in 1998: Five Indian chief busts, two Indian chiefs and two bears have been deaccessioned from the Ziibwiing Center's permanent collection. These objects have been decorated with lead paint and represent a potential hazard to persons handling them.

A public auction will be held Friday, Aug. 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. for interested buyers.

All sales will be made through sealed bidding. The winning bid will be responsible for pickup. All proceeds from the sales will support Ziibwiing's collections, acquisitions and/or conservation.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

6954 E BROADWAY, MT PLEASANT, MI
TEL: 989-775-4700

OWN IT?

Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program promoting safe firearm handling and storage practices through the distribution of free, cable-style locks. We are doing our part to promote safe storage, but we need your help! Call for details!

LOCKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Powwow Workers Needed

- Tribal Members only.
- \$100 a day, for five days.
- Must work all five days.

First preference is a non-employed Tribal Member and part-time employed Tribal Members.

Days and Shifts

- Thursday, July 27 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Friday July 28 | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Saturday July 29 | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday July 30 | 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Monday July 31 | 8 a.m. - 42 p.m.

Open dates: June 13 - July 7, 2017

Applications available online at:

www.sagchip.org

For assistance, please contact:

Lou Bruner, Anishinabe Workforce Developer
Phone: 989.775.0053



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda, anyone wanting to be added can call 989-775-4003.

Regular Council Session Dates

- July 11
- Aug. 1
- Sept. 5



We're so proud of you Norm
Love Mom & Dad

Timber Town Playscape 2.0 opened in Island Park

SCIT PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Timber Town 2.0 Playscape grand opening took place on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Island Park in downtown Mount Pleasant.

The occasion acknowledged those whose support helped make the upgraded playscape a reality. This was a community effort and could not have been accomplished without the tremendous amounts of community volunteers.

This community playscape is not only used by city residents, but by community members from all over the region.

The Tribe provided a helping hand in a variety of ways.

Tribal Council awarded the City of Mt. Pleasant's Park & Recreation department \$75,000, through the semi-annual 2 percent distribution, to help fund the project.

The Tribe was also eager to help and worked collaboratively with the United Way in securing more than 45 volunteers to help with the actual build.

Volunteers included employees from both Tribal Operations and Migizi. They helped with tasks that included things from putting slides and tunnels together to supplying and filling in areas with more mulch than you could imagine.

All-in-all it was a smooth process and the entire build took approximately three days.

The City also requested the Tribe give input on a cultural component within the new playscape. Through brainstorming sessions, it was determined that the best place to add that cultural significance would be on the original pavilion that is utilized as a sitting area for parents while their children play.

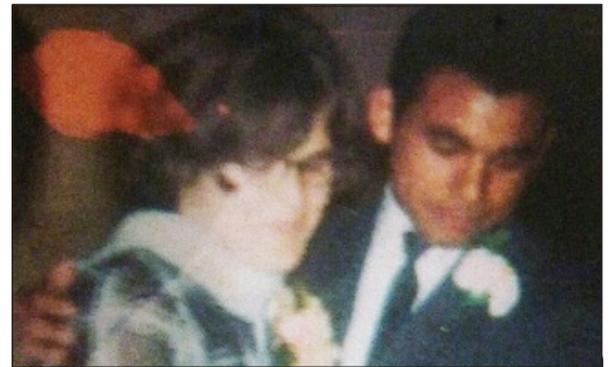
The pavilion has eight sides so the seven grandfather teachings of the culture were incorporated along with a welcome sign. The seven teachings are displayed in both Ojibwe and English around the top of the pavilion, and in the center it is explained what the teachings represent.

The woodwork and signage was created by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Woodshop department.

"It was great that the City reached out and asked the Tribe to incorporate a culturally-significant aspect. We felt that it would be a great opportunity to bring an educational awareness component and something more than just a visual representation of the culture," said Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez. "This pavilion will help educate many and generate awareness about our culture and we are proud to share it with the community."

Unfortunately, the playscape has been affected by the recent floods in Mount Pleasant. At Tribal Observer press time, Island Park is currently closed but officials are hopeful it will available to the public again shortly.

Once re-opened to the public the playscape will be available during regular park hours, so please feel free to bring family members and enjoy the benefits of a project that truly represents its community.



Happy Anniversary!
Fred & Bonnie Cantu
July 27, 2017
Love, Your Family

PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

To the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
Tip Line: 989.775.4775

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum
Every third Thursday of the month
No Monthly Forum in July!
Upcoming dates:
• Aug. 17 • Sept. 21 • Oct. 19
7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Monthly Forums are more of an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.

Support Groups
Every first Thursday of the month
Upcoming dates:
• July 6 • Aug. 3 • Sept. 7 • Oct. 5
7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room
Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.

For more information, please contact:
• Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
• Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003



TRIBAL MEMBERS

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe to SCIT

SCIT VENDORS WANTED

Michigan Indian Elders Conference
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
1 - 3 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

If interested please call:
Sheligh Jackson at 989.775.4307
or the Andahwod front desk at 989.775.4300.

- Spots are limited and selected by first availability.
- Vendor fee: \$25
- Set-up time: 12 p.m.

2016 Native Farmers Market Summary



1800 Total Visits in 2016

50% of visitors lived within 3 Miles

80% Drive / **20% Walk**

\$11.36 Average spent per visit

75% buy produce from the market

68% eat more produce because of market

75% of visitors identify as Native American

Market Day Sales
Dollar amounts for all vendors in each category

- \$220** Produce vendors
- \$60** Processed food vendors
- \$120** Artisans



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www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Tribal Council

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Frank J. Cloutier, District 3

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Council Member

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Council Member

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Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

Attention Tribal elders and community members:

The Tribal Council and the Elders Advisory Board are in support of a research study to better understand drugs, alcohol and addiction.

If there are any elders in the community who would be interested in participating in the study by sharing how alcohol and/or drug use has changed over time, please share this opportunity.

There are interview office hours for elders at Andahwod on Tuesdays from 2:15 to 4 p.m.

Interviews are open to any tribal community members, 18 years of age or older, that are interested in sharing their knowledge or experience of addiction.

Interview office hours are available at Behavioral Health on Thursdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

The study is in need of more men volunteers, as only 20 percent of volunteers have been male.

Those that participate in the study will receive a \$40 Meijer gift card or gas card!

Interviews are being conducted now until mid-August.

For questions or to schedule an interview, please contact Kehli Henry at henry1ka@msu.edu. You may also call or text **989-859-5601**. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for a response.

Tribal Fire personnel complete wild land fire training

FRED CANTU JR.

Fire Chief

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire personnel attended the S-212 Saw class held at the Tribal Fire Department.

Personnel that attended the three-day training that began Thursday, June 15-17 are on the Fire Department's wild land fire program.

The individuals were taught a number of techniques that are used to bring down trees and potential fuel load during a wild land fire. The techniques included proper cut and placement of trees, safety, PPE, blade sharpening, etc.

The training was taught by an outside instructor from Wisconsin certified for the S-212 program.

All personnel passed the program that finished up on that Saturday at about 3 p.m.



Courtesy of Fred Cantu Jr.

Tribal firefighters pose for a photo during their three-day training. (Back row, left to right) Willie Bailey III, Brandon Kelly, Ryan Chippewa, Shane Boutwell, and the training instructor. (Front row, left to right) Jeremy Woods, Sgt. Brian Kelly and Noah Schout.

Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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

Tribal Court offering once-a-year motion fee for reduced payments

TRIBAL COURT STAFF

Many times with changes in income, financial responsibilities can be taxing. People are hesitant to contact the Tribal Court and ask for their payments to be lowered; either in fear on all the legal wording, how to properly fill out a form or the process can be confusing.

The Tribal Court is here to help. The Court is waiving a once-a-year motion fee for reduced payments for Tribal Members only, which will include child support.

To file a motion to request your payments to be lowered, fill out the form, along with a case number.

File the motion with the Tribal Court Clerk's office.

A court date will be scheduled for you to appear for the matter to be placed on the record.

Bring in your financial records for the court date. If the court decision renders in your favor, it will be processed accordingly. It may take a couple of weeks to reflect the changes in your pay stub.

Please remember when you decrease payments, it will take longer to pay off the debt incurred. There is a \$50 motion fee with filing after the first initial request and takes effect July 1, 2017.

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010, or email: observer@sagchip.org. To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
c/o Tribal Observer
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at **989-775-4010 for more information.**

Announcements - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs \$10 and is open to Tribal members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are \$20.

Political ads - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is \$500. Political ads may include, but are not limited to: any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature, and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

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Three tribal judges visit SCIT Tribal Court to conduct BIA assessment

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council welcomed an opportunity to be one of the six Tribes across Indian Country to have the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs conduct an assessment of the Tribal Court on June 19-22.

Chief Frank Cloutier and Tribal Council met with the Hon. Eric Mehnert, chief judge at the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court of Indian Island, Maine, in Council Chambers on June 19 with SCIT Court Judge Patrick Shannon and senior court staff attending.

“When I first heard, in April, of the opportunity for a judicial review from the BIA in the form of an independent assessment, Tribal Council was pleased to be one of the few selected and invited to take an active role in the program,” Cloutier said. “Judge Mehnert informed Council that the three judges assigned as BIA outside contractors for the assessment were reviewing court policies, procedures and the court’s successful Healing to Wellness Court program. As a Council, we are committed

to providing the best possible governmental services for our Tribal Members and that includes our judiciary.”

Mehnert, who also sits on the bench as wellness judge for the Hopi Tribe of Arizona, was accompanied by the Hon. Mark Esqueda, chief judge of the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and the Hon. Shannon Edwards, Supreme Court judge of the Oklahoma Osage Nation.

Mehnert said he sees many similarities between his wellness court and SCIT’s Healing to Wellness court.

“Tribes work really well with putting together a ‘braided services’ approach which allows all the different departments to have input in problem solving for individuals who are challenged by addiction,” Mehnert said. “At the Penobscot Nation, we have two cultural advisors who sit as part of our wellness team and one of the first recommendations they made was to mention how a four-page program isn’t culturally relevant. So, we renamed our four phases after the four directions and the four traditional medicines (tobacco, sage, cedar and sweetgrass).”

Mehnert said “SCIT Tribal leadership is committed to the development of a problem-solving court.”

“What I saw was a real deep commitment to wellness,” he said. “I am impressed with what you (SCIT) have as resources like your treatment facility, your medical facility and the commitment I’ve seen from the various departments our team has talked to.”

The judges conducted individual interviews with Tribal Court personnel, the Healing to Wellness Court Committee members and several departments – Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, Behavioral Health, ACFS and Tribal Police – that interact with Tribal Court on a regular basis.

“The assessment is really a chance for Tribal Members and stakeholders of the system to offer their thoughts on what the court does well, where it has some challenges and where it can make some improvements so it can better serve the community,” Shannon said.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Chief Frank Cloutier (far left) and Tribal Council share a moment with Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon (seated, far right) and visiting Penobscot Nation Chief Judge Eric Mehnert in Council chambers.

Shannon said “when the information all comes together and is shared, we can see a lot of growth toward what is being done within the Tribal court.”

“It is truly an innovative process and, according to what we have heard from the assessment team, we are on the cutting edge of what is being done with Tribal Healing to Wellness courts across the country,” Shannon said.

Esqueda has conducted many assessments with other tribes, and said he “hopes the BIA congressional mandate to conduct assessments will leave tribes with a document that will be useful and provide recommendations to the court.”

“I find myself learning from the stakeholders in each assessment I do and I learn something

new from each tribe and court system I have had the pleasure of assessing. It’s a two-way street in that regard and a rewarding experience for me,” Esqueda said.

Esqueda said SCIT is huge when compared to the 750-800 Lac Vieux Desert Band members, and 280 of those live on the reservation.

“I see common thread running through the issues, the problems with substance abuse and we hear a lot about what’s happening with the prescription drug addiction and abuse that goes on. It is prevalent and is an epidemic within the tribes, regardless of what reservation you live on,” Esqueda said. “Hopefully, the assessment document will provide insight on what can be done to help your (SCIT) efforts.”

ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM

6650 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI
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MONDAY-SATURDAY
10am-6pm

2017 Native Fest
A Celebration of North American Indian Culture

GRAND PRIZE: \$1,000 in Gift Cards

INDIAN CAR BINGO
Tuesday, July 25
6-9pm

Registration starts at 4:30pm
\$20 per person
Fabulous prizes

All proceeds will support educational and cultural programming at the Ziibiwing Center.

COLLECTION SHOWING
On display July 24 thru July 29
Smokey Joe Jackson Wood Carvings

CAR BINGO CO-SPONSORS:

INDIAN ELVIS RETURNS!!

MUSIC & COMEDY NIGHT
Wednesday, July 26 • 6-9pm

Kids' Bouncers • Pony Rides • Balloon Animals • Petting Zoo • \$5 Caricatures

- **Free Dinner** 6:05pm-6:30pm
- **Comedy Show** 6:30-7:00pm • Comedy Slam (Youth & Adult)
- **Family Fun** 7pm-7:15pm • Hula Hoop Contests 7:15pm-7:35pm • Elvis Song Contest 7:40pm-8pm • Elvis Best Moves Contest
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Youth Council and elders bring gift to Native American college student organization

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Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

The Youth Council and Elders Advisory Board traveled to Traverse City on May 13 to gift the Native American Student Organization at Northwestern Michigan College.

A Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe flag was gifted at a presentation during the first outdoor “Honoring Our Graduates” Traditional Powwow. It was presented to Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians student Kelsey Wabanimkee, the organization’s president.

“I think having the flags of many tribal nations offer a support system that can be seen by students when they come to campus; it is a reminder of where they came from and the challenge it took on how hard they worked to get here,” Wabanimkee said. “Sharing these flags with the other nations and the students creates a network of support around them. We want to encourage students from outside the area to come to campus, and that’s why it’s important to see the SCIT Youth Council being here with us – they could be our future students.”

Wabanimkee said “the challenge for any Native student organization is to get the community involved with cultural events.”

“It’s nice to be able to spend time with tribal members from other communities and we can find that we all have that common ground of wanting to keep our traditions alive,” Wabanimkee said.

The event was the second college-sponsored powwow in the university’s history and was co-sponsored by Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa.

Paul Syrette, of Wolf Clan from Batchewana Bay First Nations Canada, served as head male dancer; and Samantha TwoCrow, of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa, was the head female dancer.

“I always like coming Up North because I live in Kalamazoo now and I like coming to powwow in this area because people are really nice here,” Syrette said. “The morning rain gave us a little blessing but it’s sure turned out to be a nice, sunny day. It’s nice to see how the language is coming back to our people and the college students here.”

For its upcoming fall semester, the college is offering four credits in either language or humanities for those who take the Anishinaabemowin class.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Youth Council and Elders Advisory Board members pose for a photo during their May 13 visit to Northwestern Michigan College.

The course marks the first time in 20 years where Native language will be added to the course curriculum.

“The next generation and our past generation needs to keep this beautiful part of who we are alive,” Syrette said. “My daughter and my son out west are doing their part to keep our language alive. It’s a big part of our traditions and teachings and I commend the students here for embracing it at the powwow and in their classes.”

The Spirit Lake Singers served as the host drum with Swift Voice, Dusty Bear and the Peshawbestown Community Drum sharing duties in the arbor.

Head veteran Anthony “Tony” Davis, elder of Little Traverse Bay Band, led the eagle town post #120 color

guard into the arena.

Okima I David Perez (U.S. Army), member of Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Warrior Veterans Society; and Larry Verga (U.S. Air Force) carried in the eagle staffs and the colors of the SCIT nation.

“I can feel the patriotism... and respect coming back to our veterans when the people come out and thank us for our service to the country we love,” Verga said. “... People remember those Vietnam veterans who didn’t get a welcome home and for them, they feel more respected now than they were before. This is good for the students to be a part of this powwow tradition and it is similar to powwows across the country.”

Turtle Clan elder Isadore Toulouse, from Wikwemikong

First Nations Canada, served as the emcee.

“We have enough of our own Anishinaabe people – our lawyers, doctors and teachers who can share the knowledge of who we are. Too much of our history has been told by others and we get a chance on this campus from this Native student organization to educate the non-Native public,” Toulouse said. “As a powwow emcee, it’s my responsibility as a historian to bring our language and teachings into the powwow grounds and let people know how important these ceremonies are. I think we’re educated enough to share what we know and much of that information is not written... it must be experienced in sacred songs, dances and storytelling like we see today.”

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SCIT Housing Department hosts overdose prevention training workshop

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According to reports, opioid overdoses now kill more people than car crashes.

On May 25, the Housing Department served as host for an overdose prevention training workshop by Harm Reduction Michigan of Traverse City.

The workshop, presented by Harm representatives Maya Doe-Simkins and Andrew Fessenden, was coordinated through efforts by Kim Hinmon, board member of Families Against Narcotics and support tech for Behavioral Health's Residential Treatment Center.

Harm is a volunteer nonprofit recovery community organization grounded in harm reduction philosophy. Its mission is to aid drug users to make any positive changes in their lives.

Hinmon contacted Harm after the three overdoses last December and January.

"Working here in recovery, we spend a lot of time working with and learning with addicts. It isn't an easy job," Hinmon said. "Losing previous clients, friends and family members was starting to take its toll on me; it takes its toll on our program."

Narcan is considered an opiate antidote. Opioids include heroin and prescription pain pills like morphine, codeine, oxycodone, methadone and Vicodin.

When a person is overdosing on an opioid, breathing can slow down or stop, and it can be very hard to wake them from this state.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Harm Reduction Michigan representatives Andrew Fessenden (left) and Maya Doe-Simkins (right) educate the community at the May 25 overdose training workshop.

Naloxone is a prescription medicine that blocks the effects of opioids and reverses an overdose. It cannot be used to get a person high.

If given to a person who has not taken opioids, it will not have any effect on him or her, since there is no opioid overdose to reverse.

"Narcan enables second chances," Hinmon said. "My belief about recovery always came from this notion of complete abstinence. But even in AA, we know and embrace the fact that relapses happen. If relapses happen, we need to get to a place to help those in recovery and those seeking recovery that we get past the shame and guilt of a relapse and start moving forward."

Doe-Simkins and Fessenden's work in harm reduction versus complete abstinence is a way to help meet an addict where they are," Hinmon said.

Doe-Simkins, public health educator, is a co-founder of Harm and has been involved on a volunteer basis since 2009.

Harm was formally incorporated in 2015.

"I've delivered this training in Chicago to groups that included representatives from the American Indian Center of Chicago, but this event was our first invitation to present directly to a Michigan tribe," Doe-Simkins said. "I believe that (harm reduction) is an important model to use with groups to develop internal expertise. In this capacity,

I've helped some tribal overdose prevention efforts with the White Earth Ojibwe of Minnesota and the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Wisconsin as they developed their overdose prevention programs that I helped provide materials to establish."

One of the questions asked by the audience was "is this opioid addiction more prevalent in the Native American community?"

"Researchers and epidemiologists have struggled with measuring opioid use disorder and opioid addiction because legal prescription pain medicines and illegal heroin are hard to measure and compare. So, addiction is a little tricky but overdose deaths are tragic and not so tricky to measure," Doe-Simkins said. "In my experience over my 20 years..., Native American people are impacted more than most other groups. There is pretty scary research out there that basically shows a decrease in life expectancy in Native American people, partly because of opioid overdose deaths."

Fessenden is a volunteer and has been working with Harm since March 2017.

Fessenden said "opioid addiction is affecting the entire country right now;



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Harm Reduction Michigan explains to the community the most important action that can be made of preventing an overdose is to call 911 immediately before administering Narcan.

however, rural areas tend to be more impacted due to lack of services."

"First responders like emergency medical technicians, police and fire are normally the ones who administer Narcan, and by getting Narcan into the hands of citizens, we greatly increase our chance to save the life of those facing an overdose," Fessenden said. "This is especially important in rural areas where response times for the first responders may be higher."

April Borton, manager for the Housing Department, said the training workshops are examples of outreach and education the department offers.

"From a SCIT Housing perspective, we strive to provide safe and affordable housing opportunities for Tribal families. A part of this includes expanding our knowledge and collaborating with many programs that can benefit our residents to be involved and educated to help us meet our goals," Borton said. "I strongly believe in being proactive to help ensure safe environments for the community."

Questions or comments for Harm can be made through its email address at harmreductionmi@gmail.com.

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Honoring, Healing, Remembering recognizes anniversary of boarding school closing

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

June 6, 2017 marked the 83rd anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing (operating from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934.)

The all-day event recognized the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children who attended the boarding school.

The memoriam and fellowship proceedings began at 7 a.m. with elders George Martin and Steve Pego conducting a sunrise ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery.

At 9:30 a.m., Martin, Pego and Joseph Sowmick presented an honorary pipe ceremony at the former MIIBS site.

Shortly after 10 a.m., attendees, Sasiwaans Immersion School and Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff lined up for grand entry. Each participant wore a necklace containing the name of a student who lost their life within the boarding school's walls.

Onion Creek drummers and singers presented the grand entry and flag song.

Youth Council members Zackary Jackson and Abigail Nahdee read off the student roll call to honor the deceased students.

Chief Frank Cloutier welcomed not only the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community, but many tribal members from



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

On June 6, 2017, grand entry began just after 10 a.m. to honor the 83rd anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing.

several Tribes throughout Michigan and Canada.

"We have to remember the children that walked through these schools were not just from here," Cloutier said on the MIIBS grounds. "They were from the Midwest region, so they touched every one of our lives, every one of our families. My family alone had several people who were impacted by boarding schools, and we know first off what impacts those have."

Cloutier stressed the importance of remembering the children that never returned home, and continuing to educate today's youth.

"Today we honor all of those students and celebrate their time with us – whether it be in life or in spirit," Cloutier said. "We do everything we can to support our youth because we understand,

through education, they can become those elders that are the holders of the wisdom that understand the logic of our people and creator. (It is) very important we continue to support these children so they can make a measurable difference in society and make our homes a better place to be."

"As long as we can continue to remember, to make ourselves aware of, what happened on those (boarding school) grounds, we are destined to not repeat that in the future – and that is a cause for celebration," Cloutier said.

George E. Ross, the 14th president of Central Michigan University, was in attendance and discussed the university's partnership with the Tribe.

"This (event) is a true testament to Central Michigan University's partnership and friendship with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as we, together, honor those who have passed from the boarding school, remember those who attended the school and continue to heal from the devastating effects of that era in our history," Ross said.

Ross said it was eight years ago Tribal representatives organized a journey to forgiveness;



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Onion Creek drummers provide a flag song on the MIIBS grounds.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

With assistance from William Johnson (center), Youth Council members Zackary Jackson (left) and Abigail Nahdee (right) read off the student roll call to honor the deceased students.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Chief Frank Cloutier provides welcoming remarks and discusses how so many were impacted by the boarding schools.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Carrying student's names who lost their lives within the MIIBS walls, Sasiwaans Immersion School students participated in the grand entry.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Community members line up for grand entry during the event held to recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children who attended the boarding school.



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George E. Ross, president of Central Michigan University, discusses the university's partnership with the Tribe.

a walk from the Tribal center to the MIIBS grounds.

The last walk occurred on the closing anniversary in 2013.

"Many members of the Central Michigan University and Mount Pleasant communities participated in that event that recognized what happens when we distrust, when we have prejudice, and an attitude of supremacy prevailed," Ross said. "The journey to forgiveness was a tangible act of the tribal community to forgive the unforgivable and allow the healing process to begin."

City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Kathy Ling said during her previous years of teaching American history at Mount Pleasant High School, Native American history was not included in textbooks.

"Most (American history textbooks) started in 1492 as if that was the beginning of history in this country, and you can't teach what you don't know, and since I didn't know (Native American history), I didn't teach it," Ling said. "Fortunately, because I was teaching in this community and because of the work done by the Tribe... I learned about (Native American history) in about 1990-1991 when there started to be a lot of discussion about the 500th anniversary of Columbus arriving in the western hemisphere."

Ling said she "began research and learned what happened during Columbus' time and the

devastating impact of millions of people losing their lives.

"I developed a real appreciation for the strength and, especially, the resilience of the many Native peoples who, despite all of obstacles and problems that they've had to deal with, (continue to educate)," Ling said. "The culture has survived, and survived because of groups like the Ziibiwing Center, MIIBS Committee... and people who have committed themselves to the knowing," Ling said.

Ling attended the sunrise ceremony and the opening ceremonies on the MIIBS property.

"I am very hopeful that as we move forward within the development of this property, it will be a basis for healing..., and that we will march forward together and develop this property in a way that shows respect and honors the past, allowing us to work together in the future," Ling said.

Throughout the day, guided tours of the site were provided.

In the afternoon, keynote addresses were delivered by the MIIBS Committee and community members.

At 3 p.m., a jingle dress healing dance and celebratory round dance occurred.

The event concluded with a giveaway and traveling song, performed by the Wabanaisee (Snowbird) Singers.

The event was sponsored by major funding from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Historic Preservation Office, the Ziibiwing Center and Central Michigan University.

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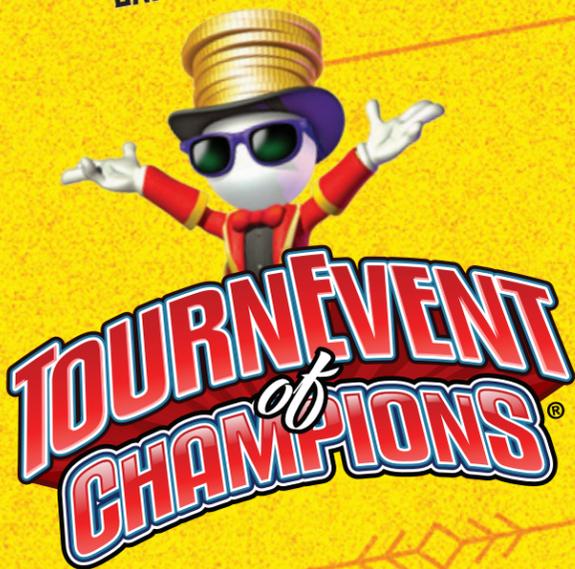
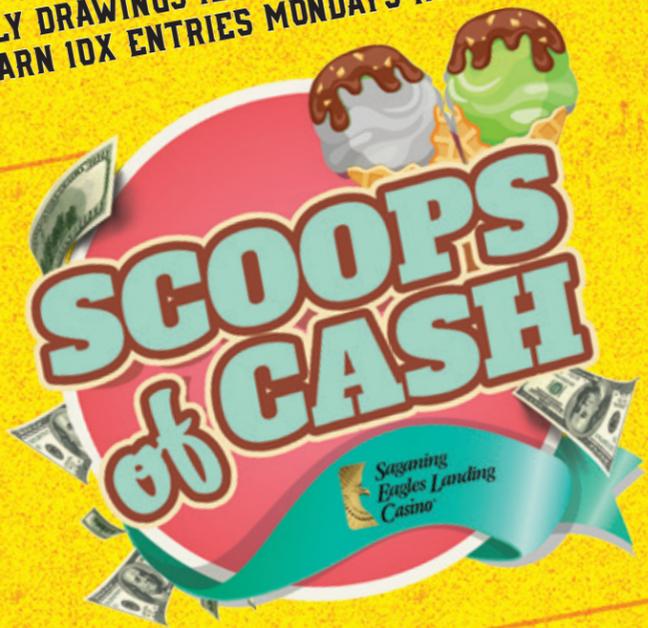


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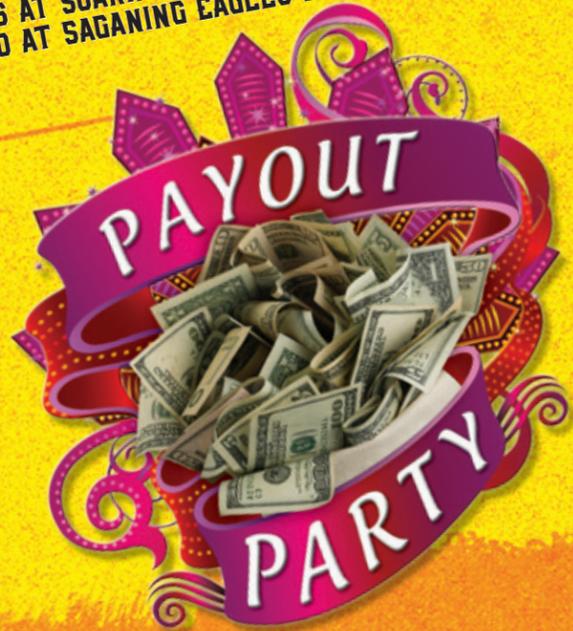
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Dear WW: I was in a terrible, loveless marriage for 10 years and finally met Mr. Right. He is truly the man of my dreams and he feels the same way about me. We've only known each other for a couple months and he has asked me to marry him. The problem is that my family does not agree and say I should not rush into things. I am tired of others holding me back and this time I want to listen to my heart for a change. We are both working, responsible adults. **A Heartbeat Away**

Dear Heartbeat: Congratulations on finding your knight in shining armor! I suspect that after being in a bad relationship, falling in love can feel pretty amazing! I do have to caution you about the concerns your family has. They may be seeing something that you are not and that is why they are doubtful. You cannot fully know someone in two months and wanting to spend a lifetime is unrealistic. Ask yourself if you want a solid relationship or a fantasy? Real relationships take time to build and personal issues have to be explored and will take longer than two months.

Dear WW: My best cousin and I have been on the powwow trail for most of our younger life as fancy shawl dancers. She lived with us as her parents were not able to take care of her due to their addictions. Now things are better and she is back with them. I am happy for her but the problem is that she no longer dances and when she does, it's only at competition powwows. I miss her so much as we helped each other get ready. I really feel like giving it up until she is ready to fully come back. It's just not the same. **Missing U**

Dear Missing U: In grieving for your cousin who has left your side to be with her parents, do not give up something that you obviously love to do. She may never fully come back and wouldn't you rather have some of her rather than none at all? Dancing may have gotten her through the rough times when she did not have her parents there. Maybe she is afraid to leave their side right now. Besides trying to figure her out, more importantly is what does dancing really mean to you? Things in life are truly better if not contingent on another's action. This is a valuable lesson, and even better when applied and learned while you are young.

Dear WW: I have a new boyfriend (sort of) who says he is attracted to me but, at the same time, ignores me. I'll send him texts and he won't text back. I'll wait for him to make the first move and call but the phone rarely rings. When we are together, things just feel so right but the minute we go our separate ways, I start to have doubts. How can I tell for sure what he says is truly how he feels? **He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not**

Dear Loves Me: Everybody's communication style is different. Could it be that you require more assurance from him than he needs from you? You say he is "sort of" your boyfriend so maybe you should just scale it down a little and consider him as a friend until all doubts are gone. You will know when the feeling is mutual and a real connection is there. He may sense your eagerness and that may make him cautious of not wanting to hurt your feelings. Either way, if you have doubts, that should speak louder than any words.

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Skins at the Pohl Cat Aug. 21

Aug. 21 - Oct. 9, singles, white tees, 5 p.m. tee time, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees, players with membership only pay cart fees of \$20.

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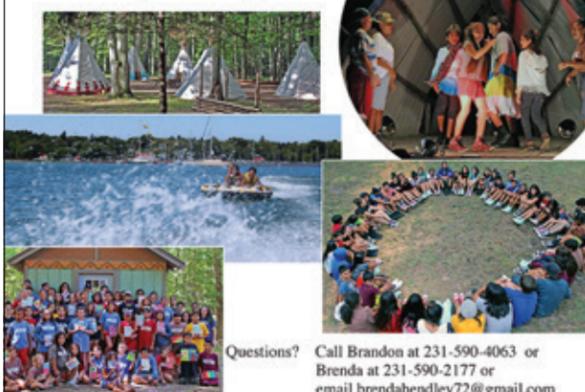
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SCA second grade teacher Charisse Yarch selected as Educator of the Month

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department!

Charisse Yarch, second grade teacher for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, has been selected as the Educator of the Month!

The following is a questionnaire completed by Yarch:

How long have you worked for the Education Department? 19 years: One year at SCA and 18 years in K-12 Services.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Working with the students! They keep me on my toes.

What is the one thing that you love doing? Why? Traveling. I think it is important to see the world and also to see how other people live.

Do you have any pets? Yes, a 2-year-old Lab/Poodle mix.

What is your favorite vacation spot and why? The beach to relax and my kayak is nearby.

What is your favorite Disney movie? "The Little Mermaid" and "Mulan."

What is one of your favorite quotes? "No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

What is your favorite snack? Snickers.

Thank you so much for being such an integral part of our education team. We appreciate you!



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Charisse Yarch (center), second grade teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, receives Educator of the Month. (Left to right: Kara Hotchkiss, SCA principal; Yarch; and Christina Sharp, assistant tribal education director.)

Saginaw Chippewa Academy wraps up 2016-2017 school year with several events

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy wrapped up the 2016-2017 school year with many end-of-the-year events.

SCA students participated in a little friendly competition during their Field Day on Friday, June 9 in the back field playground area of the school.

SCA hosted its end-of-the-year annual powwow on Monday, June 12. All school dancers were welcomed to dance in regalia.

The powwow began shortly after noon, and Joe Syrette, Anishinaabe Culture and Language teacher, served as the emcee.

A six grade graduate honor song was completed, an intertribal dance followed.

The powwow featured social intertribal dancing, a potato dance, two-step, round dance and musical hoops dances.

Alexis Trepanier was crowned Miss SCA, and Caden Pego was declared SCA Warrior.



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The Saginaw Chippewa Academy kindergarten class sings in celebration of their graduation ceremony on June 13.

Dannie Bennett was crowned Junior Miss SCA, and Gracin Montoya was crowned Junior Warrior.

On Tuesday, June 13, a graduation ceremony took place for the kindergarteners.

This year's kindergarten graduates are: Jeydan Arbogast, Corleone Castillo-Sprague, Ashton Chivis, Peyton Cleveland-Morse, Amelia Cyr, Hadassah Eggleston, Sherry Gonzalez-Hawkins, Aakeeya Holt, David Hosler, Trynity Jackson, Leviathan Pelcher, Gabriel Quigno, Shanelle Perez, Rayis Rose-Perez, Aiyana Sheahan, Rocky Shomin, Mishikenh Sprague, Raelene Trepanier and Bradley Woodworth.



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SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss (center, standing) honors the six grade graduates during the June 14 commencement ceremony.

Sixth grade graduates were also honored at a Wednesday, June 14 commencement in the school's ceremony/cafeteria area.

Principal Kara Hotchkiss provided a welcome to the graduates' parents, families and friends.

A welcome and honor song were performed by Mino Ode.

The graduates' teacher Isabel Stanton presented awards.

Diplomas were presented by Hotchkiss, Stanton and Aaron Chivis.

Cecilia Stevens, culture and language teacher, presented each young

female graduate with a ceremonial skirt, and each young male graduate was presented with a ribbon shirt.

"We wish to thank our parents, grandparents, and the SCA teachers," the graduation's program stated. "We also want to thank our fellow classmates for a great year of sixth grade."

Congratulations to the six grade graduates: Cameron Fleming, Ariel Hinmon, Tavia Kahgegab, Anastasia Lada, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Lindsay Paul, Akiwaande Sheahan, Paul Shomin III and Alberta Trepanier.



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Grand entry begins during the annual SCA end-of-the-year powwow on Monday, June 12 in the school's back field.



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SCA students join in on an intertribal dance, as the Mino Ode drummers perform the song.



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It's onto first grade! Kindergarteners hold up their certificates of completion for the school year.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Dannie Bennett, Aiyana Sheahan, Sadie Disel, Inara Curry, Keaton Quintero, Analicia Palomo, Alayna Disel, Zoey Disel, Thomas Pelcher, Annie Lada, Aaron Montoya-Pego. The following students earned student of the month for June: Sienna Pego, Bradley Woodworth, Sadie Disel, Gracin Montoya, Inara Curry, Raynah Perez, Tawny Jackson and Annie Lada.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Zachary Flaughner, Giovanni Pelcher, Tru Quigno-Vaughn, Brock Reed, Helena Sargent, Kiarah Vertz, Lakiah Vertz, Tahlia Alonzo, Sereniti Cole, Martin Garcia, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Isaiah Taylor, Johnny Vertz, Micah Wagner, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Angelo Leaux, Arilynn Peters, Armando Quiroz, Remy Weldon, Caleb Burger, Trevor Isham, Olivia Lerma, Zhaawan Martell, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens, Alex Taylor, Cruz Vaquera, Ogininhs Zerbe and Alonzo Mendez.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Kaden Kjolhede, Mingan Merrill, Isabell Lerma, Ava Mena, Cannon Thomason, Xavier Freeman, Aviana Gomez, Metao Harris, Anthony King, Mia McCreery and Ringo Stevens.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Bailey Burger, Jasmine Davis, Ryan Flaughner, Jessie Jackson, Whisper Mandoka, Jonathan Martinez, Arianna Altman, Shelayna Collins-Pelcher, Mia Floyd, Alexis Taylor, La'Anna Trudeau, Kyrah Bennett, Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Isaiah Harris, Joc Keshick, Vanessa Lerma and Kayden Weekley-Dean.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Kijate Cuellar, Jay Foster-Fleming, Emilliano Garcia, Aubree Hilleger, Caleb Howard, Jordan Teller, Ava Vogel, Leia Black, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Ethan Reed, Mya Chippeway, Andrea Hawkins, Konner Hilleger and Nadia Mills.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Dylan Bennett, Darien Haggard, LahRae Wilson, Joaquin Jackson, Cailey Treichel, Caedynce Bailey, Devyn Bennett, Zoey Haggard, Lucas Jackson and Anissa Quiroga.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for May: Wayne Jackson, Emma Henry, Syriana Smith, Jasmine Jackson, Tyler Snyder, Bruno Wemigwans, Cordelia McDaniel, Gabe Steele, Greg Steele and Katie Pigeon.

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High school Tribal graduates honored during annual K-12 Education banquet

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Several Class of 2017 Tribal graduates were honored during the K-12 Education Department's high school graduation banquet on June 12, commencing at about 5:30 p.m.

In the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's ballrooms, Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez welcomed guests and served as the event's emcee.

Prior to the introduction of graduates, dinner by the Food & Beverage department was provided and Patricia Alonzo, financial aid officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, spoke.

Alonzo shared her story on completing her bachelor's and master's degree, and said she is currently enrolled in a doctorate program for furthering her education.

"Continuing your education is one of best decisions you will ever make," Alonzo said to the graduates in attendance. "I remember when I was in high school... I had many challenges I wasn't ready to deal with. I was not always the best student."

Alonzo discussed the many obstacles she had to overcome before continuing her education.



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Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez (center, at podium) honors the Class of 2017 high school Tribal graduates during a June 12 banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

"I always said if there was something in life that I wanted to do, I would try it," she said.

She said, "With determination to further your education, nothing is impossible."

She said the Tribal College caters to students to help make things possible, even if they seem impossible.

"(If students need assistance, the Tribal College can help, even if there is a) lack of transportation, or child care is needed; we've had students bring their children into class," she said. "At the Tribal College, we want you to succeed."

Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac also shared a few words.

Isaac said chi-miigwetch to the staff that worked with the students in public school, the academic teachers and any individuals who positively influenced the students during their educational journey.

"As you take these next steps in your journey, take advantage of all the opportunities and services the Tribe has to offer you," Isaac said to the graduates. "Whether you are going to join the tribal work force or elsewhere... Come see (the Education Department) for scholarships and waiver assistance."

Isaac said the graduates' options are endless.

"Your path could lead you to be a warrior for our people by standing on the front lines to defend our country in the military, armed forces, or Ogitchedaw or by defending our Mother Earth by standing on front lines of water protection or any environmental or social injustice issues," Isaac said to the graduates. "You could be those warriors for our people. You may find your calling and be a keeper with our culture and language. Answer those

ancestors when they are calling to you, they are talking to you for a reason. Don't ignore that, it is just as important."

Isaac's last advice was to "always be yourself."

"Be proud of yourself, be proud of your family, be proud of your community," Isaac said. "Never let anyone make you feel ashamed for being Anishinabe. We are the most resilient people on this earth because we are still here."

Each graduate in attendance awarded a teacher or mentor for being an inspiration during their academic career.

Drum group Wild Bear honored the graduates by performing an honor song.

Congratulations to the Class of 2017.

Mount Pleasant High School: Kenah Alaniz, Marlin Bennett, Simone Bigford, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Tyler Chippeway, Sandra

Floyd-Vasquez, Kayen Fuller, Sadie Fuller, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Zackary Jackson, Nia Lewis, Killian Markovich-Peters, Robert McNaughton, Bailey Mitchell, McKenzie Morland, Abigail Nahdee, Zachary Oswabine, Edgar Peters, Kallena Ricketts, Carina Romero, Sabrina Romero, Elissa Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Callista Sowmick, Mariah Taylor, Ronnie Taylor, Aubrey Trepanier and Tanner Williams.

WAY: Ethan Hunt, Seray Jackson, Ethan Magnell, Madison Magnell and Margie Merrill.

Shepherd High School: Leo Bennett, Sedona Mejia, Gegek Pamp, India Perez, Kara Sanders, Allyssa Shawboose, Joseph Sineway and Dylan Zygmunt.

Odyssey: George Cloud and Cheyenne Ramirez.

Beal City High School: Justine Prill

Caro Public School: Kylie Fisher

"It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and we are so proud of your accomplishments," the Tribal K-12 Education Department wrote in the program. "We wish you the best of luck as you continue life's journey."



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UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

— A List of Powwow Guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee —

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

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

Women's Jingle

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

Men's Fancy

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

Fancy Shawl Dance

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

Men's Grass

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

Women's Traditional

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

Men's Traditional

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

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Editorial: Native women's leadership conference

KATHY HART
STEM Recruiter

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College was invited to participate in the Native women's place-based leadership and community organizing program through the American Indian College Fund.

As SCTC's STEM recruiter, I volunteered to mentor two female students Jennifer Seibt and Anna Winters to develop a community-based project.

The focus of the program was for the students to gain leadership skills that will help them throughout their lives.

Both Seibt and Winters were very motivated, enthusiastic and determined to have an event that would encourage others to

not give up and to keep believing in their selves to accomplish what they want throughout their lives.

I want to say chi-miigwech to both of them for being as dedicated as they are and for doing a great job in accomplishing what was needed to be achieved for the project.

"As one of the recipients of the Native Women's Leadership Fellowship Scholarship... I feel that we faced many challenges from the beginning of our fellowship through the end of our project," Seibt said. "One of our biggest struggles was just deciding on a community-based project that we felt emphasized the importance of female leaders from our community, as well as the significance of a higher education. After countless meetings with our mentor, Kathy Hart, and hours of debating amongst ourselves, we decided to hold a conference featuring successful Native women from within our community with a focus on empowerment through education."

The women contacted were asked to share their stories, struggles, goals and life lessons.

"For months, we planned everything from where the conference was going to be held, who was going to cater, presentations, advertising and more; all the



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

Native women's leadership conference participants have a discussion at the event, hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

while making sure to stay within our allowed budget," Seibt said. "Finally, the day of our conference came. After a brief welcome by my fellow scholarship recipient Anna Winters and I, we were all blessed by the musical talents of the Snowbirds."

A breakfast was then held for attendees, and the first speaker Isabelle Osawamick spoke, followed by Daisy Kostus, Seibt said.

"We had a short lunch intermission, and then we welcomed our keynote speaker, Carla Sineway," Seibt said. "Bonnie Ekdahl spoke next, followed by Shannon Martin. I feel that this conference was a huge success. We had a powerful lineup of amazing women, and to top it off, we had amazing food provided by culinary talents at Andahwod."

"Words cannot describe the knowledge and inspiration that was in the room throughout the whole day," she said. "I was in awe with the stories that were told and could have listened to these women for hours. I would like to encourage everyone to jump at the opportunity to listen to these women again, when the situation arises. I would love the chance to meet with these women once again, they were all truly inspirational."

Winters said the conference opened her eyes in many ways.

"I half anticipated the panel to focus solely on their educational journey, which they did," said Winters. "However, every single one of the speaker's came back full circle to emphasizing

the importance of culture and the Anishinaabe language."

The panel stated that through their life and educational experiences, they found having a balance between being successful in the modern day education system and being in touch with the language, culture, and Anishinaabe ways of life is what being a good leader meant to them.

"I am ever so grateful I was allowed to be a part of creating this conference. We were lucky in being able to make it a free-of-charge conference and to have it open to the public and to the community," Winters said. "We look forward to continuing to make this conference an annual experience for the community. Chi-miigwech!"



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

Kathy Hart (right) mentored Anna Winters (left) and Jennifer Seibt (center) to develop the community-based project.



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

SCTC President Carla Sineway presents her keynote speech.

Fifth Annual SCTC Golf Outing



Flight 1 Winners
Duane Hesler & Paul Scott Hughes

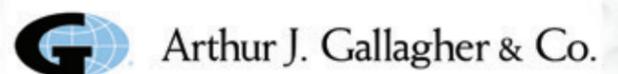


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Thirty-two teams participate in SCTC's fifth annual golf outing

LINDSAY DRUMM

SCTC Academic Specialist

The fifth annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College golf outing – which took place on June 8 at Bucks Run Golf Club in Mount Pleasant – received praise and recognition from participants again this year.

On that gorgeous 74-degree day, 32 teams, divided into three flights, were slated to compete in this year's outing. The top-two teams from each flight took home a cash prize.

The last-place team was awarded a cash prize of \$75/ player. With a score of 115, Ken Osborn and John Sheets took last place.

The outing brought community members together, if even for just one day. After teams finished golfing their 18 holes, they made their way back to the clubhouse to mingle. This is where most of the unofficial debriefing occurred.

Participants raved about the experience, praising the amount of planning involved in running the event.

"It was a beautiful golf course, and I had a great time today," said Jeff Neilson, representative from AETNA (the Tribe's medical benefits provider). "It was my first time here (at Bucks Run), but I was highly impressed. Excellent event! I had a great time!"

Throughout the day, golfers had several opportunities to play contest holes, each paying out \$100.

The Advantage Drive Hole (Hole 3) allowed players the option to advance their shot by



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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College faculty and staff members work the registration table during the college's fifth annual golf outing on June 8.



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Terence Isham shows some enthusiasm after winning a package donated by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.



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Jason George, training and development manager for HR, takes a few practice swings.

150 yards (for a small donation to SCTC). Most players, especially the male participants, seized this opportunity because it also happened to be the Longest Male Drive hole.

The contest holes broke up the course for the golfers and provided some friendly competition.

The college calls on its own staff to run the contest holes, keep track of the teams, and divvy out prizes. Without help from the SCTC and Bucks Run staff, this event would not be possible.

"The event was well thought-out and organized," said J.R. Knott, philosophy instructor at SCTC. "As a first-time volunteer, I could tell the event was carefully planned."

Several sponsors donated food and drinks for the event.

Graff Chevrolet, a valued sponsor of the outing, provided the beverage cart, keeping players refreshed and content. Graff even sent several representative golfers to show the company's presence.

Paul Scott Hughes and Duane Hesler, aside from being first-timers at the outing, ended up coming in first place.

NVINT also kept the players full and happy with a delicious box lunch.

Sponsors for the event were meticulously chosen and secured early, said SCTC's Extension Coordinator Shuna Stevens.

"(We) reach out to past sponsors, Tribal entities, affiliates of the Tribe or SCTC, or those that seem to have an interest in supporting educational pursuits," Stevens said.

Beginning several months prior to the event, the first stage of planning was spreading the word to community members and sponsors. Although securing teams was the most essential aspect of planning the event, the small details make the difference.

"Behind the scenes is ensuring that everything is prepared ahead of time so there are no last-minute tasks the day of," Stevens said. "The SCTC staff has helped a lot with what worked in the past, what needs to

2017 SCTC Golf Outing Results

Flight One:

- **First Place (\$600 cash prize):**
Paul Scott Hughes/Duane Hesler (score: 61)
- **Second Place (\$300 cash prize):**
Ryan Sprague/Andrew Kreger (score: 63)

Flight Two:

- **First Place (\$500 cash prize):**
Jemiase Riggins/Brandon Riggins (score: 74)
- **Second Place (\$250 cash prize):**
Gayle Ruhl/Jason George (score: 76)

Flight Three:

- **First Place (\$400 cash prize):**
Bean Sprague/Kenny Sprague (score: 81)
- **Second Place (\$200 cash prize):**
David Garcia/Kayle Crampton (score: 83)

Contest hole results:

- **Straightest Drive:** Ronnie Ekdahl
- **Men's Longest Drive:** Paul Scott Hughes
- **Women's Longest Drive:** Consuelo Gonzalez
- **Closest to the Pin (Male):** Andrew Kreger
- **Closest to the Pin (Female):** Alex Sprague



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The weather was perfect at Bucks Run Golf Club for the fifth annual event.



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Luke Sprague (left) and Chris Sineway (right) take a few practice shots on the green at about 9 a.m. before the annual golf outing began.



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Terry Thompson is all smiles after winning \$200 off the \$10 squares.



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Jemiase and Brandon Riggins are called up for winning first place in flight two.



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Dana Kequom Neyome collects her prize for winning a skins game.

be changed, etc. to make it better, and I'm sure there will be things to learn from this year, too."

SCTC President Carla Sineway identified the biggest benefit of the outing as getting the college's name out in the community.

"During this time of year, the SCTC graduation has just happened, and people are all excited about the great accomplishments of the graduates," Sineway said. "The golf outing just provides an added boost to our existence in the community and as a viable choice in higher education."

The SCTC staff also organized a 50/50 raffle, squares game, and skins game. Among the prizes were gas cards, sleeves of professional-grade golf balls, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel gift certificates, and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert tickets.

Kevin O'Brien, Paul Scott Hughes, and Kelly Chamberlain each won \$50 on the \$5 squares board.

On the \$10 squares, Chris Sineway took home \$100, and Terry Thompson, who had two winning bets, left with \$200.

Graham Leach won \$133 on the 50/50 raffle.

Sponsors included: Graff Chevrolet, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Council, Stanley and Carla Sineway, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., Mercantile Bank, NVINT, Bluewater, The Mountain Corp., Pro Grade Concrete, 1st Rate Office Solutions, Artisans Apparel, Mitchell's Gourmet Deli & Market, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and Sagamok Express.



Jason Aldean's "They Don't Know Tour" showcases country music summer anthems

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Sporting a cowboy hat, boots and a "black sheep of the family" T-shirt, Jason Aldean entered the Soaring Eagle outdoor stage shortly after 9 p.m.

Aldean brought his "They Don't Know Tour" to Mount Pleasant on Thursday, June 1 with plenty of tractor-heavy lyrics and summer anthems for country music fans.

Aldean began his show with "They Don't Know," "The Only Way I Know" and "Johnny Cash."

"Anyone have to work tomorrow?" Aldean asked after his third song. "To hell with it – call in sick!"

Since the beginning of this tour, it has been nearly six months since Aldean had been on the road. He rolled through

his hits as if he had never skipped a bit.

Performances included "Take a Little Ride," "A Little More Summertime," "Any Ol' Barstool," "When She Says Baby" and "Crazy Town."

Aldean has had nearly 20 chart-topping hits, which include "Just Gettin' Started," "Tattoos On This Town," "Night Train," "Amarillo Sky" and "The Truth," all of which were performed.

He also performed "Fly Over States," "Burnin' It Down" and "Hick Town," which was first single 12 years ago.

He went right into "Lights Come On" and his encore included "Dirt Road Anthem," a country/rap fan favorite.

Concert goers were introduced to the opening act, 23-year-old up-and-comer Kane Brown.



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Jason Aldean brought his "They Don't Know Tour" to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor concert series on Thursday, June 1.

Brown performed "Pull It Off," and his second radio single "Thunder in the Rain."

"This next song is my new favorite song I've written," Brown said of "Never Found

You." "Does anyone have any ex-boyfriends or ex-girlfriends out there? This one's for you."

The sleeve-tattooed Brown performed covers of Fountains

of Wayne's "Stacy's Mom" and The Chainsmokers' "Closer."

He closed his set with "Used to Love You Sober," his first hit single released in October 2015.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Opening act, 23-year-old up-and-comer Kane Brown, performs his country music tunes.

Journey faithfully returns to Soaring Eagle for sold-out June 24 outdoor

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Journey gave rock fans a reason to "don't stop believin'" during their return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor stage with opening band Asia on Saturday, June 24.

After a couple days of flooding due to heavy rain in Mount Pleasant and surrounding areas, the weather did not stop the sold-out audience from faithfully attending the show.

As soon as the lights went down, the audience began hollering and was on their feet. The audience remained standing and enthusiastic for Journey's nearly two-hour set.

The American rock band formed in San Francisco in 1973. The band's strongest commercial success occurred between 1978 and 1987.

Lead singer Arnel Pineda joins founding members Neal Schon (guitar) and Ross Valory (bass), along with long-time member Jonathan Cain (keyboard, guitar, vocals) and returning alumnus Steve Smith (drums).

Journey launched right into "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)," "Be Good To Yourself," "Ask the Lonely" and "Stone in Love."

The band also performed the hits "Any Way You Want It," "Open Arms," one of their most popular songs from 1983, "Who's Crying Now" and "Edge of the Blade."

Last on the set list included "Wheel in the Sky," "Faithfully" and "Don't Stop Believin'," a 1981 song which regained its popularity in the early 2000's.

The encore included "Escape" and "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'" from 1979.

English progressive rock band Asia formed in London in 1981.

The band performed many hits including "Wildest Dreams," "Sole Survivor," "Time Again."

Asia ended their set with "Only Time Will Tell" and "Heat of the Moment."

"It was a fantastic show," said Sub-Chief Brent D. Jackson. "Asia did a great



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Sub-Chief Brent D. Jackson (center) stands backstage with Journey before the Saturday, June 24 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor show.

job, it brought back many memories, and Journey was spot on. Seeing them for the first time, I was impressed

how well they sounded live. I wanted to see them before, but it never worked out so I was very happy to see them."

Comedian Bill Maher brings snarky and hard-hitting political humor to SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the unapologetic and in-your-face political commentary of controversial comedian and television host Bill Maher on June 3.

The polarizing figure brought his edgy stand-up routine to the Entertainment

Hall stage as part of "An Evening with Bill Maher: Live Stand-Up Tour."

From 1993 to 1997, he served as the host of the late night talk show "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher." The show moved networks to ABC from 1997 to 2002.

Maher currently works as host and co-producer of the weekly HBO political talk show "Real Time with Bill Maher."

During the show's 14 seasons, Maher has accommodated an abundance of notable guests including former President Barack Obama, former Vice President Joseph Biden, and Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

Maher has also authored five best-selling books.

Not known for holding back, the bulk of the sharp-tongued satirist's commentary revolved around the heated political climate surrounding current President Donald Trump.

His monologue touched on many other timely topics including political correctness, the media, partisan politics and religion.

The biggest draw to his performance appeared to be fans of his talk show, as audience members routinely yelled out "We're still here!" and other "Real Time" catch phrases.

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Avenged Sevenfold featuring In This Moment bring "The Stage World Tour" to SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Wailing guitar solos, screeching lyrics and heavy metal bass riffs filled the night air on June 19.

Hard rockers Avenged Sevenfold (A7X) and special guests In This Moment gave rock fans a memorable show as part of the Soaring Eagle

Casino & Resort's Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Avenged Sevenfold began their show with "The Stage," the title track off their most recent album. The album was released abruptly in October 2016, and loosely explores concepts surrounding artificial intelligence.

The band played several more songs off the album that night. This included

the brass instrument infused "Sunny Disposition" and the groovy riffs and drum beats of "Paradigm."

The heavy metal hits continued with "Afterlife," and "Hail to the King," the title track off their 2013 album.

Lead singer M. Shadows belted out the lines to "Buried Alive," and followed it up with the somber, self-reflective lyrics of "So Far Away."

The single "Nightmare" changed up the tempo with its heavy and creepily atmospheric sound.

A7X also performed the songs "Almost Easy," and "Planets."

The piano driven melodies of "Acid Rain" finished the main set.

The night ended with a three-piece encore including the hard-hitting singles "Bat Country" and "Unholy Confessions."

The band members dedicated the performance of "A Little Piece of Heaven" to the late James "The Rev" Sullivan, founding member and original drummer for the group.

Opening band In This Moment mesmerized the audience with their unique meld of heavy metal music with over-the-top theatrics and gothic getup.

The Los Angeles-based band

formed in 2005. Their debut album "Beautiful Tragedy," released in 2007. They have since released four more studio albums.

Lead singer Maria Brink and her accompanying female dancers donned new outfits for every song.

Brink showed off her impressive pipes during their first song "Blood."

Fans were treated to two singles off their upcoming album "Ritual," with the performances of "Black Wedding" and "Oh Lord." The album is set to release in July 2017.

The band also played the hit songs "Adrenalize" and "Black Widow."



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Avenged Sevenfold performs the hit song "Afterlife" on the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert stage. (Left to right: Lead singer M. Shadows, guitarists Zacky Vengeance and Synyster Gates.)



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In This Moment frontwoman Maria Brink (center) points out to the crowd from a raised podium during the June 19 outdoor concert.

"Here Comes the Funny Tour" features Adam Sandler, David Spade

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Hilarity ensued as the comedy all-star team of Adam Sandler, David Spade, Nick Swardson and Rob Schneider combined for a memorable comedy show. Presented by Netflix, the "Here Comes the Funny Tour" visited the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on July 22.

Although severe thunderstorms shortened the night, fans were able to see all four comedians take the outdoor concert stage.

The multi-talented actor, comedian and musician Adam

Sandler has starred in a number of films including "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore," and "The Wedding Singer."

Sandler, Spade and Schneider all gained notoriety in the '90s, while starring on the popular NBC sketch comedy show "Saturday Night Live."

Some audience members shouted catch phrases to his many films. Sandler jokingly played along, with a line from his 1998 movie "The Waterboy."

"Before I move on, I want to answer an important question here: Why are alligators so ornery?" Sandler asked.

"Because they got all them teeth, and no toothbrush."

Actor and comedian David Spade showcased his signature sarcasm and hilarious cynicism.

He has appeared in a variety of films including "Joe Dirt" and "Grown Ups." Some of his most notable work came co-starring alongside the late Chris Farley in the hit comedies "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep."

Spade has also appeared on the television sitcoms "Just Shoot Me" and "Rules of Engagement."

Born in nearby Birmingham, Mich., Spade showed sentiment in returning to his home state.

"I love being back in Michigan," he said. "You've got Bob Seger; you've got it all here."

Actor and comedian Nick Swardson entertained audience members with his unique brand of humor.

He gained a following while playing the character Terry Bernadino on the Comedy Central comedy series "Reno 911!" and starred in his own show "Nick Swardson's Pretend Time."

Swardson shared his often crude, but ultimately funny takes on everyday life and society. His observations on his own health and growing older had audience

members rolling in their seats.

"I try to eat healthy, that's impossible... especially in the Midwest," Swardson said. "I'll take a bowl of cereal... OK, do you want mayonnaise on that?"

Rob Schneider served as emcee, and provided a short opening act. Along with his time on SNL, the actor and comedian has appeared in many films including "The Hot Chick," "The Benchwarmers" and "Grown Ups."

Schneider touched on a variety of subjects including the political climate surrounding the recent presidential election and his family life.

Jazz master George Benson caught breezin' into Soaring Eagle with Kenny G

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

Memorial weekend never sounded better as the "Breezin' and Breathless Tour" of legendary jazz guitar master George Benson made his much-anticipated Soaring Eagle debut as he shared almost two and a half hours' worth of hits with jazz saxophonist extraordinaire Kenny G.

The 2017 tour was named after Benson's multi-platinum 1976 release "Breezin'" and Kenny G's 1992 number one contemporary jazz opus "Breathless." Along with a catalogue of other hits that highlighted both artists and their stellar careers, the audience was amazed as both



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Legendary jazz guitarist George Benson (left) lays down some rhythm as saxophonist Kenny G (right) jams to the Al Jarreau classic "Mornin'."

artists played their "Breezin'" and "Breathless" albums in their entirety.

Kenny G started the crowd on their feet with his trademark Selmer Mark VI soprano saxophone as he appeared in the back

of the concert hall and played the title track "Silhouette" from his 1988 release.

Kenny G showed his virtuosity by alternating between his soprano, alto and tenor saxophones.

Kenny G launched into an inspired instrumental piece titled "G-Bop" before moving into his Grammy award-winning best instrumental composition and 1992 hit "Forever in Love."

He got the crowd moving with a spirited dance club version of "Havana" from the 1997 release "The Moment."

He closed his set with an uplifting tribute as he brought the Average White Band's cover "Pick Up the Pieces" to life, followed by his iconic solo instrumental of "Songbird."

A quick change moved the venue over to accommodate the big band sound of George Benson as he brought the crowd back with a soulful rendition of "Affirmation" and "Love Times Love."

Benson impressed the crowd with several tributes that included "Wichita Lineman" from Jimmy Webb, "The Ghetto" from Donnie Hathaway and "Where is the Love" from Roberta Flack.

Kenny G walked out on stage for a "Breezin'" meets "Breathless" moment where he joined Benson on the Al Jarreau classic version of "Mornin'."

Benson performed a scat vocal classic with a jazz-infused version of "Moody's Mood," followed by a string of hits that included "Breezin'," "Kisses in the Moonlight" and "Turn Your Love Around."

Benson closed the evening with his signature ballad "This Masquerade," and the R&B hit "Give Me the Night" before a standing ovation overture of his classic encore "On Broadway."



“Coneys for a Cause” event raises funds for YSU’s youth police academy

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Isabella County youth have the opportunity to learn about law enforcement’s day-to-day operations while attending the youth police academy, a free program led by the Youth Services Unit of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department.

Several Tribal youth have participated in the academy’s annual program.

The Youth Services Unit received a portion of Tribal 2 percent grants in support of the program during the last distribution.

In order to make the academy available and free of cost to the young cadets, fundraising events are supported.

On Wednesday, June 14, the Pixie restaurant held its 11th annual “Coneys for a Cause” fundraiser. All net proceeds went to the YSU and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Great Lakes Bay Region in support of youth in the county.

Several Tribal departments placed their pre-orders for \$1.19 coney dogs by June 13 to support the cause. Throughout the day, police officers and Pixie employees delivered to the local businesses that placed \$18 minimum orders.

Since 2013, Bandit Industries, a forestry equipment manufacturer in Broomfield



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Fifteen contenders vied to eat the most coney dogs in 15 minutes during the Pixie restaurant’s annual Pig Out contest at 7 p.m. on June 14.

Township, has ordered more coneys during the fundraiser than any other Isabella County employer combined.

This year, Bandit ordered 1,380 coneys, and presented a \$1,740 check to the officers and Pixie manager Teri Cregger.

At 7 p.m., the annual Pixie Pig Out contest took place. Fifteen contestants vied for a trophy for eating the most coney dogs.

Competitors included police officers, fire fighters, park rangers, corrections officers and individuals in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

This year the record was broken by Terry Roberts of the Breckenridge-Wheeler Township Fire Department, who ate 14 coneys in 15 minutes.

Second place was tied with 12 coneys in 15 minutes, devoured by fireman Chad Denman and Clinton “CJ” Steinert of the Isabella County Sheriff’s Department.

YSU Officer Nate Koutz contended and successfully consumed seven coneys.

“I wanted to partake to support our youth services and Big Brothers Big Sisters,” Koutz said. “It’s always fun for the spectators to watch and build up community relationships.”

Throughout the day, Pixie sold 8,500 coneys, said Jeff Browne, public information officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department.

“I feel like there were more people than ever at the Pixie Pig Out contest this year,” Browne said.

The YSU also hosted a fundraising golf outing on Monday, May 22 at The Pines Golf Course at Lake Isabella.



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After a successful lunch hour delivering “Coneys for a Cause,” a fundraiser benefiting the Youth Services Unit and Big Brothers Big Sisters, law enforcement officials and Pixie and Labelle Management staff pose for a photo.

“This year there were 18 teams at the golf outing,” Browne said.

Several local sponsors donated items for raffle prizes.

Commencing the second week in July, youth policy academy cadets will gain insight into a law enforcement career through hand-on activities

involving building searches, defensive tactics and emergency response demonstrations.

The activities focus on the development of character, discipline and team-building skills.

The academy is limited to 30 participants, and takes place Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Mt. Pleasant Police officers Jeff Browne (left) and Nate Koutz (right) deliver the “Coneys for a Cause” to Kay McGuire (center) in the Tribal Operations Per Capita department.



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Former and current Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers participated in the May 22 YSU golf outing fundraiser on The Pines Golf Course at Lake Isabella.

Ceremony recognizes young Sasiwaans Immersion School graduates

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Sasiwaans Immersion School was joined by the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department to honor the 2017 Step Up graduating class on Thursday, June 8.

The graduates included: Arianna Grice, Angela Peck, Waaskones Pego, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Billie Jo Peterson, Karsyn Sineway, Ellianna Skenandore, Lukas Smith, Morgan Thomas, Darrion Young and Isaac Taylor.



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It wouldn’t be a celebration without cake for the June 8 Sasiwaans Immersion School graduation.

In the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, the students performed songs in the language and received diplomas.

Sasiwaans Immersion School is for children ages 18 to 60 months (5 years old.)



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The Sasiwaans graduates are honored in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Thursday, June 8.



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Young students perform a song in Anishinaabemowin, with assistance from parents, and Sasiwaans and Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department staff.

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The 26th annual Human Race draws in 127 competitors, promotes culture

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 26th annual Human Race, a 5K run and one-mile fun run, took place at Seventh Generation on Wednesday, June 7.

At 6:30 p.m., 127 participants lined up on Remus Road to compete.

Ransom Allen was the overall male 5K winner with an 18:01 time.

Becky Kusbel won the best female overall 5K time of 24:57.

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards were given to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The 26th annual Human Race participants take off on the Remus Road starting line at Seventh Generation.

the top-three male and female finishers in 13 different 5K age classifications, and to the top three one-mile finishers.

“We had another wonderful night for this event,” said Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for the Nimkee Fitness Center and Human Race organizer. “It was great to see so many people come out from the community. This is a local 5K favorite and it draws many people from the mid-Michigan area.”

Event T-shirts were given to registrants.

The purpose of the event is to promote spirituality and Native American culture, along with health and positive lifestyles for all, Harman said.

New this year, and prior to the race, Harman presented the Natural Native Ninja Warrior Challenge.

The challenge, designed for ages 5 to 15, brought in 26 youth to compete in conquering seven different natural obstacles.

Cedar eagle feathers were awarded to the top three male and female finishers in three different age groups.

Competitors were provided with a post-race meal.

“The Seventh Generation staff was, once again, amazing hosts and they prepared a delicious dinner which many thoroughly enjoyed,” Harman said. “There was much joy in the air and it was a great gathering.”

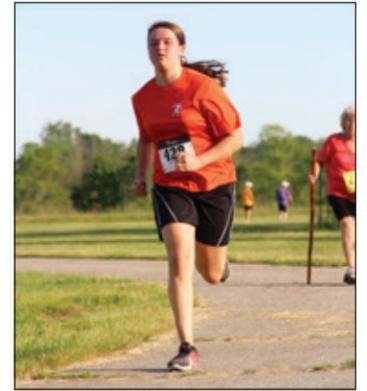
In addition to Seventh Generation staff, Harman said chi-miigwetch to those who helped make the event possible.

“I would like to specially thank David Salisbury, from the Woodshop Department, who made our cedar feather awards; Raymond Cadotte,



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AlexaRae Day (left) and Melissa Isaac (right), pushing her infant daughter Valarae in a stroller, near the finish line.



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Bella Benzinger races to the finish line to complete her 5K on Wednesday, June 7.



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Regis Ferland (right) and his son Elijah Quigno complete the one mile fun run.



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Dan Jackson performs a travel song for each participant of the 5K or one mile run.



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Carrying his son on his shoulders, Miguel Sanchez races to the Seventh Generation finish line after the one mile.

from the Ziibiwing Center, who gave a teaching eagle feathers; the Tribal Fire and Tribal Police Department who helped get the runners safely around the course; and all the

wonderful volunteers who helped make this event run smoothly,” Harman said.

How to stay safe in the hot summer weather

(Editor's note: The following article has been provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute on Aging: Turning Discovery Into Health. The article was submitted by Julie Pego, case manager for Andahwod CCC & ES.)

Summer often brings excessive heat, which can lead to heat-related problems.

Older people with chronic conditions are particularly susceptible and at high risk for heat-related conditions.

Heat fatigue, heat syncope (sudden dizziness after prolonged exposure to heat), heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke can pose special health risks for older adults and can increase with the combination of outside temperature, general health and individual lifestyle.

Factors that may increase this risk include:

- Dehydration
- Alcohol use
- High blood pressure or other health conditions that require changes in diet. For

example, people on salt-restricted diets may be at increased risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first consulting a doctor.

• Heart, lung, and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.

• Use of multiple medications. It is important, however, to continue taking prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with your physician.

• Reduced perspiration, caused by medications, such as diuretics, sedatives, tranquilizers and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

• Age-related changes to skin such as poor circulation and inefficient sweat glands.

• Being substantially overweight or underweight.

TIPS - avoiding heat illness

<p>Air conditioning Use air conditioning or cool showers to keep your body cool. If you don't have air conditioning, call your public health department to find out if there's a heat relief shelter in your area.</p>	<p>Fluids Drink plenty of fluids. When you're well hydrated your urine should be very light or clear. This is especially important when you're active.</p>	<p>Planning Schedule outdoor activities during the coolest parts of the day, usually mornings and evenings.</p>
<p>Clothing Wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.</p>	<p>Caffeine or alcohol Avoid caffeine and alcohol. They can both dehydrate you.</p>	<p>Summer extras When outside, wear a hat or visor, sunglasses, and sunscreen.</p>

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People without air conditioners should go to places that do have air conditioning.

Andahwod is a designated cooling center for Saginaw Chippewa elders and other Native American elders that live in the community.

Andahwod has many opportunities to pass the time, including board games, craft materials, puzzles, televisions in all of the living areas, a pool

table, a bird aviary, a library and computer room, and in the central gathering area, Wi-Fi is available.

If you need to get out of the hottest part of the day, come and enjoy the company of your fellow friends at Andahwod and keep yourself safe in the hot weather.

(www.nia.nih.gov/2013/07/advice-older-people-staying-safe-hot-weather)

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1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		
5:10 p.m.	Drummin' Beats Jayme				
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	



Editorial: Bread — good, bad or yummy?

NANCY CLARK

MS, RD

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Nancy Clark, MS, ED, and comes from The Athlete's Kitchen June 2017. The article was submitted by Sally Van Cise, MPH, RD, nutritionist for Nimkee Public Health.)

Many people, including athletes and recreational exercisers are staying away from bread these days: "It's a waste of calories. ... It's fattening. ... It's inflammatory." These active people often struggle with denying themselves of this pleasurable food: "I tell the waiter to remove the bread basket so I don't devour the whole thing. ... No more sandwiches for me; I eat just salads. ... On Sundays I cheat and eat a bagel!..."

Perhaps you are feeling confused about the role of bread in your sports diet? After all, eating (white) bread these days is commonly viewed as nutritionally incorrect.

Here are some facts to resolve some of the bread confusion.

Myth: Bread is fattening. Any food can be fattening when eaten in excess. You "get fat" when you repeatedly overeat total calories for the day. The calories can be from avocado, yogurt, grilled chicken, potato chips, Oreos, M&Ms—or bread (white, whole wheat, sour dough, or multi-grain).

The myth that bread is fattening; carbs are fattening is just that,

a myth. You have my permission to enjoy bagels, sandwiches, and garlic bread alongside pasta for dinner. As long as the portions fit within your calorie budget for the day, you will not gain undesired weight by eating bread.

"But when I eat pasta and bread for dinner, I always gain two or three pounds by the next morning" whined one of my clients.

She didn't realize when athletes load-up on carbohydrates, they store in their muscles about three ounces of water with each one ounce of carb (glycogen). The scale does go up due to water-weight—and performance also goes up! You will have a far better workout after a pasta/bread meal than, let's say, a no-carb chicken Caesar salad.

Now, if you eat too much bread—such as the whole breadbasket within a few minutes of settling into a restaurant, you can indeed consume excess calories. The problem is not with the bread, but with your relationship with bread.

If you feel as though you have no control over, let's say, the warm, crusty rolls in front of you and you quickly devour them, you may believe that bread is "addicting." Next time, you might wonder if you should ban the waiter from even bringing the crusty rolls to your table—but that would be a shortsighted solution.

The smarter solution is to eat bread daily. Obviously, you really like bread; that's why you want to eat all of it. Depriving yourself

of this little pleasure leads to "last chance eating." You know, "This is my last chance to eat bread so I'd better eat it all." You'd be better off taking the power away from bread by eating it more often.

Myth: White bread is a bad food, a nutritional zero. In general, the less processed a food is, the more nutrients it has. Hence, whole wheat breads (and pasta) are preferable to the refined versions. But white bread is not poison nor a nutritional zero.

Before you cast stones at white bread, you need to look at the whole day's diet: Is it balanced or unbalanced? Today's Dietary Guidelines suggest half of your grain-foods should be whole grains; the other half can be refined, enriched grains (bread, rice, pasta, etc.)

While some nutrients (fiber, magnesium and zinc) get lost in the milling of whole wheat into white flour, other nutrients have been added back.

Since 1941, white flour has been enriched with thiamin, riboflavin, iron, and niacin in amounts equal to whole-wheat flour. Your job is to eat a variety of foods (vegetables, fruits, nuts, yogurt) so you consume nutrients that might have been processed out of the whole wheat.

No grain—not whole wheat nor quinoa—is a powerhouse food.

When you enjoy bread (or wrap) with hummus, turkey, cheese, lettuce and tomato, you'll

get more nutrients from the filling than from the bread, regardless if it is whole wheat or white.

Bread is better known for fueling the muscles, than for being a source of nutrients. If your diet is 85-90 percent nutrient-dense, you won't be risking your health by selecting white bread or wrap.

In general, no breads or grain-foods are as nutrient-rich as green leafy vegetables, berries, lean meats, or dairy foods. Enjoy grains for their carbohydrates that help fuel muscles.

The carbohydrate (starch) in bread ends up as muscle glycogen (fuel) or blood glucose (brain food).

Yes, you can also fuel your body with a lunchtime salad, but you will have to eat a mighty big salad to get enough carbs. If you are on a food budget or don't have time to munch through a pile of veggies, you could far more easily fuel yourself with a sandwich made with whole wheat bread, peanut butter and banana.

If you exercise for about one hour a day at moderate intensity and want to fuel your muscles adequately, you should target about 2.25 g carb/lb. body weight.

For someone who weighs 150 pounds, this comes to 340 g carb a day. By dividing that into three meals (with 100 g carb/meal) plus one snack (with 40 g Carb) you can see that a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (70 g

carb) easily beats a salad with chickpeas (25 g carb)!

Myth: Wheat is inflammatory. If you are among the 1 percent of Americans who have celiac disease, or the 6 percent who have gluten sensitivities, you should stay away from bread and other forms of wheat. But for most of us, bread can be a positive part of a sports diet, not a trigger for inflammation.

A crossover study with athletes who ate a gluten-filled or gluten-free diet showed no increase in markers of inflammation when the athletes consumed wheat. (Lis, Med Sci Sports Exer 2015)

Myth: White bread, like sugar, spikes blood glucose. Surprising, the average blood glucose response to commercial white bread vs. artisan whole-wheat sourdough bread is similar. In fact, half the subjects had a higher rise in blood glucose with whole-wheat bread. (Korem, Cell Metab 2017).

The bottom line: White bread can be included an overall balanced sports diet. While minimally processed foods are always better than highly-processed foods, you want to look at the whole diet and not vilify a slice of white bread. Just balance it with whole grains at the other meals.

Editorial: Do you need straight A's?

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

down and complying with your wishes.

You don't have to aim for straight A's to obtain a healthy lifestyle. Start small by adding a fruit or veggie to every meal and add a 10-minute physical activity to your day.

Find an activity you enjoy and you will stick to it. Some activity (like walking) is definitely better than none.

Make an opportunity to walk in nature now that we finally have some nicer weather. If we do have a nasty day or two, you can always walk free at Morey Courts, complimentary of the Public Health 4x4 Grant. Just register at the reception desk.

In a previous walking article, we suggested that you walk with your dog. If you are having trouble walking with your dog, here are some tips:

Like toddlers, dogs need to release energy before calming

Start out your walk letting your dog sniff around, mark their territory, or chase a squirrel. They will then be a little tired and stay at your side for the duration of the walk.

Having the right leash is also helpful. To maintain good form, buy a hands-free style leash.

Keep up the good work to those participating in the Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Challenge and be sure to attend the Michigan Indian Family Olympics on Friday, July 21. The winning Tribe will be recognized and we will be recognizing a few individuals from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The top female and top male winners will receive a Fitbit and then we will draw for three other slots from non-winners who have completed at least six weeks of the Challenge. See you at Central Michigan University on July 21!



Join Team SCIT at the Family Olympics!

Register Your Family Online

- Go to: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- Pre-register online prior to July 12, 2017 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

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* For all SCIT participants. *Must be picked up before 11 a.m. on event day.

Thursday, July 20

Golf Scramble at Waabooz Run Golf Course

- Register online at: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- All SCIT registrants play for FREE with lunch. (Must pay for your cart.)

Friday, July 21

CMU Bennett Track & Field

- Track & Field Competitions and Games
- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.
Baby Crawl, Tot Trots, Elder Walks, Archery, Various Dashes and Runs, Softball Throw, Long Jump & Bean Bag Toss!

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Annual Elders Meeting held June 24 at Andahwod

SHELIGH JACKSON

Assistant Elders Advocate

On June 14, District One Tribal elders were invited to attend the annual elders meeting at Andahwod CCC & ES.

The meeting's purpose serves as a ground for the current and newly-appointed Elders Advisory Board and Michigan Indian Elders Association delegates to meet with the elders of District 1.

Important ideas, concerns and issues for the District One elder population can be shared at this time. It also creates an opportunity for open communication throughout the year.

There was one vacancy to be filled for the EAB and the Council-appointed position went to Tribal elder Joseph Sowmick. This is Sowmick's third term to serve on the Board.



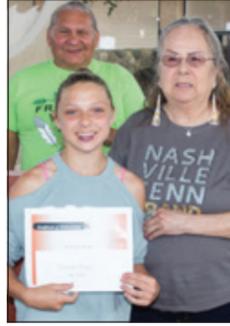
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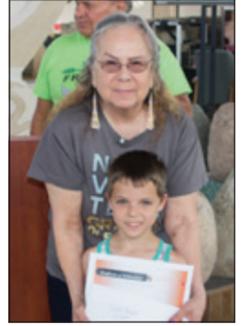
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Caleb Burger

Rosalie Maloney, administrator for Andahwod, also presented EAB member Cynthia Floyd with a floral arrangement for her 15 years of service on the Board.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association consists of a delegation of tribal elders from 11 federally-recognized tribes in Michigan.

Members meet three times a year to aid and assist in the

improvement of the social, economic, health and spiritual well-being of all tribal elders in the state.

SCIT delegates are Tribal Council-appointed by submitting a letter of interest.

The 2017-2019 delegates are Kathy Hart and Clinton Pelcher, with Barb Sprague as the alternate.

Pelcher also serves as the officer-at-large for the association.

The SCIT delegates also gave the 2017 MIEA student incentive awards to the 12

students who received recognition for academic excellence and/or perfect attendance.

Andahwod hosts Mother's and Father's Day cookout

SHELIGH JACKSON

Assistant Elders Advocate

For the past few years, the Elder Services program plans a combined Mothers and Father's Day cookout to celebrate the occasions with Tribal elders.

This year the weather cooperated and the cookout was attended by 52 elders.

Each elder received a jewelry bag and enjoyed a barbecue chicken and ribs lunch provided by the Andahwod kitchen.

Elders were encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. This gives elders an opportunity for "bragging

rights" to their best side dish or dessert. For instance, people got to enjoy Carole Tally's rhubarb pie and Terry Bonnau's famous baked beans.

Elders were asked to pair up and participate in a nature scavenger hunt. Teams were given a list of items to find on Andahwod property and turn in their bag of items.

First place was a tie between Gail George/Rose Wassegijig and Kenny Sprague/Marilyn Johnson.

Second place went to Sue Kequom and third place was Elijah Leksche/Joseph Wemigwans.

There were 10 teams total and everyone received a prize.

Elders played a fun competition against each other in bean bag toss.

Katie Reid, activities assistant, kept score and had 16 people try their toss. First place went to Chris Jackson, second place was tied between Rose Wassegijig and Kenny Sprague and Ellie VanHorn placed third.

At the end of the cookout, the big drawing for the "Hit the Powwow Highway" raffle took place. The lucky winner was Flossie Sprague!

Miigwetch to all those who came out to celebrate and helped during this event.

Andahwod May Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Ashley Hunt has worked at Andahwod for six years as a resident service aide.

Ashley enjoys working at Andahwod and with the elders.

She also enjoys being around her co-workers. She said, "We are like a big family!"

She said she likes to enjoy her free time with family and friends, especially her son.

Ashley would like to thank the residents for choosing her to be Employee of the Month.

Resident comments:

"She is very hard working."

"She is always nice and helpful to all of us."



Ashley Hunt

Courtesy of Andahwod

Michigan Indian Elders Conference

July 25 - 27, 2017

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Conference Rooms

For more information:

- Visit www.michiganindianelders.org
- Or call Andahwod at 989.775.4307

July 25 • **Registration:** 2 - 4:30 p.m. (Ballroom lobby)
• **Delegates Dinner:** 4 - 5 p.m. (Andahwod)

July 26 • **Registration/Breakfast:** 7 - 9 a.m. (SECR)
• **Opening Ceremony:** 9 - 10 a.m. (SECR)
• **Business Meeting:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (SECR)
• **Lunch:** 12 - 1 p.m. (food voucher)
• **Afternoon Activities:** 1 - 2:45 a.m. (SECR)
• **Auctions:** 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. (SECR)
• **Dinner:** 6 - 7 p.m. (Ziibiwing)

July 27 • **Breakfast:** 7 - 9 a.m. (SECR)
• **Closing Ceremony:** 9 - 11 a.m. (SECR)

JULY 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 Lester Chippeway Jr., Kimberly Palmer | 18 Clare Camburn, Marcus Peters, Pamela Schotl, Miranda Stockel |
| 2 Doris Romer, Joseph Sowmick, Sherry Hileman, Betty Stallcup | 19 Randy James, Melissa Mowry, Brian Tabor |
| 3 Janis Ash, Belinda Land, Randall Bird, Lee Kerns | 20 Robert Abraham |
| 4 Catherine Wending | 21 Joe Brown |
| 6 Deborah Christie, James Trisch | 22 Louise Hunt, Kimberly Dorow, Michael Neyome, David Russell |
| 7 Joanne Rogers | 23 Simon Jackson Sr., Lewis Mena, Linell Crampton, Tina Howard |
| 8 Carmen Otto, Timothy Sedlow | 24 Margaret Hinkle, Annette Ackley, Duane Beaulieu Jr., Cheryl Berlin, Andrew Falcon, Jane Jolly, John McDonald, Lisa Starkey |
| 9 Christian Jackson, Phillip Meir III, Mary Johnson, Patricia Keshick, Vicky Madosh, Harry Pelcher, Jocelyn Perkins | 25 Guy Jackson, Michael Dalton, Robert Fallis III, Anthony Sprague Sr. |
| 10 Greg Falsetta, Barbara Link | 26 Sheri Jackson, Barbara Durga, Betty Gould, Samuel Sharon |
| 11 Diane Dege, Leo Jackson Jr., Nancy Nedwash, Lawrence Verga Jr. | 27 John Jackson, Donald Leauxaux Jr., Myron Cloutier, Donald Federico, Tracey Frank, Elizabeth Mena |
| 12 Eric Anderson, Kelly Buggs, William McClain, David Miller | 28 Judy Johnson, Thomasine MeShawboose, Duane Beaulieu, Stephen Johnson, Colleen Kirby |
| 13 Delmar Jackson Jr., Mary Bukowicz, William Kellogg | 30 Marlin Bennett, Ann Orr, Frederick Stevens |
| 14 Dennis Christy Sr., Dennis Quayle, Gregory Stevens | 31 Yvonne Glomski, Victor Bailey, Marlene Gray |
| 15 Julius Peters, Donald Nelson, Juanita Rogers | |
| 16 Paul Walker, Julie Walker-Hunt | |
| 17 Larry Burnham, Gary Grills, Kevin Hancock, Gerald Nahgahgwon, Mark Powell, Mark Walraven | |

July 2017 | Andahwod CCC & ES Events

Euchre
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Open Crafts
Tuesdays | 5 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

Language Bingo
July 6 | 1 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
July 12 & 26 | 9-10 a.m.

**Activities and events are subject to change.

Saganing Daytrip
July 18 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
July 19 | 1 p.m.



JULY 2017 EVENT PLANNER

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- July 5, 19 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810
- July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989.775.4895

Youth Basketball Open Gym

- July 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: recreation@sagchip.org

Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

- July 6 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
- Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850

Traditional Sweat Lodge

- July 7 | Sweat Lodge teachings and fire lighting: 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989.775.4879

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

- July 6 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Contact: 989.775.4880
- Tribal Operations Seniors Room

Summer Baby Celebration

- July 6 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989.775.4780

Rez Rock: Open Jam Sessions

- July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: recreation@sagchip.org

Foster Care Mandatory Training

- July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 | 12 - 5 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
- For ACFS licensed foster homes

Community Emergency Preparedness

- July 13 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989.775.4621
- Activities inside and out, so come ready to have fun while learning how to prepare for an emergency.

"Who's Your Caddy" Open Golf Tournament

- July 15 | 10 a.m. Shotgun start
- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd)
- Contact: 989.775.4149
- Four person scramble.
- \$75 per person. (\$300 per team.)
- Teams must have two of the following: Any Tribal Member/descendant of any recognized tribe or SECR, Migizi or SELC employees.

Saganing Talking Circle

- July 19 | 5:30 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.4879

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

- July 20 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.5810
- Food, entertainment, prizes and more!

Dunk Away Drugs Sobriety Shootout

- July 22 | Time: TBD
- Location: Mt. Pleasant High School Gym
- Contact: 989.775.4823
- Native American basketball tournament. Free event.

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

- July 20 | Golf Scramble at Waabooz Run
- July 21 | Opening ceremonies: 9 a.m.
- CMU Bennett Track & Field
- Contact: 989.775.4694

European Frog-Bit Pull & Paddle

- July 26 | Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Location: Eagle Bay Marina (Standish, Mich.)
- Contact: sbcisma@gmail.com
- Volunteers are needed to help remove this invasive plant from the shoreline of the Saginaw Bay.

Freedom Walk

- July 29 | 7 - 10 a.m.
- Walking from Tribal Gym to Powwow Grounds.

Youth Summit

- Aug. 19 | 1 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
- Aug. 20-21 | SECR Ballroom
- Registration required: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
- Open to all Tribal youth 12-20 years old.

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

- Contact: 989.775.4115
- July 11: Five Lakes
- July 21: Wixom (Friday all day)
- July 25: Long Lake
- Look for more upcoming dates in August.

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

- Contact: 989.775.4115
- Open to all Native youth: Grades 7-12
- July 7: Michigan Adventures (Cost: \$20)
- July 14: Canoe Trip (Free)
- July 28: Saginaw Chippewa Day (Horseshoes & Cornhole Tournament.)
- Look for more upcoming dates in August.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JULY 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
3 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	4 Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day	5 Talking Circle Andahwod 7 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.	6 Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m.	7 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	1/8 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. American Indian Dances Ziibiwing 12 - 5 p.m. 2/9 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

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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 certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Strategic Grant Specialist

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

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; 0-5 years experience as a practicing attorney.

Comm Services Web Store Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program or an associate degree in human services related field with two years experience as a families first worker or similar family preservation program.

Intake Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess minimum of a bachelor's degree in a human services field with CAC-I/II or CADC-I/II with two years clinical experience in a co-occurring setting.

Business Instructor

Open to the public. Master's degree required in business identified discipline. The instructor is responsible for the coordination, planning, preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities.

Certified Aide PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification.

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.

Case Manager ITC

Open to the public. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, or human services related field. Minimum of two years of case management experience, preferred. Must have CADC or demonstrated experience working with substance abuse and co-occurring treatment protocols. Knowledge of Native American traditions and culture preferred.

Clinical Therapist ITC

Open to the public. Must have a master's degree in counseling, social work, or equivalent in human services related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire are encouraged to apply.

Data Evaluation Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social sciences field. Six months of experience in data analysis. Grant funded position is for one year, optional for additional four years.

Housekeeper

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Maintenance Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. A minimum of one to three years maintenance experience.

Waste Water Operator Lab Tech Intern

Tribal Members only. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Should have an aptitude for operating and maintaining mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment. Should have working knowledge of mechanical and building trades.

Energy Buyer

Open to the public. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in electrical technology, statistics, economics, mathematics or business. Master's degree preferred. A minimum of five years experience in analysis, forecasting, and strategies as related to commodity purchasing or trading.

Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED with at least six months clerical or secretarial experience.

SECR

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus.

Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years housekeeping supervisory experience in either hospitality or casino field.

Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification, 600 total hours required for certification.

Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able

to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit.

Concierge FT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Server Assistant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Entertainment Security Officer PT - Seasonal

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Entertainment Usher Seasonal

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Waitstaff PT - Seasonal

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Steward PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Guest Relations Representative PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Count Team Supervisor

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

Housekeeper PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Call Center Agent PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Function Service PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Valet Parking Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Count Team Associate PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Senior A/R Clerk

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have an associate's degree in accounting or two years of previous A/R experience, preferable in high-volume environment.

Casino Host

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Maintenance Supervisor

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. A minimum of one to three years maintenance experience. Experience in a hospital or hotel/resort environment desired.

Slot Technician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be proficient in the use of hand tools, power tools and electrical/electronic test equipment.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

SELC & Saganing

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Aerie Line Cook PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One years of restaurant cooking experience.

Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Support Services Tech I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT-related degree.

F & B Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Waitstaff (level 1) PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Players Club Guest Service Representative

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S DIVISION

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Public Hearing Case No. 14-JCW-0381 TO: Segwen Traver and John Traver Jr. in the matter of three minor children dates of birth 11-04-2010; 10-20-2011; 11-27-2013. The court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A pre-termination hearing will be conducted by the court on Aug. 1, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. and a termination hearing will be conducted by the court on Aug. 18, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Segwen Traver and John Traver Jr. personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual possible termination of parental rights.



Nearly 750 patrons visit the 10th annual Saganing Traditional Powwow

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Editor

More than 729 patrons attended the 10th annual Saganing Traditional Powwow throughout the weekend on June 17 and 18, according to Craig Graveratte, supervisor for the At-Large Program/Members Services.

The At-Large/Member Services Program presented the annual powwow at the grounds on Worth Road in Standish, Mich., next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Saganing Tribal Center.

On Saturday, grand entries began at 1 and 4 p.m., and a fireworks show was sponsored at dusk.

On Sunday, grand entry began at 1 p.m. Shortly after 3 p.m., a hand drum contest took place. First place received \$300, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third.

Jason Whitehouse served as emcee and Steve Oldman was the arena director.

Head veteran Darryl Jackson led the grand entry in the arena.

Head male dancer James Falcon and head female dancer Lisa Passinault led the dancers.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Head veteran Darryl Jackson leads the 1 p.m. Saturday grand entry at the Saganing Traditional Powwow.

“We had over 75 dancers, three drums and 15 singers this year,” Graveratte said.

Nottawaseppi Boyz served as head drum, and Sturgeon Bay Singers performed as co-drum.

Admission was \$3 daily or \$5 for the weekend and \$1 for children.

Sponsors included: Chemical Bank, Wilson’s Cheese Shoppe, Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, Remer: Plumbing, Heating and Air



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Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society members carry the flags before posting their colors.



Courtesy of Craig Graveratte

Craig Graveratte, supervisor for At-Large/Member Services, holds the trophy the department won for Judges’ Choice Mac and Cheese Bake Off competition.

Conditioning, Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation, The Design Co. and Cars by Design.

Also during the weekend’s festivities, Tribal representatives participated in the annual CheeseTown Parade in Pinconning, Mich.

Once again this year, the At-Large/Member Services Program competed in the



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Head female dancer Lisa Passinault (left) and head male dancer (right) James Falcon lead the dancers during the June 17 grand entry.

Pinconning Mac and Cheese Competition.

The dish won the Judges’ Choice trophy.

“The Mac and Cheese bake off is to support the Boys and Girls Club, and we (the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and its Saganing Powwow Committee) have been

a part of this event for three years,” Graveratte said. “We have won the Judges’ Choice trophy twice and won the People’s Choice trophy once.”

Last year, the dish took the People’s Choice trophy as their entry was voted first by more than 200 participants.



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Chief Frank J. Cloutier (center) provides welcoming remarks next to emcee Jason Whitehouse (left) and Tribal Council member Amanda Oldman (right).



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Shirley Houle (left) and Judy Pamp (right) showcase their colorful regalia in the arena.



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More than 75 dancers participated in the powwow weekend this year.



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Throughout the weekend, nearly 750 patrons visited the 10th annual powwow.



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(Left to right) Hope Stevens, Christa Gomez, April Borton and Renata Borton are photographed during Saturday afternoon.



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Two powwow dancers share a smile at the powwow grounds on Worth Road in Standish.



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The event was held June 17 and 18 with Saturday’s grand entries at 1 and 4 p.m., and Sunday’s at 1 p.m.



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Paul Walker (left) and Rachel Gorski (right) take part in an intertribal dance.