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Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort scheduled for renovations

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Ray Brenny, CEO for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, has successfully gained momentum in the proposed renovation for the establishment.

In an 11-0 vote, Tribal Council has approved the motion for funding the casino and entertainment hall renovation project.

"When I was hired nine months ago, I promised to provide a superior focus on improvement," Brenny said. "Among the top priorities was to connect with I-5 Design Company to do an assessment and to present some design

ideas that would improve our guests' experience."

The \$26.5 million project is expected to commence by fall of 2017 and complete by spring of 2018.

The multi-million dollar investment is concentrated on amenities of the casino such as incorporating a brand new sports bar and night club near the gaming floor, updating the entertainment hall, enclosing the non-smoking area, re-designing Kid's Quest and Cyber Quest areas, enhanced gaming experiences with a new high limit and VIP lounge area, a relocated poker room and then finalizing the renovation project with a re-branding of the current sub shop.



Courtesy of SECR Public Relations

An artist's rendering shows the proposed changes of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

The preliminary schedule is split into a seven-phase construction plan.

The first phase is anticipated to begin in early August and involves updating the entertainment hall.

High-tech programmable lighting elements across the ceiling will accommodate a wide variety of events. There will be upgrades to the

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Chief Cloutier's 2017 Tribal Homecoming Address

(Editor's note: The following manuscript is Chief Frank Cloutier's address, delivered at the annual Homecoming Community Meeting on Thursday, July 27 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.)

"Good morning. Anii to everyone. I would like to start out by welcoming each and every one of you on behalf of the Tribal Council and our community. We always look forward to being able to catch up and make you folks aware of what your Tribal government has been doing to ensure a bright and productive future.

This week there are many things planned to ensure you have an enjoyable visit with your fellow Tribal Members. There will be an ice cream social at Andahwod, At-Large/Members Services will be hosting a picnic in the Tribal Gym on Friday, and a fireworks display is planned for dusk Friday evening and, of course, the annual SCIT Powwow all weekend long. Ask our Public Relations staff for schedules and event locations.

As you know, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan was hired many years ago to administer the Tribe's insurance plan for members and employees of the Tribe.

Early in our term, we learned that Blue Cross wrongly

assessed the Tribe's hidden fees for health care services provided under the Tribe's health care plan. These hidden fees were assessed to and paid by the Tribe and did not impact the care or fees to the Tribal Members or employees.

According to the Federal Court, the Tribe's health care plan with Blue Cross contained two groups: The employee group and the Tribal Member group. Blue Cross padded their fees for health care services to both of these groups in the millions of dollars over a period of approximately 10 years.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was not the only victim to Blue Cross's fraudulent scheme. Other Michigan tribes and many other self-insured companies across the state were also the victims of the same scheme by Blue Cross.

In January 2016, the Tribe sued Blue Cross in federal court seeking damages for hidden fees charged to the Tribe. In our case, the Tribe argued that Blue Cross breached its fiduciary duty under federal statute by assessing hidden fees to the Tribe.

On July 14, 2017, the federal judge awarded the Tribe \$8.4 million for hidden fees Blue Cross charged the Tribe for employees. The award of the \$8.4 million to the Tribe is a victory for the Tribe and

represents the total amount in hidden fees assessed to the employee group under the Tribe's health care plan.

However, the Court dismissed the Tribe's claim for the hidden fees charged under the Tribal Member group because, according to the Court, the member group is not governed by the federal statute. We believe this is an error and will appeal the Court's decision and seek payment by Blue Cross of all hidden fees charged to the Tribe.

We will keep you informed of our progress as we continue our fight to retrieve all the fees wrongfully charged to the Tribe.

In the meantime, make sure you have your Meritain Health cards with you when you visit your health care provider. We are finding out that without the card, in some instances, providers are not willing to provide services.

As was explained in our first State of The Tribe Address in early 2016, your Tribal Council, was faced with the disenrollment process of 262 "Collateral Enrollment" cases from the appellate court ruling of 2015.

To date, all but 33 have been dis-enrolled. Fifteen members were able to provide proof that they traced lineally and have retained their membership and one case involving 18 files remains in process.

To date, 298 people have been removed from our membership for having no traceable ancestor on the Tribe's rolls or have been proven collaterally enrolled. This has been a painful and grueling process for all involved. Our governing documents were written to provide the framework for governing our community and each other. The process that has been developed and followed, although lengthy, has proven that it works in the best interest of our community.

I am very happy to report that our Treasury department has made some significant gains in managing the Real Estate Investment Trusts or "REIT's" and Business Development Companies or "BDC's" investments that had been inappropriately executed on behalf of the Tribe in the past.

Upon taking office, Tribal Council was informed that each trust account had been affected by these investments for a total of \$220 million throughout 52 separate holdings.

Today, the current amount is approximately \$120 million across 36 holdings.

Treasury has reduced our exposure through the combination of redemptions and write downs. This work will continue as we move forward.

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Julia (Jewels) Primavera

Jan. 19, 1987 – July 10, 2017

Julia (Jewels) Primavera, age 30, of Homer Glen, Ill. passed away Monday, July 10, 2017.

Julia was born in Harvey, Ill. to Laura Meffert and Lonnie Primavera.

Julia was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She had a B.A. from Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. and a BSN from Olivet Nazarene University.



She loved her family, and most of all, her cats, Baylor, Mindy and Georgie.

Julia is survived by her parents Laura Meffert of Homer Glen and Lonnie Primavera (Kristi) of Chicago, her grandmother, Charlotte Clark of Hutto, Texas, her Godmother Tanya and Ron Hansen of Crete, aunts Tammy Primavera of LaGrange; Tina Primavera of New Jersey; Tracy Clark of Hutto, Texas.

Julia was preceded in death by grandparents Rose and Kenneth Johnson, Raymond Clark, Louie Primavera and Uncle Byron Meffert.

Memorial contributions may be made to TLC Animal Shelter.

Linda Ruth Schramm

Jan. 22, 1939 – July 22, 2017

Linda Ruth Schramm, age 78, of Mount Pleasant, formerly of Kalamazoo and Flint, passed away on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at Andahwod.

Linda was born Jan. 22, 1939 in Flint, Mich. to Louis P. and Emma (Gardner) Henry.

Linda married Paul Schramm on June 16, 1955 in Indiana. He preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2016. Linda was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and was proud of her Choctaw decent. She and Paul enjoyed many winters in Florida.

Linda was a loving, dedicated mother and grandmother who enjoyed attending her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's events. She loved spending time with her family and watching birds.

Linda is survived by her children, Paul (Diane) Schramm, Terri (James) Bonnema, Susan Byrne, Michael Schramm, and Kelly Hartwell; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Jean Hancock and Wanda Brodie; and sister-in-law Elva Rinnert.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister Anita Henry; granddaughter Melissa Bonnema; grandsons Timothy Schramm and Christofer Hartwell.

A private memorial service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Interment took place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Taylor "Kook" Vasquez

January 7, 1989 – August 6, 2016

August 6th is your 1st Angelversary also known as the day you earned your wings. Although I am full of sadness that you're no longer here you give me signs and I still feel you near. All of the memories will never die and they will forever be etched within my heart they also give me strength, comfort and hope while we're apart.



I'll forever love and miss you my handsome son, Love, Momma

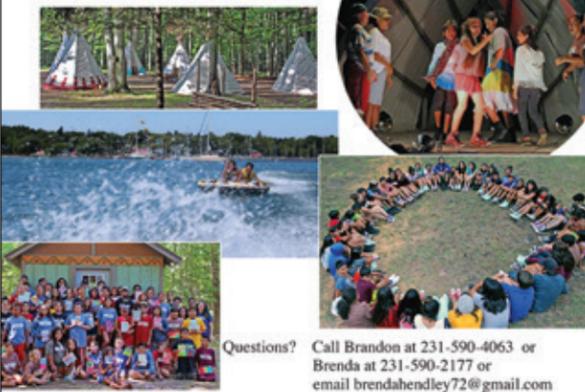
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Aug. 19-21, 2017

Aug. 19 | 1 p.m.
Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park

Aug. 20-21 | SECR Ballroom

Open to Tribal Youth (ages 12-20)

Registration required. To Register, please use one of the following options:

- Email: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
- Fax: 989.775.4160
- Mail: Youth Council
7070 E. Broadway
Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Meet the Guest Speakers

Chance Rush | www.onechanceleadership.com

Chance is an enrolled member of the three affiliated tribes (hidatsa) of North Dakota.

Marcus Guinn | www.emceeone.com

Emcee one / Marcus Anthony Guinn, is a national speaker, recording artist, DJ, conference consultant & youth advocate.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County

FAN
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Monthly Forum
Every third Thursday of the month

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:
• 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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

ORV Safety Class

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Dept.
6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Free class, there is no charge.

Hours of instruction are mandatory.

This course includes: Introduction to ORV safety and operation, outdoor safety and ORV state and local laws.

To sign up, please contact:
Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700

*Class size is limited to 20 people
*A parent or guardian must accompany a child 10 years or younger
*Pre-registration count is required for correct amount of materials.

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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.

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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

- Aug. 1
- Sept. 5
- Oct. 3
- Nov. 7



Happy Belated 13th Birthday Bella Benzinger

It's been a pleasure to watch you grow into such a beautiful smart young lady who is wise beyond years. I know your brother is watching from up above and is very proud of you.

Love, Dad, Mom, and Miles



Election Timeline 2017 Primary & General Elections

- Aug. 7 - Sept. 1** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
- Sept. 1** | Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
- Sept. 11** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- Sept. 11** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates
- Sept. 12** | Final Candidate List Posted
- Sept. 18** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
- Oct. 9** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 10** | **Primary Election Day** — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 13** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 6** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 7** | **General Election Day** — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Nov. 8** | **General Election Results Posted**

**There will be a \$100 processing fee due when turning in petitions*

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054

Lexi Weekley-Dean



August 27th

Happy Sweet 16

Love, Mom, Gram,
Devin and Kayden



Happy
Birthday
Mariana!

Love you, Dad
August 23



Happy
Birthday
Michael!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Brother



Happy
Birthday
Myles!

Love you, Dad
August 16

2017 SCIT Powwow raffle winner



Observer photo by Matthew Wright



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Congratulations to Cliff Russell for winning the 2017 SCIT Powwow raffle. Cliff works as the table games director for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

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 Council Candidate Packets available:

Aug. 7 - Sept. 1, 2017

Tribal Children Welfare Program Affidavits

Deadline:

Aug. 4, 2017 by 5 p.m.

(No postmarked or faxed affidavits accepted.)



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Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

Attention SCIT Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 at 8 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the application for a renewal of an Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development CO.

The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of Tribal Liquor License for Retail

Off-Premise General License for the Cardinal Pharmacy located at 2410 S. Leaton Road, Suite 8, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged liquor, beer and wine to be consumed by buyer off premise. The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year Sept. 25, 2017 through Sept. 24, 2018 with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

"Who's Your Caddy" saw fierce golf tournament competition

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Recreation Department held the 2017 "Who's Your Caddy" open golf tournament on Saturday, July 15 at Maple Creek Golf Club in Shepherd.

The shotgun start occurred at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble playing 18 holes.

"Goodie bags, T-shirts, door prizes, side-game challenges, Turbo-dog, and a prime sirloin dinner was included to the participating golfers," said Lucas Sprague, interim manager for the Recreation Department.

The first, second and third flight winners were awarded.

"The golf outing is one of the most highly-anticipated events our staff puts on," said Jonathan Updegraff, youth organized sports specialist. "Getting everything put together took some planning and coordinating, but the staff, as a whole, is getting pretty dialed in on how to make this event as cool as it is."

Golfers also had the opportunity to win proximity and door prizes.

Championship Flight Results:

- **First place:** Terry Thompson, Ruben Moore, Kelly Chamberlain and Shane Kelly.
- **Second place:** Nate Lambertson, Darcy Crampton, Jill McIntyre and Jill Brundle.

First Flight Results:

- **First place:** Michael McCreery, Dana Kequom-Neyome, Vince Cook, and Barry.
- **Second place:** Bean Sprague, Bernie Sprague, Larry Sprague and Kenny Sprague.

Optional games included a skins game for \$40 per team, a 50/50 raffle and the longest putt.

"My favorite part of the event has to be, without question, the banquet at the end of the day," Updegraff said. "Everyone getting together over some good food, talking a little trash, and getting to go home with some awesome prizes; it makes for a good time for sure."

The cost was \$300 per team (\$75 per person) with a 30 team maximum.

"This event seems to get bigger every year, and this year plenty of teams were there and ready to compete," said Lindsey Sprague, youth organized sports specialist. "It was a fun day on the course, especially watching everyone on their golf carts having a good time out there. I always enjoy and look forward to this event."

Men played with the white tees; women had the red tees' and elders, 60 and older, played with gold tees.

"We feel like the outing was a huge success and can't wait to see what more we can do with it next year," Updegraff said.

Teams must have included two of the following: Any Tribal Member or descendent of a federally-recognized tribe or a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal employee.

Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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

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Saganing Eagles Landing Casino to expand gaming floor, construct five-story hotel

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal administrators and the local community gathered outside the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino for the groundbreaking ceremony for the establishment's expansion.

The ceremony was held Friday, June 30 in Standish at 1 p.m.

The expansion will contain a new five-story hotel with 148 guest rooms, a pool, fitness center, a full-service restaurant, lounge, additional square footage for retail space, and an increased gaming floor with more than 400 additional slot machines.

Peter Stevens, president of JCJ Architecture, said the firm has "been privileged to work with more than 50 Native American communities throughout the U.S. within the last 25 years."

"There are some special features of the building... that will be revenue generators," Stevens said. "Over the fifth floor is a hospitality suite that would be great for private parties or for holidays... there will be 148 rooms; 140 standard (65 king, 75 double or queens), and eight suites of 780 sq. feet each."

Stevens said a lounge night club – with seating for up to 150 people – will overlook the newly-expanded gaming floor and full-service restaurant – seating up to 200 people – with an opportunity for a private dining room.

"One thing that is very important in gaming is parking, and we are expanding the parking lot to 1500 spaces," Stevens said. "That is a very significant expansion to this property, convenient to get everyone in and out of site. (The property will contain a) new swimming pool, and lounge area outside of the pool. When (patrons) see the hotel lobby, (they) will

see a place that is very welcoming, very warm that also speaks to the area about the environment."

Ron Nelson, District Two representative for Tribal Council, provided welcoming remarks.

"I want to, first, thank all of our dedicated employees and those who work hard each day to provide excellent customer service," Nelson said. "It is your positive attitudes that help ensure our customers feel welcome and enjoy their time here. We remain successful because of the time and energy you put in – day in and day out."

Nelson also thanked his ancestors. He said "they helped make the Saganing property a reality."

"Through the tough times, (our ancestors) stayed in our ceded territories and lands on the Saginaw Bay. They fought and were dedicated to calling Saganing their home and would not leave," Nelson said. "It would not be possible for us to have any of this in Saganing if it were not for them."

Chief Frank Cloutier also provided remarks.

"It takes a community to create sustainability and this project for the Great Lakes Bay Region is going to be huge," Cloutier said. "Today we start a whole new direction on customer service and that 'play and stay' experience here in Arenac County and Northern Bay County."

Cloutier said the expansion will bring in another 205 jobs to the area.

"I can't imagine an area more deserving of sustainability, growth, and guarantees for the future," Cloutier



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Casino CEO Ray Brenny (left) discusses the Saganing Eagles Landing expansion project at the June 30 groundbreaking ceremony before Bob VanWert (right), general manager for the casinos, also speaks.

said. "It takes a lot of work to come together and build something that successful... if it wasn't for our associates who have made our Saganing Eagles Landing Casino one of the places of choice... we wouldn't be anywhere without (them)."

Bob VanWert, general manager for the casinos, has worked for the Tribe for 20 years. He served in the opening team for launching the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

VanWert said Saganing Casino patrons constantly ask him when the casino will be expanding, and said he is glad he now has an answer.

"I can't think of a more deserving staff to receive this expansion than the staff we have at Saganing. They really go above and beyond daily, and they've done an exceptional job in the existing building and I expect nothing less as we move forward," VanWert said.

Herb Spence, general contractor of Spence Brothers Construction, said the company is "proud to once again work with the Tribe."

Spence previously worked with the Tribe on its water treatment plant in Mount Pleasant.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Council and several project representatives officially break ground for the expansion, scheduled to be complete in approximately 18 months.

"Our first phase for this renovation is mainly site work, getting ready for this project – mainly parking lots, lighting, constructing the building pad where the structure will sit, and that is a lot of work," Spence said. "We are all dedicated to making sure the building pad is ready by this fall so the foundation can be started and structural steel will happen early winter."

Spence also serves as chair on the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance Economic Development Council.

"(The alliance is a) collaboration of eight counties getting together to build, expand businesses and organizations like this and to attract more jobs to our region," Spence said. "I am proud to sit on the Board with Frank Cloutier who has been a longtime supporter, and the Tribe has been one of our main investors... Our region has a lot more assets if we include places like the Soaring Eagle and Saganing... and we are much stronger together than we would be in any county, individually."

Casino CEO Ray Brenny has worked for the Tribe for the last eight months, and said "this expansion is the first



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Peter Stevens, president of JCJ Architecture, discusses special features the new hotel and gaming floor will feature.

project of several within the next couple years."

"This groundbreaking is further evidence of the Tribe's commitment to progress," Brenny said. "Thank you to the staff, Tribal leadership for the success of the Saganing Casino of the past nine years. I look forward to continued success of the future."

The estimated completion is scheduled for approximately 18 months, with a grand opening slated for early 2019.

Splash Away Hunger fundraiser collects 5,298 pounds of food for soup kitchen

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In exchange for a two food item donation, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel patrons received one waterpark pass on June 26 and 27.

The non-expired and non-perishable food donations were a part of the Waterpark's Splash Away Hunger food drive to benefit the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen.

The waterpark passes were valid on the day of donations, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"We had a total of 5,298 pounds of food that was donated and delivered to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen," said Melissa Mullard, marketing specialist for Migizi EDC.

Food items collected included the soup kitchen's

highly-needed items: Canned peas, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce, mayonnaise, ranch dressing, olive oil, parmesan cheese, sal-tines, egg noodles and juice of all kinds.

"During our Splash Away Hunger event, we had some hotel guests ask about the cause. We informed them that we were donating non-perishable can goods to our local food kitchen," said Bonnie Sprague, general manager for SEWPH. "To our surprise, we had hotel guests go shop for non-perishable canned goods for the event. By hosting events of this nature, we are not only helping others but we are meeting others who love to give back, too."

At 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, SEWPH and Migizi personnel loaded the

Waterpark's truck to deliver the items.

"As an organization that is involved in long-term planning, we understand that a strong, healthy community is vital to our success," said Frederick Kuhlman, marketing manager for Migizi. "All of us at Migizi work both on and off the job to help our area grow. It's very satisfying to know we've helped to provide many hot and nourishing meals to those who otherwise might have gone without. Outside of that, it's just fun to meet and work with our neighbors."

Kuhlman said Migizi works with all Tribal departments to provide support as well as many of the area's civic organizations such as United Way, Special Olympics, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and the Humane Animal Treatment Society.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On June 28, Migizi Economic Development Co. and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel personnel loaded the Waterpark's truck with the donated items from the Splash Away Hunger food drive, which benefitted the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen.

"(The) Waterpark will be hosting a benefit for our furry, four-legged friends in August," Kuhlman said. "We will be collecting donations to assist in the operation of the

shelter on Isabella Road. Sprague said future fundraisers also include Stuff the Bus for a back-to-school event and Toys for Tots during the holiday season.

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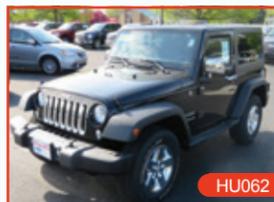
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Saganing gas station re-branded to Sagamok Express Mobil

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Friday, July 14, the Saganing Sagamok gas station in Standish was re-branded to the Sagamok Express Mobil.

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place at 10 a.m. with Tribal Council representatives and Migizi Economic Development Co. personnel present.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Just after 10 a.m., Juckniess described how the gas station will better serve its customers.

Frederick Kuhlman, marketing manager for Migizi, and CEO Robert Juckniess provided statements.

“The Saganing Sagamok gas station has been completely updated outside of the store to better serve our customers,” Juckniess said. “Our fuel supplier spent over \$200,000 on upgrading our facility.”

The new canopy, pumps and price sign have all been installed with the Mobil Brand.

“The kerosene offering has been replaced with a new diesel formulation specifically used for off-road vehicles,” Juckniess said. “The lighting has been upgraded to LED for a brighter experience with lower costs.”

The building has been power washed and painted in accordance with the Mobil colors.

“We are pleased with the new imaging of the station and it lends itself well to the premium expectations and reputation of the Tribe,” Juckniess said.

Customers were welcomed to tour the upgrades



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Tribal Council representatives with Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess (far left) partake in a July 14 ribbon cutting ceremony dedicated to re-branding the Standish gas station to Sagamok Express Mobil.

and were treated to cupcakes and popcorn.

“We expect both Tribal Members and other customers to have an enhanced and more efficient experience with the new technology associated with the state-of-the-art gasoline pumps,” Juckniess said. “In addition, the Mobil loyalty program PLENTI will offer all customers improved discounts and special offers, while SPEEDPASS allows patrons

to pay at the pump without a credit card. Finally, we expect that the upgrades will allow us to attract additional business and be more competitive for the benefit of all customers.”

Outdoors, patrons may notice the new exterior and sparkling image when approaching the station.

“Inside, the customers can expect an upgraded service experience along with two brand new restrooms that are



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Frederick Kuhlman, marketing manager for Migizi, provides welcoming remarks and thanked those who made this re-branding possible.

clean and inviting,” Juckniess said. “The store has been reset to showcase our offerings in a better fashion.”

Juckniess said that location will now be incorporating expanded food options to include a roller grill as well as a cheese and jerky cooler.

A drawing was also held for the Sagamok Express Mobil’s first kayak giveaway winner.

Another kayak winner will be drawn on Aug. 1.

Editorial: Summer Baby Celebration blesses newborns in the Tribal community

LEE ANN RUFFINO

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The Baby Celebration takes place twice a year; one event in the summer and one in the winter. The event is a time to come together and honor the newborns in the Tribal community.

Nimkee Clinic, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Behavioral Health and Seventh Generation take part in this bi-annual celebration that has occurred for more than 20 years.

Drum, songs, blessings, feast, gifts and guest speakers make the event special for the new community members and their families.

This summer’s Baby Celebration on July 6 was another success. Through the efforts of the community and the many

departments on the Reservation, members came together to rejoice for the new babies born within the last six months.

It was a beautiful thing to see that the parents and caregivers of the future generation were gathered around the opening drum (Daniel Jackson, Hunter Genia and his sons, Anthony and Hunter Jr.) for a beautiful song, especially for this occasion. It was a beautiful reminder

that children are being fed physically, spiritually and culturally as well as emotionally.

The teachings shared by Marie and Wilfred Trudeau, language and tradition keepers, captivated the families attention and there was much positive feedback by attendees.

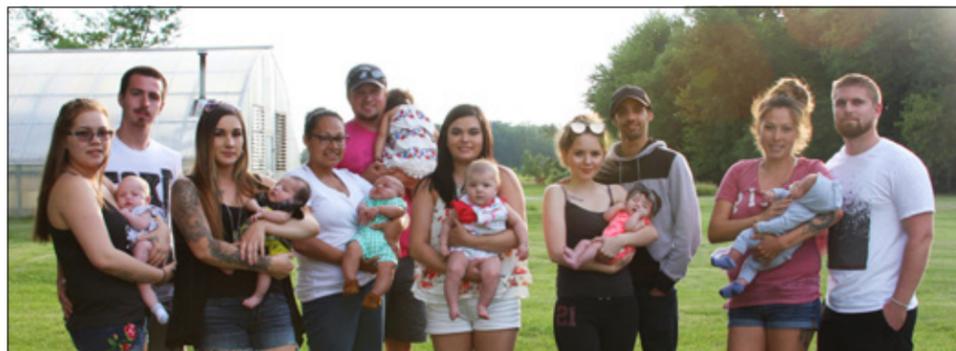
This event is very important, so that the parents know there are services here to help them in a lot of different capacities.

Mothers of the youngest attendants were presented with handmade blankets for every baby celebration. Sandy Smith creates these gifts for the mothers of newborns. She has been giving handmade items to young mothers for more than 30 years.

This event is structured in the spirit of fun, along with outdoor recreation as SCTC provided a bounce house.

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department offered a game of Ojibwe “Plinko,” proved to be a fun way to practice Anishinaabemowin.

Miigwetch to all staff and volunteers for making this event memorable, and miigwetch to the all of the families who attended.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Parents show off the newest members of their families at the July 6 Baby Celebration.



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Four generations come together for a photo. (Left to right: Grandmother Kelli Wisneski, mother Ciara Henry, baby Elaine Lorentz and great-grandmother Wilma Henry.)

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The Investment Committee is working on policies and procedures aimed at ensuring we have integrity in our investment efforts.

A Code of Ethics will be applied to all who have exposure to our investment efforts and there will be accountability throughout the process and policy. Currently, there still remains open and active litigation against the individual involved in these inappropriate investments.

Just recently, the Tribe accepted a settlement from PKS Investment firm in the amount of \$3,779,656.42. This was awarded through the FINRA hearings against PKS and their involvement in our REIT and BDC investments.

After careful deliberation, it was decided this was an excellent opportunity to fund the Burial Trust account and secure the burial benefit for the foreseeable future for you, the Membership.

Invested properly, this fund should become sustainable on its own and guarantee that benefit for the Membership.

The Tribe's sole source of cash flow available for the Revenue Allocation Plan is provided by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and the Slot Palace.

Tribal Council has focused our efforts on increasing and protecting cash flow available for distribution through the RAP plan.

The RAP plan mandates 75 percent goes to per capita, 15 percent goes to governmental budgets, which provide for member services and/or benefits and 10 percent goes to housing and land for future opportunities.

The Revenue Allocation Plan was not designed to



provide for future savings, so we need to grow our bottom line. We have folks here today to discuss in detail the plans we have for moving forward so I will briefly list them.

The projects we have planned are designed to increase cash flow for our future.

Adding a sports bar and night club, players' lounge, high limit lounge, upgrading the Entertainment Hall, remodel of the poker room and redesign of the deli, adding new casino carpet and slot chairs, increase hotel amenities and expand gaming to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to drive incremental cash flow are all part of what has been needed to drive fresh business.

We have approved a Hotel Yield Software to maximize revenues for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hotel, entertainment, food and beverage and Soaring Eagle Waterpark. This will ensure we have cash-paying customers and not excessive redeeming patrons.

We have successfully rolled out the "Access One Card" program and have seen significant increases in cash flows throughout the first two months.

Players can now redeem awards any way they want, anywhere they want. Players are overwhelmingly choosing to redeem their rewards into free play for gaming purposes.

We have been able to decrease our liability cost

for player development. The bottom line is we have the potential for in excess of 8.45 percent increases to the bottom line with sustainability for the future with these much-needed changes and updates.

The projects we have designed to protect cash flow for the community are the replacement and upgrade of the Soaring Eagle Casino and hotel roof currently under way, the replacement and upgrade of the Slot Palace roof, replace and upgrade all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing for the Soaring Eagle resort and we will be replacing windows, re-seal and paint the casino and hotel exterior.

This all will take some time and will be funded as we go from one phase to the next.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in the past nine years, spent \$544 million from futures' trust to supplement per capita and \$100,063.966 on casino capital.

Reinvesting in our properties will ensure we return to the competitive edge we once enjoyed while maintaining a world-class 'stay and play' experience.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino groundbreaking for that property expansion happened in early July with a lot of attention on what we will be offering there for the future.

Tribal Council has taken a very progressive approach to this project by changing the way we do business. This project is driven by a project management concept, creating transparency and full accounting during the construction process.

The expansion is staged in four different phases and will be completed in early 2019.

When opened, it will offer 148 guest rooms, a 100-seat lounge and entertainment venue, 200-seat restaurant

and an expanded gaming floor that will accommodate up to an additional 400 machines.

These changes will ensure we are able to capture an additional 10 to 15 million in additional revenue annually.

Tribal Council is taking the opportunity during construction to build utility corridors that will not only support the expansion, but it will ensure we have the needed infrastructure for future development.

The electrical substation is an exercise in sovereignty by allowing us to pull our power from the national grid like any other state or governmental entity. This will be one of the first in Indian Country and a solid footprint in our ever-continuing efforts toward independence and true sovereignty.

Just Tuesday (July 25th), the Federal Energy Resource Commission approved our application to be an independent provider of energy from the national grid.

Your Tribal Council has been working to empower the work force throughout all of our businesses. We have given the professionals from each the ability to work free of micro management and an uncertain future. We have approved development and training within our Human Resources department so the staff is prepared for future growth. We have streamlined our budgeting process and allowed all directors to have buy-in on how the budgets are created and planned for the future. We have directed all departments to utilize all software programs to their fullest potential thus creating efficiencies across the board.

Your Tribal Council commissioned consultants to execute a long-needed wage study that is in its final stage of completion. If we expect to be competitive in the market share, we need to provide a competitive wage for our associates.

Work has begun on policy review. We are hoping to make changes that will assist our day-to-day operations while maintaining an effective policy and process both at the Tribal Government level and in our businesses.

The Tribal Government has some significant obstacles to overcome so we can see a balanced budget and the most appropriate services being provided to you, the Member. By working closely with our directors, staff and you, the Members, we will achieve a balance between services and budget stability.

I would like to touch on our legislative efforts both regionally and nationally.

Spirit Rock and Larry Rosenthal are not able to be with us today, but have provided an update printed for your review.

We have public affairs associates and Scott Breslin who will discuss our efforts on the state level.

One of the most important efforts has been our work with the Department of The Interior and the policies written to consider "Land into Trust."

Your leadership, in collaboration with many other Tribes, has been working on draft language that will make it virtually impossible for tribes to acquire land off their reservations for the purpose of gaming. This will ensure we have control over our aboriginal lands.

I am traveling to Washington, D.C. on Aug. 9 to meet with Interior Secretary Zinke. The topic of discussion will be the efforts of two northern tribes attempting to move gaming within our aboriginal territories.

We will be asking Mr. Zinke to stop consideration and deny their request until the process and policy can be changed. We will update you further as these efforts develop.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to say chi-miigwetch for the opportunity to serve you on Tribal Council. It is one of the most incredible and humbling experiences of my life.

I have said from the beginning that we need to take better care of one another. Today, faced with so many challenges and the uncontrollable drug addictions that are gripping our people, we need to fortify ourselves from within and stay close to one another so we can remain strong enough to take care of each one. God bless."

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Tribal Court joins professionals at Washington, D.C. NADCP Conference

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
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On July 9-12, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court joined other court professionals at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annual conference in Washington, D.C.

The SCIT delegation consisted of Tribal Court Magistrate Carol Jackson, Prosecutor Graham Leach, and Healing to Wellness team members Aubree Gross and Joseph Sowmick.

As the Healing to Wellness case manager, Gross was one of the 5,000 court professionals in attendance and described the NADCP as an amazing experience.

“The conference highlighted important and relevant factors pertaining to treatment courts across the nation,” Gross said. “The conference allowed for many networking opportunities as well as educational opportunities and contained several inspirational speakers.”

Healing to Wellness Court is completing many of the key components highlighted in successful treatment courts, Gross said.

“It is a wonderful feeling knowing those who came before me were able to work hard to create a great foundation for this program to build off of,” Gross said. “Attending conferences such as the NADCP is an important component in ensuring Healing to Wellness team members are up-to-date on the

latest information and the conference delivered on just that.”

Senior Judge Patrick Shannon presides over Healing to Wellness every Monday and said he believes the Tribe is making its voice heard on local, state, regional, national and tribal levels.

“This conference provided our Tribal Healing to Wellness court personnel to interact with other tribal and state court professionals who are facing the opioid crisis in their judicial systems. Invariably, the participants each obtained ideas for solutions to work with our clients,” Shannon said. “Whether the meeting is tribal, local, state, regional or national in context, such meetings benefit what we do here to save lives and promote a healthy lifestyle.”

A June 27 study released in the national publication Drug and Alcohol Dependence was shared at the conference and cited three key factors that may help reduce opioid-related deaths by nearly one third in individuals with opioid use disorder.

Quarterly physician visits, psychosocial care, and no opioid or benzodiazepine prescribing were associated with a significantly reduced mortality risk in a large study of veterans with opioid use disorder.

Katherine Watkins, MD, a senior physician policy researcher, serves as a faculty member with the Pardee RAND



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Acting director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Rich Baum shares a laugh with guest speaker, Elmo from Sesame Street.

Graduate School of Santa Monica, Calif.

Watkins found in this population of veterans with opioid use disorders that delivering care that is consistent with these three indicators was linked to significant reductions in mortality by almost a third.

“This is the first study to show an association between process measures and mortality in patients with opioid use disorders and provides initial evidence for their use as quality measures,” Watkins said. “Mortality rates among individuals who misuse prescription opioids and heroin are six to 20 times greater than in the general population, and although quality care measures are in place for people with substance use disorders, no measures exist for those with opioid addiction.”

“This is a very large drop in mortality, and we need to conduct more research to see if these findings hold up in other patient care settings, but our



Courtesy of Susan Sowmick

The SCIT delegation shares a moment in Washington, D.C. with featured NADCP presenters. (Left to right: Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for Healing to Wellness; Judge Charlene Jackson; Lauren van Schilfgaarde, tribal law specialist for TLPI; Graham Leach, prosecutor; Aubree Gross, case manager for Healing to Wellness; Magistrate Carol Jackson and Judge Carrie Garrow.)

initial findings suggest that these quality measures could go a long way toward improving patient outcomes among those who suffer from opioid addiction,” Watkins said.

Special guest speakers included ABC news anchor Elizabeth Vargas, Miss USA Deshauna Barber, Academy Award-winning actress Octavia Spencer and Elmo from Sesame Street.

NADCP confirms there are 82 tribal healing to wellness courts across the country and the conference marked the first year where they offered a special track curriculum for tribal court professionals.

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute offered an excellent workshop on “Participants’ Rights in Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts” hosted by the Hon. Charlene Jackson, the

Hon. Carrie Garrow and TLPI Tribal Law Specialist Lauren van Schilfgaarde.

Garrow did an on-site assessment of the Saginaw Chippewa Healing to Wellness Court and all three presenters had a business lunch with the SCIT delegation regarding best practices and implementing medically-assisted treatment.

“Medically-assisted treatment is supported by evidence based research and both the NADCP and TLPI consider MAT as a part of best practices and is considered the next frontier,” van Schilfgaarde said. “After trainings like this, an innovative way to share information with the rest of your team members is to schedule a time to debrief the delegation and develop a plan to disseminate the wealth of knowledge gathered.”

Renovations

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acoustics by integrating sound isolation panels around the perimeter from floor to ceiling.

The stage will also feature an array of multi-media panels which can produce an unlimited number of scenes.

The second phase is planned to begin in September and entails the development of the new VIP lounge, and relocating the high limit gaming.

The current poker room will be temporarily moved to the Slot Palace during this phase.

This repositioning of the high limit area will transform the existing poker room into a luxury gaming space with a full amenity of an integrated VIP lounge to also include casino hosts’ offices.

The far back end of the gaming floor will go through multiple modifications beginning in early December.

For phases three, four and five, there will be three various amenities constructed. The spaces will include an enclosed poker room, an enclosed non-smoking gaming area and a sports bar and night club.

A complete transformation of the current non-smoking area into the bar will have a grand entry with 12-foot tall pivoting doors. It will feature a wing-shaped center bar, a stage for entertainers, a VIP seating area, 59 bartop slot machines, multiple television screens and dramatic lighting effects.

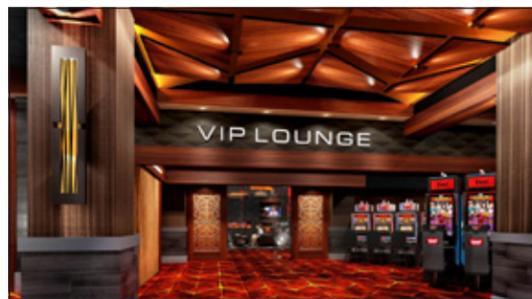
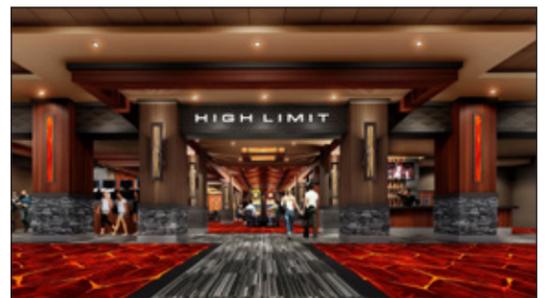
Neighboring each side of the bar will be the relocated poker room and the newly-enclosed non-smoking area.

Phase six is projected to begin in January 2018 and will include a remodel of the Kid’s Quest and Cyber Quest.

The Cyber Quest and Kid’s Quest areas will have a centralized entry way with Cyber Quest Arcade to the front which allows guests to walk through the space to access Kid’s Quest on the back half of the re-design.

The final phase involves the re-branding of the sub shop. This four-week phase is estimated to March 2018. The new design plan builds around the existing layout and flow, with additional seating and an improved entry area.

This major renovation project will be one of the largest investments that Soaring Eagle



Courtesy of SECR Public Relations

An artist’s renderings of the planned renovations at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Casino & Resort’s guests have seen since the grand opening in 1998.

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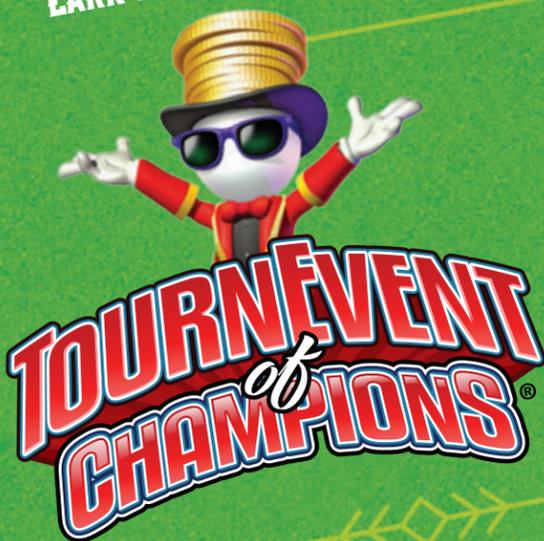
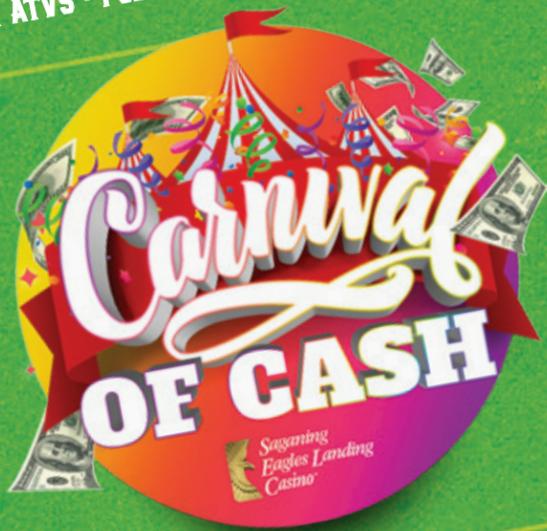


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Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

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

Dear WW: I fear my wife may be a shopaholic! I would like to confront her but am afraid it may backfire and my "bad" habits will be attacked. So what if I have a beer every now and then, I work hard for what we have. I am not as out of control as her. She has insisted that she is keeping up with the bills, yet bill collectors are calling the house. I also found several shoe boxes in our outdoor garbage can after she insisted she did not shop that day. **High On Heels**

Dear Heels: If you come right out and accuse her, she may deny it. When you do speak to her, do it in terms of facts—the bill collectors are calling, I found shoe boxes, etc. Facts cannot be disputed and will not leave room for debate. Offer to take over the bills and give her an allowance in order to solve this issue. As far as her mentioning your "bad" habits, now may be a good time for you to also make a change in order to improve your relationship. There is also the option of a local professional marriage and/or addiction counselor.

Dear WW: I found out a month ago I am pregnant. I was so happy and couldn't wait to tell my boyfriend. When I told him, I was so hurt he did not share the same joy that I did. We sort of talked about having a family one day but obviously the day came sooner than expected. I know things have not been going right between us for some time now and just naturally thought that a baby would bring us together. No, I did not do this on purpose but now I feel I may be raising this child on my own. **Oops**

Dear Oops: Do not base your boyfriend's feelings about your pregnancy on his initial reaction. He may just need some time in order to come to terms with it. He is entitled to be a little taken aback if it was not planned as his life is also about to change. Talk to him about what is expected and if he is willing to take full responsibility for raising this child with you. The Creator does not bless everyone with children and there is joy beyond belief in the sacrifices you will soon face. I would also like to suggest taking your relationship to the next level of commitment in the form of marriage if things do work out.

Dear WW: I am having a terrible problem with my teenage daughter. Now that she is in high school, she has started to dress in a provocative way. Her cleavage is always showing and she thinks that mini skirts and high heels are gifts from the Creator. When I speak to her, she gets mad and says I am picking on her and that things are different now. She also mentioned how she can't wait to turn 18 so she can get a tattoo. I can barely look at her in the morning when she goes to school and I feel like I need to run out and put her on birth control. **Way Too Low**

Dear Low: The more you harp on her about the way she dresses, the more she will dress that way. Perhaps not because she is trying to be sexy but because she is looking for her own independence. Yes, she may be getting extra attention for how she is dressing and that might be what she lacks and is seeking. If it's fashion that she loves, encourage her to take up classes on design or modeling. All you can do is offer your advice but if you do it in a way that she is receptive to, that may be all she needs. Make sure you put up a big mirror in her room so she knows exactly how she looks before she walks out of the house. If you suspect that she is sexually active, by all means, do what you have to do to prevent an unwanted pregnancy.

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2017 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

Skins at Waabooz May 2 - Aug. 15

Doubles, blue tees, 5 p.m. shot gun, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees. Players with memberships do not pay green fees. Players must play in seven of the 15 weeks to play in the final week, final week entry is \$50 per player; singles players hit one ball pay the same entry.

Little Elks Memorial Aug. 5

At Waabooz Run 10 a.m. tee-off, two player scramble, \$50 per player; Skins \$20 team, 50/50 raffle, proximities, door prizes, random draw for five places (500, 400, 300, 200, 100.)

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.

Native Cup at the Pohl Cat Aug. 27

Ten teams total from SECR (three seniors, three coed and four men's.) \$50 per player. Players must be SCIT employees or Tribal Members. Note: All Michigan tribes invited. Contact Bernard Sprague if your tribe/casino would like to participate.

SECR Hospitality Challenge Sept. 10

At the Pohl Cat, two per team, four teams scored per division, tee-off at 2 p.m., Skins \$10 per player.

Tuesday Night Skins at the Pohl Cat

Aug. 15 - Oct. 3 (Eight weeks)

- Entry \$20 per player weekly, 18 holes weekly.
- Tee time is 5 p.m. (August-September.) Oct. 3 tee time is 4 p.m., entry is \$40 per player.
- Individuals must play in five of the eight weeks to be eligible to play in the Oct. 3 match.
- Male players, 60 and over, use the silver tees. Ladies use the red tees. Men, 59 and under, use the black tees. (Note: 60 and over have a 67.8 yard average advantage and ladies have a 110.0 average yard advantage on the black tees. Club length is allowed if the ball is in play, club length is not allowed on the fringe or the green.)
- No subs allowed (if you can't play, don't send someone to play for you.)
- Collared shirts are required at the CAT.
- If there are no skins on any given Tuesday all players will be refunded that same night. There will be no refunds once you've played six holes or more.
- Once a scorecard is submitted there will be no changes allowed so make sure your scores are correct.
- Be responsible and respectful to the course. Do not damage the carts, greens, tee boxes, wildlife and the wilderness.
- Space is limited so don't delay or wait for the last minute. Sign up today and secure your spot in this fun challenging event.

For more information or to register contact: Bernard Sprague at 989.400.1838



Editorial: Dunk Away Drugs basketball tournament a success

KEVIN RICKETTS

Prevention Specialist,
Behavioral Health

The "Dunk Away Drugs" July 22 basketball tournament was amazing.

In the Mount Pleasant High School gymnasium, Kyle Shomin won the men's championship. It was great to see him compete again.

Kyle told me in a humbling way, "Kev, I just put this team together last week."

Kyle picked up one of the greatest shooters the Tribe has ever had: Henry Wemigwans, and tough hard worker Kashtin Owl, his smooth scoring machine cousin "Rocky," Saginaw Chippewa veteran in Trent Trepanier Sr., and a few other high school teammates Anton Cotten and TJ Johnson, and close friend Melvin.

Kyle was truly more excited to see the gym full of Native athletes. He was also very proud and in awe of the GTB boys, also known as "Max A Million." They battled to the end.

Dougie Shomin, and his brother Shada did an amazing job. Jimmy and Chaz Wilson were lights out shot after shot.

GTB also introduced a young player that was this year's state track winner in the 400 meters. This kid was a highlight all day. It was awesome to see Jim Wilson Sr. get involved.

Gene-Gene Vasquez said, "this is great for our youth." He was very thankful that his

Tribe would put on such a great event.

Martha Wemigwans put in a couple of teams for the coed three-on-three, and 13 and under girls: Both were declared champions. Thanks Martha, we need more parents like you; providing healthy opportunities for our youth.

Martha's teams were coached by the SCIT legendary shooter Pax. He also was picked up by a young Wisconsin team from the Lac Du Flambeau Tribe. This team was led by Jesse Armstrong and gained respect from everyone at the tournament. They went undefeated in the 19 and under bracket, defeating a tough Chippewa Boyz team lead by Terrence Hunt and Sheik Vasquez, both who said they can't wait until the next tournament.

After winning the 19 and under bracket, Jesse and his team then had an opportunity to enter the men's bracket due to a team scratch.

Jesse and the young guns were one game out of the championship game in the men's bracket. We all wish them well, thanks for coming Lac Du Flambeau, we hope to see you in the future.

Our 16 and under boys team showed some spectacular highlights, and showed everyone that we have some young studs led by Fredrick Sosa. Oh, and Aaron Chivis' boys are no joke. They all are great athletes.

Big shout to our referees, they were awesome. They had



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

"Chippewa Boyz" took second place in the 19 & under boys division.



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

The 19 & under boys division winners, "Lac Du Flambeau."

to deal with heat. While the teams got some time off in between their games, the referees didn't. Thanks Mike to you and your crew.

Special thanks to Bear Raphael, he was coordinator of all the basketball courts. He was the master of the arena.

Another big shout out to my one of my favorite guys Luke Sprague. He took care of our refs, laced them up, and took time to take over the scorer tables duties.

Thanks to Coach Dan Schell for having my back on the gym. It's always nice to have a great friend that cares about community relationships.

Thank you to D from GTB, and Conrad Church from Gun Lake. Thanks Jen Crawford, and Chloe Wemigwans for handling registrations.

Shout out to the Tribal Police Department for coming out to watch and supply



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

Kyle Shomin's (second from right) took the men's division Championship at the July 22 Basketball Tournament.

us with some much-needed cold water.

Huge thanks to Alice Jo Ricketts for drawing the brackets, and keeping me in line with her blessing, prayers and wonderful words of encouragement. She is the engine that makes everything I do successful. Love ya honey.

A big thank you to everyone who came out and watched, cheered, laughed, and enjoyed our time together. If I missed anyone, I'm sorry. Everyone at the event was a part of the success. Let's hope this continues and other Tribes start to hosts basketball tournaments. "Rez Ball is back baby."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Eric Pendred looks to pass the ball, as Devan Decora (back left) and Mason Wolfe (front left) apply pressure on defense.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Terrence Hunt of the "Chippewa Boyz" brings the ball down the floor.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Ray Chippeway (back left) and Alexis Trepanier (back right) attempt to recover on defense during a fastbreak.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Daniel Fuller takes the ball hard into the key past the defense of Jaleil Holtz (front left) during a boys 16 & under boys division game.



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

The 13 & under girls division champions "Rez Rats" and coaches pose with their trophy.



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

"NHBP" won the 13 & under boys championship.



Courtesy of Kevin Ricketts

The 16 & under boys division winners, "GTB Rezolution."



SCTC pursues transformative change improving student success

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College has joined Achieving the Dream (ATD), a network of more than 220 community colleges in 39 states dedicated to improving student success.

SCTC will implement, align, and scale cutting-edge reforms, work with ATD coaches to build institutional capacity and connect with peers to foster learning and share information, according to the press release.

“This is an exciting time for SCTC students,” said SCTC President Carla Sineway. “A number of SCTC students face life stresses when attending college and with the additional ATD programing, we will be

adding services that are proven to promote student success.”

ATD offers a capacity-building framework and self-assessment that allows colleges to pinpoint strengths and areas for improvement within areas including leadership and vision, teaching and learning, and data and technology.

It also leads a growing network to helping their students – particularly low-income students and students of color – achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity, the press release stated.

“SCTC is grateful for the opportunity to become a part of the Achieving the Dream network,” said Gena Qualls, interim grants and special projects coordinator for SCTC. “Some of the

interventions we will be participating in will assist SCTC staff and faculty in removing certain barriers that make attending college difficult for our students. We are looking forward to increasing student success and retention rates.”

ATD Network colleges report data using metrics that answer critical questions about who attends college, who succeeds in and after college and how college is financed.

“The strength of local and regional economies, our ability to rebuild the middle class, and the possibility that a new generation will achieve their goals depends on community colleges,” said Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. “Colleges that join the ATD Network show an exceptional commitment to becoming the kind of institution that will lead the nation into the future.”

SCTC representatives and teams from the other ATD colleges met in April and June to prepare to launch their work, which focuses on the teaching and learning aspect (student retention and developmental education.)

ATD, along with more than 100 experienced coaches and advisors, works closely with Network colleges to reach more than four million community college students.

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Course Title	Cr	Day	Location	Time	Instructor
ACC 115 Financial Accounting	3	T	SRC 2	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
ART 110** Fundamentals of Drawing	3	TR	East 6	9:00am to 10:20am	TBD
ART 120** Painting	3	TR	East 6	10:30am to 11:50am	TBD
ART 220** Painting II	3	TR	East 6	10:30am to 11:50am	TBD
AST 110 Intro to Astronomy	3	M	SCI BLDG	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Miller
AST 110A* Astronomy Lab	2	W	SCI BLDG	7:00pm to 9:00pm	Miller
BIO 216* Native Plants & Medicines	3	TR	SCI BLDG	9:00am to 10:20am	TBD
BIO 216A* Native Plants & Medicines-Lab	2	TR	SCI BLDG	10:30am to 11:20am	TBD
BUS 110 Introduction to Business	3	TR	East 2	10:30am to 11:50am	TBD
BUS 150* Business Law	3	T	West 2	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
BUS 160* Principles of Supervision	3	M	West 1	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
BUS 250* Organizational Behavior	3	TR	West 1	3:00pm to 4:20pm	TBD
BUS 260* Human Resource Management	3	M	East 3	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
CHM 105* Intro to Chemistry	3	TR	SCI BLDG	5:30pm to 6:50pm	Majorski
CHM 105A* Intro to Chemistry Lab	2	TR	SCI BLDG	7:00pm to 7:50pm	Majorski
CPT 112 Introduction to Computer Technology	4	TR	ECOMP	5:30pm to 7:20pm	TBD
ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics	3	W	West 2	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
ENG 097 College Reading and Writing	4	MW	SRC 2	1:30pm to 2:20pm	Knight
ENG 097 College Reading and Writing (Section 2 - Block)	4	TR	SRC 2	10:00am to 11:50am	Drumm
ENG 101* Composition I	3	MW	SRC 2	10:30am to 11:50am	Drumm
ENG 101P* Composition I ALP	3	MW	SRC 2	9:30am to 11:50am	Drumm
ENG 102* Composition II	3	TR	ECOMP	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Knight
ENG 130 Public Speaking	3	MW	ECOMP	10:30am to 11:50am	Knight
EVS 120* Environmental Science	3	TR	SCI BLDG	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Miller
EVS 120A* Environmental Science Lab	2	R	SCI BLDG	3:00pm to 4:50pm	Miller
GED 000 GED Prep	0	MTWR	GED Prep Lab	10:00am to 3:00pm	TBD
GEL 100 Environmental Geology	3	MW	SCI BLDG	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Miller
HIS 101 World Civilization: Beginning to 1600	3	MW	West 1	3:00pm to 4:20pm	TBD
HIS 103 United States History: Through Civil War	3	MW	West 1	1:30pm to 2:50pm	TBD
HIS 110 Michigan History - BLOCK	3	TR	SRC 1	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Haviland
MTH 095 Fundamentals of Math	3	MW	East 3	10:30am to 11:50am	Rich
MTH 099* Beginning Algebra	4	TR	West 1	9:30am to 11:20am	Crosswait
MTH 105* Intermediate Algebra	3	TR	East 3	9:30am to 10:50am	Rich
MTH 120* Quantitative Reasoning	3	TR	SRC 2	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Rich
MTH 120P* Quantitative Reasoning ALP	3	TR	SRC 2	1:30pm to 3:50pm	Rich
MTH 230* Introduction to Statistics	3	TR	East 3	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Crosswait
MTH 230P* Introduction to Statistics ALP	3	TR	East 3	1:30pm to 3:50pm	Crosswait
NAS 156** Anishnaabe Crafts	3	W	West 2	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
NAS 242* Survey of Native American Literature	3	TR	East 2	9:00am to 10:20am	Knight
NAS 260 Anishnaabe History	3	MW	East 2	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Haviland
NAS 271 Indigenous Storytelling	3	T	East 2	4:30pm to 7:20pm	Haviland
NAS 291 Modern Native American Resistance Movements	3	TR	West 1	1:30pm to 2:50pm	TBD
OJB 101 Ojibwa Language I	3	MW	SRC 1	10:30am to 11:50am	Roy
OJB 102* Ojibwa Language II	3	MW	SRC 1	1:30pm to 2:50pm	Roy
OJB 201* Ojibwa Language III	3	TR	SRC 1	10:30am to 11:50am	Roy
OJB 202* Ojibwa Language IV	3	TR	SRC 1	9:00am to 10:20am	Roy
PHL 110 Intro to Philosophy	3	MW	East 2	10:30am to 11:50am	TBD
PSY 100 Psychology of Learning	3	TR	SRC 1	12:00pm - 1:20pm	TBD
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology	3	TR	East 3	5:30pm to 6:50pm	TBD
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology	3	T	West 1	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
SOC 210 Marriage & Family	3	W	East 3	5:30pm to 8:20pm	TBD
SPN 101 Spanish I	3	TWR	West 2	12:00pm to 12:50pm	TBD

*Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements

M = Monday W = Wednesday M/W = Monday & Wednesday

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2017 Fall Semester

- August 23, 24, 25 | Late Registration (Fee \$25)
- August 25 | Last Day to Register For Classes
- August 28 | Fall classes begin
- September 1 | Drop/Add ends
- September 4 | Labor Day (no classes)
- September 17 | Constitution Day
- September 22 | Michigan Indian Day (no classes)
- October 16-20 | Mid-term Exam Week
- October 30 | Spring '18 Registration Opens
- November 3 | Last day to withdraw from Fall '17
- November 22 | Thanksgiving Break begins at 5pm
- December 8 | Fall classes end
- December 11-15 | Exam Week

2017 Spring Semester

- January 3,4,5 | Late Registration (Fee \$25)
- January 5 | Last day to register for classes
- January 8 | Spring classes begin
- January 12 | Drop/Add ends
- January 15 | MLK Jr Day (no classes)
- March 3-12 | Spring Break
- March 11-14 | AIHEC Student Conference
- April 28 | Spring classes end
- April 30- May 4 | Exam week
- May 17 | Commencement

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SCIT declared winner once more at the 30th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Last month marked a great achievement – it was the 30th annual year of the Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

The highly-anticipated tribal event took place on Friday, July 21 at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe took home the gold, coming in first place overall.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the opening ceremonies began as flag carriers and participants did a half lap around the track as Pokagon Potawatomi youth performed a welcome song.

Attendees circled around the drum for a flag song, followed by Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl providing a prayer to commence the events.

Contests included: Baby crawl, tot trot, tug-o-war, bean bag toss, archery, softball throw, long jump, fitness circuits for children, basketball throws, lacrosse and several track events.

Track events included 10-meter dashes, 20-meter dashes, 400-meter walk, pre and post-natal 400-meter walk, 400-meter run, one-mile run, 50-meter run and 100-meter run.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Flag carriers lead the half lap around Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field for the opening ceremonies of the 2017 Michigan Indian Family Olympics.



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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe team members compete in the archery competition at the 30th annual event.



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The top Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge representatives pose for a photograph. (Not pictured: First place winners Hannahville Indian Community.)

The MIFO golf outing took place one day prior on July 20 at Waabooz Run.

At 10 a.m., the doubles competition began; and the singles competition began at 2 p.m.

Gold, silver, and bronze medal recipients in each age category were recognized.

This year's competing tribes or affiliations included: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, American Indian Services, American Indian Health and Family Services, Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi.

Each year, Jaden Harman, fitness coordinator for the Nimkee Fitness Center, serves as the event's head coordinator.

"Great job to everyone who participated; it was awesome to see so many displaying a healthy lifestyle and sharing

in the joy that this great annual event brings," Harman said.

Jayme Green, fitness coordinator, was the head coordinator for the event staff; and Walt Kennedy, public health director, served as head of track events.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez served as announcer and Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for Healing to Wellness, read results as they were posted online.

MIFO Committee Members included Sandy McCreery, Lucas Sprague, Brandon Schultz, Robyn Grinzinger, Bernard Sprague, Colleen Green and Cheryl Gonzalez.

New this year were the convenient score cards.

Every participant, with the exception of ages 4 and younger, must have had a score card to participate. The cards were given to event staff members who recorded each participant's score. The cards also helped each event stay on schedule.

Almost instantly, competitors were able to look up their



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal youth lined up to compete in the ever-popular kids' obstacle course.

individual scores and team results at sagchip.org/mifo. Scanning the QR code with a smart phone was another way to check the scores.

Just after 1 p.m., the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge winners were announced.

Hannahville Indian Community recorded the most miles this year.

"The challenge is open to all tribes whether or not they

MIFO Team Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 590 points

2nd: Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians 519

3rd: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa 481

4th: Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians 257

5th: Pokagon Potawatomi 186

6th: Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi 175

7th: American Indian Health and Family Services 60

8th: Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 53

9th: Hannahville Indian Community 50

10th: Bay Mills Indian Community 15

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



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Robert Walker, Ronnie Ekdahl, Erik Rodriguez and Brandon Haught were at the frontlines for the Team SCIT adult tug-o-war.



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(Left to right) Val Raphael, Angelo Leureaux, Andre Leureaux and Sheila Leureaux compete in the July 20 MIFO golf outing at Waabooz Run.



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Drummers perform a flag song before the July 21 Family Olympic games commence.



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Saginaw Chippewa youth carry the banner to display their SCIT pride.



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Kids' bean bag toss was just one of the several contests throughout the day.

have representation on the day of the MIFO event," said Brandon Schultz, health educator for Nimkee Public Health. "This year, Hannahville did not have representation, but Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (second place), and Nottawasippi Huron Band of Potawatomi (third place) were and so they, along with other participants from tribes in attendance, took a group photo."

Altogether, the Michigan tribes earned a total of 63,184 miles; 8,642 walking and/or running miles; and 1,392 biking miles.

In total, participants walked 3,010 minutes; ran 8,642 minutes; and participated in other exercise activities for 15,466.

A total of 458 individuals participated, earning 33,054 daily steps.

A total of 172 SCIT participants contributed to 25,948 of the total miles.

"That's an average of 150 miles each for the eight-week challenge," Schultz said. "The SCIT team earned a fifth place finish for the challenge and, more importantly, was

awarded 25 points for their efforts toward the overall MIFO point total that helped edge out the SCIT team victory."

Top SCIT finishers were awarded by the Nimkee Public Health department.

"We would like to thank each of you who participated in our Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge for Family Olympics," said Judy Davis, healthy start grant coordinator for Nimkee Public Health. "Our top winners are Tim Nelson and Catherine Lentz. Additionally, names were drawn for three additional Fitbits, courtesy of the Tribal 4x4 grant. Those winners are Michael McCreery, Christina Fitzpatrick, and Val Raphael. Congratulations to all! You may pick up your prizes from Nimkee Public Health. Ask for me (Judy) at the reception desk."

Any MIFO finalists who received professional photographs by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis – Summer Moon Photography may view their photos at marcellahadden.com and use "MIFO2017" as the client access code.

Hadden said anyone printing photos from another source must download the Print Release form.

The Family Olympics began in 1987 by Sue Siller, former health educator for SCIT. Siller was assisted and supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee, which volunteered their time and resources to the Tribal community.

The event was started to promote health and wellness through a fun, family day of physical activity with mainly



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One of the day's most beloved competitions, the baby crawl, was the first contest to kick off the day.

track and field events, along with some swimming events for SCIT Members and their families. The event eventually expanded to other Michigan tribal organizations.

Last year broke the record for the number of participants – 1,207.

The last event of the day was the tug-o-war competition. For another consecutive year, the adults of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians took home the gold.

"I would like to share my upmost gratitude to all who came to assist and/or contributed to (the) 30th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics," Harman said. "This, I believe, was the smoothest event that we have coordinated. This would not have been done without our dedicated volunteers and staff. I am so impressed by people's efforts and commitment to this event, even during such a hot day. Everyone's time, energy, and efforts are much appreciated."

This year's major sponsors were the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the United States Department of Agriculture.



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No running allowed during the 400-meter walk.



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The long jump competition was heated with many talented contenders.



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Tribal youth pull that rope with all their might in an attempt to win the tug-o-war.



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Cecilia Stevens (left) and her daughter run to the finish line for the one-mile run.



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Mia McCreery takes part in the lacrosse speed shot competition.



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The post-natal walk was underway on the track during the late morning.



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Many SCIT community members participated in the softball throws, leading to the success of taking home the gold!



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Racers take off on the Bennett track to run the one-mile fierce and sizzling competition.



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Free throw and three-point basketball competitions occurred throughout the day.



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Throughout the morning and into the afternoon, tribal youth showcased their jump rope skills.



Eagle Spirit Awards banquet recognizes 2016-2017 higher education recipients

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Family and friends were encouraged to attend the 2016-2017 Eagle Spirit Awards banquet on July 12 in support of the higher education student accomplishments.

Lunch was provided for the noon event in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Swan Creek Saginaw Ballroom.

Betsey Alonzo, college vocational recruitment and support specialist, provided opening remarks while Erik Rodriguez, public relations director served as the event's emcee.

Several Tribal Council members were in attendance to support the recent graduates.

Tribal Council Secretary Michelle Colwell said she was "in awe" as

she listened to the graduates' accomplishments.

"I am most impressed with the students that overcame the most obstacles," Colwell said. "It's hard enough to get a degree while living and being supported by your parents, but a lot of these graduates have spouses, children, parents to take care of. They have jobs, they have day-to-day challenges that we all face, and yet, they didn't give up. They achieved their goal regardless of challenges and the length of time the road to graduation took."

"Not only have the graduates obtained their degrees, but hearing all of the high GPAs, they did it with gusto," Colwell said. "I couldn't be more impressed by their stamina and ambition. Congratulations, and thank you, for being such great role models for the students following your same paths."

Forty-nine students were recognized with outstanding academic incentive awards for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or above.

"Many have told me that getting a 'white man's' education makes us more white than not. I do not believe this to be true. We have lived in both worlds;



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Aaron Graveratte was recognized at the 2017 Eagle Spirit Awards on July 12 for achieving a Masters of Arts from Central Michigan University.



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Melissa Owl received her award for earning a Bachelor of Science degree from CMU.



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Jamie Vonhoff (right) accepts her Eagle Spirit Award from Betsey Alonzo (left), college vocational recruitment and support specialist. Vonhoff earned a Masters of Arts from Aurora University.



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Alonzo (left) provides Joelle Peters (right) with an award for achieving a bachelor's degree in social work from CMU.

we have our memories that connect us to who we are as Anishnabe, we have this in our hearts," said Gayle Ruhl, tribal council treasurer. "We live in a very mixed bag of cultures and groups, and have to learn how others do things so we can understand them better in order to protect

ourselves, rights and culture. Getting an education puts us on a level playing field so we can keep our Nation strong against the challenges we face every day."

Community drummers performed an honor song to conclude the banquet.

Graduates who have earned master's degrees include:

- Sarah Jayne Hegyi, Master of Arts (Central Michigan University)
- Aaron Earl Graveratte, Master of Arts (Central Michigan University)
- Cassandra Kay Thelen, Master of Social Work (Ferris State University)
- Jamie Lynn Vonhoff, Master of Arts (Aurora University)
- Matthew Bailey, Master of Science (Central Michigan University)
- Patricia Alonzo, Master of Science in Administration (Central Michigan University)
- Carrie Garcia, Master of Science in Administration (Central Michigan University)
- Amy Shawboose, Master of Science in Administration (Central Michigan University)

Graduates who have earned bachelor's degrees include:

- Travis Lyle Nelson, Bachelor of Science (The University of Michigan – Flint)
- Emily Murdoch, Bachelor of Arts (Western Michigan University)
- Melissa Owl, Bachelor of Science (Central Michigan University)
- Jerrell Ojeda, Bachelor of Science (Central Michigan University)
- Joelle Sue Peters, Bachelor of Social Work (Central Michigan University)
- Deborah Krupiczewicz, Bachelor of Arts (Grand Valley State University)
- Lisa Olson, Bachelor's degree (Central Michigan University)

Graduates who have earned associate degrees include:

- Lucas Sprague, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Dan Jackson, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Tasha Jeffery, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Caroline Trevino, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Judy Youmans, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Jennifer Seibt, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Kimberly Otto-McCoy, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Suzanne Bailey, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Trisha Trasky, (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College)
- Sarah Harrison, (Lansing Community College)

Certificate recipients included:

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- Barbara Fridline, human management (Villanova University)

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Youth Achievement Advisor Gloria Mulbrecht receives Educator of the Month

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

Gloria Mulbrecht, youth achievement advisor for K-12 Tribal Education, has been selected as the Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Mulbrecht:

How long have you worked for the Education Department? I worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for more than 26 years. I started out as a teacher aide in the Head Start Program,

and then I work as a teacher in the Montessori program. When that closed, I began to work at the Tribal school, and now I work for the K-12 Education program.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Helping the children is the best part of my job. My daily interactions allow me to witness successes of overcoming obstacles, and rising to challenges. Their growth from adolescents to young adults is an individual path that I am a part of. What an honor.

What is your favorite snack? Popcorn.

Do you have any pets? Yes, I have a Dachshund named Murphy and a black cat named Lucky.

What is your favorite Disney movie? I don't have a favorite movie. I enjoy them all.

What is one of your favorite quotes? "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" - Dr. Seuss

What is the one thing that you love doing? Why? I would love to travel someday and experience other cultures around the world.

What is your favorite vacation spot and why? I like visiting



Courtesy of Tribal Education

Gloria Mulbrecht (center), youth achievement advisor for K-12 Tribal Education, receives Educator of the Month. (Left to right: Deb Smith, youth leadership manager; Mulbrecht; and Breanna Colwell, administrative assistant II.)

Yellowstone National Park. I like driving around and seeing all the

different animals. I also like taking walks to the different water falls.

Niibing program teaches children housekeeping, science and ice cream making

TASHA JEFFREY

Administrative Assistant II

The 2017 Niibing Program has been underway since June 26, and this year, the children have so far learned life skills, prevention and culture weekly. The children have also enjoyed field trips to various locations.

Last month, the kids traveled over to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to learn the importance of cleaning, taught by the Housekeeping department.

The youth were shown the process of washing and drying

towels, as well as the opportunity for some hands-on learning on the safer, smaller machines. They were taught how to properly make a bed in the hotel guest rooms, and given the opportunity for some more hands-on learning on how to properly prepare the hotel guest rooms with toiletries and glassware.

In mid-July, the children enjoyed some physical activity at the Roll Arena in Midland where they were given a lesson on how to skate. They also played a group game where

they were taught different tricks on their skates as well as the proper way to wipe out.

During the second week, the kids received a special guest, Dr. Slime, where he brought science alive for the kids with hands-on experiments and some fun as a way to learn about science.

The kids were all given the opportunity to make bottle rockets as well as launch them to see how high up in the sky they would fly. The kids also had the opportunity to make homemade ice cream.



Courtesy of Tasha Jeffrey

The 2017 Niibing Program toured the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and learned how to properly prepare the hotel guestrooms with glassware and toiletries.



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During the program's second week, the children visited with special guest, Dr. Slime, where he brought science experiments alive.

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Concert review: Lionel Richie performs his classic hits “all night long”

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Up and coming artists may want to sit down and take notes. A professional with exceptional showmanship is in town. That’s how it felt when Lionel Richie commanded the stage during his June 26 outdoor show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Just as upbeat and approachable backstage during the meet and greet as he was in front of hundreds of fans on stage, there’s no doubt Richie knows how to interact with his followers.

Richie entered the stage for that Monday night show and delivered hit after hit, including many of the Commodore’s well-known songs.

Richie launched into “Penny Lover” and “Easy.”

He paid tribute to performing on a Reservation while also joking about the shocking, gradual chilly weather that night.

“Hello, I am Chief Freezing To Death,” Lionel said jokingly. “I got off the plane with my shorts on and I thought, ‘is this New Zealand or Mount Pleasant?’ What is the winter like here?”

Richie headed to the piano to play “Stuck On You.”

Progressing with the cool weather jokes, Richie said, “Let me show you a habit that I really don’t need to do right now.” And he wiped the non-existent sweat off his forehead with a towel.

“I think you all are just trying not to scare me,” he said. “I know a major blizzard is coming.”

Richie commanded everyone to stand for “Dancing on the Ceiling.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lionel Richie commands the stage during his June 26 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“I haven’t seen dancing like that since 1976,” Richie said after the song. “Unbelievable... That was

ridiculous... Get some security on these people right here. I love it when the crowd goes crazy.”

When introducing the Commodores’ “Three Times a Lady,” Richie said, “Here’s a song that did one of three things: Got you engaged, got you married, or got you in a whole lot of trouble.”

When Richie performed “Endless Love,” he asked that the audience sing Diana Ross’ part of the duet.

He then performed a collection of hits including “Say You, Say Me,” “Brick House,” “Hello,” “My Destiny” and “All Night Long (All Night).”

American country music singer-songwriter Brandy Clark opened the show with a short acoustic set.

Clark’s sassy songs revolve around specific themes: Drinking, cheating and heart-break. Her songs have been recorded by Reba McIntyre,



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Country music singer-songwriter Brandy Clark served as opening act for Richie.

Miranda Lambert, The Band Perry, Sheryl Crow, Darius Rucker and more.

Her song “Follow Your Arrow,” performed by Kacey Musgraves, won a 2014 CMA Award for Song of the Year.

She performed a 30 minute set solo.

Bands Weezer and Cold War Kids bring a night of rock music to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A diverse fan base of all ages was spotted throughout the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert venue holding up their hands in the shape of “W’s”, all in support of one band: Weezer.

Marking the 10th outdoor show this summer, Weezer took the stage shortly after 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.

With the band’s “W” logo lit up on the stage’s backdrop, the band sprang into “Hash Pipe,” “My Name is Jonas” and “Pork and Beans.”

“Hello, we are the Weezer’s,” said lead singer Rivers Cuomo.

Other band members include Patrick Wilson (drums), Brian Bell (guitar, keyboards) and Scott Shriner (bass guitar).

Weezer has sold more than 9.2 million albums in the U.S. and more than 17 million worldwide, according to its website.

The band performed “Thank God for Girls,” a cover of Outkast’s “Hey Ya,” and Cuomo re-entered the stage wearing a sombrero for “Beverly Hills.” That song became Weezer’s first single to top the U.S. Modern Rock Tracks chart, and the first to reach the top 10 on Billboard Hot 100.

“This is our new single, it’s called ‘Feels Like Summer,’” Cuomo said.

Weezer then performed “Undone – The Sweater Song,” Mike Posner’s “I Took A Pill In Ibiza” and “Island in the Sun.”

“Thank you (opening band) Cold War Kids, and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and everyone who works there,”



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Weezer’s lead singer Rivers Cuomo performs “Hash Pipe” during the July 25 outdoor Soaring Eagle concert.

Cuomo said, now sporting a crown on his head.

The band performed a new song, “King of the World” and fan favorite “Say It Ain’t So.”

The encore included a final cannonade of confetti and glitter with performances of “El Scorcho” and “Buddy Holly,” which was released on what would have been Buddy Holly’s 58th birthday. The lyrics reference the song’s namesake and actress Mary Tyler Moore.

Opening the concert just after 8 p.m., Cold War Kids, an indie rock band from California, kept the audience entertained.

Cold War Kids performed their energetic set which included “Hang Me Up to Dry,” “We Used to Vacation,” “Something is Not Right with Me,” “First,” “So Tied Up,” and “Hospital Beds.”

Cold War Kids are scheduled to return to Michigan on Aug. 3 at the Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights.



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Cold War Kids opened the show shortly after 8 p.m. and kept the audience entertained.



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Marking the 10th Soaring Eagle outdoor show this summer, Weezer performed several of their greatest hits.

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Rock takes center stage with Creedence Clearwater Revisited and Three Dog Night

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

The fireworks began a little early on July 2 as classic rock took center stage as Creedence Clearwater Revisited and Three Dog Night made their return visits during the 2017 Soaring Eagle outdoor concert series.

Creedence Clearwater Revival founding members and Rock and Roll Hall-of-Famers Stu Cook and Doug “Cosmo” Clifford have been on quite a ride. Following their 1993 induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cosmo and Stu launched their Creedence Clearwater Revisited project in 1995 to once again perform their hit songs live.

The live double LP “Recollection” provided the touchstones of a generation and the sold-out Soaring Eagle crowd got a taste as Revisited played the classics “Susie Q,” “Lodi,” “Proud Mary,” “Down on the Corner,” “Fortunate Son” and “Who’ll Stop the Rain.”

Joining the eclectic rhythm section of “Cosmo” and Cook on stage were band mates Dan McGuinness (lead vocal, rhythm guitar), Kurt Griffey (lead guitar) and the multi-talented Steve Gunner (keyboards, acoustic guitar,

percussion, harmonica and high harmonies).

Creedence Clearwater Revival’s distinctive rock sound went against the grain of the ’60s psychedelic San Francisco. John and Tom Fogerty along with “Cosmo” and Cook brought the sound of rebellious, sometimes militant rock, into the three-minute AM radio gems that remain a rock radio and movie soundtrack staples.

After Creedence Clearwater Revival disbanded in 1972, Cook and Clifford still marvel in the outpouring of affection for Revisited.

“The astounding response to the band has been driven in part by new generations of fans that weren’t even born when the music came out,” Cosmo said.

As the headliner for the evening, they showed they recaptured the purity, power and range of CCR with McGuinness leading the way.

“In the beginning, Cosmo and I decided that if we could find the musicians that could capture the sound and recreate what the music was about, we’d do it,” Cook said.

In a recent concert review, the Laughlin Entertainer sang



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Creedence Clearwater Revisited rhythm section of Stu Cook and Doug “Cosmo” Clifford joined their band as they sang the 1970 classic “Down on The Corner.”

the praises of Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

“The music strikes the right chords with a cross section of listener. It is the music of the Vietnam era, high school dances, biker rides, baseball games, love found, love lost, rebellion...and eternal youth,” Laughlin said. “Revisited works, not only because it has two of the original CCR pieces in place and is directly connected to the band’s history, but it works because it captures a slice of time.”

Creedence Clearwater Revisited was featured along with Weezer, Collective Soul, The Beach Boys and Jon Anderson of Yes in the charity album to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Mike Adair remembers the 2009 release and said it was

a great holiday album for a great cause.

“I’m a collector of Creedence music and I really like hearing fresh takes on classic songs,” Adair said. “Revisited’s cover of the Chuck Berry classic ‘Run Rudolph Run’ was one of my favorite tracks.”

Making their first appearance at their outdoor concert series, opening act Three Dog Night celebrated their fourth decade of bringing their top 40 hits to fans.

From 1969 through 1974, no other rock group achieved more top 10 hits, sold more records or concert tickets than Three Dog Night.

The audience was thrilled to hear the band break through a medley of chart toppers including “Mama Told Me



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The vocal harmonies of classic rock band Three Dog Night mesmerized the outdoor concert crowd with the performance of “Prayer of the Children.”

(Not to Come),” “Joy to the World,” “Black and White,” “Shambala” and “One (is the loneliest number).”

The latest version of Three Dog Night included perennial front man Danny Hutton (founder/lead vocals), Michael Allsup (guitar), Paul Kingery (bass/vocals), Pat Bautz (drums), and David Morgan (vocals).

As Hutton led the crowd through the songs “Liar,” “Celebrate” and a blistering performance of “Heart of Blues,” the rousing standing ovation came as the band performed five-part a cappella harmonies for the ballad “Prayer of the Children.”

The classic rock pairing of the two iconic bands were the true fireworks that celebrated the Fourth of July weekend.

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Vince Neil and Lita Ford give fans their '80s rock fix

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Rock legends Vince Neil and Lita Ford kicked off the Fourth of July holiday weekend with their July 1 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The show was first of three nightly concerts, as part of the Rock 'n' Rides Weekend. The festivities also included two nights of fireworks displays and a carnival featuring fair rides and midway games.

Vince Neil gained notoriety while starring as the lead singer for the world-renowned rock band Mötley Crüe. Fans of the band were treated to a multitude of the band's hits performed by Neil and his solo band.

Neil started with the funk-rock inspired track, "Doctor Feelgood," followed by "Piece of Your Action" and "Looks That Kill."

A guitar replaced the piano riffs during the power ballad "Home Sweet Home."

The hits continued with "Don't Go Away Mad (Just Go Away)" and "Same Ol' Situation (S.O.S.)"

Changing up the pace, Neil performed a mash of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" and the Black Sabbath hit "Heaven and Hell."

To close out the night, he performed more of Mötley Crüe's biggest hits with "Kickstart My Heart," "Girls, Girls, Girls" and "Wild Side."

Opening the night for Neil was rock guitarist, actress and vocalist Lita Ford.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rock legend Vince Neil (left) pumps up the crowd during his July 1 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor concert.

Ford gained fame while playing with The Runaways in the late '70s. She began her solo career with her debut 1983 album "Out for Blood."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Lita Ford performs her hit song "Larger than Life."

Ford played several of her hit songs including "Kiss Me Deadly," "Larger Than Life," "Living Like a Runaway," and "Playing with Fire."

A highlight of the night was her performance of the hit song "Close my Eyes Forever," a duet she originally performed with Ozzy Osbourne.

Buckingham and McVie perform Fleetwood Mac classics, new songs

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After Fleetwood Mac's hiatus and semi-retirement from 1998 to 2014, band members Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie decided to make a new album this year and tour together again.

The latest album started out as Fleetwood Mac's 18th studio album, but became a new project after delays from Stevie Nicks', a former band member, commitment to her solo career.

Buckingham and McVie followed through with the reunion, and lucky for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort patrons, their tour stopped at the Mount Pleasant outdoor venue on Thursday, July 6.

With Buckingham on guitar and McVie on keyboards, their set began solely with them on stage for "Trouble," "Wish You Were Here," "Never



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Christine McVie (left) and Lindsey Buckingham (right) perform Fleetwood Mac classic hits and newly-recorded songs during their July 6 show.

Going Back Again" and "Shut Us Down."

A full band then joined them for the remainder of the show, first performing new songs "Sleeping Around the Corner" and "Too Far Gone."

"Now it's time to play something a little more familiar; something from the old days," McVie said.

The band launched into Fleetwood Mac's "Hold Me,"

"Little Lies" and "Tusk," with McVie playing accordion.

"One of the things we thought about in the studio... was after 15 years would there be any common ground to pick up where we left off," Buckingham said. "It blew our minds because it was better than ever."

They then performed "Love Is Here to Stay," "I'm So Afraid," with Buckingham's impressive guitar slinging

stirring a standing ovation and "Go Your Own Way."

Their encore included Fleetwood Mac's "Everywhere." American rock band The Wallflowers opened the show as front man Jakob Dylan, Bob Dylan's son, took center stage.

The band formed in Los Angeles in 1989, and released their best-known and highest-selling album "Bringing Down the Horse" in 1996.

The band released three albums before a seven-year hiatus, beginning in 2006. They returned in 2012 with their sixth studio album "Glad All Over."

"We don't have a lot of time for songs, so you get to choose: Door number one or door number two," Dylan asked the audience.

The band had a short set but did not fail to include their featured songs "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



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The Wallflowers, with front man Jakob Dylan (second from left), opened the show to perform their hits including "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."

Skid Row and Fuel highlight rock 'n' roll filled night at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a quartet of rock bands on July 1. Skid Row, Fuel, Marcy Playground and Dishwalla all took to the outdoor concert stage during the holiday weekend.

Heavy metal rockers Skid Row turned the volume up with the hit singles "Slave to the Grind," "Sweet Little Sister" and "Piece of Me."

The headliners performed the raucous anthems "Big Guns" and "Rattlesnake Shake" off their self-titled 1989 debut album.

The fans reacted with a chorus of cheers to the opening riffs of "18 and Life." Their biggest hit, the song charted at No. 4 on the Billboard Hot 100.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Skid Row rocks the crowd with a performance of "Sweet Little Sister" during their July 1 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Skid Row also performed "Livin' on a Chain Gang," "Makin' a Mess," "In a Darkened Room" and "Monkey Business."

To close out the night, Skid Row performed a triple encore of "I Remember You," "We Are the Damned" and the wild anthem "Youth Gone Wild."

Alternative rockers Fuel kicked off their set with the

hit songs "Untitled," "Empty Spaces" and "Bad Day."

Fuel lead singer Brett Scallions shared a little patriotism for that holiday weekend. "We got fireworks and rock 'n' roll," Scallions said. "What's more American than that?"

Before playing their chart-topping hit "Shimmer," Scallions took a moment to reflect on how fast time has

passed since their debut album released in 1998.

"It's crazy," he said. "Next year we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 'Sunburn' album."

To close out the routine, Fuel played "Bittersweet," "Puppet Strings" and "Hemorrhage (In My Hands)."

Opening bands were Dishwalla with their hit song



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Fuel front man Brett Scallions (left) points out to the crowd during the hit song "Empty Spaces."

"Counting Blue Cars" and Marcy Playground with the chart-topping single "Sex and Candy."

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Smiles and sunshine abound at the annual Saganing Health and Safety Fair

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

The Saganing Outreach Center and the surrounding areas were transformed into Camp Nelson as smiles and sunshine swept over the annual Saganing Health and Safety Fair.

Jenny Trout, public health nurse for the Saganing Outreach Center, said the event tries to revolve around a fun theme.

“We chose to go with a camping theme and a catch phrase of ‘health and safety is s’more important than ever!’ The weather was great and we estimated we grilled over 300 Koegel hot dogs,” Trout said. “We had a lot of s’mores gift packages to give away and the Saganing Health and Safety Fair is great for agencies and departments to get together to share

knowledge and what they offer for the community.”

Saganing Outreach Supervisor Don Nelson was steadily busy with his staff of volunteers and there was plenty of activity to go around.

“Our main purpose is to educate and provide information about health and safety but when it comes down to it, the (event) is a true community event with folks from Saginaw, Bay and Arenac County,” Nelson said. “With the bike giveaways, door prizes, the bounce house, music from our DJ along with a balloon twister and other activities at the booths, we had a little something for everyone.”

Timiri Reid, community liaison and marketing representative from Hospice of Helping Hands, said it was enjoyable interacting with visitors.

“There were a lot of good contacts and feel we were able to get our information out to those in need,” Reid said. “I would be glad to be a part of any others you may have in the future, and I look forward to hearing from you again.”

Saganing District Two Council Representative was on hand for the event and confirmed the following SCIT departments and services participated: Tribal Police, Andahwod, Behavioral Health with acupuncture, Nimkee Public Health providing health screenings, Planning and Environmental, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Public Relations, Housing, Migizi Economic Development Co. and Human Resources.

Other booths representing the community included Hospice of Helping Hands, Impact Medical,

Parmaount Rehabilitation Services, Wanigas Credit Union, Sunrise Side Senior Services, The Villa at West Branch, Sterling Area Health Center, Human Trafficking Community Group, Bureau Of Services For Blind Persons, Rite Aid, Compassus, St. Mary's Standish Skilled Nursing, Central Michigan District Health Dept., Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Aleda E. Lutz, Intelicare Health Services, Leelin Home Health Care, Inc., American Red Cross, Iosco Arenac District Library, Hear USA, St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital, Combined Insurance, Covenant Healthcare Trauma Program Injury Prevention, Covenant Healthcare, MSU Extension, Michigan State Police West Branch, Arenac County Sheriff's Office and Standish Fire Department.



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Sabryna Alfred (right) was one of six lucky bicycle winners, courtesy of Saganing Sgt. Luke Dixon and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police.

American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program reaches 179 enrollments for 2017

MIKE WILLETTE

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – As of May 31, 2017 the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program (AICTP) has reached 179 enrollments, nearing its goal of 183 callers.

The AICTP offers free culturally-tailored Native American quit coaches to help guide American Indians looking to quit using commercial tobacco products such as cigarettes, tobacco, and e-cigarettes through their journey to a healthier lifestyle.

“Research shows that the vast majority of current

smokers are aware of the dangers of commercial tobacco use, such as smoking; and wish to quit. However, many smokers have tried to quit in the past but need extra support from coaches to be successful,” said Raeanne Madison, community action program manager for the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.

Twenty-six percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives smoke cigarettes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, life expectancy for smokers is at least 10 years shorter than for nonsmokers.

American Indians and Alaska Natives looking to begin their journey on quitting smoking, smokeless tobacco use, and e-cigarettes can enroll into the AICTP in two ways. They can call the toll-free number at 1-855-372-0037 or register online at americanindian.quitlogix.org/

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan represents 11 of the 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, which includes the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The agency is divided into several different divisions, which include Health Services, Behavioral Health, Environmental Services, Child, Family, and Education Services, and Administration.

The agency employs approximately 160 employees, 35 of these employees are based in the agency's central office in Sault Ste. Marie, while member tribes have offices and staff on site.

Nimkee Healthy Start Program to honor National Breastfeeding Month

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

August is National Breastfeeding Month and the Nimkee Healthy Start Program invites all who support breastfeeding to join on Thursday, Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Native Farmers Market pavilion for a celebration.

A picnic lunch will be provided along with prizes, balloons, and a short parade.

All breastfeeding moms and those who support breastfeeding are invited.

Numerous studies have shown the many protective factors that breastfeeding gives babies. Six months of exclusive breastfeeding seems to give the most protection, but any amount of breastfeeding helps to protect.

Some of the protections include: Less often or less severe stomach viruses, respiratory illnesses, ear infections, and meningitis.

One large study showed that breastfed babies have a 20 percent lower risk of dying between the ages of 28 days and one year compared to children who were not breastfed.

Other studies have shown that breastfeeding can reduce a child's risk of developing certain childhood cancers and against other adulthood type diseases such as Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, high cholesterol, and inflammatory bowel disease.

Babies who are fed formula such as cow's milk or soy tend to have more allergic reactions than breastfed babies.

Some of the immune factors include a substance called secretory immunoglobulin A (SIgA) that is present in large amounts in colostrum – the first milk your body produces for your baby. This substance forms a protective layer on the mucous membranes in your baby's intestines, nose, and throat.

Antibodies in breast milk are also thought to give a baby's immune system a boost.

Nimkee Public Health is proud to have four lactation consultants on staff who are available to help moms with their breastfeeding. Helen Williams, RN, IBCLC, (989.775.4621); Anna Hon, RN, CLC, (989.775.4616); Sandi Chesebrough LPN, CLC, (989.775-4654); and Sally Van Cise, MPH, RD, CLC, (989.775.4615).

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Emergency Room Policy

All bills from the Emergency Room (ER) must be deemed a true emergency. If insurance does not deem it an emergency based on diagnosis code, Purchased Referred Care (PRC) will not process the bill for payment. PRC is the payer of last resort, it's not guaranteed. The patient will be responsible for the amount of the ER visit.

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Priority 1A: All medical emergencies, eye (acute, painful or visually threat conditions), dental (control bleeding, airway compromise, severe pain, fractures), mental health (immediate danger to self or others, regardless of “voluntary or involuntary status,” includes physical neglect/abuse, sexual assault.)

Priority 1B: Acute illness, pre-natal/obstetrics, diagnostic testing (contract lab, bone marrow biopsy, EEG, endoscopy, colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy (diagnostic and screening), radiologic testing (MRI, CT, ultrasound), health promotion/disease prevention, immunizations, mammography (diagnostic), pap smears, GYN-colonoscopy, area of program specific objectives, non-emergency surgery for “high risk categories”, tubal ligation (post-partum and high risk), vasectomy (high risk).

Procedure

1. The claim will be reviewed by PRC Clerk.
2. The PRC Clerk will verify the patient is eligible and followed policy.
3. If Insurance paid based on the diagnosis code the bill will be submitted for payment.
4. If the Insurance didn't pay due to the diagnosis code:
 - The bill will be denied
 - The PRC Clerk will send a denial in the mail
 - The patient will be able to appeal the decision to: Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule August 2017

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
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Editorial: Benefits of intergenerational connections

SUSAN V BOSAK

Legacy Project

In those at either end of the life course – the young and the old – you find striking similarities. We live in a society that values adulthood, and, in turn, doing – productivity and ongoing activity.

The young and the old share a different rhythm. It's one that focuses not only on doing, but on the power of being. It's the simplicity of playing with blocks or tending to flowers.

The young and the old are most closely connected with the essence of living. They can exist in a moment that's the grand sum of past, present, and future. Rather than time being the enemy – rushing time or stressing to fit as much into time as possible – time becomes a comfortable companion, a circle rather than a line.

We divide up our communities and our activities by age – young people in schools, older people in retirement communities or facilities.

We talk a lot about all the ways we need to help older people. But, perhaps, the old can help us. It's the experience of life in a multigenerational, interdependent, richly complex community that, more than anything else, teaches us how to be human.

Better Community: If we can improve the standing of older adults in society, and nurture what they can bring through intergenerational connections, then we can achieve a better community with a better quality of life for all ages.

Historically, young and old connected naturally. Older people taught the young how to be and how to become.

Close daily contact between the young and old was a matter



Courtesy of Legacy Project

"Connections between generations are essential for the mental health and stability of a nation." Margaret Mead

of survival. Being with, watching after, and assisting in the care of young children, while demanding in many ways, does not require the full vigor of youth.

The physical limitations that can come with getting older actually cement the relationship between old and young. An elder capable of working the land or building a house or strenuous cleaning would have less inclination to spend hours doting on grandchildren, telling them stories, and instructing them in the ways of their people.

The physiological changes that accompany old age, which contemporary society looks upon with great disdain, can actually be useful preconditions for valuable intergenerational connections.

There is a back-and-forth reciprocity between all generations. Adults provide support to elders, most often to address health or physical limitations.

Elders, in turn, assist adults through experience, emotional support, and participating in the care of children. Elders can help socialize children, teach them empathy and character, and give them an unconditional form of love they can't find elsewhere.

Children, in turn, can be an

endless source of joy for elders, share affection and play, and provide assistance with many simple tasks. Children can participate in the work of adults, and provide enjoyment and love.

Adults, in turn, provide food, shelter, clothing, and nurturance to children. And so a strong, healthy, intergenerational web of community goes.

Many older adults today are better educated, healthier, and more able than elders of past generations. They can clearly be a tremendous resource. But what about the oldest, frailest of the old? They can be our greatest teachers. They can certainly instruct us with words and stories of times past, and share a lifetime of accumulated wisdom. But what they truly help us learn about is the world and ourselves as they teach us with their very selves, their being.

Elders can also teach us about the end of life, which informs the whole of our lives.

I've seen it in my work with families, my community workshops, and in all the research: relationships between young and old make us feel connected. They make us feel connected not only to each other, but to something bigger, to the past and to the future, to the flow of life. This connection leads to tangible benefits for all generations.

Benefits to Children: Research shows children need four to six involved, caring adults in their lives to fully develop emotionally and socially.

The problem today is that children often get too much peer socialization, too much

mediated contact through computers and texting, and not enough one-on-one, personal time with mature adults.

The benefits to children of a close, long-term connection with older adults include:

Through grandparents, children have a better sense of who they are and where they've come from. They have roots, a history, and a sense of continuity and perspective.

- Intergenerational bonds need not be traditional or biological. Older adult mentors can make a significant difference in a child's life. The involvement of a reliable, caring adult helps children develop life skills, and builds self-esteem and confidence. One study showed that when a child is mentored by an adult, they are: 46 percent less likely to begin using illegal drugs; 27 percent less likely to begin using alcohol; 52 percent less likely to skip school.

- In general, children develop higher self-esteem, better emotional and social skills (including an ability to withstand peer pressure), and can even have better grades in school.

- Children feel special. Especially with grandparents, children are "spoiled" a little. Research tells us that, in moderation, this can be a good

thing. Children know that being with their grandparents is special. They don't expect the rest of the world to treat them the way their grandparents do, so it's really not "spoiling." They experience an unconditional type of love that's not easily found elsewhere.

- Children can get undivided time and attention from an older adult that tired, busy parents often can't give them.

- An older adult can give children someone safe to talk with and confide in. While children may want to be different from their parents, they often don't mind being like their grandparents or other older adults. This gives elders a lot of power and ability to influence a troubled or confused child.

- Through sharing in an older adult's interests, skills, and hobbies, children are introduced to new activities and ideas. Through their life experience, older adults can often bring with them a tremendous amount of patience. Knowledge, skills, and attitudes children pick up from elders tend to stick with them through life more than those picked up from other sources.

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June Employee of the Month: Mariah McGregor

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Mariah has worked at Andahwod for almost three years as a certified nurse aide. Andahwod was her first place of employment.

What Mariah enjoys most about working at Andahwod is being able to laugh and have a good time with the residents while still working. She likes listening to their life stories.

Her family is very close and very supportive. She said

that her grandmother was her best friend.

When she was little, she said her and her grandmother would walk around her grandmother's apartment to all of her friends' houses to hang out and talk with them. They also liked to cook together.

Mariah said her grandma passed away a year ago at the age of 93, "She was a very healthy woman!"

Mariah likes to spend time with her friends and family in her free time. She enjoys walking her dogs, going to the



Courtesy of Andahwod

Mariah McGregor

gym, snowboarding, hunting, and many other sports.

Resident comments:

"She is so friendly to every one of us."

AUGUST 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Eric Zocher, Jeffrey Braley, Mary Cargill | 16 Marilyn Bailey, Brian Quigno, Sharmaine Brooks, Loretta Smith |
| 2 Jason Casner, Victoria Fisher, Patrick McClain | 17 Kevin Fisher, Larry Post |
| 3 Carl Benz, Gary Harris, Laurie Newton | 18 Brenda Nolan, Susan Leksche, Michelle Pena |
| 4 Kenneth Douglas, Matthew Pamp, Joseph Anderson, Danny Russell, Toni Swalley | 19 Ralph Ambs, Diane Garrett, Charles Sharon, Benjamin Willis Sr., David Zocher |
| 5 Brenda McMillin, Rosalie Stevens | 20 Theresa Jackson, Kimberly Crandall |
| 6 Kevin Bird, Marcella Hadden, Ricky Snyder, William Thibult | 21 James Peters |
| 7 Michael Floyd Sr., David Otto, Veronica Bos, Victoria Carini, Dawn Jackson | 22 Jacqueline Daniels, Michael Abraham, Ronald Collins Sr., Lynne Stewart |
| 8 Pamela Floyd | 23 Brenda Davis, Roger Jackson, Maynard Kahgegab Sr., Lisa Gregurek-Clemens |
| 9 Sandra Stevens, Michael Hart, Cecelia Wieland | 24 Paula Alexander, Teri Maki |
| 11 Debra DeFrens, Phillip Mena, Dorothy Shawano, Theresa White, Diane Jones, Laura Kellogg | 25 Michael Bennett |
| 12 Rosalie Maloney, Michelle Otto Bartow, Madonna Sanders, Ronald Nelson, Edward Cross, Margaret Jackson, Kenneth Kendall, Beverly Morse | 26 Rachel Mandoka |
| 13 Mark Bailey, James Falcon, Carol Brame, John Henry, Kelly Lancaster, Ida Ziehmer | 27 Colleen Wagner, Michael Schramm, Aloma Underwood |
| 14 Todd Darby | 28 Mary Jackson, Gregory Dean |
| 15 Joni Heiss | 29 Anita Shawboose |
| | 30 Thomas Bonnau, Luanna Finney, Constance Pashenece |
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- By getting to know "real, live old people" children look beyond the ageist stereotypes. They become more comfortable with aging – which is really something we all do from the moment we're born. Children are also encouraged to look toward the whole of their lives. They have many models for adulthood, but far fewer for older adulthood. When they can see the whole of their lives, they are more motivated and see greater relevance between what they're learning in school and their future. Research shows that "planful competence" – the ability to understand the life course and work toward goals – is key to student success in school and in life.

Benefits to Older Adults: The benefits to older adults of a close connection with the young include:

- Elders often feel a sense of "joyful freedom." As a grandparent, for example, they don't feel the pressure they felt as a parent. You get all the benefits and joys of parenthood without many of the drawbacks.

- A relationship with a grandchild or young friend gives older adults a "second chance." Many

people have regrets in their later years about time they didn't spend with their own children, or mistakes they made as a parent. A new grandchild or young friend is a fresh start.

- Active, involved older adults with close intergenerational connections consistently report much less depression, better physical health, and higher degrees of life satisfaction. They tend to be happier with their present life and more hopeful for the future.

- Young and old can fulfill the role of student and teacher for each other, and it's not always the older person who does the teaching. Children like to feel needed, and they can teach elders lots of things – like how to find some pretty cool stuff on the Internet! Children can also help older people, particularly those facing health challenges or other losses, see the world anew again, through a child's eyes.

- Elders have an opportunity to leave a powerful legacy, to make a difference. They can send a message into the future through a grandchild or young friend. Relationships across generations can fulfill our desire for immortality.

Benefits to Young Parents: The benefits to parents when the "grand generation" is a

part of their lives and their children's lives are also clear.

Today's parents are often stressed and overwhelmed. A loving, supportive grandparent or other older adult can give them someone to talk with – someone who's "been there" but now, with the benefit of hindsight, can help put issues into perspective.

It's also comforting for parents to know that there are other adults who love their children and are looking out for them. Grandparents take some of the pressure off parents.

Finally, there is the tangible support of reasonable physical

or financial help when it's needed. Grandparents can be a safety net in the high wire act we call the modern family.

Many people say their relationship with their parents improves when children enter the picture. For example, an overly strict parent suddenly becomes a "softie" as a grandparent. Adult children see their parents in a new light, and this can help heal relationships.

Beyond Just Programs: The richest forms of human development are most available to those willing and able to interweave their needs and

potential with the needs and potential of others, especially those younger or older.

The success of isolated intergenerational projects and programs across the country clearly demonstrates the significant benefits of intergenerational contact to both children and adults.

The challenge now lies in going beyond a project or program here or there to making a larger commitment to intergenerational connections so that they become a part of daily life and the social fabric.

(Source: www.legacyproject.org)

Andahwod residents go fishing at the RV Park

ANDAHWOD STAFF

On July 13, Joe Kequom, security guard for Andahwod, took residents Guy Fallis and Mark Rueckert fishing at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

Kequom said they "had a great time. The weather was perfect and we didn't even get attacked by mosquitos!"

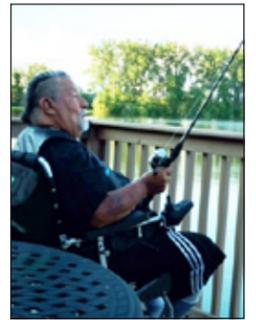
He also said they caught small sunfish, a nice bluegill and a small pike and also one tangled mess between them.

Rueckert never stopped talking the whole time about fish stories.

Kequom takes residents fishing on Thursdays throughout the summer until the end of August.



Courtesy of Andahwod
Mark Rueckert shows off his July 13 catch.



Courtesy of Andahwod
Andahwod resident Guy Fallis watches his line.

It is popular among the residents to go and they look forward to it each week.



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 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

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 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810
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 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989.775.4895

Behavioral Health Open House

Aug. 3 | 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Food, door prizes, bounce house and building tours.
 • Skittles the Clown: 1-5 p.m.

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Aug. 3 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Contact: 989.775.4880
 • Location: Tribal Operations Seniors Room

Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

Aug. 3 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850

Traditional Sweat Lodge

Aug. 4 | Sweat Lodge teachings and fire lighting: 5 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989.775.4879

Feather Workshop

August 9, 10 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Foster Care Mandatory Training

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

Gathering of Native American Youth

Aug. 8, 9 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • For Native youth 14-24 years old.
 • Lunch, snacks and gift card drawings.
 • We need your help to create a healthy community!

Family Picnic Celebration

Aug. 10 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Location: Native Farmers Market Pavilion
 • In honor of Breastfeeding Awareness Month.
 • Picnic lunch provided.

SCTC End of Summer Bash

Aug. 16 | 12 - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
 • Contact: 989.775.4123
 • Free event featuring concerts, cookout, fall registrations.

Saganing Talking Circle

August 16 | 5:30 - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989.775.4879

Back to School Event

Aug. 24 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 • Contact: 989.775.4071
 • Location: Housing Pavilion

Saganing Back to School Event

Aug. 22 | 12 - 2 p.m.
 • Contact: 989.775.4071
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center

Youth Summit

Aug. 19 | 1 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
 Aug. 20-21 | SECR Ballroom
 • Registration required: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

People's Traditional Powwow

Aug. 26-27 | Saturday 1 & 7 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.
 • Location: 7th Generation Powwow Grounds

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Open House

Aug. 31 | 5 - 7 p.m.

Auricular Acupuncture Training

Aug. 29-31 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Contact: 989.775.4887
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Cost: \$350 per person, with discounts for Tribal Members and employees.

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

• Contact: 989.775.4115
 • Aug. 1: Five Lakes
 • Aug. 8: Chippewa Lake (New location)
 • Aug. 15: Crooked Lake
 • Aug. 25: SCIT Tribal Classic (Friday, all day)

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

• Contact: 989.775.4115
 • Open to all Native youth: Grades 7-12
 • Aug. 4: Canoe Trip (Free)
 • Aug. 11: Lone Wolf Paintball
 • Aug. 18: Cedar Point Trip
 • Aug. 25: Canoe Trip (Free)

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 	1 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 6 - 8 p.m.	2 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.	3 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.	4 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.	5 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 6 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
7 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	8 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 6 - 8 p.m.	9 Talking Circle Andahwod 7 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	10 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Assesst Building Workshop Housing 12 - 1 p.m.	11 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. Sweat Lodge 7th Generation 6 p.m.	12 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 13 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, Email: observer@sagchip.org, visit our office in Tribal Operations or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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Tribal Operations

Clerical Pool

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

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years' experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Special Education Teacher

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

General Labor Pool

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

Youth Empowerment Aide

Open to the public. High school diploma with college-level math and science and two years working directly with youth. Knowledge of motivational tactics and how to actively engage youth using positive reinforcement.

Police Officer

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. Associate 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.

Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an associate degree or a professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience or a high school diploma or equivalent with four years clerical experience.

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; familiarity with federal Indian law preferred;

excellent research, writing and oral skills; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have high academic achievement and strong references.

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.

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 required by the State of Michigan. Previous experience assisting older adults preferred. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community required.

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.

Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Open to the public. Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs and projects. Knowledge and certification in native language instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishinabemowin related experience. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin.

Teacher Assistant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have passed a formal state or local academic assessment as approved by the Michigan State Board of Education; or successfully completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours); or must have an associate degree.

Community Health Representative

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent; practical nurse and/or nurse's aide training preferred. Must have a valid Michigan Driv-

er's License and dependable vehicle, properly insured and in good working condition for patient transportation. Must be able to work well with people, have an interest in working with Indian families and improving the health status of the community.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition, five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A bachelor's degree in education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred.

Multimedia Programmer

Open to the public. Four year college in any of these areas: Computer science, computer programming languages (preferred), or demonstrated equivalent work experience. Familiarity with any of the following is desirable: C#, ASP.NET, Visual Studio, JQuery, Bootstrap, Git, Agile, TeamCity, Web streaming technologies and principles, experience with audio or video production.

Senior Fiscal

Compliance Auditor

Open to the public. Bachelor of science degree in accounting. Must have completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. Five years experience in general accounting, with governmental accounting experience preferred.

Dietary Cook Aide

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere. With quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred.

Automotive Master Technician

Open to the public. Must be able to perform routine maintenance on all types of vehicles, cars, trucks, lawn equipment, loaders and dump trucks. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must have high school diploma or equivalent, at least six years of computer diagnostic experience, minimum of six years of automotive shop experience and a minimum of six years of diagnostic and repair management. Experience in heavy equipment, repairs of hydraulics, air brakes, drive trains, transmissions, diesel engines and gas engines is required.

SECR

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

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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.

Concierge FT

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

Concierge PT

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.

Waitstaff PT

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

Transit Driver PT Seasonal

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffeur's License.

Sous Chef

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

Carpenter

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have fifth year college or university program certificate, or two to four years related

experience and/or training, or combination of both.

Grounds Maintenance Worker FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have at least one year experience in landscaping, grounds maintenance or similar grounds maintenance job environment.

Laundry Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred.

Inventory Control Warehouse FT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal drivers license and industrial truck operator permit One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

Line Cook FT

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

Line Server PT

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

Server Assistant PT

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

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.

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

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

Facilities Maintenance Manager

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a bachelors degree in electrical, mechanical

or industrial engineering and a minimum of four years experience in a supervisor or managerial role or no less than 10 years experience in a maintenance or central plant environment, four of which should be in a supervisor or managerial role.

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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.

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.

Police Officer

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. Associate degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards.

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Position Vacancy

United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan – Deputy Chief Probation Officer Vacancy Announcement at <http://www.miep.uscourts.gov>. This second in command management position located in Detroit, MI assists the Chief Probation Officer in the administration and management of the U.S. Probation Department for the Eastern District of Michigan. EOE

110 Automotive

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Wanted Dead or Alive - Your car or truck. Free pickup. Call Discount Auto Parts. 989-772-3509. Licensed and Insured.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF LILLIAN PETERS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 17-CI-0105 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 989-790-5161 Plaintiff's attorney Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Lillian Peters 461 Patingill Street Westland, MI 48185. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires on Aug. 16, 2017.**



Editorial: Ziibiwing Center's NativeFest hosts car bingo, music and comedy

ESTHER HELMS

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The 13th Indian car bingo, held at the Ziibiwing Center on Tuesday, July 25, was both exciting and memorable.

Nearly 300 people were in attendance on a perfectly, splendid evening that celebrated summer's cherished visit to Michigan. There was just the right blend of warmth for the heat lovers with cool shade available beneath the intermittent, fluffy white clouds that dotted the powder blue sky and beside the vivid green shrubbery that had been newly-tweaked at the hands of valued community members in the days just preceding the big event.

Convertibles and golf carts, tents and umbrellas, music and laughter and infants through elders, brought the Ziibiwing parking lot to life once again on this special annual occasion commemorating and preserving the tradition of Indian car bingo.

Once again taking the microphone, Tribal community member and Soaring Eagle Hotel Director Bernie Sprague called bingo numbers, informed attendees of game particulars and teased and cajoled many while he and his lovely wife, Bonnie,

volunteered their time and efforts to help make a wonderful night spectacular.

Youth Council was there providing their service as vendors of delicious hot dogs and fresh popcorn.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police were welcomed as they made a visit to ensure all was going well. Community volunteers helped with prize deliveries to the cars of lucky winners, provided parking assistance, and offered 50/50 raffle tickets for sale which ultimately awarded \$627 to Byron Bird, the holder of the lucky winning ticket.

Thirteen turned out to be the lucky number for two of the youngest car bingo winners ever! As 12-year-old Bella Benzinger called "Bingo!" she became the youngest player in history at Ziibiwing to win the grand prize. She held that lofty title for all of about three minutes while 11-year-old Kiyenn Pilar had his Bingo card verified and then took that title for himself.

The two delighted youngsters split the overall top prize worth \$1300 to wrap up a glorious and very special evening.

Indian Elvis returned to the Ziibiwing Center during the July 26 Music & Comedy Night.

The fun-filled night went from 6 to 9 p.m., but the main attraction that everyone was anticipating: Indian Elvis took the stage at 8 p.m. for one full hour of entertainment.

Joseph Hall's Elvis "Rock 'N' Remember" Tribute (josephhallelvis.com) was aired on NBC's "America's Got Talent."

A complimentary dinner was provided from 6:05 to 6:30 p.m., with a comedy slam from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

From 7 to 8 p.m., families enjoyed hula hoop contests, Elvis song contests and a competition for the best Elvis dance moves.

The Ziibiwing Center also hosted bounce houses, pony rides, balloon animals, a petting zoo and \$5 caricatures.

Photos courtesy of Esther Helms

