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## Tribe's distribution grants support funding for Pinconning High School's new track

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

PINCONNING, Mich. – For the first time in two decades, Pinconning High School was able to host a home track meet, made possible in large part by grants derived from the Tribe's 2 percent distribution funds.

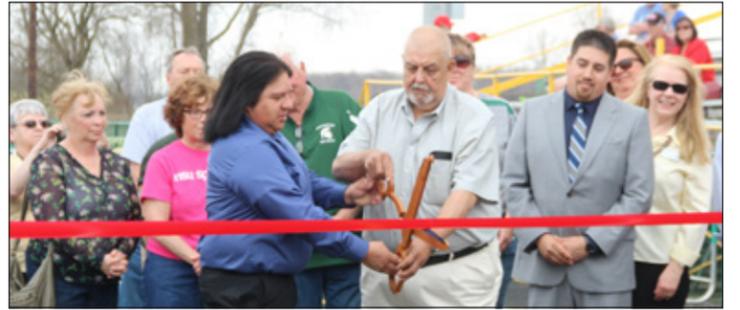
On Wednesday, May 2, Saganing/District Two Tribal Council representative Ron Nelson and Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, joined the Pinconning Spartans,

township and city officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the new track.

The drive to install the all-new track was a two-year process, and, that late afternoon, the Spartans competed as the home team for the first time since 2006.

Pinconning coach Len Pomaville led the \$200,000 community-wide project with the leadership of Mike Vieau, superintendent of Pinconning Area Schools.

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Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Saganing/District Two Tribal Council representative Ron Nelson (front left) and Pinconning School Board President Tom Boetefuer (front right) lead the May 2 ribbon cutting ceremony for Pinconning High School's new track, made possible from grants derived from a portion of the Tribe's 2 percent distribution.

## Tribe distributes \$2,946,602.98 for the 2018 spring 2 percent cycle

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Last week, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe held its spring 2 percent distribution on May 24 for Arenac and Northern Bay counties and on May 25 in Isabella County.

The semi-annual distribution disperses funds derived from Class III gaming at the Tribe's two properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

Overall, the Tribe distributed a grand total of \$2,946,602.98 amongst Isabella County and Arenac and Northern Bay counties.

The Tribe distributed \$2,161,139.17 in Isabella County (\$1,268,769.82 to government and \$892,369.35 to education).

Another \$785,463.81 was distributed in Arenac and Northern Bay counties (\$550,004.58 to government and \$235,459.23 to education).

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has the unique and wonderful opportunity to provide our local governments and schools with additional funding through 2 percent distributions," said Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl. "Over the past 24 years, the Tribe has contributed over \$249 million, funding roads, community initiatives, funding for elders programming and the ability to provide schools with technology, training and supplies.

Tribal Council receives hundreds of submissions and carefully reviews each request. This distribution cycle saw a combined 412 individual requests submitted between the local governments and schools.

"The benefit to the communities is felt not only by our Tribal Members in those counties but by the local citizens receiving those benefits

**2 percent | 3**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Renaissance Public School Academy Principal Lisa Bergman (far left) and students pose with Tribal Council in Chambers after the May 25 Isabella 2 percent distribution during which the students received funds for acoustic material to quiet the cafeteria noise and also a school fish tank.

### Spring 2018 | 2 Percent Distribution

Saganing Government	Isabella Government
• Arenac County \$123,254.76	• Isabella County \$369,150
• City of Au Gres \$50,000	• City of Mount Pleasant \$457,500
• City of Omer \$48,480	• Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed. \$14,344.66
• City of Pinconning \$49,591	• Chippewa Township \$157,220.16
• City of Standish \$16,638	• Deerfield Township \$26,785
• Arenac Township \$1,000	• Denver Township \$12,500
• Au Gres Township \$4,244	• Isabella Township \$12,500
• Deep River Township \$8,840	• Nottawa Township \$25,525
• Lincoln Township \$100,886.95	• Union Township \$180,000
• Mason Township \$12,067	• Village of Shepherd \$745
• Pinconning Township \$51,000	• Wise Township \$12,500
• Sims Township \$6,190	<b>Total Government: \$1,268,769.82</b>
• Standish Township \$31,000	
• Turner Township \$25,812.87	
• Whitney Township \$1,000	
• Village of Twining \$20,000	
<b>Total Government: \$550,004.58</b>	
Saganing Education	Isabella Education
• Au Gres-Sims School District \$69,087.33	• Beal City Public Schools \$115,295.91
• Pinconning School District \$69,181.90	• Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$126,155.41
• Standish-Sterling School District \$97,190	• Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$333,978.32
<b>Total Schools: \$235,459.23</b>	• Shepherd Public Schools \$237,758.21
	• Renaissance Public Schools \$41,147.50
	• Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools Districts \$38,034
	<b>Total Schools: \$892,369.35</b>
<b>Saganing Total: \$785,463.81</b>	<b>Isabella Total: \$2,161,139.17</b>



## HEY!

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### Summer Youth Workers Needed!

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**MEETINGS:** First Tuesday of the Month  
6 p.m. | Contact: 989.775.4175

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## Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County

### Families Against Narcotics

## Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

**Upcoming dates: June 21, July 19**

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
*Monthly Forums are 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: June 7, July 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.*

## SCT VETERANS (OGICHIDAA) 2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Fundraiser for Isabella, Midland, Gratiot, Clare and Mecosta County veterans

**DIVISIONS** OPEN: Any Mix-No Age Limit  
VETERANS: All 3 players Must Be Veterans Any Mix • Any Age)

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Saginaw Chippewa Ogichidaa (SC Veterans)  
3 Player Team Scramble  
18 holes with cart and lunch provided  
75 player 225 team  
**Waabooz Run Golf Course**  
© Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Mt. Pleasant, MI

## TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

## Public Notice

### Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Castle, William	01/29/2018
Dennis, Joel	10/13/2016
Jackson, Garth	10/05/2017
Pelcher, Lavern	03/09/2018
Smith, Lorretta	01/05/2018
Sprague, Gary	04/07/2017
Stanton, Goldie	01/03/2018

## Tribe 2 Tribe Miles Challenge

Open to all SCIT community members and employees!

**Log minutes/miles May 21 - July 13**

Your participation will help earn points toward Team SCIT at the 2018 Michigan Indian Family Olympics!

**Sync your activity tracker or smart phone**  
*After you sign up online, go to your Playstore or App Store to download the "Challenge Runner" app on your mobile device!*

**To sign up, please go to [www.t2t.challengerunner.com](http://www.t2t.challengerunner.com)**

**New members:**

- 1) Click the "Enroll" button on the right side of the screen.
- 2) Sign-up as New Member.
- 3) Select SCIT for your team (scroll down).
- 4) Begin logging your activity!

**Returning members:**

- 1) Log in using account created for 2017 event.
- 2) Use the "Forgot Password?" link if you cannot remember your password to login.
- 3) Begin logging your activity!

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Check out the **Tribal Observer ONLINE**

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## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal 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

- June 5 • July 3 • Aug. 7 • Sept. 4



**Happy Birthday Dad!**  
You're awesome!

Love, Mariana & Myles



**Happy Father's Day**

With love,  
Mariana & Myles



**Happy Birthday Andre,**

Love your family!



## Memigwaans Begay Class of '18

New School for the Arts, Tempe AZ  
Daughter of Summer Peters  
Granddaughter of Patricia Peters

*We are so proud of you and are excited for this new chapter in your life. We love you, always and forever.*

Mom, Grandma, Sean & Waabigwan

## New track

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"I'd like to extend a huge thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and to their continued support for our Pinconning Area School District for this project and all of the projects that they do to help our students and our community," Vieau said. "I am hopeful for a continued relationship in the future."

Vieau said substantial support was received from Tribal Council Secretary Frank Cloutier and wished to thank the councilman.

The Tribe was the largest single donor, with contributions totaling \$150,000.

Nelson assisted School Board President Tom Boetefuer in cutting the ribbon.

"As the Saganing Eagles Landing grows, we are continuing to make a better economical footprint in Arenac and Northern Bay counties," Nelson said. "These 2 percent funds are for the overall good of the schools

in Arenac County, as well as past and future projects, and here with the completion of this great track for the Pinconning School system. We all contribute and benefit to making a better world for the future generations that live and work here."

Other donors included the Dow Gives Foundation, Bay Area Foundation's Northern Bay County Fund and the Pinconning Booster Club. The trust of Mary Ellery, a late, longtime Pinconning High School employee, and donations from local businesses helped make the project a reality.

The track was installed by AG Sports Services and McDonald Painting.

In order to make the home track meets possible, Pomaville said a few things will be added, such as a new long jump, pole vault pits, cages for the throwers, starting blocks and a timing system.

Several Pinconning school and city officials expressed gratitude toward Nelson and Rodriguez as they attended as representatives of the Tribe's endowments.

## 2 percent

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without the additional strain of increased taxes to fund them," Ekdahl said. "It is with great pleasure that the Tribal Council meets with local leaders, educators and administrative staff to distribute these funds."

For this cycle, the Arenac County and Northern Bay County allocation was held first, occurring at the Saganing Tribal Center that Thursday at 2 p.m.

In those counties, 16 governmental distributions were bestowed, and three schools received funding.

Arenac County received the largest amount of \$123,254.76. The county is receiving \$51,000 to fund a Dodge Charger to be used as a new police car, \$50,000 for economic development corporation special projects, \$15,000 for the food pantry and \$7,254.76 to be used toward the trial court facilities improvement project.

Other major governmental contributions included a total of \$100,886.95 to Lincoln Township for both a wild land/off-road apparatus and also a general allocation, \$50,000 to the City of AuGres for a DNR Harbor of Refuge restoration project and \$49,591 to the City of Pinconning to further wastewater safety.

The application from City of Pinconning Manager and Treasurer Dawn Hoder stated, "In the spring of 2017, the City experienced a 10-day critical issue with

a wastewater lift station at the corner of Fifth and Kaiser streets. A large stone entered the lift station and damaged the two pumps.

"The lift station is responsible for pumping all waste from residences and businesses south of the wastewater plant. The lift station became incapacitated and had to be bypassed."

As the City of Pinconning did not have the needed equipment on hand, equipment had to be rented and/or the City had to hire the services of others.

"In order to protect our residents and community visitors from critical issues like this in the future, we need to purchase the needed safety equipment," Hoder said in a statement.

Standish-Sterling School District received \$97,190 for various applications including a \$59,710 network infrastructure update, \$10,000 for Scholastic News subscriptions, \$25,080 toward a fifth grade classroom library and \$2400 towards Chromebooks.

Pinconning School District received \$69,181.90, and AuGres-Sims School District received \$69,087.33.

The Isabella County distribution took place that Friday at 10 a.m. in the Senior's Room of Tribal Operations.

Eleven governmental distributions were bestowed, and six schools received funding in Isabella County.

Of the governmental distributions, the City of Mt. Pleasant received the largest amount of \$457,500. The granted projects are the Youth Services Unit, an asphalt overlay of Crawford Road, airport operations support, a \$5,000 tree planting program, a Pickard Street lift station generator, a wastewater treatment facility generator, \$50,000 towards the PEAK



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents, with her small assistant, accepts \$457,500 on behalf of the City.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Dr. Jan Amsterburg (left), superintendent of Gratiot-Isabella RESD Schools, partners with Ryan Griffus (right), director of the Isabella County Restoration House, to accept funds on RESD's behalf at the May 25 Isabella County 2 percent distribution in the Seniors Room in Tribal Operations.**

Program and \$56,000 towards the Vietnam veterans' memorial bridge replacement.

Isabella County received the amount of \$369,150. The largest portion, \$218,000, will benefit Commission on Aging.

Of all schools, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools received the largest amount of \$333,978.32. The funds help aid 37 different project requests.

Shepherd Public Schools received \$237,758.21 to help aid 27 different projects.

Chippewa Hills Public Schools received \$126,155.41, and \$115,295.91 went to Beal City Public Schools, \$41,147.50 to Renaissance Public Schools and \$38,034 to Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools.



## Tribal Council

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## Editorial: Ziibiwing Center's birthday Sale thank you

### BRENDA LEHMKUHLE

Ziibiwing Commercial Services Manager

On behalf of my staff, I would like to thank everyone who came out to Ziibiwing's birthday sale May 3-4. It was a busy two days – with a record number of sales.

We thank everyone for understanding the long lines. Each transaction takes a few minutes with entering SCIT info (which helps us keep important tax dollars here at the Tribe), donations for Star Tree, entering loyalty information being earned or spent, etc.

Kid's Night went well. There was a huge turnout.

We want apologize for the cancellation of the bounce houses. We were advised by the rental company that the wind made for unsafe conditions, and we did not want to jeopardize anyone's safety.

As always, the petting zoo and pony rides were a hit, along with the face painting and balloon animals.

We want to thank the departments that came out and had a booth or display – Andahwod (game), Soaring Eagle Waterpark (game), Youth Council (food), Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene (food), Tribal Police Department and the ice cream truck. Also thank you to the Ziibiwing Center staff for all their help with setting up tables, popcorn, picnic



Courtesy of Brenda Lehmkuhle

### Mascots come together during the May 4 Kid's Night dance off competition at the Ziibiwing Center.

tables, cleanup, etc. You are all amazing, and we could not do it without you.

The mascots were amazing during the dance off. We had the following: Mshike from Ziibiwing, Gizi from Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Waabooz from Waabooz Run Golf Course, Makwa from Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, Harry the Heron from Mid Michigan Community College and Woody the Timberwolf from Northwood University.

The winner of the dance off was Woody the Timberwolf. He was so excited to take home a trophy.

Again, thank you all. It is always a joy putting on this event for the community.

## A response to the detainment of two Native men on Colorado college campus tour

### AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND

DENVER – The story of two young Native American men detained by Colorado State University Campus Police after a nervous parent called to report them on April 30 has recently made national news.

The American Indian College Fund is urging educational institutions to take steps to make their campuses welcoming environments for Native people and other people of color.

Cheryl Crazy Bull, president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, released the following statement last month, which was recently featured on Denver7 and TheDenverChannel.com:

“We at the Denver-based national nonprofit, the American Indian College Fund, were angry to learn about the incident at Colorado State University. People of color deserve to be included in higher education like anyone else.

College visits are an important part of the pre-college experience, and we encourage potential students to visit colleges to feel safe and accepted at the college of their choice.

It is upsetting when Native students are hesitant to consider a college based on experiences such as what occurred at Colorado State University.

American Indians and Alaska Natives have a 14 percent degree-attainment rate, according to the National Center for Education statistics – which is less than half of the national average.

Colleges and universities must promote access to an equitable higher education for Native American students by investing in education, resources and processes to eliminate institutionalized racism and to provide an equitable education.

Native American students comprised only 1 percent of CSU's undergraduate and graduate student body in 2015, according to the CSU website.

We urge higher education institutions to join us in our efforts to increase the numbers of Native people with college degrees by making their institutions more welcoming. They can acknowledge the indigenous people on whose lands work is being done and where institutions exist; implement training to help students, faculty and staff to name racism when it happens; train college personnel about indigenous culture, history and inclusion; and examine existing curriculum to ensure fair representation of Native people's history, accomplishments and contributions.

Finally, we urge higher education institutions to report on the status of Native American students at their institutions by including their student data in all institutional data points.”

## The 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.

### Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

### Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

### Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

### Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

### Debwewin – Truth

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

## Tribal Observer

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

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## Unused, expired medications collected during fifth Tribal Rx Drug Drop Off

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Just in time for spring cleaning, community members were able to drop off unused and expired prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications and/or diabetic needles at the May 10 Tribal Rx Drug Drop Off.

The event, hosted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Native Farmers Market Pavilion, saw more than 200 people throughout the day.

Behavioral Health's Prevention Department teamed up with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Mt. Pleasant Police Department to collect prescriptions, narcotics, Sharps container needles, pet medication, vitamins and more.

The fifth annual event collected 157.2 pounds of prescription pills and 80 pounds of needles — totaling 237.2 pounds.

"With the outcry — throughout the nation — of the opioid and prescription epidemic, it magnifies the importance of this event," said Kevin "Coach" Ricketts, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health. "We asked everyone to bring in anything that could potentially be harmful if consumed by a person that it was not prescribed to... Sometimes



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Wrapping up the 2018 spring Tribal Rx Drug Drop Off on May 10, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Mt. Pleasant Police officers, Behavioral Health representatives and Tribal employees stand with a portion of the collected 157.2 pounds of prescription pills and 80 pounds of needles — a 237.2 pound total.**

we can forget what we accumulate in our homes, and this event was a perfect opportunity to drop off items that will be disposed of properly."

Anyone turning in medications was offered a \$10 Premium Play voucher for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, compliments of the casino's Marketing Department. Participants were also offered a hot dog and beverage and became eligible for various prizes.

Chief of Tribal Police Donielle Bannon said the event was beneficial because it allowed community members to safely dispose of medications so they did not become accessible to others.

"Getting rid of unused medications helps keep everyone safe," Bannon said. "The Tribal Police Department has a drug drop box in the lobby. Anyone can come in and dispose of unused medications 24/7."

This is a self-serve drop box, Bannon said.

"However, we are always willing to assist anyone," Bannon said. "Getting rid of unused medications is an important safety measure we can all take an active role in."

Throughout the years, the MPPD has assisted at each Tribal drop-off event.

"The event is a great collaboration between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the

City of Mt. Pleasant and is a great service to the community," said Jeff Browne, public information officer for the MPPD. "The event continues to show that both the Tribe and the City are working towards a safer community for all of our residents."

"I was very pleased with the results from the collection on that day," Browne said. "You can see by the amount of prescription medication collected and needles there is still a vast need for these types of events."

The event was also made possible by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Migizi Economic Development Co. and with promotions by My 1043 and 95.3 WCFX.

Raffle prizes included an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, concert tickets of the winner's choice and dinner at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, a patio set and rug, a grill and utensil set, a cooler filled with perks, Mobil gas cards, two all-day waterpark passes, 18-holes of golf for two at Waabooz Run



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Police Officer Trent Vatter (left) and Jeff Browne (right), public information officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, collect unused or expired medications during the fifth annual event hosted at the Native Farmers Market Pavilion.**

Golf Course and a handmade Detroit Tigers blanket.

Behavioral Health Native Connections Project also conducted a drug awareness education game entitled, "Name That Drug." A wheel was spun to land on a list of the side-effects of different drugs. Eight players guessed correctly, winning a gift card of choice.

"A big chi-miigwetch to all that assisted in making this an incredible success again for the fifth year in a row," said Catherine 'Kt' Bouchard, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health. "See you next year; hopefully it will be 20 degrees warmer."

## Winners determined for Prevention Department's art design contest

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Behavioral Health Programs held a "Culture is Prevention" themed art design contest. Submissions were due April 27, and winners were announced at the Tribal Rx Drug Drop Off on May 10.

Kevin "Coach" Ricketts, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health, said the department received hundreds of submissions, but only the top two or three winners in each age category could be selected.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Winning submissions from the "Culture is Prevention" themed art design contest were on display during the May 10 Tribal Rx Drug Drop Off.**

The winning submissions will be digitized and used in awareness posters by the Behavioral Health Prevention Department.

"A big chi-miigwetch to the members of Youth Council who took the time out of their evening to select the finalists," Ricketts said.

The competition was open to all Tribal Members or descendants along with members of other federally-recognized tribes.

### Contest Winners

#### Kindergarten - 5th grade

- First Place: Clara Begay
- Second Place: Quinn Plecher
- Third Place: Alex Grice

#### 6th - 8th grade

- First Place: Makayla Stevens
- Second Place: Dasia Wiltse
- Third Place: LaAnna Trudeau

#### High School

- First Place: Shaylyn Sprague
- Second Place: Chelsea White

#### Adults

- First Place: Margie Wehner
- Second Place: Jeremy Bennett
- Third Place: Dominick LaLonde

## Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi names Barry Skutt Jr. new CEO

*(Editor's note: The following article appeared in the May 2018 Indian Gaming magazine: The national magazine of the American Indian gaming industry in Volume 28, No. 5, on page 56 under the "PEOPLE" section. Barry Skutt Jr. is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.)*



Courtesy of NHBP

**Barry Skutt Jr.**

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) recently announced Barry Skutt Jr. as the new CEO for the NHBP tribal government in Fulton, Mich.

Skutt is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Skutt to our community,"

said NHBP Tribal Council Chairperson Jamie Stuck. "We are confident, in this role as our CEO, he will ensure that the decisions we make and the actions we take keep us

focused on the cultural, emotional, physical and well-being of our tribal community for the next seven generations."

Skutt served as director of Utilities at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, where he oversaw several departments in the Tribal government, such as the Electrical Department, Wastewater and portable water plants, campground and pow-wow grounds and maintenance and janitorial oversight of the Tribal Operations and Public Safety buildings.

In addition, Skutt has also held the role of interim assistant health administrator and diabetes grant assistant within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

"I am grateful to the Tribal Council for granting me this opportunity to lead this exceptional tribal government full of dedicated, progressive and talented professionals," Skutt said. "I'm humbled and honored by the

warm welcome I have received by both the staff and the community. I am looking forward to assisting the tribe in continuing its commitment to sovereignty and provide a service of excellence to its tribal members."

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## Ziibiwing Center art exhibit a beautiful expression of heritage

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Ziibiwing Center was recently beautified by an exhibit that showcased the artistic expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

On Saturday, May 28, the Miikawaadendaagwad (It Is Beautiful) display of nearly 100 pieces of Anishinabe works of art was opened to the public.

“The Ziibiwing Center staff is very excited by the exhibit,” said William Johnson, curator. “We’re always amazed at the awesome talent of the Tribal artists.”

According to the exhibit placard, “The artworks were envisioned and produced from an innate sense of spirituality, a connectedness to the land and water and provocation of thoughts.”

Thirty-four artists submitted work to the cultural center for the exhibit, with artwork that included stained glass, wood and metal sculptures, paintings, pencil images, photographs, pottery, wall hangings and bead work, as well as jewelry, moccasins and other



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Fishing decoys and lures, created by Dave Brodie, are one of many displays of talent included in the Miikawaadendaagwad (It Is Beautiful) art exhibit at the Ziibiwing Center that showcases close to 100 pieces of Anishinabe art.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Wood carvings by Al Wayne are also showcased at the exhibit.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**This framed set of chokers on display at Ziibiwing was created by Summer Peters.**

skillfully-crafted items of cultural significance.

“The attention to detail and the creativity is inspiring,” Johnson said. “Like all great artwork, it makes you want to pick up a paint brush or write a poem yourself.”

The creations on display reflect Tribal history, custom and traditions from perspectives that, according to the placard, “honor the beauty of the past while provoking the present to express and support a culture in tradition.”

These works of art provide a means of empowerment for all Tribal Members and a way to honor artists of previous generations as well as showcase the talents of contemporary artists.

“We’re receiving many positive comments,” Johnson said. “The exhibit is aptly named because we keep hearing ‘It is beautiful!’ I’m happy for the Tribal artists because the Ziibiwing Center is a venue worthy of their talent. It truly is beautiful.”

Artists whose work is on display include the following Tribal Members: Memmigwaans Begay, Jeremy Bennett, Christina Benz, Dennis R. Christy Sr., Zoi Crampton, Suzanne “Bneshiinh Kwe” Cross, Adrianna Garcia, Michelle George, Marcella Hadden, Esther Helms, Roger High, Dawn Jackson, Stephanie Jackson, Glenna Jenkins, Diane Lekshe, Wendy McGregor,

Ruby MeShawboose, Ellie Mitchell, Lisa Passinault, Angela Peters, Summer Peters, Jolene Quinlan, Ana Rapin, students from Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Charmaine Shawana, Allysa Shawboose, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Jeff Sprague, Liz Trasky, Al Wayne, Craig Wayne and Gilbert Williams.

## Cook out kicks off National Prevention Week at Behavioral Health

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Behavioral Health kicked off National Prevention Week May 14-19 by hosting a cook out in the back of the property on that Monday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Prevention Specialist Kevin Ricketts and Guadalupe Gonzalez, extension office project coordinator, operated the grill together; cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the gathered crowd.

Behavioral Health representatives provided presentations about the complementary services Behavioral Health offers those in treatment such as acupuncture, mindfulness training, yoga, eye movement

desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), essential oil usage and the Helping Healer program.

National Prevention Week takes place annually during the third week of May, which, according to the event flyer is “near the start of summer, an important time for school, communities and prevention professionals to refocus on prevention.”

At Behavioral Health, the focus on Monday was the promotion of mental health and wellness, Tuesday’s focus was on the prevention of underage drinking and alcohol misuse, Wednesday was prevention of prescription and opioid drug misuse, Thursday was the prevention of illicit drug use and youth marijuana use, Friday was suicide prevention and



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Prevention Specialist Kevin Ricketts (left) and Guadalupe Gonzalez (right), extension office project coordinator, help kick off National Prevention Week at the May 14 Behavioral Health cookout.**

Saturday was the prevention of youth tobacco use.

## Steps for helping save someone who has overdosed

*(Editor’s note: The following is from SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] at [store.samhsa.gov](http://store.samhsa.gov). The article was submitted by Tribal Court personnel with the hope of providing more education on the opiate epidemic.)*

**Summary:**

- DO support the person’s breathing by administering oxygen or performing rescue breathing.
- DO put the person in the “recovery position” on their

side if he or she is breathing independently.

- DO administer naloxone.
- DO stay with the person and keep him/her warm.
- DON’T slap or try to forcefully stimulate the person — it will only cause further injury. If you are unable to wake the person by shouting, rubbing your knuckles on the sternum (center of the chest or rib cage) or pinching lightly, he or she may be unconscious.
- DON’T put the person into a cold bath or shower. This increases the risk of falling,

drowning or going into shock.

- DON’T inject the person with any substance (salt water, milk, “speed,” heroin, etc.). The only safe and appropriate treatment is naloxone.
- DON’T try to make the person vomit drugs that he or she may have swallowed. Choking or inhaling vomit into the lungs can cause a fatal injury.

*NOTE: All naloxone products have an expiration date, so it is important to check the expiration date and obtain replacement naloxone as needed.*



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**Emcees:** Jason Whitehouse & Hal Eagletail  
**Arena Directors:** Walker Stonefish & Sheldon Shebala  
**Head Veteran:** George Martin  
**Head Dance Judges:** Debbie Kline & TBA  
**Head Drum Judge:** Harvey Dreaver  
**Head Dancers:** Abbie Nahdee & Nodin Jackson  
**Host Drum:** The Boyz  
**Dance Specials:** Men’s Fancy & Old Style Jingle Dress (*Sponsored by Head Dancers*)  
**Committee Specials:** 18+ Hand Drum Contest, Youth Hand Drum Contest, Roc Your Mocs Showdown, Team Dance (Youth & Adult), Head-to-Head Single Elimination Chicken Dance Special, and more TBA



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## SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and annual Drinking Water Report

*(Editor's Note: The following report was submitted by Water Operator Supervisor Joe Johnson.)*

**Is My Water Safe?** During 2017, SCIT tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies, and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

**Do I need to take special precautions?** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

**Where does my water come from?** Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our Tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well #4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road, and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content, and your water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the Tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residues. The water plant does add fluoride to the water. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store

for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects to your fish.

**Source water assessment and its availability:** The Tribe has worked with the U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around the well(s), that need to be protected from contaminations identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a Tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review for anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

**Vulnerability Study and Emergency Response Plan:** We are required to do a vulnerability study and file it with the EPA. This has been completed as well as the Emergency Response Plan. These are available for review at the water plant.

**Why are contaminants in drinking water?** Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases,

radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by a public water system.

**How to identify Utility staff employees:** All Employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wear shirts that have the tribal logo on them, have a Tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please call 989-775-5141 to verify.

How can I become involved in the safety of my drinking water? If you would like to become involved with your water safety, please call 989-775-5141.

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Rate: \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Rate: \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons

(Gallons charged are based on 80 percent of water usage.)

#### Miscellaneous Fees

- \$15 to tag for a shutoff
- \$15 for non-emergency shutoff
- \$30 for non-payment shutoff
- \$25 for meter removal (snowbird)
- \$25 to reinstall meter (snowbird)
- \$50 for reconnection after shutoff

**All water samples tested for bacteria content were negative for the test results. Due to excellent results on previous testing, the following was requested:** A Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC) waiver was requested in 2009. A Dioxin waiver was requested in 2009. Lead and copper testing is required every three years. The test results were given to the individual homeowners. The results listed are the 90th percentile results. The required VOC testing was done in October of 2011 and except for the total Trihalomethanes.

### Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Laboratory Official Laboratory Report

Sample ID: 3010 LEATON RD Lab ID: 2175620001		Date collected: 8/1/2017 10:48 Matrix: Drinking Water (Potable)		
Parameters	Result Units	Dilution Factor	Reporting Limit	Result Qualifier Maximum
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)</b> Analytical Method: EPA 552.3 Analyzed: 8/7/2017 22:27 By: GFM				
Bromoacetic acid (MBAA)	<1.0 µg/L	1	1.0	
Chloroacetic acid (MCAA)	<2.0 µg/L	1	2.0	
Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA)	2.2 µg/L	1	1.0	
Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA)	<1.0 µg/L	1	1.0	
Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA)	<1.0 µg/L	1	1.0	
Haloacetic Acids, Total (HAA5)	2.2 µg/L	1	1.0	60
<b>Sample Preparation</b> Analytical Method: EPA 552.3 Analyzed: 8/4/2017 12:15 By: RLC				
Liquid-Liquid Extraction, HAAs	Complete	1		
<b>Volatiles</b> Analytical Method: EPA 524.2 Analyzed: 8/11/2017 13:19 By: DTM				
Bromodichloromethane	2.8 µg/L	1	0.50	
Bromoform	8.1 µg/L	1	0.50	
Chloroform	1.4 µg/L	1	0.50	
Dibromochloromethane	6.6 µg/L	1	0.50	
Trihalomethanes, Total (TTHM)	19 µg/L	1	0.50	80
<i>General Comments: Samples were received chilled on natural ice with an average temperature of 8°C on August 3, 2017.</i>				

Sample ID: 2710 MAKWA RD Lab ID: 2175630001		Date collected: 8/1/2017 10:30 Matrix: Drinking Water (Potable)		
Parameters	Result Units	Dilution Factor	Reporting Limit	Result Qualifier Maximum
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)</b> Analytical Method: EPA 552.3 Analyzed: 8/7/2017 23:07 By: GFM				
Bromoacetic acid (MBAA)	<1.0 µg/L	1	1.0	
Chloroacetic acid (MCAA)	<2.0 µg/L	1	2.0	
Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA)	4.4 µg/L	1	1.0	
Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA)	1.2 µg/L	1	1.0	
Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA)	<1.0 µg/L	1	1.0	
Haloacetic Acids, Total (HAA5)	5.7 µg/L	1	1.0	60
<b>Sample Preparation</b> Analytical Method: EPA 552.3 Analyzed: 8/4/2017 12:15 By: RLC				
Liquid-Liquid Extraction, HAAs	Complete	1		
<b>Volatiles</b> Analytical Method: EPA 524.2 Analyzed: 8/11/2017 13:43 By: DTM				
Bromodichloromethane	4.8 µg/L	1	0.50	
Bromoform	25 µg/L	1	0.50	
Chloroform	1.7 µg/L	1	0.50	
Dibromochloromethane	16 µg/L	1	0.50	
Trihalomethanes, Total (TTHM)	47 µg/L	1	0.50	80
<i>General Comments: Samples were received chilled on natural ice with an average temperature of 8°C on August 3, 2017.</i>				

Sample ID: 7377 TOMAH RD Lab ID: 2177570001		Date collected: 8/11/2017 12:35 Matrix: Drinking Water (Potable)		
Parameters	Result Units	Dilution Factor	Reporting Limit	Result Qualifier Maximum
<b>Individual Parameters</b> Analytical Method: EPA 300.0 Analyzed: 8/12/2017 14:51 By: MKK				
Nitrate Nitrogen, as N (NO3-N)	<0.050 mg/L	1	0.050	10

Sample ID: 7377 E TOMAH RD Lab ID: 2175640001		Date collected: 8/1/2017 11:08 Matrix: Drinking Water (Potable)			
Parameters	Qualifier	Result Units	Dilution Factor	Reporting Limit	Result Qualifier Maximum
<b>Individual Parameters</b> Analytical Method: EPA 300.0 Analyzed: 8/3/2017 13:08 By: MKK					
Nitrate Nitrogen, as N (NO3-N)	T	<0.050 mg/L	1	0.050	10
<b>Volatiles</b> Analytical Method: EPA 524.2 Analyzed: 8/11/2017 14:08 By: DTM					
Benzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Bromodichloromethane		2.2 µg/L	1	0.50	
Bromoform		3.6 µg/L	1	0.50	
Carbon tetrachloride		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Chlorobenzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Chloroform		1.3 µg/L	1	0.50	
Dibromochloromethane		3.8 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,2-Dichlorobenzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,2-Dichloroethane (EDC)		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,1-Dichloroethene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,2-Dichloropropane		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Ethylbenzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Methylene chloride (DCM)		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Styrene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Tetrachloroethene (PCE)		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Toluene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Trichloroethene (TCE)		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Trihalomethanes, Total (TTHM)		11 µg/L	1	0.50	
Vinyl chloride		<0.50 µg/L	1	0.50	
Xylenes, Total		<1.5 µg/L	1	1.5	
<i>Parameter qualifiers: T Sample received and/or test analyzed after recommended maximum holding time.</i>					



## ACFS raises funds and awareness during National Foster Care Month

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Educator and counselor Rita F. Pierson said, "Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be," and Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services agrees.

Throughout May, National Foster Care month, ACFS acknowledged foster parents, family members, volunteers, child welfare professionals and other community members for their help empowering children and youth in this way and for finding placements for those in the local foster care system.

According to ACFS, "The goal of foster care is to provide a child with a home and a family to care for him/her until he/she is able to be reunified with their parents or adopted."

ACFS sent out a statement that expressed its support of "kinship care," which means they first try to place children with relatives when children are displaced from their homes.

"Kinship care reduces the trauma that a child may experience from removal than when placed with strangers," the



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**On Friday, May 4, enchilada lunches, made to raise funds for ACFS' foster care program, quickly sell out in the Eagles Nest Gym Kitchen, so another lunch fundraiser was scheduled for Wednesday, May 30.**

statement said. "Kinship care allows foster children to maintain connections within their family and in the community."

However, when relatives are not available or do not meet the required legal standards of safety set, other options are needed.

"Every child deserves a loving, supportive and safe family to live with while they are in foster care," the ACFS statement said. "They also deserve to stay within their tribal communities to maintain their connections to extended family members and their culture and language."

To help accomplish this and to raise awareness of the need

for Tribal foster families and funds to benefit the foster care program, ACFS hosted several events throughout the month.

The first took place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 4. Lunches that included a chicken or beef enchilada, rice, beans and a drink were sold for \$8. Tickets to the Cinco de Mayo event at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort were also raffled to help raise funds to help ACFS hold recruitment and foster parent appreciation events.

"The enchilada fundraiser went well, and we raised almost \$600 for our program," said Felicia Bross, foster care specialist/Indian Child Welfare Committee representative.

Additionally, on Wednesday, May 9, ACFS sponsored a recruitment booth from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Elder's Breakfast at Andahwod.

Another fundraiser took place Monday, May 14. On this day, Mother's Day singing grams were sung to mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters by the Saginaw Chippewa Academy's afterschool singing group.

Singing grams were purchased in the weeks before the holiday for \$5 apiece and delivered in the afternoon the day after Mother's Day.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Students in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy's afterschool singing group helped raise money for ACFS by performing Mother's Day singing grams for recipients on Monday, May 14. (Left to right: Zoey Disel, Alayna Disel, Alexis Trepanier, Tawny Jackson, Caden Pego, Gegekweb Kamigad, Calijaha Trepanier and Raymond Pelcher)**

"The singing grams, of course, went well too," Bross said, explaining that the number of recipients was purposely limited to not overwhelm the children (performing).

"They sang to 16 recipients, raising \$160 for our foster care program," Bross said.

A lunch and learn event took place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Wednesday, May 23. Information about the different types of foster care was presented, as well as an explanation of the licensing process and what to expect as a foster parent. A door prize of two Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert tickets to the

concert of the winner's choice was awarded.

Because the first enchilada lunch was so successful, another was scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, along with a 50/50 raffle for an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, 18 holes of golf for two people and a manicure at the Soaring Eagle Salon and Spa.

According to ACFS, there is a continued need for additional foster homes in tribal communities, especially for sibling groups.

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### Community Cultural Teaching & Feast

**at Ezhibiigaadek Asin**  
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**Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
**11am - 3pm**



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feast bundles  
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## HONORING, HEALING & REMEMBERING

June 6, 2018 • 7am - 4pm

**Keynote Speaker: K. Tsianina Lomawaima**

**Keynote Address: Boarding School Stories: Memories & Histories from Chilocco Indian School**

K. Tsianina Lomawaima (Mvskoke / Creek Nation, not enrolled) joined Arizona State University in January 2014. From 1994-2014, she served on the faculty of American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona, serving as chair of the department from 2005-2009. From 1988-1994, she was a member of the Anthropology and American Indian Studies faculty at the University of Washington.

Lomawaima's research interests include the status of Native people as U.S. citizens and Native nations as Indigenous sovereigns, the role of Native nations in shaping U.S. federalism, and the history of American Indian schooling. Research on the federal off-reservation boarding school system is rooted in the experiences of her father, Curtis Thorpe Carr, a survivor of Chilocco Indian Agricultural School in Oklahoma, where he was enrolled from 1927 to 1935.

As an author, many of her books have garnered national recognition, including: To Remain an Indian and They Called it Prairie Light: The Story of Chilocco Indian School.

Lomawaima served as the 2012-2013 president of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association/NAISA, which she helped found in 2007, and as 2005 president of the American Society for Ethnohistory. She was awarded the Western History Association Lifetime Achievement Award for American Indian History in 2010, and selected as a 2016 fellow of the American Educational Research Association.



K. Tsianina Lomawaima

<p><b>BOARDING SCHOOL SITE</b> 1400 W. Pickard - Mt. Pleasant, MI <i>(Near corner of Pickard &amp; Crawford)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast &amp; lunch provided</li> <li>• Pipe Ceremony</li> <li>• Grand Entry &amp; Flag Song</li> <li>• Student Roll Call</li> <li>• "Remembering the Deceased"</li> <li>• Prayer &amp; Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Silent Auction</li> <li>• Jingle Dress Healing Dance</li> <li>• Celebratory Round Dance</li> <li>• Giveaway &amp; Traveling Song</li> </ul>	<p><b>7:00am • Sunrise Ceremony</b> <b>MISSION CREEK CEMETERY</b> 1475 S. Bamber Rd - Mt. Pleasant, MI</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcoming all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers &amp; Jingle Dress Dancers</b></p> <p>Join us on the 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.</p>	<p><b>FREE &amp; OPEN to the public</b></p> <p>FOR MORE INFO: <b>Call 989.775.4074</b> or e-mail <a href="mailto:miibs@sagchip.org">miibs@sagchip.org</a></p> <p><b>Silent Auction</b> donations welcomed! Contact Amanda Lewis <a href="mailto:alewis@sagchip.org">alewis@sagchip.org</a> or 989.775.4734</p> <p><b>RAIN OR SHINE</b></p>
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imbaabaa	Father
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debwetan	believe

## Event participants decorate T-shirts, attend event to honor water

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Wednesday, May 2, participants gathered at Seventh Generation to decorate T-shirts to wear at the Honoring Our Water: Science and Tradition event that took place at Island and Nelson parks a week later.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College furnished supplies for the T-shirt decorating event, with the Tribal Library providing lunch for participants.

Then, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 9, Tribal Members gathered at the local park for the culminating event that included a water walk, teachings and water ceremony.

Taylor Brook, Watershed Outreach coordinator and one of the event organizers, said a good number of individuals attended to honor water.

"We had over 40 people, and I think it was a great collaboration," she said, noting that Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, played a large role in also organizing the event.

Cecilia Stevens, event participant and Anishinabe culture



Courtesy of Taylor Brook

**On Wednesday, May 9, more than 40 community members gather at Island Park to walk together to pay respect to the water flowing around the island.**

and language teacher, said, "The turnout from our community was significant and wonderful to see. Taylor Brook... did a wonderful job reaching out to our community, planning the event to shed interest and knowledge on the importance of our water and the environment we live in."

Ruffino was also pleased with the collaboration.

"I appreciate Taylor (Brook) and Shane (Graves) from the Planning Department, Anne (Heidemann) from the (Tribal) Library and Kathy (Hart) from SCTC Extension," she said.

"Without this collaboration, the event wouldn't have been as successful as it was."

The event began with participants gathering at the gazebo near the veterans memorial at Island Park and enjoying a dinner of wraps, pitas and hummus.

Next, Stevens led a water ceremony and provided teachings.

"I was honored to hold a water ceremony; the event itself was about our precious nibi (water)," Stevens said. "Giving acknowledgment to the spirit of the water, to all forms of water is important to me. Sharing that through the water ceremony, having discussion on what was being done was meaningful and helps to create awareness for our water."

Brook said, "The water ceremony was beautiful," before explaining the weather was perfect for the walk, with threatening storms holding off until later.

Participants walked around the island singing a song of gratitude for water that Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist, wrote and introduced to participants before the start of the walk.

The song said, "Nmii-gwech-wen-daa'naa Maan'da



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**On Wednesday, May 2, Kathy Hart, (left) Tribal College STEM recruiter, and Watershed Outreach Coordinator Taylor Brook (right) decorate T-shirts at Seventh Generation to wear at the Honoring Our Water: Science and Tradition event that took place at Island and Nelson parks a week later.**

Nbiish (We are thankful for this water). Gmii-gwech'wi'go Nbi Mni'doo (We are thankful for you, Water Spirit)" and had a chorus of "Wey Ya Hey Ha, Wey Ya Hey Ho."

"The best part of the walk, for me, was Isabelle leading us in a water song in Anishinaabemowin and all the beautiful T-shirts made by some very talented artists in our community," Ruffino said.

Stevens said, "One of the highlights, for me, was carrying the fresh clean spring water I prayed over around Island Park, singing to the water of the Chippewa River as I walked the banks of the island, offering my apologies to how contaminated the water is there. Then, once the walk concluded, offering the fresh clean prayed-over spring water to the river along with my asemaa (tobacco)."

Steven said she enjoyed letting that body of water remember its past.

"At one time you were pure, clean and healthy," she said to the river. "There will come a time again when you will be pure again. Until that times comes, know we have not forgotten how sacred the water is to us and how we

need the water for nourishment for all life."

The event ended back at the gazebo where those in attendance discussed the Tribe's Water Quality Program.

Ruffino expressed appreciation for the community and the event.

"I love this community, and I hope that we can have more events that unify us for worthy causes," Ruffino said. "Whenever our community comes together for common good, it is beautiful."

Stevens added, "It was pleasing to see the compassion, respect on acknowledging and having our traditional and ceremonial way of life present."

Stevens said a duality exists between "our traditions of our ancestors in the modern time we live in today," and she believes this event "left a significant impact on the community members in attendance and the members of the Mount Pleasant community that were at Island Park that day."

"It left people with the question, asking themselves 'what we can do as an individual for the water and our environment? How can we get involved and help?'" Stevens said.



Courtesy of Lisa Kennedy

**Youth Council members pose for a photo at the water walk. Left to right: Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Jasmyne Jackson (co-president), Madison Kennedy-Kequom (treasurer), Zaltana Hinmon (social media director) and Quincey Jackson.**



## MDOT develops educational curriculum around M-231 archaeological sites

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The foundation for a new set of lesson plans to teach grade school students about Michigan archaeology and the state's Native American past comes from an unexpected place – under a bridge.

Information from two archaeological sites excavated by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in 2011 and 2012 in advance of the construction of the M-231 bridge over the Grand River was used to develop the new lesson plans.

The Ottawa County excavations showed evidence of several occupations dating – primarily – between 350 to 800 years ago. Artifacts, including pottery shards and stone tools along with food remains, were recovered. These excavations provided evidence the sites were used for harvesting wild rice and fishing

for lake sturgeon. The work earned MDOT a Governor's Award for Historic Preservation in 2015.

Michael Hambacher, principal archaeologist for the consultant who excavated the sites for MDOT, considers them a “one-of-a-kind” find.

“This is a site that is loaded with cache pits. This is a place where they were storing food,” Hambacher said. “We have not seen a site like this before in southern Michigan.”

Wesley Andrews, tribal historic preservation officer for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, said the archaeological sites are a reminder to the Anishinabek “of how we are tied to the landscape and how we are tied to the land, to the water, to the spirits and creatures beneath the water and to those spirits and creatures in the sky.”

Working with many stakeholders, MDOT has developed a curriculum, Ancestors, Archaeology and the Anishinabek: Bridging the Past into the Future, to put the archaeology in context for grade school students.

Two short curriculum units, one for third graders and one for fifth graders, were created. They are now available on MDOT's website and are ready for use by teachers in public, tribal, private, parochial or home school settings.

Each grade level unit includes five lesson plans and support materials for teachers using information from the MDOT archaeological sites and information from tribal historians, educators and elders.

“The M-231 project has created a quality educational resource for Michigan students,” said Jim Cameron, social studies consultant for the Curriculum and Instruction Unit of the Michigan Department of Education.

The archaeological sites are brought to life by interpreting them through the cultural, historical, environmental and indigenous knowledge of the Anishinabek people (Odawa, Ojibwe

and Potawatomi), also known as the Three Fires, whose ancestors created the sites.

The lesson plans address misconceptions, stereotypes and preconceived notions about Native American history and culture that characterize many of the materials currently available to teachers.

“It's the story of the Anishinabek people that we're learning about in doing the excavations of these sites,” said MDOT Archaeologist James Robertson. “This whole complex of things is related to what we know prehistorically, historically and today about how the Native American tribes of Michigan look at wild rice and lake sturgeon - from a cultural, economic and a spiritual viewpoint. So it is an opportunity to learn and better understand the heritage of Michigan's native people.”

### Recreation hosts banner painting night



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Recreation sponsored a banner painting night on Thursday, April 19. Tribal families and youth gathered in the Eagles Nest Gymnasium from 5 to 8 p.m. to paint flags for the Art Reach “It All Starts with Art” festival of banners program. Banners will be hung on light posts on Pickard Street and the downtown area in Mt. Pleasant and in Shepherd from May until early November.

## Michigan Indian Elders Association 2018 scholarship notice

### KATHLEEN J. HART

SCTC STEM Recruiter

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce it will make available four \$1,000 scholarships and six \$500 scholarships.

The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students, with the \$1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery if necessary.

Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at or have a letter of acceptance from a public college or university or a technical school and must meet the following qualifications:

- Student must be an enrolled member (copy of tribal card required) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands. (This must be verified in writing by a tribal enrollment department.)

- Student must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (GED) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a GED certificate; or they must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 GPA; or, if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, they must have an accumulated 3.00 GPA.

- Student must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.

- Student must complete the provided application form and submit it with the required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be received by the coordinator postmarked no later than June 15. (Please note: incomplete or late applications will not be considered.)

An application form can also be downloaded from the Michigan Indian Elders Association website.

### Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Emiliano Garcia, Aubree Hilleger, Aiyana Sheahan, Duane Sheahan, Ava Vogel, Brian Wemigwans, Leia Black, Lily Chamberlain, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab and Ethan Reed.

### Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Richard McClain, David McClain, Gracie Flores, Bryson Roth, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Elijah Otto-Powers, Jacob Wilson, Jacob Delacruz, Jennifer Delacruz, Donovan Harris, Novaly Hinmon, Erica Hinmon, Jadrian Jackson, Emma Henry, Kyla Henry, Tylor Linville, Tierra Ash, Josclynn Shaw, Nixie Snyder, Tyler Snyder and Oscar Smith.

### Shepherd

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Deborah Jackson, Ethan Pigeon, Liam DeFeyter, Isaac Taylor, Chayton Chatfield, Johnathan Cogswell, Waaseya Lambertson, Sam Cloud, Jayden Perez, Katilyn Cantu, Jayden Pelcher, Sadie Cogswell, Lakota Jackson, Anjelica Hinmon, Alexis Taylor, LaAnna Trudeau, Lily Dean, Hunter Johnson, Brandon Seegraves, Foster Crampton, Nate Nielson, Mana Pelcher, Adam Saboo, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Sienna Chatfield, Jarrad Johnson, Camron Pelcher, Christina Benz, Nijiji Batcher, Hayley Cogswell, Dia Niezgod and Guadalupe Pelcher. The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Ellery Lawson, Isaac Taylor, Lyric Owl, Aiden Raphael, Chayton Chatfield, Johnathan Cogswell, Caydence Hedrickson, Lillian Loonsfoot, Isaiah Taylor, Dan Mena, Trey Jerman, Abureyanna Stevens, Dayton Bross, Layla Pigeon, Maya Ryan, Alex Taylor, Johnathan Bailey, Sadie Cogswell, Kyla Jerman, Ashani Pelcher, Madalynn Sineway, Sarah Oswabine, Angelica Hinmon, Alexis Taylor, LaAnna Trudeau, Rumaulda Alanis, Aiyana Bross, Jayden Bross, Lily Dean, Hunter Johnson, Brandon Seegraves, Olivia Sineway, Miah Chatfield, Foster Crampton, Olivia Lawson, Nate Nielson, Andee Raphael, Jacob Sineway, Makayla Stevens, Sienna Chatfield, Jarrad Johnson, Camron Pelcher, Aiyana Borton, Matt Smith, Tyler VanHorn, Hayley Cogswell, Alicia Raphael, Jordan Seegraves, Scott Sure and Guadalupe Pelcher.

### Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Alonso Mendez, Waaskones Pego, Aakodewin Prout, Xavier Alvarez, Adalayah Ekdahl, Mayson Jackson-Isham, Emma Kendall, Abbie Patterson, Tru Quigno-Vaugh, Helena Sargent, Tahlia Alonzo, Clara Begay, Abraham Graveratte, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Gnaajwi Pego, A'Shanique Traver, Braeden Bennett, AhLannah Dodd, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Angelo Leaux, Talon McClusky, Erius Mena, Donovan Morrow and Miguel Chippeway.

### Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Aliana Lerma, Miles Davis, Caleb Howard, Mingan Merrill, Isabell Lerma and Xavier Freeman.

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## Behavioral Health Family Dinner recognizes Alcohol Awareness Month

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Alcohol Awareness Month was recognized on April 30 during the Behavioral Health Family Dinner.

Founded and sponsored by the NCADD (National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence), Alcohol Awareness Month was established in 1987 to help reduce the stigma associated with alcoholism by encouraging communities to reach out to the American public each April with information about alcohol, alcoholism and recovery.

“Alcoholism is a chronic, progressive disease, genetically predisposed and fatal if untreated. However, people can – and do – recover,” said Catherine “Kt” Bouchard, prevention specialist at Behavioral Health. “In fact, it is estimated that as many as 20 million individuals and family members are living lives in recovery.”

From 6 to 8 p.m., participants were offered to a fry bread and chili dinner as guest speakers Robert Storrer and Joseph Sowmick told their personal recovery stories in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Robert Storrer, substance abuse counselor, speaks during the April 30 Behavioral Health Family Dinner promoting Alcohol Awareness Month.**

Both speakers discussed the challenge of combating alcoholism during a time when it is socially acceptable to consume alcohol.

Storrer, substance abuse counselor, mentioned the ABC’s of alcoholism: accessible, boredom and curiosity.

“Being bored is the biggest trigger for using,” Storrer said.

Storrer is currently credentialed as a national certified alcohol and drug counselor and is also an internationally certified alcohol and drug counselor.

Storrer has received numerous recognitions for his contributions in the field of recovery at tribal, national, state and local levels.

He received a high honor as a non-Native Tribal employee when he was awarded a Pendleton blanket in a 2014 community recognition ceremony by then Chief Steve Pego and Tribal Council.

He has merged the 12 steps of recovery with Anishinaabek teachings of the Seven Grandfathers, traditional healing and medicine practices and the White Bison Red Road of Wellbriety teachings.

Sowmick, coordinator of the Healing to Wellness Program for Tribal Court, celebrated nine years in recovery last month and shared his experience, strength and hope about alcoholism.

“I shared a message I learned from a fasting teaching where we are all spiritual beings having a human experience, and we are no greater than or less than each other, and we are all children of a loving Creator,” Sowmick said. “We are placed on Mother Earth for a purpose, and a large part of recovery is knowing that we can learn from each other and don’t have to listen to the voice of addiction.”

Sowmick is a certified recovery coach from the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) and believes that alcoholics can recover “one day at a time” and addicts can stay clean “just for today.”

“Our Reservation is truly blessed to have a variety of choices where people can embrace the 12-step program, the ‘Red Road of Wellbriety’ or faith-based recovery. Personally, I find tremendous experience in embracing all three options with an emphasis on regular attendance at AA meetings,” Sowmick said. “The spiritual life is not a theory, and we can choose to live in a way where we can give of ourselves to help our community that has given so much to us.”

Both Sowmick and Storrer said alcoholism affects people from all walks of life and is prevalent in all cultures, not just Native American.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), more than 80,000 people die from alcohol-related deaths each year in the United States. And alcohol continues to be one of the nation’s most preventable causes of death, second only to tobacco.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joseph Sowmick, also a featured keynote speaker, tells his personal recovery story.**

“In my personal experience, the effects of alcoholism had a profound effect on my overall physical and mental health. In spite of its negative impact, NIAAA informs more Americans than ever before consume alcohol on a regular basis,” Sowmick said. “Understanding the dangers of alcohol abuse and its impact on our Tribe can help all of us to make healthier choices.”

Many raffle prizes were given away throughout the event. The grand prizes included Soaring Eagle Waterpark passes and a package from the Soaring Eagle Spa.

## Editorial: Helping people through animals

**AMANDA MANDOKA**

Contributing Writer

Do you find yourself bored at times? Does someone in your home have animal allergies, but you would love to spend time with a furry pet? Well, there is a great opportunity to give some of your love and attention to four-legged animals in need.

The Humane Animal Treatment Society in Mount Pleasant is a warm and welcoming place to volunteer and spend time with cats and dogs that are seeking forever homes.

The change from an animal shelter to a home environment is a bit stressful for some animals, but with the help from volunteers, the transition can be much more comfortable.

Shelter animals need to be exposed to the smells and sounds they may encounter after being adopted; volunteers who visit a few hours a week – or any hours available during a busy schedule – help the animals become accustomed.

Not only does HATS allow adults to spend time with the cats and dogs, but they can also bring younger children

along with them. This process will make a big difference to more than just the animals; it also teaches children to give back to their communities and about how to be responsible for an animal.

At the shelter, volunteers are able to walk and brush the animals as well as read to them.

Studies have shown that people who suffer from high blood pressure or have stressful jobs can bring down their blood pressure and calm down by spending time with cats or dogs.

With animal interaction, the heart rate slows and the human body begins to relax. You could

also find yourself smiling and laughing while you volunteer.

HATS also offers the option of fostering animals in need. This helps the animals get acquainted to a new, safe home and out of the animal shelter until they are adopted into their new, permanent home.

If you are interested in spending time with animals in need, please consider HATS. Please contact the main office for more information at **989-775-0830**, or feel free to drop by 1105 S. Isabella Rd., Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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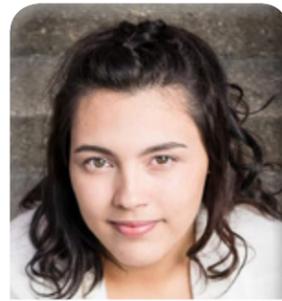
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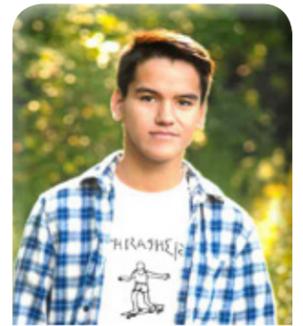
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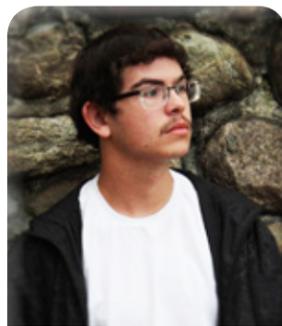
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in Psychology





## Planting basics presented to packed Seventh Generation room

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Wednesday, May 16, the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building filled with more than 40 community members interested in a gardening presentation provided by Tina Frankenburger of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Before Frankenburger's noon presentation, event participants enjoyed a lunch of sandwiches, wild rice soup, fruits and vegetables. Giveaways were also distributed, with attendees receiving gardening supplies including plants, kneeling pads, gloves, watering cans, tools and soil.

Frankenburger then began sharing planting basics. She started by explaining how to care for the tomato plants that were supplied. She said they need nitrogen, so the soil they are planted in should be enriched with compost.

She also said plants should be set in a hole that is a half inch deeper than the length of their roots if they are planted in the ground and they need to be planted in a minimum of five gallons of soil if planted in a pot.

Before planting, Frankenburger said to prune off yellow and dead leaves and stems and to prune them as they grow.

"You want to keep as much energy as you can in the main plant," she said, also mentioning the plants will need to be



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Tina Frankenburger from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians presents gardening information to a full house at Seventh Generation on Wednesday, May 16.**

supported by cages or stakes with a string tied between them to keep them from falling to the ground.

"They get sick pretty easily," Frankenburger said, noting they also need to be watered daily.

"They really consume a lot of water," she said. She then explained the fruit can be damaged before it is even formed if the plants do not receive enough water.

Basil is a good "companion plant" to grow with tomatoes, as they establish a symbiotic root system that helps keep tomatoes healthy and produces robust basil, she said.

Next, Frankenburger talked about pepper plants, which were also distributed at the event.

"The hotter your pepper, the longer it will take to bear fruit," she said before mentioning

peppers do not require as much soil as tomatoes and can be planted in two gallon pots.

Peppers can be brought indoors during the fall and will keep growing and producing throughout winter time, she said.

"You can keep them going about half way through the winter," she said, noting there is not enough light during winter months this far north to keep them alive until spring.

"The warmer you keep your peppers, the better production and faster they are going to grow," she said.

Next, Frankenburger cautioned about planting pumpkins too early. She said if they were planted now that they will be ripe in September and spoiled by Halloween.

"You still have plenty of time to plant those from seed," she said.

Squash grow quickly, and are ready within four to six weeks of planting and also take a lot of water, she said.

Squash and cucumbers, she said, can be planted multiple times throughout the growing season. Hard squash variations should be left on the vine until their stems are hard.

"They won't keep if you pick them too early," she said.

The last plant she talked about was the strawberry plants each participant received. She said that once they are planted, they will grow back year after year and are easy to take care of.



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**Lunchtime event attendees enjoy a meal surrounded by giveaways that include plants, kneeling pads, gloves, watering cans, tools and soil while they listen to the gardening presentation.**

During the first year, Frankenburger said to make sure to take off the dead leaves. She also encouraged gardeners to pluck off the buds when they first start forming the year they are planted to allow more energy to go into the roots and help establish the plant for future production.

"I know it's really hard to say, 'I don't want strawberries this year,' but it really does help the plant," she said.

In conclusion, Frankenburger urged gardeners to keep a log of what was planted and where and when a garden bed was weeded.

"That's important information to document," she said, especially in regard to plant rotation. She said to plant crops from a different family in each spot each year.

Frankenburger closed the presentation by answering questions from participants. She addressed seed saving,

reasons for planting, using a hand tiller, getting feedback about soil samples from MSU Extension, hybridized seeds, optimum watering times and seed storage.

She also encouraged gardeners to leave stones in pots and garden beds to hold heat and to think positive thoughts and release positive energy when planting.

"These are living beings," she said, explaining they respond well to positivity.

She also said the plants were distributed at the optimum time for planting according to the moon cycle and that above-ground plants will grow and taste better if they are planted after a new moon and before a full moon.

The SCTC Extension program provided the funding needed for this well-attended and well-received informational presentation.

## The Planning Department partakes in April 24 sugar bush planting

**CHASE STEVENS**

Invasive Species Coordinator

Sugar maple trees have been important to the Anishinaabek for generations, going all the way back to the time of Nenaboozhoo.

From their medicinal and food preservation uses, to their use for syrup production, the sugar maple continues to play a vital role in the lives of the Anishinaabek. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is looking to preserve those traditions for future generations.

One story of how maple sap came to be in its current form

is as follows: Maple syrup used to drip straight from the trees at all times of the year. Nenaboozhoo came across some Anishinaabek laying under the sugar maple trees with their mouths open, letting the syrup drip right into their mouths. He saw that they were neglecting their other responsibilities like gathering food, fishing, hunting, maintaining their crops and looking out for one another.

Nenaboozhoo told the Anishinaabek this was not the way to be because they would become fat and lazy.

Nenaboozhoo climbed to the top of the trees and poured water over them. This thinned the syrup into a watery sap. He told the Anishinaabek that, from now on, if they wanted syrup they would have to boil the sap down. This process would be time consuming and require hard work so that we would appreciate the gift Gizhe Manidoo had given us.

The sap would also only flow during certain times of the year so the Anishinaabek would not be distracted from their other responsibilities. The Anishinaabek have gathered from sugar bush planting since then.

The Tribe continued those traditions by planting 1700 sugar maples for a future sugar bush.

The Planning Department staff carried out the planting on April 24 with assistance from Seventh Generation staff, interns from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and community volunteers.

The location of the planting is on the Benzinger II property across from Behavioral Health. The project was funded through a grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Many of the Tribal properties were once used as agricultural land. After the lands were no longer used and worked for farming, they became overwhelmed with invasive species such as autumn olive, buckthorn, honeysuckle and multi-flora rose.

This project cleared invasive species from 15 acres of Tribal land and replaced them with sugar maples.

Next spring, we are planning to plant another thousand trees at the site. This is the first of multiple projects that the Planning Department has to combat invasive species and restore native plants to Tribal properties.



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**On April 24, a small crowd gathered at the field of newly planted sugar bush on Remus Road. Those in attendance were present to welcome the almost 1700 trees while Isabelle Osawamick (second from left), Anishinaabe outreach specialist, acknowledged the four elements and offered a blessing.**

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## Andahwod support services manager attends Indigenous food sovereignty summit

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Tribal Member Sam Anglin, support services manager for Andahwod, recently attended an informative conference and acquired plenty of knowledge to share with the Tribal community.

From May 9-13, Anglin attended the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit 2018 in Tama, Iowa.

The Meskwaki Nation hosted this year's summit in partnership with the Intertribal Agriculture Council and Native American Food Sovereignty Alliance.

The summit provided more than 40 workshops in four overlapping avenues, and Anglin said traditional Native American cooking was the theme.

"I was taught many traditional recipes that will hopefully benefit the elders in the community," Anglin said.

Anglin oversees the kitchen and food service program at Andahwod CCC & ES and creates healthy, exciting menus for the elders.

The seminars, Anglin said, included traditional butchery of bison, beaver, squirrel and more.

"On that Wednesday of the conference, participants harvested a buffalo and used every piece of



Courtesy of Sam Anglin

**Sam Anglin poses with his two traditional dishes he created for the Great Lakes Intertribal Food Summit 2018 in Tama, Iowa.**

the buffalo for meals throughout the week," Anglin said.

Even the buffalo fat was made into natural salves, Anglin said.

The traditional buffalo harvesters were Arlo and Lisa Iron Cloud from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Daisy Kostus (James Bay Cree), administrative assistant II for the Saginaw Chippewa prosecutor, hosted a seminar on skinning and processing beaver.

Other sessions included seed saving, preservation, food safety courses and making clay



Courtesy of Meskwaki Nation

**The summit hosts a traditional buffalo processing workshop.**

and pottery to utilize as the week's utensils.

Anglin said a panel of Native American restaurant entrepreneurs also hosted a Q-and-A session. Anglin said he worked with the well-known cook, the Sioux Chef Sean Sherman.

"My favorite part (of the summit) was to be back in the kitchen and work with all of the Native American chefs that were present, gaining their knowledge and skills, and being able to mentor some young adults along the way," Anglin said. "I also enjoyed being able to create my own dishes for my own area region that highlighted the Saginaw Chippewa."

Anglin's dish consisted of Chaga (mushrooms that grow on birch trees) crusted venison tenderloin braised in a morel broth and garnished with buffalo fat deep-fried ramp tops (wild onion).

His second dish included venison salami with smoked steelhead from the Muskegon River, with maple syrup vinegar pickled ramps (wild onion) and a micro-green salad of corn shoots and peas.

"It was a great honor working with all of the chefs in the kitchen and being able to get creative with them," Anglin said.

By eating the traditional way for a week, Anglin said,

his blood sugar levels were lower than usual.

Anglin, a current Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College student, was awarded a grant from SCTC to cover travel costs and from the Great Lakes Intertribal Council to attend the conference.

Anglin said he is hopeful he will be able to attend the annual summit again and that he will be able to host a mini-food summit on the SCIT Reservation.

Promoting food is medicinal, Anglin said.

"Food brings everyone together," he said.

### Star Tree Christmas charity donations



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**Tribal and community members were given the opportunity to donate items to the Star Tree Christmas charity during the Ziibiwing Center's annual birthday sale. Ziibiwing and ACFS personnel pose with the donations received at the processing center after the close of the sale.**



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**Raven Wemigwans**  
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**Not pictured:**

- **Patrick Nahgagwon** (2018 Student of the Year)  
Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts
- **Markus Chamberlain**  
Associate of Arts: Business
- **Jennifer Arnold**  
Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts

Photos courtesy of Lily Angiolini

## Twenty-one students achieve 2018 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumni status

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

*(Editor's note: Amanda Mandoka, a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College student, contributed to this article.)*

A total of 21 students – a record-breaking number thus far – graduated from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College during the Thursday, May 17 commencement ceremony.

The Class of 2018 included the following eight students who received an associate of arts in business: Crystal Davidson, Abbie Jackson, Mitchell Jackson, Jennifer Lewis, Sophie Manitowabi, Dawn Morrow, Steven Wassegijig and Markus Chamberlain.

Seven graduates received an associate of arts in liberal arts: Kayla Cantu, Tahsheenah Foley, Monica Pelcher, Kyle Shomin, Elizabeth Trasky, Jennifer Arnold and Patrick Nahgagwon, the Student of the Year recipient.

Six students received an associate of arts in Native American studies: Betsey



Courtesy of Lily Angiolini

**Wenona Singel, professor of law and member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, is featured as keynote speaker for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's May 17 commencement ceremony.**

Alonzo, Carla Bennett, Chase Stevens, Trisha Trasky, Noelle Wells and Raven Wemigwans.

While SCTC has had three female students graduate with a 4.0 GPA, Chase Stevens is the first Native American male in SCTC history to graduate with a 4.0 GPA.

"I was proud of the fact that I got a 4.0 (GPA), and I am shocked that I am the first male to finish at the Tribal College with a 4.0," Stevens said. "I worked very hard on my school work, and this is the outcome of it all."



Courtesy of Lily Angiolini

**The SCTC Class of 2018**

Stevens, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, found that SCTC allowed him to have a smooth transition back into school. Stevens was deployed six times - about 44 months total.

Stevens said his future plans are to attend Oregon State University and further his education in wildlife and fishery.

At the commencement, Stevens introduced Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl to provide welcoming remarks in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

"(I will express) how honored I am to be here and look at all of the graduates," Ekdahl said. "...Be excited, be proud of your accomplishments... enjoy time with your families; (there is a) wonderful crowd (in the audience today) to support you all."

Jordan Fallis, of the SCTC Board of Regents, introduced the keynote speaker, Wenona Singel, a first generation graduate and Harvard Law School alumnae.

Currently an associate professor of law, Singel is also associate director of the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University's College of Law.

Singel is an enrolled member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Singel said, like several other Tribal Members, her family still experiences the effects of her ancestors formerly attending boarding schools, including the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.

Between her and her husband's family, Singel said two dozen of their relatives attended the boarding school.

"Each of you are your ancestors' wildest dreams," Singel said, addressing the graduates and their accomplishment.

SCTC President Carla Sineway then spoke and presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Being employed at the Tribal College for 16 years, and as president for the past seven years, Sineway said every semester she notices students get tired, frustrated and ask themselves, "What am I doing here?"

For each of those moments of doubt, the SCTC staff is at hand to advise the students to not give up, Sineway said.

"Your achievement is a life lesson of faith," Sineway said to the graduates. "... When you started out in this journey (of higher education), you stepped out in faith."

To end the ceremony, Mino Ode performed a traveling song as the graduates walked off the stage. The graduates and their families and friends were then accommodated with a dinner catered by the Soaring Eagle Food & Beverage department.



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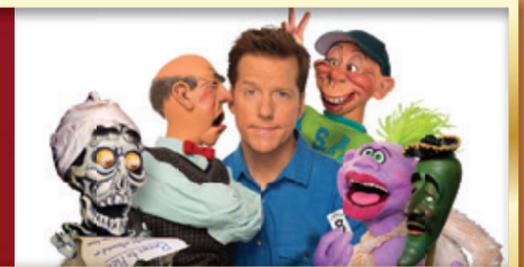
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## Clint Black, Lorrie Morgan, John Berry stage evening of traditional country music

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It was a night for country music fans to remember as not one or two – but three – musicians graced the Soaring Eagle stage on Friday, May 11.

Clint Black, Lorrie Morgan and John Berry separately gave the audience performances to remember.

Up first was Berry, the 58-year-old musician who rose to stardom on the country music charts in the '90s.

Sitting downstage on a stool, Berry, with help from his band members, began the set with "I Think About It All the Time," followed by "Standing On The Edge of Goodbye" and "I've Seen It All."

Berry performed "Your Love Amazes Me," which scored no. 1 on the Billboard and Radio & Records Country chart when it was released in 1993, and "She's Taken a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Opening act John Berry begins his set with "I Think About It All the Time."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Headliner for the May 11 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort country music concert, Clint Black, performs "The Shoes You're Wearing."

Shine" which also earned no. 1 on the Radio & Records chart.

Berry ended his set with "Beautifully Broken."

When a bouquet of red roses appeared on stage, it was a sign Lorrie Morgan was about to enter.

Morgan, also 58, was the first woman in her genre to begin her career with three consecutive Platinum albums (lorrie.com).

In at least 6-inch tall glittery pumps, Morgan also sat on a stool with her just-as-sparkly acoustic guitar.

After a song's ending, Morgan chatted to the crowd.

"Oh my goodness, I just threw my (guitar) pick into my tequila," Morgan said after her arms were flailing while explaining a story. Audience laughter ensued.

Morgan then sipped her tequila to "see if it would taste the same" with her pick in it. She said it did, and then performed "Slow."

For the up tempo "Go Away," Morgan stood up from her stool and walked around on stage. She returned to sitting for "Something In Red," her no. 14 single on the Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart in 1992.

Morgan is a Nashville native who first made her debut on the Grand Ole Opry stage at age 13, according to her website.

To conclude her performance, Morgan thanked the crowd while waving and was escorted off stage by a crew member.

Headliner Clint Black sported a black cowboy hat, button-up shirt, cowboy boots with jeans and his red, white and blue American flag-inspired electric guitar.

To date, Black has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide and racked up 57 charted singles, 31 Top 10 hits and 22 number one smashes ([clintblack.com](http://clintblack.com)).

Black showcased his professional vocals and guitar skills, and he bantered with the audience between songs.

"This show we left the big production behind, no wardrobe changes..." Black said, smiling.

"The Shoes You're Wearing" was the first song on his set list.

Black gave public recognition to his guitarist, Hayden Nicholas, whom he met in 1987 when Black was a struggling country singer.

"He and I have been writing songs together for over 30 years now," Black said of Nicholas.

Black appreciated the audiences' enthusiasm from the start.

"You guys are fantastic. I can already tell," he said.

The audience offered a loud response after "When My Ship Comes In."

"Settle down! This is Mount Pleasant!" Black said good-humoredly, adding that the city is "in the middle of nowhere."

Next, Black paid homage to one of his icons.

"I wrote this with one of my biggest musical heroes, Mr. Merle Haggard," Black said of "Untanglin' My Mind."

Black then launched into the upbeat "No Time To Kill," followed by "Like The Rain."

"This next song is something off the new CD called 'On Purpose.' It's very good, according to me. This is called 'Calling It News,'" Black said, stirring laughter.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music artist Lorrie Morgan sparkles during her Friday evening performance.

Black's wit persisted.

"It's hard to understand ya sometimes with these things in my ears and your funny accents," Black said of his inner-ear monitors and the audience hollering to him.

Black was signed to RCA Records in 1989. In 2003, he founded his own record label, Equity Music Group.

"Here's a song inspired by Albert Einstein when he said 'We only use 10 percent of our brains in full capacity.' I thought 'What about the other 8 percent?' It's as if the lights are on but nobody's home," Black said of his hit "Nobody's Home."

Black and his band never missed a beat performing traditional-sounding country hits. Black proved to be a true showman while his voice cried "country."

## Country musicians Billy Currington and LoCash bring good vibes, hit songs to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Country musicians Billy Currington and LoCash teamed up for rousing performances during their April 20 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort shows. Both groups thrilled fans with their fusion of traditional country with modern rock and pop elements.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of the country music group LoCash perform on the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall stage.

The American country group LoCash is led by the vocalist duo of Chris Lucas and Preston Brust.

LoCash treated fans to all of their favorites, including the hit songs "I Love This Life," "I Know Somebody," "Ring on Every Finger" and "Don't Get Better Than That."

Georgia native Billy Currington began with his most

recent No. 1 single, the upbeat love song "Don't It."

He ramped up the fun with laid-back, carefree hits "That's How Country Boys Roll" and "Pretty Good at Drinkin' Beer."

The songs "Let Me Down Easy," and "Don't" were followed by the upbeat, twangy "I Wanna Be a Hillbilly."

Currington played the hit songs that span his entire career, including "I Got a Feelin'," the lead track off his 2003 self-titled debut album.

His hits continued, with five songs in a row that reached No. 1 on Billboard's U.S. Country chart. These included "It Don't Hurt Like It Used To," "Do I Make You Wanna,"

"People Are Crazy" and "Must Be Doin' Somethin' Right."

The flirty single "Hey Girl" was followed by the anthemic, feel-good vibes of "We Are Tonight."

He worked the crowd up with an energetic cover of Walk the Moon's hit song "Shut Up And Dance." He also worked in an enthusiastic cover of Hank Williams Jr.'s "Family Tradition."

Currington treated fans to a two-piece encore with a cover of the Garth Brooks hit "Friends In Low



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Billy Currington performs his hit song "That's How Country Boys Roll" during his April 20 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Places" and his No. 1 single "Good Directions."

## Hot, Latin dance music fueled Cinco de Mayo celebration at casino

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Entertainment Hall stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was ignited with the energy of AJ Castillo and La Mafia during Saturday, May 5 celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

As the evening's opening act, AJ Castillo incited the crowd as he fired up his accordion and provided a lively performance,

sparking an enthusiastic response from the audience.

Castillo is known for his unique sound that combines his talents as a singer, accordionist and songwriter.

According to his official website ([ajcastillo.com](http://ajcastillo.com)), Castillo is "reaching Latin music fans all over the world and is being recognized by professionals in the Latin music industry."

"Who I Am," Castillo's debut album was released in

2009, with 10 more albums following before his most recent album "Actua" that became available for download late last autumn.

After Castillo shared his dynamic 90-minute set, a half hour intermission allowed dancers a short break before La Mafia roused the crowd with their spirited sound and vitality.

The headlining group, founded by Oscar De Rosa and Armando Lichtenberger Jr.,

fanned the flames of celebration with its distinct sound, a fusion of traditional and pop Latin music.

According to the La Mafia website ([www.lamafia.com](http://www.lamafia.com)), the group has won two Grammy awards and two Latin Grammy awards and has earned several platinum albums, four number one Billboard hits and a handful of top 10 hits, many of which they enthusiastically brought to the stage.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Oscar De Rosa, lead singer of La Mafia, courts the crowd at the May 5 Cinco de Mayo celebration.



## Tribal Court delegation attends Tribal Action Plan development workshop

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Healing to Wellness  
Coordinator

On May 8-10, a Tribal Court delegation attended a Tribal Action Plan development workshop — A Tribal Law and Order Act Training Initiative — in Columbia, S.C.

The delegation included Magistrate Carol Jackson, Probation Officer Cathy Matthews, Healing to Wellness Case Manager Aubree Gross, Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joseph Sowmick and Tribal Action Plan (TAP) Coordinator Carol Emmendorfer.

Emmendorfer said the Department of Justice workshop included representatives from the National Criminal Justice Training Center, Department of Health and Human Services, Urban Indian Health Institute, Indian Health Services, U.S. Attorney's Office, private sector consultants and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"The face-to-face interaction with the instructors, and among the participating tribes,

was a priceless experience that will aid the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as it continues to fight the opioid epidemic," Emmendorfer said. "I enjoyed the stories on how other tribes are working together and making their TAP reflect their community and the mission and vision they embrace."

Other Michigan tribes in attendance were the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who sent Ron Wittenberg, tribal councilman and elder.

"Like in the strands of the migizi miigwan (eagle feather), it is a reminder that we are a family and we are not by ourselves. Those strands have little niches in them where, when we pull them together, they connect," Wittenberg said. "We can take this time to get our feathers and our relationships back together so we can make that connection stronger. We say miigwetch to those grandmothers and grandfathers who stand in those directions as we share these healing teachings for our community in a good way."

Matthews said after hearing from other tribes from across



Courtesy of U.S. Department of Justice

**On May 8, a SCIT delegation joins 39 other tribes and 87 fellow workshop participants on the steps of the Department of Justice National Advocacy Center in Columbia, S.C.**

the nation, she realized the importance of having leadership support of the Tribal Action Plan.

"I heard the challenges from a Tribe in Montana, where they span over 120 miles and serve over 12,000 members, that makes delivering services difficult," Matthews said, noting the process is simpler for SCIT. "I am thankful for the opportunity to attend the DOJ workshop at the National Advocacy Center."

The workshop was also sponsored by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Objectives included to 1) provide guidance on the formation and orientation of a Tribal Coordinating Committee to support the development and implementation of a TAP, 2) provide tools to assist in creating and completing a TAP, 3) provide information about accessing various data systems essential to developing a TAP, 4) provide information about accessing technical assistance following the workshop and 5) provide examples of how tribes with existing TAPs are using their strategic plans in their communities.

The SCIT Tribal Coordinating Committee is

named after the Ojibwe teaching "Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigijik" or "The standard we are to live our good way of life."

Current members of Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin include Chairperson Angel Jackson, Tribal Council member Jennifer Wassegijig, Judge Patrick Shannon, Nimkee Health Director Karmen Fox, Behavioral Health Director David Garcia, Fire Chief Fred Cantu, Police Chief Donielle Bannon, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Director Jason Luna and Tribal Education Director Melissa Issac.

## Editorial: Eagle Bay Marina now open, more upcoming projects

**FREDRICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager Migizi EDC

After what seems like a never-ending winter, Migizi Economic Development Co. is happy to share the Eagle Bay Marina is in full operation for the season.

With the last of the channel markers installed last month, the Tribe's marina is quickly filling to capacity with guests from across the region.

Stacy Pamame, marina manager and Tribal Member, is doing a great job overseeing the entire operation and has built a nice team.

The marina offers more than 60 docks that can accommodate vessels up to 30 feet in length. As of Tribal Observer press time, virtually all available docks have been sold for the season. More docks have been sold than ever before, and they sold earlier in the year.

Use of the marina has increased, with boaters and fisherman from as far away as



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Prior to the end of the 2017 season both the road leading to the marina and the parking area were fully paved, and many directional and location signs were placed around the property to enhance its appearance and customer experience.

As our guests return to the marina, they will find an upgraded facility waiting to be of service to them.

If you have not experienced the marina, please take the opportunity to visit the property. We welcome all feedback and thoughts about this and all Migizi operations.

Migizi would also like to provide a brief update about two other upcoming ventures: the renovation of the Green Suites and iSlide, an upgrade to

the existing slides at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark. Within the next 30 to 60 days, work will begin on both projects.

The Green Suites renovation will commence first, and the property will become The Retreat at Soaring Eagle. A general contractor has been selected for the project, a complete update of the interior and exterior of both buildings.

The work will only affect one building at a time, allowing one building to remain in operation throughout construction.

Upon completion, The Retreat will offer a modern, upscale atmosphere catering to groups, families, casino guests and extended-stay guests.

The waterpark will get its first major upgrade since its original completion.

Working with iSlide, a company specializing in enhanced waterpark rides, the waterslides will be painted and have light and sound features installed.

Individual slide riders will be able to select a theme as they go through the slide, with activated visual and audio elements increasing the thrill of the ride. In addition, cameras will be installed that will provide waterpark guests the

opportunity to take home a memento of their experience.

Only a handful of waterparks in the United States have these features, and no other park in Michigan has this technology.

These improvements will allow the waterpark to provide an enhanced level of recreation

for guests without any major structural changes to the existing building, as well as indefinitely extend the useable life of the slides. This effort will allow the waterpark to improve guest experiences at a reasonable investment cost, which will keep customers returning for years to come.

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## Editorial: Creating healthy habits and sticking to them

**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

The year is quickly passing by, and how many of us have actually kept our New Year's Resolutions? They are a distant memory for many of us, I am sure.

Unfortunately, the necessary willpower to maintain a healthy lifestyle is something that is very difficult to sustain.

One suggestion to keep you on track is the use of a wearable device. Tracking your health data can be an integral part of adopting a healthier lifestyle.

It is not the act of recording the data that makes a difference, but how we use the data to inform us while making healthier choices.

Just as it has taken years for us to be where we are health-wise, healthy habits are not established

overnight or with the purchase of a simple device.

Think of a wearable tracker as a stepping stone to a healthier you. If you continue tracking for at least six months, are open to change at that time and are beginning to understand how using the data can help motivate you to be more active; you will feel better and like what you see.

The goal is a healthier you, and tracking your data is only one tool to help you reach that goal.

The Michigan Indian Family Olympics are on July 20, and, if you have not signed up for the Tribe to Tribe (T2T) Challenge, you may still do so at [www.t2t.challengerrunner.com](http://www.t2t.challengerrunner.com)

The Challenge will end on July 13.

Any questions can be directed to Brandon in Public Health.

Again this year, we have pedometers available. See Robyn or Judy in Public Health.

Please also remember that Morey Courts is still a free option for walking on bad weather days. Just ask for the Tribal sign-in sheet at the front desk. You need to log in your Tribal ID or employee badge number. Keep moving!

## Food synergy boosts nutrition: These food duos can help your health grow exponentially

**MATTHEW KADEY**

MS, RD

*(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Environmental Nutrition April 2018, and was submitted by Nimkee Public Health's Sally Van Cise, RD, nutritionist.)*

Pancakes and maple syrup, spaghetti and meatballs, chocolate and strawberries—these are the Thelma-and-Louise's of the food world — items that just belong together.

Beyond flavor, when certain foods are eaten together, their nutritional firepower is amplified. It is called food synergy: when the benefits of two or more foods eaten together can be greater than the sum of their parts.

Here is how to harness the power of food-pairing to make

your diet extra nutritious and delicious.

**Fatten up your salads:** Add healthy oils to vegetables to optimize nutrition.

Vegetables are already nutritional heavy-hitters, but if you really want to reap their rewards, make sure to forgo fat-free salad dressings.

A 2017 American Journal of Clinical Nutrition study found that people who consumed salads that included soybean oil had improved absorption rates of several key nutrients and antioxidants including vitamins A, E and K; beta-carotene; and lutein, compared to when they munched on salads without oil.

Research also shows that other sources of fat like peanut butter, avocado and whole eggs can increase the absorption of beta-carotene in veggies such

as kale and carrots, which leads to higher levels of vitamin A in the body. So, be sure to serve up vegetables with healthy fat sources like olive oil, avocado, nuts or seeds.

**Tag team your spices:** Spices are increasingly lauded for their potential health-boosting powers. But, science shows they work even harder if they do not fly solo.

While turmeric is praised for its anti-inflammatory powers, we do not absorb its main bio-active compound, curcumin, well. Yet, a chemical found in black pepper called piperine can greatly bolster curcumin absorption rates.

Other research suggests that pairing capsaicin (the phytochemical that gives chili powder its fiery kick) and gingerol (found in ginger) may provide

some cancer-fighting properties that are greater than when either is consumed alone. So, remember the spice jars when making dishes like soups, chili and stir-fry.

**Fiber-up your probiotics:** You have probably heard that hosting a robust colony of beneficial bacteria is important for digestion, immunity and other elements of overall health and that certain fermented, probiotic-rich foods like yogurt, kefir and sauerkraut offer up a dose of these good-for-you critters.

Once the bacteria are in your system, feed them fiber from plant foods so they can thrive.

If you include foods containing probiotics in your diet, be sure to eat plenty of fiber-rich vegetables, whole grains, fruits and nuts.

**'C' your iron levels rise:** Iron plays a role in transporting

oxygen throughout the body so important functions like energy production can occur.

Foods like beans, lentils, tofu, fortified cereals, spinach and some whole grains can help keep iron fully stocked. The form of iron (nonheme) in these plant-based foods is not well absorbed by our bodies.

However Mother Nature has provided an assist in the form of vitamin C (ascorbic acid), which converts plant-based iron into a form that is more readily absorbed. That is why a study in the British Journal of Nutrition found that women who ate iron-fortified cereal with kiwi fruit, which is especially rich in vitamin C, were able to raise their iron levels.

Pair iron-containing foods with sources of vitamin C such as bell peppers, broccoli and citrus.

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## Gov. Snyder proclaims May as Hepatitis Awareness Month

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – More than four million Americans are living with chronic hepatitis; however, more than 50 percent of them do not know it.

To help increase awareness, Gov. Rick Snyder and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) are joining the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to proclaim Hepatitis Awareness Month, last month.

Hepatitis is the inflammation of the liver caused by a virus. The most common types of viral hepatitis are hepatitis A, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

“People can live for decades without symptoms, but, over time, chronic hepatitis can cause serious health problems,” said Eden Wells,

MDHHS chief medical executive. “Michigan residents are urged to learn the facts about hepatitis, particularly the steps they should take to protect themselves and how to identify their risk of the disease.”

The Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) is found in the feces of people with hepatitis A. HAV can spread through contaminated food or water and through close contact with a person who has the virus.

Michigan has been experiencing an outbreak of hepatitis A since August 2016.

As of May 16, 2018, there have been 836 reported cases, 671 hospitalizations and 27 deaths.

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable disease, and MDHHS encourages HAV vaccination for at-risk individuals, including those with history of injection and non-injection drug use, homelessness or transient housing or incarceration and men who have sex with men.

The Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) is transmitted from person to person through contaminated blood or body fluids. HBV can spread from infected mothers to their infants at birth, through unprotected sex or through contact with blood or body fluids of a person who has the virus.

In Michigan, new HBV diagnoses have declined, likely as a result of HBV vaccination efforts, with 1,301 newly reported cases in 2017. However, there remains a large burden of HBV in developing countries and immigrant populations. Although they make up only 3 percent of Michigan’s population, persons of the Asian descent represented nearly 30 percent of all new HBV diagnoses reported in 2017.

Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) is a blood-borne pathogen; however, unlike hepatitis A and B, there is no vaccine available for HCV.

HCV is transmitted from person to person through the

contaminated blood of an individual who is infected. The primary risk factor for contracting HCV transmission is sharing needles, syringes or drug preparation equipment.

Michigan has seen HCV cases increase along with a rise in drug poisoning deaths involving prescription and non-prescription opioids.

In 2016, there were 1,733 opioid-overdose deaths reported compared to 639 in 2010. These numbers mirror a similar increase in HCV infections among adults aged 18 to 29 years old.

In 2017, 1,985 persons aged 18 to 29 were newly diagnosed with HCV, compared to 882 in 2010.

People can live with hepatitis B and C for decades without experiencing any symptoms or feeling sick. The only way to know if you are infected is with a blood test.

Early detection, linkage to care and treatment can help slow

disease progression. HCV treatments cure more than 90 percent of persons living with HCV.

MDHHS urges all Michigan residents to:

- Learn the facts about hepatitis at [Michigan.gov/hepatitis](http://Michigan.gov/hepatitis) or [Cdc.gov/hepatitis](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis).
- Learn the risk for hepatitis and use the CDC’s 5-minute online Hepatitis Risk Assessment tool [Cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment](http://Cdc.gov/hepatitis/riskassessment).
- Get tested if at risk. Ask your healthcare provider for the test or find a hepatitis B or C testing and treatment site near you using the CDC’s testing site locator [Gettested.cdc.gov](http://Gettested.cdc.gov).
- Protect yourself and your loved ones from hepatitis B. Ask your healthcare provider for the hepatitis B vaccine.
- Find out if you are at risk of contracting hepatitis A by visiting [Michigan.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak](http://Michigan.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak). If you are at risk, get vaccinated.

## Tick season is here – Michiganders urged to take appropriate precautionary measures

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is encouraging Michigan residents to protect

themselves from ticks as warm weather approaches. Tick-borne diseases, particularly Lyme disease, are expanding across the state.

Although ticks can spread multiple illnesses, Lyme disease is the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in Michigan.

Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted by the blacklegged/deer tick.

The blacklegged tick is well-established in Michigan’s western Upper and Lower peninsulas. However, it is expanding into new areas across the Lower Peninsula. In 2017, there were more than 300 human cases of Lyme disease reported, and approximately two out of three cases reported exposure in Michigan.

Lyme disease-infected ticks have currently been identified in 34 of Michigan’s 83 counties. Information about Lyme disease risk by county is available at [Michigan.gov/lyme](http://Michigan.gov/lyme).

“With the expansion of blacklegged ticks into new areas in Michigan, the best way to protect against Lyme disease is to prevent tick bites,” said Eden Wells, MDHHS chief medical executive. “If you find a tick attached to your body, promptly remove it. Monitor your health, and, if you experience fever, rash, muscle or joint aches or other symptoms, consult with your medical provider.”

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported last week that diseases spread by mosquitoes, ticks and fleas tripled in the U.S. from 2004 to 2016. The report also concludes that Lyme disease is an increasing concern for Michigan.

People can protect themselves against Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases by following these tips:

#### Avoid tick-infested areas.

- Walk in the center of trails to avoid contact with overgrown grass, brush and leaf litter at trail edges.

- Protect your pets too! Dogs and cats can come into

contact with ticks outdoors and bring them into the home, so using tick prevention products on pets is also recommended.

#### Use insect repellent.

- Apply repellent containing DEET (20-30 percent) or Picaridin on exposed skin.

- Treat clothes (especially pants, socks and shoes) with permethrin, which kills ticks on contact, or buy clothes that are pre-treated. Do not use permethrin directly on skin.

- Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions when applying repellents.

#### Perform daily tick checks.

- Always check for ticks on yourself and your animals after being outdoors, even in your own yard.

- Inspect all body surfaces carefully, and remove attached ticks with tweezers.

- To remove a tick, grasp the

tick firmly and as closely to the skin as possible. With a steady motion, pull the tick’s body away from the skin. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic.

#### Bathe or shower.

- Bathe or shower as soon as possible after coming indoors (preferably within two hours) to wash off and more easily find ticks that are crawling on you.

- Washing clothing in hot water and drying on high heat will kill ticks in clothing.

Michigan citizens can submit ticks to MDHHS for identification and possible Lyme disease testing, free of charge. Or residents can send electronic photos of ticks to the MDHHS for identification to [MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-Bugs@michigan.gov).

For more information on how to submit your tick and/or photos, visit [Michigan.gov/lyme](http://Michigan.gov/lyme).



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## Women's group learns how to make salve and care for skin

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Friday, May 11, from noon until 3 p.m., a group of women gathered in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen to learn and socialize during the "Menopause and Beyond" Women to Women group meeting.

The event began with a luncheon of calzones, fruit, veggies and angel food cake.

As participants enjoyed the meal, Deborah Peterson, Behavioral Health administrative assistant, began the first presentation of the afternoon, teaching those in attendance how to make dandelion salve.

Peterson said she was honored to share recipes and medicines and that there are many different types of salves that can be made using the same base of either coconut oil or grape seed oil combined with bee's wax.

"The only difference," Peterson said, "is the plant you put in it."

"Last year, I made my first dandelion salve," she said, explaining it has many uses but is particularly helpful with skin issues; the milk from the stem is an effective cure for acne.

Peterson said last year she gave dandelion salve she had made to a friend who was suffering from psoriasis and said his skin cleared after he used it for just one week.

Peterson cautioned participants to be sure to harvest dandelions that have not been sprayed with herbicides and to avoid plants alongside roads because they absorb exhaust and toxins.

To make salve, Peterson said to first warm the oil in a double boiler or crockpot then to add medicinal plants and simmer them for one to four hours.

"The longer you let it simmer, the better," she said, noting that more medicine will be released from the plants into the salve as more time passes.

When the plants are done simmering, the oil should be strained several times using a cheese cloth to catch the plants and particles. Next, bee's wax can be added before the salve is poured into tins or jars with a drop of glycerin in each to help preserve the salve.

After Peterson's presentation, Angie Asa, physician's assistant for Nimkee Medical, offered information about skin care and cancer.

Asa explained there are three types of skin cancer: melanoma, which is cancerous, and basal and squamous cell, which are not cancerous.

Melanomas, she said, commonly grow on necks and faces as well as men's trunks and women's legs.

"They can be found anywhere on anyone, but those are the most likely (areas)," Asa said.

Basal cell skin cancers usually develop on sun-exposed areas like the head and neck, she said.

"(Basal cell cancer) rarely metastasizes," Asa said. "It can be treated, but it can reoccur."

Squamous cell skin cancers tend to be more aggressive than basal cell cancers, Asa said.

She mentioned it is important to keep an eye on moles and to check for cancer by looking for moles that are asymmetrical and/or have irregular borders, uneven coloring, a diameter larger than the eraser on a pencil or are evolving, meaning their shape, size or color have changed.

"Once you hit 50, you should have a complete body scan from head to toe," Asa said, encouraging those whose families have a history of skin cancer to get checked even earlier.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Event participants decorate wooden boxes during the crafting portion of the "Menopause and Beyond" Women to Women group meeting in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen on Friday, May 11.**

After the presentations, participants played a game of bingo, with winners receiving potted gerbera daisy plants.

Next, a door prize winner was drawn, and a knife and cutting board set was awarded to winner Maria Colberg.

Before participants dispersed, they were given the opportunity to decorate wooden boxes or trivets.

## Red Cross blood drive held in the Tribal Gym raises 45 units

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym served as the host location for a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A total of 57 participants donated, which resulted in

45 units of blood for people in need.

"Each of (the 45 units) can be used for three different people. That is a donation that can't be bought; there is no replacement," said Susan Sowmick, RN, nurse for Nimkee Public Health.

Sowmick has been helping organize the annual blood drive for more than 22 years.

Sowmick wished to thank Tribal departments and employees for their assistance.

"Thank you to Judy and Robyn for your help every year, also to Cindy and Flossie for coming out of retirement to make us all lunch and to Mariah for coming through at the last minute," Sowmick said. "Also to PR, Parks and

Rec and the maintenance crew; without you all we could not do this very important donation to save lives. And especially thank you to

Tribal Council."

Dates and locations for future blood drives in the area are available at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## Healthy Start Program welcomes new nurse

**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Public Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca (Becky) Cogswell, RN, as a Healthy Start Program nurse.

Cogswell comes to the program from labor and delivery/pediatrics at a local hospital.

Cogswell joins maternal child/healthy start nurse Anna Hon.

Hon said she "is delighted to have Cogswell joining the team, as Cogswell is such a good fit for the community."

Cogswell will also be serving on the Nimkee Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Cogswell is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians in Harbor Springs. She and her husband of 20 years have three daughters, one son and one granddaughter.

In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking (a real asset at Nimkee), reading and spending time with family and friends. And, she also said she is a huge Disney fan.

Cogswell said she went to nursing school with the hope that someday she would be



Courtesy of Judy Davis

**Healthy Start Nurse,  
Rebecca Cogswell**

able to bring her education and knowledge to help serve tribal communities. She said she is very grateful to have that dream come true.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule June 2018					
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11 a.m.	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	
12:10 p.m.		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		Suspension Training - Jayme	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden
1:10 p.m.	M.E.L.T. Jayme		Turbo Kick Beth		
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COVERALL PAYS  
OUT \$5,000!

WITH 2nd and 3rd Chances!

KING &  
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DRAWINGS ARE  
BACK!

MULTIPLE  
NEW  
WAYS TO WIN!

MYSTERY  
GRAB BAG!

## OVER \$14,000

IN CASH PRIZES DURING SESSION!

PLUS, the first 100 men to  
purchase a packet will receive a  
FREE Tool Set!

AND an entry for a chance to win a  
\$100 Siniikaung Steak & Chop  
House Gift Card!

# Father's DAY

## BINGO

SUNDAY, JUNE 17  
1:30PM SESSION

# SUMMER FEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 | 3PM SESSION

## OVER \$60,000

IN CASH PRIZES DURING SESSION!

PLUS, the first 400 guests to purchase a packet  
will receive FREE Summer themed beads  
and a delicious PRIME RIB Sandwich!

AND receive an entry for a chance to win a  
HARRY & DAVID Gift Basket and a Native Grind Gift Card!

## ADDITIONAL SPECIALS IN JUNE

**WEDNESDAYS** - \$5 Paper Packets for Matinee & Evening Sessions!

**THURSDAYS** - FREE entry to Christmas in July Bingo Bash: 2 winners during the Matinee & Evening Session

**FRIDAYS** - 100 FREE cards for Sunrise & Twilight with purchase!

**SATURDAYS** - June 9, 16 & 30: 5 guests will be drawn to win a FREE loaded box during the Matinee & Evening Session

**SUNDAYS** - Mystery Money! 3 lucky guests will win up to \$250 cash!

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## Andahwod

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

Nancy Trepanier-Miller was chosen as the April Andahwod Employee of the Month by Andahwod residents.

Trepanier-Miller has been a dietary cook aide at Andahwod for seven months. She has also worked in other Tribal departments – a cook

## April

at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy and in maintenance at Seventh Generation.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at Andahwod, she said, “All the people. Being around the residents makes me feel good, and all the staff couldn’t be more pleasant.”

In her spare time, Trepanier-Miller said she enjoys being

## Employee

home with her grandkids. They like to look on YouTube together.

Trepanier-Miller is the mother of three boys and three girls. Her sister, Francine, used to call them the Brady Bunch.”

One of her best, funniest memories was with her grandmother. Trepanier-Miller went to visit her grandma at a nursing home, and she was chuckling

## of the Month

under her hand. Nancy asked, “What?” Her grandma said her nephew looked like a daamaakmanshe!

Her nephew was wearing overalls, a baseball cap and a striped shirt. She thought, “Yeah, he does look like a monkey!”

Thanks, Nancy, for sharing and being a great employee at Andahwod. We all appreciate you.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Nancy Trepanier-Miller

## Healthy habits for quality sleep

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In order to get quality sleep, follow these healthy sleep habits (from [www.sleepeducation.org](http://www.sleepeducation.org)):

- Keep a consistent sleep schedule. Get up at the same time every day, even on weekends or during vacations.
- Do not go to bed unless you are sleepy.
- If you do not fall asleep after 20 minutes, get out of bed.
- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine.
- Use your bed only for sleep and sex.
- Make your bedroom quiet and relaxing. Keep the room at a comfortable, cool temperature.
- Limit exposure to bright light in the evenings.
- Turn off electronic devices, such as phones and iPads at least 30 minutes before bedtime.
- Do not eat a large meal before bedtime. If you are hungry at night, eat a light, healthy snack.
- Exercise regularly and maintain a healthy diet.
- Avoid consuming caffeine in the late afternoon or evening.

- Avoid consuming alcohol before bedtime.
- Reduce your fluid intake before bedtime.

If you are still not sleeping well or are tired despite getting enough sleep, you may have a sleep disorder and should follow up with your health care provider.

Below, the most common sleep disorders are briefly described. Treatment is available for all of these conditions.

Insomnia is characterized by an inability to initiate or maintain sleep. It may take the form of early morning awakening, in which the individual awakens several hours early and is unable to resume sleeping, or difficulty initiating or maintaining sleep.

Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS) is characterized by an unpleasant “creeping” sensation, often feeling like it is originating in the lower legs and also associated with aches and pains throughout the legs. This often causes difficulty initiating sleep and is relieved by movement of the leg, such as walking or kicking.

Snoring may be a sign of sleep apnea. Persons with sleep

apnea characteristically make periodic gasping or “snorting” noises, during which their sleep is momentarily interrupted. Those with sleep apnea may also experience excessive daytime sleepiness, as their sleep is commonly interrupted. Treatment of sleep apnea is dependent on its cause.

Excessive daytime sleepiness, including episodes of irresistible sleepiness, combined with sudden muscle weakness are the hallmark signs of narcolepsy. The sudden muscle weakness seen in narcolepsy may be triggered by strong emotion or surprise. Episodes of narcolepsy have been described as “sleep attacks” and may occur in unusual circumstances, such as walking and other forms of physical activity.

### Recommendations:

1. Make sleep a priority, and take steps to ensure you and your family get the recommended hours of sleep each night.
2. Follow up with your healthcare provider if you are concerned you have a sleep disorder.

## SCIT District One Annual Elders Meeting

Wednesday, June 13  
Andahwod CCC & ES

12 p.m. | Luncheon

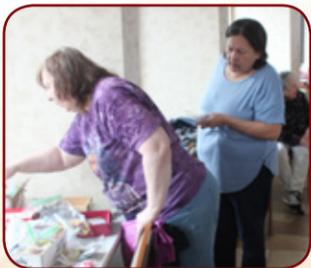
- Swearing in of new EAB members and term selections
- Honoring outgoing EAB members
- Distribution of MIEA student incentive awards
- Q-and-A session with Tribal directors/managers

Please RSVP by calling 989.775.4300.

## JUNE 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |  |  |
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| 1 David Bird, Karen Bond, Asuncion Castaneda, Carolyn Harris, Robert Neyome Jr., Martin Steele   | 16 Donald Leureaux Sr., Ernest Nahgahgwon, Deloris Pepin, Geraldine Phillips               |
| 2 Gloria Marshall, Kevin Phillips, Donna Moore, Tammy Nowicki  | 18 Linda Ritter, Douglas Jackson, Jill Meir, Connie Truett, Linnette Weber                 |
| 3 Patricia Kequom, Loretta Castaneda, Robert McDonald  | 19 Charel Stevens  |
| 4 Kayle Crampton, Betsy Crooker  | 20 Michael Childers, Lori Fuller, John Hart, Richard Russell                               |
| 6 Roberta Starkey, Tammi Craig   | 21 Cheryl Dixon, Vaughn Schoen   |
| 7 Phillip Henry, Connie Sprague, Mark Jackson  | 22 Penny Elliot, Virgil James, Rudy Pontiac, Daniel Rossbach                               |
| 8 Anita Henry, Kimberly Otto-McCoy, Vanyork Shawboose, Eugene Jackson  | 23 Dawn Jacobs, Diana Robinson, Marlin Strong  |
| 9 Gary Bird, Lillian Corbiere, Kelli Buback, Eldon Davis, Morgan Pope, Shane Slater  | 24 Christopher Moses   |
| 10 Robin Peters  | 25 Shelly Bailey, Annette Saboo-Rogers, Laura Shawboose                                    |
| 11 Galen Bennett, Douglas Gage, Kelly Garlick, Roger Stevens   | 26 Sharon Blevins, George Slater Jr.   |
| 13 Daniel Burnham, Anthony Dutton, Harold Isaac Jr., Elizabeth Kosla, Connie Rosenthal   | 27 Tabitha Jones, Richard Trepanier Sr., Rollin Bacon Jr., Lorraine Bergevin, Deborah Hull |
| 14 Betty Ashmun, Jeanette Leureaux, Gregory Mandoka, Robert Bailey, Jodie Brown, Kristie Clemons, Richard Cloutier, Patricia Harris, John Quayle | 28 Robert Pego Sr., Vivian Carpenter, Rose Greenwald, Ronald Stockel II, Angela Tabor      |
| 15 Gloria Loveland, Earl Pelcher Sr., Lillian Steele   | 29 Lorena Finney, Mac Schoen, Gaylene Urban  |
|  | 30 Sherry Hawkins, Tammy Salas, Carole Tally, Rhonda Salazar                               |

## Andahwod Community Yard Sale



Observer photo by Niki Henry



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During the community yard sale hosted by Andahwod Continuing Care and Elder Services on Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., elders had the opportunity to buy and sell new and used items alongside community members. The event, which was planned to occur rain or shine, took place that blustery Friday in the center social circle of the elder care facility.

## June Andahwod events

**Euchre and Potluck**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Mother's & Father's Day Cookout**  
June 2 | 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Language Bingo**  
June 7 | 1 p.m.

**Bingo with Friends**  
June 11 | 1 p.m.

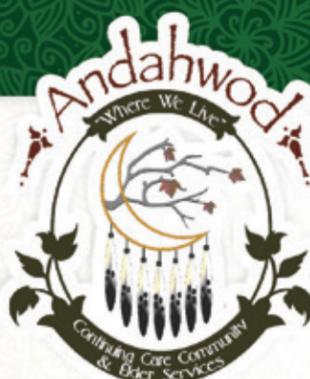
**Elders Breakfast**  
June 13 & 27 | 9 - 10 a.m.

**Annual Elders Meeting**  
June 13 | 12 p.m.

**Name that Tune**  
June 13 | 3 p.m.

*\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.*

**For more information, please call: 989.775.4300**





## JUNE 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Friday Night Skins

June 1, 8, 29 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.

- Waabooz Run Golf Course
- 989.817.4802

June 15, 22 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.

- Pleasant Hills
- 989.772.0487
- Registration: 5:30 p.m.
- Nine holes with cart: \$10, skins game: \$20 per player

### Traditional Sweat Lodge

June 1 | Teachings and fire lighting at 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989.775.4879

### Saganing Talking Circle

June 6 & 20 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4879

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

June 7 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Tribal Operations Seniors Room
- 989.775.4880

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989.775.4895

June 6, 20 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810

### Community Sewing Night

June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4780

### Drums Out: Singing for Fun

June 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation Blue House
- 989.775.4780

### Annual SCTC Golf Outing

June 7 | Check in at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m.

- Buck's Run Golf Club
- 989.317.4826
- Register by June 4: \$85 per person (two-person teams)
- Registration on June 7: \$105 per person
- Registration includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, one raffle ticket, three non-alcoholic beverages, SECR Premium Play, SCTC golf shirt and golf balls.

### Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

June 14, 28 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4110

### Cooking & Nutrition

June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 12, 19 | 12 - 2 p.m.

- Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
- 989.775.4615
- Registration required: limited to 10 participants.
- Commitment to attending all classes is required.
- Free cookbook and groceries
- Topics include healthy snacks, food safety at home, planning balanced meals, smart shopping, cooking tips and tips for eating out.

### Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 16, 17 | Grand Entry: 1 p.m.

- Saganing Powwow Grounds
- 989.775.4000
- Dancer/drum registration: 12 - 12:45 p.m.

### Nimkee Health Fair

June 19 | 4 - 7 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989.775.4629
- Door prizes, food and informational booths

### Foster Family Picnic

June 21 | 4 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- Please RSVP by June 18: 989.775.4906
- Dinner includes hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, chips and watermelon
- Field games and raffle prizes

### Summer Feast

June 21 | 6 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- Please RSVP by June 18: 989.775.4780

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

June 21 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- 989.775.4880

### Take-a-Kid-Fishing Tournament

June 22 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Stevenson Lake
- 989.775.4115
- Cost: \$5
- Open to ages 16 and under with a parent or guardian

### Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101

July 18 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Registration required: 989.775.4600
- Class limited to first 10 to register
- Learn how to pickle
- Upcoming classes: Aug. 16 and Sept. 19

## JUNE 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	<p><b>Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society</b></p> <p><b>NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS</b></p>  <p><b>MEETINGS:</b> First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m.   Contact: 989.775.4175</p>			<p><b>1</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Community Rummage Sale</b> Saganing   9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Spirit Bear AA Meeting</b> Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b> ● <b>Mother's &amp; Father's Day Cookout</b> Andahwod   11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>3</b> ● <b>New Spirit AA Meeting</b> B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>4</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Society</b> B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Euchre and Potluck</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b> ● <b>SCA Powwow</b> SCA   12 p.m.</p> <p><b>Ogitchedaw Meeting</b> Seniors Room   6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Narcotics Anonymous</b> B. Health   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Medicine Wheel Teachings</b> 7th Generation   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b> ● <b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Traditional Teachings</b> Saganing   11 a.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Council Meeting</b> Tribal Ops   5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Cedar Box Workshop</b> 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saganing Talking Circle</b> Saganing   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b> ● <b>Talking Circle</b> 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>SCA Field Day</b> Senior's Room   9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Cedar Box Workshop</b> 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Language Bingo</b> Andahwod   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b> ● <b>SCA 5th/6th Grade Graduation</b> SCA   9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Spirit Bear AA Meeting</b> Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b> ●</p> <p><b>10</b> ● <b>New Spirit AA Meeting</b> B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</p>
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<p><b>18</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Society</b> B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Euchre and Potluck</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b> ● <b>Name that Tune</b> Andahwod   3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Narcotics Anonymous</b> B. Health   7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b> ● <b>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting</b>   9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Council Meeting</b> Tribal Ops   5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saganing Talking Circle</b> Saganing   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b> ● <b>Talking Circle</b> 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAN Forum</b> Ziibiwing   7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Spirit Bear AA Meeting</b> Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b> ● <b>Community Cultural Teaching</b> Sanilac Petroglyphs   12 p.m.</p> <p><b>24</b> ● <b>New Spirit AA Meeting</b> B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>25</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Society</b> B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Euchre and Potluck</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b> ● <b>Saganing Summer Feast</b> Saganing</p> <p><b>Narcotics Anonymous</b> B. Health   7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b> ● <b>Elders Breakfast</b> Andahwod   9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b> ● <b>Talking Circle</b> 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b> ● <b>Drop-in Group</b> B. Health   11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Spirit Bear AA Meeting</b> Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>12-Step Meditation Group</b> Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b> ● <b>Birthday Bingo</b> Andahwod   12 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Spirit AA Meeting</b> B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</p>



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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Clerical Pool

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

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree preferred. Must be fluent in Anishinaabe. Two years teaching Anishinaabemowin. Early childhood teaching experience preferred.

##### Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED and Michigan Journeyman Lineman license. Two years lineman experience preferred. Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

##### Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Two years teaching experience preferred.

##### Retail Clerk

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience preferred.

##### Mentoring Program Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree. Two years experience in a human services-related field. Bachelor's degree in education, sociology, social work, human services or related field preferred. Must have experience in program development and/or project management, planning

and coordination, preparing and providing presentations, public speaking and group facilitation.

##### Leadership Apprentice

SCIT Members only. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan.

##### Student Support Tutor

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. College level math. Must be able to pass math test with a score of 70 percent or better. Two years experience working with youth preferred.

##### Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year maintenance or grounds keeping experience.

##### Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be a journeyman electrician. Six years experience working as an electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program. Must be able to interpret electrical schematics, one-line diagrams and blueprints and be able to operate basic electrical diagnostic tools.

##### Dispatcher/Corrections Officer

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Advanced course work in correctional administration preferred. Law enforcement or corrections experience preferred.

##### Police Chief

Open to the public. Associate degree or higher in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Ten years experience in law enforcement. Five years experience in

a supervisory capacity with increasing responsible command experience in a law enforcement agency. MCOLES certified.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate Degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable.

##### Bus Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan commercial driver's license.

##### Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Five years classroom teaching experience. Two years curriculum development experience.

##### Director Utilities

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in management, construction, engineering, utilities or related field. Five years progressive experience with public administration, municipal services or utilities. Three years in a supervisory capacity or associate degree in management, trade or related field. Seven years progressive experience with public administration, municipal services or utilities.

##### Waste Water Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in water/wastewater field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses.

##### Post Secondary Support Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in education or related field. Bachelor's degree preferred. Two years college or vocational recruitment or related experience. Experience working with Native communities.

##### Dental Hygienist

Open to the public. Registered dental hygienist. Two years working experience in dental hygiene preferred. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

##### Resident Service Aide

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

### SECR

##### 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 accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment.

##### Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of carpet and upholstery cleaning experience.

##### Line Server PT

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

##### Server Assistant PT

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

##### Massage Therapist PT

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

**Guest Room Attendant 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

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment.

**Kitchen Equipment Worker**  
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.

##### Waitstaff PT Seasonal

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

##### Laundry Supervisor

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

##### Housekeeper FT

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

##### Housekeeper PT

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

##### Bartender FT

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

##### Bartender PT

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

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

##### Culinary Supervisor

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

quet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred.

##### Guest Relations Rep PT

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

##### F&B Cashier PT

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

##### Line Cook

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

##### Host/Hostess PT

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

##### Concierge

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.

##### Server Assistant

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

##### Server Assistant PT

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

**Seasonal Transit Driver PT**  
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Current and valid commercial driver's license or chauffeur's license.

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

##### Bingo Floorwoker PT

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

##### Custodial Worker

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

##### Custodial Worker PT

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

##### Usher

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

##### Entertainment Security Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays

##### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Secu-

rity or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays

##### Housekeeping Supervisor Hotel

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

##### F&B Shift Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree preferred.

##### TO Regulations Clerk

Open to the public. Associate degree in business management. One year administrative support experience.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment.

##### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

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##### Beverage Server PT

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##### Line Cook PT

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##### F&B Attendant PT

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

##### Waste Water Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year experience in water/wastewater field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

##### Bartender PT

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

##### Public Health Nurse

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## Eleven youth dancers graduate from Anishinabe Performance Circle

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Anishinabe culture continues to live on as more young dancers graduated from the Ziibiwing Center's performance circle on Tuesday, May 8.

Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elders Services hosted the 6 to 8 p.m. event in its large gathering room.

The 11 graduates (a few recurring) included Izaiah Anguiano, Naylina Anguiano, Emmanuel Green, Andrew Kequom, Yasmin Pelcher, Glenn Roney-Whitten, Aiyana Sheahan, Alexis Sheahan, Ariana Sheahan, Payton Sopha and Phoenix Sopha.

The occasion began with a biindigen/welcome, followed by a grand entry of the dancers.

Dances showcased were boys' intertribal, girls' intertribal, hoop and eagle.

The special eagle dance included Kequom and guest instructor Christopher Spencer-Ruiz.

A special performance of "Bimishkaayan Song" ("Row, Row, Row, Your Boat") was performed with the dancers in prop canoes.

Students sang the following: "Bi-mish-kaa-yan (When you paddle) we-we-ni-go (gently/carefully) zii-biin-sing go-sha (in the stream) bi-mish-kaa-yan (when you paddle) naa-naa-ga-da wen-da-man (when you reflect/meditate) bi-mish-kaa-yan (when you paddle) we-wen-I go (gently/carefully)."



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**Izaiah Anguiano holds his Certificate of Completion for graduating from the Anishinabe Performance Circle on Tuesday, May 8.**



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**Christopher Spencer-Ruiz (left) and Andrew Kequom (right) perform a special eagle dance.**



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**Returning graduate Jade Green performs a hoop dance.**

Key instructors included Judy Pamp, assistant director for the Ziibiwing Center, and Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative.

Along with Spencer-Ruiz, guest instructors included Sheila Sentes, Quincey Jackson and mentors from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

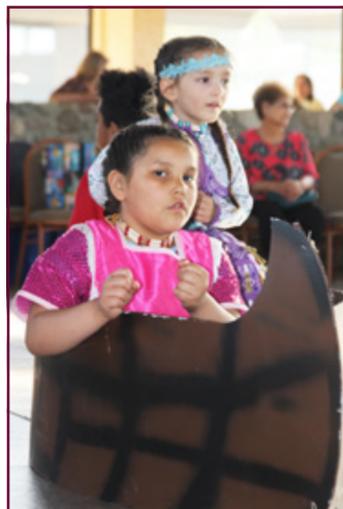
Aysia Mena-Isham, youth worker for the Ziibiwing Center, also assisted.

"Chi-miigwetch, parents, grandparents and community members who assisted with the Anishinabe Performance Circle. Your dedication to our culture, history, language and children helps our great nation remain strong," the event's program stated.

The phrase "Gda abinoojinhag minanik niigan gabwe-work" (our children are the future) was also highlighted on the program.

"Chi-miigwetch to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Tribal Council and Ziibiwing Center for continued support in preserving our traditions," the program read.

The mission of the performance circle is aimed at promoting and enhancing positive self-images of Anishinabe children through the use of traditional Anishinabe arts – storytelling, dance, music and language – and preparing youth as Anishinabe leaders in a multicultural society.



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**Graduates perform "Bimishkaayan Song" ("Row, Row, Row Your Boat") in a prop canoe.**



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**Anthony Janke (left), Gavin Janke (center) and Julian Green (right) hold hands as they dance.**



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**Key instructors Judy Pamp (left) and Raymond Cadotte (right) serve as event hosts.**



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**Fancy shawl dancer Alexis Sheahan smiles during her performance.**



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**Ariana Sheahan dances during the girls' intertribal.**



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**Naylina Anguiano dances with a hoop in Andahwod's large gathering room.**



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**Former graduate and returning dancer Julian Green dances with a hoop.**



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**Graduates and returning performers Josilyn Green (front) and Jade Green (back) dance.**



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**Returning performer Phoenix Sopha dances with a hoop.**



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**Tomarrah Green and her son, Emmanuel, prepare for the performance of "Bimishkaayan Song."**



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**Gavin Janke participates in the 6 p.m. grand entry.**