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## Chief Ekdahl delivers speech during July 26 community meeting

*(Editor's note: The following speech has been printed verbatim from Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl's July 26 community meeting speech. The event was held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms, and Chief addressed the Membership after 10 a.m.)*

"Aani, mino giizhep. Good morning to all of you. Welcome home. I'm sure all of you are excited for the powwow and to be back on the Rez.

Every year there is so much to do in our community, and this year is no different. I hope all of you have taken some time to enjoy the events at Native Fest hosted by Ziibiwing.

While you are here today, you should also take some time to look at the changes on the gaming floor. There has been a lot of progress, and we are excited to see those projects completed.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please speak with one of your leaders. The Council and I have maintained an open-door policy. As individuals, we are willing to accommodate all concerns from our Members. If you would like to meet with the whole Council, we only ask that you submit a letter with your concerns. This allows us to gather any necessary information and background that we may need to

properly address your concerns.

I would like to take some time to thank the leaderships of the past. A lot of work was done to set us up for success. We have the opportunity to continue to plan and execute strategies for success going forward, and, for that, I am very grateful.

Today I will give you updates on per capita payments, Tribal Member insurance, the fight on opioids, legislative changes and our many projects we have going on.

As promised last term, the Council has reevaluated the per cap amounts and the schedule of cuts. The original schedule of cuts had us projected out through April of 2019... We will set the annual payment amounts for adult per capita and for child welfare payments going into 2019.

Each November, accounting will perform actual net income comparisons to projected net income figures for that year. If there is a surplus, then a reconciliation payment will be paid out in December.

There will still be a need to have the Future's Trust available for any short falls in net income due to market underperformance. This will also allow the per cap trust to build up operating cash flow, and eventually we can remove the need to draw from the

Future's Trust after a two to three year timeframe. At that point, we will be at a full variable per cap plan. This is the best scenario for fiscal responsibility and ensures we will no longer be overspending on per capita payments and depleting the Future's Trust fund. The Council will be sending out a letter in the very near future to better detail out those changes.

The Council has approved submitting changes to the Revenue Allocation Plan to support our Membership. The first change addresses the education provision to be inclusive of those students with cognitive impairments and Individualized Education Plans or IEPs. This will allow for them to continue their education with no penalty of losing escrowed monies. Any student with an IEP will have time until their 27th birthday to complete their education requirement and receive escrowed monies with no penalty.

The second change is for those who have lost their per cap due to incarceration. On a third conviction of any crime listed in the plan — for example, assault, burglary and theft — a member will have per capita payments suspended. Once they are released from incarceration, their per cap will be reinstated. Previously, it



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl speaks at the July 26 community meeting.

was suspended for a period of five years. In some cases, this was longer than the time served, and it created a hardship for those Members returning to society. This does not apply to those capital crimes listed in the Criminal Convictions section including murder, kidnapping or sexual assault crimes. These changes are being submitted to the BIA and await approval from them before they can go into effect.

With healthcare costs rising, the fully-funded Tribal Member insurance plan continues to be a financial burden that the Tribe cannot sustain for much longer. With no changes to the funding amount, the government trust will be fully depleted in two

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## Education Department reports first-ever zero percent drop-out rate with Class of 2018

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

For the first time in recorded history, statistics confirm there is a zero percent Tribal Member drop-out rate, as of Tribal Observer press time, according to Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac.

This statistic solely includes Class of 2018 Tribal Member students who were registered to receive services from the K-12 Tribal Education Department within the three local school districts: Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Shepherd Public Schools and Beal City Public Schools.

The Class of 2018 graduation rate includes the 31 incoming freshmen from 2015. This year, 21 of those graduated within the

traditional four-year time frame (68 percent), and 10 individuals are currently receiving off-track continuing education (32 percent) to obtain their high school diploma or GED at establishments such as Odyssey Alternative High School (Shepherd) and WAY/Oasis (Mt. Pleasant).

"There is also a homeschool option where (those receiving off-track continuing) can enroll themselves. It is up to the Tribal Clerk if it is considered accredited," Isaac said. "We verify their enrollment that they are making their way towards their diploma."

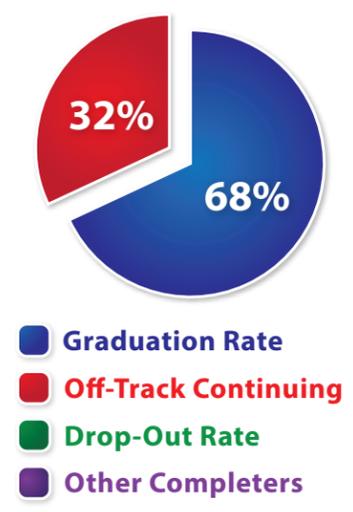
Isaac said the per capita resolution has had a great effect on this first-ever zero percent drop-out rate.

In July 2015, under the Pego Administration, Resolution

15-131 was passed, stating all Tribal Members turning 18 after Dec. 31, 2015, "shall not be eligible to receive adult per capita payments until or unless the Tribal Member provides evidence of high school graduation or equivalent to the Tribal Clerk's office or other department or official determined by Tribal Council."

The Resolution states, "Evidence of graduation may be made by providing a high school diploma, GED certificate or diploma or other high school equivalency accepted by the State in which the Tribal Member last resided, or attended school, prior to the age of 18 to the Tribal Clerk."

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## Alvin Ray Chamberlain

Dec. 3, 1945 – July 12, 2018

Alvin Ray “Booster”/“Running Deer” Chamberlain, age 72, of Mount Pleasant passed away Thursday, July 12, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family.



Alvin was born on Dec. 3, 1945, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Thomas Chancey and Leona May (Davis) Chamberlain. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1965, attended Lincoln Welding School and received his preaching license for the United Methodist Church.

Alvin worked as a welder for Rise Machine Shop for 30 years and the Soaring Eagle Casino for eight years. He also served several terms on Tribal Council. He was a member of the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene, Chrysler 300 Club, Classic Cars Club and the Sanford Moose Lodge.

Alvin enjoyed karaoke, music, fishing, hunting, golfing, softball, playing football, Elvis, the Detroit Lions, billiards and Fred Sanford.

Alvin is survived by his children Kimi (Ron) Alani-Pauli of Denver, Kari Ellis of Riverview, Fla., Kevin (Candy) Chamberlain, Kelly Chamberlain and Gary Bennett, all of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Alisha, Kassandra, Kaitlyn, Mariah, Kali, Brysen and Kruz; great-grandchildren Karter, Braxton and Amethyst; sisters Alfreda “Alfie” (Michael) Jenkins, Juanita Slater and Esther (Wallace) Chatfield, all of Mt. Pleasant; many nieces and nephews; former wife Catherine Chamberlain; and significant other and caregiver Judy Warner.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Tom and Bobby; sisters Margaret Sowmick, Marilyn Sprague and Joyce Francis; and son-in-law Carl Ellis.

Funeral services were held in the Tribal Gym on Monday, July 16 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment took place in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to McLaren Hospice.

## Robert “Abe” Abraham

July 20, 1936 - June 29, 2018

Robert “Abe” Abraham, age 81, of Wyandotte passed away June 29, 2018.

Robert was the beloved husband of Erma Abraham and the loving father of Michael (Sandra) Abraham, the late Karen Clarchick and the late Robert E. Abraham.

Robert was also survived by nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 7 at the Molnar Funeral Home – the Nixon Chapel in Wyandotte.

## Tina Louise Bordeau

Feb. 21, 1966 – July 10, 2018

Tina Louise Bordeau, 52, passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2018, following a brief illness.

Tina was born Feb. 21, 1966, in Bay City to the late Donald and Sonja (Nelson) Bordeau.



Tina loved to shoot pool and pick mushrooms. She enjoyed camping and family BBQs. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially the time spent with her mother going to bingo. She volunteered to help wherever and whenever she could.

Tina is survived by her two brothers Roger (Cyndy) Bordeau and Donald (Mary) Bordeau. She is also survived by nephews Eric (Jesse), Patrick, David and Josh; niece Brittany; great niece Catori; and great nephews Zack, Wyatt and Lincoln.

She was predeceased by her son Raymond and her fiancé Ray Manhart.

A memorial service celebrating Tina’s life was held Saturday, July 14 at the Lee Ramsay Funeral Home-Standish Chapel in Standish with Pastor Devin Chisholm officiating.

## Ida Mae Ziehmer

Aug. 13, 1942 – July 24, 2018

Ida Mae Ziehmer, age 75, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at Medilodge of Mt. Pleasant.

Ida was born Aug. 13, 1942, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of William and Jennie (Phelps) Walldorff. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Moose Lodge in Clare.

Ida loved karaoke, dancing, and embroidery. Ida was a jokester; she was always happy with a smile, and loved and cared for all people.

In the past, she served as a 4-H Club leader and coached little league softball and baseball.

Ida is survived by her children: Darwin (Meg) Ziehmer of Delaware, Michael Ziehmer of Montana, and Kristine (Paul) Gonsorchik of Montana; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers Larry (Dorlene) Collins of Alma, Ed (Sue) Phelps of Alma; sister Marlene Collins of Mt. Pleasant; and her first husband Roland Ziehmer of Montana.

Ida was preceded in death by her parents; special aunt and uncle who raised her, Steve and Marion French; an infant brother; and her aunt Bertha.

Funeral services were held July 28 at Clark Family Funeral Chapel, with Benjamen Evers officiating. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

## Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee (SCCC) for a Tribal Council appointed two year term beginning Nov. 15, 2018. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

**Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:**

Donald Seal  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
Planning Department  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
dseal@sagchip.org

**All letters of interests must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 26, 2018 at 3 p.m.**

## Force-placed insurance

Force-placed insurance is an insurance policy placed by a lender, bank or loan servicer on a home when the property owners' own insurance is cancelled, has lapsed or is deemed insufficient and the borrower does not secure a replacement.

If you have force-placed insurance, please call for assistance in finding insurance. This will lower your monthly mortgage payment and save you money.

It is important to know that force-placed insurance does not cover you or the contents of your home, this only covers the lender and their investment.

**Call Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552**

## Attention

Per Loan Guidelines, your Annual Report must be filed in the Tribal Clerk’s Office in order for your application to be processed. The currently accepted 2019 Annual Reports are available in the Clerk’s Office and online at sagchip.org on the Tribal Clerk’s page under “Frequently Requested Forms and Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit” tab.

**Annual Reports can also be requested to be emailed to you by contacting the Clerk’s Office 989-775-4055.**

## 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
Dennis, Joel	10/13/2016
Jackson, Garth	10/05/2017
McDonald, Eva	06/09/2018
Pelcher, Lavern	03/09/2018
Rogers, Anthony	05/29/2018
Smith, Loretta	01/05/2018
Sprague, Gary	04/07/2017
Stanton, Goldie	01/03/2018

**Tuesdays** | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
June - October  
**Farmers Market Pavilion**  
Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

**Items for sale include:**  
Seasonal produce, handmade soap, baked goods, maple syrup, beaded/sculpted/natural art

**Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:**  
Eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein, wild rice

- You do not have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/etc.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Brandon Schultz, Market Master**  
• Phone: 989.775.4663 • Email: bschultz@sagchip.org

**TRIBAL MEMBERS**

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

**Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County**

**FAN**  
Families Against Narcotics

**Monthly Forum**  
Every third Thursday of the month  
**Upcoming dates: Aug. 16, Sept. 20**  
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: Aug. 2, Sept. 6**  
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.*



## 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

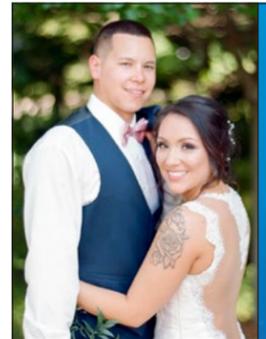
- Aug. 7 • Sept. 4 • Oct. 2



*Happy Birthday Mariana!*  
Dad loves ya and misses ya! August 23



*Happy Birthday Son!*  
Dad loves ya & misses ya, Myles - August 16



*Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Alex Leareaux*  
who were happily married on June 8, 2018 at Tullymore Golf Resort

**Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society**  
**NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS**



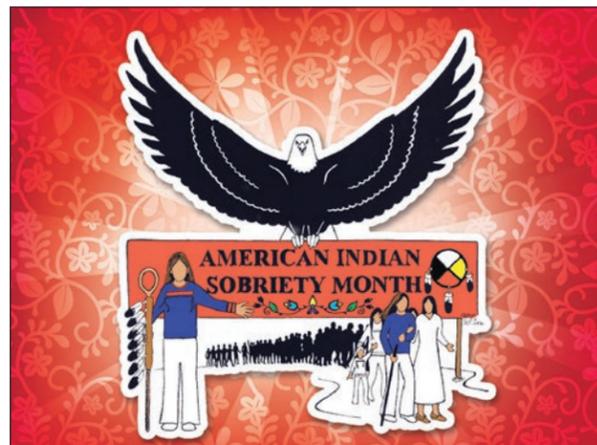
**MEETINGS:** First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. | Contact: 989.775.4175

**SAVE THE DATE**  
One Nation's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Springs Intertribal Powwow  
**NEW DATE AND LOCATION**

Saturday, August 11, 2018  
Norris-Penrose Event Center  
1045 Lower Gold Camp Rd  
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Grand Entry at 11:00 a.m.  
General Admission \$5. Dancers & Children 12 and under FREE

For further information:  
Call: Rhetta Walter 719-559-0525 or 703-798-4320  
Rhett\_walter@hotmail.com  
Visit: www.OneNationWT.org, Facebook.com/OneNationWT  
www.ColoradoSpringsPowwow.org  
Facebook.com/ColoradoSpringsNativeAmericanIntertribalPowwow

**ONE NATION WALKING TOGETHER**



### 2018 AISM Events Calendar

**Aug. 1: Family Game Night**  
5 - 7 p.m. | Andahwod

**Aug. 8: Rez Ball Tournament**  
4 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

**Aug. 16: Youth Fishing Tournament**  
12 - 3 p.m. | Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park

**Aug. 22: Cupcake Wars**  
1 - 3 p.m. | Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

**Aug. 29: Family Fun Night**  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Broadway Park

**For more information, please contact:**  
Shuna Stevens at 989.775.4850 or shstevens@sagchip.org



## Housing Services Offered



- Free and confidential financial assessment



- Setting up a budget



- Assistance in working out payment agreements with creditors



- Discuss financial/budgeting options



- Work with you to develop a plan



- Assess your current situation and work solely on your behalf



- Support with obtaining a mortgage



### Sherrill Kennedy

Credit Homebuyer Counselor/Loan Specialist

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- Fax: 989.775.4030

- Email: SKennedy@sagchip.org

- Website: www.Sagchip.org/housing



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**Aug. 17-19, 2018**

**Eagles Nest Tribal Gym**

- Open to all Tribal Youth 12-20 years old
- Free event, food provided
- Giveaways

**Registration: Friday, Aug. 17**

5 - 9 p.m. | Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

- With a game night and DJ

### Meet the Guest Speakers

**Chance Rush** | [www.onechanceleadership.com](http://www.onechanceleadership.com)

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

**Marcus Guinn** | [www.emceeone.com](http://www.emceeone.com)

Emcee one / Marcus Anthony Guinn is a MTV/VMA winner, national speaker, recording artist, DJ, conference consultant and youth advocate.

**For more information, please contact:**  
Tonya Jackson at 989.621.9375 or tjackson@sagchip.org

## Attention Tribal Trust Land Residential Leaseholders

Please remember that your residential lease of Tribal Trust Land requires the leased property to be maintained in a proper manner. If you are not properly maintaining your property and mowing your lawn, you may be in violation of your lease.

The Housing Department is in the final stages of acquiring Tribal Council approval on a new fee structure that will charge leaseholders who do not properly mow their lawn with a penalty plus cost of mowing. Once approval is granted,

the Housing Department will notify all residential Tribal Trust Land lease holders by mail of the changes and will advertise the change in the next Tribal Observer.

In the meantime, thank you to all of you who properly care for your land and keep your lawn mowed. By doing so you make our neighborhoods a beautiful place to live.

Please contact the Housing Department at 989-775-4595 with any questions.

## Tribal Child Welfare Program Affidavits Deadline

**Aug. 3, 2018** by 5 p.m.

(No postdates, faxes or emails accepted.)

**The Clerk's Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Aug 3.**



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Ronald F. Ekdahl** | District One

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### Council Member

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### Council Member

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

### Council Member

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

## Purposeful parenting dinner provides family fun and support

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Families gathered for food, fun and information in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Wednesday, July 18, during a dinner event focused on purposeful parenting.

Children and adults could decorate rocks and play in sand trays at an activity table while also

enjoying a dinner of pulled pork nachos and listening to or participating in a Q-and-A session with a panel of parents willing to share their experiences and knowledge with those in attendance.

Participants also registered for door prizes that centered on healthy, family fun and games.

The event was made possible through the collaboration of Behavioral Health Programs, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and its Healthy Start program.



Observer photo Niki Henry

**A panel of parents answers questions posed by participants at the Purposeful Parenting dinner that took place on Wednesday, July 18 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.**



Observer photo Niki Henry

**Children play with sand trays at an activity table during the event.**

## 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.

## Drop-out rate

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The previous administration under Chief Frank J. Cloutier and currently under Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl have continued to support this Resolution.

“I believe that the zero percent drop-out rate is directly related to the per capita requirement,” Cloutier said. “I believe that was just the incentive needed to encourage our youth into staying in school until they receive their diploma. No limitations were making it much too easy to choose to drop out of school.”

Previously the Class of 2017, the graduation rate was 57 percent with a 3 percent drop-out rate, Isaac said. This, she explained, was lower than any other school district in the State of Michigan.

“I believe (the per capita resolution) has everything to do with what we are seeing,” Isaac said. “The K-12 staff does what they can to support and help the students be successful, and they always have, but it has always been a matter of finding what motivated the students to finish their education on their own.”

For an example of the K-12 staff’s dedication, they willingly received trauma-informed professional development education and voluntarily enrolled in an algebra course for a full semester at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to further assist the students they work with.

Isaac said after the department’s class of 2018 statistics were complete, she could not wait to share the information

with others, including Tribal Council.

“It was one of those moments that seemed too good to be true; like a moment that you’ve worked so hard for; and you support, encourage and kind of start to question, ‘Are we doing the right thing; are we doing it in most effective way?’ Then, you see the zero percent drop-out rate and know you are doing what you’re supposed to,” Isaac said.

Isaac said her recent departmental update to Tribal Council was the first instance she ever received a round of applause.

“I personally want to thank those administrations who enacted the Resolution and continue to carry it through,” Isaac said. “They could have decided that it is not what they thought was best for our nation or our people. It was not a very popular decision, but saw it through, and now we are seeing fantastic results from it.”

Isaac said “the words fail to come to her” to describe how happy the current rates make her.

“One thing I’m very proud of, and even a little bit of an emotional moment for me, is that this is what our ancestors foresaw for us. They wanted us to be educated – they sacrificed and fought for educational rights, the tuition waiver and all of the treaties they made for us,” Isaac said. “I am more than certain our ancestors are smiling down and are happy that we are doing the right thing. It blows my mind they had the ability to foresee all of these generations ahead and make this possible for us.”

## Tribal Observer

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

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c/o Tribal Observer  
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

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

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## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Hotel construction reaches midway point

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino celebrated the halfway mark of its expansion project on Wednesday, July 11.

Construction began early last year, and the roof on the new hotel is now complete, marking the midway point. The expansion is scheduled to be completed by fall 2019.

Saganing Casino Manager Bob VanWert said he is “very pleased” with the progress since the first construction beam was positioned in February.

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Hotel construction plans include a new five-story hotel with 148 guest rooms and a hospitality suite, a new 195-seat restaurant, a new bar and lounge, a larger gift shop and gaming space to accommodate 314 additional slot machines.

The ceremony began just after 10 a.m. on the casino grounds near the main entrance. Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez delivered opening remarks, and Theresa Jackson provided an invocation.

Herb Spence spoke on behalf of general contractor, Spence Brothers.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl answers media questions following the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino’s celebration of the expansion project’s halfway mark on July 11.**

“We are very honored to be part of completing this project, which is so important to the economy — certainly here in Arenac County but as well as our entire Great Lakes Bay Region — when it’s completed,” Spence said. “It also has been important to our economy during construction because 90 percent of the subcontracted work has been awarded to local Great Lakes Bay Region contractors, which means this project has put a lot of local tradespeople to work.”

Spence also confirmed the project is on schedule and within the predicted budget. However,

he said, the number one priority is worker safety.

“Everyone involved has done a tremendous job keeping (all workers) safe,” Spence said. “There has been 40,000 hours totaled on this project to date, and there have been zero safety incidents.”

The expansion will also create employment opportunities.

“It’s an economic driver within the local community, and it is going to create 160 new jobs, employment opportunities,” said Casino CEO Raymond Brenny.

Employment opportunities are expected to be posted by the end of 2018.

Peter Stevens, president of JCJ Architecture, said the company has had a “great experience” working with more than 50 tribal nations throughout North America the last 25 years.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is really a leader in Indian gaming with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort over two decades ago, and what you see here today is just the continuation of that leadership that they have in that place to create economic independence for their community,” Stevens said to those in attendance.

Stevens mentioned that 10 years ago Tribal Council



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The construction completed on July 11 marked the midway point for the casino and hotel expansion project, scheduled to be finished by fall 2019.**

members at the time said they were working on a “small, temporary facility in Saganing.”

“When I look at this project, I don’t see a temporary facility anywhere, and I don’t think I see anything too small either,” Stevens said. “A lot of things can happen in 10 years.”

Stevens mentioned the last piece of steel was being set on top of the building.

“We are giving the eagles a new landing,” he said.

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to join a luncheon in the Saganing Tribal Center. Complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and brownies were served.



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**Casino CEO Raymond Brenny addresses the crowd at the ceremony after 10 a.m. on the casino grounds near the main entrance.**



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## Editorial: Inaugural Ogitchedaw golf outing raises \$6,500 for local veterans

### BERNARD SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

The 2018 veterans (Ogitchedaw) fundraising golf tournament took place Friday, July 13 at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

The inaugural three-player team scramble raised approximately \$6,500 for veterans of the following mid-Michigan counties: Isabella, Midland, Gratiot, Clare and Mecosta.

Rueben Moore, Jeff Arsenault and Greg Fogle, with a score of -12, placed second in the veteran's division.

First-place winners with a -6 were Midland veterans Steve Tracy, Bill Shelagowski and Jim Gereaux.

The open division went to Rick Hubble, Carol Hubble and Marc VanAlstine with -9.

The second place open division prize went to the competitors from Walpole: Rick

Kewayosh, Les Riley and Andy Warner with -8.

We fell short of our goal of \$10,000 this year, an aggressive amount for the inaugural event that we felt was obtainable.

The players and participants said they had a great time, and everyone enjoyed the opening ceremony. We encourage veterans and their families to join us in 2019 for the ceremony. It is an uplifting event.

I would like to mention our sponsors, donators and support team; they all deserve recognition for their support of our veterans: the men and women who sacrifice their lives to serve and protect us and our way of life, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Migizi enterprises, Ogitchedaw of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, Texas Roadhouse of Mt. Pleasant, J & K Floral of Shepherd, Joseph Barberi law offices, the Mt. Pleasant VFW post 3033 and American Legion post of Mt. Pleasant.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Team members playing in the 2018 veterans golf tournament pose for group photos after 9 a.m.

We must also thank the staff at Waabooz Run and volunteers Molly, Norma, Joe, Jalen and Tammy; and the food and beverage team from Nbakade.

Thank you to the VFW 21 gun-salute squad and the taps player. Also, Natalie Shattuck sang the National Anthem with enthusiasm and spirit,

Dan Jackson performed an excellent flag song with his hand drum and Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl gave a warm welcome. We must also thank Tribal Council member Theresa Jackson for her opening prayer.

The 2019 golf tournament is set for July 12 at Waabooz Run.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society Members and local veterans prepare for a gun salute during the opening ceremonies of the July 13 veterans golf outing at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

## Camp provides fun cultural experience to youth

### NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Native youth ages 12 to 17 participated in the Fun and Culture Camp at Seventh Generation on Monday, July 16 through Thursday, July 19.

Each day of camp began at 8 a.m. with breakfast and smudging.

On Monday, participants began a day of activities that included ice breakers with Youth Council members and a teaching about men's and women's traditional roles, presented by Bucko and Michele Teeple.

After lunch, campers made feast bundle bags then played a language game with Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe



Observer photo Niki Henry

Native youth play a competitive game of lacrosse on the second day of the Fun and Culture Camp that took place at Seventh Generation on Monday, July 16 through Thursday, July 19.

outreach specialist, before heading home for the day.

Tuesday morning campers played lacrosse with Daniel Jackson, Seventh Generation

cultural representative, before lunch. They then headed for Rynard's Blueberry Farm in Shepherd to pick berries in the afternoon and listened to a presentation by Kevin Nadjiwon



Courtesy of Tonya Jackson

Participants pose with the feast bundle bags they completed the first day of camp after listening to teachings presented by Bucko and Michele Teeple.

before closing the day with knockerball and water balloons.

Wednesday included a trip to Buckley's Mountainside Canoes for water teachings and a day on the river.

On Thursday, campers made cedar boxes with Ben Hinmon,

Seventh Generation cultural representative, in the morning. In the afternoon, they listened to medicine teachings presented by Daisy Kostus and made medicine pouches as well as blueberry scones before closing the camp with a talking circle.

## Annual competition hosted to prevent drug addiction and promote healthy living

### NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Recreation Department partnered with Behavioral Health Programs to host the second annual Dunk Away Drugs basketball tournament in Shepherd High School's gym on Saturday, July 21.

Participants could register in four different three-on-three team categories: 10 years old and under, 13 and under, 19 and under and adult.

The first 40-minute game of the sobriety shootout started after 9:30 that morning, beginning a day of intense but enjoyable competition.

Kevin "Coach" Ricketts, prevention specialist, was present with informational brochures and a display that



Observer photo Niki Henry

Kevin "Coach" Ricketts, prevention specialist, provides information about the many ways teens can hide drugs in their bedrooms.

illustrated the many ways teens can hide drugs in their bedrooms.

Tribal Police and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services helped sponsor the event.



Observer photos by Niki Henry

Teams compete at the second annual Dunk Away Drugs basketball tournament that took place in the Shepherd High School's gym on July 21.



## Students learn about water through grant obtained by Tribal Library

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

At 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28, a group of third through sixth grade students gathered in Classroom 6 of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's East Building to learn about water.

According to Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann, this program was part of the NASA @ My Library grant that Chippewa River District Library system awarded to the Tribal Library.

"I, as the representative from the Tribal Libraries, wrote a letter of support for



Courtesy of Anne Heidemann

**Students pose with the model water filtration system they built at a NASA @ My Library event that took place in an SCTC classroom on June 28.**

their application," she said, explaining how the event was funded. "They were generous

enough to offer to present this program for us, and it was open to the communities of both libraries (at the college and in Tribal Operations)."

Children who attended the event learned about how water becomes polluted and how to clean it and worked together to build a model water filtration system. They also met with members of SCTC STEAM club.

"The kids did several water-related science activities which were chosen by the SCTC STEAM Club, members of which helped out at the program," Heidemann said, also noting that Christie Folsom

from CRDL was the presenter at the event.

"Our partnership with the Chippewa River District Library allows the Tribal Libraries to do so much more than we would otherwise be able to – our online catalog and the systems that run it only exist because of that partnership," she said. "We are thrilled that this collaboration is now expanding to include programming like this NASA @ My Library program. We also partnered with the Tribal College STEAM Club – their members helped us select the water theme and assisted during the program. The kids really enjoyed making their own water



Courtesy of Anne Heidemann

**With the help of SCTC STEAM Club members, students learn how water becomes polluted and participate in water-related science activities.**

filters and seeing how they work. We look forward to collaborating again soon."

## Restoration project anticipated to help improve Salt River water

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

At the end of June, the Planning Department announced the beginning of a project that is currently occurring on the Davis Property off Beal City Road. The endeavor started on Friday, July 13 and involves the restoration of the wetlands and stabilization of the stream banks of Jordan Creek, which headwaters into the Salt River.

According to Taylor Brook,

watershed outreach coordinator, the project goals are "to reduce flooding and erosion, improve habitat, better filter pollution and create a healthy, sustainable landscape going forward."

Brook said the Tribe has been actively monitoring water quality since 2004 and sampled the Salt River in 2013 and 2018. She said the water quality data collected from that river shows several issues including the following: pathogens (E. coli), nutrient loading

(phosphorus and nitrogen) and sedimentation (excessive soil).

"Pathogens make the water unfit for recreation and drinking and are a public health issue," she said. "Nutrients contribute to algal blooms and feed the pathogens. Sedimentation interferes with fish breathing and spawning."

The David Property project should help resolve the issues the Salt River is facing.

Brook provided the following information about the project's goals:

Goal 1 — Reduce amount of sediment and nutrient being transported through the stream by slowing the water running through Jordan Creek by enhancing the floodplain on the Davis property. The Jordan Creek takes excessive water during rain events, leading to scouring of the stream bank in that section. The banks will be reinforced using tree revetments — large conifer trees anchored into the banks to filter out sediment and stabilize soils.

Goal 2 — Reduce sediment and nutrients from conventional farming practices by installing a biofilter, including a water retention area, on a neighboring, non-tribal agricultural field that drains about 100 acres of crop field prior to a small catch basin/tube

structure emptying into the Salt River through a culvert. It is the intention that this project will be an example for other farmers to understand the benefits of converting small areas to support water quality and decrease runoff.

The restoration is funded through Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Pollution Program.

"This project will be very sensitive to disturbance during construction and the first three to five years while the new plants get established," Brook said in the announcement. "We ask that the community be aware and respectful of this when using the property."

A water quality specialist will be monitoring the Salt River to gauge the project's impact.



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## Chief's speech

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years' time. This is a major concern for your leadership as stewards of financial sustainability and Members of the Tribal community who depend on those benefits.

What are some reasonable options going forward? I think, to better understand the situation, it is best to lay out some details.

The Tribe is billed for every visit you have to any facility outside of Nimkee. If you go to the emergency room, the Tribe pays those costs to the insurance company. A simple and reasonable fix is to begin to utilize Nimkee. If you need a specialized service, they can give you a referral and that can be covered through contract health. No additional cost will be charged to the Tribe from our insurance company.

Council has discussed several different scenarios, but nothing has been made final. Among the options discussed was continued funding for our elders who need insurance and depend on that benefit. We need to come up with an acceptable and sustainable compromise, and that will take input from you, the Members.

The opioid crisis is something that has hit our nation, our community, our families and our friends in a very devastating way. The Council is doing everything we can to coordinate resources, create collaboration and be a leader in this fight.

Our Tribe, along with 36 other tribes in the Midwest region, has collectively declared a State of Emergency by supporting a resolution through the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes.

Through collaboration from our Tribal Court, Behavioral Health Department and the Department of Justice in the Eastern District of Michigan, we hosted the first annual opioid conference. There were presenters from all different fields who attended and presented vital information about treatments and funding opportunities that exist or are being developed to help make a change.

The Tribal Council has also supported collaboration meetings between Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, Nimkee Clinic and ACFS to get all of our resources working together to better serve those in need.

We have an opportunity, in my opinion, to be the leaders, not only in Indian Country but across the nation, when it comes to looking at progressive ways to save lives. Education is vital, but we also need to maximize the resources that we have built in our Tribe.

Legislatively, there is a lot going on in the State and on the Federal level. I recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressmen and women and senators from our state. I expressed our disappointment

to Sen. Gary Peters and Sen. Debbie Stabenow for their lack of support for Indian Country in the Tribal Labor Sovereignty act vote. I expressed to them that the issue has never been about labor but about Tribe's right to self-govern.

We, in Indian Country, want to be treated like all forms of government and have the right to choose like the states and municipal bodies do. In my meetings with Congressman John Moolenaar and Congressman Dan Kildee, I also asked for their support on the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act to try to keep efforts going to get it passed through the house in an appropriations bill.

I spoke to all of the individuals about gaming and how our Tribe has always followed the rules when it comes to expanding our facilities. We have stayed on our lands and been a leader in fighting against those who want to do off-reservation gaming. We will continue to meet with lawmakers and the Bureau of Indian Affairs about our concerns over the efforts of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and Bay Mills Tribe.

The BIA was very receptive to our message and issued a letter to Gov. Snyder's office in opposition to Sault Ste. Marie and Bay Mills off-reservation gaming efforts.

There has also been some major decisions about sports betting and internet gaming. Some details need to be finalized from the State on how they will allow sports betting. The Federal government has no interest in regulation and has left it up to the states to develop rules of operation.

Under our compact language, our Tribe cannot begin sports betting until the State allows it as new gaming. We are closely monitoring those efforts and setting up our infrastructure in the casino to be ready if a decision is made in our favor.

Online gaming did pass in the State House and is on to the State Senate. We are fighting for equitable language that again treats us as equals to the corporate state-run casinos. Our efforts now will focus on making sure we are not left out and have similar provisions that won't hinder our operations in the future.

As you can see here at Soaring Eagle, over at the Black Elk building and in Saganing, there is a lot of construction taking place. I will go over some of the details, but, as always, if you have questions or want more details, please contact your leadership, and we will gladly inform you of what is taking place.

First, an update on the big house – the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The I-5 remodel is making great progress and is on schedule to be finished in the next few months.

We have already seen an increase of gaming revenue from the high stakes area and are

expecting to see more with the completion of the project.

The Ascend Bar, poker room and non-smoking area will have an official grand opening ceremony Friday, Aug. 31. You are all invited and will receive a commemorative chip and a meal voucher for Ascend.

The poker room is currently operational, so feel free to check it out if you haven't already.

I also wanted to inform you of the need for reinvestment on the hotel side. We have aging and, at times, failing infrastructure in our hotel property. The business is in need of infrastructure upgrades and a refresh. There is a phased approach taking place to fix any issues with the exterior of the building, but we also need to address those inside.

The water lines, sewer lines and technology all need to be addressed and made current to the changing market. The property is dated and beginning to fall out of favor compared to our competitors.

We also have exterior upgrades taking place at the Slot Palace to address any issues with that building. Those include a new roof and moisture barrier repair.

Over in Saganing, there is a lot of progress taking place on the casino and hotel expansion. The ROI projections ran

by our Accounting Department are expected to give us an additional 11 percent in gaming revenue at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. With that rate of return, we can expect to see that project paid off in five to six years. We recently celebrated getting the roof on, and work will begin to fully enclose that building soon. We need to fill 160 jobs over there, so if you are interested in working at that property, please seek out those opportunities. The Council has put a priority on hiring our Tribal Members to work in our business.

The Black Elk building is currently under construction. The expansion to the north side of the building will house all of the Tribe's government operations currently in the Tribal Ops building. This new complex will bring all of the departments under one roof for easy access and make it more convenient for Members to find their way around, rather than going from building to building or navigating the maze of hallways at Tribal Ops.

The Green Suites will be going under construction soon to remodel the rooms and bring a much-needed update to that area. It has served its purpose for over 30 years. It will be rebranded as the Retreat at

Soaring Eagle. The goal is to provide added amenities to our patrons who may be looking for more than a standard hotel room and give them an updated option to come and stay with us.

Finally, in a commitment to the youth and future generations of the community, we have continued to support the School and Recreation Center and the community pool project. Both of these facilities will provide safe and healthy facilities for Tribal youth, Tribal families and community members. The leadership puts great value and emphasis on supporting those efforts and keeping our young ones safe and healthy.

In closing, I am happy to see you all here for the update and celebration of our Tribal culture this weekend. Please say hello if you see me at the powwow. I will be there with my family watching my two young sons dance in the tiny tots and enjoying the champion singers and dancers.

Again, I am honored to be your Tribal chief and to serve as one of your elected leaders. This opportunity has been a challenge, but one that I take great care in working through.

The Tribal Council and I look forward to speaking with you and providing you the most up-to-date and accurate information we have. Chi-miigwetch."



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## Soaring Eagle Waterpark set to upgrade with “iSlide” entertainment system

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

During the July 26 community meeting at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess announced an upgrade being made to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

The waterslides that wrap in and out of the building will be upgraded with the “iSlide” entertainment system with LED lighting effects and an integrated sound system and music.

Before entering the waterslide, patrons may choose one of four programs on a touchscreen. When the traffic light turns green, patrons may



Courtesy of Robert Juckniess

**Scheduled to be completed by Labor Day weekend, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel slide will be upgraded with the iSlide entertainment system with LED lighting effects and an integrated sound system and music.**

choose to experience beautiful colors and sounds within the waterslide. Theme options include flying through the

jungle or a disco scene.

The slides will also receive fresh paint on its exterior.

Three sensors will also be



Courtesy of Robert Juckniess

**The waterslide will also receive fresh paint on the exterior.**

added throughout the slides, with an option for a photo capture near the end.

Beginning Aug. 20, the iSlide installation will take place. The project is scheduled

to last two weeks and will tentatively be available for use during Labor Day weekend.

Juckniess reported the slides will remain operational during installation.

## Ceremony for Phase Two of Mid-Michigan Community Pathways project to be held Aug. 1

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Mid-Michigan Community Pathways Group has been working diligently to develop a non-motorized pathway connecting the Pere-Marquette Trail with the Fred Meijer Trail through the Clare, Rosebush, Mount Pleasant, Shepherd, Alma, St. Louis and Ithaca communities.

A large portion of the Tribe’s 2 percent distribution funds

along with several fundraisers have assisted in making the pathway a plausible objective.

The friends of the Mid-Michigan Community Pathway are inviting the local community to a ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase Two of the project from Shepherd to Mt. Pleasant.

The ceremony will be held Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Park in Shepherd on Wright Avenue, between First and Second streets.

RSVP’s are suggest by contacting the group’s President Wendy Oswald at [gwendalyn@gmail.com](mailto:gwendalyn@gmail.com) or Steve Davidson at [dpwsteve@yahoo.com](mailto:dpwsteve@yahoo.com).

“The Tribe has been a great supporter of the project and provided funding as well,” said Stacie Tewari, Isabella County vice chair of the Friends of the Mid-Michigan Community Pathways.

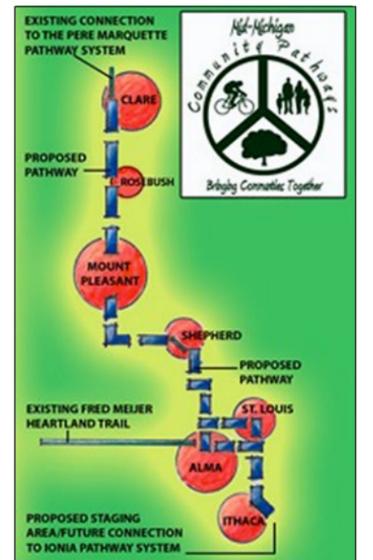
The pathway will be utilized by bicyclists, walkers, runners, rollerbladers

and handicapped users in the warmer months, with cross country skiers utilizing the pathway in the winter months, according to the [mpacf.org](http://mpacf.org) website.

“The proposed pathway will encompass the existing wildlife and natural surroundings, disrupting as little as possible,” states the website. “It has also been proposed to add art installations and native landscaping to add to the beauty of this pathway.”

According to Tewari, a free 5K event will follow the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Additional 5K information can be found on the Facebook event page: [www.facebook.com/events/2339377889622188/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2339377889622188/)



Courtesy of Mid-Michigan Community Pathways Group

**The route for the Mid-Michigan Community Pathway will run from Clare to Ithaca.**

## American Indian dances held at Ziibiwing



Observer photos by Niki Henry

**American Indian dance performances took place at the Ziibiwing Center three Saturdays in July. Men’s and women’s traditional dancing was showcased on July 7, men’s grass and women’s jingle took place July 14 and men’s fancy feather and women’s fancy shawl were featured on July 21. Three performances, free and open to the public, took place each weekend at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.**

## Tribal Education Advisory (TEAB) Board Vacancy Announcement

We are looking for SCIT Members with a love for learning and a willingness to share your wisdom to guide our cultural-based youth educational programs.

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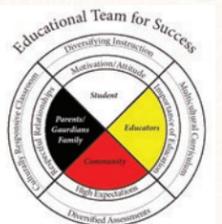
- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department

**Meetings:** Held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Education Conference Room

**Letters/emails of interest deadline:** Aug. 13, 2018 at 12 p.m.

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### LAST MONTH:

Expectant Mother Parking Sign at Nimkee

**July winner:**

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## Crowd flocks to Seventh Generation for Bineshiinh (Bird) Program

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Seventh Generation ceremonial building filled with excitement as Tribal Members of all ages waited for licensed falconer Jennifer Schroeder from Hawk Hill Raptors to unveil three birds of prey.

The birds were quietly waiting in pet carriers before being revealed to the June 26 crowd.

After a lunch of Pisanello's Pizza and Pita Pit hummus, pita chips and wraps, Schroeder began the Bineshiinh (Bird) Program by introducing herself.

Schroeder said she has worked with wildlife for more than 20 years and that she specializes in interacting with raptors.

"What makes a raptor different from other birds?" she asked before explaining birds of prey have keen eyes, are carnivorous predators and have talons to catch, kill and hold prey. She also mentioned



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Licensed falconer Jennifer Schroeder from Hawk Hill Raptors introduces Sierra, an eagle owl, to the crowd gathered in the Seventh Generation ceremonial building on June 26.

that raptors have hooked beaks to help them tear food into smaller sizes to make it easier to eat without any teeth.

After this brief introduction, it was time for the crowd to meet the first bird.

"We will start small and go big," Schroeder said, reaching into the smallest carrier to extract Tulip, an American kestrel.

Tulip, Schroeder said, is full grown even though she is very small for a raptor.

As the falconer walked around the room displaying the bird on her gloved arm, she pointed out characteristics of the kestrel. First she noted the vertical, black markings under Tulip's eyes called malar stripes. These, she said, work similarly to black grease stripes under football players' eyes and help reduce glare from the sun when the bird hunts during the day.

Schroeder next spoke about the wings of the American kestrel, noting that their feathers are long, stiff and pointed.

"This bird is built for speed," she said. "They can dive and slip through the air very quickly."

Schroeder said the birds can fly faster than 60 mph but only weigh about as much as a half a stick of butter.

"Falcons have a lot of energy," she said. "They are like little dogs."

Before placing Tulip back in her carrier, Schroeder discussed the natural habitat of American kestrels, their

nesting habits and many of their interesting features such as the notch in their beaks – a characteristic unique to falcons and used to sever the vertebrae of their prey.

"She's a cute little bird, but she is deadly," she said with a laugh.

Next, Schroeder introduced Vixen a red-tailed hawk, who was met with "oohs" and "ahhs" from the crowd when she came out of her carrier.

Schroeder said red-tailed hawks' tails only turn red after their first molting, which usually occurs when they are a year and a half old.

She said these birds of prey are stick nest builders who produce three to four eggs.

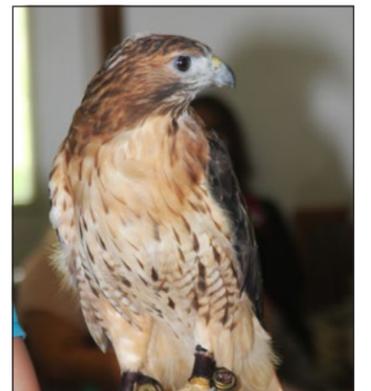
"They look just like chicken eggs," she said, showing one to the crowd and explaining that baby red-tailed hawks have a very fast growth rate and are fully grown only two months after hatching. This, she said, is true of all raptors and creates a unique problem for them.

Schroeder then explained baby raptors have a high mortality rate, with eight out of 10 dying in their first year. She said this is related to how hard parent raptors must work to catch and kill enough food for themselves and their babies.

"(The babies) eat a lot," she said.

The hawks that do survive are very successful, Schroeder said, explaining this is because they are not particular about their habitat, the weather or what they eat.

As Schroeder walked around the room with Vixen, she noted some of the hawk's characteristics such as the brow ridge that helps shield her eyes from the sun like a visor, her wide wing span and her strong, broad chest.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

As she is admired by the audience, Vixen, a red-tailed hawk, regally perches on Schroeder's falconer gauntlet.

Sierra, an impressively large and dignified eagle owl, was the last bird of prey Schroeder introduced to the crowd.

Schroeder said eagle owls are not native species but they look like the native great horned owls and do "the same job in nature."

Schroeder discussed Sierra's big eyes that amplify light and help her hunt at night. She also pointed out features like the owl's neck and said Sierra can turn it three-fourths around because it is as thin as a pencil and has 14 vertebrae in contrast to humans' seven.

Before placing Sierra back in her carrier, Schroeder shared more facts.

"Owls are really lazy; they are like couch potatoes," she said, explaining they will sit and wait for hours for prey to come near them and they can carry three times their weight, making them strong enough to catch baby deer.

Cecilia Stevens, culture and language teacher, closed the event by presenting a short traditional bird teaching.

The program was made possible through the enhancement grant recently obtained by the Tribal Library.

## Recreation hosts fun friday event



Observer photo by Niki Henry



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Native youth gather under the Broadway Park pavilions for food, fun and four-square in the shade on a hot afternoon during the Recreation Department's first Summer Fun Friday event the afternoon of June 29.



## Wash station will help prevent spread of invasive species

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

On Thursday, July 12, the Planning Department partnered with the Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) to hold an Aquatic Landing Blitz at Eagle Bay Marina in Standish.

According to Chase Stevens, invasive species coordinator, the blitz was “a collaborative outreach campaign to raise awareness about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) through recreational boating and related activities.”

Stevens said the following messages were stressed at the event:

- “Clean, Drain, Dry, Dispose”
- “Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!”
- The Clean Boats Clean Waters program
- Boat washing and equipment decontamination procedures (with or without a mobile or permanent boat wash station)
- Reporting protocols for watch-list species and others
- Awareness of specific regulations (Part 413 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act PA 451 of 1994, Fisheries Order 245 Fish Disease Control, etc.)
- Proper bait disposal

“A portable boat wash station was brought in to wash boats down that were utilizing Eagle Bay Marina,” Stevens said. “Zebra mussels were removed from several of the boats that day to include our Tribal Police Department’s boat that is stationed at the marina.”

Stevens said that, even though these mussels are established in the Bay, properly washing boats down after use is still important since Zebra mussels have not yet affected all inland lakes and rivers in Michigan. He also said the wash station will also help prevent new invasive species from being transported to new areas.



Courtesy of Chase Stevens

**A boat gets washed at the new portable station during the Aquatic Landing Blitz at Eagle Bay Marina in Standish on Thursday, July 12.**

“An example would be European frog-bit, which can be found in spots around the bay but is not yet an issue in most inland lakes and rivers yet,” Stevens said.

## Environmental topics discussed, bands perform at Chippewa River Water Festival

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Local musicians, storytellers, speakers and organizations came together to promote water conservation, environmental education, the Chippewa River and community health. It was all part of the second annual Chippewa River Water Festival on Sunday, July 15.

From noon to 6 p.m., Chipp-A-Waters Park hosted several musical acts, guest speakers and booths to entertain throughout the day.

Local band Yeesh! was the first musical act to perform at 1 p.m. Other acts included Mike Gilmore Eastblues Ensemble, Barbarossa Brothers and Mystic Dub.

Between each act, three guest speakers discussed environmental issues.

Jordan Roth, owner of the Kabob Stop food truck often parked at the Native Farmers Market, is also a Chippewa River enthusiast



Courtesy of Chippewa Watershed Conservancy

**Local organizations work on setting up their booths at Chipp-A-Waters Park prior to the second annual Chippewa River Water Festival kicking off on July 15.**

and served as a guest speaker to discuss awareness of the river and recycling.

“My role as a Chippewa River enthusiast is: I’m a very avid user – kayaking and rollerblading, walking, jogging and biking down the trails that share the river,” Roth said. “Because I get to enjoy the beauty of nature, I feel it is my responsibility to help clean it up and make it beautiful for future generations.”

Roth said he was asked by Taylor Brook, watershed

outreach coordinator from the Planning Department and a member of the festival’s planning group, to get involved as a food vendor.

When discovering the event’s topic, Roth said he was also willing to speak to help raise awareness about the necessity of keeping the river clean.

“The topic of my speech was to bring two plastic bags with you when you go down

to the river – one for the trash you make and one for the trash you take,” Roth said. “If everybody just did a little bit, then the nature we all enjoy could be just as beautiful as it was before we, humans, muddied it all up.”

Roth also introduced his new, potential venture – Recycle 1st.

“It is a recycling system that wraps around every trash can so that it is easier to recycle than it is to throw something in the garbage,” Roth said. “I also want to get involved with local recycling programs and municipalities to eliminate the cost of recycling... because it should be free, efficient, and it should, maybe, even make money.”

Throughout the day, Isabella Conservation District Education Coordinator Mike LeValley hosted nature walks through the park, discussing the river’s benefits.

Event T-shirts were available for purchase, designed

by art contest winner Sean Flaherty of Mt. Pleasant.

Brook collaborated with several establishments to make the event possible.

“I worked with private citizens, Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, the City of Mt. Pleasant (and its Parks and Recreation), Buckley’s (Mountainside) Canoes and Isabella County Conservation District to organize the event,” Brook said.

The Tribe was a major developer and sponsor for the event.

“We had many local sponsors, and the Tribe sponsored the event at \$500, and (displayed) the advertisement on the Mission Road billboard (in Mount Pleasant),” Brook said.

In addition, other major sponsors included the Mt. Pleasant Jaycees, D Clare Services, Meijer, Triumph Design Studio, Terpening School of Music, Weichert Realtors, Pleasant City Coffee and donations in honor of Rose Pauquette.

### Ziibiwing hosts Sundance Filmmaking Workshop



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Native youth work together to create a short film during the Sundance Filmmaking Workshop that took place at the Ziibiwing Center on Tuesday, July 10. This workshop was part of the Sundance Institute Native Shorts Program that began the evening before at 6 p.m. with a public screening of six short films at the Mount Pleasant Celebration! Cinema.**

## Adopt a Pet



### Jalapeño

Jalapeño, a 1-year-old, Jack Russell mix, is a fun-loving goofball with a lot of energy. He’s looking for a high-energy home that can match his vivacity. Jalapeño is shy when he first meets new people, but, once he trusts someone new, then the fun can begin. He has a big personality and loves to be the life of the party.



### Marmalade

Marmalade is a 4-year-old female Domestic Shorthair mix. She is a medium buff/grey cat who has been at the Humane Animal Treatment Society since May 2018. She has been spayed and is ready for adoption. Her photograph indicates she needs a great home to help mend her right eye.

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## Tribal court staff's interview featured on podcast, Michigan Radio website

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Earlier last month, Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon and Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for the Healing to Wellness Program, joined Stateside Podcast for a radio interview to provide a synopsis of the Tribe's approach to dealing with the opioid epidemic.

Michigan Radio features the 11 minute, 10 second interview on its website.

The interview's topic is the opioid crisis affecting not only tribal communities, but the entire nation.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon (along with Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for the Healing to Wellness Program, not pictured) speaks to Stateside Podcast about the nation's opioid epidemic and how tribal communities are coping.**

Michigan Radio provides Disease Control, stating more statistics from the Centers for than 64,000 Americans died



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from drug overdoses in 2016 — double the amount from a decade prior.

“Among Native Americans, the rate of opioid overdoses is disproportionately higher. In Michigan, opioid-related deaths are nearly twice as high among tribal members compared to other demographics,” the website states.

During the podcast, Shannon and Sowmick discuss the

ideology behind the Healing to Wellness court program, incorporating Native American traditional beliefs into treatment and how Michigan tribes are collaborating to address the national opioid epidemic.

The full radio interview is available at [michiganradio.org/post/how-tribal-leaders-are-responding-opioid-crisis-michigans-native-american-communities](http://michiganradio.org/post/how-tribal-leaders-are-responding-opioid-crisis-michigans-native-american-communities)

## Art Reach of Mid Michigan's upcoming events for local artists, community

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Art Reach of Mid Michigan has a couple upcoming events for interested local artists and the community.

According to Jeffrey Silvernail, marketing coordinator for Art Reach of Mid Michigan, participants may sign up now for the annual chalk art workshop and competition Aug 15.

# ART REACH

*Of Mid Michigan*

For \$25, participants receive entry into a workshop, chalk pastels and one sidewalk square in downtown Mount Pleasant to transform into a unique work of art.

The workshop is from 6

to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15, and the installation is Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 16-18.

Pieces must be completed by 3 p.m. Saturday when judging begins.

First, second and third places will be awarded.

From 5 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 9, an artist battle will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Town Center on the corner of Main and Broadway.

Artists will have two hours to complete a work of art from start to finish.

The public is encouraged to witness the local artists in action and vote on their favorite piece.

The registration fee for the competition is \$25 and must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

A \$200 prize will be awarded to the People's Choice winner.

To register online, visit [www.ArtReachCenter.org](http://www.ArtReachCenter.org).

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Migizi Economic Development Co. are 2018 Art Reach supporters and donors.

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## Team SCIT takes home the gold at 31st annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Athletes from Michigan's federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations came together on Friday, July 20 to compete in the 31st annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

Again this year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe struck gold, earning first place overall with 533 points.

Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians took second place with 484 total points, and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa achieved third place with 388 points.

In all competitions, individuals receiving first place (gold) scored the team five points, second place (silver) earned three points and third place (bronze) received one point.

Fifty-six SCIT Members earned gold medals, 52 placed for silver and 52 earned bronze.

Team SCIT has achieved overall first place since 2013.

The team trophies and plaques were crafted by the SCIT Woodshop Department.

"Wow, what an amazing day we had," said Jaden Harman, event organizer and Nimkee



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Veterans and flag carriers lead the July 20 grand entry to commence the 31st annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics.**

Fitness coordinator. "It was another success, as we had over 1,000 participants again this year."

The games were hosted at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field, located on the west side of the Kelly/Shorts Football Stadium and behind the Student Activity Center.

Team SCIT also earned first place in the Tribe 2 Tribe Miles Challenge – in which registered competitors tracked their exercise miles throughout the summer months – and also achieved first place in the tug-o-war, possessing the traveling trophy.

The day's activities included baby crawl, tot trot, tug-o-war, bean bag toss, archery, softball throw, long jump, fitness circuit, jump rope, kids' obstacle course, free throw basketball, three-point basketball shots and lacrosse speed shot.

Several other events took place on the track including a 400-meter walk and run, pre- and post-natal 400-meter walk, one-mile run, 50-meter run and 100-meter run.

Each event was broken down into male and female age categories.

In order to participate, every contestant kept a score card. At all field events, the cards were given to event staff members who scored the event.

Since 2016, competitors have had the ability to log onto [sagchip.org/mifo](http://sagchip.org/mifo) during the games to keep track of their

individual scores and team results that the IT Department kept updated.

In 2012, a golf tournament was added to the list of competitions. This year, the tournament took place on the day prior to the Family Olympics, Thursday, July 19 at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

One of the first events on Friday was the ever-popular baby crawl.

The last event of the day, after 4 p.m., was the team tug-o-wars. Up to 14 individuals with at least three females and at least three males from each tribe competing in three different age groups, used all of their strength in an attempt to win.

Team SCIT earned the tug-o-war gold for the first time in a few years, beating last year's winners Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Team SCIT competitors flew to the long-jump competition on Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field.**

SCIT Member Luke Sprague competed in several categories. In the one-mile race, he won first place in his age group and earned second place overall with his time of 5:59.

"My favorite part is the mile race," Sprague said. "Being out front leading my Tribe is a great feeling while everyone is on the sidelines cheering me on – even the other competitors towards the back – saying 'Go Luke!' was great motivation to keep pushing."

In the midst of the games, Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier paused to take a moment with Gun Lake Tribe representatives, Chairman Scott Sprague and Councilwoman Jodie Palmer.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**(Left to right) Gun Lake Tribe Councilwoman Jodie Palmer and Chairman Scott Sprague pose for a photo with Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier and discuss future rice harvesting plans.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Adults compete in the archery contests throughout that Friday morning and afternoon.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Young athletes compete in the fitness circuit to see how many sit-ups they can accomplish in a given amount of time.**

## 2018 Team Results

### First Place:

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 533 points**

- 2nd:** Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians 484
- 3rd:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa 388
- 4th:** Pokagon Potawatomi 249
- 5th:** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians 245
- 6th:** Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi 196
- 7th:** American Indian Health and Family Services 72
- 8th:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 61
- 9th:** Hannahville Indian Community 35
- 10th:** Sault Ste. Marie Tribe 15
- 11th:** American Indian Services 11

**Other Tribes:** Walpole Island, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Chickhane, Grand River, Muscogee



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Tribal Member Sheridan Pelcher competes in a walk around the CMU track.**



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**Young Tribal Member Gabriel Quigno competes in the lacrosse speed shot.**



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**Tribal elder Carole Tally shows off her free throw basketball skills.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Team SCIT representatives pose for a photo after taking first place in the Tribe 2 Tribe Miles Challenge, a contest in which participants tracked their exercise miles throughout three months.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Racers from all present Michigan tribes take off to compete in the one-mile run.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**The Team SCIT adult category competes – and eventually takes home the gold – in the day's last contest, the tug-o-war.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Throughout the morning, young athletes test their jump rope skills.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Tribal Member Markus Chamberlain sprints around the Bennett Track.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Rev. Robert Pego plays in the Thursday, July 19 Family Olympics golf competition at Waabooz Run.**

Earlier last month, Chief Ekdahl received a letter from Chairman Sprague regarding a request of harvest-related activities on the SCIT-owned Tawas Lake property.

Chairman Sprague's letter states, "In our histories, we, the Three Fires Anishinabek, have always protected the mnomen lakes and beds with the fierceness of warriors protecting women and children. We are in the process of restoring mnomen beds in Pottawatomi territory. We respectfully request your permission and blessing to harvest mnomen in your territory on Tawas Lake."

The letter states Gun Lake representatives "will not lightly enter another tribe's territory."

"Our primary goal in harvest will be collecting seed for the restoration of mnomen in our own waterways in Bodéwadmí Aki," the letter states.

The SCIT and Gun Lake representatives posed for a photo opportunity.

"This request shows the intertribal cooperation between tribes in State of Michigan," said Erik Rodriguez, public relations director. "It also shows the working relationship between

tribes and the respect toward one another. We look forward to working with one another again in the future."

Along with Harman, Rodriguez and Luke Sprague, this year's Family Olympics Committee Members included Jayme Green, fitness coordinator; Walt Kennedy, public health director; Sandy McCreery, public relations manager; Brandon Schultz, health educator; Guadalupe Gonzalez, extension office project coordinator for the Tribal College; Bernard Sprague, hotel director for Soaring Eagle; Colleen Green, director of CMU's Native American Programs; and Cheryl Gonzalez,

executive secretary of Native American Programs.

On behalf of the committee, Harman wished to thank the many departments, organizations and individuals who made the event possible.

"We couldn't have done this without the joint effort of so many people and the many (Tribal entities') support," Harman said.

Several Tribal departments assisted.

The Recreation Department provided equipment for competitions; Seventh Generation staff assisted in setting up the Team SCIT tent; Tribal Fire Department and Nimkee Medical provided first aid; Maintenance/Public Works delivered, set up and tore down all equipment, tables, chairs and tents; Tribal Police Department assisted and donated cones; Grounds Crew loaned the Gator vehicles for the day; and Waabooz Run lent golf carts.

Participants received a complimentary lunch courtesy of Nbakade Family Restaurant.

Individuals who won medals had a photo taken by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis. The images are available on [www.marcellahadden.com](http://www.marcellahadden.com). Use "MIFO2018" as the client access code.

The Family Olympics originated in 1987 by Sue Siller, former health educator for SCIT.

The event was held to promote health and wellness through a family-fun day of



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Community drummers perform a welcome song during the events opening ceremonies.**



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**Team SCIT 13-to-17 year olds compete in the tug-o-war.**



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**Team SCIT children race to the finish line during the 50-meter run.**



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**Teenage Team SCIT female competitors take off from their starting lines.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Throughout the day, young members compete in various tasks during the timed fitness circuit.**

physical activity with mainly track and field events, along with swimming events for SCIT Members. This eventually expanded to include the other Michigan tribes.

"It warms my heart to see the joy, excitement and the pursuit of all the families being active together – the sole purpose of this event," Harman said.

The 2016 games remain record-breaking with 1,207 participants.

Any competitors who have medals to pick up are directed to stop into the Nimkee Fitness Center.

For any questions about which competitors won a medal, Harman is available to answer questions at **989-775-4694**.



## Members achieving higher education honored at Spirit Award banquet

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Tribal Members who graduated in 2018 were recognized at the annual Higher Education Eagle Spirit Award Banquet that took place at noon on Wednesday, July 11 in a Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

The event was opened by emcee Melissa Isaac, director of tribal education, who began by recognizing and giving thanks to Anishinabe ancestors who walked on the land first.

"I think it's really important that we recognize where we come from," Isaac said.

"They all played an important role that helped you get to where you are today," she said before asking the audience to show appreciation with a round of applause.

Isaac then shared Tribal graduation data from the last two years. In 2017, she said the graduation rate was 57 percent with 3 percent dropping out. This year, there was even more to celebrate with a graduation rate for 2018 at 68 percent and zero drop outs for the first time in recorded history.

Next, Tribal Education Advisory Board Member Gayle Ruhl welcomed participants to the banquet.

"We are definitely honoring you today and your family members," she said, tearing up with emotion as she spoke of the importance of education and how her grandfather instilled an appreciation of it in her when she was a girl.

"It is a group effort that we are all doing this together," she said. "Education is just going to make our nation much stronger in the future."

Ruhl closed her welcome by inviting those who were interested to apply for the vacancy on the Education Advisory Board.

Next, a welcome song was performed by community members, and Amanda Flaughter, SCTC registrar, recognized the 19 students who earned a GED last school year.

Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough then stepped to the podium to introduce herself and explain her role in the Education Department. She and Isaac then presented graduation plaques and Eagle Spirit Awards.

In Isaac's closing remarks, she announced that there were 10 Tribal Members who graduated with associate degrees, three with bachelor's and



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**During the annual Higher Education Eagle Spirit Award Banquet that took place in the Soaring Eagle ballroom on July 11, Louanna Bruner (left) poses with her award and Melissa Isaac (right), director of education. Bruner graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and was also honored for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher.**

four with master's in 2018 and that there are currently 139 Members active in higher education.

"We're setting our youth in a good way," she said. "You guys are being the best role models for pursuing education."

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl then provided the invocation before community members performed an honor song and lunch was served.

**The following graduated this year:** Jon Beaulieu with a Master of Science, information systems (MS); Marilee Fleming with a Master of Science in administration, general administration; Dustin Owl Johnson with a Master of Arts, media and information; Lisa Kennedy with a Master of Public Administration, public administration; Christina Otto with a Master of Social Work, clinical social work; Gena Qualls with a Master of Arts, higher education administration; Louanna Bruner with a Bachelor of Science in business administration, general management; Samantha Kirklín with a Bachelor of Science, psychology; Lindy Sowmick with a Bachelor of Arts, political science; Aleigha Reinsberg with a Bachelor of Science, psychology; Elsie Ulven with a Bachelor of Science, psychology; Anita Nogle with an Associates in Applied Science, nursing; Crystal Davidson with an Associate of Arts in business; Abbie Jackson with an Associate of Arts in business; Mitchell Jackson, Associate



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**Gena Qualls poses with her certificate of outstanding academic excellence.**



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**Jennifer Lewis poses with her certificate of outstanding academic excellence.**



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**Isaac (left) presents Christina Otto with her Eagle Spirit Award.**

of Arts in business; Jennifer Lewis, Associate of Arts in business; Steven Wassegijig, Associate of Arts in business; Tahsheenah Foley, Associate of Arts, liberal arts; Patrick Nahgahgwon with an Associate of Arts, liberal arts; Monica Pelcher with an Associate of Arts, liberal arts; Kyle Shomin with an Associate of Arts, liberal arts; Elizabeth Trasky with an Associate of Arts, liberal arts; and Taylyn Francis with a certificate in cosmetology.

**The following students maintained a GPA of 3.5 or higher all year:** Alyssa Andy, Samuel Anglin, Suzanne Bailey, Dane Beaulieu, Jon Beaulieu, Ashley Bennett, Louanna Bruner, Niki Cashbaugh, Dawn Chippewa, Arionna Crispin, Crystal Davidson, Devon Durfee, Paquika, Granison, Sarah Harrison, Abbie Jackson, Brooklyn Jackson, Dustin Johnson, Jack Kelley,

Samantha Kirklín, Sydnee Kopke, Jennifer Lewis, Kamie Mandoka, Nichol Mark, Onica Miller, Autumn Mitchell, Patrick Nahgahgwon, Christina Otto, Cruz Perez, Michael Pelcher, Monica Pelcher, Mastella Quaderer, Gena Qualls, Aleigha Reinsberg, Kellie Santose, Jennifer Seibt, Kyle Shomin, Kevin Skutt, Matthew Spring Berg, Rebecca Steele, Elizabeth Trasky, Elsie Ulven, Jamie Walker and Benjamin Willis.

**The following students earned a GED:** Orville Jackson, Paris Davis, Tai Sprague, Ashley Bennett, Dawna Miller, Eric Trofatter, Kira Fox, Nathaniel Mandoka, Tyler Shenosky, Joseph Wemigwans, LouAnne Peters, Jacqi Troffatter, Amber Sheahan, Gary Rueckert, Basil Naganashe, Mikayla Cyphert, Leanord Shomin, Delilah Alonzo, Tyler Jackson and Misheka Vasquez.



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## Students become familiar with SCTC through fun and learning

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Niibing, the Education Department's summer program, brought fun and learning to approximately 60 Native youth during the SCTC Summer Youth Experience on Tuesday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 18.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College has been collaborating with Education for the past five years," said Carrie Carabell, SCTC extension leadership intern. "SCTC hosts the Niibing program as part of their summer youth experience in order to help the students become familiar with staff, faculty and the facility."

On the first day, SCTC academic skills specialists Earl Crosswait and Lindsey Drumm led neon T-shirt clad participants through mathematical brain starters such as Zombie Dice, Happy Salmon, and Raven and Crows.

Students also joined in the following STEAM activities directed by Shane Graves, Jared Hovick, Genie Snyder and Deanna Campbell: a vinegar and egg experiment, a tie-dye milk activity and a



Courtesy of Carrie Carabell

**During the first day of SCTC's Summer Youth Experience on Tuesday, July 17 kindergarten and first graders explore Alexandria's Hope nature bus.**

cloud formation exercise that involved plant transpiration and the water cycle.

That same day, Stephanie Jackson from Art Reach provided a presentation about indigenous artists before directing students as they created their own art.

The last half of the day, according to Carabell, was spent at the Howell nature center. She said the students were introduced to an American bald eagle, great horned owl, a falcon and a hawk before they went on

"Alexandria's Nature Bus to play and gain more knowledge of nature and wildlife."

The second day saw Native American Studies teacher Adam Haviland leading participants in a spear-throwing game and a game in Anishnabemowin.

Dave Shananaquet then inspired students with what he defined as "not just an art lesson, a life lesson: always do your best in everything you do, take pride no matter how simple or how hard, always be good to people and always put your best foot forward."

Next, representatives from the Recreation Department Kyle Shomin and Jonathan Updegraff demonstrated soccer basics and led participants in a game.

"They had those kiddos busting a sweat," Carabell said.

The event wrapped up that afternoon with a carnival presented by Chamberlin Pony Rides that included a petting zoo, a horse, a pony, face painters, a balloon maker, carnival games and a full-size obstacle course bounce house.

"We also had popcorn, cotton candy and snow cone machines to keep the kiddos nice and full while they enjoyed the last day of festivities,"



Courtesy of Carrie Carabell

**The Youth experience participants get their faces painted during the carnival that concluded the two-day event.**

Carabell said. "We also had our own Extension Coordinator Guadalupe Gonzalez DJ the event both days."

The event, a collaborative effort by all SCTC staff, was funded through USDA Extension.

"It is the hope of the institutions staff that students will become comfortable and make important connections with the college and remember their experiences here," Carabell said. "Hopefully they will return as an SCTC student in the future."

### SCTC Watercolor Workshop



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**Participants at the Ojibway Floral Watercolor Workshop create paintings with the guidance of Faith Carmona-Pego in the Seventh Generation ceremonial building on Wednesday, July 11.**



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## Hall of Fame legends rock the outdoor Soaring Eagle stage during Blues and Bayous Tour

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Willie Nelson, with his distinct musical style and mellow energy, opened a night of music that featured three Rock and Roll Hall of Fame legends.

Joining Nelson on this particular June 26 Blues and Bayous Tour stop at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort were ZZ Top and John Fogerty.

In a black shirt and tan cowboy hat, Nelson began his hour-long set with his hit song "Whiskey River," followed by "Still is Still Moving to Me" and "Beer for My Horses," a song he recorded with Toby Keith.

"Let's do one for Waylon," he said before he started the Waylon Jennings cover of "Good Hearted Woman," during which he put his hand to his ear so the audience would sing along to the chorus.

After performing the bluesy "Funny How Time Slips Away," Nelson said, "Thank you very much. Let's do one for Merle."

He then sang Merle Haggard's "It's All Going to Pot" to the delight of the audience.

Nelson then performed "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die," and "Still Not Dead Again Today," during

which he threw his hat out into the crowd.

A piano intro started before Nelson began "If You Got the Money," after which he performed Tom T. Hall cover "Shoeshine Man" and Billy Joe Shaver cover "Georgia on a Fast Train," tossed his red bandana to the audience and sang "Sweet Caroline" and the Grammy Award-winning single "On the Road Again."

Nelson's set also included "Always on My Mind," which was featured on his 1982 number one album of the same title.

He followed that chart-topping hit with the Christian hymn "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" then launched into an untitled bluesy instrumental. "What about Hank Williams?" he asked the audience. "Could you go for it?"

After an affirmative response from the crowd, Nelson performed covers of Williams' "Jambalaya (On the Bayou)" and "Hey Good Lookin'" before ending his performance with his up-tempo version of the hymn "I'll Fly Away" and his song "Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground."

"Thank ya'll," Nelson said as he waved to the crowd during a standing ovation. "You have a good evening. We love you. Thank you."

John Fogerty, gracing the stage in jeans, a jean shirt and black jacket embellished with planets, next presented an energetic and highly entertaining set, with each number modernized by Kenny Aronoff's shockingly rocking drum skills.

With music accompanied by vintage photos and videos, Creedence Clearwater Revival's co-founder and former front man Fogerty began a night to remember with the 1970 CCR hit "Travelin' Band."

"I'm so happy to be here playing for you tonight," he said, noting he had never before performed at Soaring Eagle and invited the audience to "dance and have a good time."

Fogerty switched guitars and next performed "Hey Tonight," followed by "Rock and Roll Girls," which featured a saxophone jam. He then introduced his son Shane who was adding to the energy of his dad's music with his impressive and dynamic guitar skills.

"As you can see, I'm a very proud papa," Fogerty said. "It's really cool to have your family with you."

When Fogerty again switched guitars, he told the interesting story of how he reacquired the special 1969 Rickenbacker he was cradling. He said the guitar had been gone for 44 years when his wife Julie found, purchased and presented it to him as a Christmas gift two years ago.

"I played that guitar at Woodstock with the Grateful Dead at 2:30 in the morning," he said proudly.

Segueing into "Who'll Stop the Rain," he said, "After Woodstock, I went home and wrote this song."

After introducing his band mates, Fogerty wowed the crowd with his footwork and vocals during Little Richard cover "Good Golly Miss Molly," while his son shined on guitar.

Fogerty shared vocals with Shane during "Psycho" and took a solo on guitar during "Up Around the Bend."

"I ran into a strange man with a beard and sunglasses moseying around backstage," he then said. "Who was that man?"

ZZ Top's Billy Gibbons then joined Fogerty onstage for "Holy Grail" and "Green River."

"That was so much fun," he said. "That boy is a living legend. You know that."

Fogerty then showed appreciation for U.S. veterans.

"You guys and gals put it all on the line to protect our way of life," he said, mentioning he was drafted into the Vietnam War but stayed in the states, which, he said, made him pay attention.

"For what they put on the line for us, we can do better by them," he said before launching into "Love and War," a duet he performs with Brad Paisley who appeared in the video playing on the big screens.

The musicians next played the No. 2 American Pop Billboard hit "Who'll Stop the Rain," a song Fogerty said reminds him of his daughter; and a rocking version of "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," which featured keyboard and bass solos.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Dusty Hill (left) and Billy Gibbons (right) of ZZ Top perform "Got Me Under Pressure," during their June 26 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

Aronoff shined on drums throughout the entire set, but he performed a solo during the next song, "Keep On Chooglin'!"

The group then rocked out, accompanied by an impressive horn section during a number of Cajun-inspired songs that included "Born on the Bayou," Rockin' Sidney cover "My Toot Toot," Hank Williams' cover "Jambalaya (On the Bayou)" and Gary 'U.S.' Bonds cover "New Orleans."

Next a cowbell loudly and energetically paved the way into "Down on the Corner," which was followed by "Centerfield" from Fogerty's first single album, "The Old Man Down the Road" and CCR's "Fortunate Son."

Fogerty and his band then briefly left the stage before the crowd enthusiastically cheered them back on for "Bad Moon Rising," during which red, white and blue streamers were shot into the audience. They ended their brilliant and spirited performance with confetti and "Proud Mary."

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame blues rock band ZZ Top entered the stage as the evening's final act with no introduction to wrap up the night with a 12-song set and two encore numbers.

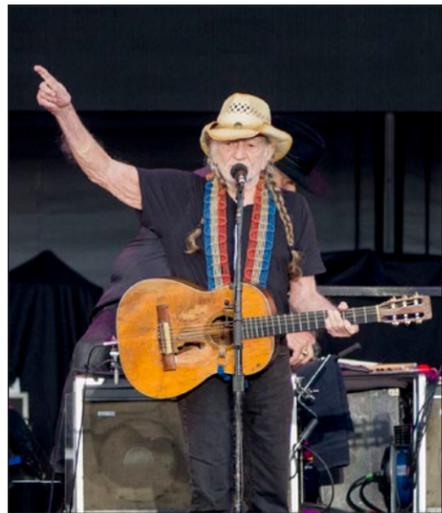
Drummer Frank Beard along with bassist Dusty Hill and guitarist and Gibbons in signature hats and shades dove right into "Got Me Under Pressure," followed by "I Thank You," "Waitin' for the Bus," "Jesus Just Left Chicago," and "Gimme All Your Lovin'."

"We're going way back," Gibbons shouted to the crowd before the band rocked "Pearl Necklace" from their album "El Loco."



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**John Fogerty brings an energy and enthusiasm that lights up the crowd during his set.**



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**Legendary outlaw country singer-songwriter Willie Nelson opens the night, thrilling the crowd with his performance.**

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## Little Big Town, Gavin Degraw, Trent Harmon take audience through musical journey

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Three talented musical acts rolled into Mount Pleasant on Saturday, July 7 for another entertaining Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor concert.

Little Big Town, Gavin Degraw and Trent Harmon each took the audience through an inspirational musical journey.

Founded in 1989, American country music group Little Big Town has consistently held the same four members since its founding: Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Jimi Westbrook and Phillip Sweet.

Little Big Town is well-known for their four-part vocal harmonies, with each member alternating as lead vocalist.

The headliners began their set with their powerhouse vocals during a cover of Elton John's "Rocket Man

(I Think It's Going To Be a Long, Long Time)" before launching into their own summer anthem "Pontoon."

"When Someone Stops Loving You" showcased Westbrook's forceful, soulful vocals and "Little White Church" had the audience up and moving.

"What's up ya'll?" Fairchild asked the crowd. "We are glad to be here on a beautiful, not-humid night... We have a lot of friends here tonight, starting right here in the front row."

Little Big Town then brought a young female fan on stage to take a birthday selfie with them.

The band shared the fan had recently received a cochlear implant, a small electronic device that helps provide a sense of sound to a person who is profoundly deaf or severely hard-of-hearing. The young fan said it was only recently she heard music for the first time after receiving the device.

"Here's to many more concerts," the band said to her before singing "Happy Birthday."

Westbrook addressed the crowd before the band began a more intimate acoustic set.

"We started playing in a living room with our guitars with dreams," Westbrook said, thanking the fans for making their aspirations possible.

The band then performed the mid-tempo ballad "Bring It On Home."

"If you brought someone tonight



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music group Little Big Town performs an Elton John classic hit to open their Saturday, July 7 set during the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor concert.

you're in love with..., you snuggle them up real tight," Schlapman said before the band began "Sober."

Before beginning a Don Williams tribute by singing "Lord I Hope This Day is Good" and "I Believe in You," Sweet addressed the crowd.

"Spread some love in the air tonight, okay?" Sweet said. "... We've lost some heroes this year in music."

Next, they performed a powerful rendition and tribute to Glen Campbell by performing "Wichita Lineman," which showcased the group's incredibly solid harmonies.

The band then shifted gears and launched into the upbeat "Pavement Ends" along with their new songs "Summer Fever" and "Lost in California," in which Schlapman strutted her vocal range.

Little Big Town continued with their catchy hits "Better Man," "Tornado" and "Day Drinking."

Singing "Yeah, it feels good to finally be feelin' right/I wish we could stay all night" was the cherry on top to end the night with lyrics to "Stay All Night."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Little Big Town's (left to right) Jimi Westbrook, Kimberly Schlapman, Karen Fairchild and Phillip Sweet meet center stage after performing "Happy People."

The band returned for an encore, performing "Girl Crush," which showcased Fairchild's raw vocals and every country lover's anthem, "Boondocks."

Singer-songwriter Gavin Degraw took the stage prior to Little Big Town from 8:50 to 9:35 p.m. He rose to fame with his single "I Don't Want to Be" (2003), which he also performed.

Degraw entered the stage, giving the audience an enormous smile and wave, and then sat down at the piano.

Degraw's set proved to be authentic to the core. No need

for auto-tune with his strong, raw vocals and piano skills.

His set list included hits "Chariot," "In Love With a Girl" and "Not Over You."

Opening act Trent Harmon performed a 20-minute set at 8 p.m. to start the night off right.

Harmon, the 2016 "American Idol" winner, began his first song by belting out a few powerful a cappella notes.

Harmon has released three singles which have received airplay on country music radio including "Falling," "There's a Girl" and his most recent "You Got 'Em All."



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Singer-songwriter Gavin Degraw sits at the piano and performs his hit "Chariot."

## Z93's neXt2rock returns to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will again welcome local musicians to perform onstage in the Entertainment Hall for Cumulus Media's Great Lakes Bay Region's musical talent competition, neXt2rock.

The concert, free and open to the public, will take place on Thursday, Aug. 23 and will be hosted by Z93 (WKQZ) and WHEELZ 104.5 (WILZ) after five local winners are chosen to compete at the event.

"This competition celebrates rock music and pays tribute to radio's great legacy of launching America's most beloved musical talent," said Z93 Program Director Matt Bingham in the event's press release.

The four-month long competition began June 25 with

local artists entering original songs via the radio stations' websites TheRockStationZ93.com and WHEELZ104.5.com.

Submissions will be rated online by listeners and judged by local music professionals.

"neXt2rock 2018 is a great way for us to connect even more deeply with our growing community of rock listeners, highlighting outstanding local artists and helping discover the next rock star," Bingham said.

Cumulus Media selected Korn front man Jonathan Davis to mentor this year's outstanding rock talent and promote the competition.

"It is an honor to be chosen," Davis said in the press release. "Radio still holds such a heavy influence in music discovery, and the rock genre is relying on new artists to keep moving it forward. I'm looking forward to seeing the talent in this new generation."

The winning regional artist or group will qualify for the semi-final round of the competition, which will be judged by industry professionals. Five finalists will be chosen nationwide from the semi-finalists, earning the opportunity to compete on Oct. 4 during a live concert in Los Angeles.

The 2018 finalists, according to the press release, will be judged by Davis as well as Founder, President and CEO of Big Machine Label Group Scott Borchetta, Hall of Fame Songwriter Desmond Child and legendary wrestler and Fozzy frontman Chris Jericho.

According to the press release, finalists will be competing for "a record deal on John Varvatos Records under the Big Machine Label Group umbrella as well as substantial exposure, commensurate with a major label release, on Cumulus Radio stations nationwide."



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## Disturbed and Three Days Grace deliver heavy-hitting tracks

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Disturbed and Three Days Grace treated fans to a night of in-your-face rock. Soaring Eagle's July 12 outdoor concert featured plenty of fist pumping and head banging.

The headlining heavy metal band Disturbed set the tone for the rest of the night, opening with their aggressive singles "Immortalized" and "The Game."

Throughout the set, face melting pyrotechnics created a fiery backdrop behind the band.

Lead singer David Draiman's powerful vocals soared above the rest of the band during the songs "The Vengeful One," "Prayer" and "Liberate."

Disturbed's 16-song set fused old and new hits alike, including the hit singles "The Animal," "Stupify," "Inside the Fire," and "Stricken."

A highlight of the night proved to be Draiman's haunting vocals during a melodramatic cover of Simon & Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence."

The upbeat anthem "The Light" saw Draiman calling for the audience to hold up their lighter and phones.

Changing it up, they next played a cover of the Genesis



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Pyrotechnic flames light up the background behind Disturbed lead singer David Draiman during the July 12 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert.**

classic "Land of Confusion," before ending with the hard-driving lyrics of the hit single "Indestructible."

Disturbed played a three-piece encore featuring the hard-hitting duo of "Voices" and "Ten Thousand Fists."

To close out the night, they played "Down With the Sickness," the top single from their 2000 debut album "The Sickness."

Toronto-based rockers Three Days Grace took to the stage prior to Disturbed.

Known for their dark, brooding lyrics and heavy guitar riffs the band treated fans to a 12-song set of all their favorites.

Three Days Grace began with the "The Mountain," the first single from their 2018 album "Outsider."

This was followed by the "I Am Machine," "Break" and "Pain."

Energetic lead singer Matt Walst beckoned the crowd to make some noise. The crowd responded by chanted the band's name, which could still be heard even as they transitioned into the opening riffs of "Animal I Have Become."

The hits continued with "Infra-Red" and "Home."

The chart topping "Painkiller," was followed by the melodies of "The Good Life."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**David Draiman (left) showcases his powerful vocals, while lead guitarist Dan Donegan (right) plays the riffs of the hit single "Immortalized."**

Before playing the single, "Never Too Late," Walst once again reached out to the audience.

"Sometimes it's hard to see the light when you're surrounded by darkness, but in these times you need to find someone to talk to," Walst said. "Because, it's never too late."

Going back to their roots, Three Days Grace next performed "I Hate Everything About You," the first single from the band's self-titled 2003 debut album.

To close their set, they performed the heavy-riffed single "Riot."



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**Three Days Grace lead singer Matt Walst (front) and lead guitarist Barry Stock perform "The Mountain."**



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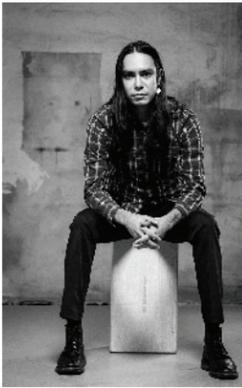
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## Nearly 300 patrons attend the annual Saganing Health and Safety Fair

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Nearly 300 patrons attended the 2018 Saganing Health and Safety Fair on Tuesday, July 17.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Saganing Tribal Center parking lot, 37 vendors provided giveaways, information and games.

Door prizes, a hot dog lunch, an inflatable obstacle course, the fire department smoke house, music and balloon twisters were also provided.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department gave away several bicycles to children, teens and adults of all ages, and the Arenac County Police Department's K-9, Esko, was present.

"Everybody (in attendance) really enjoyed the event and the variety of vendors we had," said Tim Nelson, event organizer and manager of Saganing outreach services. "There were various health care vendors as well as police (Tribal, county, state), fire, drug awareness, senior services and educational programs on site."

Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick provided 25 free blood sugar screenings to interested patrons.

"I (found) several high blood pressures which I then referred (the client) to their physicians to follow up," Sowmick said. "High blood pressure is called 'the silent



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Towards the end of the 2018 Saganing Health and Safety Fair on July 17, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police gave away several bicycles for children, teenagers and adults. Chloe Hayes (left), 7, of Midland won the 12-inch bike and poses with Tribal Police Sgt. Luke Dixon.**

killer,' as you can have it for years and feel fine, but, all along, it can damage the heart and other organs."

Sowmick also provided a variety of information about Nimkee Clinic's services and health promotion.

Housing Manager Rosalie Maloney hosted a booth with Taylor Brook, watershed outreach coordinator, of the Planning Department.

"(The) Housing (Department) planned to distribute a housing-needs survey to collect information from SCIT Tribal Members



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Housing Manager Rosalie Maloney (left) and Taylor Brook (right), watershed outreach coordinator for the Planning Department, pose at their booth in the Saganing Tribal Center parking lot.**

about their needs and satisfaction," Maloney said. "Our goal was to distribute and collect as many of those as we could from the Saganing members."

Maloney said it was important for her to attend on behalf of the Housing Department because the Tribe has nine Housing and Urban Development units in Standish, which her department manages.

"We like to keep in touch with those tenants and others in the surrounding community," Maloney said.

Maloney also said she enjoyed attending because she grew up in the Saganing area and spotted several familiar faces throughout the day.

"I also had the chance to chat with one of my sisters and her husband, two nieces, one nephew and one of my brothers," she said. "All of them live in that area, and some work at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick (left) provides an event attendee with a free blood sugar screening.**

In addition to the several Tribal departments in attendance, other organizations present included Covenant Health Care, Central Michigan District Health Department, Hear USA, Human Trafficking Community Group, Paramount Rehabilitation

Services, Sam's Club, Sunrise Side Senior Services, St. Mary's of Standish, Pier 360 Recovery, Michigan Blood and many more.

"The weather was perfect, and most in attendance were here the length of the event," Nelson said.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Ron Alford (left), 6, of Twining, won the 16-inch bike and poses with Sgt. Dixon.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Throughout the day, children stopped to pet the Arenac County Police Department's friendly K-9, Esko.**

## West Nile Virus detected in Michigan mosquito, bird population

### CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has notified Central Michigan District Health Department that West Nile Virus is being detected in the mosquito and bird population in Michigan.

Conditions have been good for mosquito development this summer. With an abundance of mosquitoes, the possibility of mosquito-borne disease increases.

While West Nile Virus is

the most prevalent mosquito-borne disease in Michigan, mosquitos can also transmit St. Louis encephalitis, Eastern equine encephalitis and the California group of encephalitis viruses that includes La Crosse encephalitis.

Zika Virus, another mosquito-borne disease, is not present in Michigan because the mosquito that transmits Zika is not currently found in Michigan.

Infected mosquitos can transmit West Nile Virus to animals, birds and humans. The virus does not spread from person to person.

Symptoms occur in only one in five infected and may

include mild illness with fever, headache and body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. More serious illnesses occurs in one out of 150 infected and is more likely to occur in those over 60 years of age; it usually presents as encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord).

The overall risk of getting a mosquito-transmitted disease is very low, but, because the illness could become life threatening, precautions should be taken. Persons who experience high fever, severe or unusual headaches, neck stiffness, seizures or other

unusual symptoms should seek medical care as soon as possible. Prevention tips include the following:

- Avoid activities in areas where large numbers of mosquitoes are present.
- Wear long sleeves when outdoors, especially at dusk and at dawn.
- Apply insect repellent to exposed skin. An effective repellent will contain the active ingredient DEET. When applying DEET to young children, spray DEET on a cloth and then wipe it on a child's skin so that the eyes and hands do not receive direct spray. (The Environmental Protection Agency has a website that can help you find a repellent that is right for you. Find the right repellent at [www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you](http://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/find-repellent-right-you))

Spray clothing with repellents containing DEET because mosquitoes may bite through thin clothing. Whenever you use an insecticide or insect repellent, be sure to read and follow the label for use. NOTE: Vitamin B and "ultrasonic" devices are not effective in preventing mosquito bites.

• Treat clothing and gear with permethrin or purchase pre-treated clothing; this will repel mosquito and other insects even after multiple washes.

• Drain water from potential mosquito breeding sites including flowerpots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, cans and similar items in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.

• Make sure your window screens are kept in good repair and that all of your doors are shut tightly.

• Keep your lawn mowed to reduce hiding places for mosquitos.

West Nile Virus is most commonly found in crows, ravens, blue jays and starlings. If you find a dead bird, it can be reported at [secure1.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/4](http://secure1.state.mi.us/ORS/Survey/4). By reporting dead birds, you can help experts determine when the West Nile Virus risk is increasing. A rapid rise in dead bird numbers precedes an increased risk to humans.

More information about mosquito-borne diseases and other emerging diseases can be found at [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases).

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule August 2018

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
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	
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	



## Naloxone: What is it? What are its effects?

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

Naloxone (Narcan) is an antidote to opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist that is used to reverse the effects of opioids.

Naloxone works by blocking opiate receptor sites. It is not effective in treating overdoses of benzodiazepines (such as Valium, Xanax or Klonopin), barbiturates (Seconal or Fiorinal), clonidine, Elavil, GHB or ketamine.

Naloxone also is not effective in treating overdoses of stimulants such as cocaine

and amphetamines (including methamphetamine and Ecstasy). However, if opioids are taken in combination with other sedatives or stimulants, naloxone may be helpful.

**Important safety information:** Naloxone may cause dizziness, drowsiness or fainting. These effects may be worse if you take it with alcohol or certain medicines. Use naloxone with caution. Do not drive or perform other possibly unsafe tasks until you know how you react to it. If you experience a return of symptoms (such as drowsiness or difficulty breathing), get help immediately.

**Report any side effects:** Get emergency medical help if you have any signs of an allergic reaction after taking naloxone, such as hives, difficulty breathing or swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat.

**Call your doctor or 911 at once if you have a serious side effect such as any of the following:**

- Chest pain or fast or irregular heartbeats
- Dry cough, wheezing or feeling short of breath
- Sweating, severe nausea or vomiting
- Severe headache, agitation, anxiety, confusion or ringing in your ears
- Seizures (convulsions)
- Feeling like you may pass out
- Slow heart rate, weak pulse, fainting or slowed breathing.

**If you are being treated for dependence on opioid drugs (either an illicit drug like heroin or a medication prescribed for pain), you may experience the following symptoms of opioid withdrawal after taking naloxone:**

- Feeling nervous, restless or irritable
- Body aches
- Dizziness or weakness
- Diarrhea, stomach pain or mild nausea
- Fever, chills or goose bumps
- Sneezing or runny nose in the absence of a cold

This is not a complete list of side effects, and others may occur. Talk to your doctor about side effects and how to deal with them.

**Store naloxone in a safe place:** Naloxone is usually handled and stored by a health care provider. If you are using naloxone at home, store it in a locked cabinet or other space that is out of the reach of children or pets.

**Summary: how to avoid opioid overdose**

1. Take medicine only if it has been prescribed to you by your doctor.

2. Do not take more medicine or take it more often than instructed.

3. Call a doctor if your pain worsens.

4. Never mix pain medicines with alcohol, sleeping pills or any illicit substance.

5. Store your medicine in a safe place where children or pets cannot reach it.

6. Learn the signs of overdose and how to use naloxone to keep it from becoming fatal.

7. Teach your family and friends how to respond to an overdose.

8. Dispose of unused medication properly.

*Read more at: [fda.gov/drugs/drugsafety/postmarketdrugsafetyinformationforpatientsandproviders/ucm472923.htm](http://fda.gov/drugs/drugsafety/postmarketdrugsafetyinformationforpatientsandproviders/ucm472923.htm).*

## Trimming pesticide residues in conventionally-grown produce

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RDN

*(Editor's note: The following article was provided by the August 2018 Environmental Nutrition.)*

It is that time of year again to tune into the Dirty Dozen™, based on the Environmental Working Group's analysis of USDA tests on pesticide residues on conventionally-grown produce.

Even if you wash and peel produce, pesticide residues in

conventional fruits and vegetables persist; almost 70 percent of conventional produce samples showed pesticide residues, according to the USDA.

A total of 230 different pesticides and pesticide breakdown products were present in the produce sampled.

The Dirty Dozen™ Shopper's Guide lists the produce with the highest amounts of pesticide residues in descending order, based on the USDA analysis of more than 38,800 samples.

The Shopper's Guide is not meant to be an assessment of pesticide risk – it reflects the pesticide load of common produce, serving as a guide for which produce should be prioritized as organic.

It is important to note that 99 percent of produce has pesticide levels below EPA's safety tolerances. It is also important to fit produce into your diet as your first priority for health, so do not avoid produce due to pesticide fears.

### The Dirty Dozen™ Shopper's Guide

These fruits and vegetables have the highest loads of pesticide residues, in descending order.

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Strawberries | 7. Cherries            |
| 2. Spinach      | 8. Pears               |
| 3. Nectarines   | 9. Tomatoes            |
| 4. Apples       | 10. Celery             |
| 5. Grapes       | 11. Potatoes           |
| 6. Peaches      | 12. Sweet Bell Peppers |

Source: EWG

### FINDING QUALITY TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

FOR A DRUG OR ALCOHOL USE EMERGENCY, CALL 911 OR GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY ROOM

#### THREE STEPS TO ACCESSING CARE

1. **If you have insurance:** Contact your insurer. Ask about your coverage and whether they have a network of preferred providers for you to use.  
**If you don't have insurance:** Each state has funding to provide treatment for people without insurance coverage. Find where to call for information about payment for services at: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssa-directory.pdf>
2. Review the websites of the providers and see if they have the [five signs of quality treatment](#) detailed below.
3. Call for an appointment. If they can't see you or your family member [within 48 hours](#), find another provider. One indicator of quality is the ability to get an appointment quickly. Many programs offer walk-in services. Look for programs that can get you or a family member into treatment quickly.

#### FIVE SIGNS OF QUALITY TREATMENT

You can use these questions to help decide about the quality of a treatment provider and the types of services offered. Quality programs should offer a full range of services accepted as effective in treatment and recovery from substance use disorders and should be matched to a person's needs.

1. **Accreditation:** Has the program been licensed or certified by the state? Is the program currently in good standing in the state? Are the staff qualified? Good quality programs will have a good inspection record and both the program and the staff should have received training in treatment of substance use and mental disorders and be licensed or registered in the state. Does the program conduct satisfaction surveys? Can they show you how people using their services have rated them?
2. **Medication:** Does the program offer FDA approved medication for recovery from alcohol and opioid use disorders? At this point in time, there are no FDA approved medications to help to prevent relapse from other problem substances.
3. **Evidence-Based Practices:** Does the program offer treatments that have been proven to be effective in treating substance use disorders including medication management therapies, such as motivational therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, drug and alcohol counseling, education about the risks of drug and alcohol use, and peer support? Does the program either provide or help to obtain medical care for physical health issues?
4. **Families:** Does the program include family members in the treatment process? Family members have an important role in understanding the impact of addiction on families and providing support.
5. **Supports:** Does the program provide ongoing treatment and supports beyond just treating the substance issues? For many people addiction is a chronic condition and requires ongoing medication and supports. Quality programs provide treatment for the long term which may include ongoing counseling or recovery coaching and support, and helps in meeting other basic needs like sober housing, employment supports, and continued family involvement.

SAMHSA's mission is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities.  
1-877-SAMHSA-7 (1-877-726-4727) • 1-800-487-4889 (TDD) • [www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)



#### Treatment Locators

Substance Use and Mental Health

Treatment Locator:

<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>

1-800-662-HELP (4357)

1-800-487-4899 (TTY)

Alcohol Treatment Navigator:

<https://alcoholtreatment.niaaa.nih.gov/>

### Greek Zoodle Salad

**Prep:** 15 minutes

**Ready in:** 25 minutes

**Recipe by:** France C.

"Zoodles (zucchini noodles) are a great alternative to high-carb pasta salads."

#### Ingredients:

- 2 zucchini
- 1/4 English cucumber, chopped
- 10 cherry tomatoes, halved, or more to taste
- 10 pitted kalamata olives, halved, or more to taste
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 2 ounces crumbled regular (or reduced-fat) feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- salt and ground black pepper to taste

#### Directions:

1. Cut zucchini into noodle-shaped strands using a spiralizing tool. Place "zoodles" in a large bowl and top with cucumber, tomatoes, olives, red onion and feta cheese.
2. Whisk olive oil, lemon juice, oregano, salt and pepper together in a bowl until dressing is smooth, pour over "zoodle" mixture and toss to coat. Marinate salad in refrigerator for 10 to 15 minutes.

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## Andahwod residents, elders make homemade mosquito traps

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On Friday, July 6, several residents of Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services made DIY mosquito traps.

The traps were made with 2-liter plastic bottles, water, brown sugar and yeast.

Tomarrah Green, elder community activity assistant, led the activity, assisted the elders and took photographs of the progress.

The recipe is provided on the right.



Courtesy of Tomarrah Green



Courtesy of Tomarrah Green

Andahwod residents Sue Kequom (left photo) and LeEtta Hansen (right photo) work on their mosquito traps on on July 6. The traps were made using plastic bottles, water, brown sugar and yeast.

### Homemade mosquito traps

#### Items needed:

- 1 cup of water
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 gram of yeast (2¼ teaspoon)
- 2-liter plastic bottle



#### How to do it:

1. Cut the plastic bottle in half.
2. Mix brown sugar with hot water. Let cool. When cold, pour in the bottom half of the bottle.
3. Add the yeast. No need to mix. It creates carbon dioxide which attracts mosquitoes.
4. Place the funnel part, upside down, into the other half of the bottle, taping them together if desired.
5. Wrap the bottle with something black, leaving the top uncovered, and place it outside in an area away from your normal gathering area. (Mosquitoes are also drawn to the color black.) Needs to ferment before it will activate and attract mosquitos.

## Elders enjoy activities in local community



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green

On July 12 and 14, elders with Tomarrah Green, community activities assistant, ventured around the local community and in downtown Mount Pleasant to enjoy many activities including the car show, lunch by the river in Island Park, yard sales, Doozie's Ice Cream Place, Downtown Drugs and Soda Shoppe, coffee at Stan's and an evening fishing trip.

## AUGUST 2018

### Tribal Elder Birthdays

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



**Aug. 1, 2018**  
5 - 7 p.m. | Andahwod



- Door prizes
- Dinner
- Every family receives a board game.

For more information, please contact:  
Shuna Stevens at 989.775.4850 or shstevens@sagchip.org



## August Andahwod events

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

**Bingo with Friends**   
Aug. 13 | 1-3 p.m.

**Family Game Night**   
Aug. 1 | 5-7 p.m.

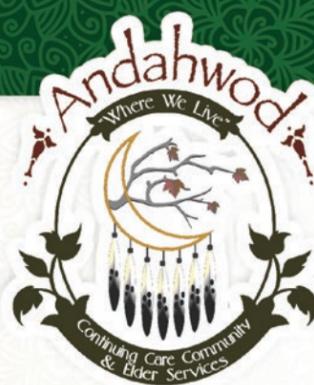
**Name That Tune**   
Aug. 14 | 3-4 p.m.

**Language Bingo**   
Aug. 2 | 1-3 p.m.

**End of Summer Bingo**   
Aug. 18 | 1-3 p.m.  
• \$15 per packet

**Elders Breakfast**   
Aug. 8 & 22 | 9-10 a.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



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



## AUGUST 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### AIMS Family Game Night

Aug. 1 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
 • Andahwod  
 • 989.775.4850 or [shstevens@sagchip.org](mailto:shstevens@sagchip.org)  
 • Door prizes and dinner

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health  
 • 989.775.4895  
 Aug. 1, 15 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

### Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation Blue House  
 • 989.775.4780

### Friday Night Skins

Aug. 3, 24, 31 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.  
 • Waabooz Run Golf Course  
 • 989.817.4802  
 Aug. 10, 17 | Shotgun start: 5:30 p.m.  
 • Pleasant Hills  
 • 989.772.0487

### Summer Fun Friday Challenge

Aug. 3: Imax Movie (Lansing)  
 Aug. 10: TC Paintball Outing (Walker)  
 Aug. 24: Michigan Adventures Trip  
 Aug. 31: Cedar Point Trip  
 • 989.817.4115 or [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)

### Who's Your Caddy Golf Tournament

Aug. 5 | 10 a.m. shotgun start  
 • Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd)  
 • 989.775.4149  
 • Four person scramble - \$75 per player, \$300 per team

### Daughters & Sons of Tradition Facilitator Training

Aug. 7-9 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 • Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  
 • 989.775.4850

### Love & Logic Parenting Class

Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
 • Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center  
 • 989.775.4616  
 • For caregivers of children from 6 years old to teenagers

### Rez Ball 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Aug. 8 | 4 p.m. | Registration starts at 2 p.m.  
 • Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel  
 • 989.775.4149 or 989.775.4121  
 • \$15 per player (four person max per team)  
 • Four age groups  
 • Open to the public  
 • First place trophies

### Summer Bass Fishing Tournaments

August 10: Sanford Lake (all day) | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 • Price: \$25  
 August 24: SCIT Tribal Classic (all day) | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 • Fisherman's choice on location  
 • Price: \$25  
 • 989.775.4115 or [DMerrill@sagchip.org](mailto:DMerrill@sagchip.org)

### Family Spirit Celebrating Dads

Aug. 15 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 • The Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park  
 • 989.775.4621

### Feather Workshop

Aug. 15, 16 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • 989.775.4780

### Preserve the Harvest: Canning 101

Aug. 16 | 12 - 2 p.m. or 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen  
 • Registration required: 989.775.4600  
 • Best practices for canning and freezing tomatoes

### AIMS Youth Fishing Tournament

Aug. 16 | 12 - 3 p.m. | Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.  
 • Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park  
 • 989.944.0495 or [kricketts@sagchip.org](mailto:kricketts@sagchip.org)

### Youth Summit

Aug. 17-19 | Registration: Friday from 5-9 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • 989.621.9375 or [tojackson@sagchip.org](mailto:tojackson@sagchip.org)

### AIMS Cupcake Wars

Aug. 22 | 1 - 3 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • 989.775.4850 or [shstevens@sagchip.org](mailto:shstevens@sagchip.org)  
 • Prizes will be rewarded. Open to grades K-12.

### AIMS Family Fun Night

Aug. 22 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
 • Broadway Park  
 • 989.775.4850 or [shstevens@sagchip.org](mailto:shstevens@sagchip.org)

### People's Traditional Powwow

Aug. 24, 25, 26  
 • Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds  
 • 989.775.4780  
 • Friday: Lacrosse tournament and live music  
 • Saturday grand entries: 1 and 7 p.m.  
 • Sunday grand entry: 1 p.m.

### Anishinaabemowin Symposium

Sept. 7, 8 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 • Ziibiwing Center  
 • 989.775.4110 or 989.775.4026

## AUGUST 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<b>Summer Ph.D Challenge</b> <b>July 9 - Aug. 22</b> Every Monday and Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.   SCTC East Building Room 6 <i>Beading, sewing, regalia, moccasins or appliques.                      Repair or finish your projects!</i>		<b>1</b> Water Warriors Saganing   8:30 a.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. Saganing Talking Circle Saganing   5 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops   5 p.m.	<b>2</b> Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. D. Dowd Traditional Healer B. Health   10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FAN Support Group Seniors Room   7-9 p.m. Community Sewing Night 7th Generation   5-8 p.m.	<b>3</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m. Traditional Sweat Lodge B. Health   5:30 - 11 p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>5</b> New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
<b>6</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony B. Health   8 a.m. Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m. STEAM Summer Day Camp SCTC   1 p.m.	<b>8</b> Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 a.m. Financial Workshop Tribal Gym   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.	<b>9</b> Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. Community Sewing Night 7th Generation   5-8 p.m.	<b>10</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.	<b>11</b> <b>12</b> New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
<b>13</b> Andahwod Day Trip Saganing   10:30 a.m. Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.	<b>14</b> Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony and Eagle Wing Smudging B. Health   8 a.m.	<b>15</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. Saganing Talking Circle Saganing   5 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops   5 p.m. Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m.	<b>16</b> Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m. Sacred Fire lunches 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   12 - 1 p.m. FAN Forum Ziibiwing   7 p.m. Back to School Bash SCTC   11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tribal Observer Deadline   5 p.m.	<b>17</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m. Saganing Women's Retreat Saganing   10:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> <b>19</b> New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
<b>20</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.	<b>21</b> Back to School Saganing   12 p.m. Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony and Eagle Wing Smudging B. Health   8 a.m.	<b>22</b> Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. Basket Workshop SCTC   10 a.m.	<b>23</b> Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. K-12 Back to School Housing   5 p.m. Community Sewing Night 7th Generation   5-8 p.m. Basket Workshop SCTC   10 a.m.	<b>24</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.	<b>25</b> Birthday Bingo Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m. Community Lacrosse 7th Generation   10 a.m. <b>26</b> New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
<b>27</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.	<b>28</b> Breakfast Saganing   10:30 a.m. Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health   7 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony and Eagle Wing Smudging B. Health   8 a.m.	<b>29</b> Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops   5 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.	<b>30</b> Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m. Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   12 - 1 p.m. Open House SCA   5 p.m. Community Sewing Night 7th Generation   5-8 p.m.	<b>31</b> Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod   7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga   6 p.m.	● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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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.

##### 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. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking Ojibwe.

##### 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.

##### 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. Three years in a supervisory capacity.

##### 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.

##### Resident Service Aide

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience with older adults preferred.

##### Elder Community Activities Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Six months working with elders or activity planning.

##### Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple disciplines, organizations, community systems and a diverse population. Knowledge of Native American traditions and culture 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. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. 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. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain.

##### Purchased Referred Care Clerk

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Two years of medical office experience. Experience with insurance carriers. Good written and communication skills. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite of software.

##### Administrative Assistant II

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Four years administrative support experience or associate degree. Two years administrative support experience.

##### Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year nursing experience. Experience with older adults preferred.

##### Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree in archaeology, museum studies, library science or related field. Master's degree preferred. Three years experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

### SECR

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. One year receiving or experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills with Microsoft Office, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment. Must be experienced on stand up or sit-down fork lift or must be able to be certified within 90-days of hire/transfer.

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or must be able to be certified within 90 days of hire/transfer.

##### 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.

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Waitstaff FT

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. Two years of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience. Associate degree in hospitality, business administration or related field or earned 48 college credit hours preferred.

##### Housekeeper PT

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.

##### Bartender PT Seasonal

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

##### Guest Relations Rep PT

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

##### Guest Relations Rep FT

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

##### Server Assistant PT

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

##### Line Server 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.

##### 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.

##### Entertainment Security Officer

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.

##### 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.

##### Security Officer PT

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

##### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year receiving or 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. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

##### Finance Cashier PT

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

##### Carpet/Tile/Wood Flooring Technician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Three years experience in a flooring installer position or five years of experience in a building maintenance position with carpentry/flooring responsibilities.

##### Steward PT

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

##### Laundry Attendant PT

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

##### Grounds Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience in landscaping and grounds maintenance in an upscale resort.

##### F&B Custodial Worker PT

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

##### F&B Custodial Worker FT

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

##### Bingo Floorworker PT

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

##### Culinary Supervisor FT

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 banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federa-

tion (ACF) accredited school preferred. Six months of lead or supervisory experience.

##### Bartender PT

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

##### Bartender FT

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

##### Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

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

##### Host/Hostess

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

### SELC & Saganing

##### Players Club Representative PT

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field.

##### Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field. Three years help desk experience. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

##### Beverage Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

##### Security Officer PT

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

##### F&B Attendant PT

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### F&B Attendant FT

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### Maintenance Worker PT

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

##### Count Team Associate PT

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

### Now Seeking

## Tribal Preference Candidates

Human Resources Office of Anishinabe Workforce Developer Seeking Tribal preference candidates interested in short-term, temporary employment opportunities.

Immediate placements available for Tribal preference candidates who complete and pass fingerprint and background checks.

- **Cost:** The personal cost to applicants is \$65 for the fingerprint portion.
- **Documentation:** Driver's license, certifications and Tribal identification are needed at time of application.
- **Location of placement may include:** Andahwod, Behavioral Health, Nimkee, Education or Recreation.

\* Other non-background check temporary positions do arise on occasion, and applicants for this type of work may apply at any time.

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## Ziibiwing Center's NativeFest hosts car bingo, classic car show, music and comedy night

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The week of the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow also brings NativeFest: a celebration of North American Indian culture.

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways again hosted the 2018 occasion on July 24-25.

Festivities began Tuesday, July 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. with Indian Car Bingo in the Ziibiwing Center's parking lot.

"When you're ready, call that bingo!" said caller Bernie Sprague, frequently, after announcing the numbers.

Registration began at 4:30 p.m. and was \$20 per person.

"We have a total of 116 cars, and that's on par from last year," said Shannon Martin, director of the Ziibiwing Center, at the event.

Research Center Coordinator Anita Heard also reported 273 people bought packets to play.

Martin said this is the 12th year the Ziibiwing Center has hosted car bingo, but the game originated on SCIT grounds up at The Hill in the '70s.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was the second tribe to start organized high

stakes bingo on the Reservation in 1981," Martin said.

The event's bingo callers Bernie and Bonnie Sprague both have bingo experience.

Bernie Sprague was one of the first bingo workers in 1981, and Bonnie Sprague was one of six to travel to the Seminole Tribe of Florida – the first high stakes operation in the country – to present knowledge back to the SCIT community.

Bernie and Bonnie have been the bingo callers for Ziibiwing's event every year now, Martin said.

Several prizes were awarded including the \$1,200 grand prize in gift cards.

Christina Benz won the 50/50 raffle.

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

The fun continued the following evening, Wednesday, July 25, during Music and Comedy Night.

From 5 to 9 p.m., event attendees could enjoy pony rides, face painting, temporary glitter tattoos, balloon animals, a petting zoo (goats, sheep, ducks, rabbits and more), \$5 caricatures and a children's bounce house.

New this year was the Cruise-in Car Show, sponsored by the Member Services Department.

More than a dozen classic cars parked along Ziibiwing Center's lot for attendees to view.

A complimentary dinner was provided at 5:30 p.m. by Nbakade Family Restaurant.

Native American musician Jody Gaskin took the stage at 6 p.m. to perform rock, blues, contemporary and original tunes. Gaskin sang and took turns performing songs on guitar, flute and drums.

Gaskin is also a Native storyteller and a traditional and hoop dancer.

"To hear an old-timer speak that language (Anishinaabemowin), it sounds like they're singing," Gaskin said proudly of his heritage. "I'm so glad that the Creator made me Anishinabe."

Contests began at 7 p.m. with a comedy slam and hula hoop competition.

Throughout the week, Ziibiwing Center also hosted a collection showing of artistic expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa from the museum's permanent collection. The collection was on display June 23-29.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

