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Tribe honored during Central Michigan University's Traditions Day football game

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

As the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University continue their respectful partnership, the pairing continues to make history.

For the first time in recorded history, the CMU Chippewas – football players and coaching staff – joined Tribal community members and CMU officials and gathered around the drum on the turf as Onion Creek drummers presented an honor song during the university's Oct. 13 Traditions Day.

Prior to the 3 p.m. kick-off, Tribal youth and their families formed a fan tunnel to greet the Chippewas onto the Kelly Shorts/Stadium field.

The Tribal community, along with Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl, then gathered around the drum as the university paid tribute to the Tribe.

"The entire football team joined the circle and surrounded the drum," said Chief Ekdahl, also a former CMU Chippewas football

player. "This is the first and only time I believe that there has been this kind of interaction. It truly was moving to be a part of."

The game's announcer began the day with a "Boozhu! Welcome to Traditions Day!"

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez, also in attendance, said this year "was significant" as the players joined alongside the drum.

"This is a credit to the administrative staff, coaching staff and players at Central Michigan University, as well as the leadership of the Tribe, in organizing such an impactful display," Rodriguez said.

Ekdahl, his wife and children, and Tribal Council Treasurer Craig Graveratte were recognized on the field with the new CMU President Robert O. Davies during the media timeout in the first quarter.

The Tribe and its Public Relations Department also hosted a pre-game family-friendly tailgate near the scoreboard from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and provided Domino's Pizza and Subway sandwiches to those visiting the tent.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl, his wife and children, and Tribal Council Treasurer Craig Graveratte were recognized on the field with Central Michigan University's new President Robert O. Davies, CMU officials and cheerleaders during the first quarter of the college's Oct. 13 Traditions Day football game.

The Tribal Public Relations Department received 200 complimentary tickets to the game to give to Tribal community members.

"We continue to strengthen our partnership and move forward collectively in the outreach and awareness efforts to showcase our cultural and understand the true meaning of the Chippewa name," Rodriguez said.

In 2002, Maynard Kahgegab Jr., then tribal chief, and Michael Rao, then CMU president,

signed a proclamation pledging their support for strengthening the relationship between the Tribe and the university "for the enhancement of each other's goals and visions and for the greater good of all residents of the region, state, and nation."

The proclamation included a statement of support for the university's continued use of the Chippewas nickname. CMU's approach to the Chippewas nickname entails using it in a respectful and honorable manner.



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Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal youth form a fan tunnel to greet the CMU Chippewas onto the Kelly Shorts/Stadium field.



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For the first time in history, the entire football team and coaching staff joined in on gathering around the drum during an honor song.

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Beverly Ann Vasquez (Pelcher)

Nov. 19, 1942 - Oct. 10, 2018

Beverly Ann Vasquez (Pelcher), age 75, of Mount Pleasant passed away Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Beverly was born on Nov. 19, 1942, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Bemis Pelcher and Beatrice (Davis) Peters.

Beverly was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She worked for Amway Corporation in her early years and many years at Soaring Eagle Gaming.

Beverly loved spending time with her sisters and especially her grandchildren. In her free time, she enjoyed spending time playing slots, staying at the hotel, and loved watching the Detroit Tigers.

Beverly is survived by her children, Bonnie (Bernard) Sprague, Terry Vasquez, Kenneth Vasquez, Mark (Kandy) Ojeda-Vasquez, Sandra (Dan) McCreery, Omero "Mize" (Candy) Vasquez, Alan "Gene" Vasquez, and Jennifer Wassegijig; 33 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; siblings, Garland Moses, Helen (Julius) Peters, Larry "Cod" (Vicki) Pelcher, Harry (Denise) Pelcher, Sue (William) Durfee, Ruth Moses, and Dejay Elk; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; grandchildren, Taylor "Kook" Vasquez and Ridge Jackson; son-in-law, Allan Wassegijig; and siblings, Josephine (Willis Jr.) Jackson and Caroline Pelcher.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Oct. 15 with Pastor Kenny Sault from Ontario, Canada officiating. Interment followed in the Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Cancer Services.



Frederick J. "Pudgy" Stevens

Oct. 27, 1933 - Oct. 13, 2018

Frederick J. "Pudgy" Stevens of St. Charles, age 84, died Saturday, October 13, 2018 at his residence.

Pudgy was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Saginaw to the late Simon and Mabel (Turner) Stevens and was a resident of St. Charles most of his life.

He married Mabel Frasier in 1955, in St. Charles. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 2014. Mr. Stevens was employed at St. Charles Hardwood for many years. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Pudgy enjoyed fishing, camping, shopping, going to rummage sales and spending time with his family.

Surviving are children: Darlene (Richard) Munro, Vicky Madosh, Sherry (Dan) Obrecht, Kimberly Lewis, Gregory Stevens, Rosalie (Ron) Stevens, Kelley Stevens, Fitzgerald (Angie) Stevens, Frederick (Kathryn) Stevens and Jeremy (Katrina) Stevens; son-in-law, Gilbert Silva; sister-in-law, Mary Stevens; 38 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild arriving soon; siblings: Russel Mackety, Ted (Diane) Stevens, Bea Seger, Wanda Schmitter; many nieces, nephews and dear friends; and his beloved dog, Peanut.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Robin Silva; siblings: Anna May Slavic, Bud Stevens, Don Stevens, Gail Stevens and Richard Stevens; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Eden Frasier and Mabel Nelson.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 19, 2018, at the Misiuk Funeral Home in Chesaning with burial to following in Brant Cemetery.

A special thanks to Davita Dialysis unit in Alma. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the family.

You may light a memorial candle or share a memory at misiukfuneralhome.com.



Jo Kathy Sprague

Nov. 26, 1951 - Oct. 12, 2018

Jo Kathy Sprague, age 66, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, surrounded by her family at Andahwod in Mt. Pleasant.

Jo Kathy was born Nov. 26, 1951, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Philemon and Eleanor (Thomas) Sprague. She worked as a security guard manager at the casino and as a librarian at the Tribal Library.

Jo Kathy was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and attended the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Methodist Church. She loved bingo, bowling, playing dice, and traveling. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family.

Jo Kathy is survived by her daughters Sharon Bennett (Robert Sheahan), Carla Jo Bennett, and Laura Perez, all of Mt. Pleasant; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; brothers Philemon "Bean" Sprague, Larry Sprague, Ken Sprague (Marilyn Johnson), Bernard (Bonnie) Sprague, sister Barb Sprague, all of Mt. Pleasant; and her dog Giida.

Jo Kathy was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents Eli and Betsie Thomas; three sisters Rebecca, Shirley, and Phyllis; four brothers Phillip, Gary, Wayne, and Rocky; and two granddaughters Lynnova Rose Sheahan and Lakaysha Kay Thomas.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17 in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Gym with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. The Sprague family would like to extend a special thank you to her good friend Brenda Neosh for being by her side.



Betty "Raine" Stallcup

July 2, 1951 - Sept. 26, 2018

Betty "Raine" Stallcup, age 67, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 at Hospice Home of Mid-Michigan in Lansing.

Raine was born July 2, 1951 in Lansing to Robert and Florence Jackson. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and cats.

Surviving are a son and spouse, Daryan (Christan) Stallcup; grandchildren, Daryan, Jr., Ariel, Nick, Khloee and Madison; great granddaughter, Roselynn; brothers Ronald (Barb) Jackson, Roland Jackson and Roger Jackson and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded by her parents, sisters, Roberta, Loretta, Eleanor and brothers, Robert Jr., Donald and Jack.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 1, 2018 at Kendall Funeral Home in St. Charles, Mich., with Rev. Ernesto Mariona officiating. Burial services were held in Riverside Cemetery, St. Charles.



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Submit your photos to Observer@sagchip.org to display your buck in the January 2019 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: Nov. 16, 2018

Active Native Youth



Deadline: Nov. 16, 2018

Send in a photo of your students to be featured in the December 2018 issue of the Tribal Observer.

Email your photo and information to Observer@sagchip.org

Please include the following:

- Name • School • Grade • Sport/activity

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Nov. 15, Dec. 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: Nov. 1, Dec. 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.

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to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



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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.



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

- Nov. 6
- Dec. 4



Happy Birthday Donna

Love, Mom, Dad and Dasia



Happy Birthday

to a kind, sweet little girl...

Love, Mom, Dad, and family



Happy Birthday!

Nevaeh Badger and Gramma Bev!

November 19th



Happy 2nd Birthday Ava Rose

Mama loves you! Nov 30th



Happy Heavenly Birthday

...to the late Reverend Carol A. Bennett

November 18th

Your inspiring character and gift to see others potential is still remembered. The example you set of strength was in your compassionate pursue of God and helping others. Thank you for the legacy you have set in word and deed. We miss you, until we meet again—Your family.



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

The Tribal Library now has streaming video available! You can check it out just like an eBook, using your Tribal Library card.

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In an effort to better serve the SCIT Membership, the Tribal Clerk's Office has added a spot for you to provide your email on the Annual Reports, Tribal Child Welfare Program Affidavits and Address Change Forms.

By providing your email, it will speed up the process of you receiving your requested forms and delivery of your processed copies. Along with this service being offered also come the added benefit of being a cost effective method of communication verses the cost of U.S. Mail.

Please rest assured that the use of your email will solely be used for official Tribal Clerk business and your participation is voluntary.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051.

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

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

Order Establishing Deer Season 2018 (Amended³)

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2018 Deer Season began Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, and will close on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, unless ordered otherwise. The 2018 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless* (*Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length. Ordinance 11, Section 103, Subdivision 2)
- One restricted (restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side.)
- One antlered (any size antlered)

Licenses and harvest tags are available at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags allowed per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

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

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

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property two weeks before the start of deer season as stated above and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date as stated above. Remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc.. are permitted, except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area or they will be subject to confiscation.

³ Order amended to clarify antlered and restricted tags as defines by the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee



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Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

One vacancy only

Letters of interest must be submitted to **Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by Dec. 1, 2018**. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989.775.4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Let Peace Reign event held in correlation with International Day of Peace

CHERYL GONZALEZ

Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Sept. 29, the Human Rights Committee of Isabella County hosted the Let Peace Reign event at Island Park, in correlation with the International Day of Peace.

The event was an idea from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal committee representative, Amy Shawboose, in an effort to come together to embrace peace through sharing a laugh, a story and a meal.

The celebration was a non-partisan, non-religious, non-discriminatory opportunity for the Mount Pleasant community to come together and celebrate differences.

Shawboose said “to be kind to those that we come in contact with and understand that we all have our own struggles, we all come from different backgrounds and have different thoughts but that we all live on the same planet and should make every effort to work together as human beings to create peace.”

The event proceeded a peace walk that went from City Hall to Island Park with busing that allowed those who were unable to make the walk to participate in the event.

The Installation of Peace included speakers Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents.



Central Michigan University representatives included the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Dean Richard Rothaus and Ari Berk and Maureen Eke. President Robert O. Davies and Chief Diversity Officer A.T. Miller were invited but unavailable.

Chief Ekdahl shared his identifiable peace as bedtime with his children and wife. Quast-Lents had a similar share but humorously stated that her peace came after the children were sleeping.

Rothaus, Berk, and Eke shared stories of peace pertaining to different parts of the country.

An evening of community peace pursued with music, games, and tons of prizes donated from Mount Pleasant community businesses.

There was an open mic opportunity for community members to share their stories of peace and was followed by a peace candlelight vigil with words of thanks from Human Rights Committee Chair Maureen Eke.

Let Peace Reign will be an annual event, proceeding September 2019.

For more information on the Human Rights Committee of Isabella County, please visit: www.isabellacounty.org/dept-2/hrc or email hrcisabellacounty@gmail.com.

Meetings are open to the public and are on the first Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Isabella County Building, room 225.

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 du even when the right way is not the easiest way.



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City of Mount Pleasant proclaims Oct. 8 Indigenous Peoples' Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Shortly after 7 p.m. at the Oct. 8 City Commission meeting, City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents read and presented a proclamation to Tribal Council members, recognizing Oct. 8, 2018 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The proclamation was followed by a ceremonial drum honor song.

That same day to also recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day, Central Michigan University raised awareness for the missing and murdered indigenous women by placing silhouettes of Indigenous women along the walkway from Bovee UC



Courtesy of Hunter McLaren, CMLife photographer

Community drummers perform an honor song at the Oct. 8 City Commission meeting after the Mount Pleasant mayor read a proclamation to declare the day Indigenous Peoples' Day.

to Anspach Hall on campus, displayed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The purpose of the display was to bring awareness

to the ongoing issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women in the United States and Canada.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Allison Quast-Lents (sixth from left) and City Manager Nancy Ridley (fourth from right) present the Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation to Tribal Council.

"The silhouettes of Indigenous women will represent our stolen sisters," the awareness poster stated. "Statistics on them, such as one in three Native American women will experience violence in their lifetime, will

show the terrifying reality of this topic."

The university's recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day was sponsored by the Office of Native American Programs and North American Indigenous Student Organization.

Tribe receives \$1.9 million for the Healing To Wellness Family Court

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court has just expanded offerings in their Healing to Wellness programs that now include a five-year \$1.9 million grant to fund a family court.

The notice was received on Aug. 8 from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration), and will assist in funding a project director, nurse practitioner and a support technician.

Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon offered a special thank you to Tribal Council, Tribal Administration and the Grants department for the diligent work they have done in securing the grant for the Tribe.

"We are elated discovering we are one of only two tribes that received the Family Healing to Wellness SAMHSA grant out of five total grants being offered in the nation," Shannon said. "This is important support for our community. Along with the adult program, the family and juvenile programs will



allow the community to intervene early to address the opioid misuse problem."

The Healing to Wellness program started with a Bureau of Justice Administration from the U.S. Department of Justice in 2013 and the successful program has garnered national attention from other tribes across the nation.

Donna Patterson, strategic grants specialist from the Office of Grants & Contracts, said the Penobscot Tribe of Indian Island in Maine was the only other tribe to receive the grant.

"The grant is important because it recognizes the importance of strong tribal families, and will assist those families who need comprehensive

services to reach recovery goals," Patterson said.

Carol Emmendorfer, coordinator for the Tribal Action Plan, said the goal of the Tribal Action Plan is to develop a comprehensive prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare plan to address alcohol and other substance abuse and misuse in a holistic and supportive manner.

"The Healing to Wellness grant services individuals who are referred (primarily) by the Tribal Prosecutors office after they have committed a crime," Emmendorfer said. "The Family Court enhancement grant allows the Healing to Wellness Court to serve families who are dealing with substance abuse or misuse and who have not committed a crime. This wrap-around approach for prevention, intervention and treatment will enhance the TAP and its approach to serving the Tribal Membership."

Magistrate Carol Jackson said the grant will allow the program to assist families with the substance misuse as it "does not affect just one member, it impacts the whole family."

"As we begin creating and innovating better alternatives and potential solutions to assist our community in the fight against substance misuse, an individual, along with the families, are able to seek treatment and support without difficulty," Jackson said. "The families should have the necessary services, support, empathy, and understanding. This is a disease. Now how do we treat this, where do we go from here?"

This grant will open additional doors for further services within the Tribal community, Jackson said.

"Many Tribal departments recognize the need and are working together to address the issues and search out better solutions to become better prepared to address and assist

the community needs and concerns," Jackson said.

Jackson said the community will begin to see additional resources available in 2019 through the Tribal Court.

"We won't solve the crises and we cannot stop it immediately, this will take some time. However, throughout all our efforts, we will stand together to find better solutions and alternatives," Jackson said.

Jackson said no one stands alone in this.

"There is no shame or stigma attached for the one who suffers from this terrible disease," Jackson said.

Isabella Osawamick, outreach specialist for the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, offered a motto in the language for the new project.

"When Joseph (Sowmick) from Healing to Wellness contacted me about how the new program is about

healing and families, Maamwi Noojimoyiing Ezhi ngoodo'de'iw-zi-yiing came to mind," Osawamick said. "Healing Together Our Families is the literal translation for the above Anishinaabemowin. In English, it means Healing Our Families Together."

During November and December, Tribal Court officials will be working with other Tribal departments and health care professionals to commence the program and will be doing a presentation at the Tribal Council Regular Session meeting scheduled for Jan. 8, 2019.

If any Tribal families are looking for help to cope with substance use disorder or opioid addiction or would like to know how to access existing Tribal services related to addiction, please contact the Healing to Wellness program at (989) 775-5811.

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Tribal Affiliation: Member of the Six Nations Tribe, Ontario Canada

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Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

SCIT Youth Council Elections

Elections timeline

- **Nov. 5:** Petitions due by 5 p.m.
 - Turn in at the Tribal Clerk's Office
 - Must have five signatures
- **Nov. 6:** Meet the Candidate Night
 - Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, 6-7 p.m.
- **Nov. 8 and 9:** Elections
 - Mount Pleasant High and Middle Schools
 - Shepherd High and Middle Schools
 - Renaissance
 - Tribal Library
- **Dec. 3:** Newly-elected youth council sworn in
 - Tribal Operations Seniors Room

Petition Requirements

- SCIT Tribal Member
- Must be 12-20 years old
- 10 Native Youth signatures

For questions, please contact

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Two Tribal employees honored with leadership awards

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION

Tribal Administration would like to recognize and congratulate Natalie Shattuck and Shannon Martin on their recent accomplishments.

On Sept. 21, Natalie Shattuck was honored with Central Michigan University's 2018 "10 Within 10" award.

CMU's "10 Within 10" award recognizes alumni, within the past 10 years, who have honored the university through hard work in their career and communities.

Shattuck graduated in 2011 with a degree in Integrative

Public Relations and is now the managing editor for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She continues to work hard, shows exemplary leadership, and goes above and beyond without hesitation.

During the week of Oct. 8, Shannon Martin was honored at the 11th annual International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums with a leadership award from the 2018 Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Awards.

Martin's award recognizes the outstanding contribution given to show the vitality and cultural sovereignty of Native

Nations through Indigenous archives, libraries, museums, and individuals.

Martin has worked with the Ziiibiwing Cultural Society since 2001, and became the director in December 2007. She has an exceptional ability to lead and inspire through her dedication for historic preservation, transmission of language and cultural knowledge, and her community collaborations with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

If you see these two around, please give them your warmest congratulations and best wishes as they continue to be role models for leadership, hard work, and dedication.



Courtesy photo

Natalie Shattuck, managing editor for the Tribe, receives Central Michigan University's 2018 "10 Within 10" alumni award on Sept. 21.



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Shannon Martin, director of the Ziiibiwing Center, is awarded a leadership award from the 2018 Guardians of Culture and Lifeways International Awards in October.

FAN forum screens "Stigmatic: Our Opioid Crisis" documentary, holds panel discussion

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the opioid epidemic continues throughout the nation, conversations of change continue on the Reservation.

A showing of the documentary "Stigmatic: Our Opioid Crisis" and a panel discussion was held Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Ziiibiwing Center.

The Families Against Narcotics Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter, Central Michigan University, Ten 16 Recovery Network and the Tribe offered the 6 p.m. event.

The documentary was filmed in Bay City, Mich. and is composed of interviews with those impacted by opiates including those in recovery, law enforcement, medical professionals and families of those in recovery. Their discussions highlighted disagreements inside the activist community over controversial new strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

"Treatment should be the first option (for addicts) other than jail," said one of the individuals in the video in recovery.

"It wasn't until late into production, after having spoken with a number of people in recovery, that we recognized the key to unraveling this epidemic: stigma," Garrett Morgan, director and producer of the film, said according to stigmaticdocumentary.com.

"The amount of public shaming our interviewees dealt with was horrifying and only served to feed their isolation and illness. Educators, law enforcement and medical professionals all seemed to agree



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A panel discussion is held after the showing of the documentary "Stigmatic: Our Opioid Crisis" during an Oct. 18 FAN forum at the Ziiibiwing Center.

(Left to right: Jennifer McNally, program director for the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan; Sgt. Joe Maxey of the Tribal Police Department; Bob Storrer, substance abuse counselor at Behavioral Health; Dawn Morrow, vice president of the FAN Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter; and Deb Schafer, prevention and outreach manager at Ten16 Recovery Network)

that stigmatizing addiction was counterproductive at best."

One of the many poignant stories in the film was the interview with addict Emily, who relapsed and attempted suicide after her initial filming. The crew later returned to her home for a second interview.

Emily is a member of the FAN Great Lakes Bay Region Chapter.

Heroin damaged Emily's body so severely she needed open heart surgery.

Emily had always turned to working out for stress relief, but the doctor said she could no longer continue that, she said in the film.

"You can't even climb a flight of stairs," Emily said the doctor told her, as she was interviewed with tears flowing.

The evening's facilitator Deb Schafer, prevention and outreach manager at Ten16

Recovery Network, said she knows Emily through FAN and reported Emily is still in recovery and clean.

A taco bar was provided for all in attendance, and a panel discussion followed the movie showing.

Joining Schafer on the panel was Bob Storrer, substance abuse counselor at Behavioral Health; Sgt. Joe Maxey of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police; Dawn Morrow, vice president of the FAN Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter; and Jennifer McNally, program director for the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan.

The panel answered questions from the audience.

Morrow has formerly gone through treatment. She discussed what helped her get clean.

"I love my children, and social services said if I want my kids, I needed to get clean and that was enough for me," Morrow said.

Schafer mentioned the sad reality today is even if someone is willing to get treatment or check into rehab, it may not be affordable to them.

"It's not hard to find treatment, but it is hard to find a bed," Schafer said. "Medicare does not cover treatment. There are a lot of senior citizens (with Medicare) who are addicts and

they cannot get into treatment." Tribal Member Candace Benzinger asked what is considered the maximum time for someone to stay in treatment.

Schafer said her program is not allowed to determine a maximum number of days because treatment is very individualized. Storrer said within Behavioral Health, individuals may complete one to six months, but several have gone beyond a six-month stay.

Morrow visits women who are addicted to heroin and in the Isabella County Jail. Several of them, she said, are 18 to 20 years old. She said she gives them her contact information so she can direct them to treatment for the help they need when they are released.

Morrow said not giving up on an addict may be that "extra push" they need to get clean.

"I was taught by my parents to never give up because they never gave up on me," Morrow said. "I will never give up on anyone; I will never give up on my community..."

Storrer said there are three reasons people use: availability, boredom and curiosity.

A young audience member asked if callers will be arrested for reporting an overdose.

Sgt. Maxey mentioned Michigan's Good Samaritan Law which prevents drug possession charges against those

that seek medical assistance for an overdose in certain circumstances. This law makes saving lives the priority during a drug overdose, not criminal prosecutions of illegal drug users.

"The PD will still investigate, collect evidence and talk to people, but not to the point that we want to prosecute someone who has overdosed," Maxey said. "We do, however, want to know where they got the heroin from."

Cell phones are currently a key piece into tracing where the heroin came from because users often text their suppliers, Maxey said.

"Don't be afraid to call (the PD) for anything," Maxey said. "It is better to save a life than to wonder, 'am I going to jail?'"

A concerned audience member asked, "What has to happen for addiction to be treated as an illness?"

The panel all agreed it was a great question and hopes that will be the case in the future.

The audience member said, "Money spent on jail should be used to treat the addicts instead."

Storrer agreed, "It is cheaper to treat them."

The panel concurred they are hopeful for the future advances of treatment for addicts, and Schafer said there will unfortunately not be an overnight solution but progress is being made.

New Tribal Police officer sworn in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

On Monday, Oct. 15, Daniel Berden (left), new police officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, was sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ek Dahl, with Tribal Council members witnessing, to begin duties to protect and serve the Tribe.



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• Friday, November 16

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More information is available at <https://uwm.edu/english/our-people/noodin-margaret/>
We are delighted to have her share readings from her work and life experiences at the 2018 Circle of Indigenous Arts.



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• Saturday, November 17

Brothers in Music

is a musical group well known and enjoyed throughout the Tribal community. We have been very happy to have them share their musical gifts at several Ziibiwing Center events and are excited to have them at the 2018 Circle of Indigenous Arts.



Brothers in Music
L-R: Matt Ruffino, Delmar Jackson Jr.,
Quinn Pelcher

Anishinabe Performance Circle Dancers

are graduates of the Ziibiwing classes that teach both dance and culture. Once the youth and adult students have completed a 12-week course they can be called on to perform at Ziibiwing events across the state. Most graduates return for more learning and many return as teaching assistants.



Awards Presentation 5 - 6pm for those chosen to receive Indigenous Peoples Artistic Merit Awards, Youth Participation Awards, and the Best in Show Award.

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Editorial: Ziibiwing Center holds annual Eagle Feather Cleansing, Honoring, Feasting

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

The Oct. 19 eagle feather feast was exquisite from the very beginning. Walking through the Ziibiwing Center lobby beside the wiigwaasi-jiiman (birch-bark canoe) that is being constructed by the community, and past the adjacent room in which the sacred and ceremonial eagle feathers from the Ziibiwing collection were being honored, set a calming, spiritual and almost surreal mood and atmosphere for the teachings and shared feast to follow.

Once the approximately 50 community members gathered at the dinner tables for the meal, William (Willie) Johnson invited the group to first step out onto the adjacent patio where the cool October evening winds, no doubt, swiftly lifted to the Creator the prayer for Water Walker Grandmother Josephine Mandamin that was offered by Punkin Shananaquet.

Back indoors, Willie introduced Becky Pamp-Ettinger

and Colleen Wagner from the In Stitches quilting group. They had earlier shown to some of the group the progress that they had made on their latest beautiful quilt work.

Willie explained Ziibiwing was gifting each of the ladies a copy of the book “Quilts and Human Rights” by Marsha MacDowell, Mary Worrall, Lynne Swanson, and Beth Donaldson. This was done because the In Stitches group has two quilts that are shown in this book.

These two quilts were made by In Stitches to honor the students of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. One quilt was for those students lost at the boarding school. The second quilt was made of quilt squares that were personally designed by families of students who attended the boarding schools and were brought to Ziibiwing to be added to the quilt.

Willie also recognized the Women of Tradition ladies, Roxann Sawade, Sandi Guthrie and Maria Colberg, who helped



Courtesy of Esther Helms

(Left to right) Curator William Johnson, poses with invited speakers Joseph and Heather Syrette.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

(Left to right) Roxann Sawade, Sandi Guthrie and Maria Colberg, from the Women of Tradition, accepted primary responsibility for the Eagle Feather Cleansing this year, along with the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society.

with the eagle feather cleansing and honoring duties along with the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society members who assisted, Minnie Martin and David Perez Sr.

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach specialist for the Language Revitalization Department, led the prayer prior to the delicious meal catered by Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services that was offered alongside potluck items brought by the community.

Joseph and Heather Syrette were the welcomed speakers for the evening.

Joseph Syrette is of the Batchewana Ojibwe First Nation and is a cultural language teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. His wife, Heather, is Little Traverse Bay Band Odawa and Oneida Nation of the Thames and is an Indian outreach worker at the Michigan Department of Human Health Services.

They both delivered a wide range of teachings in a very informative, interesting and moving “Migizi-Miigwan” presentation that was well received by the packed audience.

Joseph Syrette diagramed a feather and explained the meanings of its various parts and how they reflect on and teach about the various stages in our walk through life from infancy to senior maturity.

The wisdom shared was about the various emotions and situations that are regularly experienced and addressed, both good and bad, including love and sadness, respect, fear, etc., and how they might pull away or lead back to the main stem of the feather which represents the lifeline.

Further teachings were about the challenges, importance and tradition of living bimaadziwin (a good life) on that red road, while both shared some of their personal stories in this regard.

Joseph and Heather Syrette spoke of the sacred connections to the Creator and the care of ceremonial items. They advised the group to “take care of yourself,” and to “take care of your ceremonial items in the same manner in which you want them to take care of you.”

The eagle feather is, of course, well-respected at the Ziibiwing Center. This feast was the culmination of the annual three-day

event focused on the recognition of and care for the eagle feather.

The first day of the event is set aside for the cleansing of the eagle feather. On this day, the feathers that are in Ziibiwing’s sacred and ceremonial collection are brought out for cleansing. Ogitchedaw, Eagle Clan and Ziibiwing staff handled this important, reverent and delicate duty.

These eagle feather events are free and open to the public who are also invited to bring their personal eagle feathers or other significant feathers and parts from other birds and clean them at the same time.

The second day of the event is for eagle feather honoring. On this day, the eagle feathers from the Ziibiwing Collection can be visited and honored.

There are very old and very beautiful feathers and head dresses in this collection. These items belonged to well-respected, and some well-known, ancestors.

A bowl is made available where one can leave an offering of semaa (tobacco) which will later be placed in a sacred fire.

Feasts are as important a part of the Indigenous culture as they are in many other cultures. They are a time of fellowship, honor and support.

There are many feasts for a variety of reasons in the Anishinabek culture. There are feasts to honor people. There are feasts to commemorate special events and times in life, such as graduations and progressions from one life phase to the next.

What may differ in Anishinabek culture from others is that feasts



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(Left to right) Sara Jones, tribal historic preservation officer, and Maria Colberg welcome visitors to the Eagle Feather Honoring.

are also held to honor helpers that may even come from plant and animal groups. Feasts are also held to honor the spirit and power of ceremonial items, or to maintain relationships, such as the Spirit Feast, that honors loved ones who have walked on to the Spirit World.

We are happy to share with the community in this time of honoring the feather of the magnificent and sacred eagle. We are grateful for those who share in these events and help to make them special and unique.

Our next feasting event will be a Spirit Feast. This year we will be holding two of these feasts.

The first will be held on Nov. 1 at the Ziibiwing Center. The second will be held Nov. 2 at the Saganing Community Center in Standish, Mich. You are invited to either or both. Please bring a picture or a story about your loved one. Please also bring a dish to pass – preferably one that your loved one especially enjoyed.

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- Healthy decisions and lifestyle choices
- Help with academics
- Strong support systems & exposure to resources available to Native American youth
- Community service experience & involvement
- Exposure to the college experience
- Cultural education

Mentors and Mentees will meet afterschool once a week for 1.5 hours in a group setting

- Light snack provided

Weekly activities designed to enhance:

- Healthy decisions and lifestyle choices
- Help with academics
- Healthy relationship development with peers & adults
- Support systems & exposure to resources available to Native American youth
- Community service experience & involvement
- Exposure to the college experience

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(Left to right) In Stitches members Becky Pamp-Ettinger and Colleen Wagner showcase one of their latest quilts.



Editorial: Keith and Garry's most excellent adventure in Ireland

GARRY DOUGLAS

Tribal Elder

It has been more than one month since Keith Cary and I returned from Ireland. Previously, Keith asked if I could go with him knowing I had been there several times and was obviously familiar with this wonderful nation.

Keith wanted to experience some of the musical qualities, as he knew that their traditional musicians throughout this island nation were some of the best in the world. I gladly accepted the request and the rest is history.

We spent the first two days together in Dublin where we traipsed about the famous Temple Bar district, which is

a busy riverside neighborhood filled with crowded pubs that host live folk music.

In between our visit there, we also enjoyed St. Stephen's Green, a city central park with an ornamental lake, waterfall, sculptures and one of the best music pavilions where we listened to professional musicians who happened to be visiting from Germany.

On our third day, we rode one of Ireland's fairly-new trains across the country to the southwest peninsula of Dingle. This finger of land holds some of the largest concentrations of traditional Gaelic speakers.

We spent the next week in the village of Dingle that sits upon the rugged coast of the Atlantic Ocean.

Our Airbnb apartment was conveniently centered in the middle of town, which allowed us to explore its pubs, seafood restaurants and music scene much like a local person. We even experienced an educational tour that Michael, a local archeologist, hosted and who knew about the history of its people all the way back from the Bronze Age up to contemporary times.

Michael showed us various sites along the coast; including several of Ireland's bee houses that the early people masterfully designed and constructed several hundred years past with the countless rocks that are their main building materials.

After a week in this delightful area, we returned to Dublin,

staying at Trinity College's student apartments. This university was founded in 1592 and modeled after Oxford and Cambridge University.

The Temple Bar district surrounds Trinity College, so it is a convenient place to stay if one wants to be in the throng of activities.

Keith and I visited the National Gallery of Ireland near the college, holding a collection of European art spanning the 14th to the 20th-century.

On one of our evenings we visited the Brazen Head, the oldest pub in Dublin and where there is live music every night. It was also a meeting place for Ireland's rebels during their historic revolution with England in the 1920s.



Courtesy of Garry Douglas

Garry Douglas is photographed at Brazen Head, Dublin's oldest pub.

Our trip to Ireland was amazing and its talented musicians blew us both away. Maybe I'll take a trip there next year!

Interior Department's task force leads to 75 arrests in North Carolina Indian Country

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – A major law enforcement operation targeting drug trafficking in and around Indian Country in North Carolina has resulted in the arrest of more than 75 individuals on federal, state and tribal charges, announced U.S. Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke and Andrew Murray, U.S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina on Sept. 27.

The months-long operation yielded more than 248 pounds of illegal substances including heroin, methamphetamine, and hundreds of opioid pills with an estimated street value of \$2 million. Officers also seized six illegally-possessioned firearms.

This operation is the latest conducted by the Interior Department's task force which Secretary Zinke formed in March 2018 to target the opioid crisis in Indian Country.

The undercover operation, led by the Department of Interior's Opioid Reduction Task Force, in coordination with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Police Department and multiple federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, began in March 2018, and aimed at disrupting and dismantling drug distribution networks operating in and

around the Qualla Boundary.

"First and foremost, Bravo Zulu to the dozens of law enforcement professionals who are on the front lines and putting their own lives at risk to take these deadly drugs off the streets. President Trump and I could not be prouder of their work," said Secretary Zinke. "It's heartbreaking to see the scale of the problem, and rather than further stigmatizing victims, we are cracking down on the dealers who are selling out our children, selling out our communities, and selling out our nation. The Trump Administration is serious about ending the opioid crisis and that means both treatment of those suffering as well as eradicating the drugs from our communities."

"I am extremely grateful to the Secretary of the Interior, the BIA and the multiple state and local agencies who helped make this operation a success," said Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Richard Sneed. "The arrest of these drug dealers is a critical step towards ensuring that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are able to provide the healthy environment our people deserve."

In addition to the 75 arrests announced Sept. 27 in connection with DOI's Opioid Reduction Task Force operation, a concurrent two-year investigation spearheaded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs'

Division of Drug Enforcement and the DEA led to the previous arrest of 57 additional individuals responsible for trafficking opiates and methamphetamine in Indian Country, bringing the total number of those arrested as part of the Western District's drug reduction initiative on the Cherokee Indian Reservation to 132.

To date, the joint investigations have also yielded a seizure of more than 5 pounds of heroin and Fentanyl; more than 20 pounds of methamphetamine; more than 210 Fentanyl tablets and Oxycodone tablets; and more than 223 pounds of marijuana, with a combined street value of over \$2 million.

Other partners involved in the operation include: the DEA; the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Police Department; the Swain County Sheriff's Office; the Jackson County Sheriff's Office; the

McDowell County Sheriff's Office; the Henderson County Sheriff's Office; the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office; Buncombe County Sheriff's Office; the Asheville Police Department; the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation; and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; and the U.S. Marshals Service for their coordinated efforts throughout this investigation.

Last year, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced a series of new actions by the Justice Department to support law enforcement and maintain public safety in Indian Country.

Among the actions announced, was the deployment of the expanded Tribal Access Program (TAP) for National Crime Information, which is designed to provide the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and other federally-recognized tribes, access to

national crime information databases for criminal and civil purposes.

TAP allows tribes to more effectively serve and protect their nations' citizens by ensuring the exchange of critical data across the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) systems and other national crime information systems.

In addition, the Office of Tribal Justice created the Indian Country Federal Law Enforcement Coordination Group, an unprecedented partnership that brings together sworn federal agents and key stakeholders from 12 federal law enforcement components with responsibilities in Indian Country, with the goal of increasing collaboration and coordination among law enforcement and enhancing the response to violent crime in Indian Country.

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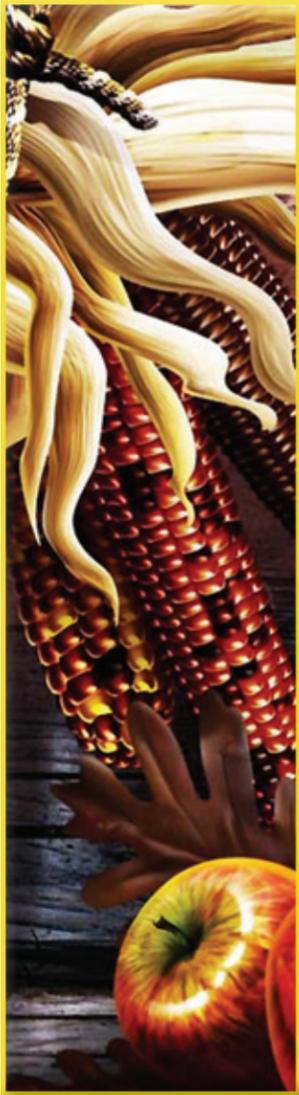
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gibozw	roast
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wiiji	company
endaad	home
maamigin	gather
awazo	warm by the fire
mazinaabidoo	bead on a loom
mitigomin	acorn
wawezhi	decorate
baapinakamigad	festivities
minwendam	glad
maajipon	start to snow
gichi aya'aa	elder
aanikoobijigan	ancestor
maamakaadendam	amazed



Words by Aconcise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm

Results of the Sept. 28 Native American Day Open Golf Scramble

Steven Norbury | Golf Operations Coordinator

Championship Flight

- **First Place:** Mike Dayson, Dick Cooper, Greg Fogle -13 (48)
- **Second Place:** Luke Sprague, Joe Genia, Dan Ross -12 (49)
- **Third Place:** Bean Sprague, Tony Jackson, Warren Gionet -12 (49)
- **Fourth Place:** Chris Sineway, Doug Sineway, Rob Sineway -11 (50)
- **Fifth Place:** Steve Wassegijig, Andrew Raphael, Tamara Stanley-Ortiz -10 (51)

Hackers Flight

- **First Place:** Kelly Chamberlain, Ruben Moore, Cody Hoover -9 (52)
- **Second Place:** Chase Owl, Tyler Rhoades, James France -7 (54)
- **Third Place:** Marc Van Alstine, Rick Hubble, Carol Hubble -6 (55)
- **Fourth Place:** Robert Pego, Corey Jones, Iliana Montoya -5 (56)
- **Fifth Place:** Bernie Sprague, Bill Durfee, Dan McCreery -2 (59)

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- **Hole #12:** Rick Hubble
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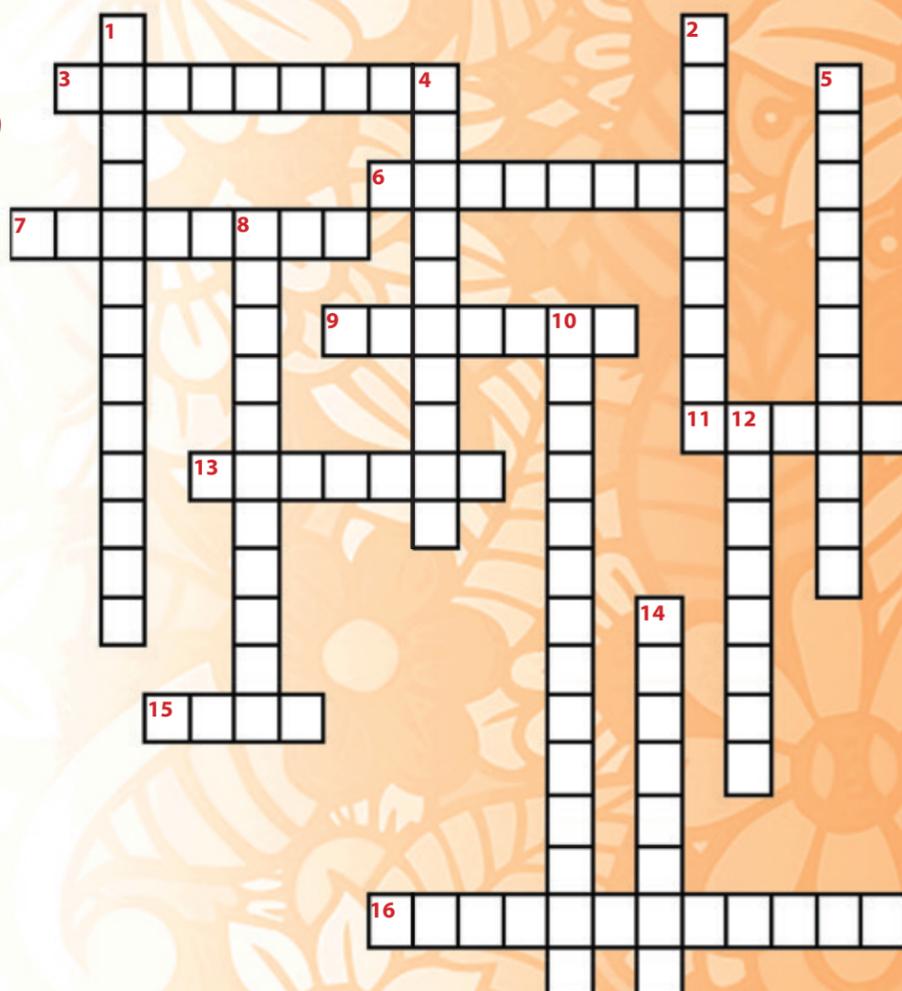
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2. clean up
4. stand
5. let's walk
8. be careful
10. climb up
12. be still
14. eat

Across

3. come in
6. sit
7. get ready
9. his/her turn
11. sleep
13. here
15. wait
16. let's color

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- naa-niib-win
- aam-be-kwaan-dwen
- biin-ji-gen
- aam-be-maa-sek
- bzan-yaan
- wiis-i-niin
- biin-di-gen
- zhii-taan
- wiin-tam
- maam-pii
- maa-da-bin
- nbaan
- aam-be-tis-de-da
- beka



- Across**
- 1. nbaan (his/her turn)
 - 3. biin-di-gen (come in)
 - 6. maa-da-bin (sit)
 - 7. zhii-taan (get ready)
 - 9. wiin-tam (his/her turn)
 - 11. maam-pii (here)
 - 13. maam-pii (here)
 - 15. beka
 - 16. aang-waam-sik (let's color)
- Down**
- 1. bi-wii-jiiw-shin (come with me)
 - 2. biin-ji-gen (clean up)
 - 4. naa-niib-win (stand)
 - 5. aam-be-maa-sek (let's walk)
 - 8. aang-waam-sik (let's color)
 - 10. aam-be-kwaan-dwen (climb up)
 - 12. bzan-yaan (be still)
 - 14. wiis-i-niin (eat)
- Key Answer**

Words by Isabelle Osawmick, Outreach Language Specialist, titled "Everyday words"

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Community feast held with “The Water Walker” author, illustrator

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A great quantity of community members packed the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center on Tuesday, Oct. 6 for a community feast to hear “The Water Walker” book’s writer and illustrator, Joanne Robertson, speak.

Shortly after 6 p.m., Robertson announced through tears that her partner in crime, the water walker herself, Josephine Mandamin was unable to join that evening as she was hospitalized for pancreatic cancer.

Aisle by aisle, Robertson took Gun Lake Tribal Member Punkin Shananaquet’s phone around the room for event attendees to wave and video chat with Mandamin.

Attendees were welcomed to write messages and design coloring pages which were sent to Mandamin in the hospital.

Mandamin began the water walk movement. She has protected untold water systems and motivated thousands to protect waters.

“I’ve seen her go with her walker or cane, over rocks,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Joanne Robertson, author and illustrator of the book “The Water Walker,” speaks at an Oct. 6 community feast in Seventh Generation’s Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

down rocks, to reach and stand in the water to pray,” said Christi Belcourt in an email shared by Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann. “Every day she would stand in the waters, freezing or not, to pray and make her offerings. She always says ‘Do it for the water.’ She is my hero. A diagnosis of cancer doesn’t mean the worst. Our prayers can help.”

Seventh Generation hosts prepared a feast and guests helped themselves before Robertson began her main presentation.

Robertson discussed her journey of finding her own Anishinaabe identity.

After being adopted by a non-Native family, Robertson was in her ‘20s before she met her birth family and learned about traditional culture.

Robertson met Mandamin in college, and in 2011, Robertson helped with the behind-the-scenes planning and GPS tracking for Mandamin’s water walk from the four directions to Lake Superior.

After a 2017 walk, Robertson decided to write “The Water Walker” to continue to spread Mandamin’s message about nibi even though she was finished walking.

“The book was perfect timing,” Robertson said. “Her last walk was last year at over 70 years old... Over 1,000 people were at her last walk... The book came out one month after her last walk.”

The book shares the story of Mandamin, an Ojibwe grandmother (Nokomis). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of the need to protect nibi for future generations and for all life on the planet.

Mandamin, along with other women, men and youth, has walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example she challenges all to take responsibility to protect water, the giver of life, and to protect the planet for all generations.

A total of 116 hardcover copies of “The Water Walker” were given to attendees.

Prior to the feast, a community drum group performed honor songs and elder Charmaine Shawana offered a blessing after an introduction from Heidemann.

“It was an amazing turnout, far more than we anticipated, and we are so grateful to everyone who came to share in showing respect for nibi and the water walkers,” Heidemann said.

Earlier that day, Robertson also visited Saginaw Chippewa Academy students.

“Throughout the book, Joanne uses Ojibwe words and it was neat to see so many of the students joyfully express that they know those words already, and it was touching

to see the many ‘get well soon Nokomis’ messages the kids made for Josephine,” Heidemann said. “Hearing the students talk about the importance of nibi and knowing that Josephine’s message resonates with them is so encouraging.”

The event was also made possible by the Tribal Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services’ Enhancement Grant.

“When I wrote the grant, it was with the purpose of using the funds to promote bimaadiziwin and to make the Tribal Libraries a catalyst for encouraging resilience through traditional culture and literacy,” Heidemann said. “This event really fulfilled that purpose, and to see so many people at the feast – more than twice as many as we expected – was amazing. Being able to partner with Seventh Generation and community members to present this event was such a privilege.”

Heidemann said the Tribal Libraries are headed into the second and final year of the IMLS grant, and several additional programs will be held in the future.

Tribe and Soaring Eagle receive child advocates of the year awards

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Isabella County Child Advocacy Center awarded the Tribe and its Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with the Dan Denslow Advocate of the Year Award 2018.

The honor, bestowed on Oct. 17, recognized the Tribe’s and Soaring Eagle’s support and substantial efforts to help ICCAC raise awareness of child sexual abuse, a community-wide epidemic.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, specifically Tribal Council, welcomed us to present statistics about the number of children being abused in our community and helped us to link with all five area school districts,” said Kim M. Seidel, executive director for the ICCAC. “We were then able to implement our highly-successful Protect Yourself program in our community’s first grade classrooms. We are

running the program again this year and hoping to expand it to fifth grade; which means another 1,000 plus children will be empowered.”

Seidel said the Soaring Eagle also received the award because Raul Venegas and C.C. (Kristina) Griffus, both of the Marketing department, worked tirelessly with their team to help make the Aug. 4 INK Out Abuse motorcycle rally possible.

“(The motorcycle rally) was incredibly successful and we have their continued commitment to make this an annual event,” Seidel said. “We have already been approached by two large biker organizations that support children to partner with us all next year.”

The Advocate of the Year Award is named in honor of the late Det. Sgt. Dan Denslow who served as a board member and advocate for children in the community.

“His legacy continues as we recognize the contribution of others who work to protect children in our community,” Seidel said in a media release.

The Lois Breidenstein Family, owners of The Bird Bar and Grill, was also recognized with the honor, which occurred during the Isabella Champions for Children Program at Hunter’s Ale House in Mount Pleasant.

From 5:30 to 6 p.m., the program included a welcome from Crystal Popour, financial officer; ICCAC Executive Board Member introductions; an overview of ICCAC’s services by Seidel and a

presentation by Shepherd Police Chief Luke Sawyer.

The awards were presented at 6:15 p.m. by Seidel and Kristie Miner.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Tribal Council member Louanna Bruner both separately accepted the award on behalf of the Tribe.

“ICCAC is an important part of our community and continues to be one of many great organizations that strive to protect our youth,” Chief Ekdahl said. “Agreeing to support the Child Advocacy Center has been a unanimous decision by Tribal Council because of the impacts and outreach the organization continues to demonstrate. We are thankful and appreciative of our continued collaborative efforts.”

The ICCAC is Isabella County’s only child advocacy center. It serves children aged 3 to 17 years old who are suspected to have had been sexually abused.

“The ICCAC encourages our community to work together to shine light where this is darkness, to bring a topic that feels too taboo to discuss to the surface with open dialogue, education and empowerment for all of our local children, their parents, guardians and caregivers,” Seidel said.

This year, the ICCAC has served more than 107 children with forensic interviews.

“Our center is focused on aiding in child abuse investigations through collaborative teamwork,” Seidel said in a media release. “We work to bring

agency professionals involved in a case together – law enforcement, Child Protective Services – on the front end and we put the needs of the child victim first.”

The ICCAC also follows a national model and is monitored by the Michigan Chapter of the National Children’s Alliance.

“We prevent a child from having to endure multiple interviews as the CAC model brings the agency professionals to the child,” Seidel said. “Working together in a collaborative approach results in effective, efficient and child-centered case work.”

New Tribal Historic Preservation Officer sworn in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

SHANNON MARTIN

Director, Ziibiwing Center

The Ziibiwing Center and its Cultural Resource Management Department are proud to welcome Sarah (Hegyi) Jones as the new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Jones worked as a tribal historic preservation intern for Interim THPO William Johnson from 2014-2016 while she was pursuing her master’s degree in history from Central Michigan University.

As a proud Tribal Member, Jones said she has always “wanted to work for the Tribe while practicing and preserving her culture.”

The Ziibiwing Center is proud to have Jones back in the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and prouder to welcome her as the new officer.



Courtesy photo

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl accepts a child advocate of the year award from the Isabella County Child Advocacy Center on behalf of the Tribe on Oct. 17.



Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman (canoe building) Community Project

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

Monday, Oct. 15 signaled the start of the Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman (canoe building) Community Project in the Ziibiwing Center's lobby.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension developed a program with the co-sponsorship of the Ziibiwing Center and the Seventh Generation Program that would culminate in the creation of a birchbark canoe.

"The purpose of this build is to bring the community together to revitalize the teachings and knowledge of our ancestors to build a 15-foot Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman (birchbark canoe) that can be used to harvest wild rice the way our ancestors did," said Lupe Gonzalez, coordinator for SCTC's Extension Program.

The project began in Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center with informational gatherings and then continued to the Ziibiwing

Center for the actual building of the canoe.

The building portion ran from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Saturday (excluding Sundays) through Oct. 27.

Kevin Finney is very experienced in birchbark canoe building, having built "more than he can count" at this point.

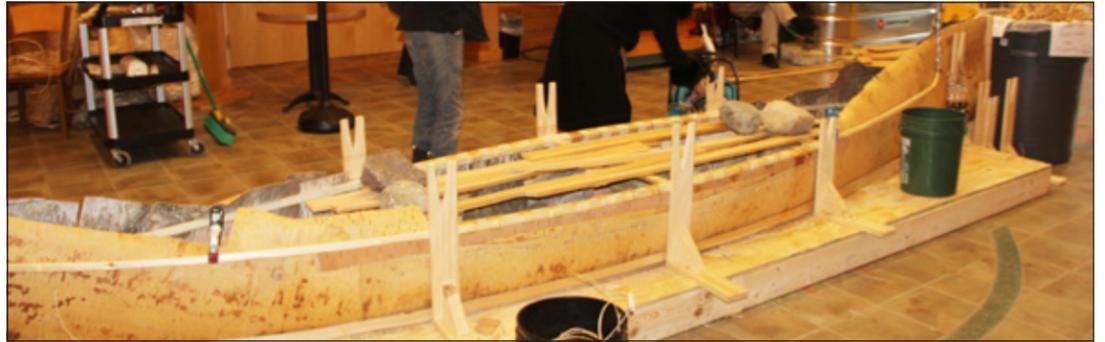
Finney has been assisted by knowledgeable Tribal community members including some of Ziibiwing's staff members. They help with everything from building the canoe to keeping the work site clean.

The community was invited to come and lend a hand, watch and learn.

An Anishinabe history class and an Anishinabemowin language class from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College were in attendance at the Ziibiwing Center along with members of both the Tribal and non-tribal communities.

Babies to elders and everyone in between were also in attendance.

Tribal community members provided a live musical performance one afternoon to further



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Phase two of the Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman (canoe building) Community Project began in the Ziibiwing Center's lobby on Oct. 15. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension developed a program with the co-sponsorship of the Ziibiwing Center and Seventh Generation to build a 15-foot birchbark canoe.

enhance the experience. For a portion of the time, there were sacred and

ceremonial eagle feathers being cleansed and honored in an adjacent room.

Follow Ziibiwing on Facebook for more information and more project photos.

Chief Ekdahl named as a Native American 40 Under 40 award recipient

Award recognizes young Native American and Alaska Native leaders across the U.S.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl has been named as a 2018 winner of the Native American 40 Under 40 award, which recognizes young Native American and Alaskan Native leaders throughout the nation.

The award is bestowed by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (the National Center), and awardees are nominated by members of their communities because they

have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication in making significant contributions in their communities.

The National Center is celebrating the 10th anniversary of awarding this recognition to 40 recipients.

"Congratulations are certainly in order for Chief Ekdahl," said Robert Juckniess, CEO of Migizi EDC. "His leadership for not only the Tribe, but for Migizi Economic Development Company has catapulted the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to new heights. Chief Ekdahl has

accomplished so much in such a short period of time and has shown his utmost commitment to the Tribe's future success."

Ekdahl and the other award winners were honored at the River Spirit Casino Resort in Tulsa, Okla. on Oct. 29-30. The event, Impacting Generations: Honoring a Decade of Exceptional Service and Leadership was held in conjunction with the National Center's next Native Edge Institute (NEI), a one-day training session focused specifically on procurement.



Past and present 40 Under 40 awardees had the opportunity to participate in programming with the goal of providing additional professional development, networking, leadership, and mentorship opportunities.

"We are thrilled to recognize the impressive achievements of Ronald Ekdahl," said Chris James, president and CEO of the National Center. "Ronald Ekdahl joins a diverse group of young women and men cultivated from across American Indian and Alaska Native communities."

Each of the individuals has devoted their skills and resources to enhancing their communities in careers from business, academia, healthcare, tribal government and politics to nonprofits, journalism, the law, finance and marketing.

"(The) 40 Under 40 winners are shining examples for all of us to follow," James said. "For the 10th year in a row, it is an honor to recognize these individuals and leaders who will continue to define success for the future of Native American business."

Editorial: A day-trip Roz's Diner, the Ziibiwing Center

TOMARRAH GREEN

Elder Community Activities Assistant

On Saturday, Oct. 20, two elders and I went on an outing to Roz's Diner in Rosebush. We all agreed the food "was amazing and well worth the drive and wait."

Garland Moses said it was "really good to get out." The restaurant was in the building that his Grandma Jessie would do her banking at when he was a little boy. He thought it was neat to see they still used the bank vault, but repurposed it as a room to wash the dishes in.

After brunch at Roz's, we went to the Ziibiwing Center to check out the Wiigwaasi-Jiiman Community Project (birch bark canoe building). Elder Sue Kequom got hands-on



Courtesy of Tomarrah Green

experience with the canoe building project, while I gave Garland a tour of the exhibit as he had never been to Ziibiwing before.

Garland enjoyed seeing pictures and video of his relatives and people he knew, as well as the language area.



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Editorial: Heavy labor two-week pilot program flies into uncharted territory

CHIP NEYOME

Anishnabe Workforce Developer

Temporary employment opportunities offer skill development, training in departmental processes, new experiences and opportunities to build friendships.

During the last two weeks of September, the Human Resources Department put together a pilot program designed to introduce able bodied individuals into heavy labor-related work.

Initially, the need identified was to help the HR Department and the Gaming Commission move offices into the newly-renovated space in the Black Elk Building that was nearing completion. With the need identified, step two became how to secure the funds to pay for temporary laborers.

Salary funds were secured for the program from vacancies within the HR department during the fiscal year. Staff vacancies generally occur from transfers or resignations and the result is a time period where the Payroll Department is not generating a check for that budgeted position.

When a department has these vacancies, they can fill them with temporary employees. In this instance, we were able to hire 10 temporary general labor workers for a two-week duration.

With this number of workers, it was determined that



Courtesy photo

A September pilot program is organized by the Human Resources, allowing Tribal Member workers to gain experience and training with manual labor work. (Pictured left to right, back to front: James Smith Jr., Trey Wemigwans, Tai Sprague, Joseph Shomin Jr., Chase Stevens, Steve Wassegijig, Chip Neyome and David Perez Jr.)

more than just an office move could be accomplished so additional planning took place to secure multiple projects, locations and experiences.

The notice for Tribal Member preference workers was posted on Thursday, Sept. 13 around 5 p.m., and by Friday at 4 p.m., 12 Tribal Members had completed temporary employee paperwork and were invited to the mandatory safety training the following Monday.

On Monday, the new pilot program crew arrived and dove right into the safety training and work place orientation.

The first task became helping tear down the Soaring Eagle outdoor concert venue on what turned out to be a 90-degree day. Day one was a scorcher and the crew outperformed expectations; helping

to dismantle the outdoor concert area in record time.

The crew went on to finish that project and complete several others that week and the following; most of the work involved sweating and drinking lots of water. They worked in attics, on roofs, in the woods cutting trees, in offices moving desks and heavy files, and they even mowed and did some landscaping.

Chi-miigwetch to the Soaring Eagle Facilities Department for assisting with supervision and sharing their knowledge of the building trades with the crew. The Slots Department taught how to move heavy objects safely. Chase Stevens was the guide and supervisor of the Tawas Property project. The Education Department supplied the funds necessary for the

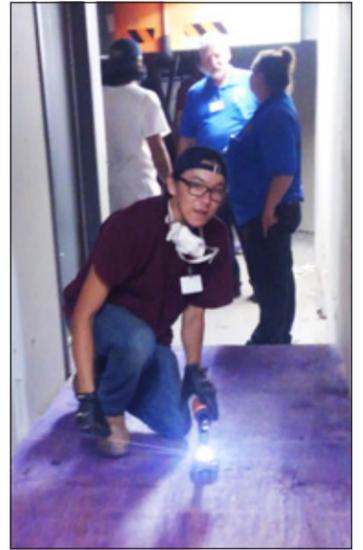
roofing and painting projects.

The crew really enjoyed the multiple locations they were assigned and the experience that each provided. This type of experience led to the name (Bush Pilot Construction Program). Essentially they did not know where they were going, what they might have to do, or who they might have to work with; they were flying in blind to uncharted territory and learning as they went. It was a challenge, it was a learning experience and it was a success.

The team effort was incredible to see. The positive comments about the “bush pilots” continue to come in from those who saw them in action. Feel free to give them a congrats when you see them.

The HR department is identifying opportunities for workforce development through collaboration and coordination with various departments.

Preference candidates looking for a temporary employment experiences may apply



Courtesy photo

Tai Sprague works on the attic catwalk at the Soaring Eagle Resort.

on the Tribe’s website to the following jobs general labor pool and clerical pool.

In addition, you may contact the Anishnabe Workforce Developer at (989) 775-0053 to schedule an appointment and review your personal employment options.



Courtesy photo

SCIT Facilities Department employees provide roofing training.



Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE)

“The standard we are to live, our good way of life.”

The Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik Advisory Circle has been established through Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan.

The purpose of the ABE is to help grantee project coordinators to facilitate the process of developing a strategic plan to reduce suicidal behavior, substance abuse and misuse, and trauma in the community. With the help of the ABE, Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan will fulfill the purpose, mission, vision, and goals to benefit our Tribal community.

Upcoming ABE Meetings at Behavioral Health

- Oct. 5, 2018
- Oct. 19, 2018

Our Purpose

The purpose of Native Connections is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native young people up to and including age 24.

The goals of this program fall within two of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration strategic initiatives: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, and Trauma and Justice.

Our Mission

Assess organizational capacity to prevent, monitor and address issues of suicide, substance abuse and misuse, historical and intergenerational transference of trauma, resulting in a comprehensive, integrated, and unified approach that is effective, culturally competent, and sustainable.

Our Vision

A unified approach where connectivity thrives, and youth, family, and community feel supported, safe, and valued according to our shared way of life, Mino-Bimaadiziwin.

Our Goals

- To support youth as they transition into adulthood
- To ease the impacts of substance use, mental illness, and trauma in tribal communities
- To reduce suicidal behavior and substance use and misuse among Native youth up to age 24 Action Steps
- Disseminate best practices to enhance the quality of Tribal services
- Lead efforts to improve coordination among related services for tribal young people and their families
- Involve community members, including young people, in all grant activities
- Assess community needs and strengths related to the purpose of the grant
- Identify and connect Behavioral Health service organizations that exist in the community Community Benefits
- Increase community knowledge of suicide, substance use and misuse, and trauma.
- Reduce suicide
- Improve health outcomes

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Tribal Education Department hosts pumpkin carving night for 150 participants

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal community members partook in Halloween festivities as the Tribal Education Department hosted the annual pumpkin carving night on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

The event, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, was opened to the first 150 participants who registered and did not take long to fill up.

The evening was open to the families who are eligible to receive the Tribal K-12 Education Services.

Pumpkins and the carving supplies were provided to the participants of all ages.

Several members of the Central Michigan University women's lacrosse team were present to assist children with carving, painting and decorating their pumpkins.

All in attendance were offered Domino's Pizza, snacks and Halloween cookies.

Along with the Tribal Education Department, the event was also sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Youth Council.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Saginaw Chippewa Academy students produce multi-purpose cat tail mats

NATHAN ISAAC

Culture and Language Teacher

Throughout the last two weeks of September, students at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy worked hard to produce multi-purpose cat tail mats.

The goal was to make enough of cat tail mats to create an inner wall around the bottom of the school's teaching lodge.

The mats will help block out the cold winter draft and retain heat in the lodge during the winter months. Many more need to be produced and all the classes at SCA are taking their turn to work on them.

The mats can also be used to sit on the floor in the classrooms or on the ground during teaching lodge sessions.



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

Cultural and language teachers Nathan Isaac (back left) and Joe Syrette (back right) assist Saginaw Chippewa Academy students in making multi-purpose cat tail mats throughout the last two weeks of September.

The leftover clippings of cat tails were used to make small woven cup coasters and dolls during other Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin lessons.



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

Several SCA students pose with materials necessary to make the mats.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Amyah Bailey, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Conner Reed, Avery Rosales, Gage Sprague, Addison Begay, Leah Garber, Ngwiss Isham-Wells, Alonso Mendez, Giovanni Pelcher, Aakodewin Prout, Alexis Rodriguez, Ella Altman, Trenton Blunt, Adalayah Ekdahl, Emma Kendall, Abbie Patterson, Tru Quigno-Vaughn, Inez Christy, Lex Frost, Selena Garber, Evan Patterson, Aubriana Shomin-Detzler and Noah Sprague.

Mary McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova, Ajah Dodd, Abraham Graveratte, Damien Hunter, Micah Wagner, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Kashmir Hatlak, Aaron Hendrickson, Trevor Isham, Tylor Linville, Elle Patterson, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Hope Stevens, Cruz Vaquera and Oginiihs Zerbe.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Roman Hart, Jaxon Rodriguez, Michael Ekdahl, Richard McClain, David McClain, Kenisynn Shaw, Bryson Roth, Jacob Wilson, Sereniti Cole, Novaly Hinmon, Erica Hinmon, Emma Henry, Kyla Henry, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Nixie Snyder, Tyler Snyder, Jayne Starkey, Anthony King, Landen Rowlett, James Hendrickson Jr., Thomas Pelcher and Glendon Bennett.

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SCTC meeting overview: new associate degree option announced

KATHY HART

STEM Recruiter

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and STEAM Student Organization celebrate National Chemistry Week annually with a week of activities.

This year's kick start for chemistry week was the Student Campus Meeting where the Tribal College acknowledges students and staff.

SCTC also made a special announcement.

SCTC President Carla Sineway began by discussing the college's history.

Jonathon Miller, geoscience instructor and current faculty committee chair, then spoke and drew the audience's attention to a few individuals who made this event possible through their hard work and dedication in making SCTC a better place to be.

He first recognized someone who was unable to attend but whose presence is still very much felt everyday he comes into work at the science facility. He said chi-miigwetch to



Courtesy of Kathy Hart

On Oct. 22, Jonathon Miller, geoscience instructor and current faculty committee chair, announces the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will begin to offer a fourth associate degree program in general sciences, beginning the next spring 2019 semester.

Cheryl Calhoun, former full-time science instructor and project director for the equity grant.

For more than 10 years, Calhoun poured her heart and soul into educating SCTC students in not only matters

related to natural sciences but also in matters related to what it means to see the natural world and have a relationship with it through a cultural perspective.

Calhoun was instrumental in applying, receiving, and overseeing the renovation that is the current science classroom and lab giving the ability to offer more science-based classes.

One of Calhoun's ultimate goals at SCTC was to see this day come to fruition and it brought great joy to Miller to be able to share the news with her and her husband, long time Native studies instructor Mico Slattery.

Next, Miller said he wanted to "draw attention to two wonderful ladies" who saw to it that pen meet paper in the effort to formally research, draft, organize, and ultimately submit all the necessary work that is required for such an endeavor.

Miller said miigwetch to Kathleen Hart, STEM recruiter and current equity grant project director, for all the research



and writing to help this day come to be.

Miller also thanked Nina Knight, full-time English instructor, for seeing the path to completion for this project and for putting in the long hours necessary to build a successful application. Knight made great sacrifices in her personal time to see this through.

Miigwetch to the SCTC faculty and staff who helped in any way they could, especially when it came to drafting program learning outcomes for this project.

And lastly, miigwetch to the Tribal employees, especially those who work over with the Environmental

Team under the Planning Department, who continue to provide SCTC students with opportunities to experience, first hand, what it's like to work in the field of environmental studies, making a positive impact when it comes to the environmental concerns of the Tribe and the greater Central Michigan community.

With great pleasure, SCTC announced that beginning this next spring 2019 semester, it will be adding a fourth associate degree program to go along with Native American studies, liberal arts, and business in the area of . . . general sciences.

With a general sciences degree, students can pursue STEM-related four-year degrees or training programs in areas such as water management.

Miller said it is now his job as the full-time science faculty "to nurture the beginnings of this program and watch it grow to include more classes and opportunities for SCTC students to receive the education and training needed to be the positive influence this community needs."

Editorial: Special literature course examines the John F. Kennedy assassination

NINA KNIGHT

SCTC English Faculty

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dealey Plaza in downtown Dallas, at 12:30 p.m. CST on Nov. 22, 1963 stands as one of the watershed events in the consciousness of the American people.

Since that tragic day, there have been more than 600 books published on the Kennedy assassination and multiple official "government reports" followed by numerous investigations that were conducted into the assassination, associated circumstances and individuals.

This Nov. 22 marks the 55th anniversary of the assassination.

This fall, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

offered a special literature course entitled, Special Topics in Literature: The Kennedy Assassination. This course has been focusing on some of the literature of the Kennedy Assassination and the conspiracies that surround it.

The purpose of this course is not to advocate to any one specific theory, but to familiarize a new generation with the major theories through critical reading, rhetorical analysis and contribution to academic discourse.

Students in this course are already working diligently on their final exam projects which include a research paper and a 10-to 15-minute presentation where they will explain and defend their personal

theories on who was behind the assassination.

These presentations are open to the public and will be held on Monday, Dec. 10, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Tribal College.

In order to gain a better understanding of the impact JFK had on the people, the students in this class also spent some time at Andahwod interviewing some of the elders who were growing up during that time.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, returned to SCTC just to take this course, met one elder who told her, "I had the privilege of shaking Kennedy's hand when he had visited Detroit. I found him to be friendly and compassionate to all the people who came out to see him."

Many of the elders that the students spoke with were shocked when the news came on the TV that JFK had been assassinated. Many of them shared the same feelings about Lyndon B. Johnson. Many elders said they felt that he was not qualified to take over for JFK, and think that things became worse after he took office.

All of the elders who were interviewed agreed that 100 years from now, people will still be talking about JFK and the impact he had on the country.

The students are deep in the conspiracies and lies that have surrounded the assassination and the faculty and staff are looking forward to seeing their final presentations.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's special literature course Special Topics in Literature: The Kennedy Assassination focuses on conspiracies that surround JFK's assassination.

The ABC's of Parenting discussed at Oct. 9 lunch and learn

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The ABC's of Parenting were presented during a Tuesday, Oct. 9 lunch and learn at noon at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, in partnership with Behavioral Health Programs and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.

Sandra Stevens, prevention specialist for ACFS, presented parenting tips from the Active Parenting program and from her experience as a mother.

In Room 6 in SCTC's East Building, the teaching space was full of Tribal employees and community members who helped themselves to assorted



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In a full classroom in the Tribal College's East Building, Sandra Stevens, prevention specialist for Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, discusses the ABC's of Parenting during an Oct. 9 lunch and learn.

soups and fry bread.

Stevens discussed many parenting challenges and what parents may benefit from.

"Self-care is important for parents, too, if we are taking care of children," Stevens said.

Stevens said self-care can be as simple as a taking a bubble bath, going for a walk, dancing or reading a book.

"It is crucial for self-care for you, as a parent, to take care of yourself."

Stevens mentioned the importance of learning each child's love language. The five love languages include: Words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, quality time and physical touch. (www.5lovelanguages.com)

Stevens also recommended using Anishinabe culture to help answer parenting questions. She said for parents to go to the elders in the community, offer them semaa and ask for parenting advice.

"Generational trauma really influences how we parent," Stevens said.

Stevens turned to elders in the audience for parenting advice to share with others in attendance.

Elder Charmaine Shawana stressed the importance of patience and Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinabe outreach specialist, mentioned respect.

"Respect the children or teenager as an individual," Osawamick said. "Give them love and patience because sometimes we expect something right away."

Stevens ended her presentation with a parenting video that showed examples of how to talk to children about the dangers of drug, tobacco and alcohol use.

Attendees could grab a Halloween bucket and fill it with goodies, a parenting planner and information on parenting programs.



Rascal Flatts bring their Back to Us Tour in to newly-renovated Entertainment Hall

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Upon entering the newly-renovated Entertainment Hall, concert goers were offered a commemorative coin to mark the grand re-opening of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort venue on Oct. 4.

To celebrate that Thursday evening, the successful country music trio Rascal Flatts was in town during their Back to Us Tour.

With 10 albums, 16 number one singles and more than 23 million records sold (rascalflatts.com), today's country music fans are well aware Rascal Flatts have had an abundance of hit songs make their way to radio air play.

Rascal Flatts consists of cousins Gary LeVox (lead vocals) and Jay DeMarcus (bass), and Joe Don Rooney (lead guitar) who joined the cousins in 1999.

With four backing musicians, the group kicked off with "Yours If You Want It," followed by "This Everyday Love" and "Stand."

"When I look out at a Rascal Flatts crowd, I see people from all walks of life; different colors, different nationalities, different religions and it gives me hope that somehow we can find common ground and find something that we all agree on – like music, for instance, it brings us



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Rascal Flatts' lead vocalist Gary LeVox belts out "Yours If You Want It" during the group's Oct. 4 Back to Us Tour stop in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's newly-renovated Entertainment Hall.

all together," DeMarcus said, addressing the currently divided country. "Because here's the deal, guys, before we are labeled anything at all, we are Americans first and this is still the greatest country to live in on the face of the entire planet."

DeMarcus continued with advice for dealing with disagreements.

"People laid down their lives to fight for our right to disagree with one another but we can do it civilly," DeMarcus said. "We can love each other a little bit more. We can have a little more respect. We can be a little more tolerant with each other, and together, we can make this the best place to be in the world. People are trying to be what we



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Joe Don (JD) Rooney, lead vocalist for Rascal Flatts, performs a solo during the Thursday evening show.

are, and I believe we can be and do better."

The group then performed their latest single "Back to Life," which was released six days prior to that evening, and continued with "Why Wait," "Feels Like Today" and "Rewind."

The group presented a more stripped-down performance than what they are typically used to.

Rooney then paused to take a moment to appreciate the venue.

"We do love breaking it down so we can hear our vocals and hear what we're actually doing on stage," Rooney said laughing.

Rooney then shared with the fans that it has been 18 years since the trio first began topping the country music charts.



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Rascal Flatts' bassist and LeVox's cousin, Jay DeMarcus, performs the group's hit "Stand."

"I'm from Oklahoma... I grew up in a small town – kind of similar to Mount Pleasant in some ways – but I grew up with big dreams in my head and (guitar) picks in my pocket," Rooney said. "I wanted to go to Nashville and try to make it in this crazy music business. The good Lord led me to Nashville to meet these two cousins back in 1999 when I started singing with them, and at the end of 1999, we had a record deal, we hit the road and that brought us all here tonight, which is so cool."

Rooney dedicated the next song to everyone in the audience who has a desire before performing "My Wish."

"If you have a wish, we hope and pray that wish comes true for you in the rest of 2018 and beyond," Rooney said.

LeVox and the backup band exited the stage, and Rooney and DeMarcus performed acoustic snippets of "I'm Movin' On" and "I Won't Let Go."

LeVox and the band returned to perform Bryan Adams' "Summer of '69," Rick Springfield's "Jesse's Girl" and a 'redneck spinoff' of the song entitled "Bubba's Cousin" and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

The group then launched into their hits "Fast Cars and Freedom," "What Hurts the Most" during which LeVox walking into the crowd and "Banjo."

The encore included love ballad "Bless the Broken Road" and upbeat hits "Summer Nights" and "Life Is A Highway."

Australian bands Little River Band and Air Supply perform soft rock hits

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A little piece of Australia traveled to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Friday, Oct. 12.

Little River Band and Air Supply, both with origins in Australia, treated the audience to their well-known soft rock hits of yesteryear.

Up first was Air Supply, the soft rock duo consisting of English singer-songwriter/guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock.

The two were backed by a full band.

Air Supply formed in 1975 and topped Australia's charts. It was in 1980 that New York's music industry executive Clive Davis heard the duo's single "Lost in Love" and signed them to Arista Records, which led the duo to also top the charts in the

United States.

The performance began with "Sweet Dreams," "Even the Nights Are Better" and "Every Woman in the World;" all had the audience swaying and singing along.

"Are we in a good mood tonight?" Graham Russell asked.

Graham Russell moved to the left side of the stage and took a seat on a stool for "The One That You Love."

"Have you heard some good songs tonight, ladies and gentleman? Have you felt the love?" Russell Hitchcock asked the audience.

"Excellent!" Hitchcock said after the audience's enthusiastic hollers.

"Teach our kids – they are our future – teach them love, understanding and compassion," Hitchcock said.

"Making Love Out of Nothing At All" earned a standing ovation and roars from the audience.

Their encore included cover of Badfinger's "Without You," the upbeat "Shake It" and their hit "All Out of Love," which was their second single ever, debuting in 1980.

The group then walked off stage to The Beatles' "All



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Graham Russell (left) and Russell Hitchcock (right) of the soft rock duo Air Supply perform their well-known songs during the Oct. 12 sold-out Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert.

You Need is Love" blaring over the sound system.

Up next were the smooth sounds of Little River Band.

According to littleriverband.com, The Eagles founding member, the late Glenn Frey, dubbed Little River Band "the best singing band in the world."

LRB's bassist/vocalist Wayne Nelson joined the band in 1980, and worked alongside the founding members to create the distinct harmonies and vocal abilities.

To date, Nelson has contributed his vocals and bass guitar talents on 22 LRB albums, according littleriverband.com.

With more than 30 members since their first formation, none of the current members are original members. The present



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Wayne Nelson, bassist/vocalist for Little River Band, showcases his distinct vocal abilities.

lineup – along with Nelson – includes keyboardist Chris Marion, lead guitarist Rich Herring, drummer Ryan Ricks and guitarist Colin Whinnery.

LRB began their harmony-induced set with "It's a Long Way There," "Man On Your Mind" and "Happy Anniversary," which Nelson dedicated to any "lovebirds in the audience and also anyone celebrating a recent divorce."

The band performed several of their well-known songs including "Take It Easy On Me" and "Reminiscing," the single that reached number three on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1977.

While many of their hits topped the charts, "Help Is On Its Way" has been the only to reach number one.

"Bringing their vocal and musical energy along with great arrangements to their timeless classic hits, each show creates new memories for the audience," their website states. "The band enjoys watching their fans fall in love with the songs all over again as they are swept up by the show's powerful performance and the volume of this from LRB's history."

LRB ended the evening with their hits "The Night Owls," "Cool Change," "Lady" and "Lonesome Loser," and left the audience wanting more.

In addition to the private meet and greet with Tribal Council or their guests prior to the show, following their show, LRB took time to visit with their fans, take photos and sign autographs near their merchandise table after the show.



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Little River Band's keyboardist Chris Marion shows off during a solo.



Bourbon and Bacon sampling fest brings big name entertainment

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort transformed its newly-renovated Entertainment Hall into a sampling fest during the Sept. 29 Bourbon and Bacon special event.

Two separate sessions were held throughout that Saturday; the first was held from 2 to 5 p.m. and the second from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

The evening session featured classic rock legends Cheap Trick beginning at 9 p.m., and Stone Clover at 7:30 p.m.

The afternoon session featured country musician Eric Paslay at 3:30 p.m., and Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils at 2 p.m.

Patrons sampled bacon-themed food from the area's top restaurants and also received a commemorative tasting glass to sample spirits from national and local distilleries.

The admission fee included tickets for 15 food samples from featured Mount Pleasant, Saginaw, Mount Clemens, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Bay City restaurants.

VIP ticket holders could sample 16 bourbon brands and there were 12 available spirit



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Country musician Eric Paslay (center) is backed up by his band members during their feature performance in the afternoon session of the Sept. 29 Bourbon and Bacon event in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

samples with general admission tickets.

Two Soaring Eagle restaurants participated. Isabella's featured Porchetta (bacon giardiniera, arugula and ciabatta). The Siniikaung Steak & Chop House featured Deep Fried Pork Shoulder (Brussels sprout and apple salad, Knob Creek vinaigrette, pork sausage stuffed grape) and Bacon Sticky Toffee Pudding (bacon candy, whisky caramel and liquid nitrogen smoked iced cream.)

Slows Bar Bq Grand Rapids featured smoked pulled pork and Slows' Mac and Cheese.

Sugar High Bakery of Frankenmuth, Mich. featured maple bacon cupcakes.

Raven Brewing & BBQ of Big Rapids, Mich. featured its Three Little Pigs Taco (pulled pork, lardons and bacon with crisp slaw on a white corn tortilla with Chipotle aioli, Cotilla cheese and cilantro).

Bourbon brands and sponsors included Four Roses, Maker's Mark, Basil Hayden's, CH Distillery, Lagavulin, Angels Envy, Blanton's, Traverse City Whiskey Co, Bulleit, Buffalo Trace and more.

Featured afternoon entertainer Eric Paslay has released several hit songs and also is a songwriter of numerous hit songs released by other country artists or groups.

Paslay's hit songs include "Friday Night," "Song About a Girl" and "She Don't Love You."

Paslay also co-wrote Jake Owen's "Barefoot Blue Jean Night," Eli Young Band's "Even If It Breaks Your Heart" and Love and Theft's "Angel Eyes," all of which he performed that evening.

"I love writing and singing songs and I love drinking bourbon. It's great that it's all coming together today," Paslay said with a smile.

Paslay's emotionally-charged hit song "She Don't Love You" was released in October 2014 and debuted at number 52 on the U.S. Billboard Country Airplay chart.

"Why do we like sad songs?" Paslay asked the audience. "God gives us sad songs to break our hearts so we can learn to love again or at least let us know we're not alone."

The evening session's headliners, American rock band Cheap Trick earned a large standing audience filling the



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Several bacon-themed food samples were provided during the event from various vendors including Sugar High Bakery from Frankenmuth, Mich. and its maple bacon cupcakes.

first few rows of the venue as other guests continued to mingle at the vendors' booths.

The band began their set with "Hello There," "You Got It Going On," "Big Eyes" and The Move cover "California Man."

Cheap Trick formed in 1973, and in 2016 they were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Cheap Trick ended the night with their hits "The Flame," "I Want You to Want Me," "Dream Police," "Never Had a Lot to Lose," "Surrender" and "Goodnight Now."

Tickets for the evening ranged from \$40 to \$100 each.

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George Martin, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe grew up in Whitefish Community of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Reservation near Hayward, Wisconsin. He served 10 years in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and Vietnam. He is well known throughout the Great Lakes region and the Midwest as a traditional dancer (Head Veteran) and has a wealth of knowledge about Anishinabe spirituality, traditions and protocols. George practices traditional peyote stitch beadwork making ceremonial dance sticks, canes, and shakers which can be seen at powwows across the U.S. and Canada. He and his wife spend much of their time traveling to Anishinabe communities far and wide to attend ceremonial functions, teach at cultural events, participate in Anishinabe activities, and to visit with friends and relations. George will be 83 years old on December 2, 2018. He and his wife Sydney have been married for 55 years. They raised 4 children and make their home in Hopkins, MI.

Winnay Wemigwase, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) currently works in the Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health Program's Prevention Department as a Mentoring Program Specialist for the Zaagaate' Mentoring Program. Prior to working at Behavioral Health, Winnay worked in the K-12 Education Program and at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. She is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Education. She briefly taught 5th and 6th grades at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy before moving back to Harbor Springs, Michigan to take a position with her Tribe. While there, she served as an Education Specialist, Director of the LTBB Archives, Records and Cultural Preservation Department and as a Tribal Council member from 2011 to 2015. Both of her parents come from families that practiced a wide variety of traditional, Anishinabe cultural ways and spirituality.

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Color Me Free from Domestic Violence color walk/run raises awareness while having fun

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Editor

Color Me Free from Domestic Violence, a 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness color walk/run was held Saturday, Oct. 13.

The free event, hosted by Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan, brought in 106 participants and 27 volunteers.

The event began shortly after 11 a.m. on the Behavioral Health Program property.

Willing participants had a colored, non-toxic holi powder thrown on them by volunteers at each of the color stations. Each participant also received their own packet of color when arriving. Contenders were covered with multiple colors by the time they crossed the finish line.

Participants walked or ran down the Behavioral Health and Seventh Generation properties, Remus Road and ended in the backyard of Behavioral Health, under a rainbow balloon arch at the finish line.

“It was another successful event, even with the chilly weather,” said Erin Gauthier, case manager for NMN. “We are grateful it was a clear and sunny day, and always grateful for everyone who comes out to help and also participate in the color run. Any and all messages we can get out to the public towards ending domestic violence is a success and enjoying the company of each other while doing so is an even-greater joy.”

The event was untimed and for people of all ages and fitness levels.

Free event T-shirts, souvenir cups and sunglasses were provided to registrants on a first come, first serve basis.

Rita Lutes-Pulley, clinical therapist, served as volunteer to help set up, throw powdered colors and confetti at the finish line and took Polaroid “after” pictures.

“It is always a positive experience as I have helped for years, volunteering in different capacities,” Lutes-Pulley said. “I love

to be involved because it encouraging and motivating to get the idea out that domestic violence is not acceptable and to also work to end family violence.”

Lutes-Pulley said it was an educational event that also included enjoyment.

“My first favorite part is getting to throw color at the runners/walkers as they walk by and being able to encourage them to ‘finish strong,’” Lutes-Pulley said. “But I have to say, I loved taking the pictures with the families that were involved and being able to give them the picture immediately to take home and remember the event and their involvement.”

Lunch was provided by Behavioral Health staff members following the walk/run.

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Community members go for a 'Run on the Rez' at annual event

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The annual Run on the Rez had 65 participants compete in either the 5K run or one-mile walk on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green said the event is a fun run, not a competition.

Times and top finishers are not recorded.

"The run is a chance to get outside and enjoy this time of year, the crisp air and great colors," Green said. "I love the relaxed, fun and appreciative atmosphere this event promotes."

All participants who finished the course also received a medal, crafted by Dave Salisbury, carpenter for the Maintenance department, and the Woodshop department.

"The race goes smoothly because of the awesome volunteers," Green said. "Cindy Quigno, Flossie Sprague, Bonnie and Sue Sowmick make the famous soups and fry bread every year for this event."

Staff members from several departments collaborate to put on the event, work registration and serve as course directors or cheerleaders for the race. This includes Nimkee Public Health, Nimkee Fitness and Nina Knight from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, who also recruits students as volunteers.

Door prizes were donated by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Sagamok Express, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Green Tree, Runners, Creative Hair Designs, CMU University Recreation Center and Sawade Drilling.

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Feather link tea honors cancer survivors, provides statistics during luncheon

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center's Women's Health cordially invited the community to the 23rd annual feather link tea and luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 23

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms, the occasion honored National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Jenna Winchel, women's health coordinator, provided the welcome and Tribal Council Member Jennifer Wassegijig provided the invocation.

Guests were welcomed to a catered lunch buffet before featured keynote speaker Suzanne Cross took the podium.

Cross, a heart disease and cancer survivor, discussed her health history and played a short storytelling video she created with the company NDigiDreams.

In the video, Cross said it has been roughly 30 years since she received her cancer diagnosis.

"I see beauty in the nature wherever I go," Cross said in the video. "Since the cancer, I never pray for things for myself, only for others."

Several of the cancer survivors present had their photograph taken together and were acknowledged with applause.

Several items were provided for a silent auction to benefit Community Cancer Services. Many of the items were donated by Tribal Members, employees and community members.



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Suzanne Cross, a cancer and heart disease survivor, serves as keynote speaker during the event that recognizes National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



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Several cancer survivors in attendance pose for a photo at the 23rd annual feather link tea and luncheon on Oct. 23 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

Women's Health provided the following information on its event program.

Breast and cervical cancer screening guidelines for those aged 20 to 39: self-breast exam monthly, clinical breast exam annually, and a pap and pelvic

exam per guidelines.

Guidelines for those 40 years and older: self-breast exam monthly, clinic breast exam annually, mammogram annually, and pap and pelvic exam per guidelines.

Risk factors for breast cancer

include increasing age, family history, early onset of menstruation (before age 12), late menopause (after 50), first childbirth after age 30, never having children, diet high in fats and low in fiber, use of alcoholic beverages and being overweight.

Wellness fair held for all Tribal employees to gain health information

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal employees were invited to learn more about living a healthy lifestyle during the third annual Employee Wellness Fair.

The fair was hosted for Tribal Operations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Migizi Economic Development Co. employees on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A separate fair was held for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino employees at the Saganing Tribal Center on Thursday, Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 2018 event focused on key areas of wellbeing including physical, social/emotional,

career and community, and featured a benefits education area with several chairs and a Q-and-A.

Upon entering the Wednesday event, employees signed in and were given a free small tote. Employees had to have at least six different booths initial a card provided in order to be eligible for raffle prizes.

Judy Davis, women's health clerk for Nimkee Public Health, was one of the employees at the registration table and gave a pass to Morey Courts for interested patrons.

"Tribal employees may still walk for free at Morey Courts, this is in addition to that," Davis said.

Cooking and fitness demos, acupuncture, massages and health education were provided



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Sarah Deaton (right), mentoring program specialist at Behavioral Health, talks with a Charles Schwab representative during the Oct. 24 Employee Wellness Fair in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Several informational booths were set up during the third annual fair to benefit employees, answer their health-related questions and provide giveaways.

by numerous organizations.

Flu shots were available to anyone interested, and provided by Nimkee Clinic staff.

The Central Michigan University Health Bus offered free hearing screenings,

Michigan Blood offered free blood typing and Mid-Michigan Health offered free lung testing.

For Tribal Operations employees, Tribal Administration granted two

hours of leave in order for employees to attend, with supervisor approval.

The main event organizers were Toni Smith, wellness coordinator, and Connie Sprague, benefits manager.

Nimkee Clinic implements new Electronic Health Record (EHR) System

KARMEN FOX

Executive Health Director

On Oct. 22, Nimkee Clinic began implementing a new

Electronic Health Record (EHR) System to better serve the Tribal community.

During the next few months of transitioning and learning, please be patient and respectful

with Nimkee Clinic, Behavioral Health and ACFS staff.

Once the new system is set-up, we will have the latest technology and better communication between Nimkee, Behavioral Health, ACFS, Andahwod, Healing to Wellness Court, outside pharmacies and providers.

The last part of the

implementation piece will be the patient portal, once that goes "live" patients will have access at their fingertips to Personal Health Information (PHI) to view lab results, message the nurse, receive messages, etc.

When you come in for upcoming appointments please bring:

- Tribal ID
- Insurance cards
- Medication list or medications

This is a very exciting time for our tribe, please say chi-miigwetch to Tribal Council Members. They saw the need and value of implementing this new system for the betterment of the community!

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

Walk-In

FIT & FLU Clinics

Wednesday, Nov. 14
8:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Andahwod (During the Elders Breakfast)

Thursday, Nov. 15
7 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby

▶ FIT tests for colon health screening will also be available.

For more information, please contact: Sue Sowmick at 989.775.4699

One Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

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

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

Deadline: Jan. 31, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:
Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:
Attention: Michelle George
2591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.
*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.



StrongHearts Native Helpline receives 1,000th call from those affected by domestic violence

AUSTIN, Texas – In time for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) announced 1,000 callers have now reached out to the helpline for safe, confidential support and resources for domestic violence and dating violence, shining a light on the deep-rooted issues of violence plaguing tribal communities across the United States.

Since March 2017, the StrongHearts Native Helpline has offered a culturally-appropriate space for victims, survivors, their families and friends, service providers and abusive partners to reach out for help.

The helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and no-cost service dedicated to serving Native American survivors of domestic violence and dating violence, along with their concerned family members and friends.

As a partnered effort, StrongHearts combines the technology and infrastructure



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline

of the National Domestic Violence Hotline with the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center's policy and programmatic expertise and community connections.

"This is a key milestone in our work to support those facing intimate partner violence, though we recognize these calls are only beginning to scratch the surface of violence in tribal communities," said StrongHearts Assistant Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "Every call speaks to the bravery of our people in breaking the silence of violence in our homes, families and communities. For those reaching out to StrongHearts, we hear you, and we are here for you, no matter what."

Steeped in Native cultures and traditions, advocates navigate each caller's abuse situation

with safety, compassion and respect.

Created by and for Native American communities, StrongHearts

is uniquely designed to serve a population facing some of the highest rates of domestic violence in the United States.

Tribes, even as sovereign nations, face significant jurisdictional hurdles when addressing domestic violence in their communities. Gaps in culturally-based supportive services create unique barriers for Native victims seeking help.

According to StrongHearts' data from its first 19 months of operations, the severity of victims' experiences is telling: more than seven out of 10 victim-survivor callers reported experiencing more than one type of abuse (71 percent), including physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, digital abuse, cultural abuse, and other complex situations.

Nearly half of callers experiencing violence reported a

child being involved in their situation (46 percent). The top service referral requested by victim-survivors were shelters and legal advocacy.

"Because more than four in five Native Americans experience violence in their lifetime, there is a clear need for a national, confidential and tailored resource like StrongHearts to support Native victims," Jump said. "However, we cannot do this work without the help of our relatives; every call to the helpline speaks to the need for more resources for tribally-run services for victims in Indian Country and Alaska Native communities."

In 2016, the National Institute of Justice released a study indicating more than one in three American Indian and Alaska Native women and men had experienced violence within the past year.

Of those who had experienced violence, a third of Native women and one in six Native men were unable to

access the supportive services they needed.

"Our advocates take calls from victims, survivors, family members and friends, service providers, youth and elders—anyone who is impacted by violence and needs help," Jump said. "Domestic violence affects everyone in our communities and each generation. We encourage anyone who needs to talk to reach out to us. Every story matters."

By dialing 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST, callers can connect at no cost, one-on-one with knowledgeable StrongHearts advocates who can provide life-saving tools and immediate support to enable survivors to find safety and live lives free of abuse.

After hours callers may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline or call back the next business day.

Learn more about StrongHearts at www.strongheartshelpline.org.

Alzheimer's Awareness Month: Early detection matters

(Editor's note: The following is provided by alz.org/10signs, and submitted by Julie Pego case manager for Andahwod.)

In recognition of Alzheimer's Awareness Month in November, the following article was taken from the Alzheimer's Association website. The full article is available at alz.org/10signs.

Have you noticed any of these warning signs?

- 1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life.** Especially in the early stages, forgetting recently learned information and asking for the same information over is a common sign.
- 2. Challenges in planning and solving problems.** People

with Alzheimer's disease may experience difficulty with using numbers or following a step-by-step plan. They have difficulty concentrating and may take much longer to do tasks that are sequential.

3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or leisure. They may have trouble driving to a familiar place or forget how to use the settings on the microwave.

4. Confusion with time or place. People with Alzheimer's disease can lose track of dates, time and seasons. They can also lose track of the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately.

5. Trouble understanding visual and spatial relationships. A person with Alzheimer's disease may have difficulty reading and judging distances and determining color or contrast.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer's disease, may have trouble following or joining a conversation, they may repeat themselves, and struggle with finding the right word. They may call things by the wrong name.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to retrace their steps.

8. Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision making when dealing with money. They may give large sums of money

to a telemarketer. They may pay less attention to keeping themselves cleaned and groomed.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities. A person with Alzheimer's disease may start to remove themselves from social activities, hobbies or sports.

10. Changes in mood or personality. The mood or personalities of people with Alzheimer's disease may change. They may become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset when they are out of their comfort zone.

Normal age-related changes are:

1. Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later
2. Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook
3. Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show

4. Getting confused about the day of the week, but figuring it out later

5. Vision changes related to cataracts

6. Sometimes having trouble finding the right word

7. Misplacing things from time to time and retracing steps to find the item

8. Making a bad decision once in awhile

9. Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations

10. Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritated when routine is disrupted

(alz.org/10signs)

If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, please see your doctor to find the cause. Early diagnosis gives you a chance to seek treatment and plan for your future.

Wild Apple Sauce (Savory or Sweet)

Recipe from The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen

Servings: Makes about 2 to 3 pints

This simple sauce can be made savory or sweet, depending on the ingredients. It's great with game birds when spiced with cedar and/or sage for a savory sauce. Add a little mint and honey or late-season blueberries, and you have a fine sweet.

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds wild apples or a mix of domestic and crab apples, cored and coarsely chopped
- ¼ cup cider
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup, to taste

Seasonings, add one:

- 1 teaspoon sumac
- 2 sage leaves
- 2 juniper berries
- 2 to 4 tablespoons chopped mint leaves to taste

Directions:

Place the apples into a deep sauté pan or pot with the cider and set over medium-high heat. Cover and bring to a gentle boil and cook until the apples are very soft, about 20 minutes. Remove the lid and add salt, honey, and one of the seasonings and continue simmering until the sauce has thickened, another 10 minutes. Remove from the stove and taste. Adjust the seasonings.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule November 2018

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit		Aqua Fit		Aqua Fit
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		
5:15 p.m.		WRM Jayme		WRM Jayme	
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	



Michigan Indian Elders Association presents student incentive award winners

Each year, the Michigan Indian Elders Association accepts applications for student incentive awards.

The awards are available to students in grades K-12 who have all A's in a marking period or have perfect attendance.

Students who are members of a federally-recognized tribe in Michigan or are a direct descendant can apply for the awards. College students may also apply for scholarships available.

To find more information on these awards and scholarships, please visit www.michiganindianelders.org.

The following students received awards for the 2017-18 school year:

- **Bailey Burger:** Fifth grade, perfect attendance for two marking periods
- **MacKenzie Burger:** Seventh grade, perfect attendance for one marking period
- **Quinnlan Burger:** 10th grade, perfect attendance for two marking periods
- **Tayden Davis:** Seventh grade, all A's for two marking periods
- **Nikoden Davis:** Fifth grade, all A's for two marking periods
- **Foster Faber:** Eighth grade, perfect attendance for one marking period
- **Tyson Faber:** Seventh grade, all A's for two marking periods and perfect attendance for one marking period
- **Kalel Faber:** 11th grade, all A's for two marking periods
- **Treazure Jones:** 10th grade, all A's for two marking periods
- **Maggie Nelson:** Fifth grade, all A's for two marking periods and perfect attendance for one marking period

Tomarra Green: Andahwod's September Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

The September Employee of the Month for Andahwod CCC & ES is Tomarra Green.

Tomarra has been an activities assistant since January 2014. She also worked at the Ziibiwing Center in August 2010.

Tomarra's husband, Michael, and 3-year-old son Emmanuel, enjoy nature walks and exploring at their new house in the woods.

Her family also likes music, dance parties, visiting the elders, cooking and art projects.

Since moving into their new home, they also have been busy doing many renovations.

Tomarra enjoys taking the elders on outings. Every time they go out, they know she will take lots of pictures to share.

When Tomarra was asked what she enjoys most about working at Andahwod she said, "Having many bonus grandparents here to love, visit and hear their stories and insights about life. Miigwetch to the elders for nominating me."

Miigwetch to Tomarra for being a great employee and being there for the elders.



Courtesy of Tomarra Green
Tomarra Green,
September Employee of the Month for Andahwod CCC & ES

NOVEMBER 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Candace Benzinger
Maurice DeMeyere | 16 Sherry Jackson
Davina Key
Kathy Barber
Randy Dutton
Michael Finney
Jody Wojcik |
| 2 Tempie Snyder
Robin Grippi
Robert Henry
Thomas Russell | 17 Phillip Peters Jr.
Laurie Pease
Penny Raap |
| 3 Barbara Chapoton
Joni DeLaCruz | 18 Terri Bonnema
Kimberly Hebert
Brenda Stanton
Mark Stigger |
| 4 Bernard Sprague
Rose Clouse
Minnie Periard
Valerie Zocher | 19 Faith Carmona-Pego
Sheila Leasureaux
Christopher Williams
Bernice Nelson
Henrietta Malone |
| 5 David Detzler
Karen Sanford | 20 Jo Ann Bowen
Kathryn Moran |
| 6 David Anderson
Kathleen Hart
Richard Rodriguez
Lawrent Cabay
Richard Camburn
Paul Johnson
Marcia Lewis
Susan Smielewski
Kenneth Watson III
Naomi Waynee | 21 Allen Pego Sr.
Viola Nahgahgwon |
| 7 Donald Bordeau
Judith Ramirez
James Ritter | 22 Joseph Kulik Jr.
Clayton Nedwash Sr. |
| 8 Clara Jackson | 24 Corrinna O'Leary |
| 9 Lisa Elamin
Marshall Jackson
Pamela Kropp
Lawrence Mena
Frank Snyder | 25 Robert Burnham
Laura Meffert |
| 10 Irving Graveratte | 26 Valorie Semmens
Sidney Stone |
| 12 Marclay Crampton
Michael Cyr
Lenore Davis
Jack Ice
Kenneth Maloney | 27 William Snowden
Amanda Nahgahgwon
Stephen Randall |
| 13 Stuart Jackson
Barbara Johnson | 28 Wayne Watson Sr.
Norman Cyr Jr.
Carolyn Fisher
Daniel Kirby |
| 14 Raymond Pelcher Sr. | 29 Valerie Querback |
| 15 Peggy Vliet
Robert Bates | 30 Darlene Chippewa
Daisy Kendall
Chris Pego
William Cross
Barbara Garcia |

Andahwod Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet

Monday, Nov. 19

Andahwod | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- Elders: Free
- 13 & older: \$9
- 12 & under: \$5

November Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
Nov. 1 | 1 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
Nov. 5 | 1 p.m.

Puzzle Night
Nov. 8 | 6 p.m.

Elders Frankenmuth Daytrip
Nov. 9 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Limited spots available

Elders Breakfast
Nov. 14 & 28 | 9 - 10 a.m.

Fried Fish Buffet
Nov. 9 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.

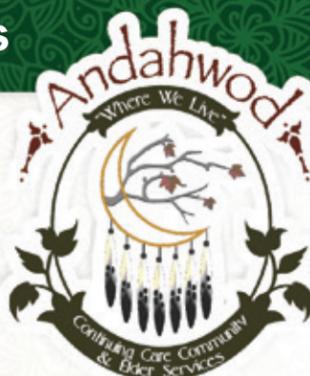
- \$12 - Adults
- \$10 - SCIT elders
- \$6 - 12 & under
- Free - 5 & under

Birthday Bingo
Nov. 17 | 12 - 3 p.m.

Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet
Nov. 19 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Saganing Day Trip
Nov. 19 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Name That Tune
Nov. 27 | 3 p.m.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

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



NOVEMBER 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Nov. 1 | 7 - 9 p.m.
 • Tribal Operations Seniors Room
 • 989.775.4880

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895
 Nov. 7, 21 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Community Sewing Night

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • 989.775.4780

Glow Lacrosse

Nov. 2 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.400.6644 or DAJackson@sagchip.org

Quilling Workshop

Nov. 5, 6, 7 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780
 • Cost: \$40 (payment must be made by Nov. 2 to hold spot)
 • 20 spots available

Energy Healing Circle

Nov. 6 | 4 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health

Parenting the Love and Logic Way®

Nov. 5, 19, 26 & Dec. 3, 10 | 5 - 7 p.m.
 • Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
 • 989.775.4616
 • For caregivers of children from 6 years old and younger

Career Fair

Nov. 6 | 1 - 4 p.m.
 • Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms
 • 989.775.5600
 • Free to all job seekers
 • On-the-spot interviews
 • Local businesses will be in attendance with employment opportunities

Youth Council: Meet the Candidates Night

Nov. 6 | 6 - 7 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.621.9375
 • A chance to hear about candidates running for this year's elected seats.

Friday Night Fish Fry Buffet

Nov. 9 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4300
 • Adults: \$12
 • SCIT Tribal Elders: \$10
 • 12 and under: \$6
 • 5 and under: free

Snow Shoe Workshop

Nov. 12-16, Dec. 13-16 | Time: TBD
 • Seventh Generation
 • **Registration: 989.621.4780**
 • A series of weeklong workshops
 • Cost: \$100
 • Open to first 15 who registrants

Baby Prom

Nov. 13 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4616
 • Photos by Summer Moon Photography
 • Tunes spun by DJ Joe Sowmick
 • Formal attire is suggested
 • Event preparation: Sewing Nights are Nov. 1 & 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Seventh Generation is offering appliqué help. Bring your shirt, you can make a ribbon shirt or tie of anything you would like your child to wear.

Walk-In Fit & Flu Clinic

Nov. 14 | 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
 • Andahwod (during elders breakfast)
 • 989.775.4699
 Nov. 15 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 • Nimkee Lobby
 • Fit tests for colon health screening will be available

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

Nov. 15, 29 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4110

Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Nov. 15 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Ziiibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4880

Andahwod Thanksgiving Dinner Buffet

Nov. 19 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 • Andahwod
 • 989.775.4300
 • SCIT Tribal Elders: Free
 • 13 and older: \$9
 • 12 and under: \$5

NOVEMBER 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>			1 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 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 p.m.	2 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. Spirit Feast Saganing 6 p.m.	3
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26 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.	27 Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Name That Tune Andahwod 3 p.m.	28 Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.	29 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Puzzle Night Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	30 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.	25 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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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). Proficient computer skills required. Backhoe operation experience preferred. Degree in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. Must be able to pass drug screening. 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.

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. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. Demonstrated success in building successful work teams and organizing, motivating and leading employees to desired results. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must have proven integrity and reputation above reproach. Must possess the ability to resolve problems and conflict,

and maintain a high morale and professionalism with the Tribal Police force. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to pass drug screening. MCOLES certified.

Clinical Therapist
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age-appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition. Five years teaching Anishinaabemowin, with one year in an early childhood setting.

Manager of College Advancement
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree. Demonstrated experience with a comprehensive capital campaign. Eight years of development experience in a leadership or managerial role with increasing responsibility. Ability to successfully lead and motivate professional staff. Ability to create fund raising strategies tied to the broader institutional vision and educational objectives. Knowledge of strategies employed in all major development functions. Proven record of fund-raising success. Demonstrated record of major gift cultivation. Familiarity and/or experience with alumni relations programs. Demonstrated commitment to diversity.

Dental Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experi-

ence. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Victim Services Counselor
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience in counseling. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Technical Services Technician I
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Two years help desk experience. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite. Experience with busy and stressful situations. Must pass IT related competency exam.

Fitness Attendant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Fitness or customer service experience preferred. Instructor certification if teaching classes. Ability to obtain HIPAA Certification, Blood Borne Pathogens Certification, CPR/First Aid and Safety Training within 30 days of hire.

E-Commerce Clerk
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment.

Custodian/Maintenance Worker
In-house: Current Tribal Operations employees, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees, Saganing Eagle's Landing Casino employees, and all Tribal Members are eligible to apply. Six months basic custodial or maintenance experience.

Paraprofessional
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. basic skills test of Michigan for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment) or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60

semester hours) or associate degree. Two years experience working with children in a school setting preferred.

Administrative Assistant II
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Four years administrative support experience or Associate's Degree. Two years administrative support experience. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite. Excellent communication and written skills.

Cook - ALRD
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred.

Certified Nursing Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience. Experience with older adults preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant.

Elementary Teacher
Open to the public. 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. Experience working with Native students and communities preferred. Excellent oral and written communications skills.

Maintenance Worker SCA
Open to the public. Experience with carpentry and operation and maintenance of janitorial equipment preferred. Must be

able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to obtain CPR and First Aid Certification within probationary period. Must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License with the proper designation required for the vehicle utilized to perform the job duties; must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License and qualify for coverage by SCIT auto liability insurance carrier.

Photojournalist
Open to the public. Associate degree in journalism, public relations, or related field. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree preferred in journalism, public relations, or communications. One year experience in photography and journalism writing. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with proper Associated Press (AP) Style writing for journalism. Proven ability in photography with portfolio sample both photography and written work.

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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. Must pass training test on truck mount operation within 90-day probationary period. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License and qualify for coverage by SCIT auto liability insurance carrier.

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

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

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

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

Culinary Supervisor
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Six months of lead or supervisory experience. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school preferred.

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with plumbing and carpentry. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Bartender PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred. Must be able to work all shifts.

Line Cook PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal Culinary training.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF MICHELLE GEORGE

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons to Appear Case no. 18-CI-0279 Plaintiff: Matrix Financial Services Corporation Plaintiff's attorney: Schneiderman and Sherman, P.C. Steven A. Jacobs (P68749) 23938 Research Dr. Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (989) 539-7400 vs. Defendant: Michelle George, 7367 E. Broomfield Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to the defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Jan. 19, 2019.**

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF BARRY JACKSON

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons to Appear Case no. 18-CI-0215 Plaintiff: Matrix Financial Services, Corporation Plaintiff's attorney: Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. Steven A. Jacob (P68749) 23938 Research Drive Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (248)539-7400 vs. Defendant: Barry Jackson 3441 S. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 23, 2018.**

Elders Advisory Board Vacancy

One vacancy needs to be filled.

Interested elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- ▶ 50 years or older
- ▶ District One SCIT elder
- ▶ Advocate for SCIT elders
- ▶ Ability to attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a part of the EAB, please mail a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to the address below, or submit a letter to the Andahwod front office:

Mail letters of interest to: Andahwod CCC & ES
2910 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Deadline: Nov. 30, 2018, at 5 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300 or ask at the Andahwod front office.



Halloween Haunt on the Hill and Trunk or Treat make for spooky good family fun

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Halloween Haunt on the Hill was held Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds.

The annual event, coordinated by the Recreation Department, once again proved to be a big hit with the community. A total of 1,565 community members attended the night's festivities, with 892 of them being youth guests.

Dance and costume contests were held beginning at 4 p.m.

The 6 p.m. Trunk or Treat event allowed guests to get treats from a gathering of elaborately decorated vehicles.

Guests could sample a variety of foods from food truck vendors as part of the "Taste for the Souls" event.

A bonfire was also setup during the event, allowing guests to treat themselves to S'mores.

The Housing Department's Haunted Tunnel proved to be a big hit with both kids and adults. The tunnel had a line most of the night, with many people waiting for their turn for a frightening good time.

Hayrides were also given, courtesy of Seventh Generation.

Twenty random contestants were picked to participate in the Fear Factor contest, sponsored by the Zaagaate Mentoring Program.

Niibing Giizis photography was on site to provide fun pictures of families in their costumes.

Other departments that sponsored the event included Planning and Members Services. Central Michigan University Athletes also served as contest judges.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

