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Attention Tribal Members: Several Tribal Operations departments are moving to the newly-expanded Black Elk Building

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Several Tribal Operations departments are making their move into the newly-expanded and remodeled Black Elk Building. The new location is at 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., where Human Resources has been located, off of Leaton Road

and across from the main entrance of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The main entrance will still be the original Human Resource's front doors until a second entrance to the north is fully completed. **Business Regulations** is now in Black Elk, located at a window directly to the left of the main entrance.

Accounting and Per Capita are back together in the Black Elk building. The front desk is available directly to the left of the HR window. **At-Large/Member Services** is now in Black Elk, located at the first hallway to the left of the main entrance. **The Office of Grants and Contracts** has moved back to Black Elk in the basement.

Treasury is also located in the Black Elk's basement. **The Tribal Clerk's Office** is anticipated to be moving June 10-12. Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, Public Relations, Legal, Economic Development and the Tribal Observer are anticipated to move in to the Black Elk Building in September.

Tribe distributes \$2.9 million during spring 2019 cycle of 2 percent distribution

ERIK RODRIGUEZ
Interim Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has scheduled its semi-annual 2 percent distribution, dispersing funds derived from Class III gaming at its properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. The Tribe will be allocating a grand total of \$2,910,310.66 distributed among Isabella, Arenac and Northern Bay counties.

The Tribe will be dispersing \$2,162,832.19 in Isabella County (\$1,386,265.22 for government and \$776,566.97 for education), and another \$747,478.47 in Arenac and Northern Bay counties (\$523,234.93 for government and \$224,243.54 for education) for the spring 2019 cycle. As with previous years, the Tribal Council receives numerous submissions, carefully reviewing each and every one. This distribution cycle saw a combined 371 individual requests submitted between the local governments and schools.

Spring 2019 | 2 Percent Distribution

| Saganing Government | Isabella Government |
|--|--|
| • Arenac County \$382,559.82 | • Isabella County \$312,306.46 |
| • City of Au Gres \$17,660 | • City of Mt. Pleasant \$567,683 |
| • City of Omer \$3,300 | • Chippewa Township \$16,385.74 |
| • City of Pinconning \$31,485.47 | • Coe Township \$100,000 |
| • Arenac Township \$1,000 | • Deerfield Township \$100,000 |
| • Au Gres Township \$11,500 | • Denver Township \$16,385.74 |
| • Deep River Township \$6,929.64 | • Isabella Township \$90,732.79 |
| • Lincoln Township \$1,000 | • Nottawa Township \$16,385.74 |
| • Mason Township \$16,000 | • Union Township \$150,000 |
| • Pinconning Township \$5,500 | • Wise Township \$16,385.75 |
| • Sims Township \$1,000 | Total Government: \$1,386,265.22 |
| • Standish Township \$11,000 | Isabella Education |
| • Turner Township \$6,000 | • Beal City Public Schools \$129,938.81 |
| • Village of Twining \$22,300 | • Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$21,935.88 |
| • Whitney Township \$6,000 | • Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$272,593.28 |
| Total Government: \$523,234.93 | • Shepherd Public Schools \$194,033 |
| Saganing Education | • Renaissance Public Schools \$102,566 |
| • Au Gres-Sims School District \$61,785.31 | • Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools Districts \$55,500 |
| • Pinconning School District \$62,402.17 | Total Schools: \$776,566.97 |
| • Standish-Sterling School District \$100,056.06 | Isabella Total: \$2,162,832.19 |
| Total Schools: \$224,243.54 | Grand Total: \$2,910,310.66 |
| Saganing Total: \$747,478.47 | |

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has the unique and wonderful opportunity to help in alleviating needs felt by our local governments and schools through 2 percent distributions," said Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl. "The benefit this funding brings to our communities is felt by so many here in Isabella, Northern Bay and Arenac counties. We continue to collaborate and communicate with our local partners to make our communities a better place to live."

2019 Homecoming

Community Meeting

Thursday, July 25 • SECR Entertainment Hall

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

* Tribal ID required. ** Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.

The Isabella County distribution took place on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, located at 6650 E. Broadway in Mt. Pleasant. The Arenac and Northern Bay counties distribution will take place at the Saganing Tribal Center, located at 5447 Sturman Rd., in Standish, Mich. on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 2 p.m.



Brenda Kay Davis

Aug. 23, 1965 – May 7, 2019

Brenda Davis, 53, of Rosebush, Mich., passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Woodland Hospice House in Mount Pleasant.

Brenda was born Aug. 23, 1965, in Howell, Mich., daughter of Theodore 'Ted' Stevens and Linda (Jackson) Frasier. She married Charles Thomas Davis on June 13, 2014, in Mt. Pleasant.

Brenda was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She loved taking care of her beloved animals, geocaching, roller-skating, and traveling in her truck.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Tom Davis of Rosebush; four children, Athena Merren of Mt. Pleasant, Chas Merren of South Dakota, and twins, Jerrett and Josh Merren of Mt. Pleasant; two step-daughters, Amber (Austin) Adams of Gladwin and Ashley Davis of Farwell; parents, Ted (Dianna) Stevens of Saginaw and Linda Frasier of St. Charles; siblings, Ted, Russell, Kenny, David, Brian, April, Gidget, Joe, Sam, and Echo Stevens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her funeral was celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, May 10, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Burial was held in Woodland Cemetery after the luncheon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Foundation.



Ida Ruth Lenhart

Dec. 14, 1932 – May 11, 2019

Ida Ruth Lenhart, age 86, of Mount Pleasant passed away Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Andahwod Senior Living.

Ida was born on Dec. 14, 1932, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Arthur and Ida (Johnson) Jackson.

Ida graduated from Weidman High School and the Saginaw Chippewa College. Ida was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and served her country in the United States Air Force.

Ida enjoyed going to the casino, shopping, and going out to eat.

Ida is survived by her son, Kenneth Lee of Weidman; one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and brothers, Lornie Jackson of Weidman and Stuart Jackson of Mt. Pleasant.

Ida was preceded in death by her son, Michael Lee; daughter, Victoria Lee; and siblings.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 1 p.m. with Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment will follow in Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society and Heartland Hospice.




**In Loving Memory
of
Mary Ann Fender**
*from Gaylene, Sandee,
Shellee and Jaimee Urban*

Linda Lucille Ritter

June 18, 1950 – May 24, 2019

Linda Lucille Ritter, age 68, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, May 24, 2019, at her home surrounded by her family, and under the care of Mid Michigan Hospice.

Linda was born on June 18, 1950, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of William and Jennie Strong. She married Lloyd Charles Ritter, who preceded her in death Oct. 1, 2008, and was a homemaker.

Linda was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She enjoyed traveling and cooking. She was an artist and avid painter.

Linda is survived by her children Alex Ritter Sr., Douglas Ritter of Detroit, Linze Ritter, Charles (Kari) Ritter of Rosebush, and Tracy Kole; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and brother Marlin (Anna) Strong of Florida; sister Sarah (Dave) Martin and Myrah (Don) Carr, both of Mt. Pleasant.

Linda was also preceded in death by her son Tex Ritter; granddaughter Christa Reney; parents William and Jenny Strong; sisters Diana Lynn Shourd and Gloria Sue Merrill; and brothers Eugene and Glindell Strong.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 30, at 2 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Interment was held at 5 p.m. in Denver Township Cemetery.




Wanted: Ziibwing needs your help!

- **SCIT Community Members needed to help give tours, teach how to make bone bracelets and clan medallions, and give cultural presentations to groups of all ages.** Once trained, your name will be added to our list of experts to call for assistance.
- **Dancers and drummers needed to assist with dance presentations to school groups on site (in our community) and offsite.** We need to update our list of dancers, singers and drummers. We need help when we have large groups or song and dance presentations.

For more information, please contact:

- **Judy Pamp** at 989.775.4735 or JPamp@sagchip.org
- **Tera Green** at 989.775.4750 TeGreen2@sagchip.org

Public Notice

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

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

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

| Tribal Member Name | Date of Death |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Bills Jr., John | 10/8/2018 |
| Bordeau, Tina | 7/10/2018 |
| Chamberlain, Alvin | 7/12/2018 |
| Chapoton, Ross | 12/5/2018 |
| Collins, Larry | 11/25/2018 |
| Drews, Delores | 8/25/2018 |
| Gould, Betty | 11/15/2018 |
| Jackson, Earlene | 8/22/2018 |
| Jackson, Garth | 10/5/2017 |
| McDonald, Eva | 9/9/2018 |
| Peters Sr., Phillip | 12/8/2018 |
| Quayle, Dennis | 7/21/2018 |
| Sanders, Madonna | 8/15/2018 |
| Smith, Loretta | 1/5/2018 |
| Stanton, Goldie | 1/3/2018 |
| Ziehmer, Ida | 7/24/2018 |



Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Ziibwing Cultural Society's
Collection Committee
needs Committee Members

For more information, please contact:
Robin Spencer at 989.775.4748 or rspencer@sagchip.org

HUNTER'S SAFETY

Presented by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

2019 CLASS SCHEDULE

**All three classes must be attended*

- **Class 1: Wednesday, Aug. 14** | 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- **Class 2: Thursday, Aug. 15** | 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- **Class 3: Saturday, Aug. 17** | 9 - 3 p.m.

CLASS LOCATION

Black Creek Conservation Club
2643 S. Chippewa Rd., Mt Pleasant, MI. 48858

- The class schedule and times are mandatory.
- This is a free class, no charge to participants.
- The Saturday class consists of review and the hunter's safety examination, along with a field day. (Lunch provided)
- The course includes information and instruction about the following: Introduction to hunter education, hunting safety, hunter responsibility, outdoor safety and wildlife conservation.

TO SIGN UP

Please contact: Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700

- Class size limited to 30 people.
- Parent or guardian must accompany a child 10 years of age or younger.
- Pre-registration count is required for correct amount of materials.

Missing: David Bennett

Birth: 6/3/2001
Missing: 2/26/2019
Race: American Indian
Sex: Male
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'03"
Weight: 150 lbs.
Age Missing: 17 years
Age Now: 17 years
Last Seen: Feb. 26, 2019
Missing From: Mount Pleasant, Mich.



Anyone having information should contact:

The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children
1.800.843.5678 (1.800.THE.LOST)

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Law Enforcement
1.989.775.4700

As of Oct. 1, 2019 the cost of Tribal license plates will increase

- New license plates with the first year tab will cost \$150.
- Yearly renewal tabs will cost \$125.

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Families Against Narcotics

Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: June 20, July 18

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibwing Cultural Center
Monthly Forums are an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.

Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: June 6

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room
Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

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

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

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

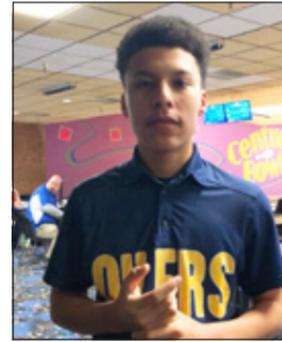
Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

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

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

Regular Council Session Dates

• June 4 • July 2 • Aug. 6 • Sept. 3



Happy
16th
Birthday
Andre!!



Happy Father's Day
& Happy Birthday!

We love you,
Mariana and Myles



Election Timeline 2019 Primary & General Elections

Aug. 6 - Sept. 4 | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
(NOTE: The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday-Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2019.)

Sept. 5 | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

Sept. 6 | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

Sept. 11 | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates

Sept. 13 | Final Candidate List Posted

Sept. 20 | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed.

Oct. 4 | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

Oct. 7 | 5:15 pm — Certification of Voting Machines

Oct. 8 | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Oct. 9 | Primary Election Results Posted

Oct. 15 | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

Nov. 4 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines

Nov. 5 | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Nov. 6 | General Election Results Posted

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4051

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Youth Police Academy

July 23, 24 and 25*

*The July 25 class will be an optional ORV safety day.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

The goal of the Tribal Police Youth Academy is to connect with Tribal youth and offer insight into a career in law enforcement. The academy will include some physical activity, instructional and practical exercises.

- Lunch provided
- Open to Tribal Member Youth 10-18 years of age
- Upon graduation, junior officers will be able to schedule shifts working with real police officers at this year's Saginaw Chippewa Powwow.

Only Pre-registration accepted

- Limited to 24 spots
- Parent/guardian must register in person at the Tribal Police Department no later than June 15

For more information, please contact:
Sergeant Wilson

Phone: 989.775.4700 | Email: cawilson@sagchip.org

Attention Tribal Members

On Dec. 12, 2018 the Tribal Council passed a motion to offer all Tribal Members one free copy of their personal enrollment file, upon request, in an effort to alleviate the cost to the Membership.

Attention Tribal Members

The time has come, Tribal Business Regulations is now live on the Tribal website with frequently requested forms, staff contact information, a tax agreement area map and further information on what we do here at Business Regulations.

Forms can now be accessed online by visiting:
www.sagchip.org/BusinessRegulations.

Completed forms can be submitted by mail to:

Tribal Business Regulations
7070 E. Broadway Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Forms can also be faxed to: (989) 775-4107

or emailed to: BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org

For questions or for further assistance, please contact the Business Regulations Department at: (989) 775-4175 or (989) 775-4109.

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Meetings

Every third Monday of the month
in the Seniors Room from 9 to 11 a.m.



Tuesdays • June - October

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include:

Seasonal produce, baked goods, beaded/sculpted/natural art and Indigenous foods.

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

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

For more information:

Sam Anglin, Market Master

Phone: 989.775.4315 | Email: SAnglin@sagchip.org

Anishinaabe Sun Dance Ceremony Informational Meeting

A Sun Dance Ceremony, or Thirst Dance, will make its emergence once again in the Saginaw Chippewa Territory on June 19-23, 2019. One of the earliest historical accounts of the Thirst Dance was documented in a "History of Saginaw County, Michigan" published in 1881. The "Indians of the Chippewa Nation" gathered near present-day Saginaw to ceremony on September 3, 1819 before the signing of the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.

An informational meeting will be held by Thirst {Sun} Dance leaders for all interested community members from all walks of life.

Friday, June 7 • 5:30 p.m.

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways
6650 E. Broadway • Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

For more information, contact: Lisa at 989.259.6964



Tribal Council

Chief

Ronald F. Ekdahl | District One

Sub-Chief

Julius S. Peters | District One

Treasurer

Craig Graveratte | District One

Secretary

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Kenny Sprague | District One

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Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One

Council Member

Louanna Bruner | District One

Council Member

Bill Federico | District One

Council Member

Lindy Hunt | District One

Council Member

Theresa Jackson | District One

Council Member

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

2019 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

Monday Night Masters | May 6 - Aug. 12.

At Maple Creek in Shepherd, Mich. Contact Lucas Sprague 989-775-4149.

Tuesday Night Skins | May 7 - Oct. 1

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. All players use the white tees, 5 p.m. shot gun, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees. Players with memberships do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 22 weeks to play in the final week, final week entry is \$25 per player. Limit is 20 players weekly registration opens at 4:30 p.m.

Friday Night Skins | May 10 - Oct. 4

At Waabooz Run. 18 holes, singles. 18 holes, all players use the blue tees, no age limit, \$20 plus green/cart fees. Players with the membership do not pay green fees. Players must play in 14 of the 21 weeks to be eligible for the final week. Final week entry is \$25 per player. Single players hit one shot and pay the same entry. No league play July 5.

Father's Day Special | June 17

At Waabooz Run. Two players per team, \$40 per player. \$2,000 in cash drawings for fathers/mothers. Top five scores payouts based on entries. Twelve proximities at \$25 each, and a 50/50 raffle available. Skins are \$20 per team. Event sponsored by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department.

Who's Your Caddy Open | Date TBA

At Maple Creek in Shepherd. Entry \$75 per player, four-person scramble. Contact Lucas Sprague at 989-775-4149.

Veterans Fundraiser | July 2

At Waabooz Run. At 10 a.m., three- player scramble \$75 entry per player, funds used to assist veterans in Isabella County and surrounding counties. Sponsorships available, call 989-400-1838 for details.

Family Olympics Tournament | July 18

At Waabooz Run. Two players per team (both players must be from the same tribe), alternate shot. Tee-off at 9 a.m. Five divisions: Golden Oldies 65 and over use white tees, Seniors 50 to 64 use blue tees, Men 49 and under use blue tees, Women and Youth 17 & under use white tees. Singles at 2 p.m. All divisions' entry is \$30 per person (Individual stroke play, triple bogey max score on all holes).

Little Elks Memorial | Aug. 3

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

Native Cup | Sept. 14

At Waabooz Run. Michigan tribes vs. Walpole Island and friends. Entry is \$100 per player scramble format, three senior teams, three coed teams, four men's teams. Winner takes all, win six of the 10 matches win the pot, skins pot also available.

Contact Bernard Sprague at 989-400-1838 for more information or to register your team.

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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

Donations needed for new Anishinaabemowin Immersion House

MARY PEREZ

ALRD Administrative Assistant II

Seventh Generation has collaborated with the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department to restructure the blue house located at 7785 E. Remus Rd. to create an Anishinaabemowin Immersion House.

We are looking for any donations of furnishings, lamps, storage cabinet, table/chairs, plates/bowls/cups and dressers to help us prepare for an open house.

If you have anything you think we may be able to use, please contact the ALRD. You may also contact Tonya Jackson at 989-775-4780 or Lee Ruffino at 989-775-4786.



Coffee
..... with the
Community

Please join the Water Quality Program staff for a free cup of Starbucks coffee and take advantage of this opportunity to share stories, perspectives, concerns and priorities about water resources.

Let us know what we are doing right, how we can improve and what you would like to see from the Environmental Team in the future.

To schedule your session:

Taylor Brook

• Phone: 989.775.4162
• E-mail: TBrook@sagchip.org

Kellie Henige

• Phone: 989.775.4065
• E-mail: KHenige@sagchip.org



Planning Department

2451 Nish Na Be Anong, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month.

To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 or email observer@sagchip.org.

To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055.

Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

Name: _____

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Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Healing to Wellness Program expands, official ribbon cutting ceremony held May 29

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Tribal Court held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the expansion of its Healing to Wellness Program on Monday, May 29 at 11 a.m. in the court's lobby.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Tribal Council joined Senior Judge Patrick Shannon, Tribal and area court officials for the ribbon cutting ceremony that highlighted the transition of new court offices to accommodate

additional healing resources for the community.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was postponed for a couple months due to inclement winter weather on the original scheduled date.

As of Jan. 2, 2019, the Healing to Wellness departments were moved into the magistrate's hearing room. The departments include the new Family Healing to Wellness, the new Juvenile Healing to Wellness along with the Healing

to Wellness Program.

"The additional resources through the Tribal Court will assist the community whom struggle with substance misuse and the opioid pandemic," said Magistrate Carol Jackson. "This was all made possible with the support of Tribal Council, along with funding provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Department of Justice grants."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl cuts the ribbon, as Tribal Council members show their support, on May 29 during a ceremony highlighting the transition to new offices for the Healing to Wellness Program and its departments.

Nationally-known addictionologist discusses opioid crisis with Tribal Council

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

HTW Family Court
Project Director

On April 18, nationally known expert addictionologist, Dr. William Morrone, had his first opportunity to meet with Tribal Council to discuss efforts of medically-assisted treatment.

Morrone was joined in Council chambers by Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon and John Pattison, nurse practitioner for the Healing to Wellness Family Court.

"It was an honor to meet with Tribal leadership, and we gave Council an introduction of our treatment team people and the plans to begin a form

of integrated health care treatment that was more aggressive than legacy resources used in the past," Morrone said. "I know the work that we have been doing with Nimkee Clinic in providing medically-assisted treatment with John and their staff is already having promising results."

Morrone explained to Council how his practice with Recovery Pathways is working with the Tribal Court through the SAMHSA Family Court grant and where medication assisted treatment is integrating at a few different levels including: calling on the pharmacy to coordinate fills, calling on nurses to see patients

face-to-face ASAP before the next appointment, coordinating any external visits like the jail consultation, lab testing agreed in the same day from Morrone to Nimkee, and emergency short notice counseling service to include off-site Recovery Pathways office staff.

Pattison said he appreciated the chance to meet with Council for the first time and said Morrone has helped him bring medically-assisted treatment to Healing to Wellness clients.

"MAT wouldn't be possible without Dr. Morrone and his promises and support to our program that he outlined in the meeting with Tribal Council. I have taken the opportunity to not

only treat our clients for addiction but also provide primary care," Pattison said. "I am really happy we can be an access point for people to get healthy and stay healthy through regular visits whether they be well child visits for our client's children or annual visits for our clients as an access point to health care."

Pattison asserts that getting into a routine of taking children to regular visits is an important step to their continued interest in seeing a provider as they get older.

"As our clients begin to recover, we

know they can benefit from a healthy lifestyle to have continued benefits in their recovery moving forward," Pattison said. "I appreciate Dr. Morrone's involvement in our program. As a team we are able to provide services to our clients based on their specific needs."

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35th Annual
Saginaw Chippewa
POWWOW
JULY 26-28, 2019

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hotel Information:

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532

Dance Contests:

Platinum Age, Golden Age, Senior Adults, Junior Adults

- 1st Place: \$800
- 2nd Place: \$600
- 3rd Place: \$500
- 4th Place: \$400
- 5th Place: \$300

Teen (12-17)

- 1st Place: \$400
- 2nd Place: \$300
- 3rd Place: \$200
- 4th Place: \$125

Juniors (6-11)

- 1st Place: \$200
- 2nd Place: \$150
- 3rd Place: \$125
- 4th Place: \$100

Drum Contest:

- 1st Place: \$8,000
- 2nd Place: \$6,000
- 3rd Place: \$5,000
- 4th Place: \$4,000
- 5th Place: \$3,000

For more information:

SCIT Powwow Committee

- Phone: 989.775.4000
- Email: PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

Host Drum: Bear Creek

Masters of Ceremonies:

Jason Whitehouse & Mike Sullivan

Arena Directors:

Walker Stonefish & Kevin Syrette

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Dance Judges:

Stewart Boivin & Pamela Boivin

Head Drum Judge: Wayne Silas

Head Dancers:

James (Bud) Day & Alexa Funmaker

Sound by: Hoka Sound

Specials:

Old Jingle Style, Woodland Special, Teen Chicken Dance (Hosted by Niijiik Davis)

Honoring Special: Grandma & Granddaughter Honoring special for Jo Kathy & Lynnova.

***Dancer Registration Fee: \$10**

***Vendors must be approved**

****This is a drug and alcohol-free event****

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT

JUNE




NATIONAL DONUT DAY

Friday, June 7 | 10AM – 10PM

Earn 100 points and visit one of our promotional kiosks to receive a voucher good for one complimentary deluxe donut from the Native Grind.

*While supplies last.



FATHER'S DAY WALLET GIVEAWAY

Sunday, June 16 | 6PM – 10PM

One winner every hour will receive a wallet containing up to \$500 in Premium Play, a Bucks Run Golf Membership or a Pohlcat Golf Membership.



SOARING JACKPOTS

Guaranteed to hit by \$75,000, plus mini frequent jackpots guaranteed to hit by \$25,000!

SAGANING EAGLES LANDING CASINO

JUNE




PROGRESSIVE MANIA

Sundays in June | 12PM – 9PM

Play at your favorite machine using your ACCESS Card for your chance to bag a promotional jackpot of up to \$1,800!



MILLION \$ WEEKENDS SLOT TOURNAMENT

Fridays through July | Every Half Hour 11AM – 2PM & 5PM – 8PM

Every weekend through July, you can join to win up to \$500 in Premium Play. The top 11 winners will compete on July 26 to win the grand prize of \$5,000 cash and a Las Vegas travel package to compete in the \$1,000,000 Slot Tournament in Vegas.



LANDING JACKPOTS

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SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and annual Drinking Water Report

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

Is My Water Safe? During 2018, SCIT tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies, and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

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

Where does my water come from? Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our Tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk

Road. Well #4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road, and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content, and your water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the Tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residues. The water plant does add fluoride to the water. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects to your fish.

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

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

Why are contaminants in drinking water? Drinking water,

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

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you ever have a question

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

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

Official Laboratory Report

| Sample ID: 2710 Makwa Road | | Date collected: 8/30/2018 11:10 | | |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lab ID: KEJ-0038-01 | | Matrix: Drinking Water | | |
| Parameters | Result | Dilution Factor | Reporting Limit | Analyzed |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) Analytical Method: EPA 552.2 | | | | |
| Chloroacetic acid (MCAA) | <2.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Bromoacetic acid (BCAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA) | 2 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Haloacetic Acids, Total (HAA5) | 2 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 15:44 |
| Sample Preparation Analytical Method: EPA 552.2 | | | | |
| Liquid-Liquid Extraction, HAAs | Complete | 1 | | 9/4/2018 10:30 |
| Volatiles Analytical Method: EPA 524.4 | | | | |
| Bromodichloromethane | 5.8 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:38 |
| Bromoform | 30 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:38 |
| Chloroform | 1.7 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:38 |
| Chlorodibromomethane | 19 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:38 |
| Trihalomethanes, Total (TTHM) | 57 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:38 |

| Sample ID: 3010 Leaton Road | | Date collected: 8/30/2018 11:25 | | |
|---|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Lab ID: KEJ-0038-02 | | Matrix: Drinking Water | | |
| Parameters | Result Units | Dilution Factor | Reporting Limit | Result Qualifier Maximum |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAAs) Analytical Method: EPA 552.2 | | | | |
| Chloroacetic acid (MCAA) | <2.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Bromoacetic acid (MBAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Dichloroacetic acid (DCAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Trichloroacetic acid (TCAA) | <1.0 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Dibromoacetic acid (DBAA) | 2.5 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Haloacetic Acids, Total (HAA5) | 2.5 µg/L | 1 | 1.0 | 9/6/2018 16:25 |
| Sample Preparation Analytical Method: EPA 552.2 | | | | |
| Liquid-Liquid Extraction, HAAs | Complete | 1 | | 9/4/2018 10:30 |
| Volatiles Analytical Method: EPA 524.4 | | | | |
| Bromodichloromethane | 2.5 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:57 |
| Bromoform | 9 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:57 |
| Chloroform | 0.9 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:57 |
| Chlorodibromomethane | 5.9 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:57 |
| Trihalomethanes, Total (TTHM) | 18 µg/L | 1 | 0.50 | 9/12/2018 19:57 |

| Sample ID: 7377 Tomah Road | | Date collected: 8/15/2018 12:05 | | |
|---|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Lab ID: 2251200001 | | Matrix: Drinking Water (Potable) | | |
| Parameters | Result Units | Dilution Factor | Reporting Limit | Result Qualifier Maximum |
| Individual Parameters Analytical Method: EPA 300.0 Analyzed: 8/16/2018 09:31 By: RAR | | | | |
| Nitrate Nitrogen, as N (NO3-N) | 0.066 mg/L | 1 | 0.050 | 10 |

Lead & Copper - 90th Percentile 2018

| Copper (1.3 mg/l AL 90th %) | | Lead (0.015 mg/l AL 90th %) | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1 | ND | 7201 Tomah Rd | ND |
| 2 | ND | 2991 Leaton Rd | ND |
| 3 | 0.002 | 3495 Leaton Rd | ND |
| 4 | 0.003 | 2160 Otto Dr | ND |
| 5 | 0.0086 | 7065 Tomah Rd | ND |
| 6 | 0.01 | 7459 Tomah Rd | ND |
| 7 | 0.012 | 3857 Leaton Rd | ND |
| 8 | 0.012 | Tribal Operations | ND |
| 9 | 0.014 | 7305 Tomah Rd | ND |
| 10 | 0.014 | Ogemaw School | ND |
| 11 | 0.020 | 3691 Leaton Rd | ND |
| 12 | 0.022 | 7057 E Broadway | ND |
| 13 | 0.027 | Campground Office | ND |
| 14 | 0.028 | Public Safety | ND |
| 15 | 0.031 | Planning Dept | ND |
| 16 | 0.033 | 2461 Sawmick Dr Apt 1 | ND |
| 17 | 0.038 | Broadway School | ND |
| 18 | 0.056 | 3940 Miigwah Ln | ND |
| 19 | 0.056 | 3863 Miigwah Ln | 0.0011 |
| 20 | 0.060 | 3920 Miigwah Ln | 0.0012 |

Important Information About Your Drinking Water Monitoring/Reporting Requirements Not Met for Mt. Pleasant Community Water System

Our water system violated a drinking water requirement. Even though this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

**We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 2018, we collected lead and copper samples as required, but we did not report the sampling results to the EPA as required in the Safe Drinking Water Act.*

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. The table below lists the contaminants that we monitored for, when they were required to be collected, how many samples we took, when sample results should have been reported and the date sample results were reported.

| Contaminant: Lead ¹ and Copper ² | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| When samples were required to be collected | Number of samples taken | When sampling results should have been reported | When sampling results were reported |
| June 1 - Sept. 30, 2018 | 20 | Oct. 10, 2018 | Oct. 23, 2018 |

What is being done? The lead and copper samples were collected during the summer of 2018, as required, but the results were not reported to EPA by Oct. 10, 2018. We are working to improve reporting of sampling results to the EPA as required. For more information, please contact Joe J. Johnson, 989-775-5235, located at 7377 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858.

**Please share this information with anyone who drinks this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses.) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or disturbing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Mt. Pleasant Community Water System. Public Water System Identification Number: 055293201

¹ **Lead** – Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

² **Copper** – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.

Non-Gaming Commercial

Flat Fee (Per Quarter):

5/8" Meter: \$15 **1" Meter:** \$38.85 **2" Meter:** \$124.20

Over 2" Meter and up to 4" Meter: \$400

Over 4" Meter: As determined on an individual basis by the Authority

Monthly Variable

Rate: \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons **Sewer Rate:** \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons
(Gallons charged are based on 80 percent of water usage.)

Miscellaneous Fees

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



Editorial: Housing clean-up day was a huge success

ANDREW WAGNER

Housing Department

Imagine a huge football field on the Reservation full of debris. Now, imagine the Housing Department, with great volunteers, helping to clean it all up and make the Tribal community cleaner.

On Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Housing Department ran the Reservation spring clean-up event. More than 30 households participated in the event removing unwanted trash and debris.

In total, the Housing Department filled up four large 30-by-30 dumpsters. This equals a whopping 360-cubic yards of garbage.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department was also on hand, keeping the Reservation safe by



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Housing Department Manager Rosalie Maloney (right) and Gary Rueckert Jr. (left) welcome guests at the check-in station during the May 18 clean-up event.

removing old pharmaceutical medication.

“This was a huge success for the Housing Department as many Tribal Members and some tenants were able to do a little bit of spring cleaning,” said Rosalie Maloney, manager



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

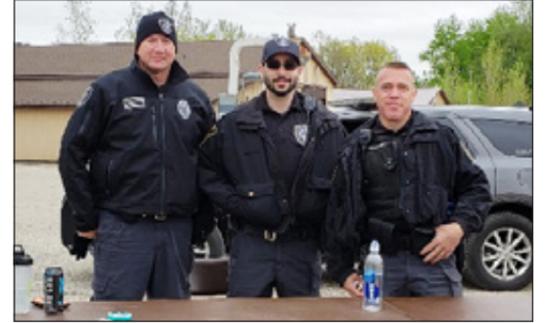
Clean-up day staff and volunteers are photographed.

of the Housing Department. “The Tribal Council asked for this service and our staff made it happen. I would like to thank the staff for jumping right into the planning and coordinating all the logistics that made this event possible.”

The Housing Department would like to thank the following departments who helped make this event happen: The Saginaw Chippewa Academy for allowing us to

use their space, the Tribal Police Department for setting up the pharmaceutical removal booth, the Anishnabe workforce developer for providing us with temp workers, the Ziibiwing Center for helping us with set up supplies, Kevin Ricketts, and the Purchasing Department.

The Housing Department would also like to thank Tribal Council for their continued support of this event.



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers collect old pharmaceutical medication from the Tribal community.



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Housing Employees James Neff and Jeremy Pumford assist with loading items into the dumpsters.



VOLUNTEERS Needed!

- ✓ **Get involved**
- ✓ **Make a positive impact**
- ✓ **Empower Native Youth**
- ✓ **Give back to your community**
- ✓ **Be a part of something that changes the world**



PROJECT VENTURE

Indigenous youth embracing their potential through outdoor adventure & service

Volunteers will:

- Be a part of a year-long Tribal Youth development program based on outdoor wilderness adventure, experiential learning and Anishnabe cultural traditions.
- Assist in 1-2 hour afterschool sessions at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, beginning in January 2019. Sessions focus on Cultural skill building, experiential learning, team building and outdoor adventure exercises.
- Help set up and break down all afterschool programming sessions with the help of Youth Program Coordinator.
- Attend weekend adventure outings with Project Venture students and staff. Assist students with activities.
- Learn how to facilitate Project Venture afterschool sessions with the Youth Program Coordinator.
- Work on special events and service projects with Tribal Youth.
- Set up events that promote Project Venture – help educate the community.

Who can be a Project Venture volunteer?

- Anyone 16 years or older can apply.
- Must pass a background check.
- Must be willing to work with Tribal Youth – engaging, communicating, being actively involved in cultural activities, games and all skill building exercises.
- Must be able to play, move and be in good physical health.

To apply, please contact Dolores Winn:

- **Phone:** 989.775.4920
- **Email:** DWinn@sagchip.org

More than 2,000 trees distributed during annual tree giveaway

TAYLOR BROOK

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

On April 25 and May 1, the Environmental Team distributed more than 2,000 native trees to be planted locally to improve habitat and water quality.

The Environmental Team has purchased trees from the Isabella Conservation District each spring for more than six years to give away to the Tribal community.

This year, the Environmental Team purchased more than

1,000 trees. Generously, the Isabella Conservation District had left over trees that were not sold and donated them to the Environmental Team for distribution.

We are grateful to have had extra trees to give away because they were gone in record time on the first day of the giveaway. We are also grateful to have so many people here locally that care deeply about planting trees.

Thank you to the Isabella Conservation District and the efforts of the Tribal Community, we have now

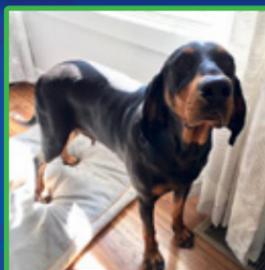


Courtesy of Taylor Brook

Environmental Team and SCTC intern Shane Graves scramble to distribute trees to a long line of enthusiastic tree planters.

improved our environment! Thank you for your help and keep on planting.

Adopt a Pet



Maple

Maple is a 4-year-old female Black and Tan Coonhound mix who is just as sweet as syrup. She is a country girl at heart who would love her space to run and follow a scent. Her favorite things to do are cuddling with humans and exploring outside. She is well behaved and quiet in the house, and only chews on her toys. She lived with two other large dogs in her foster home and they got along great!



Salazar

Salazar is a 2-year-old male Domestic Shorthair mix. Salazar is a cat who does everything in a big way. He not only likes to be in the middle of things he likes to lead the parade. He is an adventurous cat but also shows his affectionate side. He's the demonstrative type. Want a cat who is brimming with confidence? That is Salazar! He has been with HATS since September 2018.

Available at the Humane Animal Treatment Society

1105 S. Isabella Rd. Mt. Pleasant ➤ Hatsweb.org ➤ 989.775.0830 ➤ hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | **Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch, weekdays: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | **Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | **Sunday:** closed



Exhibit “Wiidanokiindiwig (They Work with Each Other)” runs until Oct. 5

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

On Friday, April 19, the grand opening for the changing exhibition, “Wiidanokiindiwig (They Work With Each Other),” was held at 6 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center. This is an exhibition of photographic panels and historical objects that display and tell a story about the connection between the physical universe of Mother Earth and the spiritual essence of her Anishinabek children in the synergistic beauty and efficacy afforded by that union in the form of basketry.

The exhibit also tells a story illustrated by the practical and respectful relationship shown in the curation of the beautiful exhibition produced with contributions from the Ziibiwing Center and the University of Michigan working with each other.

The stories span both time and social disruptions occurring in the lifeways of the Indigenous people of North America and are a testament to the strength and devotion of our minds, hands and hearts.

The final panel in the exhibition speaks to some of the ways that the North American



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Carla Sinopoli, University of Michigan curator emerita and director of the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology at the University of New Mexico, provides opening remarks just before she and William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center, cut the ribbon to open the exhibit on April 19.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Former SCIT Chief Audrey Falcon (left), current member of the Ziibiwing Board of Directors and Johnson (right) are photographed at the grand opening.

audience and shared thoughts about the exhibition creation and the welcomed relationship with Ziibiwing. They shared observations about the progress already made (over halfway) and still to come in the repatriation of remains and objects in cooperation with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Basket makers pictured in the exhibition, Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell, were in attendance and presented baskets they made to members of the University of Michigan delegation.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Attendees view the exhibit that was a culmination of the basketry artwork, and the combined efforts of the University of Michigan and the Ziibiwing Center.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

(Left to right) Johnson, Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin, basket makers Sarah Bedell and Josh Homminga, as Homminga addresses the gathering. Bedell and Homminga appear on a panel in the exhibit. Bedell and Homminga teach basket making and will also lead a community Black Ash Strawberry Basket Building Workshop at Ziibiwing beginning June 3.

Homminga shared a little about how his knowledge and basket-making skills were handed down and developed.

The exhibition is on display through Oct. 5, 2019 and is free with paid admission to the permanent exhibit.

HONORING, HEALING & REMEMBERING

June 6, 2019 • 7am - 4pm

Welcoming all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers & Jingle Dress Dancers

Join us on the 85th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

Keynote Speakers:

Kelly Elk Woman Jackson
Historian & Musician

Christine McCleave
National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

Sarah Jones
SCIT Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Community Black Ash Strawberry Basket Building Workshop with Josh Homminga and Sarah Bedell

Traditional basket-makers from the Bay Mills Indian Community

The community is invited to help construct a grandmother black ash strawberry basket with mini-strawberry baskets attached to the grandmother basket with vines.

Each participant will have the opportunity to make a mini-strawberry basket which will be attached to the grandmother basket when finished and/or assist with the construction of the grandmother basket. The mini-basket could represent loved ones, families, and/or anything the participant chooses. The grandmother strawberry basket will be approximately 2.5 feet tall and 22 inches across. The grandmother basket will serve as a “time capsule” for participants & visitors to place their hopes & dreams for Mother Earth.

In addition to providing instruction and assistance in constructing the mini-strawberry baskets, Josh and Sarah will share cultural teachings, including the meaning and significance of a strawberry basket (ode miin-heart berry).

Learn the history of black ash baskets, as taught from our elders through storytelling, as well as how Josh and Sarah learned the art. They will also provide logs to share interactive teachings on harvesting and preparing the supplies for basket-making.

June 3-8, 2019 * and June 10-14, 2019
10am to 6pm

* On June 6, Josh & Sarah will join us at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site for make & take black ash art work

Free & open to the public

Supplies provided

This event is in conjunction with WIIDANOKIINDIWAG exhibition on display at Ziibiwing thru October 5, 2019

BOARDING SCHOOL SITE:
1400 W. Pickard
Mt. Pleasant, MI
(Near corner of Pickard & Crawford)

7:00am • Sunrise Ceremony MISSION CREEK CEMETERY
1475 S. Bamber Rd
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Silent Auction donations welcomed!
Contact Amanda Lewis
alewis@sagchip.org
or 989.775.4734

FOR MORE INFO:
Call 989.775.4074
or e-mail miibs@sagchip.org

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RAIN OR SHINE

PARKING:

- Corner lot at Pickard/Harris - Shuttle Service
- Handicap parking at site - as available
- No parking on Crawford Rd.

For your comfort:

- bring lawn chair, blanket, umbrella, water bottle

ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
989.775.4750

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THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM
8850 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48856
989.775.4750 • www.sagchp.org/ziibiwing

Don't miss Summer Feast at 7th Generation
June 20, 2019 • 5:30pm-7:30pm
Co-sponsored by Ziibiwing

Community Cultural Teaching & Feast

at *Ezhibiigaadek Asin*
(the Sanilac Petroglyphs site near Cass City, MI)

Speaker: Tom Peters
Saturday, June 22, 2019 • 11am - 3pm

JULY EVENTS:

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Coalition seeks answers about children who went missing at U.S. Indian boarding school via United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances

GENEVA, Switzerland, May 14, 2019 – Today a coalition of tribes, organizations, and independent researchers will go before the United Nations to testify about American Indian and Alaskan Native Children who went Missing under the United States' Indian Boarding School Policy.

The coalition filed a submission with the United Nations Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances (UNWGEID) on April 12, 2019 detailing a number of children who were taken into federal custody and whose fate and whereabouts remain unknown to this day.

The filing outlines how the U.S. has never acknowledged, accepted responsibility for,

nor shown accountability for the many children that did not return home from federal Indian boarding schools. Nor has the U.S. provided any evidence that they systematically notified families or tribes when the children passed away or went missing from schools despite attempts by the coalition to obtain this information through the FOIA process.

The coalition who filed the UNWGEID submission includes the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS), the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC), the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA), the Rosebud Sioux



Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and independent researchers Preston McBride, Marsha Small, and Eleanor Hadden.

Between 1879 and the 1960s, tens of thousands of American Indian and Alaskan Native children were forced to attend boarding school against their parents' and tribes' wishes. The United States enforced attendance at federal and church-run boarding schools by withholding rations from families or by incarceration of family members.

Once taken into federal

custody, many children died at the schools or went missing.

The coalition urges the UNWGEID to call on the United States to provide a full accounting of American Indian and Alaskan Native children who were taken into government custody under the United States' Indian Boarding School Policy.

The mission of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is to lead in the pursuit of understanding and addressing the ongoing trauma created by the U.S. Indian boarding school policy.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) is the oldest and largest non-profit Native American law firm in the United States, providing legal assistance to Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals nationwide who might otherwise have gone without adequate representation.

NARF has successfully asserted and defended the most important rights of Indians and tribes in hundreds of major cases, and has achieved significant results in such critical areas as tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, natural resource protection, and Indian education.

Chocolate covered strawberries sold for Mother's Day benefits ACFS' foster care program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For a special treat for Mother's Day, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services held a chocolate covered strawberry fundraiser for its foster care program.

ACFS accepted orders until 10 a.m. on Friday, May 10.

Both milk chocolate and white chocolate covered strawberries were available at \$20 for one dozen or \$10 for a half dozen.

ACFS sold roughly 60 dozen strawberries.

"We were able to raise the most we've ever raised at a fundraising food event," said Lovel Lewis, prevention specialist for ACFS.

The orders were available for pick up or delivery just after 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"We would like to thank everyone who ordered chocolate covered strawberries for Mother's Day," Lewis said.



Courtesy of ACFS

Strawberries are prepped to be dipped in chocolate for Anishnaabeg Child & Family Service's food fundraiser to aid its foster care program.



Film screening of "Indian Horse" Sunday, June 9, 2019

Celebration Cinema (Mt. Pleasant)

Saul Indian Horse, an Ojibway boy, is torn from his family and committed to a residential school. At the school, Saul is denied the freedom to speak his language or embrace his heritage and is a witness to abuse by the people sworn to protect him. But Saul finds salvation in the unlikelyst of places- the rink. His incredible hockey talents lead him away from the school to bigger and better opportunities, but no matter how far Saul goes, the ghosts of his past are always close behind.

Due to suggestive sexual content, it is recommended for ages 13 and up

Agenda

- 11:45 a.m. | Concessions
- 12 p.m. | Movie begins (no previews)
- 2 p.m. | Special Speakers & Talking Circle

Pizza, snacks and refreshments provided outside at north end of the building

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Project Aware

Taco fundraiser raises \$850 for the People's Powwow sponsored by Seventh Generation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A taco fundraiser was held for Seventh Generation's People's Powwow on Friday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A \$3 breakfast taco meal was available containing

choice of chorizo, sausage or bacon with eggs and cheese, or \$5 with potatoes.

The lunch menu included \$4 menudo, an \$8 taco dinner with the choice of chicken or beef tacos with rice and beans.

A total of \$850 was raised for the People's Powwow.

"Seventh Generation would like to send out a chi-miigwetch to everyone who stopped by today to support the People's Powwow," said Tonya Jackson, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation, on the afternoon the event wrapped up.

New Tribal Police Officer sworn in on May 23

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Thursday, May 23, Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl swore in new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Ethan Thompson to oath and appointment at 3 p.m.

Thompson repeated the following oath after the chief: "I, Ethan Thompson, having been appointed a police officer of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and will faithfully enforce such Federal Statutes and Laws as they apply to the Indian Reservation, as well as all Tribal Codes and Ordinances. I take this obligation freely



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) swore in new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Ethan Thompson (left) on May 23.

without mental reservations or purpose of evasion; I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter, so help me God."

Thompson comes to the Reservation from Midland, Mich. and was accompanied by Chief of Police Harry Amb during the oath.



Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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| gwaashkwezi | energetic |
| onzaam | excessively |
| minawaanigozi | happy |
| gashkasso | sunburn |
| bagizo | swimming |
| aabawaamagad | warm weather |
| inaadiziwin | way of life |
| gabeshiwin | campsite |
| imbaabaa | father |
| minwaabamewizi | respected |
| agwajiing | outside |
| zhawenin | bless |
| baashkaabigwanii | blossom |
| jiiman | boat |
| noojigiigoonyiwe | fishing |
| nagweyaab | rainbow |
| anang | star |
| dekaag | ice cream |
| ode'imin | strawberry |
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Words by Aconcise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm

Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Word Bank

- ne-taaw'ging
- waaskone
- moon-shkwen
- mawn-doosh-ka-gan
- nba-gaa-bik
- ngo-jii-gan
- zii-gweb-ji-gen
- paa-paak-jii'an
- gwan-ken
- miin-ka-nan
- kik
- zhaash'aki
- kti-gaan

Across

- 2. water (the plants)
- 4. vegetable
- 7. pail
- 9. rake
- 10. pound it
- 11. hoe

Down

- 1. garden
- 2. dirt
- 3. dig
- 5. flower
- 6. weed
- 8. shovel
- 9. seeds

Words by Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department.

Down

- 1. kti-gaan (garden)
- 2. zhaash'aki (dirt)
- 3. gwan-ken (dig)

- 9. mawn-doosh-ka-gan (rake)
- 10. paa-paak-jii'an (pound it)
- 11. ngo-jii-gan (hoe)

Across

- 2. zii-gweb-ji-gen (water the plants)
- 4. ne-taaw'ging (vegetable)
- 7. kik (pail)

Answer Key

- 8. nba-gaa-bik (shovel)
- 9. miin-ka-nan (seeds)

- 5. waaskone (flower)
- 6. moon-shkwen (weed)



Fifth grade SCA students explore CMU's MakerSpace for STEM experiences

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Last month, as part of an engineering science unit, fifth grade students at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy explored a few activities available through Central Michigan University's Center for Excellence in STEM Education.

The afternoon of Wednesday, May 8, students boarded a bus and traveled to CMU's MakerSpace to participate in a few of the quality STEM experiences offered through the on-campus program.

During their visit, students were introduced to coding by STEM Education Program Coordinator Ashley O'Neil who taught them how to use Makey Makey invention kits.

Students were also given the opportunity to think like engineers and design prototypes that solved problems for their imaginary clients.

On Thursday, May 9, Amanda Cornwell, STEM education program facilitator, brought MakerSpace to SCA.



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students visit Central Michigan University's Center for Excellence in STEM Education on May 8-9.

During the on-location program, students spent three hours with Cornwell practicing their coding skills. They were

also given the opportunity to create their own working robot.

Students enjoyed delving into coding

and participating in these STEM activities and were thoughtfully engaged during their MakerSpace time.

Third and fourth grade SCA students learn about aquatic ecology at Mill Pond Park

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

The afternoon of Thursday, April 25, third and fourth grade students at Saginaw Chippewa Academy joined Isabella Conservation District office's Education Coordinator Mike LeValley at Mill Pond Park to learn about aquatic ecology.

This lesson was just one of several LeValley has presented to SCA students this school year through the Conservation District's Environmental Education Program.

Sessions with LeValley focus on conservation and the environment and include information about animal and plant adaptations, the fur trade, the history of logging in Michigan and erosion.

While at the park with LeValley in late April, students scooped water from the pond into plastic wash tubs. They then worked to try to identify what life forms were contained within the water specimen.

"One group found a leech, and the group I worked with found a damselfly larva and two kinds of snails," said Julie Phelps, fourth grade teacher. "Another group found a crawfish larva."

More information about the program can be found on LeValley's blog at midmichigannatureandscience.blogspot.com/2013/06/about-environmental-education-program.html



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

Third and fourth grade students from the Saginaw Chippewa Academy visited Mill Pond Park on April 25. Isabella Conservation District Education Coordinator Mike LeValley taught the students about aquatic ecology.

or through the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy website at www.chippewawatershedconservancy.org/board-2/mike-levalley-pic/

Mt. Pleasant High School

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Phoebe DeFeyter, Alexis Fox-Kimewon, James Montoya-Pego, Elijah Otto, John Stevens and Courtney Swink.

Mary McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Clara Begay, Sereniti Cole, Abraham Graveratte, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Gnaajwi Pego, Jayden Pope, Brock Reed, Micah Wagner, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Erius Mena, Gracin Montoya, Armando Quiroz, Ethan Reed, Caleb Burger, Gage Chapa, Andrea Hawkins, Aaron Hendrickson, Trevor Isham, Tylor Linville, Journey Mena, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens and Cruz Vaquera.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Sadie Tungu, Michael Ekdahl, Coen Helms, Bryson Roth, Shane Tungu, Jacob Delacruz, Novaly Hinmon, Jadrian Jackson, Troy Richardson, Isaiah Otto-Powers and Kayla Dreaver.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Emilio Mena-Drake, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Ngwiss Isham-Wells, Kira Lautner, Alonso Mendez, Nishomii Perry, Alexis Rodriguez, Aria Drain, Zachary Flaughter, Aubrey Pelcher-Bonstelle, Tru Quigno-Vaughn, Evan Patterson and Noah Sprague.

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SCA students take field trip to space exhibit at Midland Center for the Arts

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Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

On Friday, April 26, Saginaw Chippewa Academy students took a field trip to the SPACE! Exhibit at Midland Center for the Arts and spent time in the Spark! Lab, and the Hall of Ideas.

Lower elementary grade students visited in the morning, and the upper grades were able to explore the museum that afternoon.

At the exhibit, students learned about space exploration, space crafts and the magic of the galaxy. They were also able to view artifacts, meteorites and replicas as well as crawl into a



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students take a field trip to the SPACE! Exhibit at Midland Center for the Arts on April 26.

flight simulator and practice docking the International Space Station.

The museum offers a variety of

hands-on activities and interactive exhibits that inspire creativity and expression. More information can be

obtained through its website www.mcfta.org/alden-b-dow-museum-of-science-and-art/

Quinn Pelcher takes first place in Saginaw Chippewa Academy's spelling bee

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

At 1 p.m. Friday, May 17, Saginaw Chippewa Academy students filled the school cafeteria to watch 13 students compete to win the annual spelling bee.

Principal Kara Hotchkiss started the event by welcoming student spectators, friends and family. Then, the competition began.

Jaidyn Barnes, Jeremiah Valasquez-Perez, Jaycee Kahgeghab, Jasmine Jackson and Bryson Quintero represented the third grade, and fourth grade students Wayne Jackson, Joey Jackson,

Liam Arbogast and Prentiss Jones also contended along with fifth graders Quinn Pelcher, Alex Grice, Keaton Quintero and Gegek Webkamigad.

After more than 10 rounds and 100 words, three finalists were left standing. Gegek Webkamigad earned third place while Joey Jackson took second and Quinn Pelcher secured the victory with a first place win.

The competition was organized by a committee comprised of second grade teacher Karyn Spickerman, fourth grade teacher Julie Phelps and third



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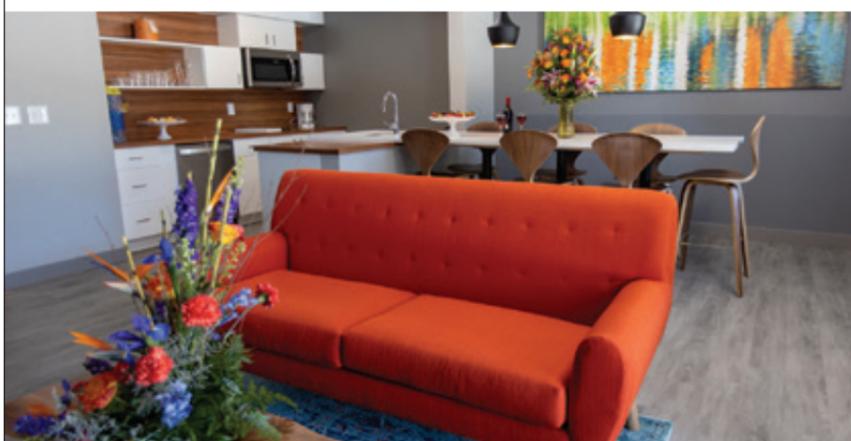
Students attend the May 17 spelling bee at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.



Courtesy of Niki Henry

(Left to right) Gegek Webkamigad took third place, Quinn Pelcher was declared the first place champion and Joey Jackson earned second place during SCA's spelling bee.

grade teacher Debbie Hawk. Hawk also helped judge and read the words to students. Phelps, Hotchkiss and SCA bus driver Gidget Rowland were also present to judge the match.



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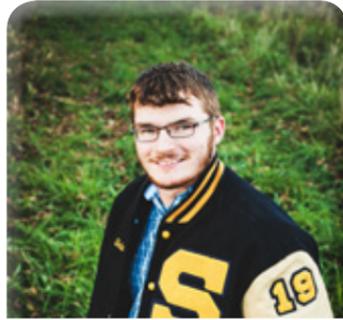
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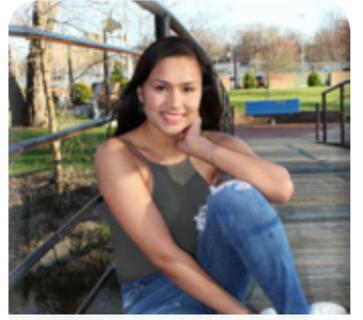
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Shepherd High



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Congratulations College Graduates!



Breanna Colwell
Central Michigan University
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Casey Smith
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship



Felicia Otto
University of New Mexico
Bachelor of Science in Population Health



Kathleen J. Hart
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Science in Administration in Organizational Administration



Mary De Los Santos
Southwest University of Visual Arts
Bachelor of Fine Arts



Nikki Hunt
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Applied Arts in Health Administration



Taylor Zywica
Ferris State University
Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration



ACFS presents lunch and learn about fun family events for summer

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

With summer finally approaching, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services presented a lunch and learn about the topic of family fun in the sun.

The presentation was held Monday, April 29 in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's East building in classroom six.

A picnic-themed lunch was provided: hot dogs, hamburgers and grilled chicken, with potato and pasta salads, and chips during the 12 to 1 p.m. event.

Together, Lovel Lewis, prevention specialist for ACFS, and intern Micah Webb gave a presentation on community activities during the summer, the importance of being active as a family, ways to encourage children to be involved and foster care awareness.

Webb said, "Doing things together: builds children's self-esteem, strengthens family bond, helps develop positive behavior, encourages open communication, improves academic performance, and can help children develop positive friendships."

Lovel said parents should "encourage children to learn on



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lovel Lewis (right), prevention specialist for Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, and Micah Webb, intern for ACFS, present 'family fun in the sun' ideas during a lunch and learn event held at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on April 29.

their own so they can develop problem-solving skills."

"Teach children to ask questions," Webb said. "The

scientific method can be used to create discovery or to assist children with cause and effect, connect to nature and develops

problem-solving skills."

"The things we remember from our childhood as we get older, are the fun things we did in the summer; including fun road trips," Lovel said.

Webb said the summer "is a great time to develop language, as a family" and promoted the Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches every Thursday at Seventh Generation.

Webb's last day as an intern was during the week prior to the event, but she returned to give the presentation. Angela Gonzalez, social services supervisor, gifted Webb with a Pendleton blanket at the end of the event.

Editorial:

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Lately there has been lots of talk about food sovereignty. What is food sovereignty and why do we care?

Food sovereignty asserts that people who produce, distribute and consume food should control the policies of food production and distribution. It should be the consumers that control the policies of food production. It should not be the corporations and market institutions that dominate the global food system.

Food sovereignty prioritizes local and national markets and empowers local and national markets to allow food production and consumption and distribution

Indigenous

based on environmental social and economic sustainability. This is according to the Food Sovereignty Conference which was held in Selingue, Mali in February 2007.

Food nowadays is big business. Farmers market to huge corporations that market, distribute and sell the food but it has not always been this way. Basically people are saying they should have the say in what and how food is grown, marketed and sold. It should go back to the people who are producing the food. They should have a say in how and what food is marketed and sold.

For us Anishinabe, we all know the devastating effects of diabetes on our population. We were fed commodities in the middle of the last century

and our bodies have developed these atrocious diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity to compensate, for the bad nutrition.

But we are not alone. Almost one third of the population in the United States is obese. Diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease are at staggering rates.

I remember a time when all the Anishinabe families had gardens. We grew our own vegetables, and they were a major part of our diet.

food

Our people were strong and healthy; diabetes and obesity were virtually unheard of.

This new movement dictates that we grow our own food, market it and distribute it to our own people. I think we did that for a while when the Seventh Generation was growing food and selling it to the casino. Food was taken at different times to the Seniors Room for distribution, in the Tribal Center. What a great idea. They still have gardens that people can grow and

sovereignty

cultivate for themselves.

Wouldn't it be great if our Tribal people did that again? Some Tribes are actually doing this today...

What if we had a huge buffalo herd that we could use for meat that we could butcher and slaughter for ourselves? What if we had gardens that we grew ourselves, without chemicals? What if we had meals for all community members that we cooked ourselves that could keep us healthy and happy? This is food sovereignty.

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Morningstar Pelcher
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Amanda Mandoka
Liberal Arts

Ayashay Schuyler
Native Studies

Lynette Smith
Native Studies

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Cora Qualls
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Alexandria Sprague
Associate degree in Liberal Arts

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College 2019 commencement honors 15 graduates

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Fifteen graduates received their diplomas during the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's May 16, 2019 commencement.

Congratulations to the following 2019 SCTC graduates:

Associate of Arts in business: Samuel Anglin, John Flores, Sydnee Kopke, Lindsay Nelson and Scott Sheahan.

Associate degree in liberal arts: Angie Brown,

Antonio Gomez, Shane Graves, Amanda Mandoka, Kamie Mandoka, Morningstar Pelcher, Cora Qualls and Alexandria Sprague.

Associate degree in Native studies: Ayashay Schuyler and Lynette Smith.

Community drummers performed a welcome song as the graduates, the SCTC Board of Regents and faculty walked down the aisle in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall. Graduates then took to the stage.

SCTC Ojibwa language teacher George Roy shared an invocation, which was written by Dan Jackson, SCTC alumnus, in March 2015.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl addressed the graduates and audience members – family members and friends supporting the graduates.

“(This commencement ceremony) really makes me take a look at our community and see the value we put on education,” Ekdahl said, mentioning community members have the option to start their educational journey at a young age at Sasiwaans Immersion School and continue to earning an associate degree through the Tribal College.

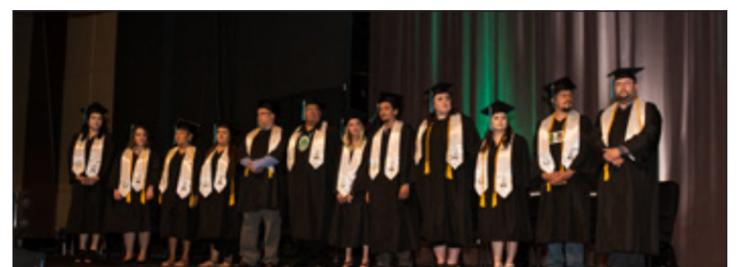
Next, Jordan Fallis, chair of the SCTC Board of Regents, congratulated the graduates on their persistence and dedication.

SCTC President Carla Sineway then introduced the guest speaker.

“Part of her walk was here on this Reservation,” Sineway said of the guest. “She eventually found her way to Washington, D.C.”

Angeline Boulley, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, was the featured speaker.

Two months ago, Boulley began her new position of director for the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Fifteen Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College 2019 graduates are honored (three not photographed) during the May 16 commencement ceremony in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

Boulley previously worked as the SCIT Education director from 2002-2004. She is a Central Michigan University graduate – she received both her bachelor's and master's degree through the university. Boulley disclosed stories about her educational journey, positive past experience working for and with the SCIT, and being an advocate for Native students.

She discussed how her past, experiences including working for the SCIT, led her to her position today.

“Indian Country is small,” Boulley said, mentioning the six-degrees of separation: the idea that all people are six, or fewer, social connections away from each other.

“With Indian people, it is more like two-degrees of separation,” Boulley said. “It is easy to take that connectedness for granted.”

She ended her speech by asking the graduates where their paths will lead them next, and said she cannot wait to hear about their journeys.

Next, it was time for the college's president to recognize a graduation day ritual.

“You have gone from candidate to graduate,” Sineway said to the former students. “I'd like you to move your tassels from the right to the left.”

Applause erupted and the drummers performed an honor song.

“Every year, I have to say goodbye to a class, and every year I always say it's my favorite class; and every year it is,” Sineway said.

The commencement ended with a prayer, followed by a traveling song as the graduates exited the stage, shook hands, gave hugs and joined their families for their first meal as SCTC alumni.

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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is currently considering applications to fill a vacancy on the Board of Regents.

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Please mail letter of interest to:

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Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48858



Leaureaux's honorobale mention short story: The Cleaning Bot

MONICA LEAUREAUX

SCTC Alumna

(Editor's note: The following short fiction story was written by Monica Leaureaux, a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumna. In March 2019, Leaureaux was one of three SCTC students to win honorable mention for the following story in the Tribal College Journal Writing Contest.)

BEEP BEEP BEEP

The earth-shattering noise of Thomas' alarm clock beeped, loud enough for the entire house to hear. Thomas tiredly rolled over and hit the snooze for the third time that morning. Five more minutes and I'll get up, he thought to himself as he slowly dozed back off into his dreams.

"Thomas! Get your butt up now or you'll be late for your first day of work!" Thomas' mother shouted through his door.

He jolted up quickly, knowing that she used her stern don't make me tell you again voice. The warm morning sun peeked through his dark curtains, and the noise of the birds singing their morning songs filled Thomas' room. He rolled out of bed and wiped his drool from his mouth and quietly began

getting ready for the day he's been dreading.

Thomas was 16 years old and it was the summer before his sophomore year of high school. He had every intention to play video games with his online buddies all summer until his mother told him he needed to find a summer job.

"Mom please! No one my age has to work on their summer break," Thomas said to his mother.

"Too bad, Thomas," Thomas' mother said with a smile, "I already told Mr. Wilkin you'd be there Monday morning to help him!" Thomas rolled his eyes at the thought of that grumpy old man.

Mr. Wilkin lived down the block from Thomas and was always yelling at all the neighborhood kids as they passed by. No one ever wanted to get on his bad side. Thomas dreaded the thought of having to communicate with Mr. Wilkin and now, even worse, he had to work for him. He tried to enjoy his last weekend of freedom but every time he passed by the old man's house, he was reminded that he'd be starting work that Monday morning.

Thomas went downstairs after throwing on clothes and sat down for breakfast. "Mom, do I really have to do this?" Thomas

whined, "it's completely unfair that I have to be up this early on my own summer vacation." His mom just rolled her eyes and continued cooking.

"If you don't hurry and eat, you'll be late, now go on," she said. Thomas stuffed his toast in his mouth and shot up from his seat.

"Fine, but just know this is completely unfair," he said with a mouth full of toast. He kissed his mom on the cheek and headed out the door.

He wasn't quite sure what type of work he was going to be doing, but he was sure it had something to do with cleaning or lawn work. The two worst types of things to be doing in the summer, Thomas thought.

Mr. Wilkin only lived around the block, so it was a short walk. The air smelled like freshly cut grass, and it was mostly quiet out except the sound of birds chirping and neighbors on their morning walks talking amongst each other. Here we are, he thought out loud, Mr. Wilkins house. He rolled his eyes and went up the stairs to the door.

Ding Dong

The doorbell rang, and without missing a beat the door swung open quickly.

"About time you got here, I thought you'd never show up," Mr. Wilkin stammered. He led

Thomas up to the attic. "This is where your work begins," he said, "this is almost 70 years of junk piled up that I just can't tackle on my own." Thomas suddenly felt like he was going to throw up his breakfast. This will take two years to clean, he thought to himself.

He came across old magazines, antique furniture, tons of papers, and trash. This process was looking endless and he had yet to come across anything cool.

He was about an hour in when he found a short stubby wall clock. It looked like it was from the 1700's and was covered in dust. He didn't think anything of it and tossed it in the throw away pile. He continued sorting through the junk until suddenly, the old clock started making a weird noise. Thomas went over to investigate it, but before he got there the old clock began to transform. Right before his eyes the clock went from an old wall clock to a little wooden robot. With legs, arms, hands, and eyes!

"WOAH" Thomas shouted, "what are you?!" The cute little robot blinked at him and without saying a thing began cleaning and zapping away the mess in the attic. Thomas was shocked, he couldn't even get a word out.

The entire attic was spotless and his job that was supposed

to take all summer was done in not even two minutes. "This is AWESOME!" Thomas geeked, "no one's ever going to believe me about this!"

Thomas tried to communicate with the tiny robot but it just continued cleaning, dusting, and zapping things away. Suddenly, Mr. Wilkin came busting through the attic door.

"What! But.. How.. Where.. WHAT!" Mr. Wilkin stammered, completely stunned that the attic was clean. Thomas turned to show him the bot but all he saw was the wall clock. Just like that, it was gone!

Thomas knew Mr. Wilkin would never believe him now, "I'm just a fast cleaner I suppose," Thomas chuckled, looking nervously around.

"I can't believe this!" he said, "well I guess I owe you your check now, and there won't be any need to come back."

Mr. Wilkin wrote out a check for \$400 and handed it to Thomas with a smile and thanked him for his help.

Thomas went on his way home still in disbelief of what had just happened in that short amount of time. He decided to not tell his mom about the little robot since he had no proof. He went on to enjoy the rest of his summer \$400 richer while playing video games.

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- Tuesday, July 16: Trip to Chippewa Nature Center
- Tuesday, July 30: Plants and medicine walk and activity
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Kathy Hart
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- Open to 4th graders and up
- Limited to first 15 who register
- **Registration Deadline:** June 28






George Lopez returns to Soaring Eagle during 2019 comedic tour stop

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Hitting the stage to the pulses of War's "Low Rider," comedian George Lopez appeared on stage in a black suit and red fedora shortly after 8:30 p.m.

Lopez returned to town at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, May 4 as part of The Wall Tour 2019.

Lopez, 58, is a well-known comedian and actor and is known for starring in his self-produced ABC sitcom. His stand-up examines race and ethnic relations, including Mexican American culture.

He incorporated several sleep apnea jokes into his show.

Stirring laughter about doctors prescribing sleep apnea patients with a CPAP machine, he joked about anyone who has

to wear the machine to sleep, "That will bring the romance back into your relationship!"

Lopez has received several honors for his work and contributions to the Latino community.

Time magazine named him one of the 25 Most Influential Hispanics in America (georgelopez.com).

"Thank you for having me back, Soaring Eagle! I appreciate it," Lopez said. "And, on Cinco de Mayo weekend!"

He continued with stories about family life and children. He joked about how long it takes to fasten a car seat.

"No kid is that important for 30 buckles," he said.

America really is the best country in the world, Lopez said.

People from other countries do not have it as good as Americans, he said.

He then told the story about a construction worker from Guatemala who was working on Lopez's house.

"A guy fell off the roof working on my house and he apologized to me!" Lopez said. "He said, 'Please don't fire me. I'll work overtime for the time I was in the air!'"

On Lopez's website, his recent work is promoted including "El Chicano," his latest movie (May 3).

Also highlighted on the site is The George Lopez Foundation's partnership with The Painted Turtle camp, "a week-long summer session at a medical specialty camp for children. Children can learn new strategies of medical self-care, increase their self-confidence, and build supportive friendships with peers who have the



Courtesy photo

Comedian George Lopez presented The Wall Tour 2019 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, May 4.

same medical conditions." (georgelopez.com)

Comedian Bryan Kellen, from California, opened the show.

Kellen mixed humorous storytelling, observational

humor and physical comedy.

According to bryankellen.com, Lopez noticed Kellen's "abilities and similar style of turning uncomfortable life experiences into hilarious performances."

May 18 Dine & Drink Series brings tacos and tequila sample fest to Entertainment Hall

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For one night only, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall turned into a tacos and tequila sampling fest.

On Saturday, May 18, as part of the Dine & Drink Series, the day session began at 2 p.m. and at 1 p.m. for VIP ticketholders, and the evening session began at 7:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for VIP.

Patrons entering the Entertainment Hall presented their tickets to Soaring Eagle security then followed a line to get a wristband and a sample book. Each sample page was marked with a number to find the table to match and let the sampling begin.

A total of 15 delicious tacos or Mexican food-inspired dishes were available from the area's top restaurants.

Some of the delicious dishes included: a chips and salsa bar with four different salsas from Los Amigos of Mount Pleasant;



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

American rock band, The Romantics, perform from 8 to 8:55 p.m. during the evening session of the tacos and tequila event, another Soaring Eagle Dine & Drink Series, in the Entertainment Hall on Saturday, May 18.

fajita tacos with shredded chicken or beef tacos from Mexico 2 Go of Lansing, Mich.; chicken, pastor, asada tacos, salsa and tamales from Taqueria El Chaparrito of Lansing, Mich.; a shrimp flat shell taco from El Paso Grill of Saginaw, Mich.; carne asada tacos or carnita tacos from T&T Concessions of Saginaw, Mich.; ground beef tacos from Famous

Taco of Lansing, Mich.; street tacos from The Taste of Bay City of Bay City, Mich.; and much more.

Soaring Eagle's own Isabella's Italian Restaurant also provided a dessert margarita taco, and the Siinikaung Steak & Chop House offered ropa veija tacos or short rib ropa veija.

For those ticketholders drinking responsibly, four 5 oz. Cazadores specialty tequila cocktails were also available for sampling, including: a classic margarita, mango margarita, tequila sunrise, Paloma and a tequila shot – one option was an upside down margarita shot as patrons tilted their heads back while seated in a salon hair-washing chair as event staff poured tequila and margarita mix into their mouths.

VIP members were offered an extra two sipping samples of Patron Anjeo and Casamigos Mezcal tequila.

On the last page of the booklet, patrons could turn in the coupon in exchange for a souvenir shot glass with the tacos and tequila event logo imprinted on it.

The day session included entertainment by local Detroit musician, Jill Jack, from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. and country musician Joe Nichols ("Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off" singer) from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

The evening session featured performances by The Romantics from 8 to 8:55 p.m., and War closed the evening from 9:25 to 10:40 p.m.

Jill Jack is a recent recipient of two Detroit Music Awards including Outstanding Americana Artist and Outstanding Americana Vocalist. Her genres range from soul to rock, to folk and country.

Joe Nichols' hit songs also include "The Shape I'm In," "The Impossible," "I'll Wait For You," "Brokenheartsville," "Gimme That Girl" and more.

The Romantics formed in 1977 in Detroit. Their lively performance kicked off the evening portion of the event. The band is best known for singles "What I Like About You," "Talking In Your Sleep" and "When I Look In Your Eyes."

American funk band War entertained the crowd until the very end. An ultimate musical genre crossover band, War fuses rock, funk, Latin, jazz, R&B and reggae.

Between his impressive lead vocals and sassy dialogue during and in between



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A Soaring Eagle Food & Beverage employee offers VIP ticketholders a sipping sample of Casamigos Mezcal tequila.

songs, Leroy "Lonnie" Jordan had the stage presence to keep all audience members entertained and wanting more.

"I'm singing to all the ladies in the crowd tonight," Jordan said flirtatiously and repeatedly throughout War's performance.

War is best known for "Why Can't We Be Friends," "Low Rider," "Spill the Wine," "The World is a Ghetto," "Summer" and more.

The next Dine & Drink Series scheduled at the Soaring Eagle is Beers, Brats and Burgers on Saturday, July 20 for ages 21 and older only. Links to purchase tickets are available at soaringeaglecasino.com/shows.html or www.beersbratsburgers.com/tickets.

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R&B super group RBRM brings "4 The Love of It Tour" to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted R&B superstars RBRM on Saturday, May 11. The group brought their "4 The Love of It Tour" to the Entertainment Hall stage.

RBRM consists of four members of the popular R&B group, New Edition. After a full reunion of all six New Edition members fell through, four of the members joined forces to create RBRM.

The members include Ronnie DeVoe, Bobby Brown, Ricky Bell and Michael Bivins.

Brown left New Edition in 1985 and went on to a successful solo career. RBRM performed many of the songs from his solo career, including the hit singles "My Prerogative," "Don't Be Cruel," "That's The Way Love Is," "Rock Wit'cha," "Roni" and "Every Little Step."

In 1989, the group Bell Biv DeVoe was formed. The group consisted of the three former New Edition members Ricky Bell, Michael Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe.

RBRM performed the hit Bell Biv DeVoe songs "Do

Me!," "B.B.D. (I Thought It Was Me)," "One More Try," "Something in Your Eyes" and "Dope!"

The collective chemistry of the foursome was on full display during the performances of the hit New Edition covers "Mr. Telephone Man," "Hit Me Off" and "Is This the End."

The night ended in style, with a cover of the hit Bell Biv DeVoe single "Poison."

For more information about



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Bobby Brown (left) performs his hit song "My Prerogative" alongside fellow RBRM member Michael Bivins (right) during their May 11 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.



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RBRM's Ronnie DeVoe (left) and Bobby Brown (right) perform the hit Bell Biv DeVoe song "Do Me!"



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The members of RBRM appear together on the Entertainment Hall stage to begin their show. (Left to right: Ronnie DeVoe, Bobby Brown, Ricky Bell and Michael Bivins.)



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Editorial: Nimkee Fitness hosts Community Health & Fitness Day

JADEN HARMAN

Fitness Coordinator

Nimkee Fitness hosted the outdoor Community Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 22 at the outdoor Fit Park. It has been 10 years since Nimkee Fitness held this event.

Our goal was to expose the community to our Fit Park and promote Nimkee Fitness. We had various activity/fitness challenges that individuals could participate in, including: basketball shots, rowing, corn hole runs, suspension training, health screenings, massages and a yoga session.

There was also a Department and a SCIT Family Challenge that was based on individual performances in the activities. A wooden plaque was

awarded for the winners of both challenges.

Tribal Council led by example by winning the Fittest Department Team Challenge. Ronnie Ekdahl, Louanna Bruner and Family walked away with the Fittest Family Trophy.

All participants were entered into drawings for prizes including a YETI cooler, YETI tumblers and a package including movie tickets and an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

I was very encouraged to see all who came out to the event. There was much enjoyment that went with some raised heart rates at the event, which was exactly what we wanted.

Chi-miigwetch to all who came to support and participate in the event.

We also launched the SCIT on the Move program and participants were able to sign up.

Through the program, 11 different signs were installed along sidewalks and near common community building on the Reservation. On these signs are maps and QR codes which participants use to check in with their smart phone.

The goal with this program was to get people moving and promote a visibly-active community. It doesn't matter how far you've went, but that you got out and moved!

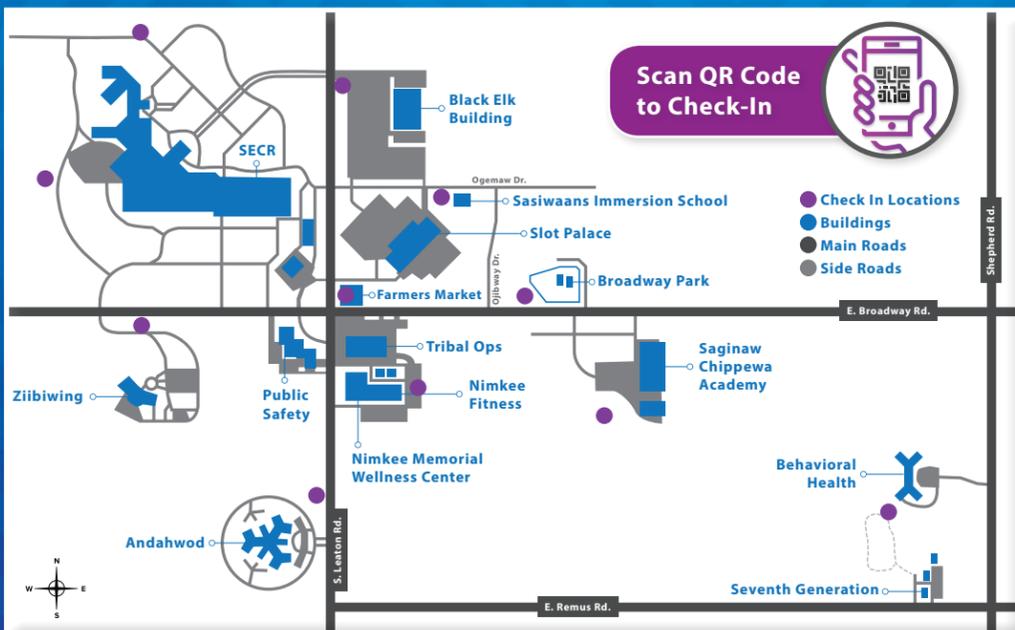
We will be building more incentive programs around these signs in the future, with the first one taking place during the first two weeks of June.

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- 4: Click button on site to CHECK IN and then keep moving



For more information, contact Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

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| | Walk/Run/Move Monday & Wednesday 5:15 p.m. • A group class that encourages moving at any speed |
| | Elders Time Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. • For seniors age 50 and older • Prizes and awards |
| | Yoga Tuesday & Thursday 5:10 p.m. • A welcoming class for beginners |
| | Turbo Kick Thursday 1:10 p.m. • Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics |
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Resources available to raise awareness about suicide prevention

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) urges Michigan residents to know the warning signs and resources available to prevent suicide.

In 2017, suicide was the second leading cause of death in Michigan for ages 15-34.

“Learning the warning signs of suicide can help raise awareness about suicide prevention and provide loved ones with the proper help,” said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. “Talking with family, friends and neighbors about this important topic is essential as we try to get help to those who need it.”

Warning signs for those at risk of suicide include:

- Feelings of hopelessness
- Threatening to or talking about wanting to hurt oneself
- Loss of interest in activities
- Withdrawal from friends and family
- Change in eating and sleeping habits
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs

- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Looking for a way to kill oneself

The recently-updated MDHHS Suicide Prevention website has a variety of resources and information for individuals who are having thoughts of suicide or know a loved one who is in crisis. These resources include a communications toolkit, a county map of coalitions and crisis lines, fact sheets,

trainings and information about the Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

If you are in a crisis, or know someone who needs help, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **800-273-TALK (8255)**.

If you are interested in getting involved in suicide prevention, visit Michigan.gov/suicideprevention to find out more about local suicide prevention coalitions across the state.

Spring is here and wildlife are active: Be aware of rabies in Michigan

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – Warmer weather creates additional opportunities for outdoor activities in Michigan and increases the chances of wildlife encounters. Michiganders are reminded to adopt practices that protect their families and animals from rabies.

Rabies is a viral disease of mammals that is transmitted through the bite or scratch of an infected animal.

Bats and skunks are the most common carriers of rabies in Michigan. In 2018, there were 79 cases of rabies in animals in

the state, including 77 bats and two skunks.

Rabies testing at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is ramping up, and as of May 22, the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories has identified rabies in five bats and two skunks of 928 animals tested.

Michigan health departments experience increased calls from citizens about bat encounters during the warm weather months between May and September. During this time, bats are more active, searching for food and rearing their young. While bats are beneficial to our ecosystem, they are also one of the species that is a natural host for the rabies virus.

People or pets usually get exposed to rabies when they are bitten by an infected animal.

Other situations that may present a risk are when a bat is found in a room with people who have been asleep, or a bat is found with an unattended child or an impaired adult who cannot be sure they didn't have contact with the bat. In these cases, it is important to collect the bat for rabies testing.

Rabies is fatal to humans. Postexposure treatment is given to people who are exposed to a potentially rabid animal. Treatment is not necessary if the animal tests negative for rabies.

Protect your family and pets from rabies by taking these simple steps:

- Avoid contact with wildlife. Do not keep wild animals as pets and do not try to rehabilitate wildlife yourself. Wild animals can carry rabies without looking sick.

- If a wild animal appears sick, please report it to the Department of Natural Resources online at Michigan.gov/eyesinthefield or at **517-336-5030**.

- If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, seek immediate medical attention and alert the local health department. A directory of local public health departments is available at Malph.org.

- If you find a bat in your home, safely confine or collect the bat if possible and contact

your local health department to determine if it should be tested for rabies. More information on how to collect a bat safely can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

- If you are unable or would prefer not to confine or collect a bat yourself, you may consider hiring a bat/wildlife removal service.

- Protect your pets by getting them vaccinated against rabies. Even cats that live indoors and never go outside need to be vaccinated, as they can encounter a bat that gets inside the home.

More information about rabies, and a map of rabies positive animals in Michigan, can be found at Michigan.gov/rabies.

Anishinaabek Wellness

Anishinaabek wellness comes from the Great Spirit empowering us to heal, through the sacred medicine we were given by the Creator "Gizhe-manidoo."

The Four Gifts
Creator gave us all four gifts before our journey to the Earth:

- ▶ Anishinaabemowin
- ▶ Love of Heart
- ▶ Spirit Name
- ▶ Free Will

Balance of Mind, Body, Spirit, and Emotion:
Balancing wellness of mind, body, spirit and emotion can be achieved by incorporating these Traditional Approaches:

- ▶ Spirit Name
- ▶ Sweat Lodges
- ▶ Fasting
- ▶ Feast & Giveaways
- ▶ Clans
- ▶ Four Sacred Medicines
- ▶ Moontime
- ▶ Sacred Items & Bundles

How to ask for or seek Traditional Healing from Elders and Healers in a good way:

- Take semaa (tobacco) to give as an offering to the Elder or Healer. Semaa is meant for communication between you, the Healer, and Creator.
- Talk to the Elder or Healer and explain to them why you have come.
- Bring a gift from the heart to give the Elder or Healer for their spiritual work; Creator asks us, "What about my Helper?"
- Refrain from taking alcohol or other drugs for four days before going to an Elder or Healer.
- Women should seek visits when they are not on their moontime (menstrual cycle.)

Mental Health & Wellness

Mental health is defined as "a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community."

WHO/Mental Health: A state of well-being. (2018, April 19). Retrieved April 19, 2018, from http://www.who.int/en/

Behavioral Health Services

Clinical Services

- Screening, Assessment and Referrals
- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Use Treatment
- Individual, Couples and Family Counseling
- Case Management
- School-Based Consulting Clinician
- Outpatient Psychiatric Services
- Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Substance Use Program
- Intensive Community Treatment

Prevention Services

- Community and School-Based Prevention Education
- Zaagaate' Mentoring Program

Victim Services

- Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Domestic Violence Services
- Case Management
- Counseling
- Housing and Emergency Assistance

Residential Treatment Center

- Adult Residential Substance Abuse Services
- Short-Term Supportive Living Program
- Culturally-Based Treatment

Cultural/Holistic Services

- Anishinaabek Cultural Healer Services
- Traditional Healing
- Acupuncture
- Energy Work
- Sweat Lodges
- Healing Circles

Warning Signs for Suicide

The more of these signs a person show the greater the risk. Warning signs are associated with suicide but may not be what causes a suicide.

- Talking about wanting to die
- Internet searches on ways to kill oneself
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no purpose
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Making statements such as "I'm at peace"
- Acting anxious, agitated or recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Displaying extreme mood swings
- Giving away personal items
- Increase purchases of prescriptions, razors, or ropes

What To Do
If someone you know exhibits warning signs of suicide:

- Do not leave the person alone
- Ask for help from others (family, friends, and co-workers)
- Remove any firearms, alcohol, drugs, ropes or sharp objects that could be used in a suicide attempt
- Call local Mental Health or Crisis Line
- Call the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK (8255)
- Take the person to an Emergency Room or seek help from a medical or mental health professional

Behavioral Health After-Hours, On-Call Crisis Hotline
• 989.775.4700

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
• 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
• suicidepreventionlifeline.org

"I got well by talking. Death could not get a word in edgewise, grew discouraged, and traveled on."
Louise Erdrich, Native American Author







The May 2019 Environmental Nutrition presents: To Turmeric!

(Editor's note: The following article was provided by the May 2019 Environmental Nutrition and published, with permission. This article has been submitted to the Tribal Observer by Sally Van Cise, RD, nutritionist, wellness coach for Nimkee Public Health.)

Notable Nutrients: Turmeric

1 Tablespoon (7 g), ground

- **Calories:** 24
- **Iron:** 3 mg (16% DV)
- **Manganese:** 0.5 mg (26% DV)



**Note: g=gram, mg=milligram, DV=Daily Value, based on 2,000 calories/day*

Turmeric is trending high these days, especially in the wellness world. Curries, golden milk lattes, and a hip smoothie and juice bar boost, this sunny yellow spice is making headlines with its culinary, nutrition, and health accolades.

Nearly 4,000 years old, turmeric is native to India and has been important as a spice, in religious ceremonies, and in traditional and herbal medicine, especially for arthritis and digestive issues.

Although widely recognized for its curcumin content and the accompanying health benefits, there is much more to this ancient spice, often called Indian saffron for its less expensive but similarly pleasing color and flavor.

Similar in appearance to ginger root, it's no surprise that turmeric (*Curcuma longa*) is related to ginger and also cardamom, all members of the Zingiberaceae, or ginger family. When cut, however,

turmeric reveals its bright orange flesh.

There are about 70 varieties of turmeric grown around the world, mostly in India. Used for color and flavor, especially in curries, turmeric is known for its anti-inflammatory properties. A one-tablespoon serving of turmeric powder packs 26 percent DV (Daily Value, based on 2,000 calories/day) of antioxidant manganese and 16 percent DV of iron, essential to carrying oxygen to blood for increased energy.

A major source of the powerful plant compound, curcumin, turmeric is known for its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activities, such as the prevention of metabolic syndrome, arthritis, anxiety, and even in the management of exercise-induced muscle soreness.

However, its poor bioavailability and body absorption make it vital to ingest with piperine (black pepper) at the

same time, which can increase its bioavailability by 2000 percent (Foods 2017).

Curcumin may also help prevent risk of cardiovascular disease by improving artery endothelial (cells that line heart and blood vessels) function (Aging, 2017).

The dried, powdered form of turmeric is most familiar in this country, but fresh turmeric is becoming more available in market produce sections. Treat the fresh root as you would ginger root, storing in the refrigerator.

Dried turmeric is widely available in supermarkets and ethnic markets. Because there is so much variety, color is not necessarily a quality indicator.

Slice fresh turmeric into soups, salads, and marinades — or boil, dry, and grind into homemade powder.

Add dried turmeric to dairy or plant milks for the popular golden milk, mix into soups, rice, salad dressings, curries, or vegetable sautés — like

Golden milk turmeric chai

Servings: Makes 2 servings

Ingredients:

- 1½ cup water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 star anise
- 3 whole cloves
- 1½ cup milk (*dairy, soy, coconut, etc.*)
- 1-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and sliced into rounds
- 1-inch piece fresh turmeric root, peeled and sliced into rounds
- 3 green cardamom pods
- 3 black peppercorns
- 2 black tea bags
- 3 Tbsp honey, to taste

Nutrition Information Per Serving:

166 calories, 0 grams (g) fat, 0 g saturated fat, 35 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 0 g dietary fiber, 99 milligrams sodium, 35 g sugar

Directions

1. In a saucepan, add water, ginger, turmeric, cinnamon stick, star anise, cloves, and peppercorns. Using the back of a large spoon, crush green cardamom pods on cutting board until seeds are released. Add seeds and pods to saucepan. Bring to boil, then let simmer 3-5 minutes or until fragrant.
2. Add milk and tea bags, and bring to simmer; be careful not to boil milk. Steep 3-5 minutes more. Remove from heat. Remove and discard tea bags.
3. Stir in honey. Strain and discard solids. Serve hot or cold.

Recipe adapted courtesy Frieda's Inc.

cauliflower — for a boost of color and flavor. Supplements of powdered turmeric/black pepper may be found in Health food stores and on line.

Nimkee Medical wears red on May 10



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Nimkee Medical staff wear red on May 10 to raise awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.



NATIVE WOMEN
MURDERED AND DISAPPEARED

Missing and murdered Native women facts:

- American Indian and Alaska Natives experience higher rates of domestic violence and sexual assaults than any other population of women in the United States.
- Findings for the VAWA for Indian Women Title is that during the period of 1979-1992, homicide was the third leading cause of death of American Indian females ages 15-34, and 75 percent were killed by family members of acquaintances.
- The U.S. Department of Justice found that in some tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average.
- American Indian women experience sexual assault accompanied by other forms of violence. Example: When aggressors physically hit them during the assault, more than 90 percent of female Native American victims responded affirmatively as compared to 74 percent of the general population.

How can you help?

- Wear red, spread awareness: May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Inform and maintain information regarding MMIW to your Tribal representatives and communities.

For more information, please visit: strongheartednativewomen.org



HUMAN RACE

5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registration begins: 5:30 p.m. | Race begins: 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

(Northwest side of the Shepherd and Remus roads intersection.)

Registration forms are available online at:
www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm



Nimkee **Fitness**



Individual Fees

- \$15 postmarked by May 31
- \$20 after May 31

Family Rate

(Three or more immediate family members)

- \$40 postmarked by May 31
- \$45 after May 31

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards for:

- Top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5K Run
- Top three one-mile Fun Run/Walk finishers

Human Race T-shirts

Will be given to the first 175 registrants.

For more information, contact: Jaden Harman, at 989.775.4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

Soaring Eagle BINGO



SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
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Day*

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

MAIN SESSION

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Andahwod elders' activities in May



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Last month, a group of Andahwod elders enjoyed several trips and activities together. On May 7, Becky Pamp-Ettinger, Colleen Wagner, Roger High and Kelly Hartwell participated in sewing club.

On May 13, a group of elders took a trip to Firekeepers Casino Hotel in Battle

Creek, Mich. Garland Moses posed for a photo with a classic car parked inside the casino.

On May 18, elders including Cynthia Floyd, Susan Kequom, Thelma Henry-Shipman, Garland Moses, LeEtta Hansen and Barbara Sprague dined at Blaze Pizza in Mount Pleasant, and followed with a trip to the Citgo gas station on Pickard Road for ice cream.

Annual District 1 Elders Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

10:30 a.m. | Andahwod CGA

- Swearing in of EAB Members and term selections
- Honoring outgoing EAB Members
- Swearing in of MIEA Delegates
- Distribution of MIEA Student Incentive Awards

For more information, please contact:
Andahwod front office at 988.775.4300

June 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 David Bird Karen Bond Asuncion Castaneda Carolyn Harris Robert Neyome Jr. Martin Steele | 15 Gloria Loveland Earl Pelcher Sr. Lillian Steele |
| 2 Gloria Marshall Kevin Phillips Donna Moore Tammi Nowicki | 16 Donald Leaux Sr. Earnest Nahgahgwon Delores Pepin Geraldine Phillips |
| 3 Patricia Kequom Loretta Castaneda Robert McDonald | 18 Linda Ritter Douglas Jackson Jill Meir Connie Truett Linnette Weber |
| 4 Kayle Crampton Betsy Crooker | 19 Charel Stevens |
| 5 Troy Kendall Dawn Shaw | 20 John Hart Michael Childers Lori Fuller Richard Russell |
| 6 Roberta Starkey Tammi Craig | 21 Cheryl Dixon Vaughn Schoen |
| 7 Connie Sprague Mark Jackson | 22 Penny Elliott Daniel Rossbach |
| 8 Kimberly Otto McCoy Vanyork Shawboose Anita Henry Eugene Jackson | 23 Dawn Jacobs-Marcoux Diana Robinson Marlin Strong |
| 9 Gary Bird Lillian Corbiere Kelli Buback Eldon Davis Morgan Pope Shane Slater | 24 Christopher Moses |
| 10 Robin Peters | 25 Shelly Bailey Annette Saboo-Rogers Rhonda Severeid Laura Shawboose |
| 11 Douglas Gage Kelly Garlick Roger Stevens | 26 Craig Benz Sharon Blevins George Slater Jr. |
| 13 Daniel Burnham Anthony Dutton Harold Issac Jr. Elizabeth Kosla Connie Rosental | 27 Tabitha Jones Richard Trepanier Sr. Roland Bacon Jr. Lorraine Bergevin Deborah Hull |
| 14 Betty Ashmun Jeanette Leaux Gregory Mandoka Robert Bailey Jodie Brown Kristie Clemons Richard Cloutier Patricia Harris John Quayle | 28 Robert Pego Sr. Vivian Carpenter Rose Greenwald Ronald Stockel II Angela Tabor |
| | 29 Lorena Finney Mac Schoen Gaylene Urban |
| | 30 Sherry Hawkins Tammy Salas Carole Tally Rhonda Salazar |

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Andahwod CCC & ES hosting

Michigan Indian Elders Association July 23, 24, 25, 2019

July 23

- Delegates dinner & hotel registration begin at 3 p.m.
- Car bingo registration begins at 5 p.m.
- Skins golf tournament at Waabooz Run Golf Course at 5 p.m.

July 24

- All day activities
- Ziibiwing's Native Fest begins after 5 p.m.

July 25

- 9 a.m. meeting wrap ups
- Closing ceremony and check out by 11 a.m.

- ▶ Premium play available to participants
- ▶ Live and silent auctions
- ▶ Informational activities provided
- ▶ Participants are responsible for own room lodging by using this hotel code: MIED72319

*Limited rooms available



Requesting vendors: If interested, please contact Sandra Pelcher at 989.775.4300

June Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
June 7 | 1 - 3 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
June 10 | 1 - 3 p.m.

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

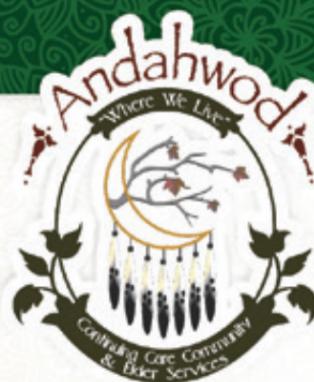
Annual Elders Meeting
June 12 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Rummage Sale
June 21 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Name That Tune
June 25 | 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Birthday Bingo & Potluck
June 29 | 12 - 3 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



**Activities and events are subject to change.



JUNE 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Odemin Earring Workshop

- June 3 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- 7th Generation Ceremonial Building
 - 989.775.4780
 - Meal and supplies will be provided
 - No cost, open to all ages

Native Farmers Market

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Farmers Market Pavilion
 - 989.775.4315

28th Annual Human Race

- June 5 | Registration: 5:30 p.m., race begins: 6:30 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4694
 - 5K run & one-mile fun run/walk

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- June 5, 19 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center
 - 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850
- June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989.775.4895

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

- June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation Blue House

Summer Beading Circle

- June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- SCTC East Building Room 6
 - 989.317.4861
 - Supplies provided

Community Sewing Night

- June 13, 27 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation

Honoring, Healing and Remembering

- June 6 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Site of former MIIBS (1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant)
 - 989.775.4074
 - Join us on the 85th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing.

Anishinaabe Sun Dance Ceremony Informational Meeting

- June 7 | 5:30 p.m.
- Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
 - 989.259.6964

Tire Recycling Collection

- June 8 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Isabella County Fairgrounds

FAN Community Forum

- June 8 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Commission on Aging (2200 S. Lincoln Rd.)
 - Learn about Families Against Narcotics, the mission and goals for the Central Michigan area, and how we want to help our local communities.
 - Dinner will be provided
 - Local agency resources

"Indian Horse" Film Screening

- June 9 | 12 p.m.
- Celebration Cinema (Mt. Pleasant)
 - Tickets are free for the first 143 to reserve
 - Reservations: 989.775.4886 or LiKennedy@sagchip.org

Nimkee Health Fair

- June 11 | 4 - 7 p.m.
- Andahwod CCC & ES
 - 989.775.4629
 - Booths include Tribal departments and outside vendors
 - A light buffet dinner will be served

Strawberry Jam Making

- June 11 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - Open to first 20 who register, no cost
 - Registration: 989.775.4780

Strawberry Fast Teachings

- June 12 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4780

Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunches

- June 13, 27 | 12 - 1 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4780

Summer Feast

- June 20 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4780

Andahwod Rummage Sale

- June 21 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- CCC & ES
 - SCIT elders: \$10 per table, \$5 for a second table

Blood Drive

- June 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - Donate to receive \$10 in Soaring Eagle Premium Play
 - Lunch and snacks available
 - Win prizes!

Recreation's Detroit Tigers Game Trip

- July 21 | Game starts at 1:10 p.m.
- Comerica Park (Detroit)
 - 989.775.4121
 - Tickets: \$35 each (Limit two tickets per I.D.)
 - Tickets go on sale: June 26

JUNE 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat./Sun. | |
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| <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> | <p>Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society</p> <p>NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS</p>  <p>MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4175</p> | <p>Upcoming CMU Camps/Clinics</p> <p>Men's Basketball Day Camp • June 24-27 • Elementary/Middle School students</p> <p>Wrestling Training Camp • June 23-28 • Grades 7-12</p> <p>Men's Basketball Team Camp • June 29-30 • High school students</p> <p>Field Hockey • June 18-20</p> <p>For more information, please contact: Lucas Sprague at 989. 775.4149</p> | | | 1 | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 p.m.</p> <p>Community Garden Planting Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>SCA Powwow SCA 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> | <p>Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m.</p> | <p>FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Women Supporting Women B. Health 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.</p> | 9 | |
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| <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>ALRC Meeting Seniors Room 9 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>Schools Out Celebration Saganing 12 p.m.</p> | <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting 9 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Summer Feast Saganing 12 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> | <p>FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Women Supporting Women B. Health 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p> | 23 | |
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| | | | | | <p>Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Powwow Conditioning 7th Generation 1 - 3 p.m.</p> | |



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Clerical Pool
Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

General Labor Pool
Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor.

Clinical Therapist
Open to the public. Master's degree in social work or counseling with focus on mental health. State of Michigan licensed counselor or social worker. Will consider limited license. Two years' experience in counseling.

Elementary Counselor - AWARE
Open to the public. Under the supervision of the Education director, serve as a strong critical link between students, parents and teachers to provide individual and group counseling services to students. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

School Based Consulting Clinician - AWARE
Open to the public. Oversee daily operations of school-based consulting program including management of all funding sources. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. One year of experience in men-

tal health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Certified Nursing Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant.

Technical Services Technician I
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Police Officer
Open to the public. 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.

Dentist
Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience preferred. Provide clinical diagnosis, evaluation, studies, and treatment services of professionally acceptable quantity and quality, in accordance with privileges granted.

ACFS Case Worker
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Two years social services, families' first worker, or family preservation experience preferred. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred.

Grant Analyst
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field. Three years' experience in administration of federal grants and contracts, and grant writing. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

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

Elementary Teacher
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language.

Water Operator Intern
SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills preferred.

Maintenance Worker
Open to the public. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.

Anishinaabe Culture and Language Teacher
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Proficient in the Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) language. Desired qualifications: Six years experience working with school-aged children and a bachelor's degree in related field.

Natural Resources Tech PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be pursuing a degree in natural resources or related field.

Student Support Tutor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Two years experience working with youth preferred.

Leadership Apprentice
SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours and currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

Medical Coder
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year medical coding experience in an ambulatory clinic setting. Certified Medical Coder preferred.

Prosecutor
Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing.

Dietary Line Cook
Open to the public. One year cooking experience. Experience with quantity and quality for food preparation and service in a large kitchen.

Soaring Eagle Waitstaff PT Seasonal
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Inventory Control Warehouse PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Bartender PT - Seasonal
Open to the public. Bartending experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

Booth Attendant FT
Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience.

Booth Attendant PT
Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience.

Valet Parking Attendant FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan Driver's License.

Crowd Control Associate - Seasonal
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work any shift assigned.

Housekeeper PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Saganing Maintenance Worker FT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience.

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience.

Technical Services Technician I
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

Technical Services Technician II
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer

science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience with one of the following certifications: Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician Certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification, or Comp TIA N+ Certification.

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

Kitchen Equipment Tech
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

F&B Department Manager
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years food and beverage experience. Three years supervisory experience in the hospitality field.

Guest Relations Representative PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience in guest service, special events, promotions and or cash handling preferred.

Laundry Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience.

Housekeeping Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of hotel housekeeping experience.

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

Commercial experience preferred. Seven years of experience working as a plumber.

Journeyman Electrician
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Possess and maintain a current State of Michigan Journeyman Electrician license. Six years of experience or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program.

Surveillance Manager
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Five years gaming surveillance experience. Three years in a supervisory role.

Culinary Supervisor
Open to the public. 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.

F&B Shift Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate degree preferred. Three years food and beverage experience.

Transit Driver
Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40 vision in each eye with or without corrective lenses.

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Women celebrate empowerment night with pampering, relaxation and fun

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Beyoncé said it best: “Who run the world? Girls!” To celebrate women’s empowerment, Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan invited all females in the community to join for an evening of pampering, relaxation and honoring.

Women’s Empowerment Night 2019 was held on Wednesday, May 1 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Swan Creek ballroom from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Attendees enjoyed a meal, connected with community members and partook in pampering services including: hair, make up, nails, massages, auricular acupuncture, energy healing, tarot card readings, professional photography and more.

“This opportunity was extended to encourage women



“This celebration provided the opportunity, not only to connect with one’s authentic self, but also connect with our community in a positive and safe atmosphere,” Toner said.

The location changed this year, as this event has been held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym in the past years.

Mary Mummaw, victim services coordinator for NMN, said the ambiance this year was more suitable and relaxing in the ballroom.

NMN also organized child care, provided at Kids Quest during the time of the event if attendees RSVP’d.

NMN provides services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. The direct line is **989-775-4400**.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

who have been affected by sexual violence to honor their autonomy, value their identities and pursue their personal paths to health, safety and happiness,” said Kayleen Toner, victim services support tech for NMN.

Door prizes were given away throughout the evening, and a meal from Soaring Eagle Food & Beverage and live DJ entertainment were also provided.

