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In memory of Sub-Chief Julius Peters, July 15, 1942 - June 10, 2019

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe would like to extend their deepest sympathy for the loss of Sub-Chief Council member Julius Simon Peters who was nicknamed "The Governor."



Courtesy of Theresa Jackson

Julius Peters (1942-2019) and his wife, Helen, are photographed.

Julius passed on June 10, 2019, with his family at his side. He was known to Tribal Council members for his quick wit and sensible approach.

He once was quoted as saying, "Remember, when you are on Tribal Council, everyone is family and we are all equal."

Julius created the Tribal logo in the early '70s as part of a contest. The first published story of his design was in January 1994.

The following is a quote by Julius which explains the meaning of the Tribal logo. The quote

was published by the Tribal Observer in August 2005:

"At the age of seven, I lost my mother. I then went on to live with my grandfather and my grandmother. The middle of the logo symbolizes the headdress worn by my grandfather, Simon Peters.

Simon Peters was a traditional man with old Indian values. My grandfather's

headdress was made of eagle and pheasant feathers. The eagle is a sacred bird of the Indians. He chose the pheasant feathers for the reason that it was a beautiful bird to him.

The top of the logo symbolizes the yoke my grandmother, Annie Peters, wore upon her chest. She had once told me the floral design meant beauty and love.

The acorns upon the logo were worn by both my grandfather and grandmother. They considered the acorns to be a symbol of Indian people. My grandparents had once stated to me, "The acorns are like the Indian people. Once small and new to the world, but with time, love and care, they will stand tall, beautiful and mighty."

The logo has been a part of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for approximately 45 years and will continue its

journey in the community. The highly-visible logo has been reproduced for official purposes such as letterhead and business cards to a myriad of promotional items. The Tribe currently holds the copyrights to the logo.

Julius served on many different Tribal Council Administrations starting in the early '70s. He worked in Mount Pleasant for the Coca-Cola Plant in the early '60s along with Gibson Factory and Ferro Manufacturing until he retired in 1972.

He is the father of four children, 10 grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council would like to offer their condolences to the family, friends and community for the loss of Julius Peters and know that his spirit will live on through the Tribal logo.



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Second annual two-day Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit focuses on the national opiate epidemic

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the opioid epidemic continues to sweep across the nation, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe shows no sign of slowing down on continuing to educate and raise awareness about the dangers of opioid use and addiction.

The second annual Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit was hosted in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on June 12-13, 2019.

The two-day conference themed "Building solutions, healing communities," focused solely on the opioid epidemic in Michigan's Native communities.

The conference brought together leading legal, medical, public health, and community resource leaders focused on action steps for new and innovative methods of grass roots community-based treatment, development of new access points, community participation in native healing therapies, and emphasis on early prevention and interventions for youth.

The first day, on Wednesday morning, began with an 8 a.m. welcome with a grand entry and flag song featuring Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society members and Mino Ode drummers.

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided the opening invocation and



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Jeanette Betancourt, Ed. D., from New York, senior vice president for U.S. Social Impact at Sesame Street Workshop – the nonprofit behind Sesame Street, is honored with a Pendleton blanket after her keynote speech during the Statewide Tribal Opioid Summit's second day on Thursday, June 13 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl then delivered opening remarks.

The conference's objectives, according to the program, included understand how to identify at least two new points of access (other than the court system) that both traditional and non-traditional communities can replicate including: viewing the opioid epidemic through a public health lens, treatment and recovery options and the Hope Not Handcuffs program; understand prevention and treatment options for Hepatitis C; address intergenerational trauma; build trauma-informed care systems; articulate, design and integrate new ideas, and apply new principles and practice within communities for opioids addiction prevention and intervention.

Joseph Sowmick, project director for the Healing to Wellness Family Court, served as event emcee.

"The best message we could deliver as a Tribe is there is help and resources for families and communities fighting the good fight against addiction," Sowmick said. "It will be the warriors within Indian Country who will step up and defend our current and future generations from a disease that is predictable, progressive and symptomatic."

The opening conference keynote speaker was Ron Shaw, MD, immediate past president for the Association of American Indian Physicians Diplomats and American Boards of Internal and Addiction Medicine.

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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.



Julius Simon Peters

July 15, 1942 – June 10, 2019

Julius Simon Peters, age 76, of Mount Pleasant passed away Monday, June 10, 2019, at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alma.

Julius was born on July 15, 1942, in Isabella Township, the son of Wilfred Sr. and Julia (Otto) Peters. He married Helen Pelcher on June 24, 1967, at the old North Branch Church.

Julius served as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Sub-Chief. His creative talent led to the design of the Tribe's logo in the early '70s. He was an avid and skilled bowler, being inducted into the Bowlers Hall of Fame in 2014.

Julius enjoyed bird watching, doing crossword puzzles, traveling, but most importantly, spending time with his family.

Julius is survived by his wife, Helen Peters; children, Theresa (Darryl) Jackson, Renee Peters, Julie (Mitch) Hinmon, and Lance Peters; grandchildren, Joelle, Kevin, Stephen, Robert, Maggie, Zack, Julia, Erica, Novaly, Kataya, and Aleeya; great-grandchildren, Josclynn, Kenisynn, Anistynn, and Kamerynn; siblings, Nicki Perez, Patricia Peters, Anne Peters, Garland Moses, Larry (Vicki) Pelcher, Harry (Denise) Pelcher, Sue (Bill) Durfee, Ruth Moses, and Donna Peters; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Julius was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law, Beatrice Peters; siblings, Betty Otto and Wilfred Peters Jr.; sisters-in-law, Josephine Jackson, Caroline Pelcher, and Beverly Vasquez; aunts, Mary Shawagon and Alice Peters; and nieces, Denise Peters and Michelle Price.

A memorial service was held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Friday, June 14, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. The family received friends at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, June 12, from 2 p.m. until a Vigil Funeral Service at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen or Toys for Tots.



Irving Dale Graveratte

Nov. 10, 1939 – June 1, 2019

Irving Dale Graveratte, 79, of Midland, died Saturday evening, June 1, 2019 at the MidMichigan Medical Center.

Irving was born Nov. 10, 1939 in Battle Creek, son of the late Chester and Christine (Peters) Graveratte. Irving moved to Saginaw when he was young and later graduated from Saginaw High School in 1958.

As a child, he always enjoyed taking trips with his family to Mount Pleasant.

After graduation, Irving enlisted in the United States Navy. Upon his discharge from the military, he suffered a severe brain injury and later moved to Deer Run where he lived for more than 20 years.

Irving always enjoyed going on trips and spending time with his family and friends. He loved to laugh and always had a smile on his face especially when he was with his nieces and nephews.

Irving had an artful way of telling stories and could get almost anyone to believe his tall tales.

He is survived by his sister Mary Graveratte as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and numerous other extended family members.

In addition to his parents, Irving was preceded in death by his siblings Milo Graveratte, Gary Graveratte, Chester Graveratte Jr., John Graveratte Sr., Carolyn Scholt, and David Graveratte.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, 2019 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Deer Run Rehabilitation in Midland.



Helen Denise Otto

Jan. 17, 1977 – June 7, 2019

Helen Denise Otto (Whiteman), age 42, of Weidman passed away unexpectedly, Friday, June 7, 2019.

Helen was born on Jan. 17, 1977, in Elk City, Okla., the daughter of Chester Whiteman and Virginia Osage.

Helen was a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe. She married David Otto on June 6, 1997.

Helen loved going to the movie theatre, dancing, attending sun dance ceremonies in Oklahoma, cooking, and spending time with family.

Helen is survived by her husband of 22 years, David Otto; children, Henry Otto, Alexandria Otto, and Cobmoosa Otto; father, Chester (Edwina) Whiteman; grandparents, John and Lorna Call; and niece, Ke-Yanna Osage.

Helen was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Osage; sister, Fiona (Osage) Whiteskunk; brother, Peter Osage; grandmother, Bertha Osage; great-grandmother, Flossy Prairiechief; aunt, Betty Whiteman; and niece and nephew, Mayley Amylah and Gunner Redbird.

Funeral services were held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Thursday, June 13, at 3 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Culver Lewis Judson

July 12, 1972 – June 11, 2019

Culver was born July 12, 1972, in Grand Rapids, the son of Ronald Judson Sr. and Roxene (Kahgegab) Judson. He was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and attended Chippewa Indian United Methodist Church.

Culver loved going to powwows and was proud of his Native heritage. He had an amazing sense of humor, was open hearted, caring, and compassionate.

Culver always had a great story to tell, was a very talented artist, and, most of all, loved spending time with his family. His favorite hobbies were traveling, playing horse-shoes, watching movies, and playing basketball.

Culver is survived by his wife Jackie Lynn (Schocko) Judson of Mt. Pleasant; five daughters Shyla Rose Schocko of Mt. Pleasant, Vanessa Marie Schocko of Minnesota, Tiana Leigh Schocko of Grand Rapids, Savannah Ariel Schocko of Traverse City, and Gabrielle Judith Schocko of Traverse City; five grandchildren Shaune, Kamila, Lawrence, Remi, and John III; his father Ronald Judson Sr. of Grand Rapids; brothers Ronald Judson Jr. of Grand Rapids, Gabriel Judson of Mt. Pleasant; and his sisters Amelia Judson of Mt. Pleasant, and Kaylene McCracken of Lake.

Culver was preceded in death by his mother Roxene, and sister Brandy Shomin.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 17, 2019 at Clark Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.



Mark D. Stigger

Nov. 18, 1959– May 29, 2019

Mark D. Stigger, 59, of New Bedford, Mass., passed away May 29, 2019.

Born in Denver, Colo., the son of the late Bernadine Virginia Gross and A.C. Stigger.

Mark was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Surviving him include his sister: Kimbely Stigger of Stockbridge, Vt.; two nieces and four nephews.

Graveside service, to which relatives and friends were invited, was held Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 1 p.m. at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Arrangements were entrusted to South Coast Funeral Home, 1555 Pleasant St., Fall River, MA 02740. www.SouthCoastFuneralHome.com



Lauren M. Lopez

Oct. 14, 1947 – May 17, 2019

Lauren M. Lopez passed away on Friday, May 17, 2019 at McLaren Bay Region at age 71 years. The daughter of the late George and Miranda (Cabay) Grischke, Mrs. Lopez was born Oct. 14, 1947 in Bay City, Mich.

Mrs. Lopez was retired as a clerk from McLaren Bay Region.

Mrs. Lopez is survived by her children, Donald Lopez, Brandon Lopez and Bobbi (Lamar) Taylor; her grandson, Isaac Lopez and several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Lopez was also preceded in death by her husband, Terrance Lopez and her grandson, Darien Lopez in 2011.

At the request of Mrs. Lopez, cremation has taken place and there will be no services at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the wishes of the family.

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.

Membership surplus sale

Friday, July 26, 2019

3-5 p.m. | Tribal Operations parking lot (across from Tribal Council entrance)

- Selling used furniture that is no longer needed in Tribal Operations
- No cost to attend
- \$5 for large items, \$1 for stacking chairs
- At the end of the sale, all items remaining will be available for anyone to take for free

For more information, please contact: David Charles at 989.775.4169

In Love and Memory Of



With love,
Mom, Montana and Anthony

The family of Julius Simon Peters

The family of Julius Simon Peters "The Governor" would like to thank everyone for their support, comfort and prayers.

A special thank you to everyone who provided food for the family during the week and the Memorial Service.

Attention Tribal Members

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Finance Department would like to notify the Membership that **beginning Aug. 1, 2019, the only form of identification the department will be accepting for check cashing is a photo ID with expiration date.**

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

Tribal Children Welfare Affidavits

Affidavits for the September period will be available
July 1 - Aug. 2, 2019
by 5 p.m.

Postdated mail, fax or email will not be accepted.

The Tribal Clerk's Office and Enrollment are now located in the Black Elk Building

7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.
No change of phone numbers.



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

• July 2 • Aug. 6 • Sept. 3



Happy Blessed
Birthday

NOAH

Love,
Grandma Kelly

ATTENTION
Tribal Operations and
related offices will be
closed on July 4 - 5.

(24/7 Departments will be open on July 5)



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/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: July 18, Aug. 15

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center

Monthly Forums are an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.

Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Aug. 1

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.

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



July 29-30, 2019

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | SECR Ballrooms

- Open to all Tribal Youth 12-18 years old.
- Meals provided
- Door prizes

Dance/Registration Night:

Sunday, July 28, 2019

7 - 9 p.m. | Broadway Park Pavilion

Guest Speakers

Chance Rush | www.onechanceleadership.com

Marcus Guinn | www.emceone.com

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



Tribal Council

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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

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.

Veterans Fundraiser | July 12

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.

Who's Your Caddy Open | July 14

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

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. Singles at 2 p.m. All divisions' entry is \$30 per person (Individual stroke play, triple bogey max score on all holes).

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

Broadway Road construction update

ROSALIE MALONEY

Housing Manager

The Indian Health Service is installing a new water line this summer. A section of Broadway (between Sowmick Drive and Ojibway) and all of Ojibway street will be excavated in order to do this work.

Traffic control signs were posted beginning the week of June 26. The project will last all summer.

All streets, sidewalks, driveways will be restored to good and proper working order at the conclusion of the

construction project. Please see the map provided for more details of the water line project.

All households will be notified of any temporary water shutoffs in advance. Water shutoffs will last a short time, no more than a few hours.

The stand of pine trees along Sowmick, unfortunately, have to come down. The lawn area between Turtle Lane and Sowmick Drive will be used to store the job trailer, equipment and materials.

You may call the SCIT Housing Department at 989-775-4595 or the Planning Department at 989-775-4014 if you have any questions.

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

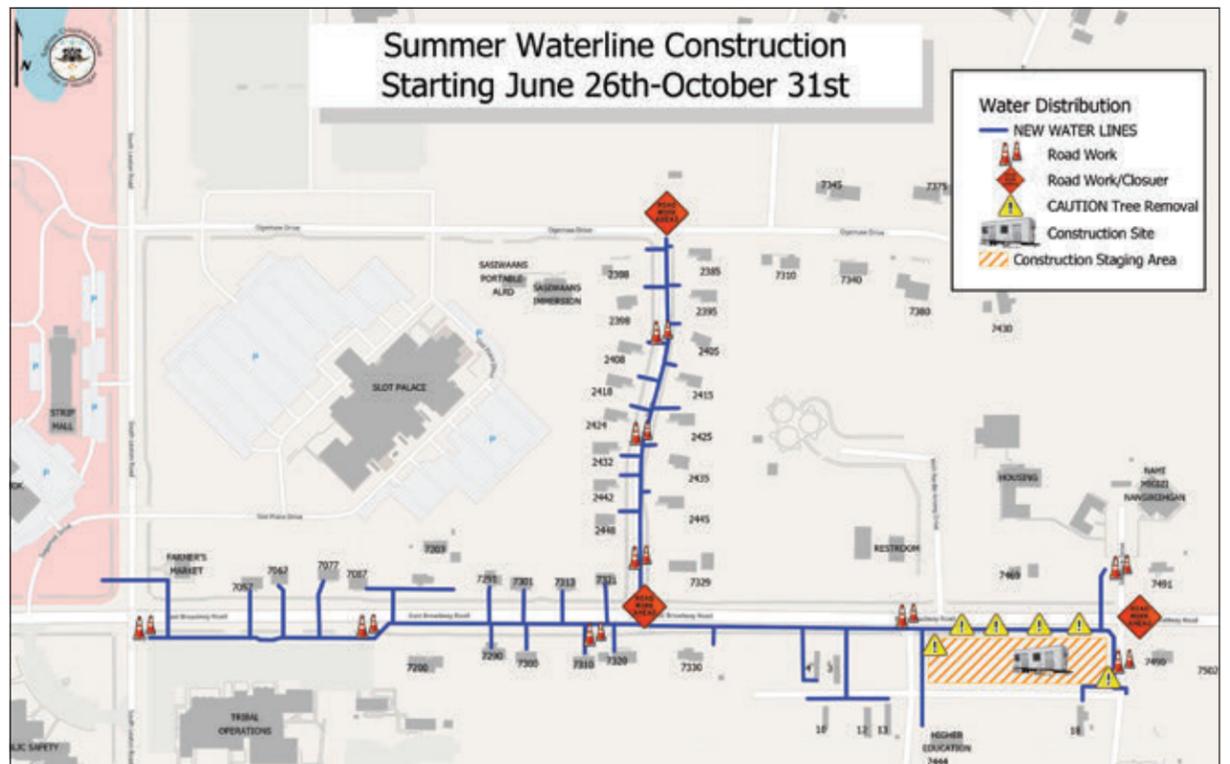
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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



Tribal Observer

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.

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Address: _____
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Contact Information:
Phone: 989-775-4010
Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Quotes from recipients of this Spring's 2 percent distribution funding

(Editor's note: The following direct quotes are from the Spring 2 percent distribution recipients during their acceptance and thank-you speeches as they receive their funding. The Isabella distribution was held on Thursday, May 30 at the Ziibiwing Center at 10 a.m., and the Standish distribution was held on Friday, May 31 at the Saganing Tribal Center at 2 p.m.)

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Dale Wiltse | Manager of the City of Au Gres

(Wiltse accepted the funds on behalf of the City of Au Gres. The city received \$15,000 towards a farmers' market pavilion in Harbor Mark, and \$2,660 towards park picnic tables.)



"Before I start on this year, I have to follow up about last year because we received a grant to pave the last unpaved street in the City of Au Gres. We finally have that project completed... No more gravel... As far as the distribution this year, I just want to make a note that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was our very first partner in our harbor project in Au Gres. Without their initial contribution, we wouldn't be where we are today. We are able to refurbish buildings, paint, put roofs on, clean up the facilities and use a lot of the initial monies as leverage for other grants and matching opportunities. This complete project is well on the way for a lot of the whole Arenac County community and is a great gift for everyone. If you have a chance to stop out, we just installed an 88-kayak launch, we've got a pavilion started, a state-of-the-art fish cleaning station. And..., the initial partner in this whole project was the Tribe. Without them, we wouldn't be where we are at today."

Jim Horton | Isabella County Commissioner

(Horton accepted the funds on behalf of Isabella County. A total of \$201,372 went to Isabella County Commission on Aging and \$110,934.46 went to an electronic waste program.)



"We are one community here. It is very impressive... It is just breathtaking to see the amount of involvement – in the community – that we have together. Our children have gone to school together, we work together as adults, we see each other in the stores, we see each other on the roads, in the parks, and it is just nice to be involved with a very generous funding. Thank you. Commission on Aging is, I consider, that jewel in our community. I have an 88-year-old mother who does not live in our community and to see the difference of the senior aging centers in her area compared to ours is just a (significant) difference."

Megan Wolfgang | Band director, Standish-Sterling Community School District

(Wolfgang was one of three to accept the funds on behalf of the Standish-Sterling Schools. Wolfgang joined Superintendent Darren Kroczaleski and Mark Williams, principal for the Central Junior/Senior High School. The school received \$6,450 for the school band equipment and \$93,606.06 for a track, which Williams said he is looking forward to hosting a track home meet. Williams invited Tribal Council and the Tribal Education Department to visit and view the new track.)



"I'm so excited and thankful to be here. (The) grant is allowing us to purchase five marching band instruments for next year. These are instruments we do not own so we are going to have some very, very excited students to be using those instruments... Our band program has been growing and has been very successful, and your support through the grants is helping us make all of those successes."

Sgt. Terry Spencer | City of Pinconning Police Department

(Sgt. Spencer was one of three to speak and accept the funds on behalf of the City of Pinconning. The City of Pinconning Police Department received \$1,788 towards protective police equipment.)



"I've had the opportunity to serve my community for almost 20 years now; in the military and my first job was here in Arenac County... and I've been in Pinconning for almost 12 years. The 'thank you' is not big enough words to see the effect it's been on the community – whether it be the police department, fire department, ambulance service or the schools, so thank you so much."

Will Joseph | City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor

(Joseph accepted the funds on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant. A portion went to a drink water reservoir bypass for clean water and \$180,683 went towards self-contained breathing apparatus [SCBA].)



"For me, the 2 percent grants is a tremendous display of cooperation in our community. As it has in the past and continues to be a source for critical infrastructure, community development and resources for our children's schools and programs. These components really represent a successful community and how our leadership really provides for that community and really society, as a whole... All that we were awarded are things that really cooperate with our fellow communities with the 1 million gallon bypass reservoir for clean water, our PEAK programs. I would also like to say a little thing – I just noticed that the ICRH (Isabella County Restoration House) was also funded through the Gratiot/Isabella County RESD and as a Board Member of ICRH, and as a community member, our homeless population always needs extra help and I'm really thankful for your support of that. And with that, I would like to say, chi-miigwetch."

Jeffrey Collier

Superintendent, Au Gres-Sims School District



(Collier accepted the funds on behalf of the school district which received \$61,785.31. Some of the items included: Dual enrollment funds, Power Up for Reading program, K-5 classroom libraries and a color printer.)

"... A lot of us assume we know what school is. School has changed so radically. The outside of our buildings may look the same, but it is complicated work, and when you look at some of the things and you see programs or you see acronyms listed under here (referring to the sheet handed out at the Saganing 2 percent distribution), the greatest thing about our gratitude to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is that every dollar is a direct investment into our future. And as complicated, whether restricted funds or unrestricted funds..., please know – from the bottom of our hearts – the direct impact, we will never know what the return investment is for every dollar, but please know, it is sustainable in making a huge impact. Thank you very much."

Michael Bob Grover Jr.

Superintendent, Chippewa Hills School District



(Grover accepted the funds on behalf of Chippewa Hills schools, which received \$21,935.88 for AEDs, portable automatic external defibrillator which can save a person's life after cardiac arrest.)

"On behalf of the Chippewa Hills family, we want to thank the Tribe for supporting us; your continued contributions always help. This is one of those grants, though,... we hope we never, ever have to use. It is to update our AEDs. We've never had to use one at Chippewa Hills, to date. And we hope that continues, we hope the lifesaving devices are never utilized but they are there just in case. So we really appreciate you guys giving us the opportunity to update those because the ones we have right now are obsolete."

Michael Oxley

Clerk for Au Gres Township



(Oxley accepted the funds on behalf of Au Gres Township, which received \$10,500 for a Linwood Cemetery gate project and a \$1,000 general allocation.)

"This would be the 20th time that either myself, or another Township Board member, has come up to receive money from the Tribe. It is absolutely excellent. We received a grant that is going to help beautify our cemetery, and I'm short on talk but long on gratitude. Thank you so much."

Robert North

Supervisor for Standish Township



(North accepted the funds on behalf of the Township, along with Clerk Shara Klenk who spoke about \$10,000 to go towards the Arenac community center.)

"One thing we've noticed is that with all of the requests that (the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe) gets; sometimes we're up a little bit, sometimes we're down a little bit, and that's okay because you folks chose Standish Township to make your home. And we appreciate that."

Julie Freeze | Director of Business and Finance for Shepherd Public Schools

(Freeze accepted on behalf of Superintendent Steve Brimmer, who was unable to attend. Shepherd Public Schools received \$194,033. Funding toward items including: school transit van, mystery science and STEM resources, Mi-STAR to provide science curriculum for teachers of Michigan students, and Guiding to Reading success.)



"I am glad to personally give a thank you to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for these distributions. Because I work in the business office, I see all of the money that flows in and out of our district. I can see the goodness that these grants are doing. I can see how it is affecting our students and how it is touching their lives. It makes my job, as a business person, a lot easier because it gives us a lot more opportunities to say 'yes' to people when they come up with ideas and needs in the classroom."

Michael Vieau

Superintendent, Pinconning Area School District



(Vieau accepted the funds on behalf of Pinconning schools, which received \$62,402.17. Some of the items included: Pinconning Middle School technology for core subject areas, financial literacy for all and softball dugouts.)

"Things we are using (the) money for, are things we just cannot take out of our normal budget. We have a financial literacy class that we are going to start because of a grant for our seniors so they have a little better handle on things like money management, check books... Another thing I want to mention is the first class organization that the Tribe is. I'm on the Chamber of Commerce for Pinconning, I'm also on the Rotary Club for Pinconning/Standish, and the Tribe has gone above and beyond to support both the Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce."



Three families are Celebrated! during 16-week curriculum

SHUNA STEVENS

Behavioral Health
Prevention Coordinator

Celebrating Families! is a 16-week family-inclusive skill-building curriculum developed by White Bison that focuses on families who have been affected by chemical dependency. It was developed to bring awareness, education and prevent future addiction, mental and physical health problems.

Celebrating Families! uses cultural teachings in combination with prevention and intervention in order to support the healing of families in recovery, while also instilling skills to prevent future addiction. This is the first time the Celebrating Families! curriculum has been offered to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community.

We celebrated the success and progress of three families (pictured) on June 11, 2019. Two of the families successfully completed the program, meaning they missed three or less weekly sessions; this is quite the accomplishment and their commitment to each other and this program deserves recognition.

At our final session, we reflected back on all the

topics covered over the course of the program and participants shared what they liked about the program which included the meals and the time spent with their family.

The families have learned skills necessary to help break the cycle of addiction, to build healthy environments for themselves, how to set and recognize healthy boundaries, and to better communicate with each other in order to resist future addiction and/or to remain in recovery.

The main take away from the youth who shared is that their family member's chemical dependency "is not their fault" or a result of them in any way.

The youth also shared that they now understand that taking care of themselves is a good thing, it is okay to say "no," they can calm themselves down and manage their anger, there are safe people out there who want to help them (that the group is full of safe people for them), and they enjoyed the program more than they thought they would.

Adults shared that they: feel like they are not alone in their issues/problems, enjoyed time spent with their family, liked the weekly activities, and the



Courtesy of Shuna Stevens

(Left to right) Anna Winters, Peyton Brabbs and Kylie Brabbs.



Courtesy of Shuna Stevens

(Left to right) Faith Osawabine, Jayden Osawabine and Liam Osawabine.



Courtesy of Shuna Stevens

(Left to right) Johnathan Davis, Casey Davis and Jasmine Davis, and Miles Davis (front).

handouts were a good way to get them to communicate at home too.

Both facilitators and families alike are going to miss these weekly programming sessions.

This program would not have been possible without the trained facilitators from Behavioral Health and Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services; the assistance of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy's own Bridget Fairchild with the weekly meal preparation and service; weekly childcare being provided by Morgan (Hutchins) Hinmon; and the space graciously loaned to us by the SCA staff and students.

If you or someone you know wants to learn skills

necessary to break the cycle of addiction, please contact Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health, at 989-775-4824 or shstevens@sagchip.org, as there will be another round of

Celebrating Families! starting in the fall.

On behalf of the Celebrating Families! facilitators we congratulate the families on their accomplishments and wish them the best.

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Keith Smith, traditional healer, discusses the importance of cultural ceremonies

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As spaghetti, garlic bread and salad were offered for lunch at Seventh Generation, a presentation about the importance of ceremonies in Anishinaabe culture was given by guest speaker Keith Smith.

The occasion was the June 12 lunch and learn event, presented by the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department from 12 to 1 p.m.

Smith, a traditional healer and of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, shared his knowledge of ceremony and culture during the well-attended event.

Smith discussed the importance of sending individuals to the correct cultural teachings they need, along with the use of traditional medicines.

Smith said he no longer works for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. Instead, he travels to several tribal communities including Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

“Wherever the people need help now; that’s where I go,” Smith said.

He said at about age 20, he changed, spiritually, and began to fast. He referenced how he knew it was time for him to fast: from messages he received from spirits.

“Spirits will bring you those (needed cultural) teachers,” Smith said “They just have to know you are committed.... As Anishinabe, we have such a connectedness of spirits, but also a delicateness that we feel.”

He said he has spirits working through him, “people are just the vehicle for the spirits.”

He also mentioned the importance of helping people in the community who are struggling.

“Each and every one of us has a way to help our people,” he said.

He has spent a lot of time in Red Lake Nation, he said.

“A lot of my vacation time was spent in Red Lake doing

the things I needed to do,” Smith said of helping and presenting tobacco teachings.

He also discussed his successful marriage to his wife, Val, who was in the audience. The two met in 1984.

Following his presentation, Smith exited to make it to his appointments he scheduled with students, families and staff in the community. He said he would be on the Reservation for the next couple days to help with medicines, guidance, teachings.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services were also event sponsors.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Keith Smith, traditional healer and of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, speaks at a June 12 luncheon at Seventh Generation. The presentation highlighted the importance of ceremonies in Anishinaabe culture.

Tribal descendant Cecilia Romero selected to become federal magistrate judge

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal descendant Cecilia Romero has been selected to become a federal magistrate judge.

Last month, the U.S. District Court for Utah announced

Romero has been chosen to fill an upcoming vacancy on the federal bench. Romero will fill the vacancy created by Magistrate Judge Brooke Wells, who will retire in June, according to a release from the U.S. District Court for Utah.

Romero is the daughter of Tribal Member Sandra Barron.

Romero is an alumna (2002) of the University of Utah - S.J. Quinney College of Law. She served as president of the Native American Law Students Association at the university.

Previously, Romero served several years as a civil litigator and partner in the Salt Lake City-based law firm Holland & Hart.

“The district judges are excited to have such a well-respected, talented attorney with broad civil experience join an exceptional magistrate judge bench,” said a statement issued on behalf of the district judges of Romero’s appointment.

At the College of Law, Romero also currently serves on the alumni Board of Trustees and on the Dean’s Diversity Council, a group of professionals and community stakeholders dedicated to recruiting minority applicants to the law school and assisting with job placement after graduation, according to a release from the university.



Courtesy photo

Tribal descendant Cecilia Romero (daughter of Tribal Member Sandra Barron) is selected to become a federal magistrate judge, announced by the U.S. District Court for Utah.

Orchards planted on Isabella and Saganing Reservations



Courtesy of Lisa Tiger

(Left to right) Tribal Elder Kateri Walker, Fruit Tree Planting Foundation’s Cem Akin and Grant Writer Donna Patterson are photographed at the Andahwod Orchard Planting site



Courtesy of Lisa Tiger

Avi Ruffino (left) Seventh Generation Cultural Manger Lee Ann Ruffino’s granddaughter waters a tree at the Seventh Generation orchard.



Courtesy of Lisa Tiger

The planting team is photographed at Seventh Generation.



Courtesy of Lisa Tiger

Antonio Rafael of Detroit Grows with volunteer youth at Andahwod.

Four fruit tree orchards, totaling 140 trees on the Isabella and Saganing Reservations, were planted over the Memorial Day weekend.

The orchards are funded through a grant from the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, Vitafusion and the Clif Bar Family Foundation.

Each orchard will consist of 35 trees: 10 apple, five apricot, five pear, five plum, five peach and five cherry trees.

The orchards will provide a source of fresh fruit to the Tribal community, and be incorporated into Andahwod’s upcoming Seed-to-Table programming, Saginaw Chippewa Academy’s and Sasiwaans’ lunch programs, Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center, and community feasts at Seventh Generation.

Fruit will be available to the Tribal community and at the Native Farmers Market.

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▶ **Who:** Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community

▶ **Why:** To raise awareness about Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW)

Over 5,700 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing as of 2016, according to the National Crime Information Center, but only 116 of those cases were logged with the Department of Justice. Eighty-four percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. A 2008 study found that women in some tribal communities are 10 times more likely to be murdered than the national average.



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Tribe receives grant for analysis of boarding school property listed in the National Register

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

WASHINGTON – On May 31, the National Park Service announced \$500,000 in grants to support 13 projects, which are set to assist in identifying and nominating tribal, state and local sites for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Ziiibiwing Center and its Tribal Historic Preservation Officer have been awarded \$46,302 for the analysis of the historic site associated with the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School for listing in the National Register.

The Tribe was one of 13 grant recipients throughout

the entire nation.

“Together with our state, tribal, and local partners, this competitive grant program will help communities across the country identify and nominate lesser-known historic properties,” said P. Daniel Smith, deputy director of the National Park Service, in a media release. “Historic properties brought into the National

Register through this program will help the register better reflect the significant stories told throughout our nation.”

Funded projects for additional tribal sites include for the Pala (California), Ysleta (Texas) and Muckleshoot (Washington) Indians.

Other recipients include grants for: the development of

historic context for women’s suffrage sites in Nevada, and a survey of the Great Migration and its impacts on the development of African American neighborhoods in Detroit.

The City of Detroit marks the only other grant awarded in Michigan for the National Park Service’s 2019 Underrepresented Community Grant recipients.

Summer Reading Program launches with tremendous success

ANDREW WAGNER

Housing Department

Three, two, one... blast off! The Tribal Libraries and Housing Department successfully launched the official blast-off party for the Summer Reading Program.

The Blast Off party included alien-themed face painting, bounce houses, door prizes, catering from Nbakade Family Restaurant, and DJ Joe Sowmick spinning intergalactic hits from a galaxy far, far away.

This year, more than 200 people blasted off the summer with this space-themed fun program. One could even say these numbers are out of this world.

The Summer Reading Program’s main purpose is to engage young people and families to help prevent the “summer slide” (a decline in reading ability and academic skills in the summer) and build a lifelong love of reading.

The program’s theme this year is “A Universe of Stories!” which includes space exploration, lunar disk viewing, space rocks, animals,



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Amanda Wright (back) makes space and alien face paintings for a summer reader during the Summer Reading Program celebration on Monday, June 17 at the Housing Pavilion.



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Tribal Library personnel Lee-Anne Disel (left) and Kimberly Condon (right) show their support for the summer reading program.



Courtesy of Andrew Wagner

Micah Wagner (right) and Waabooz pose for a photo at the event.

magic shows, craft days, trip to planetarium, and, of course, ice cream. Please stop by the library for more details.

This year we have so many prizes – we don’t know what to do with all of them – so we are asking for your help.

Please stop by the Tribal Library and sign up for a library card and enter the Summer Reading Program. The more books you read, the more tickets you win for all of our universally loved prizes. Prizes include gift cards, children lunch boxes, children play sets, children chairs,

children play cups, dream catchers, shirts, pajamas, stuffed animals, water float animals, and Hello Kitty items. Now is the best time to sign up and blast off reading this summer.

“Reading is a fundamental skill for success. It was gratifying to see so many families and children who want to read during the summer,” said Rosalie Maloney, manager for the Housing Department. “I want to thank all of the staff and volunteers for making this event so successful. I would especially like to thank the Summer Youth

Program for sending us two wonderful workers. Shaylyn and Isabelle – you did a great job for us, thank you so much.”

Housing would like to thank the departments and people for helping us make this event so successful. Thank you Chip Neyome and Tanner Williams for sending us two outstanding summer youth workers.

We would also like to thank Elaina Hernandez and Nbakade for serving great food for the event. We would also like to give a huge shout out to DJ Joe Sowmick for the spacy tunes.

Housing would also like to acknowledge the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel for letting us borrow Waabooz and Gizi. The children absolutely loved spending time with them. We also like to give a huge shout out to the hard working maintenance crew for setting up and tearing down the event.

Lastly, would like to thank the Tribal Council for their support for projects like this. Go interstellar with your summer reading and may the reading force be with you.

Editorial: Thank you for making Ziiibiwing’s 15th Birthday Sale a success

BRENDA LEHMKUHLE

Ziiibiwing Commercial Services

The Ziiibiwing Center Birthday Sale was a great success. It celebrated a very successful and happy 15th birthday to Ziiibiwing. Time sure does fly.

It has been a busy month for Ziiibiwing Commercial Services.

However, I want to make sure to thank the following:

Thank you Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Migizi Economic Development Co. for the drawings that were donated.

I would also like to thank the Ziiibiwing Center crew for helping us. Your time was appreciated by all of us and thank you for providing our lunches.

Also, thanks to all that made purchases during the sale. Hope you found something you like

and keep the dates on the calendar for next year. New and exciting products will be here.

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Opioid Summit

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Shaw discussed the opioid use disorder epidemic in Indian Country, the medical illness of opiate use disorder, its recognition, and treatment based on experiences from the front line in primary care in Indian Country.

Thursday morning's keynote speaker, Jeanette Betancourt of Sesame Street in Communities, not only gave her first presentation on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation, but her first-ever presentation on an Indian reservation.

Betancourt, Ed. D., from New York, is senior vice president for U.S. Social Impact at Sesame Workshop, the non-profit behind Sesame Street.

According to sesameworkshop.org, "She (Betancourt) directs the development and implantation of community and family engagement initiatives making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and their families. These research-based initiatives are designed to impact children's early learning, health and well-being, and provide strategies and resources to counteract the effects of trauma while fostering the critical connections that adults have on children's lives."

Betancourt presented "Bringing Help, Hope, and Healing to Our Most Vulnerable Children and Families."

Betancourt said what is needed most is to "explain addiction as a disease and in child-appropriate ways."

"Reduce the shame, judgment, and stigma associated with parenting and addiction," Betancourt said. "Use the seven C's to help children understand they: didn't **cause** the problem, cannot **cure** or **control** it, need to take **care** of themselves, are allowed to **accommodate** their feelings, can make healthy **choices**, and should **celebrate** themselves."

Both Wednesday and Thursday's keynote speakers, Betancourt and Shaw, were gifted a Tribal Pendleton blanket on stage after their presentations after 10 a.m.

Both days included early-afternoon breakout sessions in the Soaring Eagle ballrooms. Topics included: The Michigan State Police Angel Program; a Journey of Recovery: personal

stories, panel discussion and q-and-a sessions from Dawn Morrow of the SCIT Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Chapter and Christina Osawabine, vice president of Central Michigan FAN Chapter; Addressing the Synergistic Epidemics of Hepatitis C, HIV and Substance Use Disorder; Substance Use Disorder in Pregnancy; and much more.

Thursday afternoon speaker, Stephen Alsum, executive director for The Grand Rapids Red Project, addressed the opioid epidemic from a harm reduction framework at 12:45 p.m.

Alsum develops and implements programming in line with Red Project's mission of improving health, reducing risk, and preventing HIV in the greater Grand Rapids area. He provides group level and individual trainings and counseling on risk reduction related to HIV, Hepatitis C, overdose and substance use.

Alsum discussed syringe access programs – the usage of sterile syringes.

"(Syringe service programs) reduce the spread of HIV by up to 80 percent and Hepatitis C by up to 50 percent. They decrease drug use: participants are five times more likely to access treatment, and the programs project the community: decreasing accidental needle stick by 66 percent and taking used syringes off the street," Alsum said.

Alsum reported in Kent County (Grand Rapids) in 1998, "25 percent of all HIV/AIDS cases were related to injection drug use, and the Mayor's Task Force recommended the establishment of a syringe access program."

In 2000, a City Commission resolution allowed Red Project to offer syringe access from one location in downtown Grand Rapids, Alsum said. And in September 2011, further resolution allowed syringe access expansion to entire city.

Currently, Alsum reported, a reduced rate of 8 percent of current HIV/AIDS cases in Kent County are related to injection drug use.

Alsum also discussed naloxone kits.

"(Naloxone kits) are used solely for the prevention and reversal of an opiate overdose," he said. "Safe and effective when an individual presents unresponsive emergency



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Ron Shaw, MD, discusses opiate use disorder in Indian Country during his 8:30 to 10 a.m. keynote speech on Wednesday, June 12 of the summit.

medical services will administer naloxone hydrochloride without knowing whether or not an overdose has occurred."

He said the naloxone has "little-to no-effect on individuals without opiate in their system."

In response to individuals who believe users may be more likely to use or continue using opiates when naloxone kits are easily available to them, Alsum compared having naloxone kits to having fire extinguishers in homes.

"Just because we have fire extinguisher in our homes, does not mean we will play with matches and purposely start fires to our homes," Alsum said.

On Wednesday evening, Wenona Singel, deputy legal counsel to Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the governor's advisor on tribal affairs, spoke on behalf of Gov. Whitmer.

Singel is a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

"As a former prosecutor, the Governor saw firsthand the devastating effects of addiction on families in the criminal justice system," Singel said in her speech. "Believing that addiction is a medical illness, not a moral one, she sought to divert addicted individuals to treatment rather than prison. However, she saw too many people go to jail instead of receiving help because there were not enough alternative services available."

Singel said, in Michigan, "opioid overdose deaths tripled in the last five years, and in 2016, Michigan health care providers wrote 11 million prescriptions for opioid drugs – enough to give every resident a bottle of more than 80 pills."

"Nationally, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest drug overdose rates compared to other groups," Singel said. "To better understand these disparities for native communities, the Governor has tribal liaisons in each of the state departments, including the Michigan State Police and the Department of Health and Human Services, giving greater voice to Michigan's tribal governments in our state decision-making."

Singel said Gov. Whitmer's goals are to: strengthen the

understanding of the state level and generational trauma in Native families, identify responses that are specific to each community impacted by addiction, and work with stakeholders to collect better data about the impact of the crisis.

"For Native families, a culturally-specific response to the epidemic may include some of the important topics shared at this summit: expanding healing to wellness courts, developing early prevention strategies for native youth, and combining traditional healing practices with other lifesaving intervention like naloxone and medication-assisted treatment," Singel said. "... As we all know, lack of opioid-related health data specific to Native populations is a huge barrier, preventing tribes from accessing resources and developing comprehensive responses to the crisis for their own people."

"The Office of the Governor is listening to the concerns of Michigan's tribal leaders," Singel said, to conclude her speech. "We are committed to expanding treatment and recovery services and working with law enforcement and pharmacies to protect our citizens and hold physicians and drug companies accountable. We look forward to greater partnership with our tribes to promote recovery from this epidemic for the next seven generations."

The Tribal Court was a sponsor of the summit and Senior



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Wenona Singel, deputy legal counsel to Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the governor's advisor on tribal affairs, speaks on behalf of Gov. Whitmer, on Wednesday evening in a ballroom.



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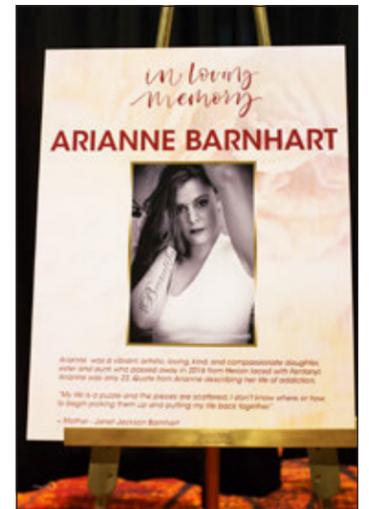
Dawn Morrow (left), of the SCIT Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Chapter, and Christina Osawabine (right), vice president of the Central Michigan FAN Chapter, present the Journey to Recovery personal stories and panel discussion in the Soaring Eagle ballrooms during the breakout sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 12.

Judge Patrick Shannon was in attendance.

"Because of the professional organizational skills of the committee, this year's summit finished without a problem," Shannon said. "The information shared was significant and I am confident that all participants learned something new and useful for their communities. This effort takes enormous amount of effort and the committee must be thanked both individually and collectively for their diligence. Also, this would never occur without the continued support and leadership of the Tribal Council."

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"In Memory Of" poster boards are placed at the entrance of the Entertainment Hall, in honor of Tribal community members – including Arianne Barnhart – who lost their lives to opiate usage.



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Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

mawinzo	pick berries
ode'imin	strawberry
adatagaagomin	blackberry
miskomin	raspberry
ookwemin	black cherry
gimiwan	rain
nagweyaab	rainbow
mooka'am	sunrise
bangishimon	sunset
waabigwan	flower
jiigew	shore
bagizo	swim
zaaga'igan	lake
onda'ibaan	water source
waazakonenjiganooboo	kerosene
jiibaakwewigamig	cook shack
akik	kettle
gabeshi	camp
ginzhinzhawizi	hard worker
nisidotam	understand

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Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Word Bank

- Naak-do'wen-di'san
- Nbiish naak-do'wen'dan
- Kchi-nshinaabek naak-do'we'nim
- Naak-do'wen-mid'daa
- Nzaak-toon Nii'bing
- Mna-den-dis'an
- Kina gego Mna-den-dan
- Ndo naak-do'wen-dis

Across

- 5. Take care of the water
- 6. Respect everything

Down

- 1. Take care of the elders
- 2. I love summertime
- 3. Respect yourself
- 4. Let's take care of each other

Words by Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department.

Answer Key

Down

- 1. Kchi-nshinaabek naak-do'we'nim (Take care of the elders)
- 2. Nzaak-toon Nii'bing (I love summertime)

Across

- 5. Nbiish naak-do'wen'dan (Take care of the water)
- 6. Kina gego Mna-den-dan (Respect everything)
- 7. Ndo naak-do'wen-dis (I take care of myself)
- 8. Naak-do'wen-di'san (Take care of yourself)



Honoring, Healing & Remembering

The 85th anniversary of the boarding school's closing recognized

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It is not every day that a school, an organization or a business closing is a celebrated occasion. In this instance, it is without any doubt that it is appropriate to honor the closing day of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.

The 85th anniversary of the boarding school closing was recognized on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at the former school grounds (1400 W. Pickard in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and off of Crawford Road) during the annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering event.

All day, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children who attended the boarding school were recognized through a day of memoriam and fellowship. Boarding school children were taken out of their homes and

stripped from their families, heritage, spirituality and language.

The Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934, with an average enrollment of 300 students per year in grades K-8.

The students were forced to perform manual work and duties such as laundry, farm work and cleaning for majority of the day. The remainder of the day was spent receiving basic academic instruction.

The anniversary event began at 7 a.m. at the Mission Creek Cemetery for a sunrise ceremony led by George Martin (Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) and Saginaw Chippewa elder Steve Pego with assistance from the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society and Women of Tradition.

After 8 a.m., proceedings began at the former boarding

school site with breakfast and a 9:30 a.m. pipe ceremony.

The flag carriers, made up of Ogitchedaw and tribal dignitaries, led the 10:15 a.m. grand entry as Mino Odé beat the drum. Following were Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff, and event attendees carrying the names of the children who were reported deceased or missing at the boarding school.

Emcee Joseph Sowmick introduced Isabelle Osawamick of the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department to provide the opening invocation. She provided the prayer fully in Anishinaabemowin.

Succeeding was the somber student roll call to remember the documented 227 deceased students. As Youth Council members read each of the 227 names one-by-one, the drummers provided a drum beat after each name.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl was present for the day's agenda and also provided the welcome address.

"To sit here and to listen to those names being read, recognizing the children who lost their lives here; we're not talking about elders – we're not talking about grown people who had life experiences and who were able to go out, live and enjoy everything that we had – those were children who lost their lives here," Chief Ekdahl said. "And it's just unbelievable to me. As a father of three young children, I can only imagine the heartache and loss that those parents must have felt to have their children taken from their homes, to not be able to teach them their own values; the things I strive to teach my sons every day."

The chief continued to speak through his tears.

"To not be able to tuck your children into bed, kiss them on the forehead," the chief said.

The chief also carried a flag during grand entry.

"To stand with those veterans; it was moving to me," Chief Ekdahl said. "It was something that really meant a lot to me, and to hold that flag, you really feel the weight of that; feel how important it is and think of those



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Veterans and flag carriers lead the 10:15 a.m. grand entry as Mino Ode beat the drum to honor the 85th closing anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School on Thursday, June 6, 2019, held at the former school grounds.

veterans who carried those flags into war, and went and fought for our freedoms."

Norman Bone, chief of Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation (Riding Mountain Band), and Jerry Daniels, grand chief of the Southern Chiefs' Organization, representing 34 communities in Southern Manitoba, also spoke. They presented Chief Ekdahl; Steve Pego; Patricia Shawnoo, descendant of Chief Tecumseh; and former Chief of Sagkeeng Jerry Fontaine with bandolier bags that were designed similarly to the one Daniels' great-grandfather Bajoosh used to wear.

Robert O. Davies, president of Central Michigan University, attended the pipe ceremony and also spoke after Ekdahl.

"For way too long, this school was a place of sadness and a place to destroy," Davies said. "When we think of schools or a place of education; it is a place to bring people together, not to tear down. People were forbidden: to practice their religions, their spiritual being, to be themselves. To not have their own language or understand their sense of family is the antithesis of what we all stand for."

Healing together also means proactively seeking opportunities to protect and preserve the possibilities of the future, Davies said.

"Whether it's offering CMU students the opportunity to take Ojibwe language classes; inviting Native American scholars to

share their stories, research and experience through the Denison Visiting Professorship series; or simply coming together to celebrate at the annual powwow, our university community is proud to join you in celebrating the strength of spirit, culture and community of our neighbors in the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."

Also present from the university was Andrew Thompson "A.T." Miller, vice president and chief diversity officer for CMU.

"Bearing this name of (deceased former boarding school student) John Thomas, 13 years old, and entering this circle with him, and with his spirit, and in this place with all of you, is a moving thing," Miller said. "I am humbled



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Attendees – including Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff – take to the lawn and listen to the student roll call to honor the documented 227 students who have been reported deceased or missing at the school.



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Flag carriers stand during grand entry prior to the flag song at the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event.



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Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl delivers an emotional welcome and discusses honoring the young children who were taken from their homes to attend the boarding school.



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Jingle dress dancers participate in the grand entry.



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Members of tribe's from all over Indian Country attend the day's festivities and participate in grand entry; many wear the name of a child who has been reported deceased or missing at the boarding school.



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Robert O. Davies, president of Central Michigan University, addresses the crowd and discusses the partnership between the Tribe and the university.

to be here. It is a wonderful responsibility that I bear in my work: to build inclusion and community across, not just the university but in our triple relationship here of tribe, town and (university)."

City of Mt. Pleasant officials were also in attendance including Mayor Will Joseph who provided a brief speech.

"(From the) ceremony at the cemetery, my heart is really open and I feel it is one of those moments you feel emotional and you don't know why, or how to say it, but I definitely feel it today," Joseph said. "We are... trying to preserve this land to commemorate the history and really to make sure that it's not lost in the years ahead of us."

A noon lunch was offered, and at 12:30 p.m., 30-minute guided outdoor tours were given of selected buildings on the grounds. The boarding school consisted of 37 buildings on 320 acres of land.

Keynote addresses began at 1 p.m. with SCIT Member Sarah Jones, tribal historic preservation officer, and Christine Diindiisi McCleave (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe Nation), executive officer for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

Jones is also the interim chairwoman of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee. Her grandmother, Mabel Pelcher, was a student at the school.

McCleave's grandfather attended a Catholic Indian boarding school and Haskell Indian Boarding School. Her great-grandfather attended Carlisle

Industrial Indian School.

"Boarding school's inter-generational impacts on McCleave's personal life and her children's lives led her to complete her Master of Arts in leadership research on the spectrum of spiritual practices between traditional Native American spirituality and Christianity and the legacy of the boarding schools on spiritual activities today," stated in the Ziibiwing Center's bi-weekly electronic publication, E-Noodaagan.

The 2 p.m. keynote speaker was Kelly Elk Woman Jackson (Lac du Flambeau Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians), a singer, songwriter, philanthropist and tribal advocate.

Jackson worked in historic preservation for 15 years.

Jackson's debut album "Spirit of a Woman" won the Native American Music Associate Award for the 2017 Best Americana Album of the Year.

"I woke up one morning having written an entire song in my sleep," Jackson said. "'Gaawiin Niiwi Izhaasiin (I Don't Want to Go),' I wrote in 2007 or 2008. I didn't finally record it until 2010..."

"Gaawiin Niiwi Izhaasiin (I Don't Want to Go)" is a song about a young boy's journey who was taken from his home, and put in boarding school, and about his family's fight for him. The lyrics detail how a strange man cut the little boy's long hair and his moccasins were replaced in exchange for a uniform with buttons.

"Honestly, the only reason why I got in the recording studio to record that album is because I wanted to record 'Gaawiin Niiwi Izhaasiin,' that song. I wanted to

tell that story," Jackson said. "I thought it was going to be a legacy piece that I leave my family and, maybe, my community. But I never thought that it would gain wings and tell a story in a way that it really excited the national Native music industry and Native media, so I'm really, really proud to be the owner of that journey, that story."

Jackson then called her friend and fellow musician, Alex Wilson, to join her on stage with his acoustic guitar to perform that song – which she said she has not performed live in six or seven years – and a few others for a musical showcase.

At 3:30 p.m., a jingle dress healing dance and a celebratory round dance took place.

Jingle dress dancer Cecilia Stevens explained the history behind the healing dance.

"(Jingle dress) came from Anishnabek people; it was in a time when there was a young girl who was sick and there was a dream of a dress to be made for her," Stevens said. "Each side of these cones, traditionally, you'd have a prayer to go along with each and every one. You'd put semaa in with them, and, as you're dancing, those prayers and (as you) move; you're going across Mother Earth, you're releasing out that good medicine."

Stevens stood with the Youth Council members during the student roll call. She said, it is "heartbreaking to hear" those 227 names, and 227 is only the known amount thus far.

"There could be more but we called them here (on the former grounds)," Stevens



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Cecilia Stevens (far left) and Youth Council members read the student roll call; names are read one-by-one and a drum beat is provided for each child.

said. "We set out spirit dishes for them... everything (those spirits) struggled through and the resilience they had from the age of 3 to 17, and then generation after generation of carrying on with their families when they've been called here, they can see how strong we are today. (They can see) how our traditions are still being carried on and that we are still honoring them."

Stevens said they would "dance for those children's spirits and everyone present that has attended boarding school to remind them that their lives were beautiful."

"It was so unfair about what happened to them, but they can smile and look down upon us, and know we are still honoring them and what their ancestors gave to them," Stevens said.

Throughout the day, a silent auction and 50/50 were held. All proceeds benefitted the MIIBS Project.

The day ended with a giveaway and traveling song by the Wabanaisee "Snowbird" Singers.

Several members from tribes throughout Michigan, Canada and Indian Country traveled to attend.

The MIIBS and event planning committee includes: Jonathan Ayling, Nick Bacon, Raymond Cadotte, Aaron Graveratte, Colleen Green, Tera Green, Anita Heard, Glenna Jenkins, William Johnson, Sarah Jones, Daisy Kostus, Amanda Lewis, Shannon Martin, Mariann Pelcher-Wright, Erik Rodriguez, Robin Spencer, Shuna Stevens, Sarah Surface-Evans, David Syckle II and Kateri Walker.

"We're still here today," Chief Ekdahl said during his speech. "When you really think about the purpose of these grounds and what took place here; that's truly significant that we are here and able to have all these Tribal Nation flags here, have all these beautiful Anishinabe people here, and have our children here. Our children – who are learning culture, who are learning language, who are in direct opposition of what this place was built for; that's moving. That's important."



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Christine Diindiisi McCleave (Turtle Mountain Ojibwe Nation), discusses her role as executive officer for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.



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Shannon Martin (left), director of the Ziibiwing Center, and City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Will Joseph (right) are introduced during the day of memoriam and fellowship.



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Kelly Elk Woman Jackson, the afternoon's keynote speaker, performs the song "Gaawiin Niiwi Izhaasiin (I Don't Want to Go)," which she wrote about a young boy adjusting to life in a boarding school.



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Many tribal leaders throughout Indian Country attend the day of remembering and offer words to those in attendance.



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UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

— A List of Powwow Guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee —

- 1. Be on time.** The SCIT Powwow Committee is doing everything possible to ensure that activities begin and run smoothly. Please cooperate in this regard.
- 2. Appropriate dress and behavior are required in the arena.** Anyone unwilling to abide by this rule will be asked to leave by the arena director. (If you are going to dance, try to wear dance clothes.)
- 3. Pointing with fingers is considered poor manners by some nations.** If you must point, use your head and nod in the direction you wish to indicate.
- 4. The seating around the arena is reserved for dancers in regalia.** Seats with blankets, shawls or regalia items on them are taken and should not be bothered. Do NOT sit on someone else's blanket unless invited. Uncovered seats are considered available.
- 5. No pets allowed; they should be left at home.** The arena is a sacred place from the time it is blessed until the powwow is over. At no time should pets be allowed in the arena.
- 6. Respect the head male and female dancers.** Their role entitles them to start each song or set of songs. Please wait until they have started to dance before you join in. In some traditions, it is considered improper to pass the head male or female dancer within the arena.
- 7. Some songs require you to be familiar with the routine or have special eligibility rules in order to participate.** Trot dances, snake, buffalo, etc. require particular steps or routines. Veteran dances may be restricted to veterans, combat veterans or, in some cases, the relations of veterans. If you are not familiar with a particular dance, observe and learn. Watch the head dancers to learn the procedures.
- 8. Most powwows are nonprofit and depend upon donations, raffles, blanket dances, etc. for support.** Donations are encouraged as a way to honor someone. Any participant can drop money onto the blanket to aid with the powwow expenses.
- 9. Certain items of religious significance should be worn only by those qualified to do so.** Respect the traditions. Never intentionally touch another dancer's regalia, personal property without permission.
- 10. Giveaways, attributes of Indian generosity, are held at many dances.** They are acknowledgments of appreciation to recipients for honor or service given to the people. When receiving a gift, the recipient thanks everyone involved in the giving.
- 11. If you wish to ask for a special song from a drum, talk to the arena director first and make sure the master of ceremonies is informed.** It is traditional to make a gift (monetary or otherwise) to the drum for special requests.
- 12. Before sitting at a drum, ask permission from the head singer.** Do not touch a drum without permission. The drums are sacred, and it is believed that anyone who takes a place behind the drums has been selected by the Creator to be there. No one drums without special permission, and no one sits in the drumming area without special permission. Great offense is taken if you choose to sit in this area. You should never turn down an invitation by anyone, especially elders, during a powwow.
- 13. Ask permission before taking pictures of dancers.** Pictures may be taken with the permission of the dancers but not during dedication dances (veterans songs, flag songs or prayers). These special songs will be announced by the emcee. Under no circumstances may you enter the arena to take photos.
- 14. If at any time you are uncertain of procedure, etc., please check with the emcee, arena director or head singer.** They will be glad to help you with your questions.
- 15. Unless you are sure spectator seating will be provided, bring a chair.** Remember that the seating immediately around the arena is for dancers only.
- 16. Be aware that someone standing behind you may not be able to see over you.** Make room, step aside, sit or kneel if someone is behind you.
- 17. Alcohol, recreational drugs and firearms are prohibited at all powwows.**
- 18. If you see a lost feather, or you yourself drop a feather, do not pick it up.** Notify the nearest veteran, the head veteran, head male dancer or arena director immediately.
- 19. In some places it is okay for adults to dance while carrying infants or small children.** In other places this is considered contrary to local etiquette. Ask before doing so.
- 20. Always stand during special songs.** This includes grand entry, flag songs, veteran songs, memorial songs, prayer songs or any other song that the emcee designates. It is also customary to remove hats for the duration of that song.
- 21. Always listen to the emcee. He will give all of the information you need as well as entertain you and keep you posted about news.** Any questions you have can be answered by him. He will let you know when you need to stand and when you may sit after honor songs. He will also announce intertribal dances and other invitations for guests to participate.
- 22. Supervise your children so that all may enjoy the event without distraction.**
- 23. If you have a question, ask.** Most dancers, singers, elders and staff are happy to help. Offer a cold drink or other small, symbolic gifts to those who help you.

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

Women's Jingle

This dance is aptly named for the tin cones (jingles) that cover the dancer's dress literally from head to foot. The movements of the dance are bouncy and energetic so that the jingling of the dresses matches the beat of the drum and provides a constant rhythmical accompaniment to each song. To be a jingle dress dancer, you must have dreamt about being one. With each step that these dancers are taking, they are praying for a sick friend or relative. The dress is made of cloth and has hundreds of cones attached, usually 365. Each one represents a prayer for each day of the year. When she dances, she uses her fan in a sweeping motion to wave away sickness.

Men's Fancy

Fancy dancing is easy recognizable by its rapid tempo and its colorful and distinctive regalia. Dancers' regalia features two very large, vividly colored double bustles, which are worn on the dancer's back. Smaller bustles may also be worn on the arms as well as brightly colored bead work and accessories. These men are undoubtedly some of the most energetic of all the powwow dancers. Their steps are quick but graceful with a high-powered twist.

Fancy Shawl Dance

The outstanding feature of these dancers' outfits is the graceful, brightly-fringed shawls that drape the young women's shoulders. They are a perfect compliment to the twirling, prancing, pirouetting steps of this showy, high-spirited dance. The word fancy refers to the footwork, not the shawl. The dress and decorative beaded accessories are vividly colorful and match the flaring shawls. The dance represents the life of the butterfly. This exuberant and delightful dance is undoubtedly the flashiest of the women's dancing styles.

Men's Grass

This dance style is also easy to recognize by the striking regalia, with dancers covered shoulder to ankle in long, thick flows of bright, multicolored cloth fringe. Men's grass dancing symbolizes the young men of western tribes who were to stomp down the tall grass of the plains so the people could use the area. The long fringe represents the grass. The long, flowing yarn fringe originally started out as sweet grass hung from their regalia. In modern times, yarn is used. The dance movements are also distinctive for their sliding, shaking and spinning motion, rather than the high, kicking steps of the fancy dancer.

Women's Traditional

These women dance in a sedate and stately manner. They may move slowly about the circle of the arena but often will simply stand in the same place, rhythmically dipping and swaying to the beat of the drummers. Their outfits are often heavily and elaborately decorated with beadwork and sometimes porcupine quills, elk ivory and cowry shells. The dresses themselves may be sewn of buckskin leather or of various types of fabric. Their colors tend to be somewhat gentler and subdued than those of other woman's dance styles.

Men's Traditional

Traditional dancing is an opportunity for men to dance in the way of their fathers and grandfathers. A traditional dancer's regalia is much more likely to reflect tribal affiliation than those of the other men's dance styles. The dancer's ensemble may frequently include pieces handed down for generations within the family and may range from a look of dignified simplicity to dramatically elaborate. The dance style is similar to the outfit itself—elaborate, expressive and powerful but not as flashy and exuberant as the other men's styles.



Saginaw Chippewa Academy fifth graders honored at graduation ceremony

NIKI HENRY

Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy's fifth grade class was honored in a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 7. A small celebration attended by friends and family followed.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., students proudly entered the cafeteria

dressed in the ribbon skirts and applique shirts they designed and that the SCA AB culture staff sewed for them. After the procession, Principal Kara Hotchkiss opened the event, greeting all present.

Mino Ode drummers next performed a welcome song, and class awards were presented to the students. Corey Jones, SCA gym teacher, then presented each fifth grader with

a lacrosse stick they had constructed together earlier this spring.

The culminating event was the presentation of certificates to the following graduating students: Alex Grice, Andrea "Estelle" Hinmon, Rainah Hunt, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Carmella Negrete-Ledesma, Quinn Pelcher, Miah Perez, Keaton Quintero, Matthew Stewart (not in attendance), Albert Trpanier, Charles

Trepanier, Gegek Webkamigad and John Wemigwans.

To close the event, students were honored with a song by Mino Ode, and then they proudly moved their graduation cap tassels from the right to the left.

Cupcakes were served after the ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of the students before they were sent on to the next stage of their educational journey.

Eighth grader Elizabeth Pamp's short story about Anne Frank: "Escaping Reality"

ELIZABETH PAMP

Contributing Writer

(Editor's note: Eighth grader Elizabeth Pamp was recently honored for a writing contest about Anne Frank. Elizabeth and her classmates read the book, viewed a video and did research on the Holocaust. Elizabeth received an honorable mention for her writing piece and attended the awards ceremony at the Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills, Mich. with her family. Her piece, provided below, was submitted to the Tribal Observer by English instructor Anna Gilbert.)

Ever since I've been in the annex, I've felt so lonely. I get so alone that I like to look outside the window in the attic at the people walking and make up stories in my head of how I imagine their lives are. When I think of a story for them, I often compare how I think my life is going to be in the future: just hoping one day that I'll be out of this small place,

and in my own house with my husband, children, and of course, a cat.

After I'm done imaging the future, I suddenly catch the water out of the corner of my eye.

My attention instantly moves from the people along the street to the clear view of the lake. I love looking at the water; I sense the movement; I sense the fresh air, and in my head it all feels real, like it's a touch of freedom. It's something I wish I could feel for the rest of my time in the annex.

My mind is my only escape from this harsh reality. It's the way I deal with the immense stress. I'm always scared and anxious, but for that split second, I look out the window and forget everything. I think of how everything is wrong with the world at the moment. I want to change the world with results of everyone's equality.

Since I can't change the world out of the annex, I'm going to change the world in the annex starting with showing Margot my thinking place.

Shortly after I showed Margot, she said it was beautiful, and she was proud of me for using some way to help myself. I want to show everybody what I do to calm down, but I feel they wouldn't care, but I'm going to attempt to tell some here because if it helps me then I hope it will help them, and make the annex a slightly more enjoyable place.

August 4, 1944

I'm looking out of the window right now it's around 10 in the morning, and usually I would be doing school work, but right now I'm just trying to find the courage to tell them; usually I wouldn't care, but I'm so sick of all the yelling

and fighting that I don't even like talking because I feel as if someone will shout at me I just can't stand it anymore.

I've made up my mind that I'm just going to tell everyone like I said even if I can't help improve the world outside of the annex I can help in the annex because even in the worst conditions anyone can help improve whatever situation that's in their own world.

I was just going to go downstairs, but I hear a lot of yelling and stuff being thrown; I hear screams almost like screams for help, I'm really scared. I hear stomping up the stairs it's really loud, it's getting closer and louder, I don't know what shou...

Graduating Tribal Member high school seniors celebrated at annual banquet



Photos courtesy of Niki Henry

With so many high school Tribal Member graduates this year compared to past years, the annual high school graduation banquet was moved from the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms and into the Entertainment Hall for additional space. The event, held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., honored all graduating seniors. The K-12 Tribal Education Department put on the event.

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Lewis' honorable mention short story: "The Non-existent Meows"

NIA LEWIS
SCTC Student

(Editor's note: The following short fiction story was written by Nia Lewis, as a student in Nina Knight's English course at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. In March 2019, Lewis was one of three SCTC students to win honorable mention for the following story in the Tribal College Journal Writing Contest.)

Everyone knows a man's best friend is his dog, but when it comes to me, it is not a dog. It is my cats.

I met my cat Chime one night when she hopped onto my front porch and never left.

My other cat, Archer, I met when my mom adopted him. When I moved out, he became my cat along with Chime.

Days go by, happily, with my feline companions. I do what I can to make sure they are living the happiest, healthiest, and longest life they can.

One mistake I have discovered I have made towards my cats was giving them food that is not too good for them. I decided it was time to change the food I have been giving them for the longest time. I

decided to take my search online where there seems to be much more options than in-store.

One brand, that I have never seen before, caught my eyes. Not a single harmful chemical was listed in the ingredients. It was a quite expensive, but I guess that is to be expected when you buy quality items. I knew it was the perfect food for them.

A few days later, the new cat food arrived in the mail. Right away, I feed it to my cats so I could throw away the remainder of their old food. Afterwards, I go sit and watch TV in the living room.

Suddenly, I hear conversations that were not taking place on the TV. Startled, and a little freaked out because I am home alone, I get up and look around to see where the conversation could be coming from.

"Hello? Is anyone else here? Please come out and tell my why you are here, and I will not call the cops on you." I said.

"Hello!" Archer says.

"What the! Oh my God, you can talk?! How?!" I excitedly asked.

"Me too!" Chime says.

I faint.

About 10 minutes later,

I wake back up. Neither I, or the cats, know why they can talk. Was it the food that caused this? Was it a wizard? Was it God? I had no idea.

I dig the cat food bag out of the garbage and take a closer look at it to see if there were any clues. Then there it was, my answer, "Warning, this food may cause temporary social and mental changes to your cat(s); feed at your own risk."

Even though I saw that warning after already feeding my cats, I was lucky and really ecstatic that it "magically" caused my cats to be able to communicate with humans, it was a dream-come-true.

Happily, I sparked up a conversation with my cats and they told me everything they love, and hate, about me. Hearing what they hate about me – like when I push Chime off of me in the middle of the night, when her sandpaper tongue is scratching my face raw, or when me and my boyfriend give Archer a bath that terrifies him.

After trying to process this wonderful change in my household, I excitedly called my boyfriend while he was at work. Sadly, and expected, he did not believe me.

"What? Cats cannot talk. That is just silly," my boyfriend says.

"Fine! I will prove to you that I am right when you get home and see the cats talking for yourself. I love you," I say as I hang up the phone.

The day progressed and it was the best day of my life. I could not imagine not being able to actually communicate with my cats besides just meowing back-and-forth and hoping for the best.

I was so happy that I bought that new cat food. Immediately, I went back online to order many more bags of that cat food. Unfortunately, they were out of stock... forever. It was a heartbreaking realization. I got off my computer and hang out with my cats for as long as I can, just in case the effect of the food were to wear off since the warning label did say the effects would be temporary.

Knowing there was possibly not much time left to talk to my cats, I start more and more conversations with them.

"What is it like to be a cat?" I ask Chime and Archer.

"It is not too bad," Chime says, "I am cute and cuddly and I do not have any

responsibility-related stress. It is peaceful and I am lucky to have you as my mommy."

"What about you Archer?" I ask Archer.

"I really like it," Archer says, "but sometimes I wish I was human. I believe I would be less timid and scared of everyone."

After hearing both Chime and Archer's responses, I tear up and give them a tight, cuddly hug full of love. My boyfriend arrived home from work and the cats run into their bedroom.

"So where are the talking cats you are telling me about?" My boyfriend asks.

"Chime! Archer! Come out here and talk to your dad!" I yell.

Meow
"Wow, funny." My boyfriend says as he laughs.

It was late and I was heartbroken when they did not talk. I went to bed to sleep away my unnecessary sadness. Soon, after my boyfriend has already fallen asleep, Chime and Archer come onto my bed.

"Goodnight mommy, we love you," Chime and Archer say, "and just so you know, only those who love cats are the ones who can truly hear us talk to you; that is until the effects wear off of course."

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REO Speedwagon 'take it on the run' to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

American band REO Speedwagon rocked the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Friday, June 7 shortly after 8 p.m.

Formed in 1967 in Champaign, Ill., the band achieved success during the '70s and maintained significant achievements throughout the '80s.

The 1980 album "Hi Infidelity" contained four U.S. Top 40 hits and sold more than 10 million copies (reospeedwagon.com).

The band's current line-up includes: Kevin Cronin (lead vocals, rhythm guitar), Bruce

Hall (bass, lead and harmony vocals), Neal Doughty (keyboard), Dave Amato (lead guitar, vocals) and Bryan Hitt (drums).

Three out of the five band mates have been members since the '70s, with the exception of the lead guitarist, Amato, who joined in 1989 and the drummer, Hitt, who joined in 1990.

REO Speedwagon's 90-minute set began with "Don't Let Him Go," "Music Man," "In Your Letter" and "Keep Pushin'."

Following "Son of a Poor Man," the band switched the flow to acoustic versions of "Golden Country" and "Building the Bridge."

Next, the band launched right into the hit song "Take It on the Run" followed by "Time



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REO Speedwagon frontman Kevin Cronin smiles while playing rhythm guitar during the band's June 7 performance at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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(Left to right) Bruce Hall (bassist), Cronin (lead vocalist, guitarist) and Dave Amato (lead guitarist) meet center stage to jam as Bryan Hitt (back) pounds the drums.

For Me to Fly," "Back on the Road Again," and "Ridin' the Storm Out."

After a brief exit, the band reentered the stage for an encore consisting of "Keep on Lovin' You" and "Roll with

the Changes," and covers of Ted Nugent's "Stranglehold" and Tom Petty's "Listen to Her Heart."

Editorial: The perfected 10-piece classic rock band Chicago performs two sets of hits

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Add a horns section to the sounds of perfected classic rock, and you have the flawless band Chicago.

The American rock band performed a sold-out 120-minute show in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Saturday, May 25.

Formed in the Windy City in 1967, the band has noticeably perfected its sound for more than five decades, as the band recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

As a 10-piece band, many original members still remain in the group.

Current band members include Robert Lamm (keyboard, vocals), Lee Loughnane (trumpet, flugelhorn), James Pankow (trombone, horn arranger), Keith Howland

(guitar, vocals), Lou Pardini (keyboard, vocals), Ray Herrmann (saxophones, flute, clarinet), Walfredo Reyes Jr. (drums), Neil Donell (vocals, guitar), Brett Simons (bass, vocals) and Ramon "Ray" Yslas (percussion).

Chicago opened the show with its 1969 breakthrough single "Questions 67 & 68" and "Dialogue Part I & II."

The group continued with "Wake Up Sunshine," "Call On Me" and a mash-up of "(I've Been) Searchin' So Long" and "Mongonucleosis."

Next, the band toned it down slightly for acoustic versions of "If You Leave Me Now" and "Look Away."

Before a 20-minute intermission, Chicago performed "Ballet for a Girl in Buchannon" from the band's sophomore album.

After the break, the band resurfaced on stage to perform several more songs including



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James Pankow, trombone player for the band Chicago, performs a solo while standing front and center on the Soaring Eagle stage on Saturday, May 25.



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Lead vocalist Neil Donell pauses for a moment to interact with the audience.



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Lead guitarist Keith Howland shreds the guitar during a solo for the sold-out show.

"Alive Again," "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is," "Old Days," "You're the Inspiration," "Beginnings," "Just You 'n' Me," "Hard to Say I'm Sorry/Get Away,"

"Saturday in the Park" and "Feelin' Stronger Everyday."

The encore included the much-anticipated hits "Free" and "25 or 6 to 4."

Chicago sold its own front row meet and greet packages (one front row reserved

ticket) and additional meet and greet packages which included reserved seats in rows two through five. Each package included a photo with the members of Chicago, VIP merchandise and a commemorative laminate.

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The "Mindfreak" Criss Angel astounds, shocks audience

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted world-renowned magician and illusionist Criss Angel's spectacular act to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on June 1.

Criss Angel Raw: The Mindfreak Unplugged brought his famous sleight of hand street magic and iconic illusions to life inside the Entertainment Hall.

Angel wasted no time setting the tone for the night, as he began by swallowing a string full of razors. After swallowing a small camera to show the audience that they were indeed inside his throat, he pulled the string out amazingly unharmed.

Throughout the night, random audience members were selected to partake in different tricks.

He next had an audience member pick a playing card from a deck. Putting his spin on the

classic magic trick, Angel had the deck of cards shuffled and placed into a machine, which rapidly shot them into the air. Wielding a crossbow, he shot the correct card out of the air, pinning it to a target with the bolt.

The highlight proved to be a straitjacket trunk escape, in which Angel was tightly bound and locked inside a trunk. Shortly after locking the trunk, an assistant stood on top and raised a curtain. Almost instantly, the curtain fell with Angel standing alone on top. The assistant was then revealed to be inside the trunk. The spectacle of the act left many in the audience gasping in disbelief.

Four audience members were brought on stage, with two being asked to share their worst fear. Angel answered those fears by pulling a tarantula and, later, a snake seemingly out of thin air.

Another one of the volunteers handed her phone to Angel upon



Courtesy photo

Criss Angel wowed audience members during his June 1 Soaring Eagle show.

request. Even with a close-up view on the Entertainment Hall screens, it was impossible to tell how he defied all logic and seemingly pressed the phone through the side of a glass bottle.

To finish the act, Angel was able to correctly guess a serial number of a dollar bill from a fan in the audience.



Collective Soul, Gin Blossoms rock, give back to charity during show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Last March, rockers Collective Soul announced a U.S. tour in celebration of the 25th anniversary of band's debut album, "Hints, Allegations and Things Left Unsaid." The tour was set to feature '90s band Gin Blossoms and kick off on May 25.

On Friday, June 14, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort became a stop along the tour and both bands shook the Entertainment Hall.

The Tempe, Ariz. hometown heroes, Gin Blossoms, began their set at 8 p.m. with "Lost Horizons," "Here Again," "Face the Dark" and "Until I Fall Away."

Robin Wilson, the lead singer said, This is a rock 'n' roll show. Don't let security or the person behind you stop you from standing up and rocking out!

The band's website (ginblossoms.net) describes their sound as "indelible jangle-pop." Along with Wilson, the band members include Bill Leen (bass), Jesse Valenzuela (guitar), Scott Johnson (guitar) and Scott Hessel (drums).

Gin Blossoms promoted the Love Hope Strength Foundation: "saving lives, one concert at a time," the world's



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Collective Soul's frontman/lead singer Ed Roland takes to the piano during the band's first song of the evening, "Observation of Thoughts" during the June 14 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

leading rock and roll cancer foundation. All band members, including Collective Soul, autographed a tambourine, available for purchase at the merchandise booth. All proceeds went to the foundation.

The band continued with fan favorites including: "Follow You Down," "Found Out About You," "Til I Hear It From You," when the lead singer walked in the crowd and sang on top of the barriers, and "Hey Jealousy."

During the break and in between bands, Ed Roland,

frontman and lead singer of Collective Soul, walked on stage to promote their new CD, "Blood," for sale. Roland said all proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

The audience thought they were left impressed by the Gin Blossoms, but then Collective Soul came out and rocked. Really rocked.

The Atlanta-based band Collective Soul took to the stage and Roland sat at the piano. The audience was immediately on their feet. The band began with "Observation of Thoughts," "Heavy" and "Why, Pt. 2."

Roland's stage presence was unreal; energetic and never-ending; just one of the treats for the audience to witness during the hour and a half performance.

"We're getting warmed up, alright?" Roland said after the band notably stunned the crowd. The band then performed the well-known hit "Shine," which Roland began alone on piano before the full band blasted into it.

On celebrating 25 years, Roland said "they thought that would never happen."

Joining Roland on stage is Dean Roland (rhythm guitar), Jesse Triplett (lead guitar), Will Turpin (bass) and Johnny Rabb (drums).



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The Gin Blossoms – with lead singer Robin Wilson photographed center – opened the Friday evening show at 8 p.m.

The musicians then performed "Better Now," "Now's the Time," "Over Me" and "Precious Declaration."

"Thank you for your patience listening to new songs," Roland said.

After the latest songs,

Collective Soul then launched right into the recognizable "December."

The night concluded with songs "The World I Know," "The One I Love," "Gel," "Where the River Flows" and "Run."



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Standish Fire Department's new drone for rescues purchased with 2 percent funds

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Council has said they always appreciate the opportunity to see the purchases governments and schools have made from the funding of the semi-annual two percent distributions.

The Standish Fire Department discussed equipment they were able to purchase from the Tribe's grants during a presentation to conclude this year's Spring 2 percent distribution in Standish on May 31.

Standish Fire Chief Mitch Oliver took to the podium to present a new and life-saving purchase for the department.

With the assistance of last Fall's 2 percent grant, the Standish Fire Department spent approximately \$20,000 on a drone, an aerial vehicle that can be remotely controlled or fly autonomously through software-controlled flights, working in conjunction with onboard sensors and GPS.

The drone, a DJI Matrice 210, was purchased after some research found it is

the same model used by the Michigan State Police.

Oliver said the drone contains thermal imaging, a high-definition camera and a flight camera.

Inside the Saganing Tribal Center, as the fire chief explained how the drone works. A screen was displayed, showing the camera of the drone which was being flown at 320 feet (34 mph) in the air above the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, and controlled by other firefighters.

The drone can reach up to 400 feet in the air until begins to start descending.

"The intention of this project was to help keep our guys safer when we have



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Standish Fire Chief Mitch Oliver discusses the department's new drone for rescuing and fire trucks with the Tribe's insignia. Oliver's presentation concluded the May 31 Standish Spring 2 percent distribution in the Saganing Tribal Center.



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On a screen in the Tribal Center, the drone's camera is displayed while flying at 319 feet above the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

ice rescues or rescues in the woods," Oliver said.

The firefighters can send the drone approximately three miles out on the Saginaw Bay.

Oliver said if someone needs to be rescued in the Bay when it is dark outdoors, the drone will spot them and they will look like a "flame on a candle" from the thermal imaging on the drone's camera.

The Standish Fire Department uses the drone in auxiliary with other fire departments. Four pilots currently fly the drone for the department: a Sterling Area firefighter, a MMR employee/Au Gres firefighter, a Saginaw Chippewa Police Officer and an Arenac County jail officer.

"The thought being, from our standpoint, is there is so much to do for the fire department – when we go to an ice rescue, we are going to be dressing and getting ready and getting coordinate, we can have our pilots, who are part of our auxiliary, they can be flying and getting us real time while we're going onto the ice," Oliver said. "Then, by the time we

do go, we've got a pin (GPS location) to go to or we know the information."

Oliver said a couple live searches have been done so far.

In addition to the drone, Oliver mentioned the new fire truck for the department, which contains the Tribal logo, although zero 2 percent funds were used to purchase the vehicle.

"It is no doubt, due to the fiscal help, that we were able to get a vehicle," Oliver said. "It didn't come up in 2 percent, but we have a truck replacement fund and we were able to buy it through that. So, we didn't use 2 percent funds, but our department couldn't be what it is without the 2 percent money."

Along with the Tribal logo, "In God We Trust" is also imprinted on the fire truck.

"In God We Trust' is on every fire truck that we have," Oliver said. "I think that's important because that sometimes falls out of favor in the public eye, but it doesn't with us and I know it doesn't with the Tribe, so we appreciate that."

A tribute to those who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks is also featured on each of the fire trucks.



Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin

Gitchi Manitou (Creator) has given us free-will and choices to build the best life we can. Daily, we need to remember to start our day by giving thanks for this gift of life. Daily, we need to ask for guidance on our walk through life. We are on a life path to learn and acquire new knowledge.

The following questions help us build the best life we can or the Anishinaabe Mino-Bimaadiziwin way of life.

What am I doing today to take care of myself?

Daily we need to love our self enough to care for our needs. What are some of the ways we take care of our self to be healthy? How do you take care of your physical body, emotional well-being, mental state, and our spiritual self? Before we can love others we need to love ourselves. Am I learning the cultural arts and practicing them? How do I incorporate the arts into my life?

What am I doing today to develop or grow into the person I want to be?

Daily we need to acquire new knowledge to grow into the person we are meant to become. What are you doing today to acquire new skills? What are you doing to develop your life skills such as: problem solving, communication skills, developing the skills of empathy, compassion, forgiveness, kindness, time management, and numerous others. Have I learned the Seven Grandfather Teachings? What new job skills are you learning and where will you learn them? Am I attending classes or learning on the job? Am I volunteering to learn? Am I helping elders and learning from them?

What am I doing today to help my family?

What will I do to help my family today? Most of us live in groups. This might be our birth family, it could be we live with friends or loved ones, or we may just live with acquaintances. When we live in a group they become part of our support system as well as part of our responsibility. How can you help your family today? This might be helping with household chores, gardening, organizing, cleaning, baking, cooking and many other ways. This could also be making the commitment to be kind and respectful with our communications. It could be listening attentively to conversations, helping pay the bills or doing repairs.

What am I doing today to help my community?

What will I do to help my community/nation/the world today? We are all part of creation. We need to understand and make our place in the world. How do you show you care for creation and give back to your larger support systems? How are you helping the world be a better place? How are you helping the world to be a safe place? The world is very diverse. What are you doing to learn about the diversity in the world and developing the skills to appreciate diversity? What are you doing today to help protect our natural environment, plants and animals while caring for others?

Nightly, reflect upon the choices you have made and remember to give thanks for your blessings and gifts.

As you say your nightly prayers remember tomorrow brings a new day filled with hope and endless possibilities. The sunrise will bring new opportunities to create the world we want to be a part of. On our life's journey remember to nightly reflect upon your choices to learn from your past. Give thanks for all your blessings and gifts. Make time to be helpful and kind. Remember to laugh often!



Community Resources





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SATURDAYS IN JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



MILLION \$ Premium Play GIVEAWAY
 WIN A SHARE OF
\$1,000,000
 Premium Play

Every half hour from 9AM to 11:30PM, 6 lucky people will win \$500 in Premium Play!



RED, WHITE & BLUE TRUCK GIVEAWAY

Thursday, July 4 | 8PM, 9PM & 10PM
 Celebrate the red, white & blue and drive away in a brand-new truck. Three winners will be drawn to drive home in a 2019 Chevy or GMC truck!



NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY EARN & WIN

Sunday, July 21 | 10AM – 10PM
 Earn 100 points and claim a receipt for a Chocolate Cherry Ice Cream Sandwich, which can be redeemed at the Native Grind. Earn 800 points and swipe at a promotion kiosk to claim a receipt for an Ice Cream Maker.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY GIFT OF GIVING HOT SEAT

Monday, July 29 | 12PM – 11PM
 Each hour, one lucky slot player (actively playing with an ACCESS card) will win a surprise Christmas gift and be able to give the person to their right or left a special gift too!

SAGANING EAGLES LANDING CASINO

JULY



SUMMER SCRATCH OFF
 Saturdays in July | 5PM – 9PM

Each hour, one lucky guest will have a chance to scratch five spots on the scratch card.
MATCH FIVE SUNS AND WIN \$100,000!



MILLION \$ WEEKENDS SLOT TOURNAMENT

Fridays in July | Every Half Hour
 11AM – 2PM & 5PM – 8PM
 Join us each Friday to win up to \$500 in Premium Play. The top 11 winners from each tournament will compete on July 26th 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.



WINNING WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays in July | 6AM – 11:59PM
 Play at your favorite machine using your Player's Card and receive \$5 in Premium Play for every 100 points earned, up to \$25. Plus, become eligible for your chance to win up to \$1,800 from 9AM – 9PM!



PIGSKIN PAYOUT

Sundays in July | 4PM – 8PM
 One winner every hour will get to choose a football with a prize amount up to \$150 Cash. If you've earned 600 points at the time you are drawn, you can spin the wheel for a chance to multiply your earnings!
 On July 28th at 9PM, one grand prize winner will receive season tickets for the Detroit Lions, \$400 in Shell Gas Cards & \$250 in Cash.



Healthy competition, lifestyles promoted at 28th annual Human Race

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The 28th annual Human Race saw more than 150 participants complete either the 5K run or the one-mile fun run/walk.

The event was held outside Seventh Generation on Wednesday, June 5.

Jaden Harman, Nimkee Fitness coordinator, organizes the annual event.

"5K runs have become a common event," Harman said. "But they never lose their excitement and joy that is experienced at the finish line; which is my favorite part!"

Landon Mars was the overall male winner, running the 5K in 19:03.

The overall female winner was Madison Wittbrodt with a time of 23:17.

Participants received an event T-shirt and were treated to a post-race meal prepared by the

Seventh Generation staff.

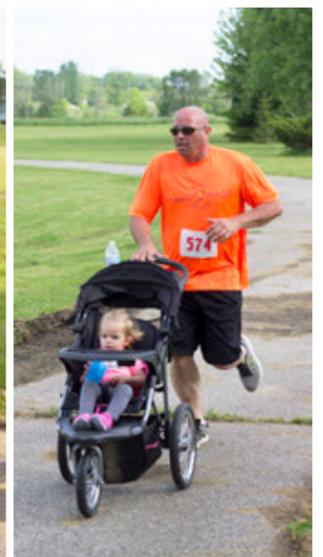
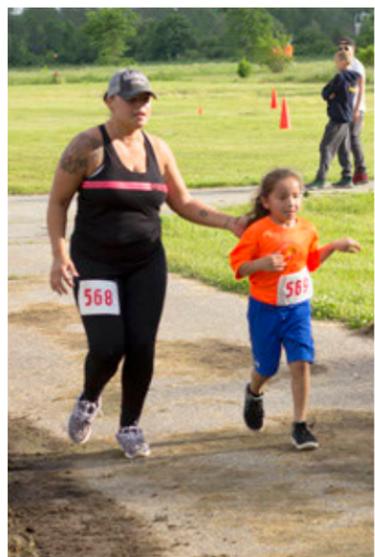
Harman was pleased to see the community gather and be active together.

"It is nice to see families make it a tradition to come to the event each year," he said. "I think it really speaks to the atmosphere of the event and hospitality that the Seventh Generation staff offers."

Several Tribal departments were involved in making the event a success.

"Special thanks to all the volunteers, the Seventh Generation staff who serves the delicious meal and prepare their facility for the event each year, and the woodshop for providing the cedar eagle feathers for the awards," he said. "Also, Miigwetch to Dan Jackson, who created an awesome, challenging obstacle course for the youth that was coordinated before the race."

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



At the 32nd Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Register your family online

- Go to: www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- Pre-register online prior to July 10, 2019 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Free to SCIT Members & their families



Check out the 2019 Team SCIT T-shirt!

*For all SCIT participants.
**Must be picked up before 11 a.m. on event day.

Thursday, July 18

Golf Scramble | Waabooz Run Golf Course

- Register online at www.sagchip.org/MIFO
- All SCIT registrants play for FREE with lunch. (Must pay for your cart.)

Friday, July 19

CMU Bennett Track & Field

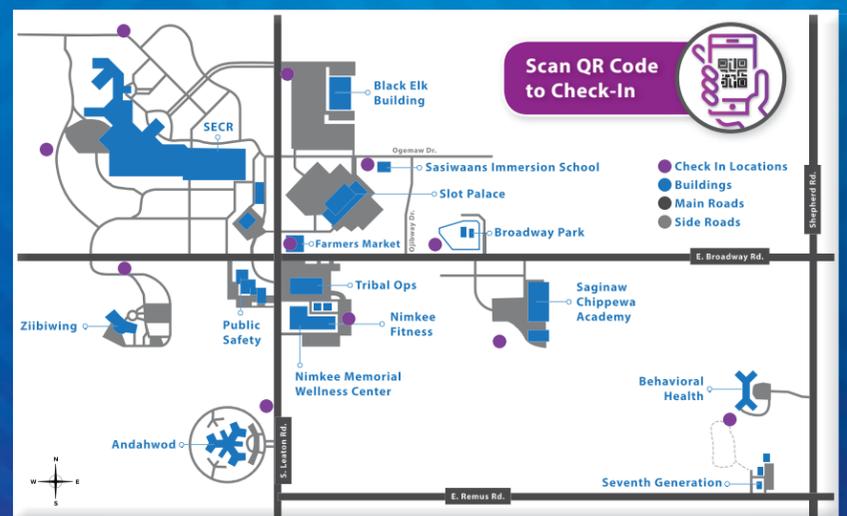
- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

Track & Field Competitions and Games
Baby crawl, tot trots, elder walks, archery, various dashes and runs, softball throw, long jump and bean bag toss!

*This is an alcohol, smoke and drug-free event.

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- 3: Login at www.sagchip.org (The first time you check in it will ask you to login)
- 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



Environmental Nutrition presents: Fitting healthy snacks into your day

ABBY OLSON

RDN, LD

(Editor's note: The following article is provided by the June 2019 Environmental Nutrition and submitted to the Tribal Observer by Sally Van Cise, nutritionist for Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.)



Aim for snacks that provide energy but also contain hunger-satisfying nutrients like protein, fiber and fat.

Modifying snack habits can help to maximize energy levels and control hunger throughout the day.

We have become a nation of snackers. At the grocery store, we are bombarded with quick, convenient, “grab and go” options including granola bars, ready-to-drink smoothies, cheese and crackers, trail mix, and dried fruit but this wasn’t always the case. If we look back throughout history,

we will see that snacking trends have changed.

According to the National Health and Nutrition examination Survey (NHANES) data, between 1977-1978 and 2007-2008, the percentage of adults who snacked increased from 59 to 90 percent.

The question has arisen as to whether or not this is beneficial

for our health. There is some evidence which concludes that snacking may contribute to undesirable weight gain or an increase in nutrient-poor food choices, as noted in the May 2016 issue of Advances in Nutrition. However, we have also learned that by paying attention to portion size and selecting more nutrient-dense foods, snacking can have a positive impact on overall health, as stated February 2012 issue of the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Ultimately, when we pay attention to our choices and our portions, snacking can contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Being in-tune with our bodies allows us to have our internal clocks remind us of an accurate picture of hunger and fullness. When we eat more balanced meals and

Combo Snacks

- Cottage cheese and fruit
- Mixed nuts/trail mix and freeze-dried fruit
- Nut butter on celery or apples topped with granola
- Smoothies
- Greek yogurt, fruit and nuts
- Hummus and veggies
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Peanut butter, banana and chia sandwich
- Protein bars with minimal ingredients
- Edamame with a little goat cheese on whole-grain crackers

snacks, we often feel better and have a stronger desire to take better care of ourselves.

So, what is considered to be a balanced snack? Whether we are on the go, at work, or at home, there are a variety of well-balanced snacks that can fit right in.

Snacks that combine protein, carbohydrate and fat tend to

keep us satisfied longer and help to meet our nutritional needs. If you are on the go or at work, pack a little cooler or bring a stash with you.

Plan ahead, look for variety and pay attention to how you feel. When you do this, snacking can be a beneficial and enjoyable part of your day.

How to reconcile the problem of chronic pain and opioid addiction

(Editor's note: The following article was provided to the Tribal Observer by the media source, News & Experts.)

With about 2 million Americans suffering from opioid addiction, the nation’s healthcare system has tried to perform an extraordinary balancing act – help patients who suffer from chronic pain while also aggressively combating the opioid epidemic.

Part of the problem is too few patients and physicians consider options other than medication and surgery when it comes to dealing with chronic pain, according to Dr. Bradford Butler, author of “The Blueprint for Back Pain Relief: The Essential Guide to Nonsurgical Solutions.” (www.drbradfordbutler.com)

“Not only are drugs and surgery not shown to be effective, but the costs related to them are staggering,” Butler said. “Opioids block the symptoms, but not the causes of pain. They fail to address the underlying issues that cause so many people to suffer so much.”

Here’s just one example of a mistake that contributes to the problem: People who suffer from excruciating back

pain in many cases don’t visit a chiropractor, who specializes in back-pain relief and non-surgical solutions, Butler said. Instead, the patients make an appointment with their primary care physician.

“In the primary care world, doctors are simply trained to analyze and then treat symptoms,” he said. “Therefore, it should come as no surprise when they do what they are supposed to do for pain, which is give you a drug.”

The result, he said, is that too many patients face a false choice about how to handle their chronic pain, and that has led to an epidemic of abuse and addiction.

A few years ago, as America’s opioid crisis continued to rage out of control, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stepped in with pain-medication guidelines aimed at scaling back the over prescription of the drugs.

That created its own unwelcome situation.

The prescription pendulum swung too far the other way, leaving some patients suffering unnecessarily. So, the CDC recently issued a clarification to the guidelines, saying that doctors shouldn’t just stop a

patient’s prescription cold turkey or switch to a lower dosage when a higher dosage is needed.

To Butler, the trouble is that drugs should not have become the first line of defense against chronic pain to begin with. He says anyone who is suffering and seeking medical attention for their pain should consider these points:

• Education is the key.

“You are responsible for your choices, not your doctor,” Butler said. “Question how the treatment plans he or she recommends will help you and how it will correct what’s causing the pain, not merely mask it.”

• Time is of the essence.

Butler said wasted time allows for conditions to get worse and makes it harder to employ treatments that really do work. “All that wasted time pursuing ineffective treatments could have instead been used to heal.”

• Physical problems aren’t the only worry.

The psychological costs of pain are immense, Butler says. Left untreated, chronic pain can lead to emotional issues, including depression. “In fact, many depression patients may be misdiagnosed,” Butler said. “It might be the psychological

effect of chronic pain that was left untreated.”

“Your body can reach a point where so much damage has been done over time that drugs really do become the only answer,” Butler said. “And that is not a good answer.”

Butler, a chiropractor and author, is owner and director of Oakland Spine and Physical

Therapy, which has three locations in northern New Jersey. Butler, a graduate of the New York Chiropractic College, has twice been named one of America’s top chiropractors by Consumer Research Council of America, and his offices have received the exclusive NJ TopDoc Award for eight consecutive years.

Two Members Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

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

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

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

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

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

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

Nimkee Fitness

July Group Exercise Class Schedule

	BEGIN: Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now! Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
	L.I.F.E. Strength & Conditioning Monday - Wednesday, Friday • Attend class or drop in for the Workout of the Day
	M.E.L.T Monday 1:10 p.m. • Interval based fitness class • Melt away the calories
	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 5:20 p.m. • A welcoming class for beginners
	Turbo Kick Thursday 1:10 p.m. • Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics
	Suspension Training Thursday 12:10 p.m. • A class utilizing the suspension trainer

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

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THURSDAY, JULY 4

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Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

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SATURDAY, JULY 20

3:00PM SESSION

Purchase a packet for the main session and receive a drawing entry for your chance to win prizes including a stocking with up to \$500 inside!

First 400 session purchasers receive a free Christmas Cookie and a Norman Rockwell platter while supplies last!

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Dawn Chippewa selected as Andahwod's April Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Dawn Chippewa, administrative assistant II, has been selected as Andahwod's April Employee of the Month by the residents.



Dawn Chippewa

How long have you worked for Andahwod and what is your job? "I started working for Andahwod on May 7, 2018, and I am the billing specialist/administrative assistant II."

Have you worked for the Tribe prior to Andahwod? If so, in what capacity and how long? "I first began my career in the Summer Youth Program. I got hired in the Planning Department by Kim Sawmick as a secretary for my first real job. Thanks Kim! The bulk of my time with the Tribe was spent

in the Grant Writer's office and, finally, here I am at Andahwod."

Tell us about your family and what you like to do in your free time. "I have four kids. Waabigonii is my oldest and was named by Mrs. Royhe is 23 this month. Then I have the twins: Zahgiidiwin (Love) and Manajiwin (Respect) who

are 19 and one child who is in Heaven. Where does the time go? In my free time, we like to walk through the cemeteries but since most of my relatives are in Woodland, that's where we spend most of our time. We love walking in the woods as well. It's so peaceful, that is, until I spy a snake. Then there's high-pitched screams and running. All on my part."

What do you enjoy most about working at Andahwod? "Where do I start? A lot of it has to do with the amazing staff. We are truly a great team. Andahwod is a nice, calming place to work. The elders are a hoot. They have me in stitches sometimes with their 'back in the day' stories. They have a lot to say and I'm glad I am here to listen, learn and enjoy them."

Would you like to share a favorite memory of your grandparents or other elder in your life? "I guess my love of walking in the woods began with my Grandpa Simon. We would walk in the woods for hours. Occasionally, he would stop and pick up a plant and have us eat it. Sometimes it was minty and sometimes it was sweet. We had a trusting relationship and ate whatever he handed us. We would walk to North Branch church to start a fire for the service.

This one time my brother was too close to the wood stove and we could see this smoke

rising above him, turns out he burned his coat on the stove. I thought he was sending us smoke signals. Just kidding."

Is there anything else that you would like us to know about you? "I am a dog person. I currently have Buddy (blonde), BooBoo (Chocolate), Blu (black) and Belle (blonde). I am currently fixing my fence so my dogs can run freely in the back yard. My office is across from the Wellness Lodge in Andahwod and I want to thank the elders that voted for me. Working here has truly been a blessing."

In-Stitches Sewing Club to hold quilt raffle

TOMARRAH GREEN

Elder Community Activities Assistant

The In-Stitches Sewing Club ladies are working on two quilts. The concept was designed by Elder Roger High.

The quilts contain turtles, with sunrises, scenery and Native people on the back.

The club is donating one to be displayed at Andahwod, and raffling the other one with the proceeds going to the Andahwod Elder Activities Program.

Raffle tickets will be sold at three for \$5.

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, July 27 at the SCIT Powwow in the elders' pavilion.



Courtesy of Tomarra Green

Members of the In-Stitches Sewing Club and quilt concept designer Roger High are photographed.

July 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Scott Bettistea
Lester Chippewa Jr.
Kimberly Palmer | 18 Clare Camburn
Marcus Peters
Marc Raslich
Pamela Schoti |
| 2 Doris Romer
Joseph Sowmick
Sherry Hileman | 19 Debra Smith
Randy James
Melissa Mowry
Brian Tabor |
| 3 Janis Ash
Belinda Land
Kirsten Schaefer
Randall Bird
Lee Kerms | 21 Joe Brown |
| 4 Catherine Wendling | 22 Kimberly Dorow
Louise Hunt
Michael Neyome
David Russell |
| 6 Deborah Christie
James Trisch | 23 Lewis Mena
Linell Crampton
Shannon Gross
Tina Howard |
| 7 Mary Johnson
Patricia Keshick
Joanne Rogers | 24 Margaret Hinkle
Annette Ackley
Duane Beaulieu Jr.
Cheryl Berlin
Andrew Falcon
Jane Jolly
John McDonald
Lisa Starkey |
| 8 Carmen Otto
Timothy Sedlow | 25 Guy Jackson
Michael Dalton
Robert Fallis III
Anthony Sprague Sr. |
| 9 Christian Jackson
Harry Pelcher
Vicky Madosh
Phillip Meir III
Jocelyn Perkins | 26 Sheri Jackson
Barbara Durga
Douglas Ritter
Samuel Sharon |
| 10 Greg Falsetta
Barbara Link | 27 John Jackson
Donald Leauxaux Jr.
Myron Cloutier
Donald Federico
Tracey Frank
Elizabeth Mena |
| 11 Diane Dege
Leo Jackson Jr.
Nancy Nedwash
Lawrence Verga Jr. | 28 Judy Johnson
Thomasine
MeShawboose
Duane Beaulieu
Stephen Johnson
Colleen Kirby |
| 12 Eric Anderson
Kelly Buggs
William McClain
David Miller | 30 Marlin Bennett
Ann Orr
Fredrick Stevens |
| 13 Delmar Jackson Jr.
Mary Bukowiec
William Kellogg | 31 Yvonne Glomski
Victor Bailey
Marlene Gray |
| 14 Dennis Christy Sr. | |
| 15 Donald Nelson
Juanita Rogers | |
| 16 Paul Walker
Julie Walker-Hunt | |
| 17 Larry Burnham
Gary Grills
Kevin Hancock
Arnold Hawkins Jr.
Gerald Nahgahgwon
Mark Powell
Mark Walraven | |

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 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.

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

► 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*

July Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
July 3 | 1 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
July 8 | 1 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
July 10 | 9 a.m.

Fishing at the RV Park
July 11, 25 | 6 p.m.

Saganing Bingo w/ Friends
July 16 | Leaving at 9 a.m.

District 1 Birthday Bingo & Potluck
July 20 | 12 p.m.

Michigan Indian Elders Conference at SECR
July 24 | Registration at 8 a.m.
July 25 | 9 a.m.

Ice Cream Social
July 25 | 2 p.m.

Name That Tune
July 29 | 2:30 p.m.

**Activities and events are subject to change.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



JULY 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Youth Basketball Open Gym

July 1: Boys | 3 - 5 p.m.

July 3: Girls | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- recreation@sagchip.org

Monday Summer Lunch Fun

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989.775.4115

Off-season Conditioning

July 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 | 2 - 4 p.m.

- Recreation@sagchip.org

Native Farmers Market

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Farmers Market Pavilion
- 989.775.4315

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

July 3, 17 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center
- 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

July 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989.775.4895

Fun & Culture Camp

July 8 - 11 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- Registration: 989.775.4780

Gathering of Native Americans

July 9, 10 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- To RSVP: 989.775.4886 or 989.775.4501
- For Native youth, ages 14-24

NASA @ My Library: Lunar Disk Viewing and Space Rock Sherlock

July 10 | 4 p.m.

- Housing Conference Room
- 989.775.4508

Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunches

July 11, 18 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989.775.4780

Who's Your Caddy Open Golf Tournament

July 14 | 10 a.m. shotgun start

- Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd, Mich.)
- 989.775.4149
- \$75 per player, \$300 per team
- Teams must have two of the following: Any Tribal Member descendant of any recognized tribe or a SECR/Migizi/SELC/Tribal Ops employee

Snaggin 101

July 16 | 2 - 5 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- 989.775.4616
- Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin: Sex education in a judgment-free zone!
- For SCIT youth and their parents

Baby Celebration

July 18 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation

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.)

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

- Recreation@sagchip.org
- July 26 - Dodgeball tournament
- Aug. 2 - Shepherd Culture Camp Game Day
- Aug. 9 - Three-hour canoe trip
- Aug. 16 - Michigan's Adventure trip
- Aug. 23 - Sanford Lake day

Dunk Away Drugs Sobriety Shootout

July 20 | Tip-off 9:30 a.m.

- Shepherd High School Gym
- Registration: 989.775.4149 or 989.775.4093
- \$15 per player
- Register by July 19 at the Family Olympics

Intertribal Open Golf Tournament

July 26 | Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

- PohlCat Golf Course (Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)
- 989.775.4149
- \$75 per person
- All players must Tribal Members or descendants of any tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR.
- Three-person scramble, teams can be co-ed
- Separate youth division: Starts at 9 a.m. Open to ages 17 and under. \$25 per youth player.

Membership Surplus Sale

July 26 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Tribal Operations parking lot (Tribal Council entrance)
- 989.775.4169
- Selling used furniture no longer needed
- \$5 for large items, \$1 for stacking chairs

Youth Summit

July 29, 30 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- SECR Ballrooms
- 989.621.9375
- Open to all Tribal youth 12-18 years old.

JULY 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Blood Drive Saganing 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.	2 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 - 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m.	3 Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m. Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m.	4 Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day	5 Tribal Ops Closed	6 American Indian Dances Ziibiwing 12 - 5 p.m. 7 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m. Powwow Conditioning 7th Generation 1 - 3 p.m.
8 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 p.m.	9 Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.	10 Eagle Spirit Awards SECR Ballroom 12 - 2 p.m. Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.	11 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m. Powwow Tuneup Class 7th Generation 5 p.m. Community Sewing 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m.	12 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.	13 American Indian Dances Ziibiwing 12 - 5 p.m. Chippewa River Festival Island Park 12 p.m. 14 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m. Powwow Conditioning 7th Generation 1 - 3 p.m.
15 Tribal Observer Deadline Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. ALRC Meeting Seniors Room 9 - 11 a.m.	16 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. MMIW Community Meeting Ziibiwing 5:30 p.m. Bingo with Friends Saganing 10:30 a.m. Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 p.m.	17 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Feather Wrapping Workshop Saganing 11 a.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	18 Highway Cleanup Saganing 8:30 a.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Women Supporting Women B. Health 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.	19 Family Olympics CMU 7:30 a.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Traditional Healer B. Health 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sweat Lodge B. Health 5 p.m.	20 American Indian Dances Ziibiwing 12 - 5 p.m. Birthday Bingo Andahwod 9 a.m. 21 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m. Powwow Conditioning 7th Generation 1 - 3 p.m.
22 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	23 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m. NativeFest Car Bingo Ziibiwing 6 p.m.	24 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. NativeFest Music and Comedy Night Ziibiwing 6 p.m.	25 Community Meeting SECR 9 a.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m. Ice Cream Social Andahwod 2 p.m. Community Sewing 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m.	26 Tribal Ops Closed Saginaw Chippewa Nation's Holiday SCIT Powwow	27 SCIT Powwow 28 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m. SCIT Powwow
29 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Name That Tune Andahwod 2:30 p.m.	30 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 p.m. Summer Cookout Saganing 12 p.m. Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 p.m.	31 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4175	A UNIVERSE OF STORIES Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and Housing Department 2019 Nibling Gindaasaang Program (Summer Reading) JUNE 17TH THRU AUGUST 9TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SECR Payroll • SCIT Per Capita • SCIT Payroll • Curbside Recycling • Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.



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Tribal Operations

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 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.

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.

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 coun-

seling 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.

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.

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.

Maintenance Worker

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

Student Support Tutor

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

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 Sup-

port Technician Certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification or Comp TIA N+ Certification.

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.

Court Business Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, computer science, or related field. One year experience with court procedures, data collection, statistical analysis, and operations.

Powwow Worker

SCIT Members only. At least 18 years of age. Available to work July 26-28. Position closes July 14.

Public Works Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping. Certification in skilled trade preferred.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration.

Pharmacist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree. Pharm.D. degree preferred. Pharmacist license. Two years experience working in an outpatient pharmacy preferred.

Resident Service Aide

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience with older adults preferred.

Community Project Manager - AWARE

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Experience in project management, communications and working with school systems and community collaborations and partnerships.

Energy Management Specialist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associate's degree in electronics engineering technology or related

field. Seven years of verifiable experience in a central plant and/or industrial manufacturing/process control environment involving the maintenance and repair of mechanical equipment and electrical control systems.

Soaring Eagle

CEO

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, hospitality or related field. Master's degree preferred, 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Ten years in a managerial capacity. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and tribal gaming property experience preferred. Ten years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with more than 1,000 employees with a minimum of seven to 10 years in Class III gaming experience. Tribal gaming preferred. Excellent communication, interpersonal, finance, and computer skills.

Waitstaff PT Seasonal

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

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.

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.

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred.

Steward FT

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

Steward PT

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

Server Assistant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass background check.

Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass background check.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass background check.

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass background check.

Finance Cashier FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

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..

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Maintenance Worker PT

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

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.

Kitchen Equipment Tech

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

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience. Must have basic math skills with the ability to pass a written math test with 80 percent accuracy and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

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.

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.

Custodial Worker FT

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

Custodial Worker PT

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

Guestroom Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

Inventory Control Driver

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a chauffeur license.

Line Cook FT

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

Line Cook PT

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

Bartender PT

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

Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

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

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

Please direct questions to:

Chip Neyome, Interim Anishinabe Workforce Developer
Phone: 989.775.0053 | Email: chneyome@sagchip.org

Wanted: Ziibiwing 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



Annual SCA Powwow celebrates end of the school year on June 4

The annual Saginaw Chippewa Academy Powwow, an end-of-the-school-year celebration, was held on Tuesday, June 4, at the Broadway Pavilion.

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