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SCIT Disburses Spring 2013 Two Percent Funds to Isabella, Arenac and Northern Bay Counties

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor
& CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe had their annual spring 2013 two percent distributions on May 30 for Mt. Pleasant and Saganing. SCIT Tribal Council started giving out two percent distributions since spring of 1994. A total of \$226,937,753.10 has been given to both Mt. Pleasant and Saganing. Saganing started receiving the distributions since 2008. In Isabella County, there were a total of 398 requests for funds and in Saganing there were a total of 514. The two percent funds aim toward helping repair roads in townships, aid in helping with emergency services and education.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier addressed the representatives in Isabella County by saying that the Tribe is blessed to have the opportunity to share the

distributions with both Isabella County and Saganing. Cloutier also stated that wonderful things are coming for the future.

A total of \$2,119,745.13 was given to schools and governmental departments in Isabella County. From this a total of \$1,377,834.33 was given to the governmental departments in Isabella County. **This includes:**

- Isabella County \$530,850.94
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$361,500
- Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Education \$14,344.66
- Chippewa Township \$108,982.73
- Deerfield Township \$21,000
- Denver Township \$60,176
- Isabella Township \$21,000
- Nottawa Township \$91,330
- Wise Township \$22,950
- Coe Township \$11,700
- Union Township \$100,000
- Village of Shepherd \$34,000

Many representatives from the townships and counties had nothing but praise for the Tribe and Tribal Council for their continuative efforts in helping out the community.

Supervisor of Chippewa Township, Robert Smith, thanked the Tribe on behalf of the citizens of Chippewa Township. Smith explained that they greatly appreciate the monies the township has received over the past years.

"It makes a big difference to all of those living in the township and everyone who visits," Smith said. "You touched us all. Thank you."



Pinconning Area Schools Industrial Arts presented Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom Sr. and Tribal Council a gift of honor.

A total of \$741,910.80 was set aside for education. Beal City Schools received \$12,906, Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$18,358.50, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$507,098.30 and Shepherd Public Schools \$203,548.

Saganing received a total of \$639,592.27 for the spring 2013 disbursement. From that amount a total of \$223,857.29 was set aside for schools and \$415,734.98 was for governmental departments. **This includes:**

- Arenac County \$210,000
- Au Gres \$50,000
- Omer \$2,030
- Pinconning \$2,332
- City of Standish \$3,610
- Arenac Township for \$7,100
- Au Gres Township \$5,700
- Deep River Township \$1,000
- Lincoln Township \$2,000
- Mason Township \$11,000
- Pinconning Township \$30,351
- Sims Township of \$1,000
- Standish Township \$65,000
- Turner Township \$11,000
- Whitney Township \$1,000

The Village of Sterling received \$12,611.98, for their \$1.2 Million project.

Superintendent, Darren Kroczaleski, accepted \$78,677.30 for Arenac Eastern Schools

"The grant will improve the educational systems to help students," Kroczaleski said. "This will fix the roads, helping the buses and making transportation safer."



Claire Bunker, Superintendent at Shepherd High School, shakes the hand of Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom Sr.

Kroczaleski had a visit from a former graduate of Arenac Schools. The former student stated that he was dual enrolled from Tribal Grants. He completed 24 credits through Tribal grants and he was very thankful for Tribal Council.

Jeffrey Collier, Au Gres-Sims School superintendent accepted \$49,830.99 for his school district. Pinconning area school district received \$47,550. The Industrial Arts department at Pinconning School presented Tribal Council with a gift of honor that represents an eagle sitting on top of Earth, made by students in Industrial Arts. Inscribed on the gift it says, "Thank you for your support, Pinconning Area Schools Industrial Arts." Sterling School District received \$47,799.

Tribal Council Treasurer Louanna Bruner gave a speech to say it was great to hear how appreciative the grant recipients were.

George Martin Carries Eagle Staff Before Sold Out Playoff Crowd

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

It was a proud moment for Indian Country as respected Korean and Vietnam Air Force veteran George Martin carried the Eagle Staff in front of a sold-out crowd for the National Anthem before the NHL Stanley Cup Western Conference game between the Chicago Blackhawks and the Los Angeles Kings on June 1.

Martin serves as a head veteran dancer at many powwows in the Great Lakes Region. He mentioned that while at the Pokagon Potawatomi's Memorial Day powwow this year, a woman by the name of

Cyndee Fox from the American Indian Center in Chicago came up to him and asked him if he would like his name to be put in to be one of the veterans honored at a Blackhawks game. He replied by telling her yes, he would like to do that.

It was then on Friday, May 31 that Martin had gotten an invitation to be honored at the Blackhawks game scheduled for June 1. Both Martin and his wife Sydney traveled more than two and a half hours from their home in Hopkins, Mich. to attend the game.

Martin explained that the experience was a high honor.

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George Martin, respected Ojibwe elder, represented Indian Country at the Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup finals.



Theresa Ann Cloutier

March 4, 1963 - June 5, 2013

Theresa, age 50, loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2013 at Deer Run Rehabilitation with her loving family and staff by her side. She was born on March 4, 1963 in Bay City, Mich. to the late Frank & Ethel (James) Cloutier. She graduated from Pinconning High School in 1982 and then graduated from Delta College in 1988 as an X-ray Tech. She was employed at St. Mary's Hospital from 1989 to 1994 until she was unable to work due to injuries received in an automobile accident. Theresa will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, cute laugh and being so full of life. She enjoyed reading, playing games, music, driving up north, canoeing and scuba diving, but most of all she loved being a mother to her two sons. She is survived by her two sons, Joshua DeFrain and girlfriend Alison Beker and Jacob DeFrain and girlfriend Raquel Pena, granddaughter, Elaina Rose DeFrain, and one on the way, brothers and sisters; Myron (Pat) Cloutier, Gerald (Vivian) Cloutier, Aloma (Larry) Underwood, Lena (John) Stempek, Diane (Ivan) Morley, Elaine (David) Kraska, Raymond (Faye) Cloutier, Linda (Gary) Cook, Richard (Rita) Cloutier, Daniel (Cindy) Cloutier, William (Rose) Cloutier, Mary (Jerome) Bukowiec, Rosalie (Daniel) Maloney, Marjorie (Donald) Dubai who willingly dedicated their time to caring for Theresa making sure all of her needs were met, and Frank Cloutier (James O'Seidel II), sister-in-law Kathy Cloutier, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her grandparents, parents, brother Edward and infant sister Sussie. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Deer Run and Staff which has been part of the family for years, for the care Theresa and her family received. Also, Midland Family Practice Physicians and staff, Dr. Duffy Rehab Rehabilitation, Dr. Schinco, Sr., Lawrence Land, Connie Laureau of ABC Resources, Matt Bass and Todd Leeson.



Funeral Services were held Monday, June 10, at the River of Life Fellowship with Pastor Devin Chisholm presiding with burial in Pinconning Township Cemetery. In lieu of flowers those wishing an expression of sympathy are asked to consider Deer Run Rehabilitation.

The Elder ADVISORY BOARD For District One

Is accepting letters of interest for seven vacancies.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members 50 years of age or older who reside in District I may submit letters of interest to Andahwod CCC & ES, 7070 E Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858.

All letters must be received at Andahwod by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013. The elder tribal members selected will receive information of the appointments by August 1, 2013.

NOTICE OF VACANCY Needed: Powwow Committee Member

Letters of Interest Can Be Sent To:

Powwow Committee
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Before August 1, 2013

Twins

"Niizhode'ek" Day

Wednesday July 24 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Find a person to dress like your twin!

50/50 DOOR PRIZES

FAMILY BEADING LESSONS!

JULY 19, 2013
WHERE: 7TH GENERATION
7957 E. REMUS RD -- MT. PLEASANT MI 48858
FROM 6PM TO 8:00PM
LEARN TO BEAD WITH YOUR FAMILY!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO BEAD OR MAKE JEWELRY?

Peyote Stich Beading Lessons By Alice Ricketts
Hoop Earring Beading Lessons By Rosanna Romero
\$10 to Sign Up

Bring Your Own Needle Nose Pliers
Feel Free to Bring Own Supplies!
Beads Provided By 7th Generation
Pony Beads for Toddlers with Daughters of Tradition
Sponsored by the SCIT Youth Council & Youth Group

SUBS FROM TUBBY'S!

To Sign Up Contact: Rosanna Romero (989) 775-4001
You may also email: YouthCouncil@sagchip.org for further information.

Attention

Tribal Operations Will Be Closed

July 5, 2013

In conjunction with the July 4, 2013 holiday.

Bailey Family Reunion

When: Island Park Pavilion near Spray Park

Meat will be provided please bring a side dish
There will be adult games & kids games
Don't forget auction items



SUMMER GOLF EVENTS

BERNIE SPRAGUE
Contributing Writer

EVERY TUESDAY

I will be having a 40 and over skins match every Tuesday at the Waabooz Run. Tee time is 5:30 p.m. cost is \$20 per player plus cart and golf fees. If players have a membership they will only pay cart fees. (Two players per team, all players tee off the blue, we play 18 holes a week.)

JULY 20

At Waabooz Run will be the B. Sprague Open, Coed & Men's Divisions. Two players per team, Entry \$150 Team. A flyer will be available in May with more details.

JULY 27

At Waabooz Run will be our annual fundraiser for the youth of South Dakota. Backpacks four person Scramble, Entry \$240 Team (Flyers will be available in May with all of the details.)

Reminder that Golf will be a part of the Tribal Olympics again this year; we will be offering youth and seniors divisions along with men's and women's divisions. Players must meet the requirements established by the S.C. Olympic committee.

ATTENTION

TRIBAL MEMBER ELDERS!

We are looking for individuals who would like to sit on the Elders Trip Committee for a term of two years.

The Individuals Seeking a Seat Must:

- Be 50 years of age
- Make monthly meetings
- Help coordinate future trips
- Be capable of assisting elders while chaperoning a trip.

Letters Must Be Submitted By:

September 2, 2013.

Please Submit Letters of Interest To:

Sheila Leareaux
C/o Elders trip committee
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

The 1st Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

PENINSULA ENTERTAINMENT

MICHIGAN MADE FOR WORLDWIDE ENTERTAINMENT

Talent Search

Peninsula Entertainment, a Michigan minority (Native American/African American & Female) owned Movie Production Company, is searching for Native American Actors for their upcoming feature film that will be shot entirely in central and west Michigan. Native American talent will be portraying Manitoba First Nations tribal people living in an integrated community in a fictional small town in Manitoba. All speaking roles must be able to assume a Manitoban (slight Canadian) accent, voice coaching assistance will be provided.

Key Roles will be paid a day rate commensurate with experience and abilities. **Extras** will be paid at a rate of \$100 per day for a full day.

If Interested, submit headshots (pictures) and brief resume (including sex, age, height and clothing measurements) to:

peninsula@peninsulaentertainment.com
(include "Native Actor" in the subject line of the e-mail.)



Every Wednesday

Starting
June 5-October 9, 2013

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items For Sale

Seasonal Produce, Flowers, Fish, Wild Rice, Honey, & Maple Syrup

Native American

Handmade Arts, Crafts & Supplies

Our Vendors

Tribal/Community Members & Employees
(Casino, Tribal, Migizi)

LOCATION CHANGE NOTICE

Native Farmer's Market will remain at the Housing Pavilion for 2013

For Questions and Registration Forms, Please Contact:
Marcella Hadden, Interim Market Master at (989) 775-4059



ATTENTION

The 2014 annual SCIT Powwow dates have been changed. The 2014 powwow will be July 25, 26 and 27.

For more information about the change contact the SCIT Powwow Committee at:

1-800-225-8172, 1-989-775-5701
or sagchippowwow@sagchip.org

The date change is due to weather problems normally encountered in August. Also with the Tribe Sponsoring three powwows they are more spread out without clashing with five other powwows across the nation.



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Friends of the family were there watching in the crowd as Martin stood proud on the ice with other honored veterans and active servicemen.

Standing in front of a sold-out crowd many things were going through Martin's mind.

"We (veterans) were looking at the clock and the announcers kept saying, you have two minutes left, one minute left and at one minute I told my wife, I can't do it, I can't go on," Martin laughed.

The experience that Martin had was one of a kind. "It was awesome and Earth shaking," Martin said. "They put out the red carpet on ice and they lined all of us up. It's dark and then all of a sudden, the spotlight is on you, shining bright. The National Anthem is being sung and the other veterans saluted the flag and I raised my Eagle Staff. The crowd is going wild, taking photos and hollering while you stand there. It felt good."

The sold-out hockey crowd respected the veterans in a good way.

"Before we went on, we gathered at a specific doorway where everyone was walking to go up and down to the ice and we stood there and those in the arena couldn't be more honored, they were shaking our hands and high-fiving us," Martin said. "They didn't use names like, 'hey chief' or anything like that. The fans were proud of you and respected you and told you 'thank you for your service'. People

were complimenting us the whole entire time we were standing there before we went down to the ice and when we were coming back up after we were done. They respected us and honored us while we were there."

Martin's wife, Sydney, was in the crowd watching him as he stood out proudly on the ice.

"I was very proud of him," Sydney said. "In fact, I cried a little bit. It was emotionally profound because it is an honor that the American Indian Center and their staff chose George from the list of names that they gather with other organizations in Chicago."

Barbara Whitehead O'Rourke, a Marine veteran, had the honor of holding the Eagle Staff last season during the playoffs when the Blackhawks were playing against the Detroit Red Wings.

Martin said one of his friends had told him that he topped everything even including if they were to meet the President of the United States and that nothing like being at the Blackhawks game representing Indian Country could ever be beaten.

Both Martin and his wife are grateful for the experience. Veterans represented the Eagle Staff before the nationally televised Blackhawk games were made possible through the partnership of the NHL club's Chicago Blackhawk Charities and the American Indian Center of Chicago.



Happy Belated Birthday Mom!
Love Always, Kelly



Congratulations Breanna Colwell
On auditioning and getting Drum Major and wish her good luck in her senior year!
Love, Mom & Dad



Happy Birthday Mom!
We Love You, From all of us



Happy 5th Birthday Andrea Estelle Hinmon
Love Grandma, Mom Aunt Tete, Anna, Ariel, Gus, and Lawrence



Support local artists by going out to view their artwork at Art Walk Central August 7-28, 2013 and don't forget to vote for "People's Choice."
Go Gage Colwell!



Congrats Graduate! Garrett Reed
Shepherd High School



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, Mom and Dad!
July 13, 1963 - July 13, 2013
Love Always, Your Family

Attention: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members and Members from Other Tribes

CHARLA CUMMINS
Contributing Writer

Are you interested in helping the Ziibiwing Center improve our Membership Program? We are planning two focus groups to evaluate the current Ziibiwing Membership Program.

We hope to gather ideas to increase our membership support. The Ziibiwing Center strives to ensure that membership benefits for Tribal Members be an incentive to join, invest and renew support for our educational, cultural expression, historic preservation and diversity initiatives.

Ziibiwing Cultural Society Mission Statement: The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created

to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience. This promotes the society's belief that the culture, diversity and the spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be perpetuated, communicated and supported.

Ziibiwing will be conducting two focus groups near the end of July. The first group will include individuals that have a current membership with Ziibiwing or another Cultural Center/Museum, and the second group will target individuals that are not a member at any Cultural Center/Museum. Each volunteer will receive a special gift and meal.

Interested? Please call Funding & Development Specialist, Charla Cummins at 989-775-4734 spaces are limited!

Special Olympics Area Nine Welcomes Water Warriors

Fantastic News for Special Olympics Area 9! The Water Warriors Mackinaw Ride, a 350-mile personal watercraft ride from Mackinaw to Harsens Island to raise money for Special Olympics, has added a new stop to their ride and they are stopping in Area 9 territory! Thanks to the support of the Eagle Bay Marina, Saganing Eagle's Landing Casino and the Saganing Tribal Center for providing access to their marina located in Standish, Mich. and also for coming up with food and fun activities for this awesome event. Come on out and support this event and cheer on these fearless riders. The Area 9 event stop will take place on Wednesday, July 31. Those



individuals wanting to participate in the celebration of this stop should arrive at 9 a.m. at the Eagle Bay Marina under the lighthouse pavilion located at 1893 Sagatoo Road in Standish. Be sure to watch for postings on both the Special Olympics Area 9 as well as the Saganing Eagles Landing Facebook pages for more information and pre-event activities. If you would like more details on how you too can become a Water Warriors rider, please check out www.waterwarriors.org or www.somi.org/x368.xml. For more information on Special Olympics please check out www.somi.org.

In order to prepare for this event, please RSVP so we can get a count of athletes and family members that will be attending. RSVP with Brad Covaleski at 989-450-1877 or Rita Champine at 989-239-0027.



Happy Birthday Larissa,
We Love You, Aunt Kathy & family



Happy Birthday Carmen Otto!
Love From Your Michigan Family



Happy Birthday Grandpa Goobie!
Love the Bross Babies
July 1



Tribal Council

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Council Member

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Council Member

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Council Member

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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.

Minaadendamoowin ~ 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.



The Legacy of Boarding Schools

RUTH HOPKINS

Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: The article below was published on the Indian Country Today Media website on March 30, 2013. The article can be accessed at www.indian-countrytodaymedianetwork.com.)

Every American Indian alive today has been affected by the policy of assimilation implemented not long ago by the United States government.

Under the guide of manifest destiny, European immigrants swept through North America in waves, displacing Natives from their ancestral homelands. They made treaties with native nations only to break them and resorted to outright theft when push came to shove. Ultimately, these consequences led to the massacre of millions of innocent Indigenous Peoples. Their weapons of mass destruction were disease, starvation and war.

They underestimated the strength and resilience of North America's first peoples. Despite their best efforts to terminate us and even though Natives were vastly outnumbered, we persisted. The Oceti Sakowin (Great Sioux Nation), joined by allied, defeated U.S. forces at the Battle of Little Big Horn. Even though the U.S. killed nearly all the buffalo, Natives survived. In the late 1800s, a new idea arose as to how to deal with the "Indian Problem." Popular opinion, decided it better to "kill the Indian and save the man." They wanted to "civilize" Natives and they would use religious based education to do it.

By 1902, 25 boarding schools had been built, off-reservation and a minimum of 20,000 Native children, about 10 percent of the entire Native population at the time, were pushed through the system. Many boarding schools were run by religious organizations and founded by the federal government. By the end of the boarding school era, more than 100,000 Native children had passed through the boarding system.

Many Native children were snatched from their mother's arms to attend boarding schools. Stella Pretty Sounding Flute was forced to go to boarding school, as were her brothers. She described the trauma children experienced when they were taken away from all that they knew and placed in a strange, cold, impersonal environment and cut off from nature. Upon arrival, their hair would be cut, laying the groundwork for years and psychological damage. Traditionally, Native men wore long hair. She recalled seeing boys' spirits broken as their braids fell to the floor.

Children were forbidden to speak their language and beaten for doing so. This policy is the primary reason so many Native languages are now on the brink of extinction. My father, a boarding school survivor, told stories of his willful older brother, who would not stop speaking the Dakota language despite the abuse he received. Years later, that same brother went on to teach Dakota language to children at a tribal high school.

Life at boarding school was punishing of its own accord. Children were not allowed to visit their families for years at a time. Conditions were harsh. During particularly cold winters, some children froze to death

in their beds. Days were long and usually consisted of difficult and occasionally dangerous, industrial work.

None of those horrors compares to the shocking level of inhumane physical brutality, sexual abuse and child rape that took place at boarding schools. Child molestation was rampant.

Brave elders have come forward to share their heart-wrenching tales of abuse and assault at the hands of priests, nuns and other staff at the boarding schools. As a parent, it's difficult to listen to stories of how innocent preschool aged girls were digitally penetrated by perverted priests. Little boys were forced to perform oral sex on nuns in the middle of the night under pain of death. Sexual abuse was frequent and continuous, utter torture. Most of us will never know the trauma our grandmothers and grandfathers were made to endure at boarding schools.

Thousands of Native children in the United States and Canada never returned home from boarding and residential schools; their bodies yet unaccounted for. There are reports of children who were murdered while still newborns, who their families never knew existed. These babies, who died without names, were the product of rape. The souls of these murdered children cry out for justice.

Coupled with justice, we also need healing. Sexual abuse is a disease. Even today, when Native survivors of sexual trauma come forward, the abuse can nearly be traced back through a line of victims who became perpetrators, with the first act of sexual violence originating at a boarding school.

Boarding school has also affected Native communities' natural healing process because it robbed us of our close familial bonds and our cultural belief systems, as well as ceremonies meant to doctor us and assist in our trajectory through life.

Shame is a wall that hides sexual trauma. It prevents sexual abuse survivors from seeking help. We cannot afford to be quiet any longer. If you've been the victim of sexual abuse or rape, you are not alone. You can find healing and you can reach out and help others like yourself.

Despite the devastation the policy of assimilation and the boarding school system has caused, all is not lost. We will have our languages and our belief systems. Combines with new counseling techniques, we can heal ourselves and our communities.

Ruth Hopkins (Sisseton-Wahpeton and Mdewakanton Dakota, Hunkpapa Lakota) is a writer, blogger, ethno scientist, tribal judge for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and the tribal colleges liaison manager for the University of North Dakota State University via North Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 | 3 - 7 p.m.

Community Members will be able to tour Behavioral Health

There will be tours, refreshments, presentations and Door Prizes. Community members will be able to meet the staff and learn about services at Behavioral Health.

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is a free publication to enrolled Tribal Members and employees. Published on the 1st of the month, the Observer is sent to each head of household. Address changes can be made with the Tribal Clerk's office by calling toll free (800) 225-8172 or (989) 775-4055. Tribal Observer staff may be contacted at (989) 775-4010. 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 East Broadway Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

Subscription rates are \$30 per year. Story ideas, articles and photographs from the community are always welcomed. The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and is subject to an editorial review process.

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Tribal Observer Advertising

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

For Announcements including Birthday, Wedding, Engagement, Congratulations, etc, cost is \$10 and is open to Tribal, Community members and Employees.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ___ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Please send this completed form with your \$30 yearly subscription fee to:

Tribal Observer

Attn: Subscriptions

7070 E. Broadway

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: 989-775-4010

E-mail: observer@sagchip.org



Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Wins Three Awards

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Hard work does pay off and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel proves just that. The SEWPH has won three awards: one for their website and two for television commercials.

The Impress Horak Creative Group in Bay City has been awarded a Gold Addy ® Award

by the American Advertising Federation of the Great Lakes Bay Region for creating the SEWPH website.

SEWPH's entire website was created in a fast-paced, intense two months.

"We could not have done it without the close partnership with the Impress Horak Creative Group," said Jennifer Jones, marketing manager for the SEWPH.

Two Bronze awards went to SEWPH in the 34th annual Telly Awards for the television commercial, "Mom's Got This One." The awards were for the categories "Travel/Tourism" and "Use of Humor."

Visuality, the media and production firm, worked with the SEWPH to help write, direct and produce the winning commercial material. Although

Visuality has offices as far as in Madison, Wisc. and Boston, Mass., the two companies worked together to create the winning commercials.

The Telly Award was founded in 1979 and only recognizes outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs.

Jones explained, the "Mom's Got This One" television

commercial was recently also awarded a Bronze Summit Creative Award. Since 1994, the Summit Creative Awards has offered participants a unique opportunity to showcase their talents alongside similarly positioned agencies, and to have their work judged by experts in the advertising field.

Congratulations to the SEWPH staff for these awards.



29TH
ANNUAL
POW WOW

AUGUST 2-4 2013

GRAND ENTRY

FRIDAY 7PM
SATURDAY 1PM
SUNDAY 1PM

ANISHINAABE

WHERE THE HEART IS.

HOST DRUM: CRAZY SPIRIT

HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies: Marin Denning
Calvin Hill

Arena Directors: Dave Shananaquet
Jefferson Ballew

Head Veteran: George Martin

Head Male Dance Judge: Miengun Pamp

Head Female Dance Judge: Mae Pego

Head Drum Judge: Ben Hinmon

Head Male Dancer: David "Baby Dave" Merrill, Jr

Head Female Dancer: Julie Whitepigeon

Jr. Male Dancer: Zackary Jackson

Jr. Female Dancer: Dajia Shinos

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Saganing Traditional Powwow was an Honor for All in Attendance

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Fathers were not the only ones being honored on Father's Day. On Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan At-Large Program once again presented the Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow at the Saganing Tribal Center.

The Grand Entry marked the beginning of each Powwow, starting with the first one at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Head Drum, War Club, began drumming. Dancers in their beautiful,

colorful regalia lined up behind the Head Veteran, Kent Jackson, who carried the Eagle Staff.

Past and present veterans were honored during the Flag Song and the Victory Song after the Grand Entry.

Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom welcomed guests to the Powwow.

"I'd like to thank all the volunteers, employees, drummers and dancers for coming out today," Kequom said.

The Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow started in Chi Asin Site in Chesaning, Mich. and then moved to Saganing Tribal Center in 2009.

At-Large Elders Advocate and one of the coordinators of the Powwow, Lisa Peters, has been involved with the Powwow for some time now.

"We started in Chesaning almost 15 years ago," Peters said. "We decided no longer to be in Chesaning because they started the casino here in Saganing and so we figured we'd move to Saganing. We wanted to keep it traditional so it didn't compete with our competition. It is more of a



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rachel Gorski concentrates on her moves.



Photo courtesy of Renata Borton

Youth members won first place at the Cheesetown Parade in Pinconning, Mich.



Photo courtesy of Don Nelson

The arbor located in the center of the powwow grounds.



Photo Courtesy of Renata Borton

Madison Bennett was chosen as the Head Dancer.

learning experience to bring our culture to our community that we impact the most, which is Saganing, especially with our gaming."

Guests were able to sit on the hill with chairs or blankets with the smell of Indian Tacos wafting through the air, while they enjoyed the dancers and their decorative regalia.

Emcee for the event, Kevin Chamberlain, said, "It was a beautiful weekend with a good turnout. It was a great event and great atmosphere."

In celebration of the Powwow on Saturday, the youth came together to be in the Cheesetown Parade in Pinconning, Mich. where they danced and walked behind a truck driven by Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier. The truck was only decorated with one Tribal flag, but the town fell in love with the youth in their stunning regalia and personalities. They won first place!



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society Members led the way during the grand entry.

At-Large would like to thank; Tribal Council, Saganing Eagles Landing & employees, Saganing Tribal Center, The Pamame Family (Firekeepers), Gilbert Williams (for providing some of the floral designs in the booklet),

SCIT Construction Manager, Soaring Eagle and Saganing Facilities Departments), Public Relations, Saganing Tribal Police & Tribal Fire, Tribal Maintenance Department, Cultural Enrichment Committee and Warrior Society.

Saganing Eagle's Landing Casino Employee of the Month for May

CHRISTY FEDAK

Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Bridget Rashott and Lexis Wieland, they are our Employees of the month for May.

Bridget has been a Supervisor for the Finance department

for the past four years and has recently changed her title to Count Team Supervisor. She was nominated because she was able to step up and cover the supervisor duties for the Count Team; in fact she did such a great job she decided to take the position of Count Team

Supervisor. Bridget has done an outstanding job as supervisor for both the cashiers and count team. She takes pride in the knowledge she is able to share with her associates. Bridget is well-rounded and values the associates' input. She believes in acknowledging the associates so that everyone knows they are appreciated, because the more appreciated an associate feels the better work performance

they will give. Bridget is the definition of leadership!

Lexis Wieland began her career in the Maintenance department and has just recently accepted the position of a Slot Ambassador. In just under a year, she has learned two key positions in the Casino and has excelled at both. Lexis has been nominated several times in the past by her supervisors and co-workers and they all agree she

is a hard worker and has a great attitude. Her supervisors agree she is a wonderful representation of the Casino. She is crisp, well kept, polite, professional and knowledgeable. Lexis will adjust her schedule at the drop of a hat to make sure there is enough coverage and has never complained. Thank you Lexis for all your hard work!

Please congratulate Bridget and Lexis on their achievement!



Bridget Rashott



Lexis Wieland

Saganing Casual For A Cause

CHRISTY FEDAK

Contributing Writer

The associates at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino were please to present a donation in the amount of \$1,205 to the Pinconning Community Clothing Center. The Pinconning Community Clothing Center is a second hand shop located in downtown Pinconning. They donate clothing and household items to community members that may be in need due to any hardships they may have. They do not receive any funding and all employees are volunteers. The funds will go toward the bills and upkeep of the building.



In the picture left to right; Kathy LaBean, Slot Ambassador; Michell Strawn, Pinconning Clothing Center; Lacy Grzelak, Finance Supervisor.

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July 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Contributing Writer

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee or business owner of the Tribe. If you know any At-Large member employees or business owners, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

July 2013 At-Large Tribal Member is Robert Walker. Robert came to work for the Tribe in April 2010 as a Valet for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. In March 2013, he transferred to Tribal Operations Maintenance Department, his area of duty is At-Large, ACFS and the Distribution Warehouse. Before coming to work

for the Tribe, Robert worked for PJ's Trim Shop doing custom upholstery in hotrods, muscle cars, antique cars and boats. He also worked for Tracker Marine in Texas as a boat rigger and Tech-in-Training.

Robert was born and raised in Midland and graduated from Dow High in 1998. He also attended Mercury Marine Tech School in Dallas.

Robert is the son of Jim Walker of Mt. Pleasant and Deb Carlson of Grand Rapids. Robert's paternal grandparents are Jim and Mary Ann Walker of Mt. Pleasant. He has one sister, Jamie Walker of Midland and four nieces and nephews, Daniel, Kane, Samantha and Al.

Robert is married to his high school sweetheart Kimberly; they were married on July 21, 2007. Robert and Kim have

two cats; Emma and Bigura. Kimberly received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Michigan State University and is currently the Kennel Manager for Northern Animal Clinic and has just been hired by Covenant in Saginaw as Assistant Lab Tech! Congratulations Kim!

Robert and Kimberly just moved into their first home about a year ago. It is a completely remodeled old farm house just outside of Midland. Being out in the country is perfect for them because they never wanted to live in town.

In his spare time, Robert likes to go hunting, fishing and he brews his own beer. Robert is an active member in the Cass River Home Brew Club out of Frankenmuth. Robert also enjoys riding his 2003 Yamaha R6 limited Edition motorcycle.

Photo courtesy of At-Large



Robert Walker

Robert would like you to look twice, save a life.

If you see Robert out and about attending to his daily duties to the maintenance department, stop and say "Hi!"

Preventing Medicare Fraud

GLYNIS LANZETTA
Contributing Writer

The National Council on Aging (NCOA) recently released a report on the top 10 scams targeting Elders. Not surprisingly, health care fraud topped the list. It is general knowledge that Medicare is available to most Americans aged 65 and older, making Medicare beneficiaries easy prey for scam artists. As very little research is involved in finding their victims, more and more criminals are focusing on committing these crimes.

Compounding the problem is that many beneficiaries have a supplemental policy that picks up what Medicare doesn't pay. By not receiving a bill for medical costs, it becomes easy for people to overlook fraudulent claims to their Medicare benefit.

Perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative trying to get your personal information. They can use personal health identification numbers to bill Medicare for false claims. Another tactic is soliciting you to purchase home health insurance, equipment or bad insurance policies.

Medicare loses an estimated \$50 billion per year nationally to health care swindlers. We can see this loss in the rising costs for services and premiums. Even though you might not have personally fallen prey to a scam, we all become victims of Medicare fraud. These actions have a ripple effect on the economy and health system.

Here are some tactics you can use to stand up and help stop these crimes:

- Be suspicious of salespeople trying to sell you something they claim will be paid for by Medicare
- Review your Medicare Summary Notice to be sure you have received the services listed
- Avoid telemarketing calls for medical goods, for example diabetes test strips or wheelchairs
- Know if your physician ordered equipment for you
- If you want to report any possible scams, suspicious activities or fraudulent claims contact the MMAP Program at **1-800-803-7174** or call the At-Large Program MMAP Counselors at **1-800-884-6271**.



Tanner Dylan Graveratte, 12, is a sixth grader from Patterson Elementary in Holly, Mich. Tanner is an amazing kid. He has received Straight A's all year. In addition to being a great student he has been awarded many character awards. He is a gifted athlete; he plays baseball, football, swims and snowboards, and is an all-around amazing kid. His parents John and Pam Graveratte and brother Codey are so very proud of him.

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Golf Outing Kicks off the Saganing Powwow Weekend

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The celebration of the Saganing Powwow on June 15 & 16 started with a golf outing at Green Hills Golf Course in Pinconning, Mich. The Saganing Traditional Powwow Golf Outing kicked off at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14.

At-Large Elders Advocate Lisa Peters is one of the coordinators for the Saganing Powwow and the Golf Outing.

"The Saganing Powwow has grown every year, it gets bigger and better," Peters said. "We've added the golf outing here since last year. It has been very successful.

Last year the golfers were rained out, but participants actually golfed in the rain."

Rain was not a problem this year; the weather was beautiful and sunny for all of the golfers.

The price was \$55 per person and \$220 per four-person team.

"All of the funds are put right back in for prizes," Peters said. "We do not make any profit off of this, we just want to let guests know we are here for everyone to enjoy themselves and to come to the powwow."

A significant surprise at the Green Hills Golf Course is the eagle's nest in one of the trees on the course. Co-Owner



The eagles' nest that resides on the Green Hills Golf Course.



Amos Cloud tees off during the golf outing in Pinconning.

and Manager Dan Courtemanche has fed newborn eaglets very well. The eagles are well taken care of at the Golf Course and often soar in the sky above it.

The golf outing included 18 holes of golf with numerous prizes handed out.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three teams, but the greatest thrill was the possibility of a car giveaway for a hole in one of the 16th, sponsored by Roger McIntosh.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Holds Annual End of Year Powwow

CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

Weather played an important part as the Saginaw Chippewa Academy had their annual powwow on Tuesday, June 4. In the years past, the annual powwow was held at the powwow grounds of Seventh Generation. Due to flooding, the powwow was held behind SCA.

With the temperatures staying on the cool side and the sun shining, it was a beautiful day to help celebrate an annual tradition.

Crazy Cub, the afterschool drumming group opened the powwow with their singing and drumming abilities that they have practiced during the school year. As friends, family and SCA staff watched the students dressed in their regalia dance, it marked a time to have a wistful goodbye to the sixth graders moving on to junior high and welcome a new class of sixth graders.

Winnie Pelcher, Junior Miss SCA and Tobias Pamp, SCA Junior Warrior led grand entry as the students dressed in their regalia danced in the arena. Students, staff and parents joined the arena when Nathan Isaac, emcee for the event, told them it was inter-tribal dance time.



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

SCA Student Shelayna Collins-Pelcher participates in the powwow with her jingle dress.

As with every SCA annual powwow, a new SCA Junior Miss and SCA Junior Warrior are announced. How individuals are chosen to be school representatives are not just by how well they do in their interviews but how they conduct themselves throughout the school year. They must be helpful and conduct themselves in a way that follows the Seven Grandfather teachings year around. For the 2012-2013 school year, Winnie Pelcher and Tobias Pamp were the school representatives. As they stood in front of everyone, they were asked about having the roles.

"I was happy when I was crowned Junior Miss," Pelcher said. "I hope the next person that gets Junior Miss goes to all of the powwows that she needs to go to and possibly more. I hope she goes out of her way to go to places too."

Pamp addressed the crowd by saying that he was happy when he became the Junior Warrior and had gone to the last powwows to represent his role. He hopes that the next Junior Warrior will be as happy as him when taking on the role.

The beaded crown Pelcher wore representing her role as SCA Junior Miss and the bandolier bag that Pamp wore as Junior Warrior were removed as the new representatives were introduced.

Treasure Jones became the new SCA Junior Miss. Pelcher placed the crown on top of her head and hugged

her. A total of four boys from grades fourth and fifth ran for the role of SCA Junior Warrior. Lars George was SCA Junior Warrior Runner-up and for the second consecutive year Tobias Pamp is the SCA Junior Warrior.

Pelcher delighted the crowd with a hoop dance demonstration which intrigued the students. Social dances such as the Crow Hop brought many together and sixth graders had their own honoring song and were gifted with blankets. Sixth graders moving on to junior high are: Theresa Bennett, Karen Chippewa, Lexus Davis, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Winnie Pelcher, Aleeya Peters, Mastella Quaderer, Joe Quintero, Kiley Sharon, Jarrod Sowmick, Maciah Sprague, Ogemahgeshig Taylor, Lexi-Weekly-Dean and Shayanne Williams.

SCIT Recycling Tire Collection



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Recycling Tire Collection was a success this year just like past years. The tire collection was open to all Tribal Members and Saginaw Chippewa Employees. Saganing also brought over tires. This year a total of 1,008 tires were collected. Last year a total of 902 tires were collected. All of the tires collected will be recycled at C M Rubber Recycling out of Coleman, Mich. The company makes recyclable mulch out of the tires that can be used for landscaping jobs.

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Kenya Spencer Tackles the World on as Women's Wrestling Phenomenon

CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

Who can remember what they were doing when they were 15 years old? For SCIT Member and Caro resident, Kenya Spencer has many memories to treasure. She is a motivator for young Native American women to succeed in whatever they put their minds to.

At 15 years old, Spencer has set the wrestling scene on fire. Her interest in wrestling sparked when she was just shy of five years old. As a sport commonly known just for men, Spencer paved the way for young women, especially Native American women to endure their strengths and to persevere in something they are seeing themselves striving in.

Spencer has been wrestling for 11 years. Her interest in wrestling sparked from a flyer she saw about wrestling.

"I brought the flyer home one day and asked my mom if I could wrestle, my mom said no and she told me to go ask my dad and he said no," Kenya said. "I told both of them that I wanted them to talk about it. They both did talk about it and my dad said I couldn't do it because I was girl. My mom got upset and told him that now since he said that she's going to do it just because you said she couldn't. I ended up starting it and wanted to pave the way."

For eight years, Kenya was the only female on the wrestling team at her school. Kenya's mother Mona was worried for her daughter and noticed



Kenya Spencer (center) has accomplished a lot for only being 15 years old.

that she didn't fully develop in the whole concept of wrestling until she was eight years old and it was then everything started falling into place.

Mona remembers going to Kenya's first match at Central Michigan University when she was four and a half.

"Kenya was lying on the mat and waving at me and I was crying because she was getting the heck beat out of her," Mona said. "Kenya kept telling me that she was okay. She loved every minute of it."

Kenya was not performing like she wanted to and at eight years old she told her mother that she was going to win the match she was competing in.

"I was like okay," Mona said. "I told her good luck."

Kenya won all the matches that day and ended up winning her first regional title. After winning that title she turned

a whole corner and became the person that people had to beat. Coaches started sparking the interest of Kenya's abilities and wanted her to join their women's wrestling teams. After joining one team and wrestling on it until she was 10, she was approached by other coaches. Kenya's mother was leery on the idea of Kenya switching teams however with enough pushing from her, Mona gave in. Team Michigan based out of Brighton, Mich. is the team that Kenya is currently with and wrestling for. Under the guidance of her coaches. Kenya has won both Oklahoma divisions of Cadet and Junior in March. At the time she won these divisions she was only a freshman in high school. The Cadet division girls are fourteen through sixteen years old and the Junior division is for women seventeen through twenty-one. She was only fourteen when she competed in both divisions. She is the only female on the team to win both divisions as a freshman.

These were not the only divisions she has won as a freshman. Back in May, Kenya went to Florida to compete in a wrestling tournament. She ended up placing fifth in the nation. She has won numerous divisions and titles while wrestling.

To help with building stamina and endurance for competitions, Kenya trains three days a week with her personal trainer, Chris Krause from Caro, Mich. The other three days she trains with a freestyle coach by the name of

Auggie Facundo out of Bay City, Mich. When she is not training with Krause and Facundo she trains on her own. She attends wrestling camps every Saturday.

Currently Kenya is raising money to go to the ASICS/Vaughan Junior & Cadet National Championships in Fargo, ND.

"It's the biggest tournament I have been to," Kenya said. "It is a big deal."

The championship is the crème de le crème as college scouts come out to see participants' wrestling abilities and pick and choose who they want on their team at the different colleges.

"She has a really good chance on going to college and wrestling somewhere," Mona said. "She has already been approached by college coaches since she was a high school freshman."

Kenya has a lot of time before she graduates to decide where she wants to go.

"She has so much time ahead of her," Mona said. "She is smart on not signing right away. A lot could happen and she knows that. She could get hurt."

Like most of Kenya's friends they go out on the weekends, meanwhile Kenya is at home training for her next tournament or even competing in one.

"I would rather be wrestling than going out with my friends all weekend," Kenya said. "I know wrestling will take me somewhere and I love doing it."

As for her medals and trophies, they stopped counting as numerous boxes are filled with medals and their home is decorated in trophies. Kenya plans on continuing wrestling and doesn't have any plans on stopping.

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Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Celebrates Their One-Year Anniversary

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel kicked off their one-year anniversary on Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25 by hosting a carnival for hotel guests and local residents.

Jewls the clown, DJs, bounce houses, delicious food, face painters, games, balloon twisters and caricature artists all took over the SEWPH parking lot in celebration of the anniversary and for Memorial weekend entertainment.

SEWPH Promotions Assistant Cory Kinne was the lead for the event as he planned most of it. The occasion idea was sparked from a previous event.

“We did an event similar to this for the Fourth of July last year,” Kinne said. “It went really well. We thought why don’t we do something like that for our one-year anniversary, it would be a fun way to celebrate our anniversary and also Memorial Day.”

Kinne explained the anniversary event was a long planning process, but judging by the turn out and the fun activities, it seemed to be worth it.

“Planning was months long,” Kinne said. “For an event this big, that is really the only way to do it. We had an incredible amount of support from all the departments of the waterpark. It really wouldn’t have been possible if maintenance, housekeeping, food and



Children enjoying magic from Jewls the Clown.

beverage and retail did not partake in the planning and setting up of the event.”

SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague agreed the development of the event was a little lengthy and she was excited to put on this carnival for guests.

“It’s been a long planning process, our marketing-promotions

team has helped with all of the activities for today,” Sprague said. “A lot of them are very knowledgeable at bringing activities to the park.”

The staff and guests at SEWPH’s carnival lucked out with beautiful, sunny weather for the weekend.

Many enjoyable activities took place for attendees of the carnival, with many games geared toward children. Free face painting, free nail painting by MJ Murphy Beauty College, hula hoop contests, watermelon eating contests, magic shows and limbo competitions are just some examples of events.

Children of all ages gathered around for the watermelon eating competition on Friday. Each

participant was handed a large watermelon slice to see who could finish the last bite in the quickest amount of time. Parents cheered on their children to hurry to their last bite. Contestants were selected for four heats of five competitors. The winner of each heat was awarded \$5 in Gizi Bucks.

Mt. Pleasant Rental Center, SCIT, Cyber Quest and SECR were all great sponsors that this event would not have been possible without.

Sprague believed the anniversary event was such a success, that it could possibly become an annual event.

SEWPH is located west of US-127 Big Rapids/Midland exit 143 on M-20.

Sasiwaans Graduates Receive Certificates of Completion

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The backyard of the Sasiwaans Immersion School of the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department was filled with proud families as they watched their adored children graduate and accept their certificates of completion on Tuesday, June 4.

Sasiwaans students are taught the Anishinaabe language and cultural heritage. ALRD’s mission and hope is to encourage its students of the SCIT community to become fluent first language speakers. Children can start attending Sasiwaans as early as 18 months and attend until the age of five.

Emcee for the graduation Joe Sowmick and ALRD Director Rhonda Hopkins kicked off the event by welcoming and thanking the families for attending the ceremony. A welcoming song with the steadfast beat of drums was performed by Maangoonsag or “Little Loons,” and by Chijaakoonsag “Little Crane” graduates.

Tribal Council Chaplain Steve Pego led the group into prayer and the ceremony was officially ready to begin. Each class was designed to present the students’



Chijaakoonsag students prepare for their graduation achievement award.

proficiency in Anishinaabemowin in their performance.

Naanooshksag, or “Little Hummingbirds,” performed the song, “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” before Patricia Osawamick, primary language specialist, introduced each student and presented their certificates.

Megisiisag or “Little Eagles,” graduates were up next. They sang, “Wheels on the Bus” before they were handed their education certificates by Primary Language Specialist Margaret Flamand.

Pichiinsag or “Little Robins,” belted out their ABCs and Danita Mandamin, primary language specialist awarded these graduates.

The Boozhoo song was proudly performed by Maangoonsag or “Little Loons”

and their certificates were announced by Perry Bebamash, primary language specialist.

One by one, Chijaakoonsag or “Little Cranes” came up to the microphone. They were given a word or image on a flashcard that they had to pronounce in Ojibwe. Graduates accepted their certificate by Primary Language Specialist Carol Bob.

The Staff at Sasiwaans created the beautiful, turquoise wardrobes that the immersion students from SCA were wearing on graduation day. They also performed the song “Gii-Noondoowaa Migizi”.

The graduation song was performed and drummed by the Maangoonsag and Chijaakoonsag. As the graduates had a chance to dance and celebrate around the drummers, the public was then welcome to join.

Hopkins closed the ceremony with, “these children are the future and we will do all we can to make it a bright future for them.”

Congratulations to the Naanooshksag graduates: Adaliyah Ekdahl, Aiden Rapheal, Aiyana Sheahan, Amelia Cyr, Bryson Otto-Roth, David Hosler Jr., Myles Neyome Snyder, Rocky Shomin and Taleah Joyce Hernandez.

Congratulations to the Megisiisag graduates: Abraham Graverette, Brian Wemigwans Jr., Damien Hunter, Gnaajwi Pego, Jasmine Jackson, Jay Kiogima, Juan Hernandez Jr., Kiley Nicholson, Koda Rueckert, Natalia Martin, Niigik Azhuwauk Pamp, Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova, Waaseya Lambertson and Xavier Freeman.

Congratulations to the Pichiinsag graduates: Angelo Leaux, Azhiyen Wemigwans, Bryson Quintero, Darrion Rueckert, David Jackson, Emma Henry, Gabriel Steele, Greg Steele, Honey-Jo

Snyder, Keyana Hernandez, Logan Bird, Trey Bross and Wayne Jackson.

Congratulations to the Maangoonsag graduates: Albert Trepanier, Gary Shomin, Isabelle Terrill-Leathers, Kayana Pelcher, Keaton Quintero, Lanson Pelcher-Harless, Nikoden Davis, Sandra Slater, “Sonny” John Wemigwans and William Cyr.

Congratulations to the immersion students and Chihaakoonsag graduates: Dayton Bross, Kyla Henry, Zhaawan Martell, Raynah Perez, Alexis Trepanier and Rianna Chippewa.

Save the Date: The Pink Fire Trucks are Coming

JUDY DAVIS

Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is pleased to announce that the national tour of the Pink Heals Fire Trucks will be coming to Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, Aug. 20. We hope that everyone will mark their calendars, get their pink on and plan to join us in celebrating this exciting event. It is hopeful that

many guests will attend including several breast cancer survivors.

Tentative plans call for a grand parade, a pink glove flash mob dance and a possible 5K run. After the parade, the fire trucks will be in Lot 16 of the Casino parking lot where everyone can view the trucks and participate in activities honoring cancer survivors. A complete schedule of the events will be available in the August issue of the Tribal Observer.

Something New For Our Kids

FRANK CLOUTIER

Contributing Writer

Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion are all part of the establishment of the newly designed LEAD Department. The new department was created to provide focus and more development for our Tribal youth. The department will maintain high standards of development that other departments such as Education K-12, Behavioral Health Prevention and Parks and Recreation have provided in the past.

A “SWOT” analysis was conducted to identify the strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing our Tribal youth today. The end result was that we needed to provide a greater focus on support, mentoring and healthy opportunities for the youth.

“The benefits of developing this new department are avoiding duplication of services, consolidating position already working with the youth, creating a department with greater focus on the youth and providing a model whose successes can be measured and tracked,” stated Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis. “This will make grant opportunities more prevalent and create a proactive approach to youth needs.”

There are various positions that will be eliminated from Parks & Recreation, Behavioral Health and Education departments; however, all positions within the LEAD department will be posted for all to apply for. These changes will take some time and will greatly benefit the entire Tribal community. We ask for your patience and understanding during this transitional period.

Through initial communication with the youth, some gaps in service were identified which helped shape the direction of the new department. Once the new department is fully functional, we will be able to better service the youth.

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Energy Audits: Cost Savings and Sustainability

CHLOE MILLER
Contributing Writer

Hello, before I begin I'll take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Chloe Miller and I just finished my sophomore year at Northern Michigan University. As the SCIT Planning Department's new summer intern, I have had many unique opportunities over the past few weeks. One of those latest opportunities was to join Environmental Response Program Specialist Craig Graveratte as his house underwent an energy audit.

An energy audit is really just a technical way to say that his house was tested to see how much

energy he was losing. The main source of lost energy in a house is through leaks or poor insulation that allows hot air in the winter and cold air in the summer to escape from the living space. This poses a problem because the more air that escapes, the more a person has to pay to either heat up or cool down their house.

To begin, Craig's house had to be depressurized. This process was started by making sure that all doors and windows were closed and locked. Then a bright red plastic sheet was draped across the back door; this plastic sealed the door except for a round hole that housed a large fan. Once the fan had ran for a few minutes,

it was hooked up to a computer that could assess the amount of air being pulled into the house through leaks. We were told that the pressure of the fan pulling air through the house was the equivalent of 20 mph winds pressing on all sides of the home.

While the computer compiled information, a thermography camera was used to walk around the house and show areas where air was leaking in. These spots showed up blue on the camera, while hot spots such as electrical outlets showed up red or orange. The camera was so sensitive it could even distinguish the gaps between 2x4s in the wall. The most common places for leakage

in homes are around windows and doors, openings to attics and places where there is a low amount of insulation.

Craig's house did well in the energy audit. His home was leaking around 800 cubic feet of air per minute which is considered tight, we were told that some old homes can leak up to 3,000 cubic feet of air per minute. The air in his home completely circulates every 2.4 hours, anything below five hours is considered tight. The energy conservation staff from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. explained simple ways that Craig could run a more energy efficient home and cut down on heating and cooling bills

such as lowering the temperature in the home when away or at night and replacing traditional can lights with high efficiency ones. According to the team these changes could decrease an electricity bill by 20 percent.

An energy audit is a great way for people to learn how to make their home more sustainable and affordable to live in. The team was very knowledgeable and had great recommendations for what could be done for the home as well as new products on the market that increase energy efficiency. The Planning Department is hoping to be able to offer services such as these to Tribal residents in the future.

SEWPH Hosts World's Largest Swimming Lesson

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages one to five, according to *WLSL.org*. The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel is taking measures to help prevent drowning.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson occurred worldwide on Tuesday, June 18 in hopes to break the Guinness World Record. Some participants received lessons in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. at SEWPH. The lesson at

SEWPH began at 11 a.m. for one to five-year-old children accompanied by their parents.

Lifeguard Supervisor and Event Coordinator Stephanie Ecker organized the event along with the support of Promotions Coordinator Jessica Langolf, Aquatics Manager Christopher Seyler and Lifeguard Supervisor and the Swim Program Coordinator Brenden Lennon.

"The World's Largest Swimming Lesson is a program that's been going on for a couple years now," Ecker said. "As a

new facility we got invited to it, heard about it through some of the waterpark facility magazines. We gathered some information and everyone around the world is gathering and hopefully participating in this so we can break the record from last year."

Ecker discussed the importance of swimming lessons and water safety for children.

"Lessons honestly are not the biggest part," Ecker said. "The smallest, most important part of each lesson we do is safety: Making sure you have a parent

with you. The small things are the biggest prevention against drowning, by making (children) educated at such a young age. The swimming part and being in the water just makes it fun."

With 27 participants for the swim lesson at SEWPH, those are just a few of the individuals partaking in the event around the world. Ecker hopes to double the number for next year.

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson helps build the awareness of the importance for teaching children to swim to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

One of the 27 participants that took part in the lesson.

prevent drowning. According to the *WLSL.org* website, research shows that if a child does not learn how to swim by fifth grade, they never will. SEWPH is helping break those statistics.

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MINO-GIIZHIGAD IT'S A GOOD DAY

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Dear WW: I was recently told by a good friend of mine that I had been the topic of conversation at a party a few days ago. I was told what was said but not the person who actually said it. Now I am leery of all of the ones who were at that party. The things that were said were so hurtful, I stayed up half the night thinking about them. I don't know how to resolve the issue and would like to defend myself somehow. It may seem like harmless gossip right now, but I'm thinking of applying for a position on Tribal Council. I have no chance of winning if people believe the stuff that was said. **Backstabbed**

Dear Backstabbed: I hope the ones who were there will think about three things: consider the source, motive for saying it and there is always two sides. I would also wonder what kind of friend you have that would relay this gossip back to you? Unfortunately, people talk about people all the time. The only difference this time is that you actually found out about it. Always discourage gossip by not doing it yourself and walking away when it takes place. Usually people spread gossip to increase their own self image, however, it actually does the opposite and belittles them in the eyes of the listeners.

Dear WW: I am trying to help my husband blend our families together. We have one child and he has three from a previous marriage. I feel we could have a stronger family if we all got together and did things as a family. However, the problem seems to be his ex-wife. I think she purposely plans events when she knows we have one planned to prevent this. I wish my husband would stand up to her and get a backbone. I'm tired of being the only one who goes out of the way to attempt and try to bring our two families together. **Mixed Up**

Dear Mixed Up: Unfortunately, this discussion on how to incorporate both families did not happen before you became married. It was your choice to marry a man with children from a previous marriage. His children are "his" children and any type of discussion should happen between him and his ex-wife. This is more of a boundary issue between you, your husband and the ex-wife. Your main concern right now is your own child. As time goes by and children mature, they will want to create their own relationships. I hope it includes your current child. In the meantime, sit back and let your husband worry about how to blend both families.

Dear WW: I was taking photos at a family event a couple of weeks ago and noticed that my niece has a bruise on her arm. As I was going through the photos, I noticed that she had an even bigger bruise on her thigh. This was only visible if she was sitting down, which the camera caught. I can't help but be suspicious now at her boyfriend. I don't know what to do and feel the need to protect her. Should I confront her or pull him aside and talk to him? **Bear Clan**

Dear Bear Clan: Yes, the Bear Clan always wants to protect their young! There is never a right or wrong reason for wanting more information about a loved one. The issue is in how you go about it. If you draw conclusions or blame someone before the truth is known, you may alienate them. What you want to do is be honest and sincere. Your gut instincts will tell you if something is going on or not. Make sure you leave the door open and you are on good terms in case they ever need you in the future.

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Walleyes For Warriors Helps Veterans Celebrate Father's Day by Fishing

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

Local veterans enjoyed their Father's Day weekend by fishing on the Saginaw Bay courtesy of the third annual Walleyes for Warriors on June 16.

Nels Larsen, Vietnam veteran, organizer and creator for the program, had the idea for Walleyes for Warriors from a previous fishing trip he went on called, Tight Lines for Troops.

He wanted local veterans and those who are avid fishermen to experience the therapy of going out and socializing with other veterans and at the same time enjoy fishing.

In the overnight hours of Sunday morning, the rain started making its way in causing chilly temperatures on the morning of Father's Day. It didn't stop the boat captains as they lined up outside Veteran's Park with their vessels at 5:30 a.m. at the boating docks. More than 110 boat captains volunteered their time and their boats to the 202 veterans that registered for the event.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage department made sure that each veteran and boat captain grabbed a lunch courtesy of the casino to bring on the boat.

"We had a standing ovation for the Chefs and staff from the SECR Food and Beverage Department," Larsen said. "The veterans clapped and cheered for them."

The bay was filled with boats of all shapes and sizes and each one had veterans as their fishing mates with gleaming smiles from ear to ear. Some couldn't wait to get out and fish for some walleye.

With the cold wind and choppy waves, the bay was quite rough for some boats as they sped through and managed to get to the center of the bay where the sweet spots of fish were at.

One by one the boats started catching the walleyes and cheers were shared amongst the boat captains.

Participants finished fishing around 1:30 p.m. and the boats made the return trip to the park. As each boat started arriving down the bay, crowds of spectators cheered and even saluted each boat as they returned.

The fish caught were cleaned and measured and plaques were awarded to the top four fishermen at a ceremony that was held in the evening. More than 1,000 walleye were caught. The biggest walleye was measured at 25 inches. Not only were walleye caught, other fish such as sheephead and pike were also brought in.

Members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors Society represented the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe proudly.

"They represented the Tribe very well with high standards," Larsen said. "I am very proud of the Ogitchedaw members. They do an excellent job and appreciate it."



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia
A veteran and boat captain hold up two walleyes.

Members of the Ogitchedaw made Larsen an honorary member.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was one of the main sponsors for the event, donating food and beverages to the volunteers and the guests.

"The event wouldn't have been able to take place without Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort," Larsen said. "You guys do such a wonderful job. Thank you."

Larsen wants to thank SCIT Human Resources Director Greg Falsetta to get the ball rolling on involving SECR with Walleye for Warriors, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, AOVWS, the volunteers, veterans and everyone that came out to show their support for the event.

For more information about Walleyes for Warriors, or to even sign up to be a volunteer at the event or a boat captain, go to www.walleyesforwarriors.com.



Flag Carriers welcomed the Eagle Staff Spirit runner/walkers.

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Brings Community Together

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Emotions ran high as the community gathered for the third annual “Honoring, Healing & Remembering” ceremony at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) on Thursday, June 6, marking the 79th anniversary of the school closing.

Young children that attended the boarding school were honored for their suffering, strength and resilience on this day of memorial and fellowship. MIIBS operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934 with an average enrollment of 300 students per year in grades Kindergarten through Eighth.

Like other American Indian boarding schools, students were forbidden to honor their culture, speak their language and practice their spirituality or tradition. Students were harshly forced into manual labor work and became victims of physical, mental and sexual abuse by facilitators at these boarding schools.

The Ziiibiwing Center’s research team has discovered 206

student deaths thus far utilizing newspaper articles on microfilm, county death records and other historical documents.

“Spirit Runners” in the Eagle Staff Run/Walk carried the names of those 206 deceased students from the boarding school to honor them.

The morning started off with the Sunrise Ceremony at the Mission Creek Cemetery with Tribal Council Chaplain Steve Pego leading the participants in prayer.

Back at MIIBS, the Pipe Ceremony, Grand Entry and the Flag Song performed by Great Lakes Alliance welcomed all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers and the local community.

Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom shared his opening remarks on this somber event.

“Today’s event is about honoring those that have attended, healing from the past trauma and remembering those who did lose their lives,” Kequom said. “We may be sad in doing so, but let us rejoice in the fact that we are still here today. We are regaining our culture and our language back. We have survived Indian

boarding schools. We are blessed to have what we have today and I know that our ancestors are smiling down on us.”

Curator of the Ziiibiwing Center and MIIBS Committee Member William Johnson read off the names of the 206 deceased students after the Pipe Ceremony. The crowd became silent, taking in every name of the deceased. A drum beat echoed after every individual name was called to honor those who have left us.

“By honoring them we respect the sacred circle of life and reclaim it as our own. The spirit of the Anishinabe people never left the students as they endured a new way of life,” Johnson said. “Today that same spirit resounds with the promise that they will never be forgotten. Great Lakes Alliance, we ask for honor beats for each one of our Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School students that perished while they were attending the school.”

The ceremony was filled with dedications and memorials, but it was a surprise to the crowd when SCIT was honored with a student memorial guitar. Johnson along with Ziiibiwing Director and MIIBS Committee Member Shannon Martin, Michigan State University Student Rachel Wise, her father Bill Wise and Seventh Generation Interim Director Ben Hinmon collaborated on building this guitar.



The five Residential Boarding School Survivors from Walpole Island. (Left to right) Jennie Blackbird, Beverly Williams, Sylvia Deleary, Ron Deleary and Susie Jones.

“Our Ziiibiwing Cultural Society Board of Directors often times has a vision and gives us the direction and approval to add to the tribal collection something that may not be represented within this collection,” Martin said. “Through a MSU intern that came to us over a year ago, discussions began between the (Ziiibiwing Center) intern and Willie, the intern’s supervisor. And through those discussions and the vision of healing, honoring and remembering came an opportunity for the Ziiibiwing Center to play a central role in not only providing an instrument for healing, but honoring an inspiration that came from our Tribal Community. Willie has been working diligently this past year to help make this inspiration become a reality for this community and communities across the Great Lakes.”

“The guitar features the SCIT logo, the Ziiibiwing Center logo, woodland floral designs of the Enduring Spirit of Our People exhibit on the fret-board and Honoring, Healing and Remembering in Anishinabemowin around the sound-hole,” Johnson said. “Shannon had the idea of

making the guitar-tuners replicas of the U.S. Indian Service buttons that graced the uniforms of the students.”

Bill Wise from Charis Acoustic showed utmost respect for the MIIBS students as he built this guitar.

“It is really a privilege and honor to be asked to do something like this,” Wise said “Not having any real idea what I was getting into, it was fun to watch my daughter, Rachel, and Willie scheme to come up with the ideas and to come up with the art that went along with it. I am disappointed my daughter is not here today because she did a lot of work on the inlay. It is my prayer that it will be used in a way that is honoring, healing and remembering by various groups of the community. Thank you for the opportunity to do this.”

Hinmon designed the entire back of the guitar and accepted the guitar on behalf of the SCIT.

“This guitar is absolutely beautiful,” Hinmon said. “I want to express my gratitude to Ziiibiwing for always thinking ahead and thinking about the future of our tribe, our tribal nation and our children. It is such an honor to work with these guys. They do such incredible work. It was a great honor to help design the back of this guitar.”

Tribal Elder Ellie Van Horn was the fortunate first one to play the guitar. She sang “Amazing Grace” in Ojibwe with the last verse in English, joined by the crowd.

Joe Riley from an Urban Indian Community in Detroit was the second to play the guitar.



The 206 deceased student names were quilted along the entire back of the commemorative quilt.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Eagle Staff Spirit runners/walkers finishing their walk to MIIBS.



The Commemorative Quilt stitched by the In Stitches Quilting Group.

"I will sing in honor of those who attended the boarding school to let their spirits know we are still walking with them," Riley said.



Ben Hinmon shows off the student memorial guitar.

"The design represents those children and how they clung to each other to get through those times," Hinmon said.

Five Residential Boarding School survivors from Walpole Island were powerful guest speakers. Ron Deleary, Sylvia Deleary, Beverly Williams, Jennie Blackbird and Susie Jones gathered to tell their personal experiences in residential boarding schools.

Beverly Williams attended for three years, starting in 1950. She was forced into attending the school and had to cut her hair.

"I missed my parents. I cried a lot and I wondered why I was there," Williams said.

As Williams told her painful, emotional story she began to cry. The audience was silent and sympathetic; these stories were so difficult to hear. Williams commended her elder friends who have helped her cope with her difficult past.

"The more I talk about it, the easier it gets," Williams said.

There are 130 Residential Boarding School survivors from Walpole Island. In 1981,

they had their first reunion that formed the survivors' group.

Veronica Pasfield, a University of Michigan doctoral candidate and Bay Mills Indian Community member discussed the harsh physical and sexual abuse she discovered that students suffered from at the boarding schools.

Many MIIBS committee members have also been personally affected by the boarding schools, including Martin and her family.

"I'm wearing a button that has my grandmother's name on it," Martin said. "She was a Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School student. Today I'm remembering her and thinking about what she had to endure within in these walls. My grandmother never talked about this school to my family. When I was 22 years old, I learned about this era in time through my own personal research. I finally understood why she never taught us the Potawatomi language. These schools brainwashed the students to never transmit the language to their children or grandchildren."

SCIT Tribal Council Member and MIIBS Committee Member Charmaine Shawana has also been personally impacted by the dismay of boarding schools.

"I feel honored to be a survivor of the boarding school because I know many of my relatives went to school here," Shawana said. "My mother went to a boarding school, it definitely impacted the way I was parented and I'm sure the way I parented my children. It feels good to be a survivor. My mother never talked about her experience. She talked about good things and never bad. I don't know if she repressed them or never wanted to share them, but she always talked about good things."

A Jingle Dress Healing Dance and Celebratory Round Dance gave healing to rejuvenate the spirit of the people. Guest Speaker Punkin Shananaquet gave an emotionally touching speech about the Healing Dance history and honoring those spirits whom have left us. The Jingle Dress Healing Dancers were Miana Crowley, Vanessa Schocko, Tiana Schocko, CeCe Henry, Maia Montoya, Sarah Hegyi, Iliana Bennett and Stormie Frees.

The In Stitches Quilting Group had the community partake in stitching a Honoring, Healing & Remembering Commemorative Quilt for the former students at MIIBS. All deceased student names are listed on the back of the quilt. The quilt is a great example of honoring, healing and remembering these students.

The quilt was unveiled for the first time on stage at the ceremony. The group members include Becky Pamp-Ettinger, Elizabeth Hughes, Sara Martin, Ellie Van Horn and Colleen Wagner with the support from Doris Lucas. Miigwetch to In Stitches Quilting Group, Ziibiwing Center and the community for

coming together to make this historical, beautiful quilt.

A silent auction took place at the MIIBS Project booth with great items provided by numerous sponsors. All proceeds will benefit the MIIBS Project.

Central Michigan University provided an informational booth about the two Archaeological Field School seasons that were conducted on the MIIBS grounds.

Guided 30-minute walking tours of the site were provided all day beginning at 12:15 p.m.

The community truly came together to honor those lives lost at the boarding school.

"To remember and honor them is the healing part for us as descendants," Martin said. "This day helps us to recognize how the American Indian boarding school era touched and impacted our families. By gathering together to have important conversations and ceremonies, we can help each other understand, reconcile and move forward. This event has become a part of the Saginaw Chippewa Community, and by making this opportunity available for people of all walks of life, they now become a part of this story."



The Jingle Dress Healing Dancers before the healing and celebratory round dances.

Eagle Staff Run

Honors Native Students Who Attended MIIBS

CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

Thursday, June 6 marked a day of honoring 206 students who perished from abuse and neglect at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. As many already arrived on the grounds of the boarding school on Crawford Road, many took part in the third annual Eagle Staff Run. The Eagle Staff Run was coordinated by the Seventh Generation Program.

When the Eagle Staff Run began back in 2011 the runners started at the northern part of the reservation at the Clare intersection of North County Line Road in Clare. They traveled southbound down Leaton Road to Broomfield Road and through the Miigwan and Moccasin

Road subdivision. The runners would then end at Behavioral Health on Shepherd Road. The route changed in 2012 for the second annual Eagle Staff Run in which runners ran a half mile segment of the course down Broadway to Main Street to Pickard and on Bradley Street which led the runners to the Industrial Boarding School. This year runners ran four miles down Broadway to Nelson Park and walked the last mile from Harris Street to Crawford Road to the boarding school.

No matter what route was taken, the importance of the run is to remember those children by carrying their names and to not forget them.

Seventh Generation Interim Director Ben Hinmon shared his experience while attending

a boarding school to the runners before the official start of the four mile run and one mile walk. The touching story of how students relied on each other to get through the tough times touched the hearts of many of the runners. With driven devotion each runner had a reason to go out and show their support. While the runners went down Broadway, caravans with those wishing to walk the rest of the mile trip to MIIBS traveled to Nelson Park where they would meet up with the runners.

SCIT Elder Damian Fisher was one of those runners who participated in the run and made sure that those who ran had a chance to carry the Eagle staff. He also got the chance to carry it.

"I had the honor and privilege to carry the Eagle staff along this year's Spirit run; it lifted my own spirit and inspired me to run without tiring, without effort and without regard to my tired feet, labored breath or aching sides," Fisher said. "It is the



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Runners and walkers travel down Crawford Street from Nelson Park. Runners wore a name from the 206 individuals that perished at MIIBS. Individuals that participated in the event, walked together and held all of the names clasped together by safety pins to the entrance of the boarding school.

duty of the living to order our prayers and deeds to account for the neglect, abuse and the deaths of each one of those dear children. Migizi won't let them be lost to the passing of time."

As the head person led the group by carrying the Eagle Staff, the runners and walkers traveled up Crawford Road each of them carried the names of the 206 students.

The rows of runners and walkers held the names which were adjoined by safety pins.

As the walkers and runners came into the entrance of the boarding school they were greeted by guests and also veterans carrying flags from various armed forces and different tribes. Each student who perished was named off and a single drum beat followed their name.



Remembering to Treat Everyone with Respect, We Are All Equal

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer

I was watching this video the other day on my iPhone. It was a conversation among an Asian lady and an Anglo man. They happened to be jogging and stopped at the same spot. Both were born in America but the man asked the lady where she was from. He went on to tell her he liked fried rice, Bruce Lee and other things he thought to be associated with Asians. She then turned the tables on the man and asked where he was from. He said, "Here" to which she replied, "You're Native American?" He said, "Oh, well my ancestors are from England." The lady replied, "I like 'Bangers and Mash'... would you like a spot of tea?... Cherry-o... Let's go drink a pint at the pub". Hehehe. Non-natives are funny.

I don't know about you but I know I've had more than my share of racism. Let me share a couple of instances. I was sitting with a group of friends at a well-known establishment that the college kids frequent. I noticed this guy smiling at me. I was thinking, "Is he looking at me?" After some time he garnered the courage to approach the table. He had this confident arrogance about him as he pulled up his chair and invited himself to sit. "So... what are you Filipino or something?" He said, still smiling

this huge smile. Wow, I was taken back and I wasn't really sure how to react. I kept silent and changed the subject. Later I had to go lookup what the people of the Philippines actually looked like so I could make a comparison. They are very beautiful, but no.

Back when I was in ninth grade at a predominately Non-Native school, I went in the counseling office to get some help with my math homework. It was set up much like it is today where the tribal students could get extra help if needed. I put my book down and talked out the problem and stopped when I got stuck. Then I asked a question about the problem and the lady working in there said, "Oh, you're drunk!" I replied, "Excuse me?" Because I wasn't sure I heard her right. And

she said, "Don't you know all Indians are drunks?" Wow. The same silence ensued. I'm sure we all have these stories under our hats. Some of them are funny and some not so funny but how you handle the situation is what defines you as a human being. Oh yeah, I never did see that "counselor" after that.

I just realized that this is how we are all equal. All races endure some type of racism. While watching the news the other day, this politician would not kiss the Pope's ring which is tradition. But once he said why he wouldn't — it made perfect sense to me. He said, "My mother told me that I am not beneath any man. We are all created equal in the eyes of God." Amen! There is no one better than anyone else in this world. If we all get cut, we all bleed.

My prayer to the Creator today will be that I remember to treat everyone with respect and not to dishonor Him by thinking I am better

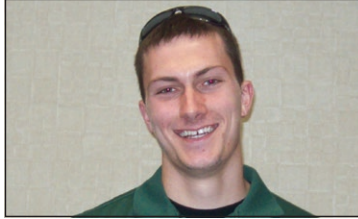
than someone else. Chi-miigwetch Gitchi Manidoo for another day to learn and another day to live what I learned. BaaMaaPii.

SEWPH Employee of the Month

MELISSA BAYDUK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to RV Park Ranger Blake Barnwell, employee of the month for the month of May!

Blake is a model employee at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park. Blake is dependable, hardworking and always has a positive attitude. Blake is a caring individual who is great with our senior guests as well as children. He meets and greets guests by name and goes great



Blake Barnwell

lengths to be as much help as he can wherever he is needed. Blake is always punctual and works every day with a smile. Thank you Blake for being such a valued employee.

Introduction to Stone Sculpting

Observer photo by Matthew Wright



Gage Colwell shows his stone sculpture made from African Wonderstone. It took three months to complete in the Seventh Generation Program's Introduction to Stone Sculpting class. The classes are open to anyone who is interested and introduce people to carving techniques and tools. Beginners are welcome even if they have never taken an art class. For more information contact the Seventh Generation Program at 989-775-4780.

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Saginaw Chippewa Academy Students Bring Science to Life at Fair

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

What could be more exhilarating than coming up with a scientific discovery or at least attempting to? For students at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, that is exactly what they did.

On May 23, the SCA held their Science Fair where students were assigned different science projects. Students had to come up with a hypothesis and document their research by photos and journals. Booths were set up for their classmates, the public and their parents to see.

From cutting the stems of flowers and placing them in different colored food dyes, to determining which paper towel



All SCA classrooms visited each science experiment throughout the day.

is stronger, each student had brought out their creative minds on a project.

It was the students that made the fair come to life as SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda explained that some of the

students' parents wanted to make the project but the students told their parents that they wanted to do it all by themselves. She commended those students who created their projects all on their own.

Mosqueda also complimented the students, saying that it was nice to see the students working hard with their minds and getting questions for their hypothesis and conclusions.

"We have bright students at SCA," Mosqueda said.

Each classroom constructed their own science fair projects in their rooms and each class was awarded a prize. The fourth, fifth and sixth grade class teachers awarded first, second and third prizes for their students that they felt had award winning projects. Students

also had the chance to be eligible for the overall school awards for first, second and third place and also the award for the students pick.

Teachers had to make sure each student followed a very detailed rubric to be eligible for a good grade and be in the running for the first, second and third place awards.

The overall winners for the SCA Science Fair were, in third place, Andre Leureaux with his musical glass bottles project, second place, Treazure Jones with her candy crystals project and in first place, Winnie Pelcher with her project of layering of different liquids.

Students picked for their choice, Courtney Swink and her project of seeing how many candy hearts are in a package. Great job students!

SCIT Hosts Annual Banquet Ceremony Honoring Graduates

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The SCIT Education Department hosted its annual K-12 Tribal Education Graduation Banquet on Tuesday, June 8. The event honored recent graduates.

The Great Lakes Alliance drum group opened the ceremony with a welcome song. Emcee for event was Christina Halliwill. SCIT Chief Dennis V. Kequom welcomed all in attendance and Tribal Council Member Charmaine Shawana provided a prayer. During the banquet a Powerpoint presentation displayed all of the graduates honored that night as well as their achievements and future aspirations.

Following the feast, Student Alumni Speaker Sarah Deaton shared her experiences and offered advice.

"You are who you surround yourself with," Deaton said. "Surround yourself

with people who have the same interests as you, people who support you and want you to be successful."

Each student was called onto the stage of the tribal gym and presented with a blanket. A special award was presented to Garrett Reed, recognizing his achievement of only missing eight total days of school from kindergarten through his senior year.

The graduates presented their ISE (Inspire, Support and Encourage) Award to the one person who made the biggest difference in their educational careers. This provided many touching moments as the students shared heartfelt accounts of how the person affected them. Many of the award recipients also joined the graduate on stage to thank them and share their side of the story.

Guest speaker Don Lyons motivated everyone with insightful bits of wisdom.

"In the next couple years the decisions you make, the things you study, the jobs you work and the people you meet are all going to impact you in one way or another," Lyons said. "Honor that because it is going to shape who you become ten years down the road."

The banquet honored: Maxamillion Barnett, Tyler Bielicki, Summer Cantu, Tyler Cozzie, Gabrielle Kennedy, Justice Kjolhede, William Matthews, Jory Melancon, David Merrill Jr., Brittany Morris, Jonathon Pierce, Blake Reinsberg, Izabella Ruffino, Kyle Showmin, Linda Sowmick, Jody Starkey, Andrew Lecronier, Ravin Alaniz, Cecilia Cooper, Dominique Key, Marcella Garcia, Jessica Pigeon, Skylar Ballew, Jordan Chamberlain, Cheyanne Drews, Rhyannon Quinlan, Garrett Reed and Nicholas Shawboose. "I would like to thank all the graduates



Guest Speaker Don Lyons, captures the attention of the audience by asking everyone to join him in a choreographed clap.

for the hard work in reaching this milestone in their lives," SCIT Director of Education Melissa Montoya stated in closing the banquet. "You make your families, elders and your community very proud."

Local SCIT Youth Receives Mt. Pleasant Women's City Scholarship

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

Receiving a scholarship is exciting, especially for doing something you enjoy. Breanna Colwell, SCIT member and Mt. Pleasant High School student, received a \$500 scholarship for performing in the 45th annual Music Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Women's City Club on Apr. 15.

The competition is funded through the club's annual Tour of Homes. A total of 18 students tried out to win one of six scholarships. These scholarships

help with the education of music in the students lives.

Colwell heard about the competition through her music teacher, Matt Taton. The contest was opened to seventh through eleventh graders from any school in Mid-Michigan whether they are in band or in choir. It was tough competition that Colwell had against her including competing against her friends.

"My best friend, Ben, competed against me on the tenor saxophone," Colwell said. "I had some vocalist friends and friends from both symphonic band and wind ensemble also compete."

It wasn't an easy walk in the park especially going in front of the judges with anxiety and performing. For Colwell, her nerves started kicking in before her performance.

"My private lesson teacher, Allison, told me, 'not to think about it being as a competition for something but rather you are there performing a piece that you love,' and that is why I chose the second movement from Carl Maria Von Weber Clarinet Concerto No. 1 Opus 73," Colwell said. "That is my favorite Clarinet Concerto ever and I didn't have to convince myself that I am playing a piece that I love, it was a piece that I really love. When I went up in front of the judges to tune up with my accompanist, Stephen Baker, I was nervous and you could tell because I managed to make my clarinet squeak a little when I was tuning it with the piano. At that moment I was like, 'oh no I am going to mess this up.' I took a second before I began and thought to myself, okay, forget about the judges and I directed myself to be able to look at my band director, Mr. Taton, and I kept thinking that I was performing a piece that I love and I am performing it for my director."

In the end, Colwell broke her self-conscious wall and forgot about her performance as a competition.

After the judges deliberated on the performances all of the competitors, they gathered together to hear the names of the winners. The winners were Benjamin Elliot, Trumpet; Logan Smith, Tenor Saxophone; Riley Smith, Classical Guitar; Megan Stinson, Mezzo Soprano; Annie Bjerke, Soprano and Breanna Colwell, B-flat Clarinet.

Colwell was the last name to be called and she couldn't believe it.

"I was completely and utterly surprised," Colwell said. "When I heard my name I was shocked and I didn't know what to say, it took me a couple of seconds to get up and receive my scholarship. I was frozen in my chair."

She plans on using the scholarship for music camps next year after she graduates, and many more things to help her with her music. As for music, this is just a beginning and she doesn't plan on giving up.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of May: Makayla Jackson, Jarrod Johnson, Ty Rios, Logan Adams, Andrew Chingman, Alyssa Finch, Dylan Klein and Molly Mandoka.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of May: Mariana Mays, Robert Saunders, Konin Kripa, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Chyla Wells and Eli Marin.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of May: Gabriela Escabedo, Darien Haggard, Foster Hoorman, Paul Rueckert, Meisha Raphael, Zoey Haggard, Nathaniel Houghton, Trent McConnell, Hudson Yager, Damion Haggard, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers, Zach Lezan and Thomas Trasky.

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SCTC Extension Program: A Quick Reflection of a Bright Future

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a 1994 land grant college, as it receives funds through the USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). SCTC Extension (SCTC-E) program is funded through NIFA and charged with reaching out to the tribal community to offer non formal education information. SCTC-E's vision statement is: SCTC-E will enrich the lives of American Indian families with an active outreach program designed to encourage tribal families to explore new opportunities, exchange ideas and excel in healthy attitudes. SCTC-E's focus areas are youth development and family consumer sciences.

As a result there have been many workshops that have been a coordination of services between SCTC-E and other tribal departments. There have been cooking classes offered as a cooperative effort between Nimkee Public Health and SCTC-E. This cooking class resulted in an unexpected and welcomed collaboration with Graff Chevrolet. There have been focus gardens placed within the community, one is a learning garden placed at the Sasiwaans Program. There were Sewing 101 classes offered to encourage people to learn some basic sewing skills.

SCTC-E has also been instrumental in outreach to the local schools to encourage students to embrace

education, graduate high school and become leaders. SCTC-E has also coordinated with SCIT Youth Task Force to assist with Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

In July 2013, SCTC-E will again get out the sewing machines and offer a ribbon shirt drop in workshop. **Email me at mpelcher@sagchip.edu** if you are interested in knowing the details. Otherwise watch your Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Facebook feed for the flyer.

SCTC-E has been very busy the past school year; I look forward to the new school year and the possibilities, opportunities and collaborations that can happen when we look to the future of the tribal community.



Students at Shepherd make mortarboards and pledge to graduate.



Learning the nutritional value of a pizza.

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ACC 115	Accounting Principles I	3	West 1	T/R	10:00 - 11:20	Smelser
ART 110	Fundamentals of Drawing I	3	MPHS	W	5:30-8:20	C. denHeeten
AST 110	Intro to Astronomy	3	Science Building	M/W	12:00-1:20	J. Miller
AST 110A	Astronomy Lab	2	Science Building	M/W	1:30-2:50	J. Miller
BIO 216 *	Native Plants & Medicines	3	Science Building	T/R	10:00-11:20	Calhoun
BIO 216A	Native Plants & Medicines-Lab	2	Science Lab	T	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
BUS 110	Intro to Business	3	West 2	T/R	10:30 - 11:50	Gotaas
BUS 150	Business Law	3	West 2	T/R	12:00-1:20	Gotaas
BUS 160*	Principles of Supervision	3	West 2	T/R	1:30-2:50	Gotaas
BUS 260	Human Resource Management	3	West 2	M	5:30-8:20	Wagner
CHM 105	Introduction to Chemistry	3	Science Building	T/R	5:00-6:20	Majorski
CHM 105A	Chemistry Lab	2	Science Building	T	6:30-8:20	Majorski
CPT 100	Keyboarding	3	East Computer Lab	M	5:30 - 8:20	TBA
CPT 292	Microsoft Office	3	East Computer Lab	T	5:30-8:20	TBA
ECO 201	Principles of Economics I	3	West 1	T/R	1:00-2:20	Smelser
ENG 096	Reading Comprehension	3	West 1	M	5:30-8:20	Blumer
ENG 098	Basic Writing I	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	10:00-11:20	D. Miller
ENG 099	Basic Writing II	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	1:30-2:50	D. Miller
ENG 101*	Composition I	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
ENG 102	Composition II	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	West 2	M/W	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
ENG 150	Intro to Literature	3	West 2	M/W	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
EVS 120	Environmental Science	3	Science Building	T/R	2:00-3:20	Calhoun
EVS 120A	Environmental Science Lab	2	Science Building	R	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
GEO 101	Geography	3	Science Building	M/W	10:00-11:20	J. Miller
HIS 103	United States History I	3	West 1	T	5:30-8:20	Clark-Tuzas
HUM 140	Intro to Film	3	West 1	T	2:30-5:20	Clark-Tuzas
MTH 095 1	Fundamentals of Math	3	West 1	M/W	12:00-1:20	Sukhanath
MTH 095 2	Fundamentals of Math	3	East 2	T/R	4:30-5:20	Sukhanath
MTH 099 1	Beginning Algebra	4	East 2	M/W	9:00-10:50	Sukhanath
MTH 099 2	Beginning Algebra	4	East 2	T/R	6:00-7:50	Sukhanath
MTH 105*	Intermediate Algebra	4	East 3	M/W	2:30-4:20	Rich
MTH 135*	College Algebra	3	East 3	M/W	10:30-11:50	Rich
MTH 140*	Pre-Calculus	4	East 3	T/R	10:00-11:50	Rich
MTH 230*	Intro to Statistics	3	East 2	T/R	1:30-2:50	Rich
NAS 100	Ojibwemowin Appreciation	3	MPHS	M/W	1:30-2:50	Jonaitis
NAS 138	NA Law & Policy	3	East 2	T/R	3:00-4:20	Slattery
NAS 254	Contemporary NA Art	3	West 2	W	5:30-8:20	Pelcher
NAS 260	Anishnaabe History	3	East 2	T/R	12:00-1:20	Slattery
NAS 280	NA Philosophical Thought	3	East 2	M/W	12:00-1:20	Slattery
OJB 101	Ojibwa Language I	3	East 2	M/W	1:30-2:50	Roy
OJB 102	Ojibwa Language II	3	East 3	T/R	1:30-2:50	Roy
OJB 201	Ojibwa Language III	3	East 3	M/W	12:00-1:20	Roy
OJB 202	Ojibwa Language IV	3	East 3	T/R	3:00-4:20	Roy
PSY 101	Intro to Psychology	3	West 1	W	5:30 - 8:20	Ruhl
REL 180	Intro to Religion	3	East 2	M/W	3:00-4:20	Slattery
SDV 099	Student Development	3	West 2	T	5:30-8:20	Wagner
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	East 2	T	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
SPN 101	Spanish I	3	West 2	T/R	4:30-5:50	Jonaitis
SPN 102*	Spanish II	3	West 2	T/R	6:00-7:20	Jonaitis

SCTC Joins Facebook Network!

MARCO ANGIOLINI
Contributing Writer

Social Media has become one of the fastest growing trends all over the world. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, in an effort to increase exposure and encourage all people to pursue the educational opportunities offered at SCTC, has decided to join the Facebook website.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College staff is proud to announce that the official SCTC Facebook page is now online and encourages everyone to "Like" the page in order to view the current timeline and receive

notifications on upcoming activities and events.

The SCTC Facebook page came as the culmination of efforts that led to the approval of the SCTC Social Media Policy by the SCTC Board of Regents, the page was officially published on May 1, 2013 and currently counts more than 200 "Likes."



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The '60s Came Alive Again with Where the Action Is Tour

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 1960s came alive again on Saturday, June 8 when the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the Where the Action Is Tour featuring Paul Revere and the Raiders, The Association, Mary Wilson from The Supremes and Mitch Ryder.

Detroit resident and Red Wings fan, Mitch Ryder, opened the show with his wailing, powerful voice as he played the tambourine. He started the night off by saying he is aware there are a lot of elders in his fan base.

"I know my demographics of this show, so if any of you want to stand up, dance, cheer and clap. Please do it slowly," Ryder said causing the audience to chuckle.



Mitch Ryder performing his hit "Devil with a Blue Dress On".



Mary Wilson impresses the crowd with her stage presence and vocal ability.

Ryder performed his highest chart-topping hit with The Detroit Wheels at No. 4, "Devil with a Blue Dress On." The song is from the concert album "No Nukes" recorded in the early 1980s. The audience roared when the band began playing, "Jenny Take a Ride!" which reached No. 10 in 1965. Ryder hit a long high note when he performed a cover of the Prince song, "When You Were Mine" that he recorded on the album "Never Kick a Sleeping Dog".

Well-known for their love songs, The Association performed next. Four of the band members came to SECR; Jim Yester, Jules Alexander, Russ Giguere and Larry Ramos. Ramos told the audience he had been with his wife for more than 50 years now.

He dedicated their song, "Never My Love" to her. "Never My Love" was a huge hit, climbing the charts to No. 2 in Billboard. It is the second most played radio song of all time.

Not only did The Association wear matching white outfits, their voices also complimented each other so well and they had soothing harmonies in every song. The harmonies stood out in their cover of The Mama's & The Papas song "California Dreamin'".

Their first national hit was "Along Comes Mary". Many radio stations would not play it because it was considered to be too controversial at the time. The recording went to No. 7 on Billboard that led to the group's first album, "And Then... Along Comes The Association." The Association also played one of their hit songs "Cherish".

The SECR entertainment hall turned into a dance party when Mary Wilson from The Supremes took the stage. Wilson, the vocalist and founding member of The Supremes, with Diana Ross and Florence Ballard, was raised in Detroit. She is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, when The Supremes were inducted in 1988. She had her



The Association making the crowd go wild with their performance of their hit "Never My Love"

first record with The Supremes in 1964. She recently celebrated her 54th anniversary of singing, and at age 69, she is still going strong.

Wilson performed The Supremes' hit song "You Can't Hurry Love", a number one hit at the end of 1966. During Wilson's performance of the 1965 hit song "Stop! In the Name of Love", women from the audience were called on stage to dance with Wilson and perform back-up vocals and movements.

"You Keep Me Hanging On" became The Supremes eighth number-one single when it topped the Billboard Hot 100 pop singles chart for two weeks in the United States in 1966. Wilson did that song justice with her powerful vocals and amazing stage presence. Wilson said her favorite song is "Someday We'll Be Together" and it was apparent to be true when she gave her heart and soul into that performance, holding out the last powerful note. This was the last of twelve number one singles for The Supremes on the Motown label.

Paul Revere and The Raiders had high energy performances and synchronized dances as they jammed out to their musical instruments. Paul Revere himself could not attend, but the fill-in



Paul Revere and The Raiders entertain the crowd with their synchronized movements.

vocalist was just as impressive with his energetic and seductive dance moves. He knew how to work the crowd as he danced, pointed to audience members and interacted with them.

The lead singer asked the audience, "How many of you still listen to Paul Revere and the Raiders songs?" The crowd went wild and raised their hands. Their 1966 hit "Hungry" was performed. "(I'm Not Your) Steppin' Stone" is best known as a hit for The Monkees at No. 20. Paul Revere and the Raiders also gave the song emotion when they recorded it on the album "Midnight Ride".

Audience members were on their feet after every performance to give the bands a standing ovation. At the end of the night, each band member was kind enough to wait in the back of the entertainment hall to sign autographs.

Comedian Ron "Tater Salad" White Delivers His Signature Blunt Humor

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The comedic genius of Ron White was on full display during a sold out show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, June 15. He is known for being outspoken, irreverent and unapologetically obnoxious and as everyone in attendance that night could attest he was downright hilarious. Armed with a cigar in one hand and a glass of scotch in the other he gave a rowdy performance which was perfectly summed up in the title of the show, "A Little Unprofessional".

As a touring comedian since 1986, he spent the first two decades of his career struggled in obscurity as a small time comedian. It wasn't until he joined the wildly popular Blue Collar Comedy Tour, alongside Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy, that

his career took off. Since then White has established himself as a comedic force with two Grammy nominations, a Gold Record, three of the top rated one-hour TV specials in Comedy Central history, a book that appeared on the New York Times Best Seller List and CD and DVD sales of more than 10 million units. White currently has five albums including his most recent, "A Little Unprofessional", "Truckstop Comedy", "Drunk in Public", "You Can't Fix Stupid", and "Behavioral Problems".

The gifted story teller White, entertained the crowd with tales of partying on Dr. Phil's yacht, embarrassing his wife in front of hundreds of people, having "the talk" with his son, and even how he acquired his alias "Tater Salad," which he mockingly gave to an officer during an arrest. Even now at the ripe age of 56 he has maintained his wild side and



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

With his razor-sharp timing, Ron White manages to be both crude and witty at the same time.

bad boy streak, but it's his rambunctious attitude which colors his monologues. Being himself is what makes people laugh, and it's this approach that makes his comedy successful. Interestingly enough, and he has said this himself, the Ron White you see on stage is the same Ron White you could encounter any other day of the week.

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Kings of the Mic Bring Back the Days Of Old School Rap

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Kings; yes, they are kings when it comes to spitting out lyrics and rhymes, chart topping hits and making a movement in rap. The Kings of the Mic Tour at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort transported fans back to the early era when rap was first introduced into mainstream radio.

De La Soul, Public Enemy, Ice Cube and LL Cool J made their existence known with different styles of rap. A DJ accompanied each artist on stage.

DJ Chuck opened the show with some of his mix master skills



Members of De La Soul perform their hit song, "Me Myself and I".

on the turn tables by mashing up old school songs and getting the crowd excited for what's in store. It was then when his fifteen vintage music mash-up ended, De La Soul appeared on the stage. The band consisting of members, Kelvin Mercer also known as "Posdnuos", David Jolicoeur or "Dave" and Vincent Mason known as "Maseo" are famous for their alternative hip-hop funk. De La Soul has been in the music business for more than 25 years.

Fans enjoyed the group's hits, "Me Myself and I" and De La Soul incorporated the song, "Flashlight" by Parliament into their song lineup. The band had gotten the crowd excited for the next group, Public Enemy.

Public Enemy consists of Chuck D, Flavor Flav and DJ Lord. Two dancers in army fatigues approached the stage and marched in unison. DJ Lord, Chuck D and the other members of the band lifted their fists in the air and told the audience to get up and do the same. As DJ Lord was spinning the turn tables, Flavor Flav rushed on the stage with

much enthusiasm. The crowd was overly excited to see him busting out the lyrics to songs.

One of Flavor Flav's accessories was missing. The white clock he had on a chain was absent. He explained that he has been wearing that clock since 1987 and he would not take it off until Public Enemy was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. It was on December 1, 2012 that Public Enemy was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for the class of 2013.

Instead of the white signature clock he would wear, he decided to whip out a tiny clock attached to a chain around his neck from under his shirt.

As the old school tracks were being played, fans were treated to songs such as, "Public Enemy No. 1", "Don't Believe the Hype", "I Shall Not Be Moved".

It was then that Chuck D addressed the crowd and said that today's rap music is nothing like the classic old school music. He then said to shut the radio's down which led into their song, "Shut Em Down". As the tempo



Ice Cube, a notorious musician for his gangster lyrics in the '90s, got the crowd on their feet.



Known as Ladies Love Cool James, LL Cool J has been entertaining fans with his music and his roles in movies for more than 29 years.

of wanting to be rebellious, they ended the show with the song, "Fight the Power".

With two acts down and another two coming on stage, the audience was hyped up. O'Shea Jackson, better known as Ice Cube, appeared on stage. The crowd bounced from their seats to their feet as the rapper known for his hardcore, violent and controversial lyrics appeared on stage ready to break out his songs. He performed his hits, "How to Survive in South Central", "Jackin' for Beats", "Rollin' Wit the Lench Mob", "Steady Mobbin" and "Check Yo Self".

DJ Z-Trip opened LL Cool J's set as LL appeared behind the DJ. With his gold crystal encrusted microphone in hand, LL Cool J pumped up the crowd by singing, "Mama Said Knock You Out". He also sang, "Jack The Ripper", "Whaddup", "Doin' It", "Luv U Better", "Headsprung", "4,3,2,1", "Round The Way Girl" and "Goin Back To Cali".

Fans surely enjoyed the night of flashing back to the days of the beginning era of old school rap.

Huey Lewis Brings the Power of Rock and Roll to SECR

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Thirty years. It was in 1983 when Huey Lewis and the News launched their bestselling album, "Sports". To help mark their 30th anniversary, Huey Lewis and the News launched their Sports tour across America and brought their well-known songs to a sold out crowd at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Known for their blues-rock, soul and doo-wop harmonies, Lewis still belted out the songs with his raspy, powerful voice that brought fans into their music.

Huey Lewis has been in the music industry since the 1970s and performed in the jazz-funk band, Clover. The band provided the backing band for Elvis Costello on his album, "My Aim Is True". Lewis also worked with the band, Thin Lizzy, by lending his harmonic abilities to the song,

"Baby Drives Me Crazy".

At first when coming up with a band that Lewis wanted to be in, the name Huey Lewis and the American Express was formed in 1978. They had to change the name after the credit card company, American Express disapproved of the name and it was then changed to Huey Lewis and the News.

After producing two albums, "Huey Lewis and the News", and "Picture This", the airplay of the albums went unnoticed. It was then, "Sports" produced hits that caused frequent air play that launched their stardom in the music industry and led to more albums with chart topping hits.

For the anxious fans that filled the SECR Entertainment Hall, this was a night that took them back in time.

As the melody of the song, "The Heart of Rock & Roll" started playing, an uproar arose

from the crowd in excitement as Huey Lewis approached the stage. Lewis slipped his hand into his pants pocket, he pulled out his trusty harmonica and started playing along to the tempo of the song. It was then, his soulful voice echoed over the microphone as the audience chimed in to sing along.

During the verse, DC, San Antone and Liberty Town, Boston and Baton Rouge, Lewis incorporated Mt. Pleasant into it and the crowd screamed in delight.

Lewis knew how to make the crowd dance as the band played, "Heart and Soul", and the catchy tune, "I Want A New Drug". As Elvis Presley dropped to his knee on stage in many performances, Lewis did the same thing during the verse of, "I Want A New Drug". Fans flocked in front of the stage hoping to get a hand shake from Lewis. The song ended on a high note as guitar



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Huey Lewis brought back the memories of the '80s, and '90s with hits such as, "This Is It", "Workin' for a Livin'", and "Do You Believe In Love".

solos roared rhythmic cords, the sassiness of the saxophone played and the drums beats ended in unison and the lights drew to a dark close. The house spotlight turned on to Lewis standing next to the microphone addressing his fans by saying, thank you.

"Good evening and thank you for coming to join us for the 30th anniversary of Sports," Lewis said. "Thirty years ago there

were no cell phones, no Internet, no computers, no wrinkles, no glasses and I had a lot of hair."

The audience laughed along with Lewis. He told the crowd that during the night they planned on playing all of the songs off their "Sports" album from the beginning to the end.

He told the audience that the next song, "Walking On A Thin Line" was dedicated to the Veterans in the audience and everyone sang along. There were no breaks in between the songs as the band went right into playing, "Finally Found A Home".

Other songs that were played that were included on the album were, "This is It", "You Crack Me Up" and "Honky Tonk Blues". They even brought out a new song called, "While We're Young". The concert drew to a close as the song "The Power Of Love" made famous by the movie, "Back to the Future" ended the night.

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Girls on the Run of Mid-Michigan Annual 5K Run

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

At the end of every season the Girls on the Run of Mid-Michigan ends with an annual 5K run. This year, 656 girls from Third to Eighth grades took to the streets of Shepherd, Mich. on Saturday, May 18. About 1100 people came to complete the 3.1 mile course which started and ended at the Shepherd High School track. A total of 51 area teams, including 25 different schools were in attendance.

Girls on the Run is a national, non-profit program for girls in grades Third to Eighth. Across the United States and Canada there are more than 200 locations. The mission of GOTR is "To educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living."

The Mid-Michigan group serves Isabella, Gratiot and Clare Counties. The local program consists of 20 lessons leading up to the 5K event. These lessons teach the girls far more than just running. The program empowers young girls



Photo courtesy of Louanna Bruner
SCIT members pictured from left to right: Lauryn Leureaux, Naveah Badger, Carli Sprague and Jenna Rios.

with physical training, life skills and self-esteem building. All of these lessons are a result of a collaboration of the girls with volunteers from the community and their parents.

"Girls on the Run covers a wide variety of topics within three over-arching categories; value clarification, teambuilding, and community," GOTR Mid-Michigan Coordinator Jennifer Crawford said. "Specific topics within the curriculum cover issues such as gossiping, body image and the media, substance abuse, nutrition, how to be a good listener, bullying, effective



The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Team.

and healthy communication (I-messages), healthy decision making, what their community provides for them and what they can do to help their community."

GOTR of Mid-Michigan started in 2003 with eight teams and 108 girls. Since then the program has experienced incredible growth. According to Crawford, the spring 2012 event had 50 teams and 667 participants. This resulted in a 518 percent growth over the span of ten seasons.

"The support for our program has been incredible," Crawford said. "So we expect our growth to continue."

Local sponsors for the Girls on the Run of Central Michigan include the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. For more information on the program visit their main website at www.girlsontherun.org, and for the Mid-Michigan chapter visit www.gotrmidmichigan.org.



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Around 1100 participants took to the streets of Shepherd for the 5K.

The 22nd Annual Human Race Proves to be a Success Once Again

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 22nd annual Human Race took place on Wednesday, June 12 at Seventh Generation. About 250 people showed up to walk, run the mile, 5K or just to support their family.

Milton "Beaver" Pelcher founded the Human Race to promote cultural awareness and physical wellbeing. It celebrates the four races of the world, promotes cultural tolerance, understanding, global unity and racial equality for all people.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sponsored this race while the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center, Nimkee Fitness Center, Seventh Generation Director Ben Hinmon and Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman organized the event.

Harman has ran the Human Race almost every year and it is his ninth year coordinating the race.

"This is an opportunity to bring together people who would normally run a 5K, practice their own activity and fitness life while mixing the culture that the Tribe

brings," Harman said. "You see the same families coming back every year over and over again. We create a lot of great relationships through the years and people love to come out because Seventh Generation serves them so well and puts on a great race."

Administrative Assistant for Sasiwaans Immersion School Damian Fisher ran the 5K.

"Ben Hinmon's opening comments reminded the runners how the four colors of the Medicine Wheel show the four races: Yellow, Red, Black and White," Fisher said. "I've always recognized that



Observer Photo by Natalie Shattuck

Competitive runners take off at the starting line at the 22nd annual Human Race.

to be true and this race was a wonderful celebration of those races coming together to do what we humans have all evolved to do so well; to run on two legs with great speed and endurance!"

This year, beautiful hand-crafted Cedar Eagle Feather Awards made by Patrick Collins and staff were given to

the top three male and female finishers in the 5K and the top three finishers in the one mile Fun Run/Walk.

A full course post-race dinner was served for all in the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

The 22nd annual Human Race once again had a great turn out and was a huge success.

New Parents Support Group

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Contributing Writer

The Postpartum Support Group is now the New Parents Support Group. If you are a new mother, father or caregiver of a baby under the age of two, this support group will be of help to you.

The New Parents Support Group will meet the last Friday

of every month at the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light snack will be served.

We will be discussing topics about the new baby and toddler. We will have an open discussion as well as planned information related to the postpartum period, caring for the newborn, breastfeeding, infant and toddler

growth and development. You will learn how to play with your child to help them meet the growth and development milestones per their age. We will be talking about how to keep your relationships strong while raising a child. Taking care of yourself as well as your family and much more is in store for you at each meeting.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule July 2013				Monday - Friday 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		Yoga Catherine	
12:00 p.m.	Fast Blast 4! Jayme	Turbo Kick Judi	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Turbo Kick Adeanna	Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Leah	Walk N' Talk Michelle		Walk N' Talk Michelle	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
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"GO FOR THE GOLD" Campaign Promotes the Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The 26th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics will be held on Friday, July 26 on the campus of Central Michigan University at the Bennett Track and Field. Registration and check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the opening ceremonies starting at 9 a.m.

A "Go for the Gold" campaign was created to increase awareness of MIFO and participation from Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Members because their

attendance is greatly needed this year. Unfortunately, attendance from SCIT Members has been low compared to the number of participants the other competing Tribes bring in.

"Go for the Gold" Committee Volunteer and MIFO Participant Steven Wassegijig hopes the SCIT competitor numbers increase this year.

"When I first (attended) this, it was just our Tribe (hosting) it," Wassegijig said. "I kept my eyes on it over the years and I see how it has gone

from us just hosting it. There is no involvement. It isn't the same when I participated before. This is our Tribe, we are hosting this and representing the people here, so this is our opportunity to get active. I hope the numbers come up because the other tribes bring buses full of competitors."

Fitness Attendant and "Go for the Gold" Campaign Member Adeanna Sexton would also like to see more involvement from the local Tribal community.

"Our community has been separated for many years now," Sexton said. "We need to just put everything aside to come together for the day to restructure this community from the bottom up. This community has been struggling for so long to get the participation we want and it is time. It is time for everyone to be together as a group again."

MIFO offers many events to participate in. Sprints, long-distance runs, one-mile runs, softball throws, long jumps, lacrosse, archery and new children activities are all available to compete in.

Youth Facility Assistant and "Go for the Gold" Campaign Member Luke Sprague is helping plan MIFO and also plans on competing in many contests.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

"Go for the Gold" campaign community members help promote the 26th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

"I may participate in lacrosse, but I plan on competing in all the track meets and archery (competitions)," Sprague said. "I went to the (MIFO) meeting and tried to set up a lacrosse tournament. I like to compete and this is a great event for all of the Natives around the state to compete against each other. This is the one time of the year they have that opportunity." The campaign hopes to create a Team SCIT and help promote the invitation to the local Tribal community to compete against other Tribes. Participation from any Tribal Member is welcome. Team SCIT wants to come in at first place!

The 26th annual MIFO begins on Friday, July 26

with games officially beginning with a Golf Scramble Competition and Lacrosse tournaments on Thursday, July 25. Registration closes on Wednesday, July 24.

Tribal banners or flags are welcomed to show support of the Tribe for opening ceremonies and to display throughout the day. Participants are encouraged to wear their own team shirt that represents their Tribe.

MIFO started in 1987 by SCIT Health Educator Sue Siller to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of physical activities for SCIT members. It expanded to include Tribes and tribal organizations throughout the state of Michigan. Last year, there were about 800 participants.



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(\$8 per person - Bennett Track & Field)
Lacrosse Tournament - 6:30 pm (Bennett Track & Field)

Friday, July 26th

Track & Field Competitions and Games (CMU's Bennett Track & Field)
Registration - 7:30 a.m. with Opening Ceremonies - 9:00 a.m.
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Daughters of Tradition;

On Behalf of Andahwod/Elder Services we would like to say Miigwetch for volunteering for the Mothers' Night Out event. The elders enjoyed the nail polishing, hand scrubs and assistance with food and beverages. We appreciate the Daughters of Tradition positive dedication to serving the community. We hope to have the Daughters of Tradition return as volunteers in the future.

Miigwetch,

Gayle Ruhl, MSW
Senior Assisted Living Administrator



Tribal Youth Volunteers at Elder Events

We would like to give a shout out to our teen volunteers that helped with Mother's Day and Father's Day events for District One Elders Services. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Youth Council and Daughters of Tradition assisted with every aspect of our event on Mother's Day. They helped to make this event very special for the elder mothers and their guests. Many of the girls did manicures, which included hand scrubs and polishing nails. The Youth Council assisted with sewing rice bags that were heated and put on the elder mothers' shoulders while they were getting their nails done. Others worked in the central gathering area serving beverages. The whole experience was relaxing for the mothers and the teens had a good time too.

On Father's Day, the Tribal Youth Council assisted with washing the fathers' cars. Their assistance was so appreciated again. It takes many willing hands to make an event memorable for those attending, and at these two events there were memories made for both age groups.

Those that are interested in becoming a volunteer at Andahwod or for Elder Services events, please contact Julie at 989-775-4306 or Sheligh at 989-775-4300 for an application.

The Michigan Indian Elder Association Awards Ten 2013 Student Incentive Checks

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

The Michigan Indian Elder Association (MIEA) awarded ten SCIT members or SCIT descendants with the 2013 student incentive checks. The MIEA is a non-profit organization composed of the twelve federally recognized tribes of Michigan. The association promotes awareness of issues affecting Michigan Native American Elders. Part of their objectives is to encourage native youth to value education by attending class and achieving good grades.

More than 199 youth are awarded student incentives for

the 2012/2013 academic year. The applications are available in Feb. and March of every year and all materials need to be due by mid-April. A total of \$100 can be awarded to qualifying students; \$25 for all A's first and/or second marking period and \$25 for perfect attendance first and/or second marking period. Students must show proof of perfect attendance, all A's or both with the application materials.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Elder Services program is trying to get the word out to all members with school age students who are members or direct decedents. The first year the program was aware of this scholarship no

Students Included:

Jarek Chamberlain - Grade 9
Nyah Chippeway - Grade 4
Kalel Faber - Grade 6
Calahan Hempe - Grade 11
Madison Kequom - Grade 6
David McLenithan - Grade 10
Jordan McLenithan - Grade 7
Isaiah Ruffino - Grade 10
Izabella Ruffino - Grade 12
Spender Wehner - Grade 9

members qualified, the second year four awards were given and the past year 10 students received awards. Next year the goal is to have more than 10 SCIT students receiving student incentives.

Andahwod Employee of the Month

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

Joe Kequom was chosen as the June 2013 Employee of the Month. Joe has worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for more than thirty years. He started out by writing a grant for law enforcement; he became a police officer and worked his way to Captain. Joe works at Andahwod as a Security Guard.

He also helps out with coffee break and can often be seen chatting with the residents. One resident said of Joe, "He is a good guy." Others have said that Joe is so helpful and friendly. His hobbies include hunting and fishing, bow-hunting and shooting sports. He likes to travel, sightsee, and enjoys training and riding horses.

This is the fourth time that Joe has been chosen Employee of the Month! Miigwetch, Joe



Joe Kequom

for the great job that you do and congratulations on being chosen as the June 2013 Employee of the month!

JULY 2013 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 2 Doris Romer, Joseph Sowmick, Sherry Hileman, Betty Stallcup | 17 Larry Burnham, Gary Grills, Kevin Hancock, Gerald Nahgahgwon, Mark Walraven |
| 3 Janis Ash, Belinda Land, Randall Bird, Daniel Wayne | 18 Clare Camburn, Marcus Peters, Miranda Stockel |
| 4 Catherine Wending | 19 Randy James |
| 5 Barbara John | 20 Phyllis Kequom, L. Abraham |
| 6 Deborah Christie, James Trisch | 21 Matthew Sprague, Joe Brown |
| 7 Shirley Dalton, Joanne Rogers, | 22 Eleanor Ebright, Sharon Aumend, Kimberly Dorow, Louise Hunt, Michael Neyome, David Russell, Carmeline Steele, |
| 8 Carmen Otto, Timothy Sedlow, Robert Wayne Sr. | 23 Simon Jackson Sr., Linell Crampton, Robert Fallis III, Tina Howard |
| 9 Mary Johnson, Patricia Keshick, Vicky Madosh, Harry Pelcher Jocelyn Perkins, Phillip Meir III | 24 David Perez Sr., Gary Sprague, Cheryl Berlin, Andrew Falcon, Jane Jolly, John McDonald |
| 10 Greg Falsetta, Barbara Link | 25 Guy Jackson, Michael Dalton, Anthony Sprague Sr. |
| 11 Diane Dege, Leo Jackson Jr., Nancy Nedwash, Lawrence Verga Jr. | 26 Barbara Durga, Betty Gould, Veronica High, Samuel Sharon |
| 12 Eric Anderson, William McClain, David Miller, Laurence Peters | 27 John Jackson, Myron Cloutier, Donald Federico |
| 13 Delmar Jackson Jr., Celia Osawabine, Mary Bukowiec, William Kellogg | 28 Judy Johnson, Thomasine MeShawboose, Duane Beaulieu, Colleen Kirby |
| 14 Dennis Christy Sr., Dennis Quayle, Gregory Stevens | 30 Marlin Bennett, Mary Gonzales, Ann Orr, Edith Padilla |
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One of our dedicated personal advocates will work with you to resolve any issues you may be facing, connect you with the right mental health professional, direct you to a variety of helpful resources in your community, and more. Best of all, it's free.

The Facts on EAP

- The EAP toll-free phone number is 888.371.1125
- We're available 24/7/365
- Available to you and your household family members

EAP Services Include:

- Counseling:** 1-3 Face-to-Face sessions with a counselor in your area.
- Consultation and support by phone:** Consultations may be related to questions about behavioral health related topics, assistance with problem identification, problem-solving skills, approaches and/or resources to address behavioral concerns.
- Legal assistance:** Free, 30-minute consultation with an attorney face-to-face or by phone.
- Financial:** Free 30-minute telephonic consultation by phone with a qualified specialist on issues such as debt counseling or planning for retirement

- Child care:** Resources and referrals for child care providers, before and after school programs, camps, adoption organizations and information on parenting questions and prenatal care.
- Elder care:** Resources and referrals for home health agencies, assisted living facilities, social and recreational programs, and long-distance care giving.
- Pet care:** Resources and referrals for pet sitting, obedience training, veterinarians and pet stores.
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Calendar of Events

July 4

Independence Day Celebration, Fireworks, Bounce Houses, balloon twisting, stilt walker, Monster Trucks, Magician, Facepainting, Live music with Ben Schuller, Public Welcome, FREE, 4-9pm

July 5

Star cookies at check-in. (while supplies last)
Nokomis activity, 7-8pm

July 6

Waterpark Fun Day, 1-4pm

July 20

Teen Night, (See ad below)

July 27

Hawaiian Luau Party and Acoustic set on Nbakade Veranda, 4-8pm. Limbo competition, 8pm.

4th of July CELEBRATION



4-9pm

- * Monster Trucks, Fireworks, Inflatables & Magician
- * Face Painting & Caricatures
- * Food & Beverage Tent
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July 12 - Splice
July 20 - Ben Schuller
July 30 - Mark Daisy Music



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- July 3, 13, 27 S'mores with Makwa, 9-10pm
- July 4 Kid's craft, 6-8pm, Flags at check-in
- July 6 Kid's craft, 9-11am
- July 11 Game night, 7-9pm
- July 19 Kid's craft, all day
- July 25 Game night, 7-9pm
- July 26 Kid's craft, 6-8pm
- July 22-31 50% OFF boat rentals and camp store specials at RV Park

- July 29 1st Annual Anniversary Picnic
- July 31 RV Park Anniversary

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11pm - 1am
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July 12 - GLOW GOLF!

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JULY 2013 EVENT PLANNER

- Euchre**
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Chair Aerobics**
June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Elder's Breakfast**
July 10, 24 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Bingo with Friends**
July 17 | 1 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Baby Celebration**
July 17 | 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation
Contact: 989-775-4780
- In Stiches Quilting Group**
July 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 | Tuesdays 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4750
- Community Walk'n Talk**
July 2-4,9-11,16-18,23-2,30 | Wednesday 5 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m.
Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: 989-775-4690
- Introduction to Stone Sculpting Class**
July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Elijah Elk Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4780
- Native Famer's Market**
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Housing Pavilion
Contact: 989-775-4059
The market will be held every Wednesday until October 9, 2013.
- American Indian Dances**
July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-824-4750
July 6: Men's and Women's Traditional
July 13: Men's Grass and Women's Jingle
July 20: Men's Fancy Feather and Women's Shawl
July 27: Social and Hoop Dancing
- Health, Wellness and Lifestyle Expo**
July 10 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: SECR Ballroom
Contact: 989-775-6271
Hosted by SCIT At-Large Program
Free and open to the public
- Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Social**
July 10, 24 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4386
- Horseshoes On the Hill**
July 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: SCIT Campground
Contact: 989-775-4128
July 31 Double Elimination Tournament
- Daughters of Tradition Sleepy Bear Dunes Trip**
July 17 | Depart 8:30 a.m., Return 10:30 p.m..
Location: Sleepy Bear Dunes
Contact: 989-824-1209
Meet at Behavioral Health at 8 a.m.
Nature walk, dunes climb, swimming and relaxing.
Please call ASAP if you plan on attending.
- Housing Financial Workshop**
July 18 | Noon
Location: Housing Conference Room
Contact: 989-775-4595
- Saganing Health Fair**
July 18 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Saganing Tribal Center
Contact: 989-775-5820
- Family Beading Lessons**
July 19 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation
To Sign Up: 989-775-4001
Learn to bead with your family.
- 26th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics**
July 26 | Registration: 7:30 a.m., Opening Ceremony: 9 a.m.
Location: CMU Bennett Track
Contact: 989-775-4694
Pre-registration: www.sagchip.org/fitness/mifo/
- Baby Moccasins With the Elders**
July 26 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4907
- Native Fest: Car Bingo**
July 31 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4750
- Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football Signup**
July 29, August 5 | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: AAA Locker Storage behind Meijer's
Contact: 989-775-4128
- Eagle Adventure Challenge**
July 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12, 15-17, 19, 22-24 | Fri. 8 p.m. - 5 p.m.,
Mon.-Wed. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Tribal Ops Gym
Contact: 989-775-4128

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JULY 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	2 Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	3 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym Game Room 5-8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	5 Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	6 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 7 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



Tribal Observer Classified

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

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Tribal Operations

Indian Child Welfare Specialist

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an Associate's degree in human services field. Must have knowledge of or experience with Native American communities. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Law. Act as a liaison and advocate to SCIT members, SCIT eligible for membership and SCIT descendants residing within the state of Michigan to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the ICWA agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI and the Michigan Department of Human Services. Conduct home studies for the purpose of licensing Tribal foster care homes within the state of Michigan.

T.O. Grounds Worker Part-Time Temp

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Performs all necessary job duties and responsibilities to maintain lawns, flower beds and snow removal at various locations.

Tribal Education Librarian

Open to the public. A Master's degree with a Library Media endorsement from the State of Michigan; or a Master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Must have substantive experience in library information technology, library collections and excellent oral and written communications skills. Prefer Ojibwe language speakers. Prefer experience working for a Native American Indian Tribe or in a Native American community.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws.

Dean of Research

Open to the public. Master's degree in a field related to statistics, institutional research, quantitative analysis and/or research methods. Minimum two years of experience in assessment, data analysis or research design and implementation in an insti-

tution of higher learning or an applied, organizational or institutional research related field. Responsible for promoting, coordinating, conducting and evaluating research related to institutional effectiveness. Including, but not limited to, assessment planning and reporting related to student learning, completion of college-wide surveys required by government agencies or requested by private organizations, monitoring compliance with external accreditation standards and supporting other mission-critical and evidence-based projects.

Associate Judge

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar. Ten or more years experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience preferred, excellent knowledge of criminal and civil procedure and federal Indian law; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have a high ethical standards and strong references.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in Social Services or Human Services Related field. Must have supervisory experience in Social Services or Human Services Related field. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS. This includes Prevention and Outreach services, Protective services, ICWA and Licensing services.

Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills including a high level of motivation in acquiring the Anishinabe language, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and a demonstrated commitment to learning and speaking Anishinabemowin. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Experience working with children in a school setting preferred. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws.

Youth Lead Director

Open to the public. Masters Degree in Social Work or related field. Minimum of 10 years progressively responsible experience working directly with youth, at least five of the years must be at a manager or director level. Must have experience in youth program development, coordinating resources, and crisis management. Travel is required. Must have knowledge of alternative resolutions for at-risk youth. Experience working with Native American youth is preferred. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills, including written and oral communications.

Photographer Journalist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High School Diploma required. One year of experience directly related to photography and journalism writing. Proven ability in Photography with portfolio samples both photography and written work. Digital photography and Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom experience preferred. Knowledge of Digital SLR camera, including knowledge of aperture settings required. Must be confidential. The Photographer Journalist is responsible for gathering photos, newsworthy events and stories for inclusion in the Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. This position will also assist in the layout and editing of the Tribal Observer. Also assists other departments with photo support. The position may require a flexible work schedule to adhere to news gathering and production deadlines. Those selected for an interview will be required to provide a writing sample and photography examples for the interview.

Curriculum

Instructional Coord
Open to the public. M.A. in Educational Administration with five years teaching experience or Bachelors degree in Education field with seven years experience. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teacher Certificate as applicable. Must demonstrate knowledge of the Michigan Department of Education Curriculum Standards. Must demonstrate knowledge in curriculum design and skilled in the areas of instruction, and professional development. Prefer experience working with Native Americans students or Native American community. Prefer knowledge of Ojibwe Language and culture or Ojibwe Language Speaker.

Casino

Controller of Cage and Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of cage and count managerial experience. Effective written and verbal communications skills required. Must have the ability to resolve problems/conflicts in a diplomatic and tactful manner. Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. The Controller of Cage & Count is responsible for supervising the cage and count personnel, and the operation of all SECR cage and count locations. Responsible for communicating pertinent information to all cage and count team associates and management on a timely basis. Responsible for promoting outstanding guest relations and consistently presents a professional demeanor at all times. All functions are to be performed within the guidelines of the SECR policies and procedures, Internal Control Standards and Objectives.

Manager Siniikaung Steakhouse

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have basic math skills, ability to handle large amounts of currency. Must be detail oriented. Must have MICROS experience. Five years supervisory experience in the hospitality field preferred. Formal education will be accepted if in a related field of study, along with a minimum of two years of supervisory experience. Proven communication skills. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Must have problem solving skills and be able to deal with employee issues. Must be able to direct and lead staff. Must have the ability to comprehend and pass in house training. KEY POSITION -Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Native American preferred.

Steward Part-Time

Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional "people" skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism. Native American preferred.

Casino Ambassador Full-Time

Open to the public. High School Diploma or equivalent. Six months or more of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment. Ability to communicate effectively using two way radios with ear pieces. Basic mathematical skills Ability to resolve problems as they arise and handle situations in an expedient manner. Greets Casino guests. Provides guests with prompt, professional, friendly and courteous service. Perform minor machine repairs and jackpot payoffs.

Housekeeping Lead Hotel

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 and have High School Diploma or GED, some Hotel Housekeeping experience necessary, must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, poised and friendly, attuned to details and self motivated. Ability to adhere to grooming standards. All Supervisors must ensure that the guestrooms are being cleaned according to standards and may need to assist during the course of the day in directive to maintain the flow of production of rooms being cleaned and released to the Front Desk. Directly responsible for coordination of all Room Attendants.

Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have High School Diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred. Maintain a fully stocked and clean buffet to keep with our Four Diamond Status.

Level 1 Waitstaff Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred. To serve guests in a timely and courteous manner.

Bartender Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Must be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred.

Guest Room

Attendant Part-Time
Open to the public. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred. Qualified applicants should possess a friendly and outgoing personality.

Lead Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

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Diversity & Inclusion Job Description

General Overview:

The Isabella County Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion (ICRDI) was convened by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion with participation from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Group and the Isabella County Human Rights Committee for the purpose of advancing inclusion in curriculum, governmental, commercial and service practices and procedures and official ordinances and proclamations so that all people will be made to feel welcome and receive equal treatment.

Job Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Isabella County Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion (ICRDI) Leadership Team and supervisory staff of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, the Diversity & Inclusion Intern job responsibilities will include, but are not limited to:

- Providing administrative assistance related to meeting coordination including communications, drafting flyers/notices, taking minutes, making room arrangements and other related duties
- Providing administrative assistance for remaining community workshops
- Providing administrative assistance as needed by ICRDI working groups
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Ability to organize and run meetings
- Computer skills
- Excellent inter-group communication and analytical skills
- Comfortable in diverse settings
- Commitment to work as part of a team
- Willingness to work flexible hours – including some nights and weekends

Compensation

Wage will be \$10.00 an hour for up to 10 hours a week; depending on program events or activities. Office space will be provided at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, 6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Hours per week Time Frame

Up to ten hours per week, June through September 2013.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to Elizabeth Husbands, Manager, MI Equity Network with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion by Friday, July 12th.

Documents may be emailed to ehusbands@miroundtable.org, faxed to Elizabeth Husbands at (313) 870-1501 or mailed to the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, Attn: Elizabeth Husbands, 3031 W. Grand Blvd., Suite 525, Detroit, MI 48202.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Husbands at (989) 621-4234.



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Chipp-A-Waters Park was the place to be on Friday, May 17. The nature park in downtown Mt. Pleasant was the site of the 4th annual Environmental Day. The event was an informative outdoor adventure for local elementary students in Isabella County. With numerous booths sponsored by various businesses and groups, it provided hands on learning experiences for everyone in attendance.

Funding for the program came through the two percent allocation grant by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The funding was used to pay for many of the exhibits as well as the backpacks that were given to each of the students in attendance. The event has grown every year since its creation in 2009. Education Coordinator for the Isabella Conservation District Mike LeValley is pleased with the direction the program has taken.

"The first year we did this we had around 400 students," LeValley said. "We have over 600 students and 100 parents attending this year."

SCIT Water Resources Technician Michael Fisher, and SCIT Water Quality Specialist Carey Paquette, were on hand at the event. Their booth showcased different types of insect larvae which were caught from the waterways at the park. The insects were contained in

small holding tanks. With tweezers and magnifying glasses, the students were allowed to find and identify each insect.

Fisher also demonstrated the effects that humans can have on the local lakes, rivers and streams. Using a small scale model of a village and a spray bottle filled with water, he showed the children how runoff carries contaminants into our water systems. The water from the spray bottle ran down the model and across roads, houses and other man-made structures. By the time it reached the pond nearby it had picked up brown particles, enough to actually change the color of the water.

The SCIT Seventh Generation program was also represented. With the help of Cultural Representatives, Wilma Henry and Louise Hunt, the children were each given a small pouch of "Kchitwaa Mshkiki", the four Sacred Medicines of the Anishinaabe; sage, sweet grass, cedar and tobacco.

At a booth hosted by the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Department, children were shown how to make a biodegradable planter out of newspaper. Next door, Glenna Genereaux and Tera Green represented the Ziibiwing Center. Each student received potting soil mixed with the seeds of Zinnia flowers.

One of the largest exhibits was featured by Nature Discovery of Williamston, Mich. It displayed an

impressive collection of amphibians and reptiles. Coordinator Jim McGrath educated the many students of the animals on display. The children were able to get a close look at numerous animals including: snakes, turtles, frogs and salamanders.

"We actually have the 'Grand Slam' of Michigan turtles and frogs," McGrath said. "As far as we know we have the only complete collection of all 10 turtle and all 13 frog species that are native to our state."

The event also featured booths by the Isabella Conservation District, Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International, Michigan Forest Association, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum, 4-H, Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources, Green Tree Cooperative Grocery, Michigan Mushroom Hunter's Club, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Trout Unlimited, CMU Museum of Cultural and Natural History and the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy.

The knowledge that is passed on due to this event is very important. The act of educating the next generation on the importance of preserving our planet and environment is on the minds of everyone involved with the Environment Day.

"What drives us is educating people, so everything you see here today can survive in this world," McGrath said. "It's getting killed off largely by the effects of humans."



Louise Hunt of 7th Generation teaches the children about the four sacred medicines of the Anishinaabe.



Students were able to get up close and personal with a collection of pelts and skulls.



Snakes were a main attraction at the event.



Students listen to a demonstration at the Nature Discovery exhibit.



These turtles are part of the only known collection to have every species native to Michigan.



Mason enthusiastically investigates insect larvae that can be found in ponds, including water beetles and black flies.



Many different animals were on display by the Michigan Chapter of Safari Club International.



Smokey the Bear had plenty of hugs to go around.



Michael Fisher demonstrates the effects that humans can have on local lakes, rivers and streams.

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