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20-Year Vision of Wellness presented at "Lighting the 8th Fire"

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

What will the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan be like in 20 years? What does the future hold for today's children? On Aug. 6-9, 2013, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Administration provided a series of facilitated visioning sessions to produce "Lighting the 8th Fire: A 20-year Tribal Wellness Vision" based on community input. Tribal participants were able to discuss what their vision for Health and Wellness for the SCIT Nation should look like in the next 20 years.

Each day consisted of one morning session at 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., one afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and one evening session at 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m. Tribal members were encouraged to participate in as many conferences as they preferred, but recommended to attend the three different sessions given during specific stages in the meetings.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall contained about 120-130 Tribal members at each major component of the sessions, including about 50-60 youth discussing issues and obstacles currently blocking progress toward the Vision of Wellness. Tribal members let their voices be heard on their opinions to assist planning documents valuable for the Tribe's future.

The Vision of Wellness does not just include being physically fit, but mentally,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal members gather to let their voices be heard at the Lighting of the 8th Fire: A 20-year Tribal Wellness Vision in the SECR Entertainment Hall.

spiritually and emotionally as well. The idea began when several directors and supervisors including; Lisa M. Kennedy, Hunter Genia, Shannon Martin, Dustin Davis, Charmaine Shawana, Ben Hinmon, April Borton and Shuna Stevens began discussions to process how they would accomplish their responsibilities and deliver quality services to the community with the anticipated budget reductions. The discussions focused on gaining a better understanding of needs of the Tribal community, even if that meant stepping out of the comfort zone and moving away from what is normally practiced.

The idea for Lighting the 8th Fire arose when Ziibiwing Cultural Center Director Shannon Martin introduced the Jemez Pueblo initiative.

The Jemez Pueblo community facilitated outreach on what wellness was, sanctioned that work credit by their Tribal Council, and then created a working document intended to be a roadmap at all levels of the community for reference by decision-makers, service providers and grass-roots advocates when planning initiatives for community based services. Martin is acquainted with one of the governors of that Tribal community and became educated on their 20-year Wellness Vision idea.

After this initial dialogue between the directors, a consensus was made to proceed with the implementation of the Vision, and additional key players and community "Vision Makers" trained in strategic planning joined to make up the Strategic Planning Committee.

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SCIT's Ziibiwing Center receives grant to continue effort with Peabody Museum to bring ancestors home

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Editor

Nearly \$1.5 million in grants under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) will be distributed to Native American museums, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to assist the returning of human remains and funerary objects back to their people.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's (SCIT) Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways is receiving \$57,339 from NAGPRA. This grant will allow SCIT to continue researching

alongside the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology (PMAE) at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

"Our grant objectives include NAGPRA training, planning, reviews of site inventories and summaries, developing a sequence for disposition, proper care and respect protocols and to coordinate outreach to the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) Tribes," Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson said. "The National NAGPRA Program's grant panel stated that it is admirable that the SCIT is leading the

effort and including the affected Michigan Tribes."

"Our NAGPRA Consultation and Documentation Grant Award will not only assist the SCIT, but the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the State of Michigan as well," Johnson stated. "The loving and reverential reburial of our ancestors and their associated funerary objects remains our highest priority."

NAGPRA has helped many ancestors return back to their people.

"As a result of NAGPRA, more than 10,000 Native

American human remains, one million funerary objects and thousands of sacred objects have been united with Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations," National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis said.

A couple years ago Johnson, Ziibiwing Cultural Center Director Shannon Martin, Tribal Council Member Charmaine Shawana, and Shawana's grandson and nephew went to Harvard University to bring four ancestors home.

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SCIT | 2013 CMU Homecoming Grand Marshal

Central Michigan University's Office of Alumni Relations has named the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as the 2013 Homecoming Grand Marshal.

It's the first time ever CMU has granted an entire nation the honorary distinction. As grand marshal, the tribe will be honored at a number of events as alumni return to campus for Homecoming the weekend of Oct. 19.

The Tribe will celebrate its relationship with the university that carries its name during homecoming weekend. Representatives from the tribe will offer a drum blessing for both football teams prior to the game and will lead the homecoming parade.

October 19, 2013

CORRECTION

In the August 2013 edition of the Tribal Observer, in the article "Community togetherness is one step closer" on page 15, the funding for the permanent pavilions at the campground came from Housing Resources and not the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

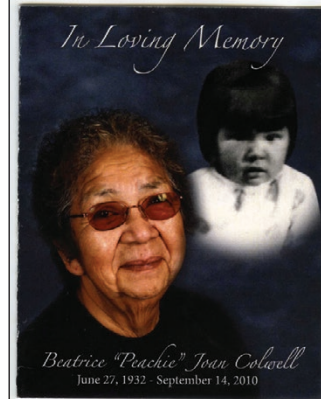
Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

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

To my beloved sister Peachie Beatrice Joan Colwell



You are missed dearly with each passing day. Sister, rest in Jesus' arms, we will meet again and rejoice in Heaven! My love I send to you in prayer. In loving memory I miss you. One day we will spend our eternal lives where sorrow is never no more.

Love,
Florence (Bunky)
& Mike White

The family of Eric Lee Hunt

Wishes to say Miigwetch for all the loving support from all his family and friends. He loved his family with all his heart and he surely is comforted by all the support shown to his soul mate LeeAnn Peters and their children. The memories that were shared, the laughter as well as tears, of Eric will be forever cherished. It was such a sight to see the whole community come together and be honored to have known Eric. He was a great father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. His jokes, little voices and funny laughs will surely be missed! Miigwech to Rev. Owen Whitepigeon, all the Fire Keepers, and the wonderful people who brought food to Eric's home and supplied all the necessities for his family. It was beautiful to see all those who loved him and passed that love onto the family.

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

Order Establishing Deer Season 2013

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2013 Deer Season shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 and will close on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014 unless ordered otherwise.**

The 2013 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless
- Two Restricted* (antlered or antlerless).

*One any size antlered, one restricted to four or more one-inch minimum points on one side.

Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length. Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 20, 2013 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$10 per harvest tag, only five tags allowed per license. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2013

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2013 Fall Wild Turkey Season shall begin **Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 and will close on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013 unless ordered otherwise.** The 2013 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex, per license.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Aug. 20, 2013 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$10 per harvest tag, only two tags allowed per license. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Order Establishing Small Game Season 2013

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision three at the 2013 Small Game Season shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 and will close on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 unless ordered otherwise.**

The 2013 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limited as listed.

- Pheasants shall be limited to male Pheasants ONLY with a limited of five/day.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink, Pine Marten, Fisher and Otter are ALL CLOSED to Small Game Hunting.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink and Otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 65. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 20, 2013 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Please refer to Tribal Ordinate 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Order Establishing Trapping Season 2013

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision two the 2013 Trapping Season shall begin **Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 and will close Tuesday, April 1, 2014 unless ordered otherwise.**

The 2013 Trapping Season will allow for the bag limited as listed.

- Badger and Otter limit two/season (tags included with license)
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.
- Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Skunk, Weasel and Opossum will not have a bag limit for the Trapping Season.
- No conibear style traps larger than 220 size (7"x7" jaw) may be used on land unless made inaccessible to cats and dogs at ground level.

Small Game License required to hunt Bobcat, Coyote, Fox and Raccoon. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 20, 2013 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Please refer to Tribal Ordinate 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.



5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Saturday, September 28, 2013

Where: Tribal Operations Parking Lot

Time: Registration 8:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. Runs start at 10 a.m.

Fee: \$12 post-marked by Sept. 25, 2013

\$15 after Sept. 25, 2013 (\$1 off for Mt. Pleasant Striders)

Family Rate: \$30 for immediate family members of three or more people.

Awards: The first 165 participants to finish in either the 5K or the 1 Mile will receive a medal.
(There will not be awards given by age groups.)

Gifts: Long sleeve shirts are available for the first 125 registered participants. Limited amount available for youth.



For More Information Please Contact

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Every Wednesday

Starting

June 5-October 9, 2013

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Native American

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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



Lighting the 8th Fire continued from front page

Certified Professional Facilitator Linda “Sunny” Walker of Sun Walker Enterprises was recommended by the Committee to speak during the Lighting the 8th Fire sessions. Walker has spent 18 years working with the Institute of Cultural Affairs in developing methods and ensuring complete participation within community discussions. Walker has several years’ experience consulting with Tribal communities for the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) and facilitates toward effective growth of Tribal economies in alignment with each Tribe’s vision and main concerns.

Walker, along with the Tribe’s Vision Makers and Strategic Planners Kennedy, Martin, Genia, George, Ruhl and Evans facilitated three diverse sessions within the four days.

Session one included a look at critical health information, relevant trends and began the creation of the 20-year Wellness Vision. There were five opportunities within the week to attend a session one meeting.

During session one, an analogy of a wave was used to determine what is happening now in Tribal Health and Wellness. Topics of what is on the horizon for SCIT, what is emerging, what is established and what is disappearing or dying out were discussed. No tolerance for drugs and alcohol, Anishinaabe language use, health care, social programs, unity, teenage pregnancy, per-capita, traditional events and community togetherness are a few examples of particular themes discussed during this segment of the meeting.

Participants were then asked to define characteristics of a really healthy person, characteristics of a really healthy Tribe and questioned what health and wellness will look like in 20 years.

Session two incorporated a presentation of the combined 20-year Wellness Vision, defined challenges and selections of key priorities. Session one’s categorized work was scattered around the SECR Entertainment Hall for Tribal members to browse and discuss. Participants were asked to share their input on the challenges that will have to be met to achieve the Vision. There were two opportunities to attend a session two meeting.

Human Resource Training and Development Manager and SCIT Vision Maker Jason George spoke to the numerous youth participants during a session two strategic planning meeting.

“What I see in front of me are the contributors to the success of this Tribe right now,” George said. “You need to take a look around this room and see who is contributing, because you all are. The decisions that you make today, or things that you say you want, in terms of priorities for the Tribe, need to be made up in realities, not just what you want, but realities of what you can have. That will allow yourselves to be able to make our future, especially for you.”

Lastly, session three involved a final presentation to the Tribe and participating members. Input into services and programs were discussed, along with setting new directions for the Tribal Nation.

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Supervisor Lisa M. Kennedy was one facilitator who stepped up to take charge of the planning for the Lighting the 8th Fire and the 20-year Vision of Wellness.

“I have almost 18 years of experience working with the Tribe in the Human Services programs and most of that being in prevention type roles and services,” Kennedy said. “The Tribe has definitely trained me to be a planner, so that’s the role I took on. It is important for me to point out that this was a collaborative effort (with the Strategic Planning Committee), we expanded our original planning group to include other key players that we knew were going to be important to the implementation of this process. I am honored that my fellow co-workers and Tribal leaders allowed me to represent them in this planning processing, and had faith in my abilities to take on such a primary role in this historical initiative for our Tribal community.”

During the sessions, Walker enjoyed co-facilitating with the Vision Makers so well, that she suggested they all receive nominations for “Technology of Participation (ToP) Champion.” Walker believed Kennedy, Martin, Genia, George, Ruhl and Evans are completely worthy of the award for their leadership and mentoring skills.

“The nomination is for the work of all the Vision Makers over the last several years,” Walker stated. “It wasn’t until I came in for the 20-year vision event that I found out about all the work they have been quietly doing all this time. They are very deserving of the nomination! Rarely do I show up to facilitate with people I’ve never met before and find we are completely in sync with one another.”

The 20-year Vision of Wellness created will be proposed to Tribal Council in hopes to become a working historical document for leaders, supervisors and the Tribal community to represent the meaning of health and wellness for SCIT.

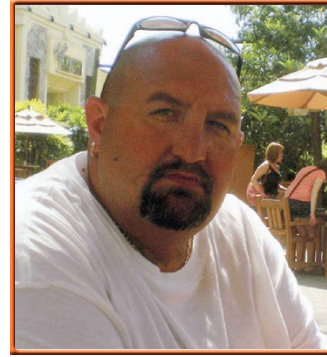
“The intent is to present to Tribal Council, with a formal resolution of adoption, and then share this work with the SCIT membership,” Kennedy said. “It is the expectation of the planning committee and Tribal leadership that program directors or supervisors to develop work plans or review current goals and objectives and bring them into alignment with the community’s expectations.”

Each day Tribal members attended, they were entered in a drawing to win numerous prizes, including Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel (SEWPH) waterpark passes with a complimentary dinner and concert tickets to a SECR show.

Funding was provided by Tribal Administration and Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department.

Donations would not have been possible without Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, Tribal Housing Department, At-Large Program, Youth Task Force, SCIT Public Relations, SEWPH and Ziibiwing Cultural Center.

Tribal members were able to have their voices heard at the Lighting the 8th Fire: 20-year Vision of Wellness. A lot of opinions, beliefs and thoughts about what it is that will continue to uplift this community were shared. More information will be presented on the outcome of the Vision. With the material from the community and statistical facts, it is hopeful that the best 20 years are to follow.



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“Handsome face”
Forever yours...
Square Britches



The Future Chef is “21”
Happy Birthday
September 18
Love, Mom



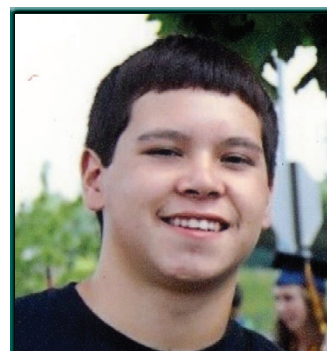
Happy Birthday
Clayton



Happy 3rd Birthday
Jadrian Rayne Jackson
September 20
Love Mom & Dad



Happy 1st Birthday
On August 28th to our beautiful baby boy
Andrew
(Drew Drew) Bird!
Love, Mommy, Daddy and Gramma and Grampie



Happy 18th Birthday
Alex Laureaux!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lauryn & Nevaeh



...from the Wiisinin Café,

Big sis and I would like to give a sincere thank you to those who visited and ate at our food stand during this year’s “2013 Powwow”, we appreciated it. We will be cooking our Nish-na-be food again at the upcoming People’s Powwow at 7th Generation this month. Some of the highlights of our menu are fry bread, wheel bread (cooked in a dry iron skillet) Indian tacos, blanket dogs with or without cheese. We will be featuring 5 different soups such as Indian corn, Navy bean with dumplings and desserts such as fry bread cinnamon stix and much more. Wiisinin “come and eat” ...we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Miigwetch, Brenda Champlin and Darlene Highley “Big sis”



Happy 1st Birthday
To our handsome Grandson Miggy!
Love, Mimi & Papi Chip



Happy 1st Birthday
Mig-Migs!
We love you!
Auntie Karmen,
Uncle Tony & Ella B



After 28 years of working for the Tribe,
Gail George
will begin to enjoy her retirement.
We will all miss you.
Love Michelle



Happy 35th Birthday
John Wesley Chippewa
Love your family



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People's Traditional Powwow: Food, fun and laughter for the entire family

BEN A. HINMON

Contributing Writer

If you're looking for a fun and relaxing way to spend a gorgeous fall weekend this Sept. 13-15, 2013, the People's Traditional Powwow might be just what you're looking for. We offer a laid back fun-filled weekend for the entire family to enjoy food, fun and culture. From our beautiful woodland powwow arena nestled in the woods at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center, you and your entire family can enjoy some of the finest powwow dancing and music from the Great Lakes region.

This year we have the Crazy Spirit Singers as our host drum along with Odawa Nation to round off a weekend of music and dancing. With our traditional format we have plenty of time for social dancing, including two-steps, spot dances and lots of inter-tribals so you can get out there and strut your stuff. We offer help covering travel expenses for all our dancers. Plenty of craft vendors will be on site, for you to find that special item you've been looking for. The whole weekend is free and offers something for everyone.

We're kicking the weekend off with a Powwow Parade on Friday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. and a Commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act. This event which is co-sponsored by the Ziibiwing Cultural Center will take a look at how far we've come since the passage of this important legislation that protects our spiritual way of life. Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement (AIM),



Women's Traditional Dancer Michelle Teeple enjoys the People's Woodland Powwow Arena.

author, actor and Indian Rights activist will be our special guest speaker. This event will feature an exhibit of the Tribe's historical artifact's collection of Sacred Spiritual Objects, followed by a traditional feast, pipe ceremony and many other cultural activities.

Don't miss this eventful weekend that includes a classic car show, motorcycle run, karaoke contest and much, much more. As usual we look forward to seeing your smiling faces for good food, good company and lots of entertainment. Baamaapii, hope to see you there!

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.

2013 Caucus Committee gets sworn in

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



The 2013 Caucus Committee was sworn in by Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Tribal Members volunteered to serve on the Caucus Committee by putting their name on the list at the Tribal Clerk's Office. Tribal Council selected the members during their regular June Session. Caucus Committee duties and responsibilities may include issuing ballots and assisting with the tally of votes at the end of the Election Day, recording each eligible voter at the polls, ensuring each voter signs the roster and verifies identify. The Caucus Committee serves a great responsibility making the Election process a smooth and proper process. (Left to Right: The 2013 Caucus Committee Members: Damian Fisher, Karen Naganashe, Eugene Walraven, Consuelo Gonzalez, Alice Ricketts, Joseph Sowmick and Tribal Chief Kequom.) Not pictured: Thelma Henry Shipman.

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2013 Summer Youth Workers recognized for hard work and dedication

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Hard work sure does pay off. On Thursday, Aug. 15, the Eagle's Nest Gym was filled with proud parents, grandparents and employers to watch their dedicated Summer Youth Workers receive awards. The 2013 Summer Youth Workers were recognized for their devotion to their temporary summer employment in various Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) departments.

Thirty-two SCIT departments supported the Summer Youth Job Corp Employee's when hiring Summer Youth Workers. Fifty-two youth completed the nine-week summer program, while 56 youth completed the eight week program. The Youth worked Monday thru Thursday for a total of 20 hours.

This year was the 2nd annual Summer Youth Employee Banquet sponsored by the Youth Council with a delicious spaghetti dinner served to everyone in attendance.

Prevention Specialist John Johnson, Higher Education Leadership Intern and Youth Council Advisor Rosanna Romero and Youth Worker Misheka Vasquez opened the ceremony, welcoming every guest. Tribal Council Treasurer Louanna Bruner then addressed her gratitude toward the Summer Youth Workers.

"I want to share with you how exciting it is for all of us Council members to see the youth out there working every day in these departments and various locations," Bruner said. "I see a lot of you are returning every year and you guys look so professional in your environment. We're really starting a new era for our Tribe, creating a stronger youth and a stronger membership. Thank you to all of the departments that have youth workers."

A total of 83 youth applied for a position, 78 had an interview and 60 were hired for the position, compared to 50 youth last year. Also this year, plaques were given to recipients who had completed three to four years in the program.

Twelve Summer Youth Workers had a perfect attendance of 180 hours or better: Kylie Fisher, Jacob Jackson, Alex Leaux, Nathaniel Mandoka, Basil Nanganshe, Ronald Paul, Miino Pelcher, Auzhiwa Quigno, Callista Sowmick, Devon Durfee, Quinn Ritter and Tasha Wemigwans.

After working with the Summer Youth workers for 16.5 years, Johnson announced that this year was his last.

"Chi-Miigwetch to John Johnson for dedicating 16 years to the Summer Youth Program and for keeping our youth active during the summer throughout these years," Romero said. "I would also like to say Miigwetch to

Tribal Council, Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel, Youth Council parents Dave & Karen Williams for cooking, all of the supervisors, families and friends that attended the banquet, your presence truly shows that you have pride in our youth and I look forward to seeing you all next year."

Johnson had a few words of his own to share.

"I would like to thank all of the youth for participating this year and the years before," Johnson said. "Every year we come up with new people. When I first started the program 16.5 years ago, we did not have a banquet, but every year we tried to add something new."

Numerous employers spoke about the Summer Youth workers in their department and shared what a great job they all have done.

"Our Summer Youth are great," Tribal Administrative Assistant Kamie Haggard said. "I've really enjoyed this program. We've had Wabagonese Graverette in our office. She learned how to work the phones, do some excel sheets, but I've watched all of these kids blossom from the time that they got here until now...As a younger adult in our community, it makes me so proud to know that they are on the right path and with the right guidance, we can help our community get stronger."

"Thirty-six years ago I was in the youth program and we



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Youth Council (back) poses with Summer Youth Workers who received an award for working in the program for three to four years.

only had a handful of Youth workers," Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel Manager Bonnie Sprague said. "Looking back all of those years and seeing that program continue on through today, it is just an exceptional program... and most of all you learn more about the programs that the Tribe has to offer, and with that experience you learn about dedication, commitment and giving back to the community."

Prevention Specialist Consuelo Gonzalez told the Youth Workers how impressed she was with their interviews.

"You got your position based on how well you interviewed," Gonzalez said. "I want to commend you guys. A lot of you

came in and you blew my mind when you interviewed. You did an excellent job, I was so proud of you. I'm so happy that we've got more than 60 youth that came through the program, that means we will have 60 more Tribal members working for our Tribe hopefully within four years... I wanted to thank you and thank John for all his hard work and dedication. He will be missed next year."

Numerous donations helped make the banquet possible and were sponsored by SCIT Public Relations, Marketing, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel, Seventh Generation, Behavioral Health, Youth Task Force and Central Michigan Catering.

SCIT Afterschool Program ready to serve 2013-2014 students

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Parks & Recreation department, Team Afterschool is ready to serve our community once again. Our first day of the 2013-2014 SCIT Afterschool Program school year begins on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Afterschool Program will be from Monday through Friday, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. The program is designed for youth attending first to sixth grade and we will be accepting an enrollment of 30 students on a first come, first serve paid registration basis.

We are having a special early bird registration period for SCIT Tribal member youth and alumni students of the SCIT Afterschool Program. Early bird registration is from Aug. 20 to Sept. 20, 2013; early bird registration fee per participant is \$275; early bird registration fee for multiple siblings enrolled is \$250 each. The regular registration fee is \$300 per participant; the fee for multiple siblings enrolled is \$275 each.

Another option includes a three time installment fee of \$100

each, totaling \$300 per participant to be paid in three installments of \$100 each on or before Sept. 1, Dec. 1 and March 1, 2014.

The SCIT Afterschool Program will run throughout the school year (excluding school cancellations, breaks and holidays). Students who attend the SCIT Afterschool Program must also attend school that day.

The participant fee will be used for program expenses such as supplies, recreational activity fees, snacks and refreshments. Fees cannot be prorated or refunded for any reason. Due to staffing concerns and safety, this year's SCIT Afterschool Program is limited to the first 30 paid and registered youth. There will be a waiting list once we have reached our capacity of 30 youth.

"We are pleased to begin the third year of our afterschool programming and are ready to welcome our alumni back along with new students," Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl informs. "Physical activity, healthy snacks and a commitment to education has been the guiding principles of this successful program and we encourage parents to get their youth registered as soon as possible."

The Eagles Nest will once again be providing healthy snacks according to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and MyPlate guidelines.

The SCIT Afterschool Program is proud to enter their second year of affiliation with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC). Also, all youth that have signed up for the program must participate in all activities, unless they have a medical deficiency. If your child does not have a medical deficiency and refuses to participate for any reason, a legal guardian will be notified and asked to pick the child up from the SCIT Afterschool Program for the remainder of the day. To ensure the safety of the children enrolled in the program, all children in the SCIT Afterschool Program must be signed out by a legal guardian.

In keeping education at the forefront of our program, the program will continue to ask our students if they have any homework and direct them to the homework lab. The SCIT Afterschool Program Team is ready to serve and is looking forward to an excellent school year with the students!

Baby Celebration honors the birth of newest community members

Observer photo by Matthew Wright



Nimkee Public Health Pediatrician Dr. Michael Schramm (back center), is shown with all of the proud new mothers at the Baby Celebration. They event was hosted by the SCIT Seventh Generation Program on Wednesday, July 17. There were a total of 23 new babies (nine boys and 14 girls) that were welcomed to the community in the last six months. Two guest speakers, Ronnie Ekdahl and Iliana Bennett, who have just become parents within the last year were asked to share with the other new parents. They gave words of wisdom on the changes in their lives brought on by parenthood. All of the new parents were also entered into door prizes consisting of necessary items such as food, toys and even strollers.



Wholesale Vendor Training



Ziibiwing Commercial Services is hosting a FREE two hour workshop for all Native American people age 12 and older interested in becoming a wholesale vendor. The workshop date is scheduled for Sept. 17, 2013 at the Ziibiwing Processing Center starting at 5:30 p.m. Please do not bring merchandise for sale to this training; this training is an opportunity for learning.

To register for the training call 989-775-4741 Register TODAY as there are only 12 seats available. Miigwetch!



Water Warriors stop at Eagle Bay Marina to raise funds for Special Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Water Warriors completed their first visit at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Eagle Bay Marina in Standish, Mich. on Wednesday, July 31. Water Warriors are individuals from all over Michigan who ride the length of Lake Huron. From Mackinaw to St. Clair River, boaters use their personal water craft to make the journey of more than 400 miles.

The purpose for Water Warriors is not only for entertainment, but to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Michigan. Each stop made along the way is a chance to raise additional funds for Special Olympics Michigan. When the last stop for the Water Warriors is complete, a check is presented at the Special Olympics Michigan State Poly Hockey Finals in Lansing, Mich.

Outreach Representative and Knights of Columbus Liaison Brad Covaleski helped organize

the Water Warriors visit in the Area Nine territory in Arenac County.

"We've been trying to figure out how to do this for a couple years now," Covaleski said. "And it so happened that in the Knights of Columbus, there is a gentleman who is the Special Olympics Liaison, who was also at our Area Nine district basketball tournament in the late winter. I was talking with him and found out his wife is also on the board for Water Warriors. Through that connection, myself and through Rita (Champine), we were able to start conversations, and broke our deal in order for them to harbor in our territory. We thought it was a good opportunity for the casino and marina."

The Water Warriors were slightly delayed as they waited for the weather to cooperate. There was a lightning delay, but soon the Water Warriors were on their way, only an hour behind schedule as they traveled in from Tawas, Mich.

The Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel mascot, Gizi, made a special appearance to welcome the Water Warriors and play games with guests and Area Nine Olympic athletes.

Area Nine Olympians also greeted the Water Warriors with cheers, claps and colorful, welcoming banners. Not only did they greet the Water Warriors on the Eagle Bay Marina property, but some athletes boarded a pontoon to guide the Warriors in.

"The goal was to take some athletes on a pontoon and guide them in," Covaleski said. "From my understanding, they (Water Warriors) have never had that on any other port before so that was unique to this stop, so we're pretty excited about that."

All proceeds raised from the trip from Mackinaw go directly toward the Special Olympics Michigan. With the help of Water Warriors, Area Nine Olympians are able to compete in the Olympics year after year by purchasing equipment and assisting with the expenses of necessary training. Area Nine Olympic athletes compete in numerous sports including basketball, cross country skiing, cycling and tennis.

Lunch provided by the Saganing Tribal Center, games and activities provided by Eagles Landing Casino were prepared for the Area Nine Olympic athletes, their families and the Water Warriors.



Area Nine Special Olympic athletes hopped on a pontoon to greet the Water Warriors and guide them into the Eagle Bay Marina after their trip from Tawas, Mich.

"We've got a putt-putt golf game, coconut bowling, if the ground dries up, we may have sack races, we have hula hoops and a bunch of different activities," Sales and Marketing Specialist for Migizi Gina Borushko said.

Covaleski has been involved with Special Olympics for a few years and is thankful for Water Warriors raising funds for this cause.

"Personally, I'm very appreciative of it," said Covaleski. "It is a good opportunity; we've done a lot of work with other organizations, like water warriors. Having a summer event like this, I think is fantastic. We just appreciate what the Water Warriors are doing for us."

The goal for Water Warriors was to raise \$100,000 for Special Olympics Michigan and so far they have raised \$80,000.

According to the Water Warriors website, since their first ride in 1991, the Water Warriors have raised more than \$2.3 million to support the athletes and programs of Special Olympics Michigan.

On behalf of the Water Warriors, Chairwoman Ann Plegue thanked the Area Nine athletes and Saganing crew for making the Water Warriors visit possible.

"The Water Warriors Members can't thank you enough for all you did to make the Standish stop a reality," Plegue said. "From the beginning, (Member) Tom Chauvin and I were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of everyone involved. It was obvious that your enthusiasm and teamwork carried over into success! The feedback from our members was awesome. Given the obstacles we had to overcome that morning with the weather, it was priceless to look at the smiles on all of the athletes' faces as well as our riders as we rode in. You guys do great teamwork. And that huge (welcome) banner brought tears to my eyes and many others."

For more information on Water Warriors or how to donate to Special Olympics Michigan, visit www.waterwarriors.org or contact Jim Adams, director of Special Projects at 248-688-9603.



Water Warriors pose with the Area Nine athletes after riding their personal water craft to raise money for the Special Olympics Michigan.

Saganing Eagles Landing July Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Paul Rowden and Amy Jerry, they are our Employees of the Month for July.

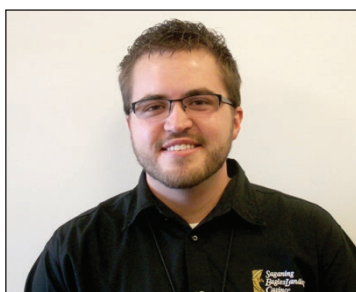
Paul Rowden is a supervisor in our Guest Service department and has been with the Casino since 2008. He has been nominated several times by his fellow

associates for his ability to schedule, train new associates and work on promotions. Paul has excelled in his position as Guest Service supervisor. Not only does he adjust his days and time to make sure there is coverage for promotional events, but also does all the coordinating for our band line-ups. Our "Soar Away on a Spyder" is just one example of

Paul's great promotional ideas. He is continually suggesting new ideas for promotions, Facebook and texting. It is easy to see that Paul gives his all in every project he takes on and keeps his team positive and motivated. Congratulations again, Paul, you have done an outstanding job!

Amy Jerry is currently a bartender in our Food and Beverage Department and has also been with us since 2008. She has been nominated on several occasions by her co-workers and supervisors.

Recently one of Amy's co-workers had a family emergency



Paul Rowden



Amy Jerry

and even though Amy had already turned in her paperwork for the day and was getting ready to leave, she stepped up to the plate and went right back to the bar to cover for them. She has always offered to stay late on busy nights

to make sure everyone gets their breaks in. Amy is also a people person; her co-workers and our guests enjoy her great sense of humor and her warm smile. Congratulations again, Amy, you are an asset to our team!

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SELC July Casual For A Cause

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

The employees of Saganing Eagles Landing were proud to present Health Access of West Branch a donation in the amount of \$1,095. On Tuesdays and Fridays for the month of July, associates who donated \$5 were allowed to wear jeans during their shift. Health Access of West Branch is a non-profit organization that raises funds to help residents in the Arenac County Area pay medical bills, help with prescription medication and even gas money to get to doctor appointments. They have been



SELC Employees donated a total of \$1095 to Health Access of West Branch.

able to help out many residents in the past and look forward to being able to help several more

with the totals that have been donated. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate!



September At-Large Program Tribal member spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Contributing Writer

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee of the Tribe or a business owner. 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.

September 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Business Owner Spotlight is Joey Fowler. He was born and raised in St. Charles, Mich. and graduated from St. Charles High School in 1975. His parents, Monroe and Helen Fowler, and his Grandmother, Grace Shaw, were also from St. Charles.

Fowler started working as a truck driver after high school. He then worked as a machinist until he became self-employed at his racing business. His business, Arrow Racing Supplies, is a race shop specializing in race parts and race engines.

He has been married to his wife Mary for 37 years and they have twin

daughters, Danielle and Rochelle. Danielle has three children, 7-year-old Makayla, 6-year-old Morgan and Mya, who is 18 months old. They live in Blanchard and Danielle is an Elementary Special Education Teacher in Shepherd, Mich. Danielle received her degree at Central Michigan University. His other daughter Rochelle lives in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and is a Dental Hygienist at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and she received her degree from Lansing Community College.

Joey and his wife Mary enjoy riding their motorcycle and traveling, they are always up for a new destination. The Fowler's also spend time in Florida during the winter in their motorhome when the racing business is slow.

Fowler has spent 40 years racing and working on race cars and has many fond memories of his family and friends being with him throughout the years. Now his biggest fans are his grandchildren who would be at the race track every weekend if they could. Fowler is mainly racing



Joey Fowler owns Arrow Racing Supplies, a race shop specializing in race parts and race engines. He has spent more than 40 years racing and working on race cars.

at Tri City Race Track in Auburn, Mich. this year but he thinks he has raced at just about every dirt track in Michigan. A couple of seasons ago he raced at nine different tracks. Joey does get to Mt. Pleasant to race

occasionally and considers Crystal Speedway his long time track.

So if you see Joey and the Fowler family at the race track stop and say "Hi" and cheer on the number 19 Arrow Racing Supplies car.

Medicare Preventive Services

Medicare now covers preventive services including a yearly "Wellness Visit." Individuals who join Medicare get a "Welcome to Medicare" physical. In addition to this, individuals are now eligible for a yearly wellness visit, which is an opportunity to talk with your doctor to make sure you're getting the care you need, including a review of any prescriptions you are taking.

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- Review your medical and family history
- Create a list of your current providers and prescriptions
- Take height, weight, blood pressure and other routine measurements
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- Create a list of risk factors and treatments options for you

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- Pap Test and Pelvic Exam
- Cardiovascular Screenings
- Prostate Cancer Screenings
- Diabetes Self-Management Training
- Medical Nutrition Therapy Services
- Colon Cancer Screening (Colorectal)
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- Smoking Cessation (counseling to stop smoking)
- Hepatitis B Shots
- HIV Screening
- Mammogram
- Pneumococcal Shots
- EKG Screening
- Flu Shots
- Glaucoma Tests
- Diabetes Screenings
- Bone Mass Measurement

The At-Large Program has two trained Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) counselors – Glynis Lanzetta and Mikki Marcotte. Please do not hesitate to call 1-800-884-6271 for further information on Medicare Preventive Services or visit Medicare.gov.

ATTENTION: SCAA – Saginaw Chippewa Anishinabek Athletes

All SCIT Tribal member youth, all SCIT Tribal descendant youth, and all Tribal member youth of other tribes living on the reservation qualify for this program.

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the program can be found on the Tribal website sagchip.org under SCAA. If you do not have internet access please feel free to call us at 1-800-884-6271 or 989-775-4944 and ask for Colleen Maki.

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72 mos/\$431/\$26,788



2012 Ford Escape 4DR Limited 4x4

4 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Heated Seats, Moon Roof, 1 Owner, White in Color, 18K Miles, #DP059

72 mos/\$412/\$25,595



2011 Ford Explorer 4DR XLT FWD

6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, 3rd Row Seating, Full Power, Deep Red, 23K Miles, 1 Owner, #DP060

72 mos/\$476/\$29,600



2011 Ford Mustang Coupe

6 Cyl., Auto, Air, Full Power, 24K Miles, Leather, Red in Color, #DP075

72 mos/\$334/\$20,795



2013 Ford Flex SEL 4DR FWD

6 Cyl., Auto, Air, Dual Power Seats, Loaded, Lt. Green Metallic, 3rd Row Seating, 1 Owner, 20K Miles #DP064

72 mos/\$426/\$26,488



2008 Saturn Vue 4DR XE AWD

6 Cyl., Auto, Trailer Tow, Red in Color, #DT360B

60 mos/\$224/\$11,898



2012 Ford Fusion 4DR SE

4 Cyl., Auto, Full Power, Silver Metallic, 23K Miles, #DP071

72 mos/\$296/\$18,398



2012 Ford Focus 4DR SE

4 Cyl., Auto, Air, Cruise, Yellow Metallic, 18K Miles, #DP074

72 mos/\$286/\$17,780



2013 Ford Escape 4DR SEL FWD

Gray Metallic, Full Power, Sync, 22K Miles, #DP061

72 mos/\$426/\$26,495



2008 Chevy 1/2 Ton Silverado 4x4 Z71

V8, Auto, Air, Full Power, Silver Metallic, #DT087B

60 mos/\$423/\$22,478



2006 Ford F150 XLT 4DR 4x4

V8, Auto, Air, Trailer Tow, Running Boards, Red, #DT244B

48 mos/\$344/\$14,980



2010 Edge Limited 4DR AWD

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2008 Chevy Tahoe 4DR, 4x4

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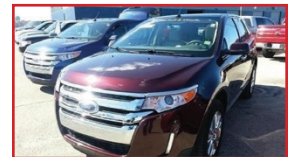
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2010 Ford Escape Limited 4DR 4x4

6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Dual Power Seats, Dark Charcoal Metallic, #CP071

66 mos/\$345/\$19,888



2011 Edge SEL 4DR FWD

6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Chrome Wheels, 29K Miles, Dark Red Metallic, 1 Owner, Certified

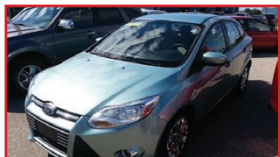
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2012 Chevy Sonic 4DR LT

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4 Cyl., Auto, Air, Forest Green Metallic, #DC203A

72 mos/\$239/\$14,888



2012 Ford Fusion 4DR

4 Cyl., Auto, Full Power, Red in Color, #DC213A

72 mos/\$299/\$18,695



2010 Ford F150 Crew Cab 4x4

V8, Auto, Full Power, Trailer Tow Pkg, White in Color, #BP069

66 mos/\$485/\$27,989



2006 Toyota Corolla 4DR

4 Cyl., Auto, Moon Roof, Silver Metallic, 50K Miles, #DU053

48 mos/\$252/\$10,988



2011 Chevy Traverse 4DR LS

6 Cyl., Auto, Air, 3rd Row Seating, Dark Blue Metallic, #DU059A

72 mos/\$328/\$20,388



2011 Lincoln MKZ 4DR

6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Full Power, Heated Seats, 19K Miles, Dark Red Metallic, Certified, #DP034

72 mos/\$402/\$24,980



2012 Lincoln Navigator 4DR 4x4

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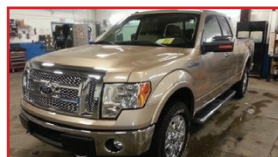
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72 mos/\$334/\$20,750



2011 Ford Escape XLT 4DR 4x4

6 Cyl., Auto, Moon Roof, 25K Miles, Silver Metallic, #DP050

72 mos/\$338/\$20,995



2010 Ford Explorer 4DR XLT 4x4

6 Cyl., Auto, Air, 3rd Row Seating, Black in Color, #DU070

66 mos/\$324/\$18,695



2011 Ford Fiesta SES 4DR

4 Cyl., Auto, Air, P. Locks and Windows, Stereo CD, Red in Color, 23K Miles, Great MPG, #DU073

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2013 "RezBall 3 on 3 Tournament" scores again!

JOSEPH SOWMICK
Contributing Writer

On Wednesday Aug. 7, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Parks & Recreation Department hosted their annual 2013 "RezBall 3 on 3 Tournament" in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. The festivities began at the Tribal Operations parking lot with Tribal Elder and Chaplain Steve Pego sharing a cultural teaching and opening the community event with a traditional blessing. There were 49 athletes that made up the 14 teams in five different divisions that competed for the coveted RezBall trophies.

"Rezball is one of many American Indian Sobriety Month (AISM) activities held during the month of August and my children look forward to it every year," Tribal Council Treasurer and RezBall Mom Louanna Bruner exclaimed. "We couldn't have asked for a better day; the weather was fabulous! The Parks and Recreation department staff did a phenomenal job by providing trained referees, DJ music and grilled hot dogs!"

Bruner also mentioned this year Rezball was held on her daughter, Jenna's 10th birthday. Both mom and daughter decided to postpone her birthday party so

all her friends could play in the Rezball tournament.

In the ladies 13-15 division, Team DKM (Dajia Shinos, Kallena Ricketts and Margie Merrill) took their first place trophy by taking down the RezGurlz (Jasmine Jackson, Sydney Jackson and Jenna Rios) in some hard fought action. In the women's adult division, Team RedHawks (Rosemary Saboo, Sarah Sorensen and Emily Sorensen) defeated the A-Team (Monica Gonzalez, Aleigha Owl, Kaylene Delfel and Gertie McGeshick) twice to take their championship hardware.

The Youth LEAD Department Director Jennifer Crawford commended Mark Vasquez, Jr. on sharing his experience, strength and hope about his journey in recovery.

"Events like 2013 RezBall are an awesome way to get the youth and community together doing something fun and healthy, and to hear a great message that there is an alternative to alcohol and other drugs," Crawford informs. "Whether you are playing, volunteering or spectating, events such as this are uplifting, entertaining and incredibly positive for the community!"

In the boy's teen division, the Lansing Court Hogs (Allen English III, Anthony Bird,

Jr., Diego Banks and Roscoe George) split their first two games against Rezzizle On 'Em (Grant Trepanier, Bailey Mitchell, Warren Ricketts and Caleb Alonzo-Vasquez) before taking the championship trophy. The Bulls (Mason Wojtusik, Alec Mills and Tyrone Rios) took down Da Rez Boiz (Tom-Tom Wemigwans, Nelson Kahgegab and Hazen Shinos) for the 9-12 boys youth trophy. In the men's adult division, the Original Gangstas (AKA OG Trap with Aaron Leasher, Kyle Shomin, Walter Trepanier and Jory Melancon) went undefeated and took the championship game over the P&R RezBallerz (Chase Owl, Luke Sprague, Erik Rodriguez and Ronnie Ekdahl) to round out the hoop action.

SCIT Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl was beaming over the 2013 RezBall 3 on 3 Tournament.

"It was very competitive all afternoon and what did it for me was to see four courts going at one time with non-stop action," Ekdahl said proudly. "As a player, you can tell when the athletes and the crowd are vested in the game and that's the good feeling we had today."

Parks Youth Facilities Assistant Coordinator Betsey Alonzo mentioned everyone was



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The 2013 Rezball 3 on 3 Tournament featured 49 athletes that combined to make 14 separate teams.

able to get their rosters filled out, their fees paid and their free participation T-shirt all in one trip to the registration table.

"Registration went smooth from the start, once all the teams were registered, I was able to put them in their correct divisions, get the brackets organized and appoint teams and referees to their courts," Alonzo said. "Within moments, we had all the courts full and games were running smooth. Everything ran efficiently throughout the entire event and it was quite a success."

Parks Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts marveled at the team aspect of the event itself.

"We would like to say miigwetch to our people who assisted with the food and beverage service (Jen Crawford, Alice Jo Ricketts, Christina "Gigs" Flamand and Angela Roney) and our Summer Youth Workers (Milan Quignogrundahl, Terrence Hunt, Ronnie Paul and Makyo George-Dye) for assisting with the court set up," Coach Ricketts remarked. "We also offer special thanks to SECR Director of Security Bernie Wright for the security barriers and John Chatfield and the Tribal Maintenance staff for cleaning off the parking lots for basketball... we couldn't do these events without community support."

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“There are thousands of Indian ancestors at all these different universities and museums all around the countries,” Shawana said. “So a lot of Tribes are bringing them back along with the sacred items they’ve been buried with and putting them to rest and where they need to be. It is important, challenging work our Tribe sees as appropriate.”

Jarvis and Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell announced the grant allocation on June 28, 2013.

“While we cannot go back in time and undo many of the wrongs in history, we can in this case rectify the wrongs of removing remains of tribal ancestors and important cultural artifacts from Native peoples,” Jewell stated. “These grants will help Native Americans inter their ancestors with dignity and recover objects that are part of their heritage.”

SCIT was one of the 21 projects selected for the NAGPRA grant.

“This grant will help us determine who is a Saginaw Chippewa or a Michigan Anishinaabe that we can bring back home and reburial here,” Shawana said. “The other tribes here in Michigan: Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians (Gun Lake Tribe) and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will work with this plan that we are putting together and work to bring all these ancestors home.”

Not only is bringing the ancestors home a long process, but just applying for the grant was a lengthy procedure as well.

“Our grants team submitted the necessary paperwork on March 6, 2013,” Johnson said. “MACPRA submitted a simultaneous joint request for disposition under 43 CFR § 10.11 governing culturally unidentifiable human remains to the Peabody Museum of Archaeology & Ethnology on Aug. 1, 2011. MACPRA submitted a request for the disposition of all associated funerary objects as well. This effort has been two years in the making.”

Michigan Tribes will consult with PMAE on 20 Michigan sites from the following counties; Alpena, Berrien, Kent, Newaygo, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Washtenaw, Wayne and unknown counties. The sites make up about 99 individuals and 460 associated funerary objects.

“The repatriation and reburial of ancestral human remains and associated funerary objects is often difficult but we persevere,” Johnson said. “The Ziibiwing Center will continue to do this work on behalf of all Tribes aboriginal to the State of Michigan. That’s every Tribe from the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, to the Wyandotte Nation. It makes me happy to be able to assist our ancestors and brethren. I have accepted my clan role to take care of our people this way.”

Shawana stresses the importance of bringing back these ancestors, believing they could very well be her own relatives.

“It’s always a privilege and honor to do the work for the ancestors that no one else wants to do,”

Shawana said. “I’ve been taught that those could be our ancestors, or be my great-great-grandfather. We always want to take care of them and do the best we can to be respectful and honorable. We don’t know how they were buried. Maybe they got killed in battle, or died of horrible diseases, such as smallpox or measles. Maybe they were buried with all of their funerary rights with a proper burial, and maybe they weren’t, but they were disturbed in the ground, they need to be put back honorably and have a closing, and that’s what we’re trying to do.”

The process of bringing ancestors home is extensive, but there is no doubt it will become rewarding when the descendants are honored properly.

15th annual “Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk”

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Contributing Writer

Community Cancer Services of Isabella County would like to invite cancer survivors, caregivers, friends and families to come celebrate cancer survivorship at the 15th annual “Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk” on Sept. 27 at Island Park from 3 p.m. to

11 p.m. A cancer survivors’ celebration is planned for 7 p.m. with a cancer survivor walk immediately following. Luminaries, in honor of the cancer survivor or those who have passed from cancer, light the pathways for the entire event. The Luminaries can be purchased in advance.

This is truly a celebration with games, food and entertainment.

A great silent auction is planned. Teams are encouraged to but are not necessary to walk. Come help “light the way for cancer survivors” by walking in the 15th annual “Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk. To order luminaries in advance, get team packets or for more information call Shary at 989-773-3875 or log onto www.ccsintothelight.org.



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Freedom Walk honors sobriety in the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Sobriety was celebrated and honored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with 175 community members attending the 2013 Freedom Walk on Saturday, Aug. 3. Many individuals were awarded with an Eagle feather for their strength in the journey to sobriety.

The morning began around 7:30 a.m. with registration and a complimentary breakfast in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym. Guest speakers provided their personal stories and praise to those sober individuals.

Behavioral Health Director Hunter Genia was pleased to walk into a full gymnasium with so many community members taking pride in their sobriety.

"I want to thank you for making the decision that may have not been popular to your family or relatives who did not understand that you had to make some tough choices and changes," Genia said. "I want you to know that people notice those changes and we are very proud of you. Keep doing what you are doing. Let's continue to bring more people on this road with us. Let's see if we can reduce the suffering even our young children are seeing in our homes, by making some good decisions and thinking about their future and our grandchildren's future."

Michael Perez presented the Eagle feathers to the dedicated individuals that have remained sober anywhere from two and a half years of sobriety to 39 years and beyond.

"We are all clean and sober," Perez said. "I want to thank Roger High for giving me the honors to be able to present. Roger asked



The honor songs were performed on the "Walk for Justice" to celebrate sobriety. The drum was given to Beatrice Jackson and passed on to Steve Pego.

me to do this about four or five years ago and it has become tradition ever since. And I'm very honored to be able to present."

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson was honored with recognition for 37 years of sobriety while also helping others remain sober; she was even available to answer urgent phone calls late at night.

Jackson discussed the drum the honor song would be performed on during the celebration of sobriety. The "Walk for Justice" drum was given to Jackson several years ago and she decided to give the drum to the community, specifically to Tribal Chaplain Steve Pego.

"This drum started one of the key things for the American Indian Movement and that was a sacred walk from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.," Jackson said. "People walked because of the injustice that was done when (Native American Activist and American Indian Movement Member) Leonard Peltier was incarcerated for a crime that everyone knew he did not do. So they walked to Washington, D.C. and stood on the steps of the Capital. The founders of the American Indian

Movement gathered and they sang around this drum."

"That drum was given to me to take care of and I had no one to give this drum to because I did not have sons," said Jackson. "So during a ceremony we had at the home of Charmaine Shawana, I told her I want to pass this drum over to this community to Steven M. Pego... I am so thankful that this drum is given to your community and your Tribe... I am very honored to keep this walk for justice going."

Pego is dedicated to this drum and plans to take good care of it. He began an honor song for those helping keep the Tribe drug and alcohol-free. He personally has been sober for ten years.

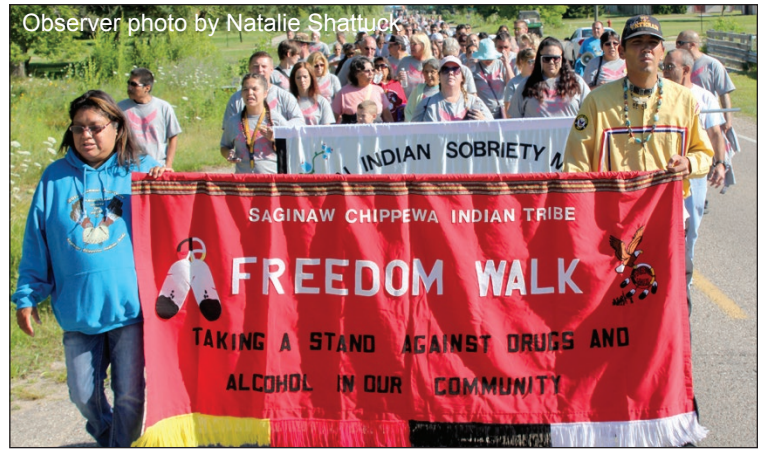
"Everybody come stand around the drum," Pego said. "Feel the power of the heartbeat of our nation that's going to carry onto our future."

The Freedom Walk began at the Tribal Gym and ended at the Powwow Grounds with the sacred fire burning and an honor song performance.

Gas cards, gift cards to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (SECR), Celebration Cinema gift cards, passes to the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel and a total of \$155 were given away to guests who had the winning raffle tickets.

The Freedom Walk has been going strong since the early 1990s. This year Tribal members were able to list what has helped them stay in recovery on a giant poster board in order for community members to get ideas of what is beneficial to aid in the effort to stay sober.

Prevention Specialist John Johnson and Behavioral Health would like to thank the Tribal community for supporting and attending the walk to sobriety.



"Freedom Walkers" celebrated sobriety by walking from the Tribal Gym to the Powwow Grounds on Saturday, Aug. 3 for American Indian Sobriety Month.

"I personally want to thank SECR for providing shuttle services for those who could not make the walk," Johnson said. "I want to thank Parks and Recreation for the Tribal Gym use, Joe Sowmick for setting the PA system up and emceeding until Frank Cloutier took over his official duties,

Tribal Police and Tribal Fire Department for providing safety during the walk, the Great Lakes Alliance Drum for the Honor Songs, Roger High and Mike Perez for the Eagle feather presentation."

The Freedom Walk successfully celebrated American Indian Sobriety Month in August.

B.Sprague Open golf tournament 2013

BERNIE SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

This year's tournament had the most participants since the beginning five years ago. There were a total of 12 teams, with eight men's and four co-ed teams.

The men's division was made up of players of all levels. The scores show the wide range of talent we had on the course, with scores from 46 (15 under) to 70 (nine over).

The co-ed division also had a

mix of talented and experienced players as their scores showed. From the winning score of 57 (four under) to the last place score of 70 (nine over).

The men's division was won by Kent Basinski and Steve Smith of Grand Rapids they shot a remarkable 15 under (46) the ringers hit 13 birdies and recorded one eagle. The duo also won four skins. The second place team came over from Walpole Island. Steve Tooshkenig and Teddy Kewayosh shot a 54

(seven under) by hitting nine birdies and unfortunately two bogey's. Third place went to two locals ringers Henry Sprague and his son Hanko they shot a smooth 55 (six under) with six birdies.

The co-ed division was won by the Elders from Walpole Island, Bill and Shirley Tooshkenig. They shot a 57 (four under) to take the crown by recording four birdies and one eagle, they also had two bogey's. Second place went to the team of Hoss and Crystal Nahmabin from the Sarnia reserve they shot a 62 (one over) to nudge out the local team of Jeremy and Shawn Sawmick 63 (two over). Ken Sprague and Consuelo Gonzales took the last place honors with a score of 70 (nine over).

This year's sponsor Ietan Consulting of Washington D.C. covered the on course specials and the lunch at the turn. Everyone involved appreciated their support and efforts as they work to protect the Tribe's interests and rights.

Results as recorded at the end of play

Men's Division

1st Kent/Steve - 46	5th Bean/Leo - 56
2nd Steve/Teddy - 54	6th Andy/Ted - 59
3rd Henry/Hanko - 55	7th J.J./Rick - 63
4th Jim/Bill - 55	8th Bernard/Regis - 70
Longest Drive: Kent	Longest Putt: Leo
Closest to Pin: Ted. K.	50/50 Winner: Ken Sprague
Skins: Kent/Steve 2, Jim/Bill 1, Bill/Shirley 4, Jeremy/Shawn 3, Hoss/Krystal 1	

Coed Division

1st Bill/Shirley - 57
2nd Hoss/Krystal - 62
3rd Jeremy/Shawn - 63
4th Ken/Consuelo - 70

Two new judges for SCIT



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On Monday, Aug. 5, two new judges were sworn in for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe by Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr., with most Tribal Council members present. Chief Appellate Judge Robert Kittecon (left) and Appellate Judge Andrew Pyatskowitz (right) were sworn in to serve the SCIT community.

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Team SCIT comes in first place by a landslide at the 26th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Little did “Go for the Gold” campaign and community members know that they would not only help increase awareness for the 26th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) and improve participation from Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) members, but they would also help Team SCIT come in first place by a landslide! (*Results listend on page 13.*)

SCIT Public Relations, At-Large Program, Education, Parks and Recreation and community members joined Nimkee Fitness to make up the “Go for the Gold” campaign in an effort to increase awareness and SCIT participation at MIFO and succeeded!

On Friday, July 26, seven Tribes from all over Michigan competed in the 26th annual MIFO competitions. This event was once again hosted by SCIT at Central Michigan University’s Bennett Track and Field. The Tribes represented were first place champions, Team SCIT, along with Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomis (Gun Lake Tribe), Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Grand Traverse Bay Band, Little Traverse Bay Band, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and Detroit Urban.

The official day full of competitions on the Bennett Track started on Friday, but MIFO was set up a little differently this year. On Thursday, July 25, MIFO competitions kicked off with a golf tournament at Waabooz Run Golf Course in the morning and a Lacrosse Tournament that night at the Bennett Track.

The opening ceremonies started at 9 a.m. While the drum played, each Tribe lined up in their distinctive colored shirts to represent their Tribe. Veterans led the way for a lap around the track, with hosts Team SCIT next and the six other Tribes following. After the lap was complete, each Tribe gathered around the drum to sing and begin the annual MIFO competitions.

Light rain in the morning did not stop participants from giving their all in the competitions they signed up for. The always adorable Baby Crawl competition marked the first “race” to kick off MIFO. Volunteer timekeepers and judges got ready for jump rope competitions, horseshoe tosses, tot trots, softball throws, meter dashes, long bow open archery contests, three-point basketball shots, one-mile walk/run, long jump competitions that all took place in the morning.

Obstacle courses, bean bag tosses, 50 and 100 meter runs, sponge relay competitions and team tug of war also filled up the afternoon.

For the second year in a row at MIFO, Blue Cross Blue Shield gave away checks to those Tribes that participated in the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge, entitled the “Blues Community Challenge.” Blue Cross Blue Shield uses an online tracking system allowing ten different Tribes from across Michigan to compete for nine weeks to see which Tribe could walk the most average miles as a team.

About halfway through MIFO, Senior Community Liaison for Central Michigan Region of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Shelley DuFort, announced the rankings of the winners, how many miles they logged and what

their averages were. The total grant amount this year was \$11,000 and each participating Tribe received a portion of the amount with the top performers receiving a larger sum. SCIT received a check for \$250 for participation in the “Blues Community Challenge.”

“We developed a partnership last year with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, and in their efforts to try to support the tribes from across the state in wellness activities, we thought this would be a great fit to be our charitable resources in terms of physical activity, motivation and eating healthier for the tribal communities,” DuFort said.

The Tribes will spend their grants wisely and help give back to their communities.

“Each of the tribes has designated a public place of wellness or an event towards which their grant dollars will go,” DuFort said. “They will take the money back to their health centers, do their own 5K runs, develop their walking paths or buy equipment for their fitness areas.”

The Blues Community Challenge keeps improving and Blue Cross Blue Shield hopes grant amount keeps increasing.

“Last year when we first started this, we had a total grant of about \$5,000 and we awarded the top three teams that participated,” DuFort said. “We started with six Tribes last year, five competed, but only the top three received the grant dollars. This year we’ve increased the grant dollar amount with 11 tribes starting and ten completing it. So, this year everyone takes a piece of that pie. We expanded it just within the two years and would love to do that again. All of the tribes are invited and it is up to them if they want to participate or not, but we are hoping that next year’s gets bigger.”

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman helped organize the event and is very proud of the participation results this year.

“We had record numbers for both our SCIT attendance and the total participation,” Harman said. “With the blessing from Tribal Council to give a participation incentive and Saginaw Chippewa Anishinabek Athletes paying for SCIT registration, together we



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

One thing that was great to see at the 26th annual MIFO was the number of children and youth participating. The youth helped carry the MIFO banner during the opening ceremony.



The first competition that kicked off MIFO was the adorable Baby Crawl.

almost tripled the participation with approximately 280 SCIT members and their families coming to the event... Our overall totals reached the highest with over 1,000 coming to the games.”

Harman has been involved with the organization, promotion and planning of MIFO since 2005.

“My favorite part every year is seeing the sense of accomplishment from the participants,” Harman said. “This year, it was absolutely awesome to see this come from members of our own community. They really were able to experience the greatness of the event again. With this being said, I believe we made a great impact on many individuals. Together, I believe we heightened the awareness of health and wellness throughout the community.”

SCIT members were in full competitive mode, coming in first place made many Tribal members and SCIT employees proud.

“Congratulations to all involved, and thank you for taking the lead in this annual event,” Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. stated on behalf of Tribal Council. “A big thank you to those that volunteered their time to make it a much anticipated success.”

“We would not be able to put on such an awesome event without the great efforts from our Tribal employees,” Harman said. “Together we did this and there are so many aspects that go into an event like this to make it a success. Everyone’s contributions are much appreciated. We had a great impact on many individuals in our community through this event by inspiring many and giving a sense of accomplishment that I believe really made a difference for them.”

SCIT members and employees truly came together to help organize this event. It was a triumphant victory for Team SCIT!



This year a Lacrosse Tournament was added on the Thursday before MIFO.



Misheka Vasquez competes in the archery competition.



A golf tournament at the Waabooz Run Golf Course kicked off the MIFO competitions.

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Dear WW: This old granny is so busy! I have five grown children with spouses, and 15 grandchildren. I certainly am blessed! However, family get-togethers are a lot of work. As a mother and grandmother, I love the company and joy that comes from it. What disappoints me is everyone just leaves without helping to clean up. Then I am alone and cleaning (Grandpa died a few years ago). Feeling frustrated, but looking forward to the next get-together so I can be with my family. I must have failed them somehow because why else wouldn't they stay to help clean up? **Dishpan Hands**

Dear Dishpan: You haven't failed anyone if they continue to come to your house for visits and get-togethers! Perhaps at the next one, you could start cleaning up before everyone leaves and they will pitch in. You could jokingly offer to pay your grandkids, or perhaps even give them a couple of dollars to do it. They would be earning it. If it was a potluck, you could just give the dishes back with whatever food is still left and wouldn't have to worry about cleaning up. Suggest that the next one be at someone else's house. If none of my suggestions work, I would just be happy and honored that you have grown children and grandchildren that come to visit!

Dear WW: I'm buying my first house and it's more stressful than I thought it would be. So many steps it's like the bank is invading my personal space! They are actually watching my bank account to make sure I will have enough money for closing costs which is \$8,000!! It's so hard to explain every step to my parents and boyfriend and now they are upset when I tell them that the bank has to put off the closing date for three weeks already!! So frustrating!!! They think the bank doesn't have any rules they have to follow. It's not as easy as they think. I'm ready to just give up! **Homeless**

Dear Homeless: There is a lot of work involved because there is a lot of money involved in purchasing a house. This will be one of your major purchases in life. Not only should the bank watch your money but you should also watch it to make sure that you can afford to live in it once you purchase it, i.e. heating costs, major repairs, etc. Yes, it may seem like a lot of work and that it isn't worth it, but in the end, you will have a sense of accomplishment and can proudly say you are a homeowner. Not sure why your boyfriend and parents are upset? Maybe they see your disappointment and are feeling for you! Congratulations!

Dear WW: I sewed a beautiful ribbon shirt for my nephew for his graduation. Now my family is saying they want a ribbon shirt too! I will sew one for a special occasion, but I will charge \$20 for an order enough to cover the materials. Some family members do not understand this and want me to just make them one for free. I hate to charge but can't afford the material for everyone! What should I do? **Hanging by a Thread**

Dear Hanging: There is nothing wrong with charging for material in order to fill an order, better yet, have them go and get the material, ribbon and thread for you. That way, you wouldn't even have to ask for money. You could display a tip jar in your sewing area when they pick up the shirt. Make sure you mention to your family that you would rather give them as a gift instead of having them commission one from you. Get the name and number of a local sewer if you need to do referrals.

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20M Run | Silver: Angelo Leaux Bronze: Tahlia Alonzo

50M Run | Gold: Faith Davis, Coy George Silver: Tavia Agosta, Jenna Rios, Kayle Crampton Bronze: Carli Sprague, Darcy Crampton, Minngan Jackson

100M Run | Gold: RoseMary Saboo, Cole Davis Silver: Christina Otto, Bailey Mitchell, Alex Leaux, Chase Owl Bronze: Monica Gonzalez, Christopher Benz, John Chippewa

400M Run | Gold: Majorie Gonzalez, RoseMary Saboo, Amanda Lewis Silver: Dejjia Shinos, Monica Gonzalez, Dayna Johanson, Kayle Crampton, Ramon Perez, Christopher Benz, David Perez III Bronze: Callista Sowmick, Iliana Bennett, Cole Davis, Clinton Pelcher

One Mile Run | Gold: Amanda Lewis, Kayle Crampton, Richard Johnson, Luke Sprague Silver: Darcy Crampton, David Merrill, Chase Owl, Steve Saboo Bronze: Maia Montoya Pego, David Perez III, Alan Vasquez

Golf Scramble | Gold: Gayle Ruhl, Shellie Jeffrey, Darcy Crampton, Kayle Crampton, Phil Sprague, Larry Sprague Silver: Consuelo Gonzalez, Chris Sineway, Erik Rodriguez, Robert Pego, June Pego Bronze: Brad Bennett, Michael Johnson, Bernie Sprague, Lewis Sprague

Team Tug of War | Gold: 18 & Older Tug of War Team Bronze: 12 & Under Tug of War Team



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Competition Heats Up

At the 29th annual Anishinaabe: Where the Heart is Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Families and friends came together to dance, celebrate and compete in the 29th annual Powwow, Anishinaabe: Where The Heart Is on Aug. 2-4, 2013. The Saginaw Chippewa

Indian Tribe continually does an exceptional job hosting the Powwow each year.

The Powwow site was once again full of campers and guests at the Campgrounds on Tomah Road. Finally, this year the Powwow remained outside the entire weekend.

Not one drop of rain fell this year as the weather was perfect for the competition, dancing and fancy footwork with the new, scenic arbors. This year had one of the best turnouts yet during all three days.

Grand entries started at 7 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Members of the Anishinaabe Ogitchewaw Veterans Warriors Society with Head Veteran George Martin led the grand entry and with Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. on Saturday. Head Dancers David "Baby Dave" Merrill, Jr. and Julie Whitepigeon followed the Flag Carriers in their colorful regalia.

Zackary Jackson and Dajia Shinos were the Junior Dancers. A total of 333 competitive dancers hoped to impress judges including Head Male Dance Judge Miengun Pamp and Head

Female Dance Judge Mae Pego. Depending on their placing and age group, dancers that placed could win anywhere from \$100 to \$1200.

Thirteen drums were present including Host Drum Crazy Spirit. Drummers hoped to impress the judges as well as Head Drum Judge Ben Hinmon. First place drum payout was \$8,000. Crazy Spirit received first place, CZS Isaac Boys in second place, Big Red came in third place and War Paint in fourth place.

The Masters of the Ceremony were Marin Denning and first time Emcee Calvin Hill. Arena Directors included Dave Shananaquet and Jefferson Ballew.

Forty-seven vendors filled the Campgrounds selling everything from beautifully beaded jewelry, moccasins and dream catchers to sacred medicines and Indian Tacos.

On Saturday, a fry bread competition took place. The

appetizing smell of fry bread is difficult to turn down. Sista's Grub with Glenna Genereaux came in first place with the best fry bread, with Gail Pinnance in second place and Alycia Atkinson in third.

The Powwow Committee Members Angel Jackson, Elizabeth Ballew, Craig Graveratte and Mike David helped make this huge event possible.

"The Powwow Committee is made up of 12 individuals appointed by Tribal Council to three year terms," Powwow Committee Treasurer Graveratte said. "The committee meets all year long and the planning process is done by all committee members and starts for the upcoming year in October. We first elect the officers and then move on to the theme, logo and nominating the head staff for the upcoming powwow."

Tribal Council grants the Powwow Committee a yearly



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

There were many vendors selling a variety of their best work, including these beautifully beaded dream catchers.



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Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. led the grand entry with the Anishinaabe Ogitchewaw Veterans.



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Head Dancers Julie Whitepigeon and David Merrill, Jr. showed the dancers the way during grand entry.



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Baby Evelyn Ivanni Bennett is escorted on the arena by her Mother Iliana Bennett and Grandmother Faith Pego- Carmona.



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Dancer Carol Corbiere (front) placed fifth for the Platinum Women (Combined) category.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A female fancy dancer joins two male traditional dancers during an intertribal dance.

budget to conduct the annual event. Fundraising events also assist in providing additional prizes or activities during the Powwow.

"As Chairperson, I cannot take credit for much as it was

us, the Powwow Committee, that worked long and hard in planning this year's event" Jackson said. "I am so proud of each and every one that helped make this year's event a success."

During the months of March and April 2013, The Powwow Committee hosted a Logo design contest for the Powwow. The logos had to include all of the powwow information and could be either hand drawn or created electronically. Rachel House came in first place with her hand drawn design, winning a \$200 gift card and a Powwow hoodie. Congratulations, Rachel!



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Rachel House showing her design which won her first place in the Powwow logo contest.

Jolene Quinlan came in second place with her design and won a \$25 gift card and a hoodie. Third place went to Julie Peters, winning a \$10 gift card and hoodie.

Various SCIT departments also made this Powwow possible.

"For a second year in a row, Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort Marketing Department sponsored two of our dance specials," Jackson said. "But there were also so many other departments that made this year a success; Facilities, Food and Beverage, Reservations, the Campgrounds, Planning, Housing, Migizi, Public Relations, SECR Facilities, Eagle Valley Outfitters and the Legal Department."

The 2014 annual SCIT Powwow dates have been changed to July 25-27. One reason for the date change is to potentially avoid scheduling conflicts with other powwows. The date may be altering, but the tradition will remain unchanged.



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Girls fancy dancers take to the powwow arena to show off their moves.



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Male grass dancers are shown wearing their colorful regalia.

2013 Powwow Winners

Jr. Boys Traditional:

- 1st: Bryson Funmaker
- 2nd: Nakya Leviner
- 3rd: Leodyn Kingbird
- 4th: Chase Bain

Jr. Boys Grass:

- 1st: Wakinyan Fiddler
- 2nd: Daimian Funmaker
- 3rd: Heatley Paul
- 4th: Quincey Jackson

Jr. Boys Fancy:

- 1st: Maurice Gardner
- 2nd: Liam Sands
- 3rd: Cyrus Sinopole
- 4th: Geno Yellowbird-Whitecloud

Teen Boys Traditional:

- 1st: Talon White-eye
- 2nd: Nodin Shawanda
- 3rd: Jon-Morgan Clark
- *Only 3 dancers*

Teen Boys Grass:

- 1st: Gavin White-eye
- 2nd: Gabe Desrosiers, Jr
- 3rd: Dustin Big Mountain
- 4th: Jacobi Revels

Teen Boys Fancy:

- 1st: Jessup Yazzie
- 2nd: Floyd Silas, III
- 3rd: Note-no-shkuk Wahweoten
- 4th: Kane Funmaker

Jr. Adult Male Traditional:

- 1st: Chadwick Red Elk
- 2nd: Shane Mitchell
- 3rd: James Wrightman
- 4th: Hoonch Cleveland
- 5th: Lee Goodman, Jr

Jr. Adult Male Grass:

- 1st: Jason Cook
- 2nd: Brian "Nodin" Thunder
- 3rd: Matthew Isaac
- 4th: Darnell Baker
- 5th: James "Bud" Day

Jr. Adult Male Fancy:

- 1st: Darrell Hill
- 2nd: David Cleveland
- 3rd: Jo-Jo Maness (Joseph)
- 4th: Kyle Funmaker
- *Only 4 dancers*

Sr. Adult Male Traditional:

- 1st: Lonny Street
- 2nd: RJ Smith
- 3rd: Kelly Kaytoe Logan
- 4th: Tony Wahweotten
- 5th: Dylan Prescott

Sr. Adult Male Grass:

- 1st: George Bearskin
- 2nd: Gabe Desrosiers
- 3rd: C.C Whitewolf
- 4th: Dennis Nevaquaya
- 5th: Don Morrison

Sr. Adult Male Fancy:

- 1st: Larry Yazzie
- 2nd: Joe Bointy
- 3rd: Clayton Crawford
- 4th: Adrian King
- *Only 4 dancers*

Golden Age Men (combined):

- 1st: Terry Fiddler
- 2nd: Wayne Pushetonequa
- 3rd: Ken Funmaker, Jr
- 4th: Mike King
- 5th: Raymond Cadotte

Platinum Men (Combined):

- 1st: Gerald Cleveland, Sr
- 2nd: Patrick Spottedwolf
- 3rd: Eddie Benton-Banai
- 4th: Ted White, Sr
- *Only 4 dancers*

Jr. Girls Traditional:

- 1st: Aryana Robinson
- 2nd: Maddy Douglas
- 3rd: Vanetta Cloud
- 4th: Morgan Veviner

Jr. Girls Jingle:

- 1st: Aiyanah Borton
- 2nd: Addy White
- 3rd: Juniper Kewayosh-Deleary
- 4th: Makayla Jackson

Jr. Girls Fancy:

- 1st: Cherish Kingbird
- 2nd: Alexa Oldman
- 3rd: Jaden Soney
- 4th: Jasmyn Jackson

Teen Girls Traditional:

- 1st: Kaitlyn Douglas
- 2nd: Onyleen Zapata
- 3rd: Aazhenii Bigjohn
- 4th: Tara Fiddler

Teen Girls Jingle:

- 1st: Waskwane Stonefish
- 2nd: A.J. Douglas
- 3rd: Sierra White
- 4th: Tiana Schocko

Teen Girls Fancy:

- 1st: Kianna White
- 2nd: Beedokah Stonefish
- 3rd: Brennah Wahweotten
- 4th: Miigwaans Smith

Jr. Adult Female Traditional:

- 1st: Arianna Green Crow
- 2nd: Bianca White Cloud
- 3rd: Alva Fiddler
- 4th: Melissa Montoya
- 5th: DaLynn Alley

Jr. Adult Female Jingle:

- 1st: Sheena Cain
- 2nd: Grace Pushetonequa
- 3rd: Shawna Olson
- 4th: Ryanne White
- 5th: Jackie Klein
- 6th: Jessica Webster
- (Donated by Alexa Funmaker)

Jr. Adult Female Fancy:

- 1st: Verna Street
- 2nd: Patricia Bugg
- 3rd: Rose Track
- 4th: Aspen Bell
- 5th: Cherie Kingbird

Sr. Adult Female Traditional:

- 1st: Sayokla Williams
- 2nd: Cheryl Funmaker
- 3rd: Kella With Horn
- 4th: Becky Gains
- 5th: Liz Webkamigad

Sr. Adult Female Jingle:

- 1st: Sharon Eagleman
- 2nd: Diane Derosiers
- 3rd: Angie Wahweotten
- 4th: Dawn Shenoskey
- *Only 4 dancers*

Sr. Adult Female Fancy:

- 1st: Shelley Bointy
- 2nd: Crystal Cleveland
- 3rd: Celina Cada-Matasawagon
- 4th: Lisa Hill
- 5th: Angie Shinos

Golden Age Women (Combined):

- 1st: Annamae Pushetonequa
- 2nd: Patricia Eagleman
- 3rd: Lorraine Shananaquet
- 4th: Caroline White
- 5th: Oralann Caldwell

Platinum Women (Combined):

- 1st: Priscilla Schrock
- 2nd: Nelda Goodman
- 3rd: Marijo Spottedwolf
- 4th: Dorothy Mishibinjima
- 5th: Carol Corbiere

Men's Shawl Dance:

- 1st place: Marcus Gardner
- 2nd place: C.C Whitewolf
- 3rd place: Corey Joseph

Luck of the Draw Two-Step Contest:

- 1st place: Verna Street and George Bearskin
- 2nd place: Melissa Montoya and Lee Goodman, Jr.
- 3rd place: Hoonch Cleveland and Celina Cada-Matasawagon

Spectator/Visitor Dance:

- 1st place: Amayan Littlewolf and Chase Housefield
- 2nd place: Maia Montoya-Pego and Natasha Miniard
- 3rd place: Sterling Big Bear and Bud Colberg



Farewell... all my relation: One quiet night, a dark one, perhaps even when we are hurting the most; we will reunite again...

DEBRA K. HANSEN
Contributing Writer

Please allow me a moment to thank family, friends, colleagues and the Tribal community for 20 years of service with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. I have accepted a position with the Quinault Nation in the Pacific Northwest, located in a remote reservation village in Taholah, Wash. in the capacity

of executive director for the Housing Authority.

When I first began my journey with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan in 1994, I was immediately welcomed into the community. I recall fondly, the first week of orientation, it was instilled in new hires; you are here to provide a service to the membership. After 20 years of service, I have never forgotten that. I came not as an outsider, rather a distant relative with ties to

the tribal community. I have been a part of this community practically my whole life, I have family who are members. No matter where my soul purpose leads me, my home will always be with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Each experience and opportunity I have been given by the Tribe has groomed my professional development in my new endeavor and for that I am blessed. It is an honor to be a part of the community. Miigwetch!

From the moment that the first leaves began to turn brown, I have walked through the woods and seen them change with one mantra in mind: letting go. Only it isn't sad, a burden, or a command, I give myself born of compromise and forced resignation. It isn't forced at all. It is just that everything else in my heart has been stripped away, everything but love and letting go. Though it isn't forced, it is most certainly a choice. It is the only choice that brings me freedom and sweetness, no matter what the circumstance. As I walk on the moist ground, I am literally hearing the hush and the darkness begin to descend, literally watching the color rise to its peak and then begin to drain away from everything, making space for the color within to come forth again, and for the color within to be seen, bright and wild against a gray and white backdrop.

It's funny though, for the past truly never leaves us; it is in the air that we leap through, the ground where we land, it is the splendid canvas of who we are, past, present and future. It is not about the stories so much as it is about the living song inside your heart, for in never dies. It keeps being reborn as



Debra Hansen has been with the Tribe since 1994.

Gail George reflects on her service to the Tribe, announces retirement from Nimkee Clinic

GAIL GEORGE
Contributing Writer

Dear Tribal Community, please find this open letter as a thank you for allowing me to serve the Tribal community since 1985. Last year, I requested to the Tribal Council that after much thought it would be my last year as Health Administrator at Nimkee Clinic. I have served in this position for 17 years and feel that it is time to step aside to enjoy life and continue providing service to the Tribal community on a different level. I have much faith in our tribal youth who have attained degrees which the Tribe

would benefit as my generation is reaching retirement age!

Born and raised on the Isabella Reservation, I have witnessed many changes and advances within our community. The Tribe had meager beginnings and being here meant a lot to me to see our Tribe reach levels as a national leader in Tribal business. In 1985, I began my duties at Tribal Operations as the mailroom clerk, Education as a school advocate, Nimkee Clinic, Social Services and back to Nimkee. I have served on various committees and proudly, various terms on Tribal Council. I believe one of my

greatest achievements was being the first elected female Tribal Chief for the Tribe. This accomplishment broke the barrier and paved the way our community viewed female leaders on our reservation.

I will be proud to watch our youth become respectful, educated adults who will, in turn, provide their service back to the Tribe as many members have done within the years and to continue providing services to our most valuable resource, its people.

Thank you again,
Gail (Kahgegab) George

a deeper beat, no matter how low the flame seems to burn sometimes. It is always getting ready to burst into new fire. Love is the oxygen and our soul's uniqueness is the fuel. Remember that old worlds have to fall before the new ones can be built, and remember this must happen in our hearts first. If the old worlds of your heart are falling away, know that it is the best thing that can happen right now. The new world of your heart is waiting.

May the Creator protect, guide and heal us... walk in Peace, for we are all connected.

Many Blessings,
Debra K. Hansen



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Foster Care parents recognized for their dedication and strength

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Every child deserves the right to a sheltered, safe and loving home, but unfortunately, that is not always the reality for the lives of many children. Luckily, some of those children get another chance in the arms of a loving foster care parent.

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) decided to recognize some of those devoted foster care parents for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe at the 1st annual Foster Care Appreciation Banquet on Friday, Aug. 16, located in Andahwod Senior Care Center. Individuals with licensed foster homes were honored with

awards, prizes, gifts and a banquet dinner.

Indian Child Welfare Specialist Eliza Owl believes foster care parents are not honored as much as they should be and it is time to show appreciation for them.

“We are always so busy,” Owl said. “Fostering is a need, so we are often in a rush placing children and sometimes fosters do not get appreciated as much as they should. They should be honored in the community because they are taking care of our children. So we thought we would do this to honor them and make sure they know how much we care that they care for our children.”

Seventh Generation’s Shop Instructor Patrick Collins and Prevention Specialist Maryann Heintzelman both were brave enough to share their personal experience of growing up in



Hosts DJ Lupe and Foster Care Specialist Angela Gonzalez recognize the wonderful foster care parents that have participated in the foster care program for a few months up to 24 years.

foster care. Collins publicly shared his foster care experience for the first time.

The ACFS foster care parents were recognized for the number of years they have been involved with the program. Some parents

have been involved for less than a year, two or three years, while ACFS Prevention Worker Sandra Stevens has been a foster for 24 years.

For anyone also willing to become a foster parent, ACFS is in desperate need and the process is not too lengthy.

“If (potential fosters) come in, register their fingerprints and turn in their paperwork right away, they could probably be licensed within one month,” Foster Care Specialist Angela Gonzalez said. “If it is a two-parent family, then we have to get all the fingerprints in before we start doing a background check.”

A foster parent can truly help the lives of children in need. If anyone is interested in becoming a foster parent or learning more about the process, visit the ACFS office anytime or call **989-775-4901**.

Twin “Niizhode’ek” Day



Eight-year-olds Julianna and Adrianna Garcia pose for a picture at the Twin “Niizhode’ek” Day celebration hosted in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen on Wednesday, July 24. Public Health hosted a picnic lunch and gave prizes for oldest, youngest twins, most look-alike non-twins and more. Fifty-one guests were in attendance including ten twins, five women who gave birth to twins and one father of adopted twins.

SEWPH September Employee of the Month

CINDY FUGIEL
Contributing Writer

Amanda Lalone is a full-time guest room attendant that takes great pride in her assigned areas. She is friendly, outgoing and always has a pleasant smile. Amanda takes

time for guests’ by answering questions, informing them of property amenities and making sure they are aware of what Mt. Pleasant has to offer. She is a great asset to our team and demonstrates a positive reflection on the company. Thank you, Amanda.



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American Indian Higher Education: Key to community wellness

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). AIHEC was founded in 1972 as an informal collaboration of six tribal colleges who sought to build a common vision for research, advocacy and lobbying. AIHEC has since been instrumental in supporting the coalescence of the Tribal colleges in the overall Tribal college movement that has transpired over the last few decades. AIHEC played a key role to assure that the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978 was signed into law. This legislation authorizes additional federal assistance to community colleges controlled by American Indians on their reservations.

This year, AIHEC celebrated 40 years as the “collective spirit and unifying voice” of the now 37 tribal colleges and universities (TCU). The growth of Tribal colleges across the nation has been phenomenal.

TCUs have been heralded as a means to heal from past injustices in relation to Indian education.

Representatives of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College attended AIHEC’s 40th anniversary conference held Aug. 7-11, 2013, in Santa Fe, N.M. This conference was focused on sharing TCU’s stories of “Success & Challenges.” There were conference strands on student success, leadership and professional development, institutional research, Native language and culture and many more. Many stories were shared that threaded a common theme of student success and community challenges. It was impressive to see some of the AIHEC founders still engaged and fighting for the cause of Indian education. It was exciting to hear of all the educational progress that is being made around Indian Country in regards to higher education.

The Tribal College movement has earned a place in the history of education. Stories were shared on how the addition of a TCU was a turning point in restoring

wellness for many Tribal communities. As was said at the conference, each TCU also holds their own education history, a legacy to their community. We at SCTC are still a work in progress, albeit with great potential. The potential is in the community and students we serve. A future campus will enhance SCTC’s ability to serve all students, to encourage Native people to improve their quality of life, and to make a difference in their families.

On a more personal note, the day staff departed for the AIHEC conference, we received word that our beloved co-worker, Katy denHeeten had passed away. This news made for many “Katy” stories through our smiles and tears; she will be greatly missed. Katy had worked diligently for SCIT/SCTC for more than 20 years. Her story is now part of fabric of the Tribal college movement. More importantly, Katy earned her place as an icon in the history of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. We say “Chi-miigwech Katy” for assuring the future of our children and



Katherine denHeeten was an integral part of the growth of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

grandchildren. They will have a tribal college they can call home.

The SCTC Board of Regents authorized the renaming of the Student Resource Center to the “Katy denHeeten Student Resource Center”. On Sept. 16, 2013 at Noon, there will be an official naming of the resource center with soup and cupcakes. We hope you will be able to attend.

SCTC Extension: A quick and busy summer

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) Extension had a very busy summer. SCTC once again hosted a big bubble station at the Behavioral Health’s annual Community Block Party on July 30. The big bubbles are a way to mix science with fun, most just liked to see how big of a bubble they could create. SCTC Extension also held a painting workshop at Behavior Health’s Family Camp. Families are all about love, and about 50 LOVE picture frames were painted and photos taken to put right in the frames. Families loved it.

SCTC Extension also joined the celebration of the Pink Heals Fire Trucks.



The public enjoy decorating hats.

Participants of the Nimkee lunch honoring all cancer survivors were treated to a hat decorating craft activity. Many hats were decorated and then were worn throughout the Pink Fire Truck day. The public was invited to decorate hats also at the end of the parade. There were about 100 hats decorated that celebrated cancer survivors.



Graverette family show their love.

These are just some of the fun activities that have happened this past summer. Watch for news or activities on schedule for the fall semester. For more information you may call Mary Pelcher, SCTC Extension coordinator at 989-775-4123.



Big Bubbles are so much fun.

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4. Any specific requirements of organizations providing financial or other benefits to SCTC or providing accreditation of SCTC programs.

Fall at SCTC

Welcome Students! Classes began on Aug. 26 and fall semester is officially underway. The phone number to the Tribal College is (989) 775-4123. There will be many support activities throughout the semester for students and families to attend. Stay connected to SCTC by checking your SCTC student gmail often, and by “like” ing the SCTC Facebook page.

FALL 2013 Academic Calendar

- September 2 | Labor Day (no classes)
- September 17 | Constitution Day
- October 28 | Mid Term Grades Due
- November 1 | Last Day for Withdraw (“W”)
- November 3 | Registration Open for Spring
- November 27 | Thanksgiving Recess (5pm)
- December 2 | Classes Resume
- December 6 | Spring Graduation Applications Due
- December 6 | Last Day of regular classes
- December 9 | Exam Week begins

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Boy bands NKOTB and 98 Degrees attract female fan base at SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Monday, July 29, women of all ages went wild for the popular boy bands they idolize most. New Kids on the Block and 98 Degrees took over the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Outdoor Concert stage for The Package Tour.

Brothers Nick and Drew Lachey, Jeff Timmons and Justin Jeffre, otherwise known as 98 Degrees, opened the show. Ladies in the crowd were hollering for their favorite band member, hoping to get noticed. The multi-platinum selling group opened with their synchronized dance moves to the upbeat song, "Heat It

Up" from the 1998 album, "98 Degrees and Rising".

"Girls Night Out" was performed next with each band members pointing to lucky ladies in the audience. 98 Degrees sang their first single from 1997, "Invisible Man". The boys showed off their rehearsed dance moves for the first few catchy and upbeat songs, including "Microphone".

"We like to sing songs with passion and emotion," Timmons said.

The boys then slowed it down when four stools were brought out. Four lucky and ecstatic ladies from the audience were brought on stage for 98 Degrees to sing their passionate hit, "My Everything" to. At one point during the performance, each

member got down on one knee, making the audience holler and a bit envious of the ladies on stage.

Known as a popular wedding song, 98 Degrees performed "I Do (Cherish You)" along with hits "Give Me Just One Night (Una Noche)", "The Hardest Thing" and "Because Of You".

These attractive boys set the bar high for the next boy band, New Kids on the Block (NKOTB).

In matching black and white glitzy suit jackets, NKOTB appeared on stage opening with hits, "We Own Tonight" and "Welcome to the Block Party".

Donnie Wahlberg, Joey McIntyre, Brothers Jordan and Jonathan Knight and Danny Wood of NKOTB performed their ever popular songs, "Summertime" and "The Right Stuff". They then lost their jackets, leaving each member in tight black and white T-shirts.

Wahlberg wasn't shy about talking to the crowd. He believed the view from the stage was beautiful. He loved the scene of the sunset "over yonder" and said he enjoyed being on "this pleasant hillside" together.

Glowing fluorescent blue microphone stands were brought out for the five members. NKOTB slowed down the tempo and brought out



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

NKOTB Members Joey McIntyre (center), Donnie Wahlberg (left) and Jonathan Knight (right) perform their hit, "Summertime".

fedora hats used as props during coordinated dance moves. Performing "If You Go Away", McIntyre held a long note and took his time to throw vocal riffs in the ending of "Please Don't Go Girl".

"This is a very special tour," Wahlberg stated after the performance. "We have taken our whole show apart and brought it outside just for you."

NKOTB left the stage, the blue microphones suddenly switched one-by-one to a fluorescent red and the boys appeared again on stage after a wardrobe change. During the performance of the well-known hit "Step By Step", a verse of Salt-N-Pepa's "Push It" was played.

"Games", "Cover Girl" and "I'll Be Loving You (Forever)" made the crowd roar, but the most exciting part was when each member began walking through the crowd. Audience members squealed for their chance at the opportunity to touch and see a NKOTB member up close.

The fan favorite and catchy song, "Hangin' Tough" closed the show, not leaving fans disappointed.

The Package Tour was a celebration of the 25-year anniversary of NKOTB and the first tour for 98 Degrees in more than 12 years. Judging by the reaction of the crowd, NKOTB and 98 Degrees were just as great as they were when they first emerged on to the music scene.



98 Degrees prepare for a synchronized bow to end their song "Invisible Man".

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Country Music's Reigning Queen, Carrie Underwood, blows fans away at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Excited country music fans flocked to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as one of the hottest names in music was in town. On Sunday, Aug. 18, Carrie Underwood and her "Blown Away Tour" were ready to deliver an unforgettable performance to the sold-out crowd.

Carrie Underwood rose to fame through the hit television show "American Idol", winning the competition's fourth season in 2005. Her fame and success came quickly and she became one of the most successful country music artists of all time. Shortly after she was crowned winner, her debut album "Some Hearts", went on to become the fastest selling solo female debut album in country music history. It also went on to become the best-selling country album of the last ten years.

Underwood proved to be more than a one-hit wonder as she managed to maintain the momentum that her incredibly successful first album generated. She has

since released three more albums: "Carnival Ride" (2007), "Play On" (2009) and her most recent "Blown Away" (2012). Her list of accolades in her short eight year career has grown to include six Grammy Awards, 16 Billboard Music Awards, seven American Music Awards and ten Academy of Country Music Awards. Underwood has also twice been chosen as the Academy of Country Music's "Entertainer of the Year" and currently holds the record with 12 number one hits on the "Billboard Hot Country Songs" chart.

The show began with the hit songs "Good Girl" and "Wasted". Next fans, mostly decked out in plaid shirts and cowboy hats, sang along to the rock 'n' roll inspired single "Undo It". Underwood often paused to connect with fans, offering stories from her rise to fame and constantly waving to audience members.

"We have a great sounding crowd tonight," Underwood playfully said. "We listen to you as much as you listen to us; think about that for a second!"

Not missing a beat Carrie and her talented band jumped into the hit song "See You Again", followed by the ballad of a scorned lover, "Two Black Cadillacs", and the flirty single "Last Name". Her vocal range and ability to cross into different music genres are truly strengths of Underwood's shows, and the set list was built to show it. This was on full display as she transitioned into two beautiful and heartfelt ballads, the uplifting single "Jesus Take the Wheel" and the emotional "Temporary Home".

Following "Temporary Home", Underwood stopped to share about growing up in Oklahoma, her trip to the "American Idol" competition and her old perceptions of Michigan.

"Growing up, Michigan always seemed like some far off place, it might as well have been Mars," Underwood said. "And now, here I am with you fine people."

The rest of the show was a collection of country hits including the songs: "Cowboy Casanova",



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Though she may be small in stature, Carrie Underwood has a tremendously powerful voice.

"Do You Think About Me", "All-American Girl", "Some Hearts", "I Told You So" and "Cupid's Got a Shotgun". The show came to an end with the title track off her most recent album "Blown Away". To the delight of fans that stayed after Underwood exited the stage, she soon reappeared. She had a big

surprise, giving a spirited encore performance of the hit Guns n' Roses single "Sweet Child of Mine". A true entertainer, she stayed on stage to perform a second encore of the fan favorite song "Before He Cheats". The anthem for scorned women everywhere brought the show to an exciting and energetic close.

Mötley Crüe and Tesla bring eighties rock nostalgia to SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was a rock and roll lover's dream on Monday, July 22. Eighties rock bands, Mötley Crüe and Tesla, put on an electrifying show on the outdoor concert stage. The bands represented two different sides of the rock spectrum, with Mötley Crüe representing the glam rock which was prevalent during the '80s. On the opposite side was Tesla with their blue collar jeans and T-shirt image. Both bands came together that night to put on a memorable performance.

The blues rock band Tesla was formed in Sacramento, Calif. in 1984. Their first album "Mechanical Resonance", was recorded in 1986. Since then they have released 12 more albums, while selling more than 14 million copies.

Tesla kicked off the night with the single, "I Wanna Live",



Lead Singer for Tesla, Jeff Keith, put everything he had into his performance that night.

off their 2008 album, "Forever More". The band also played the hit singles "Hang Tough", "Taste My Pain" and "Mama's Fool". A highlight of their show proved to be performances of "Heaven's Trail (No Way Out)" and the classic power rock ballad "Love Song". The show also included the songs "The Way It Is", "Signs" and "Lazy Days, Crazy Nights". The show came to a close with the hit song "Modern Day Cowboy".

Mötley Crüe has gained a huge following since their formation in 1980, selling more than 75 million albums. The extensive discography of the group includes nine studio albums, two live albums, six compilation albums and four box sets. Their first album, "Too Fast for Love", released in 1981, with their most recent album, "Saints of Los Angeles", releasing in 2008.

The heavy metal group, originally from Los Angeles, has been called the world's most notorious rock band. Tommy Lee (drums), Vince Neil (vocals), Nikki Sixx (bass) and Mick Mars (lead guitar) have gained a reputation for their extreme lifestyles and the over the top personas they maintain. Fans in attendance were able to witness a rarity in the rock music industry, as all four original members of the band were on stage 33 years after its creation.

To say that Mötley Crüe's stage setup and delivery was a spectacle would be an understatement. The band is a live wire of energy on stage with choreographed lighting, smoke and dancers all adding to the overall experience of the show. Neil's pure rock 'n' roll whine, the explosive rhythms of Nikki Sixx's bass and Mick Mars' screaming guitar as he nailed every guitar part combined

to create a thrilling experience. The silhouette of Lee could be seen through the lights and fog behind the band, as he furiously drummed away.

The setlist consisted of classic Mötley Crüe tracks, with new ones peppered in. The show started emphatically with the Grammy Nominated song, "Saints of Los Angeles", and continued as the crowd erupted to the opening riffs of "Wild Side". The crowd shouted on cue and fist pumped into the air during their hit song, "Shout at the Devil". Finishing off the first section of the show were the songs "Same Ol' Situation" and "Piece of Your Action".

The growing energy of the crowd was suddenly met by darkness, as all the lighting turned off.

With only a small glimmer of light remaining on stage, guitarist Mick Mars began playing an acoustic solo and was joined by Lee on piano. Lighters and cellphones filled the air as the band moved into their hit power ballad "Home Sweet Home". The show continued with classic hits "Looks that Kill", "Live Wire", "Too Fast for Love" and "Primal Scream".

Mötley Crüe saved some of their best work for the finale of the show. Starting with their biggest hit, the funk-rock inspired track, "Doctor Feelgood". The group then transitioned into the song "Girls, Girls, Girls". After the previous two songs, guitarist Mick Mars, the one member of the group who prefers to live

out of the spotlight, was given his chance to shine. The rest of the band members disappeared as Mars began to show off his guitar mastery with a unique guitar solo paying homage to such greats as Jimi Hendrix and Eddie Van Halen.

The ensuing encore of "Kickstart My Heart" brought this roller coaster ride of a concert to a new level. The heavy upbeat opening riff of the hit song, gave everyone in the attendance a shot of pure rock 'n' roll adrenaline. The song, revolving around a life of thrill seeking, brought the show to a fitting end. Everyone who came to the show who was looking for an exciting and thrilling experience, surely left pleased that night.



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Nikki Sixx (left), Vince Neil (center) and Tommy Lee (right), gave a performance filled with energy and classic rock 'n' roll showmanship.

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mino n'Bimaadiziwin: or My healthy way of life

DAMIAN FISHER
Contributing Writer

I want to thank all those who have approached me with stories of their struggles and successes with weight loss and getting healthier. The important thing is making healthy choices not just to lengthen your life, but improve the quality of that life!

Knowing that my father, Sam Fisher, died from type II diabetes at the age of 57 after losing his legs, eyesight, having a quadruple bypass and complete kidney failure; I was headed down the same road. I was 49 when, after struggling with type II diabetes for 15 years, my Nimkee doctor said that while my numbers had improved from their worst A1C of more than 11 to 8.0, they were nowhere close enough to the >6.0 they needed to be in order to stop doing damage to my own heart, liver, eyes, kidneys, circulatory and nervous systems. He said I'd have to start injecting insulin or try bariatric surgery.

I knew I didn't have a support system in place to take insulin; it's important to have people around you that can respond if you dose it incorrectly. I explored bariatric surgery and chose the Roux-en-Y gastric bypass procedure because I felt comfortable at my age to make



Damian Fisher prior to his change to a healthy lifestyle.

the permanent lifestyle changes needed to ensure the best outcome possible. I got lucky; my choice to have the surgery was a gift from the Creator that I knew what to do with when I got it.

The day after surgery, my blood sugar was 90. I got up and walked, just like they told me to do, and I haven't stopped moving since Nov. 1, 2011. Lifting weights, running road races and eating the "right for me" foods has given me a second chance at not only good health, but happiness too. Living the good life, "Mino Bimaadiziwin," is a gift we give ourselves. Smile, eat well, move and give yourself a gift of a good life. Email me at kidwinini@gmail.com if you want to talk about diet, exercise or just want to talk about making healthy choices.

All about mighty mister spinach

SALLY VAN CISE
Contributing Writer

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Do you tell your children to eat their spinach and do you remember your parents forcing you to eat it when you were a kid? Well, there's a reason everyone's talking about spinach, it is one of the healthiest foods to consume, full of vitamins and minerals that protect against many ailments.

If your kids don't seem to love spinach yet, cook it with pasta, eggs and even include it on top of your pizza, so they get used to the taste. Encourage

them to eat it by discussing how it will make them run faster, grow taller and be a better test taker!

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When you're picking out spinach at the store or farmer's

market, make sure to reach for the bright green leaves that look fresh and not wilted, as they have a higher amount of vitamin C than pale colored leaves.

Fresh Fact: According to World's Healthiest Foods website, spinach was the favorite vegetable of Catherine de Medici, a historical figure in the 16th century. When she left her home of Florence, Italy, to marry the king of France, she brought along her own cooks, who could prepare spinach the ways that she especially liked. Since this time, dishes prepared on a bed of spinach are referred to as "a la Florentine."

Have fun with the many ways to eat spinach and try our Spinach Hummus at your next party!

Healthy men: Healthy community

ANTHONY RUNKLE
Contributing Writer

Our bodies are like a one-of-a-kind sports car, designed only for us. They come with everything we could possibly need on the road of life. We tend to however, give our bodies sludge instead of the top of the line fuel on which it runs best. We decide to not pay attention to the warning lights or give them daily tune-ups, which cause them to breakdown and eventually stop working. Time

flies so quickly and, "I'll do it tomorrow," rapidly becomes something that should have been done years ago. We get wrapped up in our lives, when we should be making our health just as important as our other priorities.

For men to continue on a healthy path of life there are things they should be doing and dieting is one of them. Men's plates should be half vegetables; dark leafy greens and a wide variety of color. Ten to thirty-five percent of daily calories should come from protein sources (chicken, venison, beans, eggs) equaling 56g of protein a day. Trans and Saturated fats (fast foods, name brand sweets) should be avoided and only 2300mg (one tablespoon) of salt should be consumed a day; 1500mg if you are diabetic. Water should be the main liquid consumed daily reaching 3L or more.

Men should aim for two and a half hours of intensive aerobic activity a week and muscle strengthening activities on two of the seven days, gradually increasing to five hours a week. These activities can include pushing the

lawnmower, riding your bike or light weightlifting. The more active you are, the more health benefits you receive. Don't be afraid to try new activities; there are a wide range of sports, classes and groups for you to get involved.

Don't stress about going to the doctor or asking questions about your health. If you can ask a stranger what the score is from last night's game, you can ask your doctor any question in the book pertaining to your health. At the age of 35, you should get your cholesterol checked regularly and at age 45, you should ask if you should be taking aspirin to help reduce your chances of a heart attack. When you reach 50, you should get checked for colorectal cancer, or if you have a family history, you may need to get it checked earlier.

It is important that we do these things to make sure we live active, happy and healthy lives. There are too many important moments in life to miss. If we can improve our health, we can inspire other members in our community to get active and healthy as well. Healthy men reflects a healthy community.

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Monday - Friday
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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12:00 p.m.	Turbo Kick Ashleigh	Fat Blast 4 Jayme	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Turbo Kick Adeanna	Boot Camp Jaden
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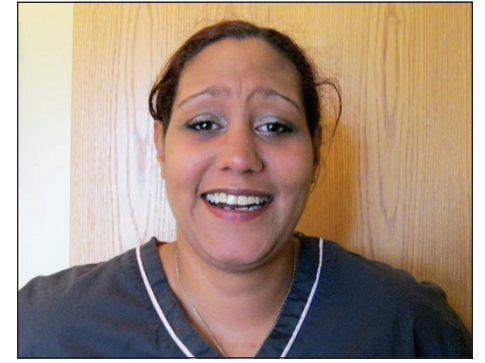
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Andahwod Employee of the Month

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer

We would like to recognize Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Amanda Thomas as the July Employee of the Month. Amanda has worked for Andahwod for five years but has been a CNA for 13 years. When asked what she likes most about her job, she replied, "spending time with the residents, learning about their culture, backgrounds and colorful personalities."

We always ask our Employee of the Month if they have a favorite saying or quote that they would like to share. Amanda said that she has learned that people will forget what you said and will forget what you did, but they won't forget how you make them feel.



Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Amanda Thomas has worked at Andahwod for the past five years.

Amanda has a nine-year-old daughter and she likes to spend time with her family, traveling and going to the beach.

Miigwetch, Amanda, for the fine job that you do for our Elders living at Andahwod.

Medicare Guidelines for durable medical equipment

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer

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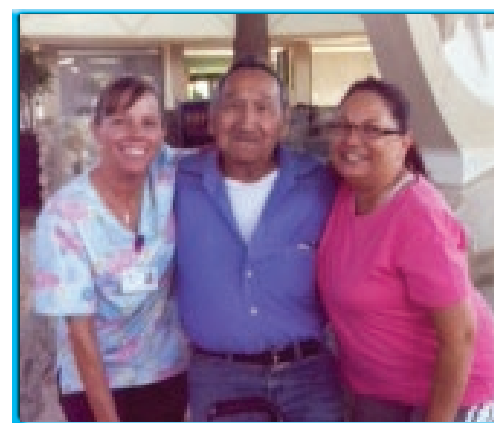
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September 8

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September 13

Acoustic set, First Impression, Nbakade Lounge, 7pm-11pm.
Glow Golf (See Ad below).

September 21

Acoustic set, AJ Westendorp in Nbakade Lounge, 9pm-1am.

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- Euchre**
September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Language Bingo**
September 10, 24 | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302
- Elder's Breakfast**
September 11, 25 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Bingo with Friends**
September 18 | 1 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302
- Fried Chicken Dinner**
September 19 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Native Farmer's Market**
September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Housing Pavilion
Contact: 989-775-4059
- Parenting Class**
September 4, 11, 18, 25 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
Becoming a Love and Logic Parent
Please call to register: 989-775-4616
- Grandparent's Day**
September 7 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-8172
- Performance Circle Sign-Up**
September 10 | Senior Class: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Junior Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-8172
12 week course for ages 3-16
- Performance Circle Class**
September 10, 17, 24 | Senior Class: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Junior Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-8172
12 week course for ages 3-16
- 9th annual People's Traditional Powwow**
September 13-15 | Grand Entry: Sat. 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.
Grand Entry: Sun. 1 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
Public welcome, free event
Guest Speaker: Dennis Banks, Friday 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: 989-775-4780
- Riders Against Domestic Violence**
September 14 | 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Ride begins at the People's Powwow
Contact: 989-775-4403
5th annual motorcycle ride
Ride begins with send off Ceremony and Smudging of bikes during the Saginaw Chippewa 9th annual People's Powwow followed by a Poker Run Route and return for announcing of prize winners and silent auction.
- Monarch Butterfly Celebration**
September 14 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-8172
Free and open to the public
Enjoy children's activities, face painting, door prizes and more.
- At-Large Health Fair/Meet and Greet**
September 15 | Health Fair: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Meet and Greet: 1 p.m.
Location: Apple Mt. Conference Center, Freeland MI
Contact: 989-884-6271
- Housing Financial Workshop**
September 19 | Noon
Location: Housing Conference Room
Contact: 989-775-4595
Lunch included
- Free Acupuncture**
September 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: 989-775-4850
- New Parents Support Group**
September 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Nimkee Health
Contact: 989-775-4600
- SCIT Golf Membership Tournament**
September 27 | Check in: 9 a.m., start: 10 a.m.
Location: The Pines Golf Course
18 holes, cart and lunch included
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- "Into the Light" Cancer Awareness Walk**
September 27 | 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Location: Island Park, Mt. Pleasant
Survivors candle light ceremony, celebration and walk will take place at 7 p.m.
Contact: 989-644-2504
- Run on the Rez 5k Run & 1 Mile Run/Walk**
September 28 | Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.
Run starts at 10 a.m.
Location: Tribal Ops Parking Lot
Contact: 989-775-4696

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
2 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	3 SCA First Day of School Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	6 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	7 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 1 8 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

Senior Associate General Counsel

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and/or current employees who work in the Legal Services department may apply. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; four or more years experience as a practicing attorney (minimum three plus years experience working for an Indian Tribe or Indian organization). The successful candidate should have excellent research, writing and oral skills, high academic achievement and strong references.

Associate General Counsel-Legislative

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organization). The successful candidate should have excellent research, writing and oral skills, high academic achievement and strong references.

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.

Chief Judge

Open to the public. Pursuant to Title I, Chapter 1.5 of the Tribal Code the minimum qualifications are as follows: twenty-five years of age or older; has not been convicted of a misdemeanor or type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense; is of good moral character and integrity; has graduated from an accredited law school and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or is licensed to practice law in another state; is capable of preparing papers and reports incident to the office of Judge; has demonstrated a knowledge of being familiar with, and able to read and interpret the Tribal Code, as well as having an understanding of Federal and State law and

Court procedures and shall, prior to entering on duty, be bonded in the amount of \$5,000.00 as an authorized collector of fines and other cost moneys for the Saginaw Chippewa Community Court. Cost of bond to be paid from the Court Fund.

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.

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 American students or Native American community.

Prefer knowledge of Ojibwe language and culture or Ojibwe language speaker.

Anishinaabe Culture Language Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education with two years experience working with school age children or associate degree in Native American studies with four years experience working with school age children or high school diploma or equivalent with six year's experience working with school age children. Must be proficient in the Anishnaabemowin (Ojibwe) Language. Must have knowledge and willing to share Anishinaabe cultural teaching. Must possess excellent communication skills. Must be able to develop Anishinaabe culture and language curriculum and create teaching materials/manipulatives. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and other computer applications.

Journeyman

Lineman Manager

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with Lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years. Three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license. Two plus years experience as a Journeyman Lineman preferred. Experience in supervising personnel required. Communication and Computer skills required. Applicant must have knowledge of overhead and underground power construction, maintenance and repair, tools, materials and equipment necessary to perform these operations. Candidate must have formal hot stick training and experience. Candidates must have a valid Commercial Drivers License, and be able to obtain a Tribal Drivers License. Native American preferred.

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.

Tribal Recording/ Title Specialist

Open to the public. Must have general knowledge of the practices and principles of real estate management, such as a Register of Deeds/Title Research and/or Realty Specialist. Must have excellent administrative and organizational skills in record keeping. Must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and/or Realty/Title similar software packages. Must be proficient in office operations, ability to type 65 words per minute. Must be knowledgeable with legal descriptions and have an understanding of laws and regulations of real estate transactions. Minimum Associate degree or three to five years required. Must be a Notary Public.

Casino

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, profes-

sional, friendly and courteous service. Perform minor machine repairs and jackpot payoffs.

Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Six months of carpet/floor care and upholstery experience required. Must have knowledge of wet and dry extractions of carpet and upholstery and truck mount system a plus. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture, carpet and flooring. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License, high school diploma or equivalent, be able to obtain a Service License and Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier.

Inventory Control Warehouse P-T

Open to the public. High school diploma (or equivalent). Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal driver's and Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing. Computer experiences to include Microsoft Office or related programs. Must have experience on stand up or sit down fork lift or be able to be certified prior to 90 day probationary period is completed. Must be able to work in a labor-intensive environment and must be able to multi task.

Call Center Agent Part Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 words per minute. Previous work experience that included customer service responsibilities ideally with experience in dealing with customers over the phone or in person.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF JAMES OSAWABINE JR:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd Mt Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0420 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 vs. Defendant: James Osawabine Jr., 14 W. Bluegrass Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires October 18, 2013.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF JOHN SANDERS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0331 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P. O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Vs. Defendant: John Sanders 7447 E. Broomfield Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires September 20, 2013.**



Native Fest: A three day celebration of American Indian Culture

**MATTHEW WRIGHT
& BREANNA COLWELL**
Staff Writers

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted Native Fest during powwow week. The three-day event provided the community with fun and great Native American entertainment for all ages. All of the events were free and open to the public.

A gloomy sky and a light mist didn't deter avid bingo goers from participating in the 6th annual car bingo event for Native Fest on Wednesday,

July 31. Bingo caller Bernie Sprague kept the mood upbeat with humor and a smile. The participants kept alive a tradition dating back to 1972 when the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) made Car Bingo its first gaming operation. Prizes included gift cards, gas cards and towels. All proceeds of the night went to support educational and cultural programming at Ziibiwing.

Laughter and music filled the air on Thursday, Aug. 1. The second day of Native Fest kicked off with a music and comedy night. The night featured live music, hula

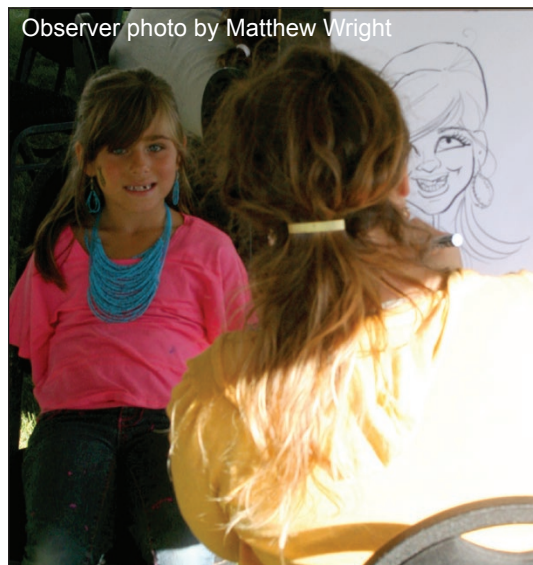
hoop contests and an amateur comedy slam. Participants were all awarded prizes for their efforts. Live music and entertainment included performances from Brothers in Music, Thirza Defoe and the Youth Hoop Dancers. The family fun included bounce houses, face painting, balloon animals, caricature drawings and even a chance for a photo with the mascots of the Migizi Economic Development Company's many businesses.

The third day of Native Fest centered on the Ziibiwing Artifact Adoption Program (ZAAP). The artifact adoption open house was held on Friday, Aug. 2 with the pieces remaining on display until Saturday, Aug. 3. All proceeds from the adoptions help pay for the care, maintenance, conservation and storage of the collections at the Ziibiwing Center. The ZAAP program provides a unique chance for anyone to show their passion and dedication to the Great Lakes Anishinabek history and culture. With each adoption the adoptee will receive a certificate of authenticity personally signed by SCIT Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. For more information on ZAAP or the Ziibiwing Center, please call 1-800-225-8172 or visit www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The artifacts shown above include pieces from Elwood Henry, Frank Alberts, the Peters Family, Dr. Suzanne L. Cross and Millie Henry.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Guests were able to have caricature drawings created in their image.



Observer photo by Breanna Colwell

Stephanie Peters (front) and Michelle Colwell (back) concentrate on their bingo cards.



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Dave Merrill Jr. (left) and Zozep Shawana (right) attempt to win one of the many prizes offered.



Observer photo by Breanna Colwell

Contestants Trinia Kerchen (right) and Ron Sprague Jr. (left) play car bingo as their furry friend, Kaachooch, takes in all the excitement and fresh air that night.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Vanyork Shawboose and his daughter Allyssa eagerly await as their balloon animal is created.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A collection of Powwow buttons are shown at Ziibiwing. The buttons are from 1986-1993.



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The band Brothers in Music, with Delmer Jackson Jr. (left) and Quinn Pelcher (right), had their musical prowess on full display on the Native Fest stage.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Many artifacts were on display at the Ziibiwing Center. The funds raised from the Ziibiwing Artifact Adoption Program (ZAAP) help support the museum's various collections.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The spirited comedy of Raymond Cadotte garnered many laughs from the audience.