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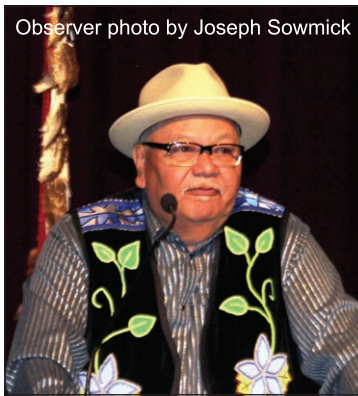


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Tribal Chief Steven Pego delivers message at annual SCIT homecoming community meeting

(Editor's note: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego delivers the annual homecoming community meeting message on July 24 in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall. The speech, transcribed in its entirety, is provided by SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier as an exclusive to the August 2014 edition of the Tribal Observer.)



Tribal Chief Pego delivers his speech to SCIT members.

"I need to begin by expressing the regrets of Tribal Council member Ron Nelson. Ron is fulfilling his required attendance at the annual National Indian Gaming Association meeting in Washington, D.C. as the alternate delegate from

our Tribal Government. These Trade Groups allow us the much needed voice in our Nation's capital as we carry the platform and concerns of Indian Country to the Nation's leadership.

Speaking of representing our community, we had 347 SCIT team members show up for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics last Friday and we were able to retain these trophies for the second year in a row. There were seven Tribes represented, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe won by more than 471 points, with 729 points to finish first. This event has become one of the most popular events for the community and other Native communities in Michigan. Please join us next year and encourage your family members to come as well.

Today, we find our Tribal community in flux as we meet

the challenges and accomplishments of day-to-day operations.

I am happy to report that the Tribe stands strong and solvent without debt. This administration has been working diligently to make decisions that will support a stronger and more profitable future for all of our economic resources.

Your Tribal Council has taken steps to change policy and make adjustments to leave, wage, rehires, management leave and holidays that will save the Tribe millions of dollars to the bottom line. This will make working more attainable for our members

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Council donation paves pathway for Shepherd community project

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan provides millions of dollars toward local area schools and municipalities, but its generosity extends far behind the semi-annual May and November two percent disbursements. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council recently awarded a charitable donation to the village of Shepherd of \$70,000 to assist in the continuing work with the "Mid-Michigan Community Pathway" project.

The Village of Shepherd Superintendent Steve Davidson accepted the funds on behalf of the project. Davidson also serves as chairman of the MMCP board.

"The Mid-Michigan Community Pathways Group is made up of community leaders to develop a non-motorized pathway connecting the Pere-Marquette Trail with the Fred Meijer Trail through the communities of Clare, Rosebush, Mount Pleasant, Shepherd, Alma, St. Louis and Ithaca," Davidson said. "This pathway will be utilized by bicyclists, walkers, runners, handicap users and rollerbladers in the warmer months, with cross country skiers utilizing the pathway in the winter months. Families, individuals and the young

and old alike will all have access to this trail for recreation and commuting needs."

In a July 7 press release issued by SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier, he informs the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council approved the donation during their June 23 Council work session.

"Mutually beneficial projects like this promote and link our community assets, art and culture with healthy living choices and help stimulate both local and regional economics of our region," Cloutier said.

Tribal Council member Chip Neyome is the former Parks and Recreation Director of the Tribe and has wanted to see this pathway connection happen for many years.

"Projects such as this give us a chance to connect our communities and what we have to share within each of our hometowns," Neyome said. "I believe we need more healthy choices in our communities and this pathway will provide access to the best we have to offer."

The proposed pathway will encompass the existing wildlife and natural surroundings disrupting as little as possible. It has also been proposed to add art installations and Native landscaping to add to the beauty of this pathway.

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A graphic representation of the Mid-Michigan Community Pathway Project.



John Archie Grills

Jan. 19, 1953 – June 18, 2014

John was born in Detroit on Jan. 19, 1953. He died at his home in Farmington Hills, Mich. June 18, 2014. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1971 and attended Eastern Michigan University.



He worked at Wayne County Water Department for many years and also served in the army. He was very proud to be a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member.

John enjoyed baseball, but his favorite hobby was fishing. He was an avid reader and always had a big collection of books.

He is survived by his two sons; John M. (Jenny), Alex Grills, sisters; Deborah Grills, Lorraine (Frank) Dumas, brother; Gary Grills, mother; Evelyn Grills, and grandchildren; Jack, Austin and Ella-Kate, many nieces and nephews and cousins. John is at peace and happy with the Creator.

E'Vann Fonton Walker

July 15, 1976 - July 20, 2014

E'Vann went to be with the Lord on July 20, 2014. He traveled internationally in the ministry. He came to this community approximately eight years ago. He started an outreach with community members, and it was his goal and purpose to teach and encourage people to find their place in God.



Memorial services were held Friday, July 25, 2014 at 6 p.m. at the Palm Eastern Mortuary 7600 S. Eastern Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89123.

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For more information & to register for EmpowerU please contact:

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 Kristen Winn, Fifth Third Bank Manager, Mt. Pleasant - 989.775.0351

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As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's must first be directed to :

BIA Interl Affairs SSA Justin Wendland
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ART REACH
 Of Mid Michigan

For More Information contact the Ziibiwing Center at 989.775.4750
 Demonstrators or Vendors please call Shannon Martin at 989.775.4761

MIGIZI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

Attention Adult Tribal Members

Migizi EDC has one vacancy on its Board of Directors to fill a Community Member seat. Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested party should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding of business management, administration, accounting, finance, law, advertisement, public relation and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings and special meetings. This appointment and its term will run concurrent with Tribal Council elections.

A Letter of Intent will be accepted until Sept. 3, 2014 and should be mailed to:
 Migizi Economic Development Company, c/o Sandy Sprague, 7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

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ONLINE

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who want to work, to go to work! Tribal Council Treasurer Shelly Bailey will go into detail during her update on the changes.

Just last month, the Tribal Council voted to reaffirm the work to expand the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, Mich. We are working to finalize the contract with JCJ Architectural Firm and then will make the official announcements as to time-line and expected completion dates. This new approach streamlines the expansion design and makes it more feasible and less expensive.

....We will now have meeting space which makes the Saganing Tribal Center more attractive. The hotel structure is five floors with a flat roof. Employee parking to the west of the rail bed has been eliminated.

This project will include 311 new machines and allow the Casino Slot department to relocate other machines making the property roomier and more maneuverable. The hotel will offer 148 rooms with different room layouts. This expansion will create an additional 240 jobs. It is being designed to capture the true up north feel and comfort level our patrons have been asking for.

In regards to enrollment, we have asked Legal Counsel Sean Reed to attend today and explain the efforts thus far to address those questions as they affect certain individuals within our Tribal population. This is an individual Tribal Member issue regardless of what district you live in.

For many years, the entire Tribe has been affected by these questions and debates. This Council did not create the situation, but is willing to address these issues once and for all and bring some closure to it. We will work diligently to ensure that due-process and plans are in place to ensure a respectful and proactive reaffirmation or transition in membership.

This year's theme for the Powwow is "Honoring Our Children," and that is something we should do. Our youth is the very backbone of our community. They are, after all is said and done, our future. We have one chance in their formidable years to get it right and raise them with values, traditions and culture that complement our way of life and their quality of life.

Would all Tribal Youth Workers and Student Council stand and be recognized for your efforts?

Together, the Tribal Council and the Indian Child Welfare Committee have been working hard to develop ordinances that meet the needs of our Tribal community. Ordinances have been changed, supported and recreated that serve, support and nurture Tribal families who need it. These changes are directly related to our culture and our traditional values.

The time has come for us to take charge of our own healing, development and support and not have to rely on western society to do for us what they believe we cannot do. Today, we take back our youth, families and Tribal community.

At this time, I would like to have our Tribal Council Sub Chief Lorna Kahgegab-Call and the rest of the Tribal Council join me in introducing our Indian Child Welfare Committee members and have them join us up front to say a few words. (see page 5).

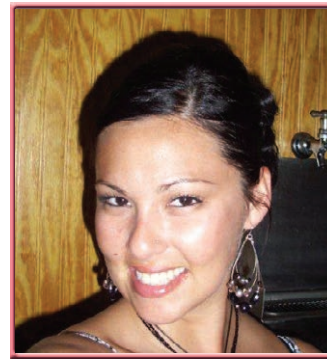
We have Faith Pego-Carmono; Committee chair, Lindy Hunt, Mary Pelcher-Wright, Jen Wassegijig, Carole Tally, Anne Peters, Cynthia Floyd and Cathy Fisher. These are the mothers, aunties, grandmothers and sisters who have answered the call on Native American Child Welfare issues in our community. They have committed themselves to make change for the best interest for the children of our Tribe. Let's give them a big round of applause!"

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"Bringing Communities Together" is the theme of this project and it connects in Clare to the existing Pere Marquette Rail-Trail and makes other connections to the Deerfield Road Path, Central Michigan University and the Mount Pleasant Parks and Recreation Trail network.

This project will also include our Saginaw

Chippewa Indian Tribe cultural loop and a link to MidMichigan Community College. It is proposed to finish with connections to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and Alma/St. Louis River walk trail system. This will also include the Village of Shepherd's triangle pathway. Future connections to the ClintonIonia-Shiawassee River Trail are planned.



Happy Birthday
Boob!
We Love You!
Mom & Papa D



Happy 18th and 21st B-day
Love ya's
My big Girls!
Mom, B and BroHam

BAILEY FAMILY REUNION

WHEN: Saturday, August 9, 2014, Noon-eating at 1 p.m.
WHERE: Chipp-a-Waters Park, (aka BAB), 1403 W. High St.
CONTACT: Emily, 989-289-8576

Please bring a dish to pass. There will be kid's games. Auction to take place after the feast and games. There is electricity in the pavilion if you wish to bring your instruments.



Happy Birthday
Ogee Chidah
August 13, 1962

Rocket Football Signup

Ages 8-14 **Registration Date: Aug. 4**
4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the MPHS Gym
For more information on Rocket Football, you can contact Nicole Mozurkewich at 989-773-0348



2014 LEADERboard Open Golf Tournament

Sunday Aug. 17 | 10 a.m. Shotgun Start
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Four Person Scramble • 1-2 Flights will be awarded!
(Places and payouts pending on the number of teams)

• \$65 per person entry fee • \$260 Team Fee • 30 team max!
All Fees must be paid in cash. Fee Includes: 18 Holes with cart and lunch on the turn

*Register by Aug. 8 to be guaranteed a free T-shirt
Teams must have two of the following: Any Tribal member/descendant of any recognized Tribe of SECR/Migizi/Saganing employee

• Chance to win Door Prizes
• Optional Games: Skins game (\$20 per team) & 50/50

For more information, please contact:
Lucas Sprague 989-775-4149 | Lindsey Sprague 989-775-4121

Twins Day Luncheon



Twins and multiples of all ages were invited to a luncheon on Monday, July 21 from Noon to 3 p.m. in the Nimkee Public Health Kitchen. A complimentary lunch was served, as twins told stories of their similarities. Seventy-five twins or multiples reside in the Tribal Community. Trophies were awarded for oldest twins, youngest twins, twins that look the most alike and twins that don't look alike.



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Free one-day pass for Michigan state parks

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

The Tribal Public Health 4x4 Grant has recently received forms to obtain a free one-day pass to any of the 102 state parks and hundreds of state forest pathways and campgrounds. With beaches, trails, forests and more, Michigan state parks are a great place to get out and get active!

A short form and questionnaire needs to be completed and then presented to park staff at your visiting location in order to receive a complimentary day pass.

Forms for the day passes must be signed for and obtained at the Nimkee Public Health reception desk. The passes allow for one vehicle to enter, but are not valid for private events or access to shooting ranges. They are also not valid for overnight stays. This offer expires Sept. 30, 2014, so hurry in to get yours today!

Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems

DON SEAL

Planning Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in conjunction with Indian Health Services, is seeking Tribal members to inventory their Private On-site Wastewater Treatment Systems Project. Phase 1 is just an inventory, pumping and inspection of the POWTS systems and once all data is gathered, the repairs will be completed as a subsequent Phase 2, known as the POWTS Repair Project.

SCIT and the IHS are encouraging Tribal members to participate in the project as a benefit to Tribal member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal member homes throughout the

Isabella Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella counties in Michigan.

Septic systems will be pumped and inspected at no expense to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. Homeowners must be willing to allow pumpers and inspectors on site. This work will be scheduled with the homeowners.

Please contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:

Don Seal
Planning Director/Community Engineer
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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.

Rez flashback: Little Chiefs baseball team



Photo courtesy of Janet Barnhart

Photographed in the late '70s, it was the beginning of season for the Little Chiefs. The Little Chief teammates were ready for their journey and had just gotten their uniforms.

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To change your mailing address or contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

Subscription rates are \$30 per year for non-Tribal members and \$15 for Tribal Members 49 years and younger. Tribal Elders continue to receive complimentary mailed copy but are still required to fill out a subscription form.

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Indian Child Welfare Committee delivers message to Tribal Membership

(Editor's note: The following is a speech presented by Faith Carmona-Pego, on behalf of the newly-formed Indian Child Welfare Committee. The speech was presented on July 24 at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Community Meeting, and also at the SCIT Powwow after Grand Entry.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Indian Child Welfare Committee introduced themselves at the July 24 Community Meeting. The committee serves by Tribal Council appointment and currently has a vacancy. Interested Tribal members are encouraged to submit a letter of interest directly to Tribal Council.

“Boozho! It’s a privilege and an honor to be here today with our Tribal community. The Indian Child Welfare Committee would like to say “chi-miigwetch” to Tribal Council for giving us this opportunity to speak to the Tribal membership.

Chi-miigwetch Tribal Council for hearing our pleas for your help to protect our families, our children. You have given our Tribal families hope of being reunited with their children at a time when our children were being completely removed from their families and entirely removed from their Tribal community.

It is very important to thank God for answering prayer. Throughout the past two years since being appointed by Tribal Council, our ICWC has faced many struggles and oppositions in our attempts to get our Tribal children back with family and back to our Tribal community. We relied on many Prayer Warriors

who answered our prayer requests, often unspoken to help our committee help our children. There are many to thank. Chi-miigwetch Prayer Warriors, you know who you are.

Our ICWC currently consists of a group of grandmothers who are committed to looking out for our grandchildren, our nieces, our nephews, our loved ones, our Tribal children. Together, we have consistently attempted to keep our children with their families.

The Indian Child Welfare Act is a federal law that was enacted by congress in 1978. This Act was passed to remedy the problem of disproportionately large numbers of Indian children being placed out of their homes. The

law recognized “that there is no resource... more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian Tribes than their children” and that there had been a failure by non-Indian agencies “to recognize the essential Tribal relations of Indian people and the culture and social standards prevailing in Indian communities and families.” The ICWC recognizes the importance of this Act.

There were many times that we weren’t able to bring our children home because of the opposition the committee faced. Family placement was not even considered. The ICWC wasn’t consulted to place children. Too often, our children were placed with complete strangers far away

from their homes. Our hearts were heavy and we were overwhelmed with grief of our children and our broken families.

The family knowledge that the ICWC has our families is an important resource in identifying family members for family placement. But this knowledge wasn’t being utilized for placement of our children. Why?

The ICWC pushed forward. We were determined to succeed in getting our children back to their families, back to their Tribal community. The challenge that the ICWC faced was the Title II Children’s Code. Attempts were made as recently as last year to change the code to strip the ICWC of their duties, their authority to make recommendations to the Tribal Court. Again, we can thank the Tribal Council for stopping those changes.

Since then, I can tell you that the ICWC has worked closely with the Tribal Council and the Tribe’s Legal Department to make changes to the Children’s Codes to protect our children. It is our hope and our prayer that those dark days are over. New change has occurred for the Tribe. Good change. Under the watchful eye of this group of grandmothers and our Tribal Council, we can say this is a new beginning for


our Tribe’s families and our Tribe’s children.

In closing, I would like the Tribal Membership to know there are vacancies on the ICWC. Letters of interest can be sent to the Tribal Council or the ICWC. You don’t have to be a grandmother. Jen Wassegijig has recently been blessed with her first grandchild, a handsome little boy, so we can say we are a group of grandmothers, but that’s not a qualification. Commitment to the protection and wellbeing of our Tribal children is what is needed.

The ICWC would like to thank the foster parents that are helping us with our children. Please consider opening your hearts and your homes to our children by becoming a foster parent. We would also encourage family members to help with family placements.


Our precious children. Let the healing process begin...”

Miigwetch,
Faith Carmona-Pego
Mariann Pelcher-Wright
Cathy Fisher
Anne Peters
Jennifer Wassegijig
Lindy Hunt
Cynthia Floyd
Carole Tally



TRIBAL MEMBER JOB FAIR

August 5th 1 PM - 5 PM



Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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Now Hiring Full & Part Time Positions for:

Online Clerk

Responsible for Web Store shipping, receiving, photographing, product descriptions, tagging, and delivery of retail merchandise and aid with standard warehouse duties as needed and time permits. This position reports directly to the Commercial Services Web Store Administrator. This position falls under Ziibiwing Commercial Services Policies and Procedures.

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The Ziibiwing Commercial Services (ZCS) Warehouse Clerk performs warehouse duties and functions to support receiving, storage, and distribution of ZCS inventory assets. These include but are not limited to prepackaged food inspection, receiving, storage, counting, picking, packing, staging, shipping, and stocking in the Ziibiwing Processing Center (ZPC) and in some cases the ZCS gift shop’s storage areas. In addition, equipment maintenance and housekeeping duties to ensure a safe, clean, and organized work environment are required. Data entry and some maintenance of inventory within the CAM POS system are also essential to this position.

Information will be available regarding future positions within our growing department!

Snacks will be provided! Enter to win a great prize!
 Questions? Call 989-775-4741



Superheroes assemble: The 20th annual Saganing Health Fair saves the day

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On July 17, superheroes of all ages assembled to save the day as more than 400 community members came out to the 20th annual Saganing Health Fair. Event organizer and Saganing Public Health Nurse Jenny Trout complimented the various Tribal departments who took the journey in from Mount Pleasant to join the many community agencies in the Tri-city area.

"We had an excellent lunch, bingo and plenty of great music and superhero anthems," Trout said. "The eight bikes (donated by Soaring Eagles Landing

Casino, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Saganing Outreach Center) were clearly a crowd favorite, along with a special superhero guest appearance by Captain America."

Saganing Outreach Center Supervisor Don Nelson echoed Trout's assessment and believed this 2014 version of the annual health fair had a special appeal.

"We try to choose a theme each year to bring excitement and we decided to take a page out of the Hollywood playbook and went with the superheroes," Nelson said. "Right down to the Batman bouncing cave for the kids, everyone had fun and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police shooting off T-shirts to an appreciate crowd was an added bonus."

Tribal Council Member Ron Nelson was present, along with master of ceremonies Frank Cloutier who kept the door prizes coming from the many generous corporate sponsors of the event.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe gives back to the Isabella and Arenac County residents in many ways and these events help educate and inform others on the effort we make toward building and encouraging healthy lifestyles," Cloutier said. "To have health care agencies like McLaren partner with our Nimkee Clinic and other Tribal departments builds a stronger community."



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Sergeant Luke Dixon from Saganing shares a moment with Marvel Avenger Captain America.



Rachelle Restainer of Standish, Mich. marvels at her new women's 32-inch bike, presented by SCTP Sergeant Scott Bailey.



Two Arenac County youth gave the balloon creation station a big thumbs up!



SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier keeps the door prizes coming as the emcee of the Saganing Health Fair.



Covenant Health Care helps youth learn basic bicycle and tricycle safety at their custom course (complete with railroad crossings and stop lights).

SELC Casual For A Cause benefits Camp Centaur of Midland, Mich.



Associates donated \$105 to Camp Centaur.

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant II

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino has recently started up the Casual for a Cause again. Associates will be able to wear jeans during the work day for a donation of \$5.

Casual for a Cause will occur once per month on alternating Tuesdays and Fridays of the month, beginning on Tuesday, July 1.

Camp Centaur is the first non-profit organization of the season to receive a donation. SELC employees raised \$105 during Casual for a Cause for Camp Centaur in Midland, Mich., a program designed for children with cancer.

The children participate in camp activities (tailored to their physical needs), and it is a life changing and enhancing experience for both campers and their families.

Camp Centaur also has a program called, Centaur Partners Camp. It is a very special camp for healthy children who may have a parent or sibling suffering from cancer.

Both camps are free and are fully supported by private donations and grants. If you know of any children suffering from the disease and would like to see them attend the camp, please contact "Miss Barb" at 989-832-7937.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino honors June Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant II

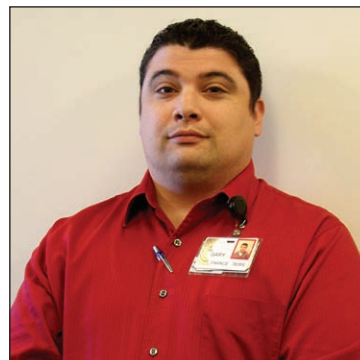
Congratulations to the Saganing Eagle Landing Casino June Employees of the Month, Gary McLellan and Jeff Boensch.

Gary is a finance supervisor on first shift and has been nominated several times in the past. Recently, Finance Executive Supervisor Bonnie Davis was out of the office and Gary stepped right up and took over the responsibilities of the Finance Department.

Gary has been busy helping other departments as well. He invited a counterfeit detection vendor to join the cash-handling departments. He assisted the Guest Service Department with organizing gas cards, and purchasing stanchions and stress relief mats for the associates.

Many of the cashiers are always raving about what a great supervisor Gary is. He is professional, friendly and has a great personality. Great job, Gary, thanks for all you do!

Jeff is in our Maintenance Department and has been nominated for the outstanding job he did helping SELC prepare for the annual powwow and fireworks festivities. He spent numerous



Gary McLellan



Jeff Boensch

days brush hogging a grassy field used for the fireworks.

With Jeff's tractor experience, he was able to move and level off the gravel and rocks in the field entrances and exits. Jeff went beyond his job duties and brought in his own wood splitter for the wood and the Firekeeper.

No matter what the project is, he is well-rounded and has been utilized for all job duties inside and out.

Jeff is the true definition of customer service and is an outstanding associate and person. Thank you, Jeff, for all you do!

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Preparing your children for back to school necessities

(Editor's note: The following information is provided by MultiCare: BetterConnected at multicare.org. The backpack information is provided from the article "Back to school: Avoiding backpack-related back pain" by Nicholas Rajacich, MD, Pediatric Orthopedist. The immunization information is provided from the article "Back to School: Seven common questions about immunizations". Article submitted by At-Large Contract Health Clerk Denise Pelcher.)

Multicare.org provides information on what children need to prepare for back to school.

Once again the days are growing shorter and it is time to start thinking about getting your kids ready to go back to school. This can be a stressful time for both parents and children.

Start shopping for school supplies now while they are plentiful and on sale. Stock up so you don't have to pay full price for things during the year. Many stores, such

as Wal-Mart, now carry a check-off list of local schools' needed items.

Choosing the wrong backpack style could increase the chances of back pain for your child.

The following is from multicare.org and lists a few things for parents to remember when their child is using a backpack:

- Help children avoid carrying too heavy of a load. This applies to younger children especially. Encourage your kids to leave books they do not need in their locker at school.

- Make sure your kids and teens are wearing their backpacks on BOTH shoulders so the weight is distributed evenly.

- Consider purchasing a digital version of textbooks so students can carry one lightweight tablet rather than multiple heavy books. This applies more to high school and college age kids, as younger students generally have their books provided to them by the school.

What to look for if you're shopping for a backpack:

- Find well-padded shoulder straps.
- Look for one with a substantial build or structure. Avoid the flimsier models.
- Make sure the portion of the backpack that rests against the back is more solid or padded so it evenly distributes pressure. This will also keep books from digging into your child's back.

Although carrying a full schedule's worth of books is just a part of going to school, parents can help ease this burden from their children's shoulders by taking these tips into consideration when picking out a backpack.

Although you might already have paper and pencils, put immunizations on your shopping list to make sure your kids are protected as they head to class.

Vaccinations protect your children from certain deadly diseases, prevent outbreaks, and promote healthy classrooms.

Children are due for a series of immunizations between ages 4 and 6, and again between ages 11 and 12, according to guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Some vaccines due at these ages are also required by the Washington State Department of Health prior to the first day of kindergarten and sixth grade.

Why should your child be up-to-date on vaccinations?

Vaccinations are important for both the health of your kids and the health of our community. Unvaccinated kids

are more likely to catch and spread serious illnesses like whooping cough and measles, which can be prevented by vaccines, according to the state Department of Health. Making sure kids have all recommended immunizations protects them, their classmates, friends, and families from preventable diseases. Kids who aren't fully immunized may be excluded from attending school, preschool, or child care if a disease outbreak occurs.

What are the requirements? By the time your child enters Kindergarten, required vaccinations will include:

- MMR (*measles, mumps, rubella*)
- Polio
- DTaP (*diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis*)
- Chicken pox
- A yearly flu shot

The average 11 to 12 year old should receive these immunizations before school:

- Tdap (*tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis*)
- Human Papillomavirus (*HPV, done in three doses*)
- Meningitis (*MCV4*)
- A yearly flu shot
- Any missing shots from the list above

How soon should my child receive immunizations?

Kids should get their shots as soon as they can. If they wait until just before school starts, it's very busy and wait times might be long. To avoid the rush when school starts, get vaccines as soon as children reach their 4th and 11th birthdays.

The difference between in-network and out-of-network benefits

BCBS BLUE CARE NETWORK

(Editor's Note: The following information is provided by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan. Submitted by At-Large Elder's Advocate Lisa Peters.)

Depending on what type of insurance you have, where you go for health care can matter. It is important to find out whether the doctor you want to visit or the hospital you want to use for care is in or out-of-network.

In-network (works with your insurance): Health insurers negotiate fees and sign agreements with health care providers and facilities that are then considered

in network for members. Meaning, members pay less at these in-network facilities in the form of lower co-payments and deductibles.

Out-of-network: If providers do not have an agreement with an insurer, then they are considered out of network. Members who wish to visit an out-of-network provider or facility do not have a negotiated rate for services, so because of this, services may be more expensive and may not be covered through the health plan and can cost more out of pocket for the insured.

So before you go ask your provider or the facility of your choice if they are "in network" with the insurance you have. This could help you the insured manage the cost.

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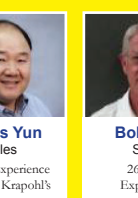
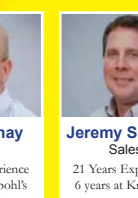
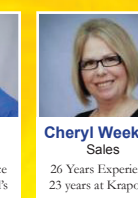
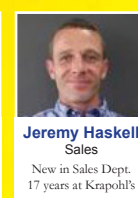
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SCIT Community Emergency Preparedness Planning program educates

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Please search your blood memory and remember this to be true: Native Americans were some of the first emergency planners; planning for times of scarce resources. For many generations, making use of all that is in the environment and planning for tomorrow was a way of life.

It was appropriate to see the June 30 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Community Emergency Preparedness Planning program hosted by Seventh Generation as 42 participants received a crash course from a variety of speakers.

Event Coordinator and Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Helen Williams is currently working on SCIT Community Emergency Planning Guide with the Michigan Department of Community Health Office of Public Health Preparedness and the Tribal Observer.

"It all starts with family and I would like to thank Cindy Quigno and her family for being a part of the planning guide," Williams said. "Emergency planning does not have to be difficult. If you can plan for a 3 to 14-day camping trip, you can create an emergency



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Diana, Rhonda, Simon and Cindy Quigno (pictured left to right) prepare their emergency preparedness kit.

preparedness kit with the same planning system."

Environmental Response Program Specialist Michael Fisher believes in taking an educational approach for emergency preparedness.

"As a community, if we are well prepared for emergencies, we can reduce our risk of injury, sickness, or other serious problems," Fisher said. "This is especially true for environmental emergencies like chemical spills or natural disasters, where preparedness and community response are essential in order to keep everyone safe."

SCIT Director of Utilities Barry Skutt has extensive experience in the field and also advocates that a practical approach is best.

"I would suggest families start on the internet site www.ready.gov to see this year's 'Resolve to be Ready' campaign that focuses on family connection to reinforce the importance of parents, including their children in preparedness conversations in advance of potential disasters," Skutt said. "The campaign makes an emergency preparedness resolution easy to keep by recommending families consider these three ideas when making a

plan: who to call, where to meet and what to pack."

A common misconception to emergency planning is that many think food is the first item on the list of planning but it is not. Clean air to breath is the first priority. You can't live without uncontaminated air. Oxygen is essential to life. Plan to evacuate or shelter where the air is good to breath.

One should learn alternate routes to evacuate if you have to leave quickly. Learn how to put up a barrier to the external environment should you have to stay inside with toxic air is outside. Evacuate when first advised to. Don't wait so long resulting in inability to leave.

Shelter is the second priority. Without shelter from extreme weather or environment, it will become more difficult to get through a disaster.

Water is the third priority. Depending on the weather, physical activity, environment and health, you may survive 10 days or fewer without water. Heat above 50 percent will cause problems before the 10th day. If the water is contaminated and you drink it you may become severely ill or perish. Know how to purify your water if you do not have fresh water stored.

Food is the fourth priority. You will feel the symptoms of starvation without food but you can survive on very little food. You want to plan to thrive not just survive, so plan ahead and make your life manageable.

Other planning guide tips include the need to be self-sufficient. Learn to grow your own food and save food grown in the summer when plentiful, for use in the winter when the supply will be limited. Storage of needed items today will result in having needed items when they are scarce. If you don't can or grow your food, then start to store the items you eat in a designated area in your home backpack or emergency kit.

Learn to preserve the food, canning, dehydrating, smoking, salting, pickling. Learn methods of storing food without refrigeration. Store water or have a source of water that will provide each family member one gallon of water daily.

Lastly, talk to your friends and family about staying at others homes should you need to evacuate. And most important, make agreements with out of town loved ones that you may call to locate one another should your family become separated.

Peggy Holappa honored at July 18 Traditional Healers Conference

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There is a traditional teaching handed down throughout many moons that says, "The honor of one is the honor of all."

Peggy Holappa honored the Saginaw Chippewa community by attending the Traditional Healers Conference held at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Conference Center, sponsored by Michigan Inter-Tribal Council, Wayne State University School of Medicine and Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC) of Chicago.

"With her own self-worth to be human, to be humble, Peggy Holappa shows regard for value for our oral customs



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The traditional gift basket given to Peggy Holappa was made by a variety of gifts given by the Women's Traditional Society and Ogichidaa Kwe Singers.

and tradition preservation as a healer by teaching how to use and gather our medicine," Wabanaissee Singer and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa

Indians member Alicia Genia said. "For the greater good of one and all, Peggy's strong heart and passion for her people stems over two decades."

Genia informs Peggy's sincerity in action brings to light the teachings of zaagidiwin (love) for her women's traditions and nibwaakawin (wisdom). Peggy was also honored with her kindness by showing minaademowin (respect) for the medicine and traditional healing.

"The gift basket was given as a reminder that despite the challenges and obstacles as a



Photo courtesy of Alicia Genia

On July 18, the Ogichidaa Kwe Singers from the American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit came together to perform a closing song at the Traditional Healing Conference. The photo was taken at the Behavioral Health Long Lodge.

mother and woman, Peggy has stood tall as Ogichidaa Kwe," Genia said.

Peggy is married to Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Elder Ted Holappa and was a presenter on behalf of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe Health Center

Traditional Medicine Program. Anthony Davis of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa, LTBB Elder Warren Petoskey, Traditional Medicine Healer Harlan Downwind and SCIT Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson also presented.

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Ziibiwing Center Native Fest provides a three-day celebration of culture

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Some nights are just made for family-friendly fun and what could be better than bringing your whole family out for an evening of pure entertainment. The Midwest's Premiere American Indian Museum, the Ziibiwing Center, provided a three-day celebration of culture with their July 22-24 Native Fest events.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague was on hand to do one of the Tribal jobs he started at... bingo caller.

"I appreciate the opportunity to call the game, it is an

honor and privilege I will give my full attention and respect," Sprague said. "I acknowledged Yogi Jackson as he is one of the original Car Bingo callers at the hill; I saw him sitting under the tent with the Andahwod crew. I know there are not very many original players left from those days so I acknowledge them when I get a chance. I think Glenna (Genereaux) did an awesome job. Her, and her team were fast and polite; they deserve all the praise for the success of this event."

Sprague also mentioned he believes the Tribe should honor the woman who is widely considered "the mother" of Saginaw Chippewa gaming: Josephine Jackson.

"To honor her for her efforts, sacrifices and visions, because she had the knowhow and ability to establish bingo and get the Tribe started in gaming," Sprague said. "She overcame the odds as there were many members and churches opposed to gaming on the Rez, but Josephine kept her focus and determination and persevered, so the least we could do is dedicate the current and future bingo halls to Josephine Jackson."

Table Games Director Brent Jackson had \$1,000 reasons on why he liked the event.

"The car bingo is a family favorite of ours," Jackson said. "It was nice to see family and friends participating in this great cause... This year, I was fortunate enough to win the "cover all" jackpot which I am very grateful of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Ziibiwing Cultural Center and their sponsors for putting on this event. Win or lose, it's a great family event."

Native Fest wouldn't be possible without corporate sponsors, and Wells Fargo Insurance were the exclusive July 22 Car Bingo sponsor and the July 23 Music & Comedy Night was co-sponsored by Soaring Eagle Waterpark and USI Insurance Services.

ZC Assistant Director Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) looks at powwow weekend as a homecoming celebration and Native Fest is a part of that for many.

"Music and Comedy Night is a celebration of our community," Waabanoqua said. "We do the cooking, provide the entertainment, activities for the children, so our community members can relax and enjoy visiting with friends, family and loved ones. The Ziibiwing Center staff members and sponsors take care of all the details but the weather is totally up to the Creator! We are thankful to

Observer photo by Youth Worker Francine Wemigwans



Native Cherokee troubadour Joe Reilly shares the stage with Powhatan Anishnaabe Kwe Allison Radell as they perform a Keith Secola standard, "Geronimo's Cadillac".

our numerous volunteers, other departments, sponsors and the SCIT Tribal Council for helping to make Native Fest 2014 a huge success!"

A youth and adults comedy slam provided plenty of laughs while Native Fest Events Coordinator Glenna Genereaux led the appreciative crowd through a hula hoop contest for young and old alike.

The families enjoyed the fine dinner catered by Nbakade Family Restaurant and the kids loved the balloon animals, bouncers, face painting and caricatures.

The music of "Sprints Rising" provided the highlight to a wonderful evening as Joe Reilly's storytelling of song and Allison

Radell's smooth harmonies, keyboard and hand drum songs stole the show. The performance was engineered by SECR's own Production Manager Henry Kubin and SCIT Media was on hand to live web telecast the event (a Native Fest first).

The "Spirits Rising" performance can be seen in its entirety at the Saginaw Chippewa website at www.sagchip.org.

Native Fest concluded with the artistic showing of the Smokey Joe Jackson Collection at Ziibiwing Center on July 24 where ZC Curator William Johnson shared the teachings on how Smokey Joe would make such realistic works of art; people had to touch them to know they were wood carvings.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Car bingo proved to be fun for all ages.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
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Dear WW: I was once in a loving marriage until I got breast cancer. The minute I got breast cancer, the bills started to pile up and I required more care. However, my husband didn't see it that way and decided to leave me. I am sick about this. How can someone do this to another individual? Can he really be this heartless? What really gets me is that I know he'll be back as soon as I'm better and up and around. I don't want to take him back but I don't want to be alone either. My kids say they will "divorce" me if I ever go back with him. Now, I have to face being disfigured because of the cancer, abandonment and the being alone. What's next? **Walked Out On**

Dear Walked Out: This may not be the response you want to hear but I have to tell you in order for you to improve. It was not your cancer that caused your husband to walk out on you. It was your husband who obviously is the problem here. I suspect your cancer had very little to do with him leaving. He was on his way out but used your cancer as an excuse. I say this because anyone who would do such a thing obviously cannot feel for another human being. You, on the other hand, need to quit thinking of yourself as a victim and pick yourself back up off the floor. Your children have every right to be upset; you are their mother, the most important person in their life. Prayers for recovery to you.

Dear WW: I was once in an abusive relationship for years. I secretly cried for the last six months before I finally had the guts and opportunity to leave. I had to leave as my life was in danger. The breaking point was when I saw what it was doing to my children. They had to also live a lie and pretend their home life was a happy one. I remember looking at people and wishing I could be "real" happy like they were. I never knew from one day to the next what mood my husband would be in. It has been years and I am still recovering. I would love to think about being in a relationship but am way to scared! Will I ever be the same? **Broken**

Dear Broken: That is not a question I can answer. However, what I can tell you is that domestic violence is a very serious situation that can leave lasting scars not only on the victim but also on those who had to witness it, like your children. Check your local area to see if there are any support groups, and by all means, get into counseling. Getting out and staying out is a commendable thing! Lives have been taken in the process so it's never too late! Educating yourself about domestic violence and the affects of it are a step in the right direction. It is true that time heals all wounds but it is up to you on how long that will take. Start by thinking of yourself as a survivor and share with others how you were able to break free.

Dear WW: Every summer I have to stay with my dad since my parents are divorced. However, he lives two states away. I love spending time with my dad but miss my mom too. I don't have the same relationship with my stepmother and never will. She's too busy with her own children and I often feel left out or as an afterthought. Did anyone think to ask me what I want? No, because they are all too busy with their own lives. Tell your readers when they grow up to think twice about having children if they are going to divorce! **Step Child**

Dear Step Child: You have more wisdom as a child right now than most adults I know! Yes, parents — please remember who gets caught in the crossfire when you divorce and start families with someone else. You owe it to your child to make them a priority until they are adults NOT when you have created a new family. I would advise against starting any family until your priorities and commitments with any prior relationships are fulfilled. Even if it means staying a single parent until they are grown.

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Super Skins match on Aug. 2 at Waabooz Run. Cost is \$50 per player plus green/cart fees all three tee markers will be used by each player (example Hole #1 Blue Tee, hole #2 White tee, Hole #3 Red tee). Two players per team any mix, all teams off the first tee starting at 10 a.m.

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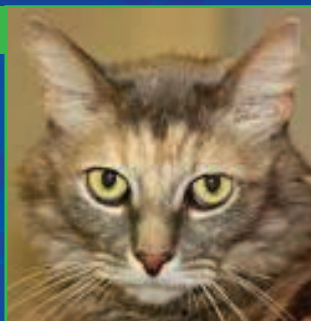
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Teenage Kenya Spencer earns spot on Women's USA Wrestling Team

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Teenage Tribal member Kenya Spencer is at it again. As a member of the Women's World National Team, Caro High School Wrestling Team and Team Michigan Women's Wrestling Team, Spencer has already won numerous National Titles. On May 15, Spencer departed for World's Wrestling Competition in Dallas.

Spencer received second place overall and earned a spot on the USA National Team. She qualifies for the World Team and is now considered "all-American."

"Texas was amazing," her mother Mona Spencer said. "She did such a wonderful job and her coaches were amazing... She raised enough to get her coaches to go and they helped her tremendously. Last year, she didn't have

the coaching she needed and it showed. This time, they were there and she was prepared. She was a totally different person and wrestled so much better."

The USA National Team acts as a preparation program for the Olympics. Spencer must attend four out of five wrestling camps throughout the year where she will be trained by Olympic coaches and train with Olympic athletes.

She will be competing in two international events against the best athletes from different countries. The schedule and location are not set, but according to Mona, so far it looks as though the summer 2015 tour takes place in Germany, Sweden and Austria.

Because the National Team pays a small percentage of the cost, Spencer has to come up with her portion of the costs to attend these camps and compete in these matches. She has to

raise at least \$8,000, solely for travel and lodging.

"I sacrifice so much, it would be awful if I didn't get to do this tour just because of the finances when there's a lot of people that go and don't have the same success," Spencer said.

A GoFundMe account was created for donations. With just a search of her name, and a click, anyone can donate to help her reach her goals.

"Any amount, large or small, helps," Mona said.

Anyone contributing a monetary donation will receive a photo of Spencer and their business name will appear on her banner displayed at the national wrestling tournaments. Checks may be made out to Kenya Spencer at 1680 Pierce Rd. Caro, MI 48723.

"My plan is to continue until I become good enough to earn a spot on the Olympic team," Spencer said.



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Youth Member Kenya Spencer holds up her plaque for winning second place in her national wrestling championship.

The GoFundMe account also gives updates to her loyal followers on how she is doing at camp and in the competitions.

The 2014 B. Sprague Open Golf Tournament results at Waabooz Run

BERNARD SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

The 2014 B. Sprague Open Golf Tournament hosted 46 players with 24 participating in the coed division and 22 playing in the men's division.

It was a nice day to be on the course; it was in great shape for the players to golf their best game.

The sponsors included Ietan Consulting, Public Affairs Associates and O&O Advertising and Media Services.

Steve Tooshkenig and his wife Jann won the coed division; they shot seven under 54 to take first place.

Dave Williams and Les Riley won the men's division, they also shot a seven under 54. Bill Durfee won the 50/50 raffle.

Thank you to the Waabooz Run staff the sponsors and the Tooshkenig girls (last minute new hires) for making the 2014 B.Sprague Open the best and greatest of all time. I hope to see all of you in 2015.

Coed Division

1. Steve/Jann Tooshkenig 54
2. Bill/Shirley Tooshkenig 60
3. Rick/Carol Hubble 60
4. Andy/Sput Falcon 60
5. D.K. Sprague/Beth Coughlin 60
6. Frank/Tammy Sprague 62
7. Hank Sprague/Sue Monroe 63
8. Chris Johnson/Esther Chatfield 65
9. Beaver Pelcher/ Shellie Jeffrey 67
10. Dave Johnson/Becca Veenstra 67
11. Ken Sprague/Consuelo Gonzales 68
12. Lou/Connie Sprague 68

Men's Division

1. Dave Williams/Les Riley 54
2. Rick Kewayosh/Jeff Riley 55
3. Michael Jackson/ Larry Sprague Jr. 56
4. Chris Schoenbarn/Jim Coloroa 57
5. Ted/Tyler Kewayosh 58
6. Bean Sprague/Bruce Bennett 60
7. Henry Penasse/Bill Durfee 60
8. Travis Kendall/Tommy Wemigwans 61
9. Steve Degurse/Jim Maness 63
10. George Oliver/John Adams 64
11. Ted Kewayosh Jr./Darryl Wright 72

Ziibiwing Center hosts AMERICAN INDIAN DANCES



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted the "Awaken Your Spirit" American Indian Dances on Saturdays throughout July. Free and open to the public, they showcased two different dance styles each week. An introduction for each dance style and the associated regalia was given, followed by a demonstration of the dance styles. This included Men's and Women's Traditional, Men's Grass, Women's Jingle, Men's Fancy Feather and Women's Fancy Shawl.

Tuesday night 40 and older Skins Match Crowns 2014 Champions

BERNARD SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

What a year for the 40 and older golfers at Waabooz Run. With 20 players overall, it was a competitive match every week.

With 12 weeks scheduled this year, the golfers played 11 weeks due to the cold, wet weather at the end of April.

Tony Jackson and Mike Dayson ran away with the crown with 18. Bill Durfee and I took second place with eight skins, followed by Bean and Ken Sprague, Lonnie and Steve, and Doug and Dean recorded six skins each to tie for third place.

The team of Pat and Marv took fourth place, with fifth followed by Brian and

Bruce and Mike and Jim with three each; Scott Pego and Mike Hunt scored one skin.

The season continues with the no-age limit skins matches at Waabooz Run July 22 to Oct. 7.

The season finale will be Oct. 11 at Waabooz Run. Each player that has eight weeks of play will be invited to play in the Big Bucks Match. The entry is \$50 per player.

I would like to thank all of the players for helping promote Waabooz Run, the Tribe's well-groomed and maintained golf course.

For more information on the Tuesday night matches and/or the Aug. 2 threes, contact me at 989-400-1838.

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TEAM SCIT takes home the GOLD at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The results are in and they show Team SCIT for the win! Once again this year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan took home the gold trophy as the overall winner of the 27th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics (MIFO) on Friday, July 18 at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track and Field.

Team SCIT scored 700 points in first place. Second place went to Gun Lake Tribe with 229 points. SCIT won by more than 400 points!

Out of the seven Michigan tribes present, SCIT had the most participants, as 342 competitors showed up to vie in the games. This year was the largest turn out in all of the 27 years.

"An outstanding turnout," Nimkee Fitness and MIFO Coordinator Jaden Harman said. "Our Tribe should be very proud of this great accomplishment. Congratulations to all who represented our Tribe and especially to those who brought home medals!"

A 10 a.m. golf scramble at Waabooz Run on Thursday, July 17 kicked off the 2014 MIFO competitions.

The next day on the Bennett Track and Field, grand entry began at 9 a.m., with several members from each tribe following the Flag Carriers and Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors.



A total of 342 Team SCIT competitors showed up for the annual MIFO games and to walk Central Michigan University's Bennett Track during Grand Entry.

The baby crawl event kicked off the day's games, and competitions of archery, basketball shots, meter dashes, long jumps, tot trots, walks, one-mile runs, jump roping, fitness circuits, obstacle courses, softball tosses and bean bag tosses occurred throughout the day.

The sponge relays and team tug-o-wars took place after all track events concluded.

After 10 years of coordinating this event, Harman still enjoys seeing the healthy tribal rivalry.

"When the competitors arrive, there is a sense of pride for their own tribe," Harman said. "They (Tribal competitors) want to show who is the best... it's just such a good gathering of Native athletes and takes a lot of work to bring them together, but it is worth it."

The competition was fierce with as many as four or five heats of the same age group.



SCIT family members support their little ones during the bean bag toss.

Making it into the top three was a huge triumph.

"The best part is the sense of joy of the winners' faces when they earn a medal," Harman said. "The sense of accomplishment out of the individual when they didn't realize they could do that well, and they did, and better yet; when they earned a medal... it shows a new self-confidence to individuals."

SCIT member and Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel Lifeguard Supervisor Monica Gonzalez proved to be a great competitor and took home five medals total. She received third place for the 400-meter run, second place for the long jump, and first place for the 100-meter dash, softball throw and the basketball three-point contest.

"I've been competing for as long as I can remember, thanks to my sister, Consuelo, who would always bring me as a kid," Gonzalez said. "I keep coming



Team SCIT youth give everything they've got to try to win the tug-o-war match.



The competition heats up as archery skills are showcased.



Tribal Chief Steven Pego accept SCIT's check presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield's Community Responsibility Director Suzanne Miller Allen for winning fifth place in the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge.

back to the MIFO because it is a part of my life; something I always look forward to in the summertime. Not to mention, I'm a competitive person."

SCIT and its members not only earned the overall gold medal, but also walked away with \$1,050 for coming in at fifth place for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Tribe to Tribe

Blues Community Challenge for the number of miles reached from May 5 to July 13.

"The goal (of the challenge) was to encourage everyone to exercise," Nimkee Health



Ronnie Ekdahl coaches his son Michael during the Bean Bag Toss competition.



Again this year, the popular Baby Crawl competition gathered a large crowd.



Competitors from the seven competing Michigan tribes walked the Bennett Track to kick off the opening ceremonies.

Photos by Tribal Observer staff

Educator Robyn Grininger said. "Our team of 72 exercised to a grand total of 11,261.71 miles; an average of 154.27 miles per person. That is a great accomplishment and one we can all be proud of. Whether it's 10 miles or one mile, you will never regret lacing up those tennis shoes and going outside! Thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield for coordinating the program."

There are more than 100 event staff positions to assist in making MIFO run smoothly. Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green organized the volunteers and SCIT employees for the event.

"I kept checking on volunteers on how they were doing and they all said they would



Dave Anderson of the SCIT Maintenance Department attempts to go for the gold during his running long jump.



Free throw and three-point basketball shots were popular MIFO competitions.



Female SCIT runners Monica Gonzalez, Christina Otto, Iliana Bennett and Rosemary Saboo compete in the 400-meter dash.



Young SCIT competitors run to their families at the finish line.



Monica Gonzalez holds up her four out of five medals won at the 2014 Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

continue to volunteer each year," Green said. "Overall, I thought it went very smooth."

SCIT members and various departments collaborated to make this event a complete success. Harman thanked Tribal Council, SCIT Public Relations,



Youth were able to test their jump roping skills.

Olympic Committee Team Members; Green, Marcella Hadden, Bernie Sprague, Walt Kennedy and others for providing insight, IT Department, Youth LEAD Department, Tribal Ops Maintenance, Seventh Generation, At-Large Program, Sagamok Shell gas station, as well as all of the event staff and volunteers.

"The Tribe can come together when it comes to defending our title as first place winners," SCIT Public Relations Director and MIFO Emcee Frank Cloutier said. "I think everyone feels very proud when we work together to achieve a common purpose. The Michigan Indian Family Olympics is such a great

event. Getting to know our fellow Tribal people from all over Michigan and being able to catch up from year to year is so much fun. I, personally, am proud that our Tribal community has hosted this event for so many years..."

Sponsors included Gun Lake Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomí Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Fire Keepers Casino, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Sam's Club.

Congratulations to Team SCIT for bringing home the gold once again this year.



William Potter uses all of his arm strength during the softball throw.

MIFO Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
700 points!

2nd: Gun Lake Tribe 229

3rd: Pokagon Potawatomi 184

4th: Huron Potawatomi 169

5th: Little Traverse Bay Band 163

6th: Grand Traverse Bay Band 145

7th: Little River Band of Ottawa 57

8th: Bay Mills Indian Community 5

One-Mile Run - Gold: William Potter, Jacob Quigno-Grundahl, Lucas Sprague, Damian Fisher, Margie Merrill, Tina Neyome, Jaznae Randall, Shelly Gross. **Silver:** Christopher Benz, Tommy Chamberlain, Craig Benz, Dajia Shinos, Autumn Neyome, Maia Chivis, Oojuan Potter and Maia Chivis. **Bronze:** Cauy George, Tatiana Howard, Aaliyah Stevens and Alicia Raphael.

100-Meter Run - Gold: Devante Mitchell, Monica Gonzalez and Charla Cummins. **Silver:** Andrew Gross, Bailey Mitchell, Maia Chivis and Rosemary Saboo.

20-Meter Run - Gold: Jace Cummings and Madeline Gross. **Silver:** Biidaasge Sprague and Ella Fox. **Bronze:** Aiden Raphael and Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova.

400-Meter Run - Gold: Bailey Mitchell, Andrew Gross, Brent Cummings, Craig Benz, Shelly Gross, Rosemary Saboo, Maia Chivis and Faith Davis. **Silver:** William Potter, Joshua Gloria and Margie Merrill. **Bronze:** Paul Cummings, Casey Smith, Sierra Johnson, Monica Gonzalez and Kayle Crampton.

400-Meter Walk - Gold: Ronald Battice and Faith Davis. **Silver:** Howard Kimewon and Jacqueline Haught. **Bronze:** Damian Fisher, Rose Wassegijig and Natasha Miniard.

50-Meter Run - Gold: Sam Cummings, Ben Cummings, Faith Davis and Andee Raphael. **Silver:** Tyrone Rios, Ronald Battice, Eyhana Feliciano and Alberta Trepanier. **Bronze:** Jace Cummings, Kayle Crampton and Emily Stevens

Three-Point Basketball Shot - Gold: Ethan Hunt, Steve Saboo, Kallena Ricketts, Monica Gonzalez and Shawn Sawmick. **Silver:** Alec Mills, Matt Smith, Calvin Shomin, Marcos Castillos, Troy Daniels, Lucas Sprague, Brandon Haught, Charles Isham, John Edwards, Sage Chupco, Arionna Meija and Demmie Hayes. **Bronze:** Stephen Brodie, Brad Bennett, Summer Raphael, Stephanie Spencer and Guadalupe Gonzalez

Jump Rope - Silver: Hope Stevens. **Bronze:** Micka Prout.

Adult Bean Bag Toss - Gold: Bean Sprague, Gayle Ruhl and Kayle Crampton. **Silver:** Wes Cummings and Terri Cummings. **Bronze:** Terry Mullin, Brenda Walker, Angie Francisco and Faith Davis

Archery - Gold: Skylar Neyome, Andrew Gross, Brian W. Chippeway, Eric Skutt, Robert Walker and Robert Pego. **Silver:** Lucas Sprague, Eric Flory, Steven Pego and Faith Pidgeon. **Bronze:** Mae Pego

Baby Crawl - Silver: Mezziniis Wassegijig. **Bronze:** Cash Saboo

Bean Bag Toss - Gold: Lucas Cummings, Jace Cummings, Tony Carmona and Jasmine Jackson. **Silver:** Ezekiel Haught. **Bronze:** Aiden Raphael, Jessica Jackson and Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova.

Fitness Circuit - Gold: Gavin Mccreery and Asalia Quigno-Grundahl. **Silver:** Sam Cummings and Andee Raphael. **Bronze:** Jacob Quigno-Grundahl, William Potter, Jim Jr Flores and Ben Cummings.

Free Throw Basketball Shot - Gold: Bernard Sprague, Merton Flory, Ken Sprague, Gayle Ruhl, Faith Davis and Kayle Crampton. **Silver:** Steven Pego, Wes Cummings, Bobby Starkey, Loreen Flory, Louanna Bruner, Sylvia Quiroga, Terri Cummings, Darcy Crampton and Rebecca Rittmaier.

Golf - Gold: Basil Naganashe, Tanner Naganashe, Michael Jackson, Brad Bennett, Philemon "Bean" Sprague, Larry Sprague, Valarie Raphael, Sheila Leauteaux, Kayle Crampton and Darcy Crampton. **Silver:** Simon Quigno, Andre Leauteaux, Chase Owl, Eric Rodriguez, Robert Pego, Tony Jackson, Gayle Ruhl and Rosemary Saboo. **Bronze:** Paula Quigno and June Pego.

Obstacle Course - Gold: Ben Cummings and Eyhana Feliciano. **Silver:** Sam Cummings. **Bronze:** Jimi Flory and Caiden Snyder.

Running Long Jump - Gold: Devante Mitchell, Mike Mccreery, Sam Cummings, Dem Cummings and Rosemary Saboo. **Silver:** Jimi Jr Flory, Shelly Gross and Monica Gonzalez. **Bronze:** Ronald Battice, Albert Trepanier, Carina Romero, Charla Cummins and Darcy Crampton.

Softball Throw - Gold: Andrew Gross, Craig Benz, Wes Cummings, Jaznae Randall, Monica Gonzalez, Dolly Kiogima, Kayle Crampton and Isabella Benzinger. **Silver:** Matt Smith, Christopher Benz, Devante Mitchell, Clayton Davis, Steve Saboo, Terry Mullin, Waakiin Spague, Demmie Hayes, Rosemary Saboo, Carole Tally and Andee Raphael. **Bronze:** Mike Jackson, Sam Cummings, Donovan Cummings and Nevaeh Flory.

Tot Trot - Gold: Ezekiel Haught. **Silver:** Lucas Cummings and Avery Saboo. **Bronze:** Brayden Chivis, Leela Saboo and Evelyn Bennett.



2014 Freedom Walk draws record crowd in support of recovery

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Hundreds of people flew into the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on the morning of July 26 as SCIT Behavioral Health Programs and the Youth LEAD Department staff welcomed the community at the annual Freedom Walk.

Dating back to the early '90s, the Freedom Walk recognizes the "Red Road of Recovery" and is where people take a stand against drugs and alcohol in the Tribal community.

Although Youth LEAD event stats reveal there were 246 that registered for the event, the standing-room only crowd in the Tribal Gym showed a higher turnout.

Alice Jo Ricketts did the blessing of the food, catered by Nbakade Family Restaurant of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and Tribal Chief Steven Pego shared a Mide' teaching.

Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford informs this year's Freedom Walk was the first for the newly-created Youth LEAD Department.

"The Freedom Walk has become a staple in the community for recovery and prevention from alcohol and drugs," Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez said. "This event is always well attended; even people from other Tribal communities look forward to attending. It is a time of healing for not only those in recovery but for the families and community that have been affected. Youth LEAD is proud to be a part of this very important event."

Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Rev. Robert Pego shared a heartfelt story of his childhood and reminded those in attendance that the community can change with God's help.

"I have done my share of funerals where it breaks the heart of our community to see the pain that drug and alcohol abuse can bring," Rev. Pego said. "A kind word can go a long way and we can remind each other that it doesn't have to be like this... we can change our community by changing ourselves."



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Many of the 2014 Freedom Walkers hold their arms skyward in a symbol of strength and unity against the addictions of drugs and alcohol.

Andahwod resident and Tribal Elder Roger High provided a special moment where Okima I Mike Perez and his brother, Okima II David Perez honored Tribal members Mark Vasquez Jr., Wendy Pierce and Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society (AOVWS) Elder Denny Denman received their Migizi Miigwan (Eagle Feather).

"The AOVWS was honored to participate in the 2014 Freedom Walk," David Perez said. "It is uplifting to witness traditions like this in action. When spirits are low, it is great to see old friends and warriors laughing and spreading good will to all."

Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia joined Chief Pego, Snowbird Singers and the Great Alliance Singers at the drum for an Honor Song to bless the traditional gift.

"I really appreciate the community support for this event and collaborative effort and sponsorship between Youth LEAD and Behavioral Health," Genia said. "I appreciated hearing the testimony from our community members in recovery. That took a lot of strength and bravery and I want to acknowledge them for that. Honesty is not always easy but is the first step toward healing and wellness as we attempt to not only obtain

sobriety in our community but Wellbriety, which relates back to our original Seven Grandfather Teaching values and Native Code of Ethics on how we treat and respect all living and one another."

After the ceremony and open speakers, Youth LEAD and the event sponsors conducted the raffle of eight bikes as the walkers got ready to take their message to the streets.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police led the procession down Leaton and Tomah Roads as Sgt. Scott Bailey drove the lead vehicle, supported by his fellow officers and the Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department.

"For events like this, we try to block off the access for

the safety of the pedestrians and it can be a challenge," Lt. Kelly Babcock said. "Every powwow weekend, we look forward to the Freedom Walk and what it represents. I commend the organizers for providing those water stations for the walkers in the interest of health and safety."

Coach Kevin Ricketts and the Youth LEAD staff provided the refreshing stops along the 1.2 mile route to the powwow arena.

After the walkers made their way past the Sacred Fire at the powwow grounds, they entered the arena and followed the traditional etiquette before taking one group snapshot of what it means to support recovery.

Chief Pego swears in Appellate Court Judges



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On July 2, 2014, Tribal Chief Steven Pego represented for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Tribal Council and swore in Chief Appellate Judge Robert Kitecon (top) and Associate Appellate Judge Dennis Peterson (bottom) of SCIT. The judges swore to administer justice in a fair and impartial manner.



Pictured left to right: Mark Vasquez Jr., Wendy Pierce, AOVWS Elder Denny Denman receive their Eagle Feather from AOVWS veterans David and Mike Perez as Elder Roger High looks on from the top of the stage.

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A year in review as the UNITY Midwest Representative

AJ LEAUREAUX

Contributing Writer

What a year it has been! After recently completing my term as the Midwest Representative for the United National Indian Tribal Youth, or UNITY, organization, I thought it would be a good idea to share my experiences. Serving on the UNITY Executive Committee with 11 other youth leaders throughout the United States was a great experience and we often referred to each other as family.

One of my first duties was to attend a retreat in Arizona. The retreat consisted of learning about teamwork, leadership, public speaking, and hosting an open house at the new UNITY headquarters in Mesa, Ariz.

We also visited the Gila River Indian Community where we were able to use their official youth chambers to have our regular meeting. During this time, we spent a lot of time planning for the regional mid-year conference in Washington, D.C.

Another highlight was being able to give a speech at the National Indian Gaming Association, or NIGA, in California where I discussed the importance of UNITY and its mission to serve Tribal youth. NIGA Chairman Ernie Stevens honored me with a pin and asked



Sightseeing in Taiwan.

if I would attend the annual NIGA conference in San Diego.

The mid-year conference held in Washington, D.C. was another great experience. We were able to meet with influential Native American leaders who work in Washington, D.C. and it was my first experience helping to run a youth-led conference. The Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council was also in attendance; it was a great experience for all.

The highlight of my term was being able to go to Taiwan for a cultural exchange. While there, we were treated like royalty, and we even had lunch with the Deputy Minister and the Indigenous People of Taiwan Council.

While in Taiwan, we also experienced an earthquake and our tour bus got caught in a cave due to falling rocks!

Our translators were extremely friendly and took us around to tourist destinations. The whole island was beautiful and green with many water views. We have already made plans to return to Taiwan on our own in the future.

Shortly after, I got the honor to serve on the first-ever youth panel at the annual National Indian Gaming Association conference in San Diego along with four other Native youth leaders. It was a unique experience and I enjoyed the opportunity. My mom and aunt came to San Diego to see me on the panel, but I think they were just looking for a vacation.

The annual UNITY conference we had been planning all year took place in Portland, Ore. It was awesome to see all our hard work pay off and there were about 1,400 Native youth in attendance. There were numerous speakers, and I enjoyed hosting the talent show and being a part of the UNITY News. I enjoyed seeing old friends and also meeting many new people.

It was bittersweet knowing my term was up as I was not seeking re-election, but I was also relieved one of my fellow Tribal



Mid-year conference in Washington D.C.

members, Sydnee Kopke, would be running for the Midwest seat.

Although I'm no longer part of Youth Council, it was still a victory for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan to have another Tribal member assume the role of Midwest Representative; Sydnee was elected as the Midwest Representative! I believe this reflects well on the Tribe, having

two SCIT members voted into the Midwest Representative position back-to-back. Who knows what the future holds, maybe I'll run again in the future because it truly was an awesome experience.

UNITY has offered a host of opportunities for me such as being a speaker at CNIGA and NIGA.



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Meeting with the Deputy Minister and the Indigenous People of Taiwan Council.

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Furthermore, if you have not submitted your annual degree audit/program plan, please submit them on or before the fall deadline of Oct. 15, 2014 so your funding is secured.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Youth LEAD main office at **989-775-4505**.

Keep an eye out for a new Higher Education Frequently Asked Questions form on sagchip.org, this will help answer any questions you may have in the future regarding missed deadlines and what you shall need for funding.

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1-2				
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6-8	\$1,875 per semester	\$3,750 per year	\$1,500 per semester	\$3,000 per year
9+	\$2,500 per semester	\$5,000 per year	\$2,000 per semester	\$4,000 per year

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Summer Youth Experience students learn with SCTC and Youth LEAD staff

KARMEN FOX

Dean of Instruction

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program hosted its first three-day educational camp in conjunction with the Youth LEAD program. Students in kindergarten through 8th grade were able to feel and experience a day in the life of a college student, rotating between classrooms and buildings on campus in one and a half hour increments. The students had three areas of study; Ojibwe, Math and Science.

On the first day, students decorated and created shirts that were purchased through generous donors of the 50/50 raffle from the second annual SCTC Golf Outing.

Isabelle Osawamick and Mary Pelcher taught the Ojibwe course students learned colors, directions, and played Ojibwe Bingo. Steven Loonsfoot and Mike Sobolewski were the



Anita Hall, youth achievement advisor (left), poses with the SCTC Summer Youth Experience students.

math enthusiasts who added fun outdoor games, and Sharyl Majorski was the scientist making silly putty, ice cream and had the students looking at dirty water. Students were treated to healthy snacks, lunch and each day ended with a dance party led by President Sineway.

On day three, students wrote what they were thankful for over the course of camp and placed it on the "Thankful Tree." It was enlightening to see the children's appreciation of the staff's hard work and dedication. It was successful due to SCTC's teamwork!

Thank you to the kitchen staff: Amanda Flaughner, Gena Qualls, Tracey D., Tracy Reed, Carla Sineway and Trish Alonzo, the vision I had would have never become a reality!



Students wrote what they were thankful for during the camp, and placed it on the "Thankful Tree."



SCTC President Carla Sineway shows off her dance moves!



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Members of Youth Council participate in the dance party which concluded the day.



Isabelle Osawamick and student Nevaeh Badger participate in Nbaa-ki-naa-ge (bingo).



It was one large dance party for Summer Youth Experience students, and SCTC and Youth LEAD staff members.



2014-2015 Academic Calendar 2014 Fall Semester

March 31| Registration open Fall 2014 semester
 August 18, 19, 20| Late Registration (Fee \$25)
 August 20| Last Day to Register For Classes
 August 25| Fall classes begin
 August 28| Drop/Add ends
 September 1| Labor Day (no classes)
 September 17| Constitution Day
 October 20| Registration Open for Spring 2015 semester
 October 31| Last day for "W"
 November 26| Thanksgiving Break begins at 5 pm
 December 1| Classes resume
 December 1| Deadline for Spring 2015 Graduation Application
 December 5| Fall classes end
 December 19| Spring Registration ends

2015 Spring Semester

January 7, 8, 9| Late Registration (Fee \$25)
 January 9| Last day to register for classes
 January 12| Spring classes begin
 January 15| Drop/Add ends
 January 19| MLK Jr Day (no classes)
 March 6| Spring Break begins at 5 pm
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ANT 120	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3	T	East 2	5:30-8:20	Clark-Tuzas
ART 120	Painting	3	T/R	MPHS	1:30-2:50	Luna-Gagnon
AST 110*	Intro to Astronomy	3	M/W	Science Building	10:00-11:20	Miller
AST 110A*	Astronomy Lab	2	M/W	Science Building	11:30-12:20	Miller
BIO 216*	Native Plants & Medicines	3	T/R	Science Building	10:00-11:20	Calhoun
BIO 216A*	Native Plants & Medicines-Lab	2	R	Science Building	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
BUS 110	Introduction to Business	3	T/R	West 2	10:00-11:20	Gotaas
BUS 150	Business Law	3	T/R	West 2	1:00-2:20	Gotaas
BUS 200	Principles of Marketing	3	T/R	West 2	11:30-12:50	Gotaas
BUS 202	Legal & Environmental Business	3	M	West 1	5:30-8:20	TBD
BUS 250	Organizational Behavior	3	W	East 2	5:30-8:20	Wagner
CHM 105*	Intro to Chemistry	3	T/R	Science Building	5:30-6:50	Majorski
CHM 105A*	Intro to Chemistry Lab	2	T/R	Science Building	7:00-7:50	Majorski
CPT 112	Intro to Computer Technology	4	M/W	Computer Lab	1:00-2:50	TBD
ECO 201	Principles of Economics I	3	T/R	West 1	2:00-3:20	Kelly
ENG 096	Reading Comprehension	3	T/R	West 1	10:00-11:20	Bone
ENG 098	Basic Writing I	3	T/R	Computer Lab	1:00-2:20	D. Miller
ENG 099	Basic Writing II	3	T/R	Computer Lab	4:00-5:20	D. Miller
ENG 101*	Composition I	3	T/R	Computer Lab	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
ENG 102*	Composition II	3	T/R	Computer Lab	11:30-12:50	Prielipp
ENG 130*	Public Speaking	3	M/W	Computer Lab	11:30-12:50	Prielipp
EVS 120*	Environmental Science	3	M/W	Science Building	1:00-2:20	Calhoun
EVS 120A*	Environmental Science Lab	2	W	Science Building	3:00-4:50	Calhoun
HIS 101	World Civilization I	3	M/W	West 2	10:00-11:20	Eno
HIS 110	Michigan History	3	M/W	West 2	11:30-12:50	Eno
HUM 140	Intro to Film	3	M/W	West 1	3:00-4:20	Swarthout
HUM 220	Intro to Theater	3	M/W	West 1	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
MTH 095	Fundamentals of Math	3	M/W	East 3	1:30-2:50	Whittig
MTH 099	Beginning Algebra	4	M/W	East 3	3:00-4:50	Whittig
MTH 105*	Intermediate Algebra	4	M/W	East 2	10:00-11:50	Rich
MTH 135*	College Algebra	3	T/R	East 3	10:00-11:20	Rich
MTH 140*	Pre-Calculus	4	T/R	East 3	11:30-1:20	Rich
MTH 230*	Introduction to Statistics	3	M/W	East 3	1:30-2:50	Rich
NAS 103	Survey of NA Studies	3	T/R	East 2	12:00-1:20	Slattery
NAS 260	Anishnabe History	3	M/W	East 2	3:00-4:20	Slattery
NAS 284	NA Religion	3	M/W	East 2	12:00-1:20	Slattery
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OJB 102*	Ojibwa Language II	3	M/W	West 2	3:00-4:20	Roy
OJB 201*	Ojibwa Language III	3	T/R	East 3	1:30-2:50	Roy
OJB 202*	Ojibwa Language IV	3	T/R	East 3	3:00-4:20	Roy
PHL 110	Intro to Philosophy	3	M/W	West 1	11:30-12:50	Swarthout
PSY 101	Intro to Psychology	3	W	West 2	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
PSY 202	Human Development	3	M/W	West 1	1:30-2:50	Swarthout
SDV 099	Academic Methods	3	T	Computer Lab	5:30-8:20	Wagner
SOC 210	Marriage & Family	3	T	West 2	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
SPN 101	Spanish I	3	T/R	West 1	4:00-5:20	Luna-Gagnon

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Train and Gin Blossoms bring their memorable hits to SECR Outdoor Concert Series

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a night to bring back some of the greatest hits from the '90s, early 2000's and today as American rock bands Train and Gin Blossoms literally rocked the SECR Outdoor Summer Concert Series on Thursday, July 17.

American Idol 2013 Top 20 contestant and local Mount Pleasant resident Shubha Vedula opened the show with popular hits "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons, "All Of Me" by John Legend and "Shut Up And Drive" by Rihanna.

Although their biggest hits debuted in 1996, the crowd did not forget the talent of the Gin



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Monahan takes a "selfie" with an audience member's phone camera while singing "If It's Love".

Blossoms or their song lyrics, either, including "Follow You Down", which opened their set.

Gin Blossoms' hits "Found Out About You", "Til I Hear

It From You", "As Long As It Matters", "Allison Road" and "Until I Fall Away" brought memories back from years ago.

The audience showed much enthusiasm for the popular "Hey Jealousy", which ended the Gin Blossoms' portion of the show.

With dimming lights, and the sudden sound of a train whistling, the band Train

walked on stage with lead singer Pat Monahan appearing last.

Train opened with a song they've never before played from their new album set to debut September 2014. Their upbeat song "50 Ways To Say Goodbye" intrigued the audience, while during "If It's Love", Monahan grabbed cell phones from the audience in front row and began taking "selfies" with their phone cameras.

Train performed "Get To Me", "Meet Virginia" with a prominent guitar solo, "Calling All Angels" and "Save Me, San Francisco", and in each performance, Monahan's powerful vocals shined.

"I want to dedicate this next song to myself," Monahan

said as the band began a cover of Led Zeppelin's "What Is And What Should Never Be".

"Even a security man looked up and thought, 'I didn't know they were a rock band'," Monahan said laughing, after wailing on the first few notes.

Performing a song off their soon-to-be-released album, one they never played for an audience before "Cadillac, Cadillac", Train also performed their new single "Angel in Blue Jeans". The video was released on July 14.

Before playing "Mermaid", selected women of the audience joined Train to dance and sing on stage. When one little girl stole the show and sung every word with Monahan, he decided to pull her back on stage to sing "Bruises" with him.

The passionate and ever popular "Marry Me" caused the audience to roar and sing along.

Train brought much energy to every hit including "Hey, Soul Sister" and "Drive By". They even played a snippet of Macklemore and Ryan Lewis' "Can't Hold Us".



Train's lead singer Pat Monahan wasn't too shy to belt out the vocals to "50 Ways To Say Goodbye".

For the unforgettable encore, Train performed "Drops of Jupiter (Tell Me)" from their second album, released in 2001. The song was an international hit and won the Grammy Awards for Best Rock Song and Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist.

Proving they really do rock, Train covered Aerosmith's "Dream On" to close the show.

It was a memorable night as both Train and Gin Blossoms brought their past and recent hits to the SECR Summer Outdoor Concert Series.



Gin Blossoms' lead singer Robin Wilson performs the popular hit "Til I Hear It From You".

Freestyle mayhem dominates Monster Truck Madness V at Soaring Eagle

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Dust, dirt and debris flew at top speed as the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department rolled out their "Stars & Stripes Fourth of July" event. Monster Truck Madness V made another triumphant return with a high-octane show like no other! The biggest and best monster trucks came together to "wow" the crowd once again.

SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas Jr. has seen the madness first hand and how the crowd swells to attend the annual action packed explosive event.

"Where else but Soaring Eagle can someone see a huge monster truck like the Iron Outlaw delight our patrons

with a car-crushing back flip," Venegas said. "Entertainment is just one of the many parts of the Soaring Eagle experience we offer and Monster Truck Madness V brings in a large fan base for our Stars & Stripes weekend schedule of events."

After four years of destruction, the biggest and "baddest" outdoor event of the Midwest hosts the nation's top monster truck superstars! This year's event featured two-time World Freestyle Champion Jim Koehler driving the Avenger machine.

Rounding out the field of monster truck freestyle competitors were Barbarian (Devin Jones) Crushstation (Greg Winchenbach), Amalie Oil Xtermigator (JR McNeal), Over Bored (Jamey Garner),

Brutus (Brad Allen), Samson (Allison Patrick) and Ice Cream Man (Roy Pridgeon). Trent Montgomery did double duty by driving Bounty Hunter and The Iron Outlaw.

Midwest Monster Truck event officials constructed one of the longest and most exciting racing courses for this year's event. Course features were built to showcase the machines raw horsepower, driver reaction time, and quick thinking. One bad bounce could end in a spectacular crash or mean a racing loss, keeping fans on the edge of their seats all evening as the drivers chased the title of the Monster Truck Madness V Racing Championship.

Mount Pleasant resident Curt Richey of Curt's Service Center came out to see the freestyle motocross riders, the monster truck sand drags, and the Iron Outlaw backflip attempt.

"These are definitely some powerful machines and it takes a lot of skill for these drivers to push their trucks to the limit," Richey said. "The countless hours of training that the true fans know these drivers go through to perform these shows across the country is why monster trucks draw this kind of crowd."

Richey did point out Trent Montgomery did complete the difficult monster truck backflip even though the front driver's side wheel axle snapped off.

"This is what makes the show exciting and unpredictable, but



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Trent Montgomery executes a perfect backflip with The Iron Outlaw before breaking his front driver side wheel off in spectacular fashion.

look at all the safety precautions that are done surrounding the event," Richey said.

The Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Mobile Medical Response teams were in place to ensure the safety of audience and patrons alike.

The Monster Truck Freestyle competition turned out to be an all-out demolition mission as the drivers performed wheelies, blistering dirt cyclones, huge air jumps and an assortment of all out thrills. Rock music blared through the track as monster trucks soared over school buses, annihilated motor homes and pulverized cars.

Jim Koehler won the fans and the day as his Avenger out-pointed Jamey Garner and Over Bored 27 to 24 to take the first

place freestyle trophy. Amalie Oil Xtermigator driver JR McNeal captured the first place racing trophy.

"This is how we do monster trucks for our fans at Soaring Eagle...they know how to rock and roll," Koehler said. "We have some of the best drivers in the world. Jamey Garner rocked one of the best freestyles that I've ever seen and that is what motivates me."

The drivers were available for autographs and to sign monster truck merchandise as many fans clamored to ride the truck course after the race. The "Stars & Stripes Fourth of July" event ended with a bang as the monster truck fans enjoyed the best seats in the house for a Soaring Eagle fireworks extravaganza.



The fans roared their approval as Xtermigator driver JR McNeal (left) and Avenger driver Jim Koehler (right) hoist up their hard fought hardware.



Switchfoot, P.O.D. and Black Stone Cherry rock the "Stars & Stripes Fourth of July"

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Rock fans brought in the holiday weekend in style with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's "Stars & Stripes Fourth of July." On Saturday, July 5, the weekend-long event included the musical trio of bands Switchfoot, P.O.D. and Black Stone Cherry.

Formed in 2001 in Kentucky, the American hard rock band Black Stone Cherry started the night with a bang. The band's self-titled first album "Black Stone Cherry" was released in 2006. Since then they have gone on to record three more albums including 2014's "Magic Mountain".

The show kicked off with the singles "Maybe Someday", "Me and Mary Jane" and "Yeah Man".

The chart-topping hit "In My Blood", which topped out at No. 10 on Billboards U.S. Mainstream Rock Chart, was followed by "Blind Man" and "Fiesta Del Fuego".

The audience chanted the chorus to their hit singles "White Trash Millionaire", "Blame it on the Boom Boom".

To close out the first act, Black Stone Cherry played their heavy-riffed single, "Lonely Train".

The second act came to SECR all the way from San Diego. "Payable On Death", or P.O.D as they are more commonly known, has been rocking their alternative metal stylings since 1992.

P.O.D. has released six major studio albums beginning with "The Fundamentals of Southtown" in 1999. The record obtained commercial success and was certified platinum. Their most recent album was titled "Murdered Love", released in 2012. With the commercial success came critical acclaim, which included three Grammy nominations.

P.O.D started off with the songs "Murdered Love" and "Lost in Forever" before transitioning into the explosive energy of the hit single "Boom".

The music continued with "Set it Off", "Babylon the Murderer", "Without Jah, Nothin'" and "Roots in Stereo".

The audience cheered as the opening guitar riffs of the band's most beloved song, the brooding single "Youth of a Nation" started. The song, released in 2001 peaked at No. 1 on Billboard's U.S. Mainstream Rock Chart.

Next up was the soft heart-felt single "Beautiful", which preceded the high energy hit song "Southtown".

"Put your hands in the air", lead singer Sonny Sandoval said as the opening guitar riffs of "Alive" closed out the bands set.

The American alternative rock band Switchfoot headlined the night's festivities. Formed in San Diego in 1996, the group has released nine studio albums beginning with "The Beautiful Letdown" in 2003.

The band gained mainstream attention with the inclusion of four of their songs in the popular 2002 movie "A Walk to Remember".

Their seventh studio album, "Hello Hurricane", received a Grammy award in 2011 for the "Best Rock or Rap Gospel Album".

The opening song of the band's set list, "Say It Like You Mean It", came off the band's most recent album "Fading West". Next up were the fan favorite songs, "Stars" and "The Sound".

After playing the single, "When We Come Alive", lead singer Jon Foreman took a break to talk to the audience.

"I always wanted to be a surfer," Foreman said. "But



Switchfoot members Jon Foreman (left) and Drew Shirley (right), come together during the chorus of the single "The Sound".



Sonny Sandoval, lead singer of P.O.D., belts out the lyrics to the hit song "Boom".

I started a rock 'n' roll band instead!"

The songs "Dark Horses" and "Meant to Live" were up next. After finishing the song "Let It Out", he addressed the audience once again, taking notice of their energy.

"Make some noise Michigan," he said. "You guys are awesome!"

The show continued with "Love Alone is Worth the Fight" and "Mess of Me". The audience members cheered as the opening notes of one of their biggest hit singles, "Dare You to Move", began playing.

To close out the night, Switchfoot performed "Ba55" and "Where I Belong".

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit their website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com, "Like" their Facebook page or add their Twitter handle [Soaringeagle777](https://twitter.com/Soaringeagle777).



Black Stone Cherry guitarist Ben Wells looks out into the audience.

RCH Racing meet and greet delights Tribal members and families alike

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Photojournalist

The "Stars & Stripes Fourth of July" got more spectacular on July 6 as racing legends Ricky Carmichael and Carey Hart came back to their sponsor's home



SECR patrons enjoyed RCH Racing freestyle motocross tricks as they performed no footed can cans, heelclickers, as well as backflips.

base to share a motocross exhibition and meet Tribal members, employees and families.

The youth and Elders enjoyed meeting the RCH Soaring Eagle Racing Team and Miss Soaring Eagle as smiles, high fives and autographs could be seen throughout the venue.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort is the title sponsor for RCH Racing for the next Supercross and Motocross seasons.

"Like Soaring Eagle, we strive to put the best product in front of our fans at each and every race," Carmichael, co-owner of RCH Racing and five-time Monster Energy Supercross Champion said. "Whenever we are in Michigan, we love to give back to our fans and provide some excitement... that's what RCH Racing and Soaring Eagle is all about."

SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas simply declared, "We are stoked on this partnership! RCH Racing is a perfect platform to increase awareness and excitement for Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort."

After the meet and greet, four of the RCH Soaring Eagle



Tribal members, employees and their families were all smiles as they met motocross legends Ricky Carmichael, Carey Hart and their RCH Soaring Eagle Racing Team on July 6.

Racing Team members took to the air demonstrating a variety of motocross maneuvers that make the freestyle sport so exciting.

Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig came up with the idea to contact Venegas to provide an opportunity for the membership to do a private meet and greet with the RCH racers.

"I would like to thank SCIT Public Relations for their last minute photos and putting them on our Tribal Facebook page and other SCIT Tribal Members for getting the word out on

Facebook," Wassegijig said. "It turned out to be a great experience for everyone involved. I look forward to doing this

again at the next event held on Aug. 29-30. It is important to keep our Membership as involved as possible."

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Thursday, Aug. 7	American Idol Live 2014
Wednesday, Aug. 20	Alice in Chains wsg Buckcherry
Saturday, Aug. 23	Bill Cosby
Wednesday, Aug. 27	Florida Georgia Line
Friday, Aug. 29	Fall Out Boy wsg New Politics
Saturday, Sept. 6	Journey wsg TBA



Dietician Jennifer Casey presents Traditional Nutrition Cooking Workshop

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On June 17, Seventh Generation hosted Public Health 4X4 Grant's and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Traditional Nutrition Cooking Workshop from 4-7 p.m.

Professional Chef and Registered Dietician Jennifer Casey presented how traditional foods support healthy weight and lifelong wellness for all ages.

Casey has worked with Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc., or GLIHC, Milwaukee's urban Indian Health Organization since



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Professional Chef and Registered Dietician Jennifer Casey discusses the benefits of traditional foods and how they support healthy weight and lifelong wellness.

2007. GLIHC serves enrolled members of tribes throughout the Bemidji area.

In her time with GLIHC, she has worked with local Elders to create a traditional food recipe and storybook "Mino Aya", available for a free download at www.glihc.net

"I decided I wanted to get into the health field and study nutrition," Casey said. "I've worked in restaurants; I've had my own catering business; I've cooked backstage at a music venue, which was really fun because I could see free music any night of the week. I also operated a pastry stand at a farmers market."

Casey discussed traditional foods within the Great Lakes Region, gave healthy eating tips and presented a hands-on cooking experience.

"The dishes (I cook) shift by what I find at local markets, and that's really the way I like to cook by being flexible by what is available and what is in season with a few basic principles," she said.

The traditional foods Casey made during the workshop were a wild rice spring pilaf, smoked whitefish chowder and a rhubarb strawberry sauce.

"I really am what you call 'food centric' because not only is it really pleasurable and a way to share with people that you really care about or people that you barely know, but with good food; it can solve a lot of the world's problems in terms of our health, unity,

communication and economies," she said.

With healthy foods and exercise, we can all prevent and control chronic diseases like obesity, Type 2 Diabetes and heart disease, she said.

The Diabetes Prevention Program found when American Indians and others with pre-diabetes made small lifestyle changes (improving eating and increasing physical activity, along with a small amount of weight loss), their risk of developing diabetes was cut by more than half.

For various healthy recipes, Casey suggested glihc.net, cookinglight.com and eatin-gwell.com.

So you love French fries? Try these easy French Fry Bites

SALLY VAN CISE

RD Nutritionist

(Editor's Note: The following recipe was adapted from Snack Girl at snackgirl.com on Jan. 14, 2014.)

Potatoes are yummy, whatever way you serve them. Mashed, chips, baked, scalloped or roasted – we love them all!

I am also a fan of potatoes and believe they can be included in a healthy diet, both for children and for adults. Why?

A medium potato has 45 percent of your daily value of Vitamin C, 18 percent of

your daily value of potassium (that's more potassium (620 mg) than even bananas, spinach or broccoli), 10 percent of your daily value of vitamin B-6, and two percent of your daily value for fiber.

Do be aware though, that potatoes have carbohydrates; a half cup mashed or baked potato equals one 'carb choice,' so portion size is important.

Now, French fries are deep-fried and deserve extra concern because of their fat content. When you put potatoes in oil, they soak it up and you get quite a bit of fat.

This French fry bite recipe from Snack Girl is easy, uses very little oil, and is cooked in a muffin tin. These are both crunchy and soft (like a real French fry) but you miss the fatty wallop.

Did I say easy? The Niibing kids helped cook them– they measured, stirred and spooned the mixture into the muffin tins.

Prep time was about 10-15 minutes total, and when we ate, a "yes!" was their delighted response. Ketchup and salsa rounded out this treat. One of the teachers thought she might have

these for breakfast with her eggs and ham!

The recipe uses shredded hash brown potatoes from the frozen section, and pre-grated part-skim mozzarella cheese.

Snack Girl considers the cost and time saved. The potatoes are already shredded and peeled. They cost \$3 for a 30-ounce bag. The grated cheese is relatively expensive, but also quick and easy!

French Fry Bites

Makes 12 Bites. One Bite is approximately 65 calories and 7g of carbohydrates. (1/2 a Carb choice)



Ingredients:

- 3 1/2 cups frozen hash brown potatoes (keep frozen)
- 1/2 cup grated part-skim mozzarella
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Non-stick cooking spray

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 F. Coat a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, combine potatoes, mozzarella, salt, and olive oil. Mix until combined and spoon mixture into the 12 cups. The mixture will almost fill each cup (these bake down to 1/4 the initial size).

Bake for 50 minutes in the lower third of the oven or until slightly browned on the top (see photo). Using a butter knife, gently loosen the French fry bite from the tin. Serve immediately.

Recipe submitted by Sally Van Cise RD Nutritionist with permission to reprint by author, Chop Chop Magazine Spring 2014.

Walking: A step in the right direction

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Physical activity does not need to be complicated. Something as simple as a daily, brisk walk can help you live a healthier life.

Regular brisk walking can help you:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Prevent or manage various conditions including heart disease, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes
- Strengthen your bones
- Lift your mood

• Improve your balance and coordination

• The further and faster you go, along with how frequently you walk, the greater the benefits.

Turning your normal walk into a fitness stride requires good posture and purposeful movements.

Ideally, here is how you should look when walking:

- Your head is up. You are looking forward; not at the ground.
- Your neck, shoulders and back are relaxed; not stiffly upright.
- You are swinging your arms freely with a slight bend in

your elbows. A little pumping with your arms is acceptable.

• Your stomach muscles are slightly tightened and your back is straight; not arched forward or backward.

• You are walking smoothly; rolling your foot from heel to toe.

We hope you were able to participate in the recent Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge through Blue Cross Blue Shield. And keep in mind that we still have daily walking passes available at Morey Courts. Keep up your walking!

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule August 2014

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Leah	All Core All the Time/Suspension Strength Jayme	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden
4:15 p.m.					Fat Blast Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme	Kick & Step Interval Blast Jeni	All Core All the Time/Suspension Strength Jayme	Step & Sculpt Leah	
5:10 p.m.		Beginners Running Class Jayme		Beginners Running Class Jayme	

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Improving Patient Care Initiative: Why you should have an advanced directive

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We live our lives day-to-day but we don't always think of the consequences if we were to be injured, or develop a serious illness to the point of being unable to make decisions regarding our own health care.

Although we may not like to think about it, planning ahead with an advanced directive is important for everyone, since accidents and serious illness can strike any time. Pre-planning is the best option to ensure you will receive the care you want in the event you cannot make decisions for yourself.

The primary purpose of an advanced directive is to outline the medical treatment you would want or not want, as well as naming the person(s) (patient advocate) you would like to make healthcare, medical and mental health, decisions in the event you are no longer able to express your wishes. It is important for you and others to understand your wishes and to put them in writing.

An advanced directive is a written document designating another person, a patient advocate, to be your Durable Power of Attorney for health care to make health care decisions regarding how aggressive treatment should be if you became incompetent or are unable to make decisions in the future. The document also lists medical treatments that you would want and or not want to have; extraordinary procedures, surgeries, feeding tubes, medication or treatments.

You may think it will never happen to you. Whether you are 18 years old or 80 years old, you should have a Patient Advocate and a Durable Power of Attorney form completed.

I want to share my own personal story; my mother Rose was in a severe car accident about eight years ago. By the time I was notified of the accident and drove to the hospital

as quickly as possible, my mom had already been admitted to the emergency room and was placed on a ventilator, a machine to breathe for her, to keep her alive.

When I arrived, she was unconscious, and I was told that almost every bone in her body was broken. Her chance for a full recovery was very slim. My mother laid in the intensive care unit, unconscious, on a ventilator and feeding tube for many days.

At the time, we were told she would need multiple surgeries, likely lose her right leg, never walk again, be confined to a wheel chair and may need to be on a ventilator for the rest of her life.

After about a week, my mom gained enough consciousness to recognize who we were and to respond to us by squeezing our hand and blinking her eyes.

Fortunately, I had talked to my mom just prior to her accident about her health care wishes in the event of an accident or illness.

My mom had suffered from vascular ulcers for most of her adult life and I knew number one, she was adamant that she did not want to lose her leg. I also knew she did not want to spend the rest of her life on total life support, confined to bed, on a ventilator, a feeding tube and in a wheel chair.

Although we were very close and she had confided in me several times and I was the health care professional in family, my oldest brother Fred was designated as her durable power of attorney and I was to assist him with her medical decisions.

We waited about three weeks, and as her condition continued to decline, we had to make the family decision for her to have surgery or to remove her from the ventilator, which she would not survive without. Our family met with several physicians as well as the Ethics Committee to discuss our choices and the outcomes.

Although her overall health continued to decline, my mom was able to communicate at

times with her left hand and her eyes. When she was awake, I talked to her several times privately about if she wanted to go through surgery or and what the potential outcome would be.

With family and the doctor present, I was able to ask her if she wanted to go through with multiple surgeries, including possibly losing her right leg, and being life supported by a ventilator and feeding tube for the rest of her life. Even though we had talked previously of her wishes and we had them in writing, it was a difficult to make the final decision since she was semi-conscious. However, with her final consent, the blink of her eyes and the squeeze of my hand I knew our family would agree on her final wish.

So approximately, three and a half weeks after the accident, with all of our family by her side, my mom Rose was removed from the ventilator. I held her hand as the ventilator tube was removed and after approximately two very long hours, my mom passed peacefully. It was very difficult, however, I know in my heart we did the right thing and had met her wishes.

The medical staff of Nimkee Medical Wellness Clinic encourages community members and patients of NMWC who are 18 years of age and older to complete a Durable Power of Attorney for Health

Care Designation form. Please ask your primary care provider (PCP) and/or health care team if you have any questions or would like to discuss establishing advanced directives. We have forms and brochures available in the clinic.

Once you have completed the form and submitted a copy to your PCP, it will be made a part of your medical record. If you are ever determined to be unable to participate in medical treatment decisions by your PCP and another physician, your PCP will obtain informed consent from your designated patient advocate. You always have the right to revoke a designation at any time.

A patient advocate's powers become effective only while the patient is unable to participate in medical treatment decisions. A patient advocate may decide to provide life-sustaining support or to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment, but only if the patient has authorized this in a clear and convincing manner and has acknowledged that death could result.

A patient advocate's power cannot be exercised on behalf of a pregnant patient if the decision would result in her death, to engage in homicide or euthanasia, or to force medical treatment a patient does not want due to religious beliefs.

Some things for you to think about and things you can do:

- Open up the conversation with your family about your wishes and their wishes.
- Ask someone you trust to be your patient advocate.
- Complete the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Form.
- Have your patient advocate sign and date the form.
- Keep the signed original document with your personal papers in a safe place at home.
- Provide a photocopy of the form to your PCP, mental health professional, family and patient advocate(s).
- Always bring a copy of your advanced directives to the hospital when you know you are going to be admitted.
- Review the form annually and when there is a change in your health or family status.

We continue to look for community members who would like to be involved in the Indian Health Services, Improving Patient Care Initiative. If you are interested in assisting our staff with this initiative, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Medical Clinic, advanced directives or any other issue, please feel free to contact Margaret at **989-775-4618**. Remember... your good health is a gift of respect to you and to those you love."

Annual Nimkee Women's Health Fair



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Andahwod Senior Center hosted Nimkee's Women's Health Fair on Thursday, June 19. Various Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal businesses and departments including Nimkee Fitness, Cardinal Pharmacy, Behavioral Health and the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan program, Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Nimkee Public Health offered giveaways at their booths.

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Central Michigan District Health Department presents grilling food safely

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

While being able to cook outdoors is more enjoyable, there are extra precautions you must take to protect family and friends.

In order to lower the chances of putting others at risk for food-borne illnesses, please keep the following in mind:

- **Clean:** The Central Kitchen (a publication of CMDHD) states that “properly washing hands and the exposed portion of the arms is the first line of defense in the fight against disease causing microorganisms.” It is also very important to wash cutting boards,

utensils and food prep areas. This needs to be done before preparing food and anytime you switch the type of food. Also remember to clean the grill surface even when using foil to prevent foreign objects from getting into the food. Remember to properly wash hands. Run them under warm water, then lather with antibacterial soap for 20 seconds or long enough to sing the alphabet song. Then rinse and towel dry (paper towels recommended). The proper way to clean food prep areas, cutting boards, and utensils is to wash with hot soapy water then rinse.

- **Grill:** When marinating, place the food in the refrigerator until you are ready to place on

the grill. Do not reuse marinade that has been used on raw meats. Make sure that you place food on a hot grill right away, especially if partially cooking meat inside first. It is important to check food with a meat thermometer to make sure the food is cooked thoroughly. Poultry should be cooked to a minimum temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit, red meats cooked to 155 degrees Fahrenheit, and pork needs to reach a minimum temperature of 145 degrees Fahrenheit. Once meat is cooked, never place it back on a platter or use utensils that were used with raw meat.

- **Serve:** Hot foods need to be kept above 140 degrees Fahrenheit and cold foods need

to be kept at or below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Here are a few ideas to keep hot foods safe; they can be wrapped with tin foil and placed in an insulated container or move them away from the direct flame on the grill. Cold foods can be placed in a cooler that is filled with ice or food placed in a shallow container can be placed directly on ice.

- **Chill:** Hot or cold foods should not sit out any longer than two hours at room temperature. If this happens or you are unsure, just toss it to be on the safe side. It is best to take care of food by placing it in refrigerator as soon as possible. Keep food out of the danger zone that is between 40 degrees

Fahrenheit to 140 degrees Fahrenheit, which is when bacteria can thrive.

So just remember clean, grill, serve and chill to help protect family, friends and yourself while cooking outside in the summer. To learn more about food safety, visit www.usda.gov and click the food safety link. You can also visit www.cmdhd.org and look under environmental health.

This article has been brought to you by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon. Visit our website at www.cmdhd.org and “Like” Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBER ELDERS!

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

The individuals seeking a seat must:

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

Letters must be submitted by **Sept. 12, 2014.**

Please submit letters of interest to:

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

Elders bingo events continue to provide friendly competition at Andahwod

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Never let it be said that our Tribal Elders don't enjoy some friendly competition. With the help of the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council members, the Youth LEAD Department and the staff at Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services, two bingo events on July 16 and July 19 kept the prizes coming.

Youth LEAD Diversion Support Coach Kevin Ricketts served as the bingo caller at the July 16 event that included Summer Youth workers Alexandria Otto, Bryan Chingman and Deja Shinos.

“One of the best ways we can see that brings our youth and Elders together is through the friendly competition of bingo,” Ricketts said. “There is such a history to the game here on the Rez and the atmosphere provided, by having it at Andahwod makes it a fun event for us. Our Summer Youth workers welcome the chance to come over and to be



Tribal Elder Elaine Shawno receives her grand prize of cookware from the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council members.

of service and it does foster a sense of community.”

Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford mentions their staff looks for opportunities where youth can have that positive interaction with family at community events like the Elders bingo.

“We talk about how we can effectively deliver Youth LEAD services to the membership and having the opportunity to partner with other departments, like the Andahwod staff and the Summer Youth workers helps strengthen our programs,” Crawford said. “Peer mentorship and giving back to the community we serve is an integral piece of what Youth LEAD represents and we are honored to do it.”

The Andahwod staff conducted their monthly Elders Birthday Bingo on July 19 and Andahwod Administrator Gayle Ruhl handled the duties of shuffling the bingo cards and calling out the numbers.

“It is awesome to carry on the Elder birthday bingo tradition. This was started many years ago when a lot of Tribal Elders

received food stamps which only bought food, not the household items such as cleaners, paper products and personal items,” Ruhl said. “To this day we keep that tradition of having household necessities for birthday bingo mixed in with a few fun items to lessen the burden of Elder’s monthly expenses.”

One component of Elders Birthday Bingo is anyone who has their Elders birthday the month of the bingo starts off with winning a prize drawing before the first bingo number is called. The bingo caller is also assisted by a staffer who holds up a large card that lets Elders see what is the most recent number called is.

Andahwod Community Activities Assistant Elisa Schleder sees the excitement Elders get when they get to yell that favorite exclamation of bingo.

“We love to keep our Elders happy and active, and nothing gets them going like bingo day,” Schleder said. “I just enjoy watching them having fun!”



Bingo caller Kevin Ricketts keeps the Elders in suspense as Youth LEAD Diversion Outreach Worker Deb Peterson looks on.

AUGUST 2014 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 Eric Zocher, Mary Cargill | 16 William Tibult |
| 3 Gary Harris | 17 Larry Post |
| 4 Kenneth Douglas, Matthew Pamp, Joseph Anderson, Danny Russell | 18 Andrea Gonzales, Brenda Nolan, Susan Leksche |
| 5 Delilah Brown, Brenda McMillin, Rosalie Stevens | 19 Alice Moore-Barton, Ralph Ambs, Diane Garrett, Mark Mitchell, Benjamin Willis Sr., Charles Sharon, Vicki Steffen, David Zocher |
| 6 Kevin Bird, Marcella Hadden, Ricky Snyder | 20 Kimberly Crandall |
| 7 Juan Carranza, David Otto, Michael Floyd Sr., Veronica Bos, Dawn Jackson | 21 James Peters |
| 8 Pamela Floyd | 22 Jacqueline Daniels, Michael Abraham, Ronald Collins Sr. Lynne Stewart |
| 9 Sandra Stevens, Rosalie Bloom, Michael Hart, Cecelia Wieland | 23 Roger Jackson, Maynard Kahgegab Sr., Gloria Narvais, Wilfred Peters Jr., Lisa Gregurek-Clemens |
| 10 Renee Deman | 24 Paula Alexander, Louis Leksche, Terri Maki |
| 11 Theresa Falcon, Phillip Mena, Dorothy Shawano, Theresa White, Debra DeFrens, Diane Jones, Laura Kellogg, Leonard Pontiac | 25 Michael Bennett, Bryan Shuler |
| 12 Michelle Bartow, Rosalie Maloney, Madonna Sanders, Ronald Nelson, Edward Cross, Margaret Jackson, Beverly Morse | 26 Rachel Mandoka, Neuel Denman |
| 13 Mark Bailey, James Falcon, Ida Ziehmer, Carol Brame, John Henry, Dolly Holzhausen | 27 Colleen Wagner, Wanda Ellis, Michael Schramm, Aloma Underwood |
| 16 Marilyn Bailey, Beverly Chamberlain, Brian Quigno, Sharmaine Brooks, Loretta Smith | 28 Mary Jackson, Dean Gregory, Donna Hunt |
| | 30 Thomas Bonnau, Luanna Finney, Constance Pashenee |
| | 31 Jamey Garlick, Sharon Skutt, Marc Williams |

Andahwod August Events

Jewelry Craft with Kay

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AUGUST 2014 EVENT PLANNER

Daughters of Tradition

August 1, 15 | 4 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

- Location: Tribal Ops, Old Council conference room

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

• Contact: 989-775-4128

- Aug. 5: Five Lakes
- Aug. 12: Budd Lake
- Aug. 19: Crooked Lake
- Aug. 29: SCIT Parks & Rec Tribal Classic (All Day)

Monday Night "Masters" Golf League

August 4, 11, 18 | Shotgun Start: 5:45 p.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-400-8454

Tribal Member Job Fair

August 5 | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-400-4741

Fitness Support Group

August 6, 20 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4696

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

August 6 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4386

Baby Celebration

August 13 | 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4780

2014 "Rez Ball" Tournament

August 13 | Registration: 11 a.m., games start at 12 p.m.

- Location: Tribal Operations Parking Lot
- Contact: 989-775-4121
- \$40 per team, four person max per team
- Ages 9-12, 13-15, 16-18 & 19 and up
- Slam dunk contest during intermission

Monarch Butterfly Celebration

August 14 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4750

Tribal Ops Employee Picnic

August 14 | 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

- Location: Island Park Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-5659

LEADerboard Open Golf Tournament

August 17 | 10 a.m. Shotgun Start

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-775-8454
- Four person scramble
- Door prizes, skins games and 50/50 drawing

Women's Support Group

August 19 | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4896

Art Walk Central: An Evening of Anishinabe Art, Culture & Food

August 18 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Downtown Mount Pleasant on Broadway
- Contact: 989-775-4750
- Four person scramble
- Free and open to the public

Back to School Block Party

August 21 | 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Broadway/Housing Park
- Contact: 989-775-4535
- In celebration of Native American Sobriety Month
- Live entertainment, bouncy houses, booths with games and information, free food and food vendors, traditional craft demos and craft take-aways.

Behavioral Health Community Open House

August 26 | 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4850
- Food, great prizes, games, raffles, acupuncture, entertainment for everyone.

Housing Financial Workshop

August 21 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4552

New Parents Support Group

August 29 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Health
- Contact: 989-775-4600

<p>Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.</p> <p>Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St.</p>	<p>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</p> <p>Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant</p>
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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 				<p>1</p> <p>● Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>● Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>● Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>● Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>● Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>● Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>● Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>● Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>● Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>● Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>● Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>● Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>● Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>● Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>10</p> <p>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>11</p> <p>● Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>● Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>● Grandmother Moon B. Health 9 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>● Sweat Lodge B. Health 9 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>● Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>● Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>● Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>● Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>● Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>● Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>17</p> <p>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>● Tribal Observer Deadline - 3 p.m.</p> <p>● Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>● Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>● Women's Support Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>● Youth Council Meeting Senior's Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>● Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>● Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>● Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● Housing Financial Workshop Housing 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>● Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>● Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>● Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>24</p> <p>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>25</p> <p>● Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>● Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>● Cedar Point Trip Meet at Tribal Gym 6 a.m.</p> <p>● Healing Lodge B. Health 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>● Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>● Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>● Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>● Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>● AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>● Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>● Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>31</p> <p>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>

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!



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Tribal Operations

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor of Arts degree in related field of study or equivalent experience. Must have grant writing expertise, planning skills and demonstrated ability to work with Federal/State agencies. Three years experience in management and/or administration of Federal grants and contracts and demonstrated experience in program development.

Outpatient Clinical

Coordinator

Only SCIT and/or current employees who work in the Behavioral Health department may apply. Must have a master's degree and full licensure in social work, counseling or equivalent in human services field. Must have a minimum of five years clinical experience with co-occurring disorders. Must have demonstrated clinical supervisor experience.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services or human services related field. Must have supervisory experience both. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS.

This includes prevention and outreach services, protective services, ICWA and licensing services. The Social Services Director will assure protective services investigations, prevention, child and family service cases and open-active cases including descendants as outlined in the ICWA agreement between MI DHS and SCIT are responded to in a manner consistent with the department's overall goal, mission statement, fundamental values and beliefs, practice Principles, consistent with 25 C.F.R., Part 20, Subparts D-F; in compliance with the Tribal Code, Title II Children's Code; and in compliance with the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act.

Tribal Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

Adjunct Instructors

Accepting curriculum vitae for adjunct instructors. Accounting Instructor: Master's degree required, Computer Instructor: Master's degree required, Spanish Instructor: Master's degree required, Legal and Environmental Business Instructor: Juris Doctor degree required, Ojibwe Instructor: Associates degree required; plus years of experience. Please send all information including transcripts to: kafox@sagchip.org or mail to: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College c/o Karmen Fox 2274 Enterprise Dr.

SCTC English Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree in English, or significant course work towards a degree emphasizing writing skills. A com-

pleted degree in English or related field is preferred.

SCTC Math Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree in mathematics, or significant course work towards a degree emphasizing mathematical skills. A completed degree in mathematics or related field is preferred.

Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must possess specialized unique skills including a high level of motivation in acquiring the Anishinabe language, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and a demonstrated commitment to learning and speaking Anishinabemowin. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Indian Child Welfare Specialist

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an Associates degree in human services field. Assists Tribal families to access services and programs that strengthen the family. Act as a liaison and advocate to SCIT members, SCIT eligible for membership and SCIT descendants residing within the state of Michigan to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the ICWA agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

T.O. Grounds

Maintenance Temp

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment as described in the essential job duties.

Leadership Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have satisfactorily completed twelve credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan.

Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process. This position is to create opportunities for Tribal members to acquire the necessary education, experience and skills to perform positions of leadership and responsibility for the tribe.

Elementary Teacher (Physical Education)

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education. Must possess a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate; educational emphasis in physical education. Two years experience in teaching K-6 Physical Education classes. Knowledge and/or experience working with Native American students or diverse populations preferred.

Cook Part Time

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent and previous experience with quantity food preparation and service. Prepare a nutritional menu that meets required guidelines for Saginaw Chippewa Academy student's meal program.

Retail Merchandise Buyer

Open to the public. Must possess an Associates degree in a related field or have a high school diploma and four years of related experience. Individuals with a college degree in business, purchasing or inventory control, and/or art are preferred. This position is under the supervision of the ZCS Commercial Services Department. The ZCS Retail Anishinabe Merchandise Buyer is responsible for adhering to a monthly budget in the purchasing of all retail merchandise from both Native and non-Native vendors of Native specialty merchandise for the various ZCS shops.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Worker)

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

Clerical Pool

(Temporary Employee) Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application to the Temporary Clerical Pool if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting: working on computers, standard office equipment, and answering telephones (i.e. Administrative Assistant, File Clerk, Tutor.)

SECR

Director of Cage & Count

Open to the public. Must be at least eighteen 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelors degree or above in business or accounting and five years of Casino cage and count managerial experience. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to

maintain effective communication. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Responsible for supervising the cage and count personnel and the operation of all SECR cage and count locations. Additional duties as assigned.

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting, or Bachelor's degree in business with an accounting minor, or MBA in accounting. CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experience in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation accredited school or must have five years direct experience in food production.

Inventory Control Driver-Warehouser

Open to the public. Only SCIT members and/or current employees may apply. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs. that require CDL designation.

Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification. 600 total hours required for massage certification. One year experience preferred.

Steward Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Entertainment Usher

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must possess a friendly attitude and work well with the public. Ushering experience would be helpful but is not a requirement.

Food & Beverage Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred. Must be able to operate a cash register and calculator.

Food & Beverage Cashier

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred. Must be able to operate a cash register and calculator.

F&B Shift Supervisor

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

school diploma or equivalent. Must have Point of Sale (POS) experience. Two years supervisory experience in the hospitality field or three years of SECR Hospitality Division experience or an Associates degree in the hospitality field. Formal education will be accepted if in a related field of study. Will be responsible for supervising line level employees in their execution of quality guest service, cash handling, and operational duties.

Waitstaff Level I

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

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training. Native American preferred.

Line Server P-T

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred.

Host/Hostess

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

Laundry Attendant

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Previous hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred, must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, poised and friendly, attuned to details and self motivated. Must be able to bend, twist and work standing and walking for long periods of time.

Server Assistant

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

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ASHLEY COLE AKA BENNETT:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case no. 14 CI-0291 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions, 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: Ashley Cole a.k.a. Bennett 3398 Saratoga Springs 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 Oct. 10, 2014.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF RODNEY HOUSE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case NO 14-CI-0285 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions, 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: Rodney House 7110 E. Jordan 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 Oct. 9, 2014.**



Eagle Spirit Awards honor Tribal members achieving higher education

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal members achieving higher education were awarded at this year's Eagle Spirit Award ceremony on June 24 during a luncheon in a Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

This year, three students received certificates of completion, nine received awards for achieving their associate degrees, 11 received bachelor's degrees and five students received their master's degrees.

Many incentive awards were also given out for excelling with great grades in their classes.

Youth Council was also recognized, along with three high school students dual enrolled in a college course. Scott

Sheahan, Maureen Rueckert and Bethany Tarbell juggled their high school and college courses. They are also eligible for Tribal scholarship funding.

College Vocational Recruit and Support Specialist Rosanna Romero handed out the incentive awards and Eagle Spirit plaques, with assistance from Youth Council members.

"This is a personal (ceremony) for me just because it's not about getting an incentive, or getting the chance to be out of your office for a couple of hours; it is about getting this award, acknowledgement and recognition for all of your achievements for the Tribe and for your community," Romero said.

Anna Aldridge, Melinda Coffin, Tonia Leureaux,



High school students Bethany Tarbell, Scott Sheahan and Maureen Rueckert were awarded for their dual enrollment in a college course.

Tracy Terrill-Leathers and Christina Halliwill received Eagle Spirit Awards for completing their master's degrees.

Jeffrey Amb, Patricia Alonzo, Cassandra Bailey, Wenonah Bird, Toni Cummings, Timothy Davis, Estella Halliwill, Ann McCoy, Christina Otto, Erik Rodriguez and Toni Smith were recognized for achieving their bachelor's degrees.

Brad Bennett, Maria "Iliana" Bennett, Tracy Cousins, Diane Leksche, Russell Menefee, Millie Pelcher, Kelly Perkins, Mark Vasquez Jr. and Jamie Walker graduated with their associate degrees.

Certificates of completion went to Christine Baird for dental assisting, Mindy Durfee for a therapeutic bodywork practitioner and Mistina Martinez for wine studies.

"This to me... was a Kodak moment for families to gather and share that success and pride,"

Romero said. "Your achievements show society that we are healing from boarding school trauma and you (award recipients) are proof you can do something you put your mind to... I hope this (recognition) continues to support and benefit your future as it has mine."

Thirty-three students received a GPA of a 3.5 or higher and Romero had each student stand as she read their names one-by-one.

"For those (higher education students) remaining, challenge yourself next year to stand with these students," she said.

Romero thanked SECR staff, Tribal Council, Youth Council, Tribal Administration, the Youth LEAD department and JNR Engraving for assisting in another successful Eagle Spirit Award ceremony.



Tonia Leureaux received an Eagle Spirit award for her Master of Science in Human Resources.



Tracy Terrill-Leathers received an Eagle Spirit award for her Master of Science in Administration.



Mark Vasquez Jr. was awarded for his Associate of Arts in Business.



Christina Halliwill was awarded for completing her Master of Science in Administration.



Sisters Betsey and Patricia Alonzo received incentive certificates.



Estella Halliwill was recognized for completing her Bachelor of Science in Sociology.



Members of Youth Council were recognized at this year's Eagle Spirit Award banquet.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck