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## Mount Pleasant community hosts candlelight vigil in remembrance of Orlando shooting victims

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Forty-nine lives were lost during the June 12 Orlando shooting at Pulse nightclub, a popular establishment for the LGBTQ community, leaving 53 people injured, with many of them in critical condition.

Emotional moments of silence followed after each of the 49 names were read during a June 14 candlelight vigil in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

The vigil was hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan, in collaboration with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and City of Mount Pleasant.

Dawn Daniels, minister at the UUFCM and event organizer, shared a few words of remembrance shortly after 9 p.m., honored the victims and concluded with a “We Shall Overcome” sing-a-long.

Daniels and event planners posted on the UUFCM social media accounts, “join us for a public vigil as we mourn the victims of the nightclub shooting in Orlando as well as stand in solidarity with the Muslim community as a backlash of hatred is directed at them in the wake of the tragedy.”

“For more than 24 hours I was overwhelmed, just to be honest; just trying to wrap my head around this horror,” Daniels said. “And then I came around to realize we need to do something. What could we do? There were prayers and vigils being held all over and I thought we could do that here, why not us?”

Daniels promoted the event as “not a religious service, but rather an opportunity to grieve together and express our solidarity with the victims and their survivors.”

All faiths, philosophies and ages were welcomed at the vigil, held outdoors in front of the University Street entrance.

“I was hurting from a personal standpoint and I knew I wasn’t alone in hurting,” Daniels said. “If my congregation is hurting, there are people in the community hurting and we don’t know what to do. So, even though we advertised it not as a religious event, ritualizing is part of what religion does, and it’s something we can provide to the community... community comes together in times of grief.”

Mount Pleasant Mayor Kathy Ling and Vice Mayor Allison Quast-Lents were both in attendance.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Community members gather outside of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on June 12 to remember the victims of the Orlando tragedy.**

“I think, as a community, we need to be able to deal with and share the grief that we feel, and to let the country know that everybody cares and that we are all a part of this,” Ling said.

Ling said “individuals need to reflect on what they can do to bring peace into the world.”

A large banner with a heart and the phrase “standing on the side of love,” along with a rainbow flag was hung outside building.

“The sign is a social justice initiative that was created by the Unitarian Universalists Association of the United Church of Christ together and it’s a multi-faith initiative that they started out with LGBTQ rights,” Daniels said. “Any where there is oppression,

that’s what the campaign is about. The rainbow flag (is posted because)... we are a welcoming congregation... We promoted this event as a multi-faith gathering because it should be. The events that happened in Orlando, that tragedy, was multi-faith and multi-color.”

Daniels said she didn’t begin planning the event until the morning of, and thanked the power of social media for spreading the word.

Shannon Martin, director of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways and co-creator of the Tribal Two-Spirit/Straight Alliance group, was also in attendance.

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## Dennis Banks’ Longest Walk 5 to go through Michigan in 2018, community welcome in Washington, D.C. on July 15

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Editor

American Indians experience per capita violence rates that are more than twice the number of the United States resident population, according to the Department of Justice.

Thirty-nine percent of Native American women have been victims of intimate partner violence, a higher rate than any other race (Futures Without Violence).

Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, is inviting Native American communities to join in The Longest Walk 5: Declaring War on Drugs and Domestic Violence.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**(Left to right) Native artist Paul Collins, Native activist Ray St. Clair and AIM Co-Founder Dennis Banks meet with Tribal Council member Ronnie Ekdahl before they continue their journey to Washington, D.C. on July 15.**

The walk is a three-year, 3,600-mile spiritual journey across America calling attention to, and seeking guidance on, drug-related issues and domestic violence, which are causing

extensive devastation and suffering on Indian reservations.

“Today, we are suffering from an extremely high rate of abuse, suicides and drug-related destruction,” Banks said. “We

need to join together to help halt these issues. Throughout this journey, we will seek cultural solutions on why we hurt and abuse ourselves and others. We must all be honest and face this challenge today before it is too late.”

The walk will be taking place in Michigan in 2018, but Banks is hoping the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community and Ogitchedaw Warriors will join partakers in Washington, D.C. for a July 15, 2016 march.

Participants will be treading seven miles throughout Washington, D.C.; one mile for every grandfather teaching.

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## Orvel Samuel James (Cutt)

June 28, 1933 – June 22, 2016

Orvel Samuel James, "Cutt," age 82; a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle passed away Wednesday, June 22 at his home with his best friend his wife at his side following a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on June 28, 1933 in Pinconning, Mich. to the late Abner and Jessica (Williams) James.



Cutt proudly served his country in the United States Marines during the Korean War.

He married the love of his life, Florence Biskner, in Sterling, Mich. on Aug. 18, 1956. She survives him.

He attended Saganing Indian Church and was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He retired from the Pinconning Area Schools as mechanic on the school buses.

Cutt loved going for rides with his wife, hunting, trapping, fishing, camping and having picnics, but most of all, spending time with his family.

Surviving, besides his wife of 59 years, are their children, Kathleen (Eugene) Yacks, JoAnn (Brian) Bowen, David (Pamela) James and Kimberley James, a brother Virgil (Sandy) James, eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and special friend John Compeau.

He was preceded by an infant daughter Sandra James, a son Jeremy James, brothers and sisters Nagy James, Clifford James, Ethel (Frank) Cloutier and Emery (Pee Wee) James.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 11 a.m. from the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home with Pastor Devin Chisholm presiding with burial in Pinconning Township Cemetery with military funeral honors.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all their family, friends, neighbors, and American Home Health and Hospice Care for the compassion shown to Cutt and his family.

### Water Warriors T-shirt Sale



We are selling T-shirts for \$7 each to raise money to present to the Water Warriors. Money raised will be on behalf of both Area 9 (Bay Arenac) and Area 7 (Isabella) Special Olympics.

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## Youth Council Vacancies

### Vacancies for:

- One general representative
- One female advisor

### Letters of interest may go to:

Youth Council  
C/O: Tribal Administration  
7070 E. Broadway Road  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858



### The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center will be closed on Tuesday nights from 5-7 p.m.

- This will start on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.
- We will restart the 5-7 p.m. schedule again on Sept. 6, 2016.

### School or Sports Physicals

Nimkee Medical would like to remind you that if you have a child that will need a School Physical or Sports Physical for the 2016-2017 school year, to call and schedule an appointment as soon as possible to ensure appointment availability. There will not be walk in School/Sports Physicals this year.

### Please call your child's provider's nurse at:

- Dr. Eisenmann / Leah 989.775.4606
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- Dr. Kissoondial / Jamie 989.775.4938
- Twila, LPN 989.775.4681
- Sara, CMA 989.775.4923
- Jan, LPN 989.775.4926

## Attention Tribal Members

With the decrease in per cap coming, now is the time to contact Housing for financial and budgeting assistance.



### For more information, please contact:

Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552 or SKennedy@sagchip.org

Seventh Generation Revitalization of

## People's Traditional Powwow

Sept. 10 & 11, 2016

Calling all community artists or families that would like to donate any kind of gift; homemade or bought for the giveaway. Family or Individual sponsored spot dances. Dance specials.

Jackson Family sponsored Hand Drum Contest!

### Vendors

- Vendor sign is by donation
- Give a gift for the blanket, or sponsor a spot dance, monetary donations excepted as well.

### Watch for Raffles

Raffles will include:

- Renowned Tribal Sculpture (Donated by Jason Quigno)
- Bunky Echohawk painting



If you have any questions or would like to help out in any way, please contact Seventh Generation at 989-775-4780. Miigwetch.

## Eric Hunt 1976 - 2013

I thank you for the love, you each have shown. But now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve awhile for me if grieve you must, Then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part.



*To bless the memories*

within your heart. I wont be far away,

*Life goes on*

## Powwow Committee Vacancies

### Attention Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee currently has six vacancies on the committee to fill. If you are interested in serving on this committee that will assist in the planning, coordination of activities, set up, and daily operations of the event, please submit a letter of interest to the Powwow Committee.

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

All submissions will be recorded and then forwarded to Tribal Council for selection and notification purposes.

## Are you a SCIT Community Member between the ages of 15 & 25?

Have you attended drug or alcohol treatment? We want to hear about your experiences and opinions.

You are invited to participate in a qualitative research study and receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card.

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### If you are interested in participating:

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henry1ka@msu.edu or call or text 989.307.1414

If someone you know may be interested in participating, please give them my name and contact information.

**\*\*This study is being conducted with permission from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.**



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## 2016 Homecoming Community Meeting

Thursday, July 28, 2016 • SECR Entertainment Hall

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

\* Tribal ID required, must be 12 years of age or older. \*\* Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.

## Candlelight vigil

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“My heart and spirit were strengthened knowing that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council supported the vigil,” Martin said. “I also extend my gratitude to the Ziibiwing staff and volunteers who were able to quickly prepare awareness ribbons and tobacco ties for attendees of the vigil just hours before it began.”

The gunman stormed Pulse wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun. Around 2 a.m., the 29-year-old opened fire on the crowd before being killed in a gunfight with SWAT officers at about 5 a.m., Orlando police said June 12.

“These types of senseless tragedies often paralyze individuals and communities because people just don’t know what to do, but they want to do something,” Martin said. “I am grateful for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan and their organization of the beautiful and moving vigil.”

Daniels said she doesn’t expect people to be healed from the vigil, but hopes it gave them some solace to know they are not alone with what they are feeling.

As mayor, Ling expressed her empathy for Orlando city officials.

“To see the mayor of a city speaking about this kind of a tragic event, I’m sure he never thought he would be standing in front of a national audience

talking about a mass shooting in his community,” Ling said. “We all need to reflect on the fact that none of us expect that, and it is happening in a mind-numbingly, increasing way. We have to deal with it and figure it out as a community, how do we end this, and I think we can. Working together, loving and grieving together, we can find a way.”

Ranging from 18 to 50 years old, the victims included an entrepreneur, a soon-to-be-married couple, recent high school grad, two Michigan men and a mother saving her son's life by stepping in front of the gunfire.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian community would like to express our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who lost their lives,” said Chief Frank J. Cloutier. “We offer our prayers and good thoughts during this time of mourning.”

Within 24 hours of the massacre, more than \$1.3 million had been raised by a local LGBT group, Equality Florida, for victims and their families, according to NBC news.

By mid-week, more than \$4 million had been raised through a GoFundMe account.

JetBlue Airlines offered free airfare to family members of the victims, to and from Orlando.

“Tragedies like this truly reveal the ugliness – and beauty of humanity,” Martin said. “Still, we know that beauty and love will always prevail. Love will always conquer hate.”

## Longest walk

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Flag carriers are to retire staffs at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Ray St. Clair, co-organizer, said free camping is available, along with showers and sweat lodges. However, food donations are still needed.

Interested parties may contact Carol Collins at 616-204-3624 or [carol@collinsart.org](mailto:carol@collinsart.org) for more information.

Along the three year walk, participants are hosting forums to address the difficult issues that affect too many.

“We are gathering information from community and spiritual leaders, parents, students, clergy, drug-program directors and counselors, former addicts, tribal officers, law enforcement and others in an effort to better understand the larger picture, and expand on spiritually-based culturally-aligned, pragmatic solutions that have proven results, learned from those on the front line,” Banks said.

Banks said at any given time, there are five individuals on a running team, and 80-90 miles across the U.S. is covered each day.

“Every inch of the U.S. will be covered by footprint,” Banks said.

This walk is dedicated to fighting domestic violence and substance abuse in the wake of last year’s devastation when Banks’ 31-year-old granddaughter, Rose Downwind, was murdered by her ex-boyfriend.

St. Clair said a lot of personal stories have already been

shared, and many individuals have gone through alcohol and/or drug withdrawals during the journey.

“I stayed with my husband so that our children would have a father,” said an anonymous victim. “I then left my husband so that my children would have a mother.”

Along the walk, tribal communities host potlucks and talking circles.

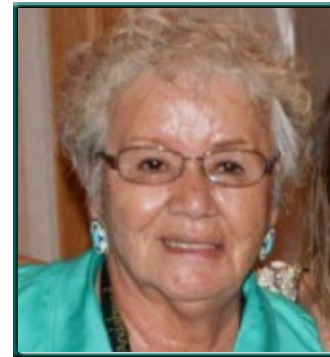
“Our deepest purpose for this walk is to bring people together to discuss (domestic violence, suicide rates and drug abuse), raise awareness and make a plan of action to turnaround these disturbing statistics,” Banks said. “These problems have become pandemic and need to be addressed. The only way we will be effective is to gather our community resources and ideas to create a plan to move forward.”

Nationally, Native Americans report higher rates of methamphetamine abuse. Sixty-four percent of the BIA study respondents indicated increases in domestic violence and assault or battery as a result of increases in methamphetamines in their community (Justice.gov).

It is with hopes that the walk will effectively prepare a new generation of Native American community leaders in their battle against drug abuse, Banks said.

“On our quest, we tirelessly search for ways to support, uplift and empower our troubled relatives, who are trapped in the hell of addiction, so they can begin a path toward healing our mind, body and soul,” Banks said.

For more information, visit [www.thelongestwalk.com](http://www.thelongestwalk.com).



Happy Blessed  
**Birthday!**  
Mom/Grandma

Love always,  
Kelly & Olivia

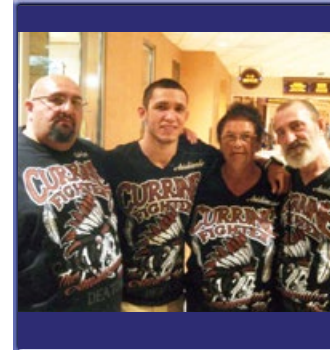


Happy 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Birthday**

to our favorite  
little Baseball player,

**Owen!!**

Love Mom, Matt, Gavin,  
Aliana, and Gabriella.



Happy  
**Birthday**

Deb Deaton!

Love, your family



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## Attention: Tribal Clerk/Enrollment Hours

Tribal Clerk's/Enrollment office is closed on Fridays for walk-in/desk services for Administrative Office days, until further notice.

The Clerk's office will still be open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for regular business.

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## Migizi businesses are in full summer sizzle

### FREDRICK KUHLMAN

Marketing Manager, Migizi EDC

The businesses of Migizi Economic Development Company are in full summer sizzle as we move into July.

The first phases of the renovation of Sagamok Express Mobil have been completed.

Contractor R.W. Mercer encountered very few unexpected issues. All new dispensers are operational and are a much-needed upgrade to the property.

New LED lighting was also installed under the canopy which is more environmentally friendly and will result in significant cost reductions.

Eagle Bay Marina is also continuing on its path of growth. New amenities for the property include the addition of horseshoe pits and fire rings that will provide more family activities for guests.

The largest upgrade this season is the addition of canoes and kayak rentals. Single and double kayaks are available, as well as canoes to paddle the shoreline or fish. These watercrafts may be rented hourly.

If you want to spend a day on the bay with your family, Eagle Bay offers both half and full day pontoon rentals. The pontoons can take you to a favorite fishing spot or sandbar and the marina's onsite

convenience store offers all the snacks, drinks, and supplies you might need for your voyage.

New dock lighting will be installed in the coming weeks to give the marina a brighter appearance at night providing more accessibility to our overnight guests.

Another exciting event that is in the final stages of planning is for the Eagle Bay Marina's first outdoor concert. Working with 94.5 The Moose, Eagle Bay will host an afternoon of country music at the end of July.

The event will feature two up-and-coming acts from Nashville as well as two regional bands. This will be a free event, with the exception of a small parking fee, and details will be released shortly.

Waabooz Run Golf Course is experiencing a strong beginning to the season.

Partnering with 95.3 WCFX, the course hosted its second annual 95 Cent Golf Day where players could purchase nine holes of golf for \$1.95.

In a single day, Waabooz sold 3,250 passes: A new record for the radio station which has been doing this promotion with other area courses for years.

Waabooz also hosted a sold-out Father's Day tournament where more than 30 teams took to the links. Golf Coordinator Steve Norbury reports league play has substantially increased from last year and golfers are truly enjoying this Tribal property.

## Time is running out to sign up for the POWTS Program

### TAYLOR HOLLIS

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

Have you arrived at the boat launch on a hot summer day only to find that there is an advisory for bacteria levels and it is not safe to use the water?

Most of these closings are due to Escherichia coli (E. coli) levels. E. coli is an indicator species used to test for fecal contamination in the water. Fecal contamination can carry dangerous pathogens that can harm human health.

As homeowners, you can have a significant impact on the levels of E. coli in local water bodies. It has been found that a large contribution of E. coli in the water is due to failing, overflowing and/or non-existent septic systems.

It is very important to maintain your septic system to ensure wastewater from your home is not getting into the

local waterways. It is not always apparent when a septic system is not functioning properly, so it is crucial to keep up with regular inspections and maintenance.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, septic tanks should be pumped and inspected every one to three years.

Tribal Members are encouraged to sign up for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Program (POWTS) to have your septic tank inspected and pumped. The program is voluntary, free and non-regulatory.

POWTS is a collaborative program between Indian Health Services, the Central Michigan District Health Department, and SCIT.

To qualify, you must be a Tribal Member and own your home.

The septic tank must also be at your primary residence and be located within Arenac, Midland, Clare, Missaukee or Isabella County.

It is especially important to sign up if you live in the Salt River watershed or the North Branch of the Chippewa River watershed, as these are the areas most impacted by septic system failure locally. (See maps for locations.)

Time is running out to sign up for this program! The services alone are worth \$500, with the potential to save you thousands.

If you are interested in having your septic checked and pumped, you may either call the Planning Department at **989-775-4014** or stop in at 2451 Nish-na-be-anong Dr., Mount 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

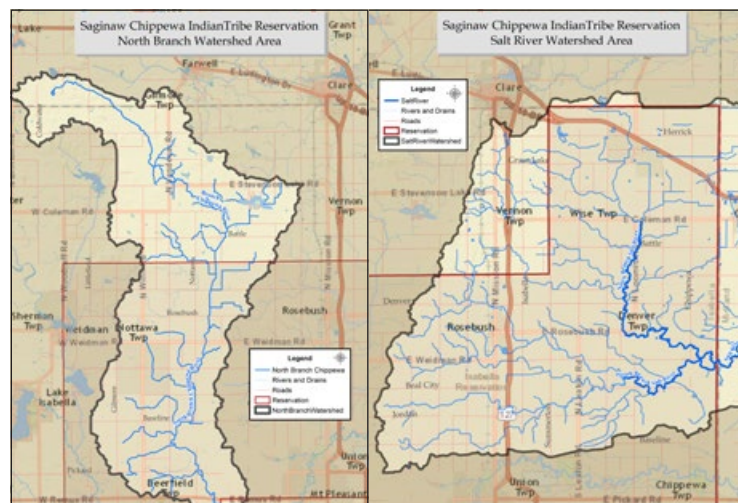
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

### 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.



## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010, or email: [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org). To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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## Sen. Emmons hosts human trafficking awareness outreach event at State Capitol

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Thinking caps were put on and lights were shone brightly when Sen. Judy Emmons hosted the Human Trafficking Awareness Outreach Event at the Michigan State Capitol on Monday, June 13.

“This outreach event brought together anti-trafficking advocates, law enforcement officials, nonprofit organization leaders and concerned residents to shine the light on human trafficking in our state,” said Emmons, R-Sheridan, in a press release. “A lot of people don’t believe that human trafficking happens anywhere near them. The unfortunate truth is that it is probably right next door.”

The event began at 10 a.m. on the State Capitol front steps, off of Michigan Avenue.

“Human trafficking takes all forms and knows no boundaries,”



Courtesy photo

**Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, addresses human trafficking concerns during the awareness outreach event on Monday, June 13.**

Emmons said. “It is a \$32 billion criminal industry, and the people who perpetuate it are out to victimize anyone who will make them some money.”

The day involved networking, and round table discussions.

Individuals throughout the state attended the hands-on workshop to discuss where the state of Michigan has been, where it is currently, and where it would like to

be in terms of support for human trafficking victims and survivors.

“It was good to see so many concerned citizens come out to talk and learn about human trafficking and what they can do to help stop its exploitation of women and children,” Emmons said. “Although we have achieved much to help end this modern-day slavery in Michigan, there is still much more progress to make.”

A couple Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan staff members attended: Brooke Huber, sexual assault response team lead, and Shelby McCliggott, counselor.

“Various professionals including law enforcement, legislators, prosecutors, counselors, psychologists, church groups, advocates, etc. all worked together in small groups to discuss the issues we see in our communities,” Huber said. “The information gathered,

regarding the issues we see and the systemic changes we would like to see, were then given to Sen. Emmons.”

Huber said there was a large focus on “reducing the demand.”

“In other words, there is a push to reduce the number of individuals who are ‘buying’ individuals for sex trafficking or labor trafficking,” Huber said. “Efforts are shifting to locate and prosecute the ‘buyers’ because if we can reduce the number of individuals seeking, demand will drop. If there is no one purchasing human trafficking victims, then there will be no human trafficking problem.”

In January 2016, the Tribe hosted a human trafficking forum, discussing a case that began in Mount Pleasant, leading to the arrest of two traffickers. (See the front page of the Tribal Observer’s March 2016 edition for the full article.)

Emmons continues to work diligently to raise awareness for the crisis in the state.

She is the Senate point-person involving the issue and was successful in getting passed a bipartisan, comprehensive effort to protect Michigan women, men and children from human trafficking and helping put an end to the crime, according to her website [senatorjudyemmons.com](http://senatorjudyemmons.com)

In 2014, the Legislature passed and the governor signed a 21-bill package that included the formation of the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission.

“Although we have achieved much in this fight against human trafficking, more progress is needed,” Emmons said.

The focus now is on awareness and making sure Michigan is doing all it can to support survivors and help law enforcement.

## CMU graduate David Syckle II offers environmental modeling with GIS

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

David Syckle II, environmental resources technician for the Planning Department, is a Central Michigan University graduate who recently completed his final exam by creating an environmental modeling project with GIS, a geographic information system.

GIS is designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographical data.

Syckle’s goal is to offer preliminary modeling of the Chippewa River velocity for emergency response.

Syckle graduated on May 6 with a biology natural resources degree.

“During my final semester, I took a course called Environmental Modeling with

GIS to complete my minor,” Syckle said. “In working with the SCIT Planning Department and the Environmental Team, I asked the team if there were any projects I may work on that would require a GIS model. The project made sense because I would have access to the CMU GIS labs during the semester.”

Syckle said Environmental Manager Carey Pauquette had the idea for his project.

“The modeling project David created is an example of his desire to use knowledge acquired through his education and experience for the benefit of the community,” Pauquette said. “The Environmental Team is proud and encouraged by his accomplishments.”

Pauquette informed Syckle that Marc Griffis, emergency response coordinator for Isabella

County, thought it would be useful to be able to predict the water velocity of the Chippewa River.

“When an emergency event occurs, such as a child being separated from family while tubing on the river, or if there was a pollution event such as an oil spill, knowing the velocity of the river would decrease emergency response time while increasing response efficiency,” Syckle said. “The research is practical and which, in turn, can mean saving lives and the environment. This model can also save time and money as emergency responders implement the process.”

Syckle’s model used the amount of precipitation given in the Chippewa River Watershed records to predict the velocity of the Chippewa River.

“While I have shown mastery of the scientific approach and

demonstrated the technical skills to create a working environmental model, and expect to get a good grade in the course, the model itself is not ready to be implemented into emergency response management and needs further calibration,” Syckle said.

However, Syckle is pleased with the amount of work he has completed in five weeks because creating a working model can take years of correction.

“During our poster presentation period, even my fellow students kept asking me, ‘How long have you been working on this project?’” Syckle said.

Syckle had the same amount of time each student was given



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**Environmental Resources Technician David Syckle II gives an overview of his environmental Modeling with GIS project.**

for their projects, and through support from the Environmental Team, his senior project served as a springboard for further study.

“David has been a great addition to the team and he is inspired by a commitment to improve our environment for future generations,” Pauquette said.

## Editorial: My role as the new water quality assistant

**ZACHARY SCHAEIDING**

Water Quality Assistant

Hi, my name is Zachary Schaeiding, and I have recently been hired by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a water quality assistant.

I am currently a senior at Central Michigan University, majoring in environmental health and safety (with a minor in environmental studies), and am on track to graduate this December.

Upon transferring to CMU, I graduated from Delta College with an associate of science degree, where the majority of my coursework focused on environmental technology and sustainable resource use.

My interest in the environmental science field began during my time at Delta College, where I took a course that had exposed me to practical biological concepts, as well as to several environmental health issues. That course eventually

prompted me to enroll in other related courses, where I was given the opportunity to participate in certain environmental monitoring activities, such as macroinvertebrate sampling and water quality index analyses.

Once at CMU, I decided to further my education in the environmental sciences field by taking on an environmental health and safety major.

The courses required for this major had me out in the field once again, this time introducing me to soil sampling strategies and ecological assessments, as well as exposing me to certain laboratory techniques used to process various kinds of environmental samples, such as water, soil, and bacteria.

As the new water quality assistant, I will aid the Tribe’s water resource technician in collecting and compiling water quality data from Tribal water sources for assessment. I will also be responsible for

sampling various target sites around the Reservation and analyzing the data in order to evaluate the current quality of Tribal surface waters.

I am looking forward to bringing my experience to this position, and helping the community maintain its healthy water resources.

### Menominee Language & Culture Teacher

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- Participates in the school-wide student mentor program creating a community that embraces each one of its children with love, care and respect while teaching traditional values.

#### Qualifications for this position include:

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- Fluency preferred but not required.
- Experience is preferred, but not necessary for hiring.
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- Evidence of current certification by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is preferred but not required.

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## Honoring, Healing and Remembering recognizes 82nd anniversary of MIIBS closing

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The building may have closed 82 years ago, but the pain endured within those walls still lingers.

It was June 6, 1934 when the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closed. MIIBS began operating on June 30, 1893.

The 82nd anniversary of the closing was a day full of memoriam and fellowship to recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children who attended MIIBS. The Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremony took place on the grounds on Monday, June 6, 2016.

“Unlike days that occurred on that site when the school was open, this was a day of safety, beauty, enrichment and pride,” said Esther Helms, cultural art design specialist for the Ziibiwing Center. “This was a day to show, hear and feel our Anishinabe identities - to be our unfettered selves.”

The day of healing began at dawn with sunrise and pipe ceremonies by former Saginaw Chippewa Chief Steven Pego and Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Kent Jackson at the Mission Creek Cemetery.

About 10 a.m., Tribal Members, employees and Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff lined up for grand entry and a flag song, with drumming by Mno Ode. Each participant entering grand entry carried the names and ages (if known) of the 226 students who lost their lives at or shortly after attending MIIBS.

“What a gorgeous and wondrous day to embrace our ancestors and each other, and together, to look forward to our future,” Helms said. “It was a day to triumphantly proclaim, despite all

efforts against us in the past, that giyaabi go gdo bimaadiziwin (we are still alive) in reality, in identity and in spirit.”

William Johnson, curator for Ziibiwing, and MIIBS Committee Member Daisy Kostus solemnly read the student roll call, to honor those whose lives were lost.

Chief Frank J. Cloutier provided opening remarks and welcomed attendees.

“I feel privileged and honored to be able to remember these young spirits,” Cloutier said. “God’s done his work... and has got them back home where they belong... What we do in honoring them is making sure that people understand they were here, that they were known, that they are cared for, and they are not going to be forgotten.”

Johnson and Shannon Martin, director for Ziibiwing, unveiled a beadwork masterpiece by SCIT Member Summer Peters, a nationally renowned award-winning beadworker and former Ziibiwing higher education mentorship intern.

“Ziibiwing thought what a wonderful thing it would be to create this amazingly beautiful artwork, so we commissioned Summer to bead the historic grand opening photo of the MIIBS,” Johnson said. “Not only on behalf of SCIT, but for all tribes in state of Michigan and Great Lakes region...that is 51 tribes that are aboriginal to the state of Michigan.”

During the 2013 healing ceremony, a student memorial acoustic guitar was unveiled. The guitar’s back artwork features the SCIT and Ziibiwing Center logos and woodland floral designs.

Before he passed away, Bill Dolley, and his wife Diane, donated a large sum of money

to Ziibiwing’s Collections and Acquisitions fund to create the guitar art, said Martin.

“We are grateful for donors like Bill and Diane Dolley who invest in the Ziibiwing Center’s mission by providing us an opportunity to commission large scale contemporary pieces of art work,” Martin said of both the guitar and new beadwork piece. “We’d like to acknowledge Tribal Council and Ziibiwing’s Board of Directors for releasing these donations and Ziibiwing membership funds for you so that we may envision something with one of our tribal artists and have artwork created that will be a lasting part of our history and culture.”

Throughout the day, site tours were given by Michael Fisher, environmental response program specialist, high school student Zachary Zakora of Lansing, Mich., and new MIIBS Project Director William Cross.

Native American musician Joe Reilly provided music during lunch.

Julie Whitepigeon provided a healing dance with nearly a dozen jingle dress dancers of all ages.

“As Anishinabe kwe, the young ones are learning our healing ways,” Whitepigeon said of the young dancers. “We have more than hope, we have a future.”

Cecilia Stevens explained the eagle feathers in the dancers’ left hands were symbols of accomplishment, bravery and healing.

Participants were welcomed to stand in the circle and dancers used the feathers to wipe off their sorrow or sadness.

Pamela Gates, dean of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences for Central Michigan University, provided remarks on behalf of CMU and President George Ross.

“Remembering the past and what has happened at the boarding school is important, even when the past is unconscionable,” Gates said. “Let us never forget and let us always look for ways to live with mutual respect for one another’s culture, generation after generation. The relationship between the Tribe and Central Michigan University has been cultivated over many decades and is one that we at CMU cherish, and I personally cherish.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremony took place on the grounds on June 6 to recognize the 82nd anniversary of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School’s closing.**



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**Jingle dress dancers pose for a photo before a healing dance at the end of the day.**

The partnership between SCIT and CMU archeologists to conduct field schools at the MIIBS site, in collaboration with the City of Mount Pleasant, garnered a 2016 Michigan Governor’s Award for historic preservation for MIIBS’ historical data recovery project.

City and Tribal representatives collected the award during a May 3 ceremony at the Michigan State Capitol.

“The City of Mount Pleasant is honored to be a partner with the Tribe and CMU in working to answer, study and acknowledge the questions of history that took place (at MIIBS),” said Allison Quast-Lents, vice mayor of the City of Mount Pleasant. “This partnership led to the State Historic Preservation Office honoring this painful past. The governor (Rick Snyder) recently presented one of six (2016 Governor’s) awards to the Tribe, CMU and the City.”

William R. Mrdeza, community services and economic development director for the City of Mount Pleasant, was in attendance and said he first visited the MIIBS site in the early ‘80s as a member of the Intertribal Council of Michigan.

“At that very early time, it was apparent to me the Tribe had a very, very deep understanding and deep appreciation for this property, and it was a very important component of the Tribal history, not only of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, but Indian people around Michigan and around the country.”

A few years later, Mrdeza was the planning director for SCIT helping facilitate another reunion of remembrance.

“We asked former (MIIBS) students, then elders, to document their time at the school and asked

them to give us an idea of what a day in the life, or their time at the school, was like,” Mrdeza said. “We heard a number of stories that spanned 15 or 20 years. That resulted in a documentary, about an hour long, that I think Ziibiwing still has in archives. That gave us an understanding of this ground and school to this tribe and the history.”

The day concluded with a round dance, prayer and traveling song.

Marcella Hadden, public relations manager and MIIBS Committee member, said with Cross now as project manager, the committee is now at a point where a decision can be made on what to do with the buildings.

“Either tear it down, build it up or have a monument; we do not know yet and that’s going to be the result of a community survey,” Hadden said. “Tribal Members will definitely have a choice in what will be happening.”

Mrdeza said his previous MIIBS research involvement continues to play a part in the relationship with the City and the Tribe, and what occurred on the property will continue to be respected and remembered.

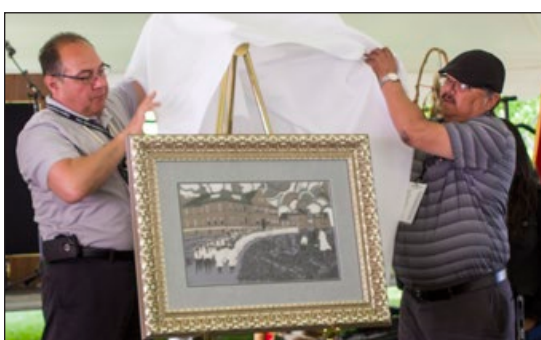
“I’m hopeful we continue a meaningful collaboration as we move forward, and we never ever forget the history and importance of this place,” Mrdeza said. “We will continue to work with the Tribe to make sure that history is respected.”

The MIIBS Committee is seeking one more Tribal Member to join the MIIBS Committee. Tribal Members may submit a letter of interest to SCIT Public Relations at [PublicRelations@sagchip.org](mailto:PublicRelations@sagchip.org), or 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please call 989-775-4059 for more information.



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**Flag carriers lead grand entry, with Mno Ode drumming and singers assisting.**



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**Chief Frank Cloutier (left) and Councilman Kenneth Sprague unveil a beadwork piece of the MIIBS grand opening photo, beaded by SCIT Member Summer Peters.**



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**Tribal and community members come together for a round dance at about 4 p.m.**

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## Seventh Generation offers universal teachings about the Medicine Wheel

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Seventh Generation Program is regarded as a cultural resource for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon took an educational medicine wheel teachings workshop to a new level.

The May 4 program took place at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center and began with a smudge ceremony.

Hinmon shared a perspective of the historical nature of the medicine wheel which included the science of archaeology.

“Just as a point of reference for the medicine wheel teachings, they have been dated back over 12,000 years through archaeological digs that have happened across the country,” Hinmon said. “It is certainly not something that our Anishinabek people would have done because of our respect



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon offers a teaching on living the good life through the medicine wheel.**

for Mother Earth, but the scientific community is always trying to explain why we do things and use their linear thinking to determine how old they are.”

In some of the digs, medicine wheels were found that were made of stone. The oldest one found dated back to more than 12,000 years ago.

“We know these teachings have been a part of a way of life

for our people long before that,” Hinmon said.

If one concentrates on the common thread that binds Anishinaabe tribes, the universal truth is found in the medicine wheel teachings.

“When you think of it, it’s just like the drum,” Hinmon said. “The drum was gifted to a warring tribe so we quite naturally share these other teachings with Tribal people. Over the years, we find just how much of our culture we have lost and in many communities we are returning back to indigenous wisdom and the beauty of the medicine wheel teachings. You see this in the similarities in the colors of the four directions. Every Tribe prays to the four directions and those teachings are a strong part of who we are.”

Hinmon cited the Nanaboozhu Story of the Ojibwe where it shares the teaching that “all Creation stories are true.”

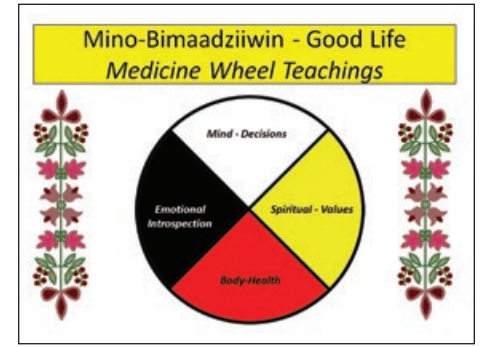
He said that is one of the core teachings found in the medicine

wheel, along with what the colors represent.

“That yellow, red, black and white represent the four different races and in the original medicine wheel teachings, we were told that we would meet people of other cultures,” he said. “The instructions that were passed on by our ancestors were that we are supposed to live in harmony with them. Part of understanding other cultures is to understand their own origin stories. As we encounter those people, our teachings tell us to honor and respect their Creation stories and their view of the world.”

At the base of every culture, there is a distinct land, language and spirituality, Hinmon said.

“All of those things were taken away from the Anishinaabe and the whole purpose of what



Courtesy of Ben Hinmon

**The Medicine Wheel teachings show there is a balance with the four directions and the four colors represented.**

happened in the 1850’s is where the United States began the assimilation policies,” he said. “Their goal was to make educated Indians more mainstream to function in their version of the real world. The promise was this: If you learn to speak and write English and do math, there will be a place for you at the table. In my experience, that has never been the case.”

## Chippewa River E.coli levels pose health issues for recreation use

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has approximately 1,826 federally-recognized members residing within the SCIT’s service area in Isabella County.

Mount Pleasant, the largest city located within the county, has an approximate 26,000 population.

Many community members from the Tribe and the City use the Chippewa River for recreating.

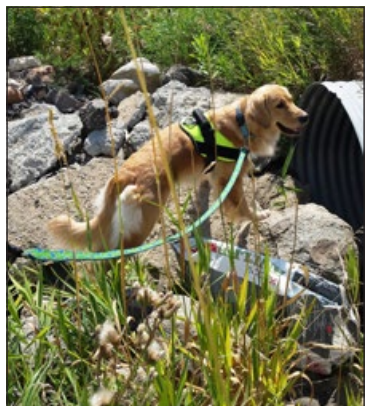
In the spring and summer, tubers, boaters, and fishermen are present throughout the stream system.

SCIT has been monitoring and analyzing water quality data in the Chippewa River and tributaries since 2004 per the Quality Assurance Project Plan developed under the Clean Water Act Section 106.

SCIT has consistently found elevated levels of pathogens including total coliform and E.coli in both the main and north branch of the Chippewa River.

The elevated levels of E.coli pose a serious health concern to the community and negatively impact recreational use of the Chippewa River.

SCIT received funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to further investigate the source of these pathogens. The objective of this investigation was to determine whether human sewage



Courtesy of SCIT Environmental Team

**Environmental Canine Services Golden Retriever Kenna inspects a storm drain, and searches for traces of E.coli.**

contributes to these high levels of pathogens.

Environmental Canine Services, LLC, was identified as the most value for the investigation. Canines are able to identify human sewage contamination, evaluating the water on site and through shipped samples.

The Tribe, with assistance from Central Michigan District Health Department and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality identified more than 20 sites to investigate around Isabella County including streams, creeks, the majority of which were drains.

The sites were sampled and analyzed for levels of E.coli as well as total coliform by the Tribe.

SCIT used DNA analysis to confirm pathogen contamination and the presence of human sewage at field sites where ECS dogs alerted. Saginaw Valley State University conducted the DNA analysis.

The data presented by Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician for SCIT, reports Fitch and Beal City alerted positive by

the canines for human waste, had high levels of E.coli, and tested positive for human DNA.

Other sites that may be of concern for human waste include Love and Extension Drain, Wagner Drain and Hogg Creek. Burgess Drain, as well as a small creek that runs directly to the North Branch Chippewa River off of Vandecar Road, represent sample locations that are of concern for bovine waste.

Environmental Manager Carey Pauquette said many of the locations accessed by Tribal community members have elevated

levels of pathogens downstream from the human sewage inputs.

“These areas are frequently posted with warning signs from the Central Michigan District Health Department,” Pauquette said. “The Planning Department also works with the Health Department and Indian Health Services, IHS, to address failing systems that belong to Tribal Members within the service area.”

*(The “Canine Tracking of Illicit Sources of Human Sewage” poster developed by Shahpurwala contributed to this article.)*

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## Saganing Traditional Powwow arbor building a collaborative effort

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Ask anyone who has ever been on a powwow committee; there is a lot of preparation that happens before grand entry.

On June 17, the Saganing Traditional Powwow grounds demonstrated a collaborative effort as At-Large/Members Services staff joined with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing and Ziibiwing Center Maintenance crews in constructing an arbor. (See page 28 for the full Powwow article.)

Tribal Chief Frank Cloutier provided some sweat equity and went shoulder-to-shoulder with the volunteers.

“The At-Large/Member Services staff get more creative every year, and they do as much as they can with as little as they get for this traditional powwow. They deserve to be commended for a lot of the work they do behind the scenes,” Cloutier said. “Saganing Eagles Landing Maintenance crew did a lot of the heavy lifting with their resources and staff. The property’s facility crews working with the Saganing Outreach Center employees are absolutely amazing and they have done everything we have asked them to do and they work until the job is done.”

Cloutier also thanked the SECR Maintenance crew’s hard work.

“Their crews made the drive over from Mount Pleasant with their machinery to set the cedar poles and provide their expertise and we are truly thankful,” he said.

French foreign exchange student Paul Guffond is staying with Cloutier during the summer and participated in the construction.

“I learned there’s a big tradition that goes around it with the cedar trees,” Guffond said. “I learned why we put it on the roof of the arbor and how it is done in a ceremonial way to protect the drummers as they send the music to the ancestors. The process was full of history and I found it fascinating how the Native people are attached to it. I

like the process because it shows a link from the eldest to the youngest in how it was constructed.”

Lisa Ayling, elders advocate for Members Services, gave credit to the team she recognized as the primary builders of the arbor.

“Michael Hunt, Mark VanAlstine, Ron Defoy, Tracy Chamberlain, Maynard Sharp and Jonathan Ayling dug the holes and erected the cedar poles before we came in to put the cedar on. I feel it’s important to notice the hard work they did,” Ayling said. “Michael Hunt has 14 years of building arbors and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Volunteers work together to build the arbor for the Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow.**

Jonathan has four years, as well as the experience that Ron and Tracy have.”

Ayling said they also helped build the arbor at the hill, before the permanent arbor was constructed at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds.

## American Indian Sobriety Month event schedule released

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Prevention Team announces their August 2016 event schedule for American Indian Sobriety Month activities.

Saginaw Chippewa Prevention Coordinator Jennifer Crawford said the team is excited to be collaborating with many other Tribal departments and area businesses on a fully-packed schedule.

“We have a lot of our signature events like the Freedom Walk that Alice Jo Ricketts is coordinating and the RezBall 3 on 3 Tournament that SCIT Recreation and Lucas Sprague are doing,” Crawford said. “Exciting events planned to debut this year are the Family Spirit Picnic and the Red Chair Project with Seventh Generation.

For more information, contact Crawford at [jrcrawford@sagchip.org](mailto:jrcrawford@sagchip.org) or call 989.775.4824.

- **July 30 - Freedom Walk:** Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, followed by a walk to the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds.
- **Aug. 2 - Family Open House and Backyard BBQ:** Starts at 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health.
- **Aug. 3 - Seventh Generation Summer Feast**
- **Aug. 10 - Rez Ball 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:** Games begin 5:30 p.m., registration begins at 3 p.m. at SEWPH parking lot.
- **Aug. 12 - Golf Tournament:** For adult and youth divisions at Shepherd Maple Creek Golf Course.
- **Aug. 16 - Family Spirit Picnic “Celebrating Fathers”:** Starts at 11 a.m. at Soaring Eagle RV Hideaway Campground.
- **Aug. 17 - Youth Cupcake Wars**
- **Aug. 22 - Red Chair Project:** A remembrance for those lives lost due to alcohol and/or drugs at 5 p.m. at Seventh Generation.
- **Aug. 23 - Community Kickball**
- **Aug. 25 - K-12 Back to School Event:** Starts at 5:30 p.m. at Broadway field and pavilion.
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## WIGWAM WISDOM

The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the hands of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.



Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam\_wisdom@yahoo.com

*\*(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

**Dear Wigwam:** My husband died three years ago and I now live alone. My granddaughter wants to come and live with me. She has problems with drugs and alcohol. Her stepdad (my daughter's husband) just wants her out of the house. I love her and want to take her in, but I am skeptical with her addictions. **Roommate Wanted**

**Dear Roommate:** Taking in someone who already has a drug and alcohol problem is an invitation for disaster. The nature of addiction is to lie, steal, cheat and basically be dishonest. You could, however, ask her to complete treatment first. A list of rules is a must beforehand. She must know what is expected of her and you should both sign a copy of the rules, even if it is just hand written. That way you both know what is expected. This will also take you off the hook if it doesn't work out. I would suggest you re-evaluate the situation after six months to see if this is something you would like to continue. If you have been alone for awhile, having a roommate can be a huge adjustment. Letting young adults know what is expected of them can make a big difference and actually help them to adjust.

**Dear WW:** I keep having dreams that my boyfriend is cheating on me. When I told him about these dreams, he assured me that he would never cheat on me and if we had problems, he would tell me. Should I worry about these dreams or are they a figment of my imagination? We live two hours apart, does the distance play a factor in me having these dreams? **Big Dreamer**

**Dear Dreamer:** Dreams can have lots of meaning. However, in your case, because of the long distance, I would probably guess that it has to do more with your insecurities. Your dreams really provoke feelings of fear that something bad is about to happen and you will be hurt. Continue to ask for reassurance and if your dreams continue, I would suggest counseling. You may have to explore where your feelings are coming from and think about issues such as: Were you hurt in the past by a cheating boyfriend? Did it happen to someone close to you? Do you really have a base for suspicion? In the meantime, tell yourself that no matter what, you are an intelligent woman who can survive anything.

**Dear WW:** I am 75 years old, worked my whole life and am now retired. My daughter recently told me that I had to think about not driving my car anymore. This terrifies me. I have taken care of my family all my life and I can take care of myself. I am feeling resentful of my daughter. How do I keep my independence without a car while keeping a good relationship with my daughter? **She Drives Me Crazy**

**Dear Drives:** More importantly, there must be a reason why she has suggested this? Have you been in an accident lately? Has she rode with you somewhere and has her own doubts of your capabilities? You can still be independent and not drive. Depending on where you live, there may be other options such as public transportation, taxis, neighbors, children/grandchildren, etc. Is there someone else in the family you can go to for a second opinion? If two people both agree, I would highly recommend that you follow their advice. The last thing you need is to end up sorry in the hospital for not listening because of your pride.

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Captain is a 1-year-old Pit Bull terrier mix. He has been with HATS since September 2015 when he was found in the Burger King parking lot on Pickard Road in Mount Pleasant. He has a lot of energy, and would need an owner to show him the ropes and teach him some structure. He loves children, but because he has a pretty rambunctious playing style, he needs a home with older children.



### Juicy J

Juicy J is a 1-year-old male domestic shorthair mix. He has been with HATS since July 2015. He has already been neutered and is ready for adoption. Juicy J is a social boy with a lot of affection to give. He is a pretty active guy who sometimes allows curiosity to overrule his judgment. He does not mind other cats or dogs, so he's looking for an active home willing to love him. He really is a big goofball.



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## Ziibiwing eCommerce open house highlights business success and expansion

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Ziibiwing Commercial Services eCommerce open house shared that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has the largest UPS Tribal shipping account with the U.S. Department of Interior.

The June 23 event offered an opportunity for staff to highlight business success and expansion to the Tribal Membership and employees at its 2270 S. Shepherd Rd. complex.

The eCommerce mission is to make customers happy through increased shopping options.

Chris Tata, commercial services manager, said the

eCommerce team is witnessing a huge surge in e-commerce sales.

"We take great pride in our organization, our commitment to customer service, and in the products we sell," Tata said. "Our online store is designed to provide you with a safe and secure environment to browse our product catalog."

Tata said Ziibiwing started the eCommerce venture with NativeDirect.com in March 2009 and started selling on Amazon.com in 2012.

"We started selling limited items on eBay in 2015 and we continually improve our sales through better procurement processes and advanced inventory strategies," Tata said. "Currently, the e-Commerce business has limitless potential. With the support of the Tribal Membership and Tribal Council, it's possible to realize \$100 million or more in annual sales someday."

Brenda Lehmkuhle, assistant manager, said the online business has been growing at an alarming rate, and cannot wait for the new building to increase sales even more.

"For those who have been to our current location, you will know that we are overflowing," Lehmkuhle said. "Watch for ground breaking info on the new building in the near future."

Lehmkuhle said Commercial Services participates in the "Fulfilled By Amazon" program where they ship items directly to Amazon's warehouse. The products are shipped from there as they sell.

"In 2015, we were included in Amazon's Merchant Fulfilled Prime pilot program that allows us to offer Prime customers free second day shipping on products of our choosing that ship out from our warehouse here," Lehmkuhle said. "We currently have approximately 12,000 square feet of warehouse... 3,000 square feet is dedicated for the online business. We will be building an 8,000 square-foot warehouse expansion this year strictly for the online business."

Web Store Administrator Pam Spurbeck said Commercial Services currently operates NativeDirect.com, and also manages More than Just Jewelry, the third-party Amazon.com account.

"We offer commercially-made products along with handmade or hand-crafted products from Native American artists," Spurbeck said. "We strive to provide a selection of authentic Native American products unavailable in most stores. We are also proud members of the Indian Arts & Crafts Association."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Ziibiwing Commercial Services Assistant Manager Brenda Lehmkuhle gives Tribal Health Board member Mark Shafer and Assistant Tribal Administrator Tonia Leureaux an explanation on eCommerce services as Manager Chris Tata looks on.**

Spurbeck said the web store is working with the Information Technology Department to make web connection faster.

"We are pleased that the new system upgrades will be in place before the Christmas rush this year where most orders will just be downloaded instead of having to manually enter each order to the point of sale program," Spurbeck said. "We are on the path to do \$1 million in sales this fiscal year for the online stores alone. Between November and December 2015, online sales were over \$389,100 where we sold over 15,000 products in those two months alone. On peak days during Christmas, we ship out over 750 packages a day."

NativeDirect.com now has approximately 3,000 products

online, and they ship throughout the U.S. They have shipped orders to customers as far away as Canada, Germany, and Australia but most of the orders come from customers outside of Michigan.

The website currently has a 99 out of 100 percent satisfaction rating from Amazon.com customers.

Commercial Services also operates four gift shops: Dawe-Wi-Gamigoonse (Casino main entrance), Jeemon-Aince. (Slot Palace), Naanooshke (across from the Water Lily Lounge) and Meshtoongewinoong (Ziibiwing Center gift shop.)

Customer service for NativeDirect.com is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday and can be reached at 989-775-4783 or through email at [NativeDirect@gmail.com](mailto:NativeDirect@gmail.com).



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**Warehouse Clerk Stephanie Schafer processes and tags inventory at the receiving area of Commercial Services.**

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6:05pm-6:30pm
- **Comedy Show**  
6:30-7:00pm • Comedy Slam (Youth & Adult)
- **Family Fun**  
7pm-7:15pm • Hula Hoop Contests  
7:15pm-7:35pm • Elvis Trivia  
7:40pm-8pm • Elvis Best Moves Contest
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## At-Large/Member Services is the big cheese again by taking the People's Choice trophy

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The At-Large/Member Services team garnered first place hardware once more as they won the annual Pinconning Mac and Cheese Competition on June 17.

The event was a part of many Saganing Traditional Powwow weekend events and the effort received support from Tribal Chief Frank Cloutier's award-winning recipe.

This year's Tribal entry from Craig Graveratte, supervisor, and the Saganing Traditional Powwow Committee took the People's Choice trophy as their entry was voted first by more than 200 participants.

Second place went to Pinconning Cheese and third to the Pizza Dude.

Pinconning Cheese took the Judges Choice trophy that the Tribe won last year but Graveratte's entry did take second place.

PJ's Pizzeria rounded out the field with their third place finish in the Judges Choice category.

"This year we changed up the recipe a little bit and it includes six

different cheeses," Graveratte said. "We're doing a smoked gouda to give it a smoky bacon flavor without adding bacon and a little pepper jack, Monterey jack, cheddar, Velveeta and some cheddar cheese soup... and it's very cheesy!"

Graveratte said he looked at the competition as a way to support the community.

"We want to be good sponsors and participate in the many events associated with the weekend and the competition supports the local Boys and Girls Club of Pinconning," he said. "We do what we can to be a part of the community while we're here and we hope, in turn, the community will come out and enjoy the powwow at the same time."

Ronda Tousciuk, unit director of the Boys and Girls Club, said it was the competition's eighth year.

"The best part of this competition is getting the community inside our building to see what we do for the kids every day. It's such a necessity to get the kids some help after school and the Boys and Girls Club programs help them do that," Tousciuk said. "Both of the trophies are considered traveling trophies

that are displayed in businesses then brought back each year. Anything that supports the kids is a wonderful thing and I haven't met a kid yet who doesn't like mac and cheese."

Judges included Mike Williams from the Williams Cheese Company, Nicole Kinde from Habitat for Humanity and returning judge Patti LaLonde.

"Our company has been a part of the Cheese Town Festival events for the last 10 years and this is my first year judging the Mac and Cheese Competition," Williams said. "Every entry was unique and that was pretty cool. I like to see a variety of cheese being used, just not the traditional Velveeta recipes. I could taste some of the high end cheese blends that the Tribe used in their entry."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**At-Large/Member Services win again at Pinconning Mac and Cheese Competition. (Left to right, front row: Elijah Bennett, Trenton Wiggins, Craig Graveratte, Lisa Ayling, Denise Pelcher and Colleen Maki. Back row: Nate Welch and Justin Graveratte.)**

Kinde was also a first time judge but attended last year.

"I think the Cheese Town Festival events like the Mac and Cheese Competition gives families an excellent opportunity to come out and enjoy what our area has to offer," Kinde said. "The businesses have a sense of pride in their entry and put in quite the effort for the rivalry."

## Invasive species can be detrimental to an ecosystem's health

**TAYLOR HOLLIS**

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

Native species spend 100 to 1,000 years forming important relationships with other species native to the location. These relationships exist between plants and wildlife, but continue all the way down to include the microorganisms in the soil and water.

The complicated interconnectedness of these relationships is vital to the ecological success of an environment.

Invasive species can be terribly detrimental to an ecosystem's health because they tend to outcompete many of these native species. When this happens, biodiversity is lost.

A system of low genetic diversity is much more susceptible to impacts and extinction by disease and pollution.

Sometimes all it takes is one individual fragment of plant, one individual of

the species, or some left over microorganisms on a piece of equipment to have a dramatic impact on the environment that it is introduced to.

Species can be transported to disconnected water bodies or simply just to an upstream location that it was not previously occupying. It is very important that as water users, we do everything in our power to make sure we are not contributing to this problem.

The Water program has put together invasive species outreach kits to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

These kits contain items for cleaning off or decontaminating any materials (i.e. waders, fishing equipment, shoes, small boats, etc.) that may carry or harbor invasive species when traveling to and around various water bodies. Items include boot picks, scrub brushes, lint rollers, spray bottles, disinfectant wipes, hand towels and vinegar.

The kits can be a good start to our effort to contain and prevent future invasive species from damaging our local water bodies.

The Water program will distribute these kits at relevant events around the reservation, and will supply to

any community members who use the waterways with these kits to help establish the practice of decontamination.

If you would like more information, please contact Taylor Hollis, watershed outreach coordinator, at **989-775-4162** or [thollis@sagchip.org](mailto:thollis@sagchip.org).

### Youth join At-Large/Member Services in Pinconning Cheese Town Parade



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

One of the unique events that the At-Large/Member Service gets to participate during powwow weekend in Saganing is the Pinconning Cheese Town Parade.

Area youth who attended the event included Ronnie Jr. and Michael Ekdahl, Jackson Rodriguez, Arianna and Logan Bird, Weston Langlois and Hope, Makayla and Emily Stevens.

Adults who chaperoned were Rosemary Ekdahl, Renata Borton, Colleen Maki and Allison Preston. Drivers included Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez and Saganing Eagles Landing Bus Driver Tim Bird handling the transport of the SCIT parade delegation.



# Campmeeting

# 2016

~ Every Tongue, Tribe, and Nation ~

**Thursday, August 11, 2016**

- 2 p.m. Service: Evangelist Mary Frost
- 7 p.m. Service: Chris Harjo Seminole/Creek Nation, Kinder LA Coushatta Territory

**Friday, August 12, 2016**

- 2 p.m. Service: Pastor Jerry Tom Window Rock Christian Center Navajo Nation AZ
- 7 p.m. Service: Apostle James Glenn Center of Attraction Church Saginaw, MI

**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

- 2 p.m. Service: Helen Nordyke (Testimonial of Helen's journey) Chickasaw Nation & Chris Harjo Seminole/Creek Nation, Kinder LA Coushatta Territory
- 7 p.m. Service: Apostle Ron Harvey, Harvest Time Ministries Navajo Nation Window Rock AZ

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## UNDERSTANDING THE PATH

A List of Powwow Guidelines from the SCIT Powwow Committee

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

## A QUICK GUIDE TO THE SIX MAIN OJIBWE DANCING STYLES

### Women's Jingle

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

### Men's Fancy

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

### Fancy Shawl Dance

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

### Men's Grass

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

### Women's Traditional

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

### Men's Traditional

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

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## Tribal family gets healthy through Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge

### BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member Judy Pamp thought she monitored her family's eating habits fairly well. She knew there'd always be room for improvement, but one seemingly normal school day changed her perspective on everything.

At age 13, Judy's son Tobias learned he had Type 2 diabetes during a routine school physical. It came as a shock for Judy, who was called by the school nurse because Tobias' sugar levels were so high. He was not pre-diabetic, he was diabetic.

"It was a total wakeup call for all of us," Judy said.

From that moment, Judy and her family made a commitment to one another to become healthier – and to do it together. They made an appointment with their doctor and began working with a nutritionist and diabetes educator.

Part of their commitment was an effort to get more physical activity, but a knee injury had previously limited Judy's mobility. She told her children she needed their help to get moving and signed them up for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge's #MIKidsCan youth



Courtesy of Judy Pamp

**The Pamp family proudly embraced a healthy lifestyle by beginning the Blue Cross Blue Shield Challenge and eating healthy, traditional foods. (Left to right: Tobias, Judy, Gegek and Waasamoo Pamp.)**

marathon. She admits there was a bit of hesitation, but says the event was the start of their momentum on the path to get healthier.

Throughout the next nine weeks, Judy walked with her boys to log 25.2 miles of physical activity with the goal of completing their last mile (to reach the 26.2 miles required for a marathon), together at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

"The challenge gave us a goal to meet and helped us encourage one another on to success," Judy said. "When we completed that last mile, it gave us the incentive and self-pride to keep

going. I kept saying 'what else can we accomplish?'"

In addition to the marathon medals, Judy says the ultimate prize has been becoming healthier, spending quality time as a family, and being armed with the power to make better choices.

"This was an educational journey for us. We had to relearn what we knew about food and develop healthier habits," said Judy,

whose family is participating in the Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge again this year. "Now we seek out any opportunity to be active so it doesn't become a second thought – it becomes a priority."

And their new, healthier habits are working. Tobias has lowered his A1C levels and is managing his diabetes through diet and exercise. These changes have kept him off insulin for over a year.

His brother Gegek, age 16, has lost 40 pounds and lowered his blood pressure.

Judy has also lost 65 pounds and lowered her blood sugar, in

addition to sleeping better and having more energy.

"I'm so glad I made the commitment to help myself and my children get healthy," she said.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge is an annual incentive-based, wellness competition for Michigan's tribal communities. The program is an extension of Blue Cross' ongoing commitment to reducing health disparities in diverse communities.

Judy Pamp is the assistant director for the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

*(Editor's note: The Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge incentives are awarded each year to the winning tribes at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. This year's Olympics are on Friday, July 22 at the Central Michigan University Bennett Track and Field.)*

### Knockerball™ comes to Mount Pleasant High School football field



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Drug-Free Teen Club, in collaboration with Behavioral Health staff, hosted Knockerball™, a "bubble" soccer game, at the Mount Pleasant High School football field on Thursday, June 9.

The Knockerball™ crew came from Grand Rapids, Mich. to provide an afternoon of fun for children, teenagers and participants alike.

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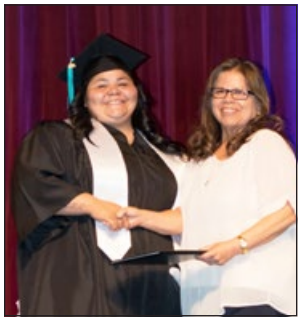


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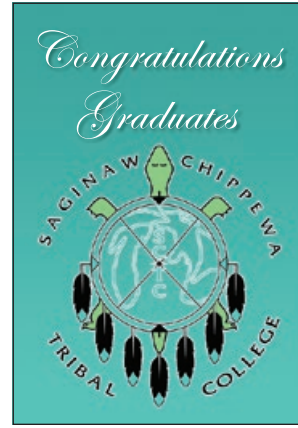
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## Fourth annual SCTC Golf Outing raises funds for student trip to AIHEC

### LINDSAY DRUMM

SCTC Academic Skills Specialist - English

On June 9, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted its fourth annual golf outing at Bucks Run Golf Club in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Forty teams (80 players) participated in the event to help raise funds for SCTC students to attend the American Indian Higher Education Consortium's 2017 student conference.

On that perfect sunny day, the 40 teams were divided into three flights, with the first and second place winners in each flight receiving a cash prize.

The first place, first-flight team won \$600; even the last place team received \$150. This added a level of excitement for this event because even those with limited golf experience could still come out to enjoy the outing.

In addition to the 18 holes of golf, there were several special games for added competition and enjoyment, including: Longest drive (male and female), closest to the pin (male and female), longest putt, straightest drive, and furthest marshmallow drive. Those winners are as follows:

- **Male Longest Drive:** Kashtin Owl and Jack Krouse
- **Female Longest Drive:** Jill McIntyre
- **Male Closest to the Pin:** Eric Rodriguez
- **Female Closest to the Pin:** Gayle Ruhl
- **Longest Putt:** Gary Reed
- **Straightest Drive:** Dennis Kequom
- **Marshmallow Drive:** Luke Sprague



Courtesy of Patricia Alonzo

**Dana Kequom Neyome takes a swing at the fourth annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College golf outing on June 9.**

After final scores were tallied, first flight winners were Larry Faber and Jason Onstadt (first place), with a score of 61, and Ryan Sprague and Kelly Chamberlain (second place), coming in at 64.

The second flight winners were Luke Sprague and Brian Chippeway (first place), with 74, and Nick Kamai and Grant Downs (second place), with a final score of 76.

It is exciting to note that Kamai and Downs donated

their prize money back to the college to further aid in fund-raising efforts.

Finally, there was a tie for the third flight winner among players Gordon Henry, Corey Brew, Deb Lutz, and Jim Witucki, with both teams coming in at 83.

While final scores were being tallied, the winners of the special games were announced. Rachel House took home \$303 from the 50/50 raffle.

Players were also able to participate in a squares game while they waited for tee-off. If money was placed on the correct square with a corresponding number, they won a cash prize. The winners were: Amanda Oldman, Chris Sineway, Chase Owl, Rosemary Ekdahl and Jill Brendall.

Among those who participated in the golf outing were Chief Frank Cloutier and Delta College President Jean Goodnow, showing the exceptional support for the event.

NVINT provided a wonderful box lunch for the players and SCTC staff working the



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**Paula Quigno participates at the Bucks Run Golf Club in Mount Pleasant, Mich.**

event, and Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. supplied a beverage cart that made its rounds throughout the day to keep participants cool.

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**Melinda Coffin, associate general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel teamed up with Chief Frank J. Cloutier.**

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**Lucas Sprague (left) and Brian Chippeway took first place in the second flight with a 74 final score.**



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**Ryan Sprague (left) and Kelly Chamberlain took second place in the first flight with a 64 final score.**



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**(Left to right) Karen Naganashe, Val Raphael, Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl and Rhonda Quigno made up four of the 80 players.**



## Special Education Teacher Gregory Allington recognized as Educator of the Month

*Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department! We are proud of each and every team member within our department and think the community should know about you!*

Congratulations to Gregory Allington, special education teacher, for being selected as the Educator of the Month. The following is a questionnaire completed by Allington:

**Which program do you work for?** Education Department for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

**What is your title?** Special Education teacher.

**How long have you worked for the Education Department?** One and a half years.

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** Continuously learning every day from all of the administrators, teachers, staff, and, most of all, the students how to be a better, more organized, and effective teacher.

**Do you have any pets?** Two very energetic Jack Russell dogs I adopted. One has been blind since he was 3 years old. He is now 9 years old and you'd never know he is blind (most of the time).

**What is one of your favorite quotes?** "Ask not what your country can do for you, but you can do for your country." – JFK. I take this quote to mean starting

with your family, friends, and local community.

**What is the one thing that you love to do? Why?** I love to garden. I have memories of growing up on a farm and working with my grandpa and dad in the fields, driving tractors, getting my hands in the dirt, and eating tasty fresh vegetables and fruits.

**What is your favorite Disney movie?** "Lion King" for sure!

**What is your favorite vacation spot and why?** On Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula, Keweenaw Peninsula and Porcupine Mountains. I love to backpack, hike, and sea kayak.

**What is your favorite candy/snack?** Anything with peanut butter and chocolate!

*Thank you so much for being such an integral part of the education team!*



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**Special Education Teacher Gregory Allington accepts his award. (Left to right: Education Director Melissa Montoya, Allington, Administrative Assistant II Christina Sharp and Curriculum Instructional Coordinator Kelli Cassaday.**

## Forty-one high school Tribal graduates honored at the 2016 banquet

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The K-12 Education Department presented its high school graduation banquet for the Class of 2016 Tribal students who received their degrees.

The event took place on June 13 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Emcee Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, introduced Mino Ode drummers to perform a welcome song, and Chief Frank J. Cloutier provided welcoming remarks.

Melinda Coffin, associate general manager of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, was the guest speaker.

Coffin said she was the first one of her siblings to attend college. She discussed certain hardships and medical conditions she faced that inhibited her from receiving her degree, but she eventually completed school and earned her degrees: A bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 2004, and a master's degree from CMU in 2013.

"Never give up," Coffin said to the graduates. "Even though you may have to take some time off... just get back at it."

Coffin encouraged students to "continue with higher education to open more doors."

In honor of their sons who tragically died in 2011, Brenda Schlegel and Candis Cromwell gave away scholarships on their sons' behalves as they would have graduated in 2016.

"Our family and the Romer, Cromwell and Fuller families have been



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**High school graduate Jarek Chamberlain (right) presents his Shepherd High School teacher Rick Cahoon with an ICE Award for being an inspiration during his education path.**

collecting donations for the Romer/Schlegel Scholarship Fund," Brenda Schlegel said.

Schlegel and Cromwell were able to bestow two \$2,000 scholarships.

"The scholarship was to honor the memory of my son Riley Schlegel and his friend Chris Romer," Brenda Schlegel said. "In October of 2011, the boys died in a tragic ORV accident. They were both in 8th grade at the time, so they would have been graduating this year. Our families wanted to do something in their memory. We felt it was something positive to be able to help a couple of graduating students further their education."

Mount Pleasant High School graduates Destiny Wetherbee and Miles Bussler received the scholarship.

### Saginaw Chippewa Academy

**The following students earned student of the month for May:** Peyton Cleveland-Morsey, Niigik Pamp, Ahjinees Osawabine, Alex Grice, Brandon Wemigwans, Caden Pego, Alberta Trepanier and Chelsea Pelcher. **The following students earned perfect attendance for May:** Dannie Bennett, Lyric Owl, Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger, Clara Begay, Sadie Disel, Aaron Jaso, Frederick Highley, Alayna Disel, Zoey Disel, Cameron Fleming and Akiveo Gonzales-Hawkins.

### Shepherd

**The following students earned perfect attendance for the fifth marking period:** Aiyannah Borton, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Jesse Elizalde, Jarrad Johnson, Olivia Lawson, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Jacob Sineway, Emma VanHorn and Jarek Chamberlain. **The following students are being recognized for their GPA during the fifth marking period:** Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Quincey Jackson, Jarrad Johnson, Olivia Lawson, Zachary Lezan, Andee Raphael, Adam Saboo, Jacob Sineway, Mathew Smith, Emma VanHorn, Leo Bennett, Jarek Chamberlain, Hayley Cogswell, Arionna Mejia, Alicia Raphael, Allyssa Shawboose, Joseph Sineway, Abbey Sura and Scott Sura. **The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for April:** Kearmin Alexander, Jonathan Bailey, Aiyana Bross, Dayton Bross, Jayden Bross, Trey Bross, Chatyon Chatfield, Samuel Cloud, Sadie Cogswell, Lily Dean, Ashani Pelcher, Jayden Pelcher, Layla Pigeon, Brandon Seegraves, Madalynn Sineway, Miingin Starkey, Xander Starr and Aubreyanna Stevens.



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**Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations manager, addresses the crowd during the 2016 high school graduation banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms on June 13.**

The K-12 Education advisors introduced each graduate, and each student presented their ICE award to a faculty or staff member at their school who has been an inspiration during their education path.

Attendees were treated to a dinner, provided by the SECR Food & Beverage and catering staff.

**The banquet honored the following 2016 high school graduates:**

- **Mount Pleasant High School:** Calvin Ballew, Miles Bussler, Mileena Davidson, Peter Elizalde II, Nodin Kunst, Ashton Heinrich, Jordan Heinrich, Jaclyn Matthews, Alex Ojeda-Mehilis, Kataya Peters, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Valentin Romero, Warren Ricketts, Paige Ritter, Carlos Salas, Grant Trepanier, Jeffrey Vasquez and Destiny Wetherbee.
- **Oasis:** Isabella Cloud, Angelica Green, Nicolas Magnell, Giizhep Pego, Sandra Pelcher and Stephanie Starkey.
- **Odyssey:** Elaine Alexander, Taylyn Francis, Edward Perez, Elijah Rosales, Sabrina Ross and Maggie White.
- **Beal City:** Erin Sowmick



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**Destiny Wetherbee and Miles Bussler (both center) pose with the families of Riley Schlegel and Chris Romer, who both tragically died in 2011. Wetherbee and Bussler were awarded the Romer/Schlegel Scholarship Fund, in honor of the boys.**

• **Shepherd High School:** Jarek Chamberlain, Arionna Mejia, Skyler Neyome, Vanessa Romero, Taylor Seegraves, Isabella Smith, James Smith and Abbey Sura.

• **Reeths-Puffer High School:** Auzhiwa Quigno

"To our graduating seniors: It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and we are so proud of your accomplishments," said the K-12 Education Department. "We wish you the best of luck as you continue life's journey."

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

### Mount Pleasant High

**The following students earned perfect attendance for the third trimester:** Esme Bailey, Miles Bussler, Andrew Chingman III, Bryan Chingman, Tyler Chippeway, Robert Falcon-Hart, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Ethan Hunt, Nodin Jackson, Hunter Kequom, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Kataya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Aaron Schlegel, Shaylyn Sprague, Lindsay Watters and Carlee Williams. **The following students a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the third trimester:** Gordon Anderson, Esme Bailey, Chyna Bergevin, Kaylee Bigford, Simone Bigford, \*Miles Bussler, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Kimberly Chamberlain, Karen Chippewa, Meredith Conrad, Megan Cozzie, Kendra Cyr, Kiara Denman, Peter Elizalde III, Sadie Fuller, Hunter Genia, Jordan Heinrich, Evelyn House, Nodin Jackson, Hunter Kequom, Nia Lewis, Maya Madrigal, Molly Mandoka, McKenzie Morland, Aleeya Peters, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Mastella Quanderer, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Warren Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, \*Paige Ritter, Sabrina Romero, Aaron Schlegel, Elissa Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Eli Starkey, Jeffery Vasquez, Lindsay Watters, \*Destiny Wetherbee, Carlee Williams and Tanner Williams. \*Indicates a 4.0 GPA. **The following attended the homework lab at least eight times the last month and showed improvement in their grades:** Hanna D'Agata, Kiara Denman, Cauty George, Sandra Floyd-Vasquez, Ethan Hunt, Robert McNaughton and Kenson Taylor.

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## Tribal "Painting with Families" event showcases every child is an artist

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Creativity overflowed and showcased artistry in every child on May 18 as the K-12 Education department presented "Painting with Families" in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym event.

Michelle Klingensmith, owner of Painted Turtle Pottery Studio, returned to the Tribe for the collaboration. She previously worked with Tribal students in December, painting Christmas ornaments.

"I find the Tribal students are an artistic and amazing group of young people," Klingensmith said. "They are open, engaging and always ready with a question about the ceramic process. I have found the students able to engage in the unpredictable aspect of ceramic painting and they are not discouraged by the idea that they have to wait to see the final outcome."

Deb Smith, leadership manager, said the Niibing (summer) mentoring program will see future collaborations with Painted Turtle and Art Reach of Mid-Michigan.

"We feel that it is important to give our children the opportunity to be exposed to the arts as much as possible," Smith said. "We have fun, artsy events planned

for the summer, and we are very grateful to have the Painted Turtle Pottery Studio as a part of it."

Deborah Peterson, youth outreach worker, said the event brought in a packed gym.

"All of the participants really enjoyed the evening and it gave our community families an opportunity to relax together and create beautiful masterpieces on ceramic tiles," Peterson said. "We hope that we were able to deliver the message about the importance of art and that every child is an artist."

Klingensmith said an added benefit of the process is watching the families create something together.

"When the cell phones and other devices are put away, the focus is on that moment of individual creation and family togetherness," Klingensmith said. "It's important to be able to slow down and be with those who are there for us every day."

One of the creative processes that Painted Turtle employs is to make art a learning experience and teaching moment.

"(The participants) enjoyed the idea that the kiln is a chemical process that transforms their work from the temporary to a state of permanence," Klingensmith said. "I was excited and encouraged that the



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Deb Smith (left), youth leadership manager for K-12 Education, assists participants with the artistic supplies to make their creations.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Painted Turtle Pottery Studio owner Michelle Klingensmith shows the ceramic tile artwork that just came out of the kiln.

kids were willing to try new techniques. They quickly picked up the art of working with stencils, the writer bottle and the challenge of blending glazes."

The art benefits focused on areas of creativity (motor skills, language development, decision-making visual learning, inventiveness, cultural awareness and improved academic performance.)

Many of the motions involved in making art, such as holding a paintbrush or scribbling with a crayon, are essential to the growth of fine motor skills in young children, Klingensmith said.

According to the National Institute of Health, developmental milestones around age 3

should include drawing a circle and beginning to use safety scissors. Many preschool programs emphasize the use of scissors because it develops the dexterity children will need for writing.

Klingensmith said the adage of "art imitates life" is an amazing process to watch in action.

"Here in the studio, kids of all ages express their personalities in their artwork," she said. "To watch an individual encounter a blank space and how they begin to fill and organize that space is a special treat.

She said she often tries to introduce the available options, and make sure to give, especially children, the permission to do what they want, not what she tells them.

"(Artists) have the freedom to ignore the options and create on their own terms," she said. "In doing that, whether it is in art, school, or play, people are able to create their own path and build strength in the process of being themselves."

Smith also said miigwetch to Nbakade Restaurant for catering a delicious meal, Tribal Operations Maintenance for assisting with set up and the SCIT Recreation Department for providing the location for the event.

Smith said she appreciated Nimkee Public Health (Anna Hon, Robyn Grinzinger and Judy Davis) for assisting with registration and commended all of the K-12 staff that came to help.

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## Dig Your Roots Tour welcomes Florida Georgia Line and Cole Swindell to town

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Florida Georgia Line kicked off their Dig Your Roots Tour with a sold-out crowd in Tupelo, Miss. in May 2016. Another sold-out crowd sustained for Michigan fans at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Thursday, June 16.

FGL is comprised of Brian Kelley, from Ormond Beach, Fla. and Tyler Hubbard, from Monroe, Ga.



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**American country musician and songwriter Cole Swindell performs "Hope You Get Lonely," a song he wrote with the show's headliners, Florida Georgia Line.**

In their casual ripped attire, FGL began their concert with the upbeat "This is How We Roll," in which the pyrotechnics were sparking. "It's Just What We Do" and "Round Here" followed.

"I gotta be honest," Hubbard said. "You guys are rocking tonight. It feels good."

Gigantic, blown up trees appeared at the backdrop for the first few songs including "Anything Goes" and "Confession."

"Michigan, welcome to the woods, baby," Hubbard said before the introduction to "Smooth," new music off their next album, scheduled to be released at the end of August.

"Stay" was kicked off with a passionately slow, a cappella prelude.

"This next song is the motto of our tour this year," Hubbard said of "Dig Your Roots." "We wrote this song with a few buddies five or six years ago."

FGL expressed their love for country music, and said country tunes are the "real songs of our lives."

Our fans connect to the songs, and that's the beauty, Hubbard said.

Up next, Hubbard said, "We'd love to go to church for a few minutes." He said

"Dirt" is "a spiritual song that changed their lives" and "no matter where you go, you can relate to it."

"This next song came to me six months ago," Hubbard said. "There's a lot of power behind it and we really relate to it... Our wives are here tonight... and it's great to sing to them."

The romantic ballad "H.O.L.Y." is FGL's latest single.

Prior to performing a trio of reggae songs including Bob Marley's "Everything's Gonna Be Alright," Hubbard said they would take the audience to the islands "if everyone here forgets about all of their problems for the next hour."

FGL then gave their fans a Jamaican beach-feel right in Mount Pleasant, with "Life is a Honeymoon" and "Sun Daze" succeeding.

Fans got out their lighters and cell phones for the hit "Get Your Shine On."

The encore included "Party People" and a "mix tape medley" with covers of their musical influences including UGK's "Ridin' Dirty," Toby Keith's "Should've Been a Cowboy," Papa Roach's "Last Resort," House of Pain's "Jump Around," Montell Jordan's "This Is How We Do It" and an "Everybody" tribute to Backstreet Boys,

who were Kelley's first concert and Hubbard's first album.

FGL became the first ever country act to achieve RIAA's Diamond (10 million copies sold) certification for "Cruise," the hit song that closed their show.

In their relatively short career, FGL has achieved 11 number one hits as artists and songwriters, according to their website.

Cole Swindell, American country music singer and songwriter, was the opening act.

Swindell performed "Hope You Get Lonely," a song he wrote with FGL, and "Get Me Some of That," a song he wrote for Thomas Rhett.

"It's a beautiful night for a concert," Swindell said after the number. "That was my first number one song. Thank you all for singing it."

Swindell said his new album was released on May 6, and then performed his new single, "Middle of a Memory."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Florida Georgia Line kicked off the first Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor summer concert series on Thursday, June 16. Tyler Hubbard (left) and Brian Kelley perform their hit "This Is How We Roll."**

Swindell performed an abundance of his hits including "Let Me See Ya Girl," "Chillin' It" and "Ain't Worth the Whiskey."

He closed with Justin Timberlake's "Drink You Away."

The following night, both FGL and Swindell delivered another sold-out Michigan show at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston.

## NATO Promotions provide MMA excitement during Extreme Warriors

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

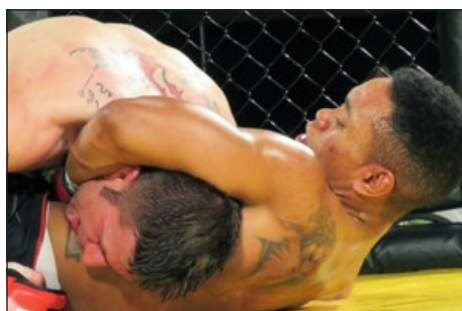
Photojournalist

When Soaring Eagle hosts sporting events including the Edge of Summer motocross, Dirt, Spurs & Thrills, and SnoCross, excitement is sure to follow.

On June 18, hundreds of mixed martial arts fans came to cheer on local amateur and professional MMA athletes as NATO Promotions provided non-stop action with Extreme Warriors.

Raul Venegas, director of marketing for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, said NATO Promotions brought 12 action-packed fights where top professionals and amateurs from throughout the country competed.

"It was truly an honor to have (Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Member) Carl Deaton III bringing MMA excitement back to our Soaring Eagle patrons, and the cheers could be heard from ringside to the back of the entertainment hall," Venegas said.



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**Dylano Kealohapuaule (right) goes for the hard fought submission hold in his victory over Ryan Brettingham.**

The main event in the 135-pound men's division featured Carl Deaton III vs. David "Bo" Harris.

Deaton trains with the American Top Team in Coconut Creek, Fla.

He brings a 10-2 record into the contest and Bo Harris has a 7-9 record.

Deaton entered the octagon amid thunderous applause, and proceeded to dominate the overmatched Harris with a decisive second-round submission victory.

"There was a lot of action out there in the ring tonight," Deaton said after his victory. "Honestly, this is a crazy feeling. I haven't fought in a casino since my last amateur fight years ago. I am returning to fighting in a casino as a professional with way more training and experience. I've had some great trainers

along the way at Coconut Creek and I'm still learning."

Deaton said "to be at Soaring Eagle and to win in front of my people means everything to me."

"I can't wait to be on a bigger stage to represent the Native people of Michigan on the UFC and be seen in other countries," he said. "This was such a special experience for me and my MMA family and I am truly thankful for this opportunity."

Mount Pleasant natives Julie May and Samantha Willert served as ring girls with Dave "The Butcher" Clifford operating as announcer.

MMA Hall of Fame member and nine-time UFC Welterweight Champion Matt Hughes made the trip from Hillsborough, Ill. and was at ringside watching the action.

"I retired from the sport three years ago but I remember when I started, it was these local casinos that supported fighters and, in turn, they support the MMA fans as well," Hughes said. "The UFC

needs feeder programs to help bring people in and with Soaring Eagle and Extreme Warriors, they give fighters the needed exposure and experience. The more experience the fighters get in the octagon, the better prepared they will be to jump up to the UFC."

Amateur fighter Cheryl Jacobs from Riverdale, Mich. was also in the audience.

"The fights were awesome and the atmosphere was fantastic," Jacobs said. "I believe there is a fan base and audience right here for MMA and I hope Soaring Eagle does this more frequently."

Additional fights included Corey Kuppe vs. John White (170 pounds), Eric Lyon vs. Jacob Butler (150 pounds), Jason Perrone vs. Brandon Sandford (145 pounds) Ryan Brettingham vs. Dylano Kealohapuaule (135 pounds) and Dan Hoogerhyde vs. Dingo Brown in the Super Heavyweight Division.

Amateur bouts included Dustin Roller vs. Dylan Dunnington (125 pounds), Nate Awad vs. Brandon



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**Carl "The Anishinaabe Kid" Deaton II, member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, triumphs against David "Bo" Harris in the main event with a second-round win.**

Woodcock (170 pounds), Amanda Lobo vs. Britney Backos (125 pounds), Adam King vs. Tad Hoof (145 pounds), James Martin vs. Ken Hunt (170 pounds) and Trever Alden vs. John Svododa (185 pounds).



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## The 25th annual Human Race gathers more than 170 competitors

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Tribe's annual Human Race celebrated its 25th anniversary during this year's event on Wednesday, June 8 at Seventh Generation.

More than 170 runners and walkers lined up on Remus Road for the 6:30 p.m. one-mile fun run or the 5K race.

While the Seventh Generation staff graciously hosts the event and provides the post-race meal, it is the Nimkee Fitness staff, specifically Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman, who organizes this event.

Harman not only coordinates the event, but also runs the 5K each year.

"I count it as an honor to be a part of an event that has been going on for so many years," Harman said. "Much credit is due to Milton 'Beaver' Pelcher who had the vision to start this event 25 years ago. (Public Health Director) Walt Kennedy and (Beaver) were the planners of this event."

Harman said a few participants travel from all throughout Michigan to attend.



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**Phil Mata, criminal investigator for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police department, achieved first place in his age group by finishing the 5K in 23:32.**

"We have one gentleman who is now 89 years old who has been coming almost every year since the second annual Human Race," he said. "His family comes from Big Rapids and Jackson each year."

Hannah Vican, accountant for the Migizi Economic Development Company, joined Nimkee Fitness' beginners' running group in the spring, and the Human Race was the first 5K she has completed.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Runners and walkers take off at the Remus Road starting line of the 25th annual Human Race on June 8.**

"It was very overwhelming with all the runners at the starting line, but once I got running, it was a huge adrenaline rush. It felt like nothing could stop me," Vican said. "I really enjoyed the course and the 5K itself. I will definitely be competing in more to come."

Harman said not too many races offer what the Tribe's race does.

"We receive many compliments each year from our participants," Harman said. "They love the people, the race course, and of course the delicious food after the race. It is definitely a local favorite within our mid-Michigan running community."

David Salisbury from the Tribal Woodshop created eagle feather awards for this year's winners. The first three mile finishers, along with the top three male and female 5K finishers in each age category all received the awards.

Participants also received a race T-shirt with the registration fee. This year's T-shirts contained "Gather and Run" on the back.

"(Gather and Run) is something I really believe our Tribal community has come to embrace



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**Some of the Nimkee Fitness beginners' running class members pose for a post-race photo.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Hazen Shinos races to the Seventh Generation finish line.**

through this event," Harman said. "Family and friends have come to find joy in accomplishing something together and it's becoming an event that more and more people look forward to each year."

Vican said the beginners' running class, coached by Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green, is a great way to get into shape and learn to enjoy running.

"I was really hesitant to show up on the first day, but I am so glad I did it," Vican said. "It really helped push me out of my comfort zone, and mentally and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Christina Krueger (left) runs with Hannah Vican, accountant for Migizi EDC., who completed her first 5K.**

physically prepare me for the 5K. It was a lot of fun. (It was) very hard on me at first, since I have never been a runner, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. I will definitely be doing the one in the fall if it is offered."

Harman said he cannot express how much he appreciates the volunteers that make events like the race run so smoothly.

The results are listed at [www.sagchip.org/news.aspx?newsid=847](http://www.sagchip.org/news.aspx?newsid=847)

### Local Community Fitness Events

- July 2: Beaverton, Mich. | Beaverton Firecracker 5K
- July 9: Mecosta, Mich. | Little Foot Half Marathon
- July 9: Lansing, Mich. | The Color Run - Lansing
- July 10: Bay City, Mich. | Pirates on the Run 5K/8K
- July 16: Sanford, Mich. | Coach Cole Memorial 5K
- July 16: Midland, Mich. | Tri-City Kids' Triathlon
- July 30: Farwell, Mich. | Farwell Lumberjack Run



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## Michigan Indian

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**Friday, July 22**

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- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
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- Track & Field Competitions and Games
- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
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**For more information or questions, please contact:**

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## Superfoods help with “berry good” health

**DENISE WEBB**  
PhD RD

*(Editor’s note: The following article was written by Denise Webb, PhD, RD, and reprinted, with permission, from the May 2016 Environmental Nutrition. The article was submitted by Nutritionist Sally Van Cise of the Tribe’s Nimkee Clinic.)*

Here is a great little article, for those who wanted to know the academic data on these wonderful traditional foods. Enjoy finding, picking and eating these gems!

**Berry Good Health:** Berries, including blackberries, blueberries, cranberries, raspberries, and strawberries, often top lists of “superfoods” to include in your diet on a

regular basis. And for good reason: They are great sources of phytonutrients, naturally occurring antioxidant compounds, such as anthocyanins, ellagic acid and quercetin, to name a few, that help you resist disease and promote good health.

That’s in addition to the vitamins, minerals and fiber found in these colorful jewels.

Study after study has found a link between diets rich in berries and the compounds they contain and a decreased risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer, and improved bone and eye health.

Despite the wealth of information pointing toward berries, as well as other fruits and vegetables, as being important for good health, the Centers for Disease

**Dive into berries:** Try to include servings of North American berries, including these beauties, in your diet every week. Fresh, unsweetened frozen, and dried all count!

Berry	Description	Culinary Tips	Standout Nutrients
<b>Blackberries</b>	Plump, sweet, succulent, black with a dull sheen	Sprinkle with cinnamon, enjoy in fruit salads, on cereal, or with yogurt topping	Fiber, potassium, vitamin C, vitamin K, phytochemicals (ellagic acid, quercetin, tannins, anthocyanins)
<b>Blueberries</b>	Small, round, deep purple-blue to blue-black, with silvery sheen	Eat frozen or fresh, or add to smoothies, muffins, punch, or frozen desserts	Manganese, antioxidants, fiber, vitamin K, phytochemicals (resveratrol, anthocyanins—more than any other berry)
<b>Cranberries</b>	Small, round, deep red berries, extremely tart	May be eaten dried and sweetened or cooked with sugar added; enjoy in cranberry sauce, trail mixes, cereal, or mixed with yogurt	Vitamin C, manganese, potassium, fiber, phytochemicals (resveratrol, ellagic acid, anthocyanins)
<b>Raspberries</b>	Vibrant red color, delicate, heavily seeded, sweetly tart flavor	Enjoy frozen or fresh, or add to smoothies or frozen desserts	Fiber (more than any other berry), vitamin K, phytochemicals (quercetin, tannins, anthocyanin, catechins)
<b>Strawberries</b>	Bright red, fleshy berry with seeds on the outside	Add to spinach salads, slice over whole-grain waffles, stir in lemonade, or top yogurt	Vitamin C, potassium, folate, phytochemicals (gallic acid, ellagic acid, anthocyanins)

Source: USDA

Control and Prevention has found only about one in 10 Americans eat enough fruits and vegetables. So it

comes as no surprise that the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that Americans eat more.

The current fruit recommendation is 1.5 to 2 cups (preferably whole) fruit a day. Berries fit the bill beautifully.

## Saginaw Chippewa blood drive and Nimkee Clinic exceed goals once more

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Photojournalist

When it comes to the American Red Cross, the need for blood knows no season. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Nimkee Clinic answered the call once more as the blood drive donor numbers exceeded their goal.

The April 26 event was held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym in Tribal Operations, and the move from the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall did not deter donation numbers.

“We set a goal for 40 units of blood, and with the support of the Tribal employees and community, we exceeded the goal with 46 units donated,” said Sue Sowmick, nurse for Nimkee Public Health. “While we enjoyed coming to the casino and had some wonderful support there, we love having the event in the Tribal gym where our Nimkee cooks can prepare an excellent meal.”

Nimkee cooks Flossie Sprague, tribal elder; Cindy Quigno, community health representative; and Helen Williams,

healthy start child nurse, made frybread, potato soup, mild and spicy chili along with choices of fruit, salad and many desserts including homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Public Health’s Judy Davis and Robyn Grinzinger signed people in and registered the donors for door prizes.

Donor Recruitment Representative Lindsay Chesebro has been working for the American Red Cross for eight years and believes the Tribe’s blood drive was one of its most successful.

“I’ve been working with Nimkee Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick on this effort since I started and know the Red Cross has been working directly with the Tribe on the blood drives for over 15 years,” Chesebro said. “We cannot do this without the generosity of the people who come out and donate. This is a huge boost to our blood supply and we do provide blood directly to the McLaren Hospital here in Mount Pleasant so this is truly helping this community.”

External Communications Manager Todd Kulman

coordinates biomedical field marketing and communications for the American Red Cross and explains why blood drives are vital at this time of year.

“Blood drives are important at all times of the year, however, the summer months are especially challenging because many student donors are out of school and others are busy with summertime activities and vacations,” Kulman said. “The student population contributes about 20 percent of donations and the need for blood is constant. Every two seconds someone needs a blood transfusion in the U.S.”

Kulman said the Red Cross’ mission to help save lives is assisted tremendously by sponsors like the Tribe.

“We would not be able to succeed in our lifesaving mission without (the Tribe and Nimkee’s) support,” Kulman said. “The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi also sponsor blood drives with the American Red Cross.”

Kulman said the new Red Cross RapidPass process has been helpful, and explains why that can be a time saver for donors.

“RapidPass lets donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive,” Kulman said. “Donors



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Clint James, radio personality for 95.3 WCFX Today’s Best Music, interviews Lindsay Chesebro, donor recruitment representative for Red Cross.**

simply follow the instructions at [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass). RapidPass can save donors as much as 15 minutes during their blood donation.”

### Free health risk assessment for Tribal Members and SCIT employees with BCBS Health Insurance

**TONI SMITH**

Wellness Coordinator

The health assessment is a new tool offered for free through Blue Cross Blue Shield and powered by WebMD. Patients should see their physicians for annual exams before taking the health assessment.

Annual exams are free and covered 100 percent by BCBSM health Insurance, but there may be copays involved for any existing medical conditions that are being monitored or tested.

By going to see a physician for an annual exam, individuals would obtain important health information for blood pressure, total

cholesterol, HDL & LDL, triglycerides, blood sugar, height, weight, and waist measurement.

Please complete the online health assessment after obtaining health measurements and numbers.

The website may be accessed at: [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com).

A BCBSM ID card is needed in order to login and create an account. After creating an account, login and click the “Health/Wellness” tab and then the “Take Your Health Assessment” tab. The Health Assessment takes about 15 minutes to complete.

The health assessment sends a personalized health score and health report, which may alert on potential health problems.

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule July 2016

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Muscle Makin' Monday - Jaden	Suspension Training - Jayme	Warrior Wednesday - Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	
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## First annual Breastfeeding Support Walk takes to the streets on May 26

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Tribal families and mothers were taking it to the streets on May 26 as Nimkee Healthy Start Program and the Nimkee Public Health 4x4 Grant coordinators hosted their first annual Breastfeeding Support Walk.

The event took place at the Native Farmers Market Pavilion where the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police led a procession of walkers and strollers across Broadway Road, down Leaton Road through the Yah Bay Estates subdivision and back.

Helen Williams, healthy start child nurse for Nimkee, said she believes the health of the entire community depends of the health of the babies; they are the future.

“We want to give the babies the best start possible and that is a commitment and promise to the infant that mothers make when they chose to breastfeed,” Williams said. “Breastfeeding is not easy at first so you may need some help. Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has four certified lactation counselors that are ready to serve the community.”

Williams and fellow Nurse Anna Hon provide

comprehensive care to pregnant women and their children and are both board certified lactation consultants.

“If you are breastfeeding, pregnant or thinking of becoming pregnant, please call and we would be happy to help you on your journey to motherhood and beyond,” Williams said. “Breast milk is the first food for infants. Science has proven that the newborn babies who have human breast milk for their first feedings do better.”

Williams said when women choose to breastfeed, they make an invaluable investment in their baby's future.

“The health benefits from breastfeeding can be seen by the cells, hormones, and antibodies found in breast milk that helps protect babies from illness,” Williams said. “This protection is unique and changes to meet the needs of your baby.”

Research suggests that breastfed babies have lower risks of asthma, childhood leukemia, childhood obesity, ear infections, eczema (atopic dermatitis), diarrhea and vomiting, lower respiratory infections, necrotizing enterocolitis (a disease that



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Public Health Nurse and event coordinator Helen Williams leads a parade of families with strollers down east Broadway.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green leads SCA students and breastfeeding walk participants in the Silento' dance sensation "Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae)."**

affects the gastrointestinal tract in pre-term infants), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and Type 2 diabetes.

Hon said the American Academy of Pediatrics encourages all women to exclusively breastfeed for six months before introducing solid foods and continue to breastfeed for 12 months and thereafter for as long as preferred.

“I am so proud of the women who have chosen to breastfeed their children because it honors the tradition of American Indian and their families,” Hon said. “The practice of breastfeeding respects your heritage and culture and strengthens

your children and communities for a healthier future.”

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green led the dancing to “Silento’ “Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae).”

“Having the Saginaw Chippewa Academy administration, physical education instructor Chloe Updegraff, all the second grade students, teachers and even the bus drivers for showing their moves,” Green said. “It was exciting event to be a part of and having Gizi the Waterpark mascot join in the fun made it a special day.”

REACH Grant Health Educator Brandon Schultz made the event festive by

handing out colorful pinwheels and balloons.

“It was wonderful to see all the families out to walk and I especially appreciated watching the kids get their 60 minutes of play,” Schultz said.

Williams offered a big thank you to the staff of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel for having Gizi come out for the event.

“They really were a huge help in getting these kids out and the smiles on their faces when they get to see Gizi is priceless,” Williams said. “Every time I have asked for gifts for the kids, for the projects we do at Nimkee, they come through for us.”

## Alma College student interns embrace the Nimkee Clinic experience

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

As many students are coming on that special time of their lives where graduates transition into the workforce, employers look for those applicants who have garnered practical work experience.

Tamara House, RN, CDE, WCC, has worked at Nimkee Medical Clinic as the certified diabetes educator for the last 17 years, and as a wound care consultant for the past seven years.

House worked with Alma College student interns within the clinic.

“The student interns learned how we offer individual and

group classes on self-management as well as meal planning; free home blood glucose monitors, free home blood pressure monitors, retinal eye exams and foot exams,” she said.

Lapeer senior Jocelyn Fenslau said the main difference she witnessed between Nimkee and other facilities she has been to is the sense of community.

“Walking into the clinical setting you can feel the positive energy the health care workers have for their patients,” Fenslau said. “Everyone truly cares for each other because they come from the same background whether they practice the traditions or not. The culture is highly respected by its members.”

Fenslau said it is apparent the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe nursing staff takes care of one another.

“The staff goes above and beyond to care for their patients stemming from arranging transportation to the clinic, making sure they get their medication, and making home visits,” she said. “I have learned so much from this rotation and I will always value my time spent at Nimkee.”

Mount Pleasant senior Michelle Carey said having the chance to learn more about the medicine wheel and culture provided for an enlightening experience.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Alma College School of Nursing students completed a four-week internship at Nimkee. (Left to right: Amanda Cranick, Wendy Harrow, Jacob Lambrecht, Nimkee Nurse Tammy House, Tina Thornton, Mallory Simon, Jocelyn Fenslau and Michelle Carey.)**

“I learned diabetes is a component of Healthy People 2020 objectives and also serves as a healthcare concern for the Nimkee Public Health department,” Carey said. “I now have a larger depth of knowledge in regards to the prevention and management of this disease for Saginaw Chippewa persons. The IHS Diabetes Grant provides for a more robust, comprehensive diabetes program. I see this as being pivotal to the integrated medical team needed to raise awareness regarding the systematic impact of this chronic disease.”

House said most of the diabetes program is funded by a grant from the federal government through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians along with some Tribal support.

“We have two nurse educators, a nutritionist and a community health representative who all work closely with the

medical providers at Nimkee Clinic and are trained to provide the most up-to-date diabetes education and treatment options to our clients,” House said.

Nursing senior Mallory Simon from Ada, Mich. said she learned Nimkee developed a women’s-specific health curriculum for the Native female patients.

“This sector provides women with an in-depth and detailed medical analysis beginning with a broad and all-encompassing survey, precursory to a physical examination tailored to their specific needs,” Simon said. “It was evident that the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has worked hard to preserve the role of the Native women with addressing the patients with the utmost respect and privacy while also providing excellent care engineered to meet their specific medical demands.”

### Editorial: Should you go to the ER or an after hours clinic?

**TONI SMITH**

Wellness Coordinator

If your physician isn't available when a sudden injury or sickness occurs, you need to recognize your symptoms in order to decide if you should go to the emergency room, or an after-hours medical clinic.

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- Coughing or throwing up blood
- Heavy bleeding, burns, electric shock
- Poisoning, inhalation of fumes or smoke
- Suicidal thoughts
- Overdose of drug or alcohol

Check into an urgent care when your physician isn't available and if an injury isn't life threatening. Urgent care and after hours clinics can treat minor illness and minor injuries.





## Introduction to new Elders Advisory Board draws large crowd at Andahwod

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Elders Advisory Board introduced its two new members during the District One elders annual meeting on June 22 at Andahwod.

The newly-appointed members Michelle George and Angel Jackson join current EAB members: Chairman Terry Bonnau, Vice-Chair Kathy Hart, Cynthia Floyd, Dennis Kequom, Marie Kequom, Joseph Sowmick, Barb Sprague and Flossie Sprague.

“The annual meeting serves as a meeting ground for the current and newly-appointed Elders Advisory Board members to meet with

elders of District One,” said Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations manager. “Ideas, concerns and issues that are important for the elder population of District One can be shared at this time. It also creates an opportunity for open communication throughout the year.”

Rodriguez introduced the SCIT Michigan Indian Elders Association delegates: Sergeant at Arms Clinton Pelcher, and delegates Kathy Hart and Bean Sprague, with alternate delegate Barb Sprague.

The MIEA delegates presented Tribal students with their incentive awards.

Before Gayle Ruhl was elected on Tribal Council,

she served as Andahwod administrator. Ruhl honored and gifted the exiting EAB members Dave Anderson and Carole Tally.

With the exception of Sowmick who joined the EAB in June 2015, and will be serving until June 2017, the remaining EAB members drew for either a two or three year term.

The following received three year terms, and will be serving until June 2019: Bonnau, Barb Sprague, Hart, Jackson, Marie Kequom and Dennis Kequom.

Those receiving two year terms, and who will serve until June 2018 include Floyd, George and Flossie Sprague.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Elders Advisory Board pose for a photo during the District One elders’ annual meeting on June 22 at Andahwod Continuing Care & Elders Services. (Left to right: Dennis Kequom, Flossie Sprague, Marie Kequom, Cynthia Floyd, Joseph Sowmick, Angel Jackson, Kathy Hart, Michelle George, Terry Bonnau and Barb Sprague.)**

## Elders enjoy summer fun at Andahwod Mother’s and Father’s Day cookout

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On June 4, Tribal elders had some summer fun at the annual Mother’s and Father’s Day cookout at Andahwod Continuing Care & Elders Services.

Rosalie Maloney, administrator, discussed the benefit of merging the two special days.

“Mother’s and Father’s Day is all about family, and combining the celebrations made sense to us and it turned out to be one of our most well-attended events of the year,” Maloney said. “Each one of

the elders who came received a jewelry bag of gifts. With the cookout and the many prizes awarded at the various games, everyone left with something.”

Events at the cookout included ladder ball, horseshoes, water balloon toss and an egg toss where there was a first and second place winner for each game.

Elisa Schleder, community activities assistant, said games were provided for guests of all ages.

“We know we are going to have a lot of grandkids at the facility and we always want to

have something fun for them to do,” Schleder said. “A lot of the kids enjoyed dancing with their grandparents as they did the ‘Cupid Shuffle’ song. For me, the contests were a big hit and there were a lot of laughs with it.”

The event also featured a drawing for the “Ride and Slide” summer getaway raffle.

“Duane Pelcher won the grand prize... a summer getaway to Cedar Point that includes six admission tickets and a \$300 Visa gift card,” Maloney said. “Brenda Nolan won the second place prize of a Pohl Bison Bed and Breakfast overnight stay and

two tickets to the summer concert of her choice.”

Elders Advisory Board member Marie Kequom also won a Waabooz Run golf and dinner package for two.

“We have a lot of generous sponsors that help our program with donated packages and

we couldn’t do events like the cookout without that support,” Maloney said.

The next Andahwod event is a Fourth of July Parade scheduled at 4 p. m. Elders are encouraged to decorate their golf carts, ATVs and scooters with a patriotic theme.

## Planning for future financial and healthcare needs

*(Editor’s note: The following article is reprinted, with permission, from 2016 Region 7 Area Agency on Aging for the Senior Advisory Group of Central Michigan, and submitted by Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services.)*

There is a lot of chatter about the need to plan for future financial and healthcare needs, but what does it really mean?

Adults of any age may experience an illness or accident that could be disabling or lead to an untimely death. It’s not a pleasant thought, but there are documents you can create now that would offer some direction to those you trust should an unfortunate event befall you.

Keep in mind; these plans are only used if you lose the ability to make your own decisions. They can be legally binding and may be changed or revoked by you at any time.

Four things adults of all ages should consider:

- **Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare** – Tells who will make medical decisions for you if you can’t and if you want to be resuscitated if your heart stops beating. Your doctor or healthcare system may be willing to keep a copy of this on file. It can only be changed by you and it ends at the time of death.

- **Durable Power of Attorney:** At its simplest, it’s about who handles your money.

Use it to outline how you want finances managed and designate the person responsible.

- **Will:** A will is a simple legal document that lends peace of mind as you can designate who will raise your minor children, take custody of a pet and how you want your possessions distributed. If you die without a will, things you own will be distributed by Probate Court.

- **Trust:** This is a more complex document that leaves detailed instructions to be followed after your death. It safeguards some assets, may have tax advantages, and other benefits. If you own a home, operate a farm, business, or have investment income consider creating a trust.

## JULY 2016

### Tribal Elder Birthdays

<p>1 Lester Chippeway Jr., Kimberly Palmer</p> <p>2 Doris Romer, Joseph Sowmick, Sherry Hileman, Betty Stallcup</p> <p>3 Janis Ash, Belinda Land, Randall Bird, Lee Kerns</p> <p>4 Catherine Wendling</p> <p>6 Deborah Christie, James Trisch</p> <p>7 Joanne Rogers</p> <p>8 Carmen Otto, Timothy Sedlow</p> <p>9 Christian Jackson, Mary Johnson, Patricia Keshick, Vicky Madosh, Harry Pelcher, Phillip Meir III, Jocelyn Perkins</p> <p>10 Greg Falsetta, Barbara Link</p> <p>11 Diane Dege, Leo Jackson Jr., Nancy Nedwash, Lawrence Verga Jr.</p> <p>12 Eric Anderson, William McClain, David Miller, Lawrence Peter</p> <p>13 Delmar Jackson Jr., Mary Bukowicz, William Kellogg</p> <p>14 Dennis Christy Sr., Dennis Quayle, Gregory Stevens</p> <p>15 Julius Peters, Donald Nelson, Juanita Rogers</p> <p>16 Paul Walker, Julie Walker-Hunt</p> <p>17 Larry Burnham, Gary Grills, Kevin Hancock, Gerald Nahgahgwon, Mark Powell, Mark Walraven</p>	<p>18 Clare Camburn, Marcus Peters, Miranda Stockel</p> <p>19 Randy James, Melissa Mowry</p> <p>20 Phyllis Kequom, Robert Abraham</p> <p>21 Duane Snyder, Joe Brown</p> <p>22 Kimberly Dorow, Louise Hunt, Michael Neyome, David Russell, Carmeline Steele</p> <p>23 Simon Jackson Sr., Lewis Mena, Linell Crampton, Robert Fallis III, Tina Howard</p> <p>24 David Perez Sr., Gary Sprague, Annette Ackley, Duane Beaulieu Jr., Cheryl Berlin, Andrew Falcon, Jane Jolly, John McDonald, Lisa Starkey</p> <p>25 Guy Jackson, Michael Dalton, Anthony Sprague Sr.</p> <p>26 Sherri Jackson, Barbara Durga, Betty Gould, Veronica High, Samuel Sharon</p> <p>27 John Jackson, Donald Leareaux Jr., Myron Cloutier, Donald Federico, Tracy Frank, Elizabeth Mena</p> <p>28 Judy Johnson, Thomasine MeShawboose, Duane Beaulieu, Colleen Kirby</p> <p>30 Marlin Bennett, Mary Gonzales, Ann Orr, Edith Pidilla</p> <p>31 Yvonne Glomski, Victor Bailey, Marlene Gray</p>
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## Andahwod CCC & ES Events - July 2016

### Fourth of July Parade

July 4 | 4 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307  
 • Decorate your golf cart, ATV, or scooter.  
 • Parade will be around Andahwod  
 • Prize for best decorated

### Jewelry with Kay

July 5 | 1 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307

### Language Bingo

July 7 | 1 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307

### Bison Bed & Breakfast

July 9 | 11:30 a.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307  
 • Cost is \$12 for lunch  
 • Bison burger, salad, chips and dessert.

### Summer Bonfires

July 12 & 13 | 8 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4302  
 • Held at Andahwod during the SECR Summer Concert Series.

### Elders Breakfast

July 13 & 27 | 9 a.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4300

### Bingo with Friends at Saganing

June 19 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307  
 • Limited seating: Sign up by July 8.

### Bingo with Friends

July 20 | 1 p.m.  
 • Contact: 989.775.4307

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.



## JULY 2016 EVENT PLANNER

### Summer Fun Friday Challenge

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & August 5, 12, 19, 26

- Contact: 989-775-4115
- Join the Recreation Department on Fridays for fun activities and trips.
- Open to all Native youth in grades 7-12.

### Monday Night Masters

July 4 - August (14 weeks) | Tee time: 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd, Mich.)
- Contact: 989-775-4149

### Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

July 5 - August 23 | Tuesday nights: 6 - 9 p.m.

All day outings: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Contact: 989-775-4115
- July 5: Crooked Lake
- July 12: Five Lakes
- July 19: Long Lake
- July 26: Wixom (all day outing)
- \$15 per person, per night. Youth 16 and under fish free.

### Weight Room Workouts

July 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Equipment: Gym shoes, gym clothes and water bottles.

### SCTC Free Community Wild Rice Courses

- Contact: 989-775-4123

July 8, 15, 22: 1-3 p.m. & 3-5 p.m.

- Location: SCTC East, USDA Land Grant Office
- Certification will be given upon completion of course.

July 9, 16, 23: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Participants will visit wild rice lakes.
- Participants will identify mahnoomin, natural resources, historical archival locations and will also participate in harvest activities on canoes (weather permitting.)

### Pig Roast: People's Powwow Fundraiser

July 13 | TBD

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4780
- Cost: \$10 a plate for pork, two sides and a roll.
- Help bring back the Peoples' Powwow.
- Raffle tickets available.

### Medicine Wheel Teachings

July 13 | 5 - 7 p.m.

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

### Glow Bowling

July 15 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Location: CMU Student Activities Center
- Contact: 989-775-0495
- Limited to first 60 teens who register
- Free event

### Who's Your Caddy Open Golf Tournament

July 16 | Shotgun start: 10 a.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-775-4149
- Register by July 8 to be guaranteed a free T-shirt.
- \$75 per person entry fee, \$300 per team (30 team max)
- Fee includes: 18 holes with cart, lunch and dinner.

### Women's Support Group

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

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

### Financial Workshop

July 21 | 12 p.m.

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

### Freedom Walk

July 30 | Speakers: 8 a.m., walk begins: 9 a.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4824
- Breakfast served at 7:30 a.m.
- Registration begins at 7 a.m.

### Fourth annual Water Warriors and Special Olympics Meet & Greet

July 27 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Location: Eagle Bay Marina
- Contact: 989-775-5912
- Free event, public welcome.

### Horseshoe & Cornhole Tournament

July 29 | Tournaments: 12 p.m., registration: 11 a.m.

- To register: 989-775-4149
- Location: The Hill Campground
- Cornhole: Free and open to youth 17 and younger
- Horseshoes: Open to ages 18 and older, \$10 entry fee.
- Trophies for top two finishers.

### Chief Little Elks Golf Tournament

August 6 | Shotgun start: 10 a.m., pairings at 9:50 a.m.

- To register: 989-775-1838
- Location: Waabooz Run Golf Course
- Entry fee: \$50/player or \$100/team
- Two player scramble
- Entry fee covers: 18 holes with cart, lunch, proximities and door prizes.
- Cash payouts for five places.
- Honoring the lives of Eli Thomas, Betsy Thomas, Eleanor Sprague, Shirley Sprague Day and Rocky Sprague.
- Skins: \$20 per team
- 50/50 raffle: six tickets for \$5
- Cash payouts for five places: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and \$100.

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JULY 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul>	<b>Curbside Collection</b> will be delayed one day during the week of Independence Day.	<b>Struggling or need support?</b> Behavioral Health is now offering drop-in relapse prevention groups twice a week. Mondays: 5:30 to 7 p.m. & Fridays: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.		<b>1</b> ● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>2</b> ● Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.
<b>4</b> Tribal Ops Closed Independence Day	<b>5</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>6</b> Traditional Teaching Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   4 - 5 p.m.	<b>7</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> ● New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>9</b> ● Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.
<b>11</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>13</b> ● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 - 5 p.m. Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Traditional Healers 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation Sacred Fire Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> ● Tribal Observer Deadline   3 p.m. Traditional Healers 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>16</b> ● Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.
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<b>25</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Housing Kickball Game Broadway Park & Field   4 p.m.	<b>26</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>27</b> ● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 - 5 p.m. Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.	<b>28</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 <sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> ● SCIT Powwow July 29-31 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.	<b>30</b> ● Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.
					<b>31</b> ● New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Sasiwaans Early Childhood Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field required. Candidate must possess a valid State of Michigan Early Childhood Certification and/or ZS Endorsement.

##### Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements.

##### Energy Broker Buyer

Open to the public. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in electrical technology, statistics, mathematics, or business. Master's degree preferred.

##### Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs/projects. Knowledge and certification in Native language instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishinabemowin-related experience.

##### Economic

##### Development Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business or related field required, with two years of economic development analytical experience.

##### Treasury Portfolio Manager

Open to the public. Five to seven years minimum of investment experience, specifically with discretionary managed money and/or asset management experience required. Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, business administration or an equivalent relatable field required. MBA or MS in business, finance, economics or related field strongly preferred.

**Native Studies Instructor**  
Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. The qualifications for the instructor shall be in accordance with the applicable certification/credential requirements specified by the appropriate accrediting agency or organization.

##### Science Instructor

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. The qualifications for the instructor shall be in accordance with the applicable certification/credential requirements specified by the appropriate accrediting agency or organization.

##### Tribal School Principal

Open to the public. M.A. in educational administration, educational leadership or related field, with five years teaching experience or bachelor's degree in education field with eight years teaching experience.

##### Comm Services Web Store Clerk

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED required. Must pass a competency test with 65 percent or greater.

##### Social Services Support Tech I

Open to the public. Must have an associates degree or two years of college. Must possess good oral and writing skills.

##### T.O. Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Three years experience in general accounting, governmental accounting preferred outside the tribal organization or one year of governmental accounting within tribal organization.

##### ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services or human services related field. Must have supervisory experience in social services or human services related field.

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills including demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language

acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin.

##### Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family nurse practitioners and physician assistants require State of Michigan licensure and Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the Drug Enforcement Administration in the State of Michigan/or be eligible to become licensed and certified. Master of science degree in nursing is required.

##### Fitness Attendant

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be self motivated with the ability to work with minimal supervision. Possess strong interpersonal, computer and organizational skills.

##### Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an associates degree or a professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience or a high school diploma or equivalent with four years clerical experience.

##### Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills including a high level of motivation in acquiring the Anishinabe language, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and a demonstrated commitment to learning and speaking Anishinabemowin.

##### Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition, five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin.

##### LPN-Assisted Living

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan practical nurse license. One year of long term care experience

preferred. Must consent to a criminal background check.

##### Family Practice Physician

Open to the public. Must be a MD or a DO licensed by the State of Michigan/or be eligible to become licensed. Must maintain Michigan Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance License and Federal Controlled Substance Registration through the U.S. Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

##### Gift Shop Retail Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus.

##### Residential Support Tech

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in the substance abuse field highly desired.

##### Police Officer FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred.

##### Dispatcher/Corrections

Open to the public. High school graduate or equivalent. Prefer advanced course work in correctional administration. Prefer some experience related to law enforcement or corrections.

##### Social Services Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human service related field required. Master's degree preferred.

##### Senior Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; four or more years experience as a practicing attorney.

### SECR

##### Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

##### Inventory Control Warehouser PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

##### Entertainment Usher (Seasonal)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

### Function Service PT

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

##### Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required.

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required.

##### Inventory Control Warehouser PT

Open to Tribal Members only. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

##### Lead Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience.

##### Steward PT

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

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Entertainment Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### F&B Custodial Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Applicants must pay a \$400 fee for training.

### SELC

##### Waitstaff (level 1) PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent.

##### Waitstaff (level 1) FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent.

##### Line Cook PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent.

##### F&B Shift Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years supervisory experience in the hospitality field or three years of SCIT hospitality experience or an associates degree in the hospitality field.

##### Support Services Tech II

Open to the public. Three plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT related degree and one year IT related experience.

##### Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent with six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment.

### 115 For Sale

#### Home For Sale



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#### Notice From the Tribal Clerk:

Indian Cheyenne Greenbird the Tribe is holding funds on your behalf. You must contact the Tribal Clerk's Office by June 16, 2017 or the funds will be forfeited. Please call 989.775-4055.

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF MORGAN GUERRERO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 16-CI-1034; Plaintiff Check & Cash USA, LLC 100 S. Mission St. Unit H, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-2000 Vs. Morgan Guerrero 1902 Airway Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff for a show cause hearing. 2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days following the last day of publication of this order. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded. 3. A copy of this order shall be sent to defendant, Morgan Guerrero at defendant's last known address by ordinary mail before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. **This summon expires Nov. 4, 2016.**

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## Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow brings families to the sunny side of state

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The ninth annual Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow on June 18 and 19 brought families to the sunny side of state in a celebration where traditions and culture are found in the arena.

This year, Wild Bear from Mount Pleasant, Mich. served as the host drum with Sturgeon Bay from Little Traverse Bay Band joined them under the arbor.

Mike Perez, member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, served as head veteran while Renata Borton was head female dancer with Jim Bob Falcon as head male dancer.

“This is my first time chosen as a head dancer, and this is awesome and quite an honor,” Falcon said. “I like to encourage getting the youth out in the arena. They can start getting their regalia together now and that way they won’t miss the chance to be there at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow in July.”

Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier followed the eagle staffs and flags in the grand entries with fellow Tribal Council member Amanda Oldman joining him.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Mikki Marcotte, Denise Pelcher and Colleen Maki of At-Large/Member Services worked registration and sold T-shirts during powwow weekend.**

Saganing Tribal Council member Ron Nelson was also in attendance.

Tribal Councilman Ronald F. Ekdahl served as arena director for the first time and felt honored for the opportunity.

“It is a very humbling experience that carries a tremendous responsibility to carry throughout the weekend,” Ekdahl said. “It is one of the things that you see at every powwow but I know there are a lot of traditional teachings and ceremony that goes into it. Working with

the emcee, drummers and dancers along with making sure eagle staff, flags and dignitaries are in their proper place, there are protocols that I have seen at grand entry before but it surely is different being a part of it. It was a wonderful learning experience that I will treasure.”

Saturday’s eagle staff and flag carrier veterans included Mike Perez (eagle staff), Larry Peters (warrior staff), Kent Jackson (healing staff), Jonathan Cabral (Ogitchedaw healing staff), Larry Verpa (Tribal flag), Richard Snake (Mohawk warrior resistance flag), Ken Soney (U.S. flag), Greg Maul (Canadian flag), Richard Begley (Michigan flag), Willard Big Joe (U.S. Army flag), Jim Lowe (U.S. Navy flag), Lewis Miller (U.S. Marine Corps flag), Cecil John (U.S. Air Force flag) and Tony Carmona (prisoner of war flag).

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe RJ Smith from the Turtle Clan was behind the microphone as the master of ceremonies.

“The difference between a traditional and competition powwow lie in whether there are contests,” Smith said. “We had the semaa and strawberries for the dignitaries, drummers and dancers as they entered into the arena. We use that semaa to pray for a good day and the strawberry is considered a medicine for our spirit. We take both of those in a good way and in the spirit of prayer.”

David Perez, SCIT elder and Ogitchedaw Okima II, offered a heartfelt invocation for the powwow.

Paul Walker, maintenance supervisor for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, was wearing his men’s traditional regalia in the arena but he and his crew was in charge of getting the powwow grounds ready for the weekend.

“It feels good when you hear people commenting on how good the grounds look,” Walker said. “I feel I can give back and honor them by dancing on these grounds. It’s always good to see people practicing our traditions whether they’re from Saganing, Mount Pleasant or wherever they come from across the states and other countries. It’s nice to see them coming out to watch us celebrate those things some



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

**This Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow aerial drone photo shows that culture and technology can come together.**



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**Women’s jingle dress dancer April Borton leads a procession of fellow jingle dress dancers during a special.**



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**Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans stand proudly at their posts during the flag song.**



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**Head female dancer Renata Borton and Larry Borton dance an intertribal together.**



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**Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Ronald Ekdahl heads back to the drummers in his role as arena director.**



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**Traditional male dancer Zackary Jackson hits the drumbeat in step while dancing in the arena.**



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**Men’s traditional dancer Paul Walker is honored to be in front of family and friends at his home powwow in Standish, Mich.**



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**Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier waves to the crowd as he accompanies fellow Council member Amanda Oldman.**



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**Men’s traditional dancer Eric Sowmick glances toward Native youth in the powwow arena.**



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**Darryl, Delmar Sr., Delmar Jr. and Samuel take a Jackson family moment on Father’s Day weekend.**