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## Saganing Town Hall meeting unveils Tribal business expansion and renovation plans

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Photojournalist

A highly-anticipated March 11 Town Hall meeting held at the Saganing Outreach Center unveiled Tribal business expansion ideas for both the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort properties.

Craig Graveratte, supervisor for At Large/Member Services, welcomed the large crowd and introduced a panel of speakers that included Chief Frank Cloutier, Casino CEO Ray Brenny, Director of Facilities Steven Jablonski and Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis.

Chief Financial Officer Dominic Ortiz and Matthew Brege, director of Treasury/Chief Investment Officer, offered a financial review of business interests.

The financial presentation informed about some positive impacts that included: 1) Strong cash flows from both casinos, 2) short and long-term capital projects have been identified to maintain market position and drive incremental gaming revenues, and 3) reviewing options

to expand, enhance, and refresh Soaring Eagle in a timely, cost-effective way.

Davis delivered a review of services available to the Membership and gave an informative PowerPoint presentation on a multitude of opportunities from health care to education.

Graveratte also gave a department overview and shared a message on health care for Tribal Members.

"If you are close enough to Nimkee Clinic and Cardinal Pharmacy, our program strongly recommends the Membership uses those services to keep health care costs down for them and the Tribe. It is always more beneficial for the Tribe to utilize our own businesses and it cost less on the back end of a self-funded plan," Graveratte said. "If you need anything regarding information on health care, please don't hesitate to contact our member services office at 989-775-4942 or toll free at 800-884-6271."

Brenny, Ortiz and Jablonski gave their presentations in a panel discussion format, focusing on property updates and remodeling with



Courtesy of JCJ Architecture

A conceptual design of the proposed Saganing hotel.

an opportunity to vision for scheduled phase development.

Brenny shared some conceptual drawings that detailed some expansion plans for the Soaring Eagle gaming properties. The plans include The Ascend, a sports bar to be built just off of the Saganing Casino's gaming floor.

"The Ascend conceptual drawing is from I-5 Design and Manufacturing based out of Lacey, Wash.," Brenny said. "The sports bar would be located on the south end of the gaming floor and will be enclosed to give it that sports bar and night club atmosphere. The Ascend will

have a stage for live entertainment, dance area, and will have multiple bar tops slot machines. Guests can enjoy their favorite drink and order food to watch their favorite event."

Brenny also shared a design from Hartford, Conn. Firm JCJ Architecture regarding the proposed Saganing hotel.

"The hotel will have 148 rooms, multiple room types with a beautiful all-purpose suite located on the top floor of the hotel," Brenny said. "The hotel will be connected to the existing casino which will

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## FAN forum fosters community engagement with guest speaker

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Community members came together March 16 at the first Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter's family forum.

The event's guest speaker, Phil Pavona, shared his experience in forming the Okemos/Ingham County FAN Chapter.

"There are usually four types of people we see at FAN meetings: Those struggling with addiction, family and friends of the addict, interested community members who want to learn more and people who have lost loved ones from addiction," Pavona said. "The subject matters for family forums are up to the chapters, but we like to say 'help us to help yours, then help us to help others.'"

Pavona and his wife, Pat, lost their son Eric to an overdose in August 2011.

In the two years that Eric struggled with heroin addiction, Pavona spoke on how his family had the unfortunate opportunity to experience everything from the court and health care systems, jail, rehabs, 12-step programs, counseling, and eventually the medical examiner and funeral system.

Pavona referenced the YouTube video, "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opioid Addict" where the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration shared information.

"I ask (drug users) of all the drugs they've ever tried, what's the most addictive drug? And without a doubt, 100 percent of the time they'll say, 'The most addictive drug is oxycodone,'" said Andrew Lenhart, DEA special agent, in the video.

The video also cites Deborah Taylor, clinical therapist for the Phoenix House, who said the progression of addiction and

the behavior that comes with it is pretty standard.

"Regardless of where you're born, how much money you have, how old you are, what your race is, what your nationality is, addiction affects everyone," Taylor said in the video. "You can be the smartest person in the world but the minute that chemical hits your bloodstream, you lose control of what it does in your body. You can't control it. Nobody can control it, I don't care who you are. It's not controllable once the addict begins using."

Cameron Kole is on the Board and said "education is key in the healing process of addiction."

"A lot of the stigma from this disease comes simply from a lack of education and or biased information. To counter this, it is my hope that FAN's forums can help provide a safe haven for both parties (families of those addicted and people who are addicted) to feel safe enough to



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Okemos/Ingham County FAN Chapter founding member Phil Pavona returns to speak to the Tribal community on March 16.

share their experience strength and hope with each other," Kole said. "I have seen this at work in my own experience, as an addict in recovery myself, even as I sat in the first FAN organization meeting back on Jan. 11."

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## Anthony Matthew Towns

May 18, 1973 – March 4, 2017

Anthony Matthew Towns, age 43, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at his home.

Tony was born May 18, 1973 in Grand Rapids, Mich. to Alexander and Debora (Moreno) Vidana.

Tony was a stone sculptor, previously working for Soaring Eagle Casino. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He loved blues music, playing guitar, sculpting, and walking. Tony was a fun, generous person. He loved his children, grandchildren, and all of his family very much.

Tony is survived by his children Ashton Kahgegab, Julian Kahgegab, Teralyn Kahgegab, Tavia Kahgegab, Jason Kahgegab, Phoenix Kahgegab all of Mt. Pleasant; three grandchildren Adrian Kahgegab, Liylah Rantanen, and Zayn Rantanen; sister Raelee John (Oscar Diaz) of Mt. Pleasant; stepfather Vicente Vidana of Chicago; half-brother Mitchell (Julie) Hinmon of Mt. Pleasant, half-sisters Kristin Hinmon (Lance Peters), Harmony Hinmon, and Holly Hinmon (Gabriel Judson) and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Tony was preceded in death by his parents, brother Alex Towns, grandparents John and Joyce Hart, his aunt Angela Wemigwans, and his uncle Paul Hart.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2 p.m. with Steve Pego officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seventh Generation.



## Josephine Diane Arnold

April 9, 1942 – March 9, 2017

Josephine Diane Arnold, age 74, of Mount Pleasant, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at her home.

Josephine was born April 9, 1942 to Charles and Rose (Peters) Bennett. She worked for Soaring Eagle Casino for more than 10 years. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and faithful member of Destiny Christian Ministries of Shepherd.

Josephine enjoyed playing the slot machines, knitting, and going to garage sales.

Josephine is survived by her sons John (Lisa) Bennett, and Sam Arnold both of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren John Michael Bennett II of Maine, and Darin Arnold; two great grandchildren; three brothers Galen (Sandy) Bennett of Grand Rapids, Fred Bennett and David Bennett both of Mt. Pleasant; and sisters Dolly Rueckert and Stella Pamp, both of Mt. Pleasant.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Rose Brown and Charlene Jackson; and brothers Lawrence Bennett, Charles Bennett Jr., Donald Bennett, and George Bennett.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 14 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Chuck Swarouth officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



In loving memory  
to our Michael,  
on his birthday.

We miss and love you.  
Love, your family.

## Stacy Jo "Boo Boo" Johnson



It has been two years since you were called home to the Lord. We miss you like it happened yesterday. I don't think we will ever get over losing you and I don't think we are meant to.

Love, your family and friends

RIP Stacy Jo Johnson  
April 8, 2015

## Sasiwaans Immersion School

# Summer Session Applications

Will be available May 1, 2017

## Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult SCIT Members to fill two vacant seats on the Conservation Committee for the remaining year and one-half of two year terms (ending November 2018) per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Conservation Committee By-Laws.

Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:

Donald Seal  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
Planning Department  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
dseal@sagchip.org

All letters of interests must be received no later than Friday April 7, 2017 at 3 p.m. to be considered by Tribal Council.

## Anishinabe Language Revitalization

# Committee Vacancy

Seeking one representative  
(Must be 18-25 years old)

- Candidates must be a SCIT Member and able to attend monthly meetings.
- Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. in the East side of the break room (Old Seniors Room) at Tribal Operations.
- Letters/emails of interest will be accepted and viewed as they are received.

Please send Letters/emails of interest to:

Anishinabe Language Revitalization  
Mail to: Committee Vacancy  
7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Email to: mispelcher@sagchip.org

For further information:

Please call the ALRD Office at 989.775.4026 or Sasiwaans School at 989.775.4470

## Michigan Indian Leadership Program

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## HUNTER'S SAFETY

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### 2017 CLASS SCHEDULE

\*All three classes must be attended

- Class 1: Wednesday, April, 12 | 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- Class 2: Thursday, April, 13 | 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- Class 3: Saturday, April, 15 | 9 - 3 p.m.

### CLASS LOCATION

#### Black Creek Conservation Club

2643 S. Chippewa Rd., Mt Pleasant, MI. 48858

- The class schedule and times are mandatory.
- This is a free class, no charge to participants.
- The saturday class consists of review and the hunter's safety examination, along with a field day. (Lunch provided)
- The course includes information and instruction about the following: Introduction to hunter education, hunting safety, hunter responsibility, outdoor safety and wildlife conservation.

### TO SIGN UP

Please contact: Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700

- Class size limited to 30 people.
- Parent or guardian must accompany a child 10 years of age or younger.
- Pre-registration count is required for correct amount of materials.

## Order Establishing Turkey Season 2017

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2017 Spring Wild Turkey Season shall begin Wednesday, April 1, 2017 and will close on Monday, June 1, 2017 unless ordered otherwise. The 2017 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two bearded turkeys per permit.

Permits are available starting March 24, 2017 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$15 per permit, only two permits allowed.

Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan website for rules and regulations.



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**ONLINE**

[www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver](http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver)



## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occurs at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees

to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda, anyone wanting to be added can call 989-775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

- April 4, 2017
- May 2, 2017
- June 6, 2017
- July 11, 2017
- Aug. 1, 2017
- Sept. 5, 2017

## What does it take to become a wild land firefighter?

The Saginaw Chippewa Interagency Wild Land Division is a division of the Tribal Fire Department and is looking for interested men and women that are seeking seasonal employment on type two "Initial Attack" hand crew.

The hand crew is a Bureau of Indian Affairs' Michigan agency that can be deployed nationwide including Alaska and Canada.

Wild land firefighting can be physically demanding for long periods of time. Fire assignments require firefighters work under arduous and stressful conditions - working in heavy smoke and intense heats, climbing steep and rugged terrain, and working with minimal sleep or rest, working in and living in a dirty environment and carrying heavy packs and equipment.

Showers and hot meals are not generally available on a daily basis, and firefighters can be away from their "home forest" for weeks at a time. They're often required to be on call, and must leave within two hours of being notified.

Sometimes the firefighters are also called on to "hurry up and wait" depending on what the fire is doing, and if and where they're needed.

The firefighters need to be in shape to meet the rigors of the job and the stress.

### Position Requirements:

- Deployments may be up to 21 days.
- Up to 16 hour working days.
- Must be able to pass a work capacity test - A three-mile walk with a 45-pound weight vest in under 45 minutes.
- Must be available during fire season.
- Must have current Michigan driver's license.
- Must be able to obtain a DOI "Department of Interior" operator's license.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must be able to pass a medical physical examination.
- Must complete basic wild land fire fighter training.

### Some training requirements:

- Course is broken into short, one -to-three hour modules enabling students to complete courses at their own pace.
- Collectively, the two courses offer approximately 40 hours of training.

### For more information, please contact:

- Fire Chief Fred Cantu
- Sgt. Brian Kelly, Crew Boss
- Ryan Chippewa, Crew Boss
- Fire Department: 989.775.4866



Are you ready for spring? Do you want to be a champion for your Mother Earth? Enter the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) Competition!

The Environmental Team and Recycling Department are recruiting departments to step up to reduce, reuse, and recycle within their office. Employees are encouraged to find creative solutions to reduce the waste in their department.

### 3R examples:

- Eliminate polystyrene cups by using glass cups.
- Reuse scrap paper.
- Bring reusable dishes to feast events instead of disposables.

**\*\*These examples cannot be used in the competition\*\***

### Competition rules:

- Teams need to consist of two to four employees.
- Departments may have more than one team.
- Teams will be responsible for tracking materials and progress.
- Weigh ins will be held at the Planning Department on April 14, 21 & 28 from 12 - 2 p.m. (All participants must weigh in totals at these times.)
- Teams will be judged on: Amount of material diverted from the waste stream, cost savings and Creativity.
- Creative team names will receive bonus points!
- May 5: Data, projects, and information due.
- May 15: Top three finishing teams will receive prizes.
- Teams must register with the Planning Department.

### For more information please contact:

Rick Meyers at 989.775.5233 or Sally Kniffen at 989.775.4015.

## Ronald and Barbara Jackson: 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Ronald and Barbara Jackson are requesting a card shower in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 15, 2017. Barb, daughter of Raymond and Vivian Schrauben; and Ron, son of Robert and Florence Jackson, were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Carson City, Mich., on April 15, 1967.

The couple met while Ron worked at GM's Fisher Body in Lansing, Mich. and Barb worked at Simplified Bookkeeping in the same city, through Ron's younger sister and Barb's co-worker, Eleanor "Annie" (Jackson) Ebright. The couple lived in Lansing for more than 26 years before moving to Hubbardston.

Ron retired from Fisher Body where he worked for 32 years, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan where he served on Tribal Council for more than 12 years.

They are parents to two daughters: Ronda Jones of Grand Ledge, and Michelle Colwell of Rosebush. They have one granddaughter, Breanna Colwell, and two grandsons, Gage Colwell and Case Jones.

Cards of congratulations will reach them at:  
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## Notice of public hearing: Liquor license application

There will be a public hearing held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing, is as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Sale General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard.

Such license, if approved, would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resorts premises, main casino floor (Bar #'s 1-4 & floor lounge) hot dog cart, Isabella's Italian Restaurant, Water Lily

Lounge, Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Room Service, Banquet & Conference Rooms & Spaces, portable bars #1 to 13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Slot Palace & Slot Palace Pub, Entertainment Hall, prime rib cart, pizza station, pool & spa areas; Mijim Convenience Store, cart services, and includes indoor and outdoor bar services, beverage service on the gaming floor, and special event/activity/function service, SECR concession trailer when on premises, and outdoor spaces under auspices of SECR.

This license, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2017 through May 24, 2018, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

## Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp

### TAYLOR HOLLIS

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

A combined effort throughout the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College are bringing a new, exciting opportunity to the community youth.

The Anishinaabe Environment and Culture Camp will be offered to tribal youth, ages 12-17.

The camp will be five days and four nights at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center on Higgins Lake. Youth can participate in archery, canoeing, hiking, swimming, fishing, Anishinaabe arts and traditions, and bonfires, while socializing with other youth.

This camp will focus on natural resources, conservation, and environmental activities through promotion of stewardship of our Mother Earth from our Anishinaabe perspective. Focusing on hands-on, engaging opportunities to become acquainted with concepts based on environmental stewardship and will combine the Anishinaabe culture and arts.

The provided activities and games will give participants the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue STEM careers and become protectors of Mother Earth.



This camp will be held Aug. 14-18. Pick up and drop off on the 14th and 18th will be at the Tribal Operations/Tribal Gym Parking Lot.

Scholarships will be available through the application process. Applications are now open, but space is limited, so apply soon! The deadline for applications is April 30.

For additional information or to request an application, please contact Kathy Hart at [KHart@sagchip.org](mailto:KHart@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4123, or Taylor Hollis at [THollis@sagchip.org](mailto:THollis@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4162.

## 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.



## New SECR Shuttle Bus Service hours start May 1

### New shuttle bus service hours:

- Sunday-Thursday: 1-9 p.m.
- Friday- Saturday: 6 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Effective May 1, 2017: The shuttle bus service, provided by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, will be limited to eight hours only.

These changes are necessary to meet the growing demand of our guests and budget limitations. We ask that you give us your name, Player's Club number,

and address when calling for a ride. The shuttle will pick up and deliver passengers to the immediate area of the Reservation. We cannot take rides from residence to residence. We will ONLY pick up and bring you to the Palace, Casino, Waterpark, and R.V. Park.

Please understand, as it is necessary to make these adjustments, so we can provide and continue to offer excellent services. We look forward to serving you in 2017 and beyond!

**Please call 989.775.0004 to schedule a pick up.**

## 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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## Tribal community and FAN representatives attend Midland Heroin Summit

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On Feb. 16, a light pierced through the darkness of addiction as several speakers shared a message of hope at the Midland Heroin Summit.

Sam Price, president/CEO of the 1016 Recovery Network, was a keynote speaker in the Grace A. Dow Library.

Price said according to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), there was an increase in the number of people treated for opiate addiction throughout the last two years; rising from 188 in 2015 to 302 in 2016.

"It doesn't necessarily mean that more people are using. We take that as a sign of encouragement, that more people are getting help," Price said. "There is so much shame, fear and stigma out there that keep people trapped in this deadly cycle of addiction. A summit like this helps people know that there are a lot of different resources and options available for them."

Price said most importantly, the event shows people that recovery is possible.

"People do change, and there is hope for them. This movement in Midland is saving lives! We have lost too many already," Price said. "If it can help more

people find and hold on to their recovery, then we can start turning this trend around."

Michigan 42nd Circuit Court Judge Michael Beale, who established the drug court program in Midland County, also served as a guest speaker.

"To get into drug court, you have to have a very significant issue with high risk abuse of the drug, as well as a criminal component that makes this a program for you. It is a difficult program and we ask a lot from our participants," Beale said. "(Drug court participants) are trying to reorganize their entire life, their associations, their family interactions and our drug court gets in there and takes control of all of that."

Beale said the drug court program is meant to be very invasive and difficult.

"I am so thrilled to see graduates of our program here tonight to show how they have turned their lives around," Beale said at the event. "I can tell you in my experience from the bench, the most important part to every one of them is they have their family back in their life."

Tige Culbertson, founding pastor of Restoration Fellowship at Messiah Lutheran Church in Midland, served as moderator.

Many Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Chapter of

Families Against Narcotics were in attendance including President Guadalupe Gonzalez, Board member Cecilia Stevens, Secretary Rosanna Martin and her husband Gerald, and alternate board member Mary Bentley.

"The meeting had graphs showing the dramatic rise in deaths from heroin and other opiates, locally and nationwide, over the past 10 years," Bentley said. "Heroin is a relatively cheap and highly addictive drug, often substituted for other pain medications when prescriptions have run out for physical or emotional pain."

Speakers underscored that recovery is not just a 30 day treatment; it is a process, and a sustained status.

"Rewiring the brain, gaining tools to manage life's stress, healing the hurt, and finding something in which to engage the human spirit is all necessary components to any successful relapse plan," Bentley said.

Dr. William Morrone, board certified physician in addiction medicine; pain management; and family medicine, provided a medical aspect of treating people for heroin/opiates in emergency situations.

Morrone is the medical director at Recovery Pathways, serving Bay City, Corunna, Essexville, Gladwin and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Midland Heroin Summit drew a large crowd in the Grace A. Dow Library on Feb. 16.

Midland. He highlighted the need for ongoing intervention when administering medically-assisted treatment on an individual basis.

"Mandatory counseling, stabilizing the addict, and gradually tapering the person off of agonist/antagonist treatment drugs are also necessary to prevent a 'temporary band aid' approach to prevent relapse," Bentley said. "He stressed the necessity of making Naloxone (Nasal NARCAN) available to save lives."

There is a short window of time in an overdose, approximately two to three minutes in many cases, before the addict's spontaneous respiration shuts down.

In order to save lives, Morrone said he believes Naloxone (Nasal NARCAN) should be made available to families and friends of addicts so it can be administered in a

nasal spray immediately before the ambulance arrives.

"Naloxone is never a replacement for calling 911 or emergency medical evaluation," Morrone said. "Naloxone is a part of pre-hospital care that needs to be completed with stabilization at the ER."

"Naltrexone (Vivitrol) has been shown to reduce heroin overdose deaths and to increase the time of psycho/social change in group therapy from six to 18 weeks on average," Morrone said.

Bentley said FAN will be investigating the possibility of providing free, readily available Naloxone kits to families with loved ones in danger of opiate overdose in an effort to potentially prevent death.

Lori Wood, president of For a Brighter Tomorrow, coordinated the event and thanked the keynote speakers, corporate sponsors and community who attended.

## Tribal youth practice skills and drills with CMU volleyball coaches and players

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Central Michigan University Chippewa volleyball coaches and players were welcomed to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on March 21 to teach skills to youth interested in the sport.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m., nearly 20 youth practiced passing, setting, attacking, serving and various drills.

The event, hosted by the Recreation Department, was free and open to boys and girls in fifth through eighth grades.

"We (at the Recreation Department) constantly have kids coming in asking about playing volleyball; we just never had enough show up, but



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Central Michigan University Chippewa volleyball coaches and players huddle with Tribal youth during the March 21 clinic in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. The youth practiced passing, setting, attacking, serving and various drills.

now that this event got out to quite a few parents and youth, I am sure we will be able to move forward with another volleyball event, clinic or even a Lady Eagles volleyball team," said Lindsey Sprague, organized sports specialist. "Before I jump too far ahead, I will be looking into designating a night during the week open to youth and/or adults to come to an open gym for volleyball. We will see how that goes."

Tribal Member Jenna Rios, descendant Emily Morrow, and community members Satori Griffin and Justice Griffin attended the clinic and currently play volleyball for their schools.

The CMU Chippewa's volleyball team and Tribe connected through Tribal Member Joseph Sowmick, who gave Mary B. Wood, athletics director/sports administrator for CMU, and Krista Rice, assistant coach, Sprague's contact information in February.

Rice, along with head coach Mike Gawlik, assistant coach Adam Rollman and five players set up drills for the youth.

Gawlik became the fifth volleyball coach in CMU history when he was named to the post in January 2016 by Associate Vice President/Athletics Director Dave Heeke.

Gawlik reflected on why he feels it's important to not only maintain a working relationship with the Tribe, but also with the Tribal youth.

"The partnership is very important to our program and Athletic Department due to the fact that SCIT is such a vital component of the Mt. Pleasant community," Gawlik said. "It's a goal of our program to have a bigger impact to our community than simply wins or losses. Anytime you connect with youth, you have a chance to open up their eyes to opportunities that they may not have known existed."

Gawlik said he sees his players as tremendous role models for young boys and girls who have big goals on the court and in the classroom.

"We enjoyed sharing our sport with some kids that were first timers, while also improving some of the skills of the players that are more familiar with volleyball," he said. "It's very rewarding to give back to young players who are eager to learn."

Sprague also shared what she enjoyed seeing most.

"The best part of the night was seeing all of the smiling faces as they got a good serve, spiked the ball over the net,

and passed the ball around," Sprague said. "The practice displayed a lot of great team work and skill building."

Sprague said another future group effort is likely to happen.

"We are definitely looking forward to collaborating with CMU again in the future," Sprague said. "It was great to see the kids improve as the night went on with the skill drills the coaches shared with the kids."

On April 1, the Chippewa's will play a tournament in Oakland.

Their spring schedule concludes with a 6 p.m. April 14 matchup at Western Michigan.



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Nearly 20 Tribal youth practiced their volleyball setting skills during the clinic, hosted by the Recreation Department.

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## Recreation Department's annual Luau event hosts games, activities, dinner

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym turned into a tropical paradise during the Recreation Department's annual Luau on March 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The department teamed up with Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and the Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program to host this event.

Precisely 167 Tribal community members attended. All game participants tested out their chance at prizes during numerous competitions including hula hoop and limbo contests and a "hot" coconut game, similar to musical chairs.

Hula hoop contest winners included Auriyah Reuckert (12 years old or younger category),



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Youth in the Tribal community compete in hula hoop contests during the Recreation Department's annual Luau in the Tribal Gym on March 13.**

Asalia Quigno-Grundahl (13 to 17 years old) and Alexis Syrette in the 18 years or older category.

Limbo contest winners were Caleb Burger (12 years old or younger), Adam Saboo (13 to 17 years old) and Ashley Rueckert (at least 18 years old.)

"My favorite part would have to be the unknown talent some

of the community members have; I think half of them don't even know it themselves," said Lucas Sprague, youth activities manager. "It's amazing to see the high level it takes to win these games."

Activities included cupcake decorating, a pasta jewelry craft station and a selfie station.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Maya Syrette competes in her age category's hula hoop competition.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Elliana Aja Skenandore joined in the cupcake decorating station, provided by Nimkee Public Health staff.**

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage department provided a luau-themed meal for attendees.

"Our department, as a whole, immediately sets up the location," Lucas Sprague said on the department's planning efforts. "Lindsey Sprague (organized sports specialist) coordinates

registration with volunteers. David Merrill (youth and family recreation specialist) was our emcee. Kyle Shomin (youth and family recreation specialist) did the prize giveaways, and I coordinated the games with (organized sports specialists) Walter Trepanier and Jonathan Updegraff."

## Two Tribal Members complete SECR Facilities Department Apprenticeship Program

**LOUANNA BRUNER**

Anishinabe Workforce Developer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities department is celebrating the successes of two apprentices in the department. Tribal Members Jason VanOrden and Daniel Bennett have both passed the state tests to become licensed in their trade.

Jason VanOrden is now a fully licensed journeyman electrician.

Prior to entering the apprenticeship program in 2011, VanOrden was a table games dealer for five years.

VanOrden was looking for something long term and the Apprenticeship Program would provide him with a skill trade that he would have forever.

His journey wasn't easy. He worked full time and on days he had to attend school, he would be away from home from 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. He thanks his family for being supportive and understanding. He also gives praise to the guys he worked with in the Facilities Department.

He attended the Greater Michigan Construction Academy with other apprentices who worked for other companies. Those apprentices would talk about their work environment and how apprentices were treated poorly.

He said that his co-workers treated him professionally and took a genuine interest in teaching him how to perform various electrical projects.

VanOrden passed his journeyman license test on Feb. 8, 2017. He continues to work for SECR Facilities.

Once he has two years of experience working as a journeyman electrician, he can take prep classes to become a master electrician. In the future, he would like to work with solar wind projects and new technologies.



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

**Facilities Apprenticeship Program graduates and Tribal Members Daniel Bennett (left) and Jason VanOrden both earned state certifications in their respective trades.**

Daniel Bennett started his career with the Tribe as a summer youth worker. His experiences gained as a youth worker lead him to the maintenance department where he was a furniture, fixtures and equipment technician.

Bennett wanted to obtain a professional license that he would always have. So, in 2012 he became a plumber apprentice.

Bennett was asked "Who was most helpful?" during his journey.

He said "everyone!"

"The teachers at GMCA, the journeyman plumbers at SECR, and master plumber, Shannon Peters" Bennett said. "It seemed as if everyone was committed to my success."

While in the apprenticeship program, Bennett received recognition for Employee of the Month. He and his co-workers were able to find the source of a water leak and make the necessary repairs to avoid a shutdown of the water in the hotel.

Bennett's advice to future apprentices is, "stay focused and committed, you have to want it."

He took the state test several times, coming one question short of passing. He stayed focused and committed and in May 2016, he became a licensed journeyman plumber.

Steven Wassegijig became a carpenter apprentice in 2013.

After 1.5 years, he left the program to become a maintenance supervisor. As a supervisor, he realized that if he wanted to progress into a manager's position, he needed additional training.

He enrolled as a full-time student at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. He has returned to the Facilities Department as a leadership intern through the Tribal Education Department. He will be graduating this May with an associate degree in business.

The business classes from SCTC have provided a stronger understanding of management responsibilities such as budget preparation and leadership skills. He has plans to continue his education at Ferris State University in their Facilities Management Program.

Wassegijig credits his experience in the Apprenticeship Program for creating a desire to serve his Tribe and exposure to a profession that he wants to continue to grow in.

Willie Bailey III was the first heavy equipment operator apprentice. Originally from Saginaw, Bailey came to Mount Pleasant with a desire to work for his Tribe.

He was working in an inventory control warehouse when he attended the informational apprenticeship meeting. Having been raised as a farm boy and operating tractors, he was interested in the heavy equipment apprentice program.

The Facilities Department allowed Bailey the use of its truck to test with the Secretary of State to obtain a commercial driver's license. After successfully completing the two-year apprenticeship program, Bailey was

hired as a full-time heavy equipment operator.

Bailey credits Supervisor John Curns as being "by far the most helpful during his apprenticeship."

Bailey said he especially liked being able to help the community by hauling dirt for Tribal Members' driveways and building the motocross racetrack for the Soaring Eagle event.

All four apprenticeship positions are currently available for SCIT Members only.

The program is an opportunity for Tribal Members seeking a skills trade career, and

obtaining proper certification and state licensure.

Applications are available and need to be submitted online.

There will be an informational meeting that will provide an overview of the program, necessary qualifications, and representatives from Greater Michigan Construction Academy. All four of the accomplished apprentices will be available to answer any additional questions.

For more information regarding the Facilities Apprenticeship Program, please contact the Louanna Bruner, Anishinabe workforce developer, at 989-775-0053.

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**Please call Louanna Bruner at 989.775.0053 to register.**

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# Executive Summary: MIIBS Land & Buildings

Views about the use of buildings and land associated with the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS), 2016

## Prepared for the MIIBS Committee by:

**Mary S. Senter**, Director for The Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies, Central Michigan University.

## Methodology:

CARRS staff worked with the MIIBS Committee to create this new survey. A few questions were replications of questions used in the 2011 surveys. Other questions were developed to solicit opinions about the MIIBS land and building use, based on our best understanding of the scenarios most widely discussed within the community.

Key demographic variables such as age and Tribal Member status were included to make subgroup analyses possible. The 2016 MIIBS survey was available to potential respondents in three formats: (1) a print survey was available in the October and November 2016 editions of the Tribal Observer. In addition, the Tribal Observer page was printed in full color on 11 X 17 inch sheets of paper that were available at various locales and events frequented by Tribal Members; (2) a web survey for SCIT Members that was accessed through the main page of the SCIT website and required SCIT member logon authentication; and (3) a web survey for others available through the SCIT website, with data stored on a Central Michigan University server. In the end, 191 individuals completed print copies of the questionnaire; 26 SCIT Members completed the web survey requiring SCIT authentication; and 122 non-SCIT members completed the online survey stored on the CMU server.

## Introduction:

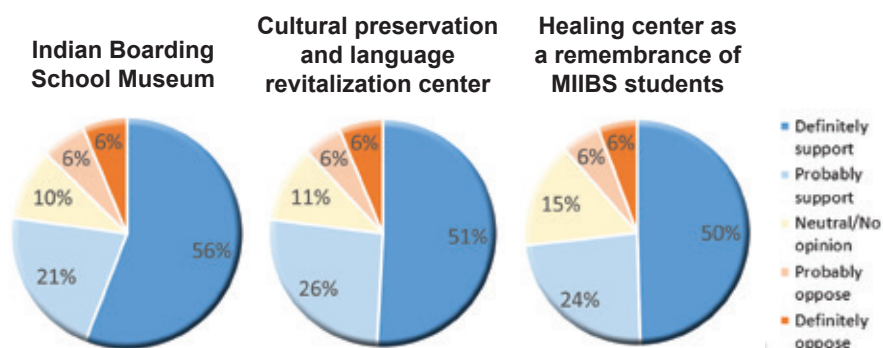
The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe acquired the land and buildings associated with the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School on April 24, 2011. Prior to that action, two surveys of Tribal Members and descendants had been conducted to help inform the Tribal Council's decision making. Subsequent to the decision to proceed with the conveyance, in fall 2011, Tribal Council sanctioned the creation of the MIIBS Committee. In late spring 2016, the Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies (CARRS) at Central Michigan University was asked to work with the MIIBS Committee to field and analyze a 2016 survey of SCIT Members, SCIT descendants, members of other tribes, and Mt. Pleasant community members on their views about the use of the land and buildings associated with the MIIBS.

## Key Findings:

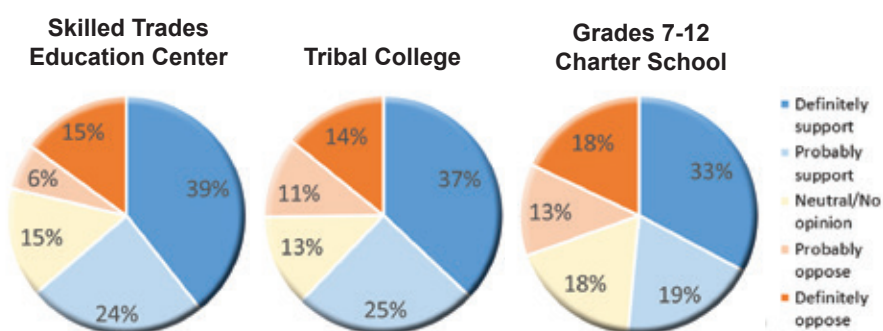
The findings summarized below distinguish between the 140 SCIT Members who completed the survey, along with the 18 SCIT descendants, 52 members of other tribes, and 120 community members.

- The impact of the MIIBS on Native American families is widespread. About two thirds of SCIT Members (66 percent), almost 90 percent (89 percent) of SCIT descendants, and almost half of other tribal members (47 percent) have a relative who was a MIIBS student.

- Three suggestions for using the MIIBS buildings—if they can be rehabilitated—receive strong support and three suggestions receive weaker support. This is the major finding that we see within the total sample and across subgroups. At least 50 percent of SCIT Members and members of the other three groups indicate that they definitely support using the building for an Indian boarding school museum, for a cultural preservation and language revitalization center, and for a healing center as a remembrance of MIIBS students. Nonetheless, it is worth noting that more than 20 percent of SCIT Members are neutral or opposed to each of these three options. See the three pie charts below that summarize data from SCIT members.

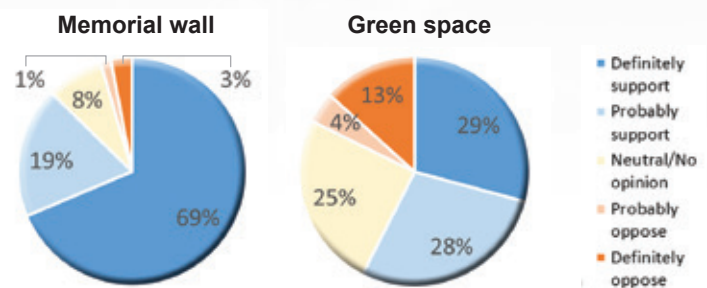


- By way of contrast, at least 35 percent of SCIT Members are neutral or express opposition to using the land for a Tribal College, for a charter school for grades 7-12, or for a skilled trades education center. Similarly, only between 33 and 39 percent of SCIT respondents definitely support the idea of using the building in each of these ways. The same general pattern is found among the other respondent groups. See the three pie charts below, providing a summary of the views of SCIT Members.



- The pattern of findings is also clear when respondents are asked their preferences about land use if, in fact, the buildings need to be removed. There is widespread support among all groups for a memorial wall, and less support for a landscaped green space. Almost 70 percent of SCIT Members (69 percent) definitely support using the property for a memorial wall, while fewer than 15 percent are neutral or oppose the idea.

- By contrast, more than 40 percent of SCIT Members (43 percent) are neutral or opposed to the suggestion of turning the property into landscaped green space, while only 29 percent definitely support the idea. See the pie charts above that provide a summary of the views of SCIT Members.



- Interest exists across all groups in future plans for and discussions about the MIIBS. Sixty-five percent of SCIT Members would like more information about plans for the MIIBS, and 37 percent would like to discuss the issues in greater detail in a small group setting.

- Opinion about use of the land and buildings does not differ markedly when one compares the 41 percent of respondents who have a family member who attended the MIIBS and the 59 percent of respondents who do not. However, respondents with a MIIBS student family member are more likely to have given a great deal of thought to the future use of the MIIBS land and buildings, are more likely to be 56 years or older, and are more likely to have completed the 2011 survey about land conveyance. Respondents with a connection to the MIIBS through a family member who was a student are more likely to want additional information about MIIBS plans and they are also more likely than those without MIIBS relatives to be interested in discussing these issues further in a small group setting.

- Comparisons were also made between the 37 percent of the sample who have given a great deal of thought to this topic and the 63 percent who have not. The amount of thought respondents have given to the future of the MIIBS buildings and land has very little impact on their preferences about building and land use. There is a slight tendency for those who have given a great deal of thought to the future of the MIIBS to definitely support using the buildings for a boarding school museum. Respondents who had given a great deal of thought to MIIBS issues are more likely than those who had not to want more information about plans for the MIIBS and would like to discuss MIIBS issues in greater detail in a small group setting.

- There are not marked differences of opinion about the future of the MIIBS when one compares the 30 percent of respondents born in 1960 or earlier to the 70 percent of respondents born more recently. However, older respondents are more likely to indicate that a family member had been a student at the MIIBS. There are very few significant differences in opinion between elders and younger respondents about the future use of MIIBS buildings and land. Older respondents are slightly more supportive of using the buildings for a charter school. Younger respondents are slightly more likely than older respondents to want more information about plans for the MIIBS.







## Editorial: Michael Fisher is headed to Georgetown University Law School

### CAREY PAUQUETTE

Environmental Manager

Approximately seven years ago, a young man named Michael Fisher walked into my office requesting to be an intern for the Tribe's Water Program. Little did I know at that time how much my intern would teach me throughout the next several years.

It has been an amazing experience to see Mike develop professionally. His charisma, humor, and intelligence will be missed as he heads off to Georgetown in Washington, D.C. for law school.

Michael's career with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Environmental Team went from a position as a summer intern, to a part-time employee.

He took initiative to attend a program where he spent a semester in Washington, D.C., interning at the White House. After this experience, he returned to the Environmental Team as the full-time water resource technician.

As the technician, we spent eight hours a day, five days a week, in May through October sampling water quality together. During our off season, we shared a 15-by-15 foot office. Through this, we became great friends who built a successful Tribal Water Program.

After several years of sharing an office and spending summers monitoring water quality in the field together, Michael left the Water Program to become the environmental

response program specialist. Michael worked to inventory Tribal properties, write grants, provide valuable comments for Tribal Council's review on environmental issues, and much more.

While working in the Planning Department, Michael also held local public office as an Isabella County Commissioner, serving the local community.

As if this isn't enough to accomplish in seven years, Michael earned his master's degree in public administration at Central Michigan University, holding a 4.0 GPA throughout.

His outgoing personality was well received when he decided to take on teaching at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal

College in his spare time, where students appreciated his humor and ability to address difficult topics in practical ways.

It is with hope, pride, and gratitude, that I write this thank you note to Michael for all of his hard work, dedication, advice, and friendship. He is an excellent person, colleague, and friend. Having the opportunity to witness his brilliance, ambition, and success is inspiring.

With this I would like to wish Michael Fisher well as he takes on his next challenge.

Michael, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is thankful for your commitment to the environmental programs for the past seven years.



Courtesy of Carey Pauquette

**Michael Fisher, former water resource technician, left his position to attend Georgetown in Washington, D.C.**

For information on the Environmental programs, please call 989-775-4016 or email [cpauquette@sagchip.org](mailto:cpauquette@sagchip.org).

## Town Hall

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include a corridor from the hotel lobby. The hotel entrance will provide a direct view into a new casino gaming floor expansion with access to the new Bayside Restaurant and Bayside Lounge.

Cloutier said renovations proposed during the meeting will be done in the most economically feasible way with attention to detail.

"We will bid these renovations out through general contractors and we will have planning coordinators and project managers to make sure everyone stays on task to make sure those contracts get through (the) Legal (Department) in a timely manner," Cloutier said. "It's up to those individuals to decide who they are going to hire, whether they are union

or not. I will tell you this: This Council is committed to making sure that everyone who works on these projects has a mandate to employ Tribal Members and descendants. There will be opportunity for our members built into these projects."

Cloutier also fielded questions regarding the child welfare per capita payments as Council reviewed those concerns.

"Every Council member who represents a constituency of Tribal Members gets to speak on your behalf and we don't always agree," Cloutier said. "I can assure you, your voice is being heard on Tribal Council and we are committed to move our Tribe forward."

Cloutier said a lot of the materials discussed were about long range plans.

"It would be advantageous to consider having a secretarial

election of the Tribal Membership where the members could consider changing the term of Tribal Council to four year terms instead of two," Cloutier said. "There is a lot of validity in that where it would bring stability and consistency while providing continuity to long-range planning. Much of the challenges with aging infrastructure outlined in the presentation have been growing over the last 10 to 15 years or longer."

Cloutier said "the reality of the long-range planning is that there hasn't been much done in so long and we don't have the luxury of waiting anymore."

Jablonski also announced he has four positions within the Facilities department that are open to SCIT Members only. These four positions include: Plumber apprentice, electrician apprentice, carpenters apprentice and heavy equipment apprentice.



Courtesy of I-5 Design and Manufacturing

**A conceptual drawing of the Ascend, a potential sports bar to be located off of the Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino's gaming floor.**

"Our objective is to provide skilled trades career opportunities for Tribal Members by utilizing the existing licensed associates currently in the Facilities Department. The program for electricians and plumbers will be determined by the State of Michigan," Jablonski said.

"Upon program completion, the associate will be eligible to test in the State of Michigan and obtain state licensure."

(See pg. 6 for more information on the Apprentice Program.)

To view the Town Hall meeting in its entirety, please visit [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) for the video.

## FAN

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Isabella County Sheriff Michael Main was in attendance and said "it was very evident by listening to those suffering from the use of narcotics and alcohol that we have a lot of work ahead of us."

"The stories are so tragic, and the disastrous outcomes of so many family members

who have lost sons, daughters and others are heartbreaking to hear," Main said. "I believe we must all pull together and work as one voice to help each and every one inflicted by these diseases. As one voice, we must educate, teach and mentor our youth to a better, more successful path in life. I'm personally and professionally committed to doing everything within my reach to help and support those efforts. I'm very happy to hear

so many community members willing to work at a better future for all of us."

Louanna Bruner served as emcee for the forum and also serves on the FAN Advisory Board. Bruner said she was encouraged to see high attendance in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

"We had a good showing of the SCIT/Isabella County FAN Chapter members and many people who support and work in the field of recovery came out also," Bruner said. "It was great to see many of the first responders there also. Our police, fire and EMT personnel are there on the front lines for us and we need to hear their stories also and how we can help them."

Board Secretary Rosanna Martin said the group is in the process of adding the local chapter to the main FAN website.

"FAN also offered an opportunity to community members that were in need of earning community service hours by educating themselves about FAN," Martin said. "The assistants were working with the public at

the registration booth and helped by setting up and tearing down for the event."

Gonzalez said the FAN Board of Directors meetings are held every third Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. at the Ziiibwing Center (next meeting is scheduled for April 20.)

Support groups are held the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Seniors Room in Tribal Operations. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6.

Monthly forums are held every third Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ziiibwing Center.



The Ziiibwing Cultural Society Board of Directors needs to fill a 2-year term vacancy. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

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## CMU annual powwow celebrates Native American culture on campus

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

More than 30 federally-recognized tribes were represented at the 28th annual “Celebrating Life” Central Michigan University Powwow on March 18 and 19.

The powwow was open to the public and took place in the John G. Kulhavi Events Center in McGuirk Arena on the college’s campus.

The powwow’s goal is to build cultural unity between the tribal community and the student attendees. It is also intended for the different tribes to gather and share their traditions with each other and with the attendees interested in learning about Native American culture.

Most of the 12 Michigan tribes were represented, along with tribes from Canada and various states throughout the country.

Midewewin tribal elder George Martin served as head veteran. Martin served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Emcee Jason Whitehouse kept the audience informed as Dave Shananaquet served as arena director.

Head dancers included Julie Whitepigeon and Ray Cadotte (1 p.m. Saturday grand entry), Beedokah Stonefish and Nigel Schuyler (7 p.m. Saturday), and Maya Schuyler and Chayton Hedgepeth (noon Sunday).

Pamela Boivin served as head female dance judge with head male dance judge Stewart Boivin Jr.

The Boyz were this year’s host drum.

Clarence Syrette and Jessie Torres provided Saturday’s invocations after the grand entries, and Hokie Clairmont provided Sunday’s prayer.

The annual event is hosted by CMU’s Native American



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Dancers gather for the 28th annual “Celebrating Life” Central Michigan University Powwow during the Sunday, March 19 grand entry at noon.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Julie Whitepigeon (right) and Maia Chivis (left) are in competition mode during one of Sunday’s first dance competitions.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**In CMU’s John G. Kulhavi Events Center in the McGuirk Arena, all judges’ eyes were on the men’s traditional dancers during their competition.**

Programs office, and organized by the student-run CMU Powwow planning committee.

Hannahville junior Hannah Bartol, student assistant for Native American Programs, served as chair for the powwow committee.

“I started volunteering for the CMU Powwow in 2012 when I was a junior in high school,” Bartol said. “Once I started as a student here at CMU, I was just a general member of the planning committee. Last year I was co-chair with another student, and this year I took the role of chair.”

“My favorite part of the powwow was the men’s and women’s woodland special,” Bartol said.

Diversity was on full display for attendees to witness with each unique and colorful regalia piece and various dance styles featured.



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**Tomarrah Green (right) and her son, Emmanuel, are photographed in the arena during Sunday’s intertribal dance.**



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**Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya competes in the women’s woodland special.**



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**Young girls were all smiles during Sunday afternoon’s girl’s jingle competition.**



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**Sunday afternoon’s head dancers Maya Schuyler (left) and Chayton Hedgepeth (right) dance during grand entry.**



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**Midewewin tribal elder George Martin (Korean, Vietnam wars) served as head veteran.**

## Powwow Winners

### Golden Age Women

- 1st: Vickie Hindsley
- 2nd: Julie Whitepigeon
- 3rd: Faith Pego

### Golden Age Men

- 1st: Charles Belisle
- 2nd: Walker Stonefish
- 3rd: Bobby Bird Sr.

### Women’s Traditional

- 1st: Cassie Thomas
- 2nd: Jamie Awonohpay
- 3rd: Angelina Hindsley

### Men’s Traditional

- 1st: Joe Syrette
- 2nd: Will Hedgepath
- 3rd: Rob Spade

### Women’s Jingle

- 1st: Grace Pushetonequa
- 2nd: Waskwane Stonefish
- 3rd: Cassie Hindsley

### Men’s Grass

- 1st: Peanut Roberts
- 2nd: Don Watson
- 3rd: Nathan Isaac

### Women’s Fancy

- 1st: Beedokah Stonefish
- 2nd: Brenna Wahweotten
- 3rd: Miigwaans Smith

### Men’s Fancy

- 1st: Nigel Schulyer
- 2nd: Canku Onestar
- 3rd: Darrell Hill

### Teen Women’s Traditional

- 1st: Tristin Antoine
- 2nd: Onyleen Zapata
- 3rd: Ofelia Zapata

### Teen Men’s Traditional

- 1st: Lennox Lasley
- 2nd: Thomas Stevens
- 3rd: Gabe Jackson

### Teen Women’s Jingle

- 1st: Maya Schuyler
- 2nd: Madison Bartol
- 3rd: Madison Kequom

### Teen Men’s Grass

- 1st: Mervel LaRose
- 2nd: Chayton Hedgepath
- 3rd: Miles Sutherland

### Teen Women’s Fancy

- 1st: Jasmyne Antoine-Jackson
- 2nd: Waasnode Lightning
- 3rd: Nicole Dashner

### Teen Men’s Fancy

- 1st: Noodin Jackson
- 2nd: Tyler Dashner
- 3rd: Javier Castillo

### Girls Traditional

- 1st: Keeley Twocrow
- 2nd: Neena Robinson

### Boys Traditional

- 1st: Keegun Belisle
- 2nd: Kenay Awonohpay
- 3rd: Gegek Webkamigad

### Girl’s Jingle

- 1st: Addyson White
- 2nd: Riley Diehlman
- 3rd: Emma Stevens

### Boy’s Grass

- 1st: Dayven Clairmont
- 2nd: Xander White

### Girls Fancy

- 1st: Jaslynn Hill
- 2nd: LaTanya Castillo
- 3rd: Kyla Stevens

### Boy’s Fancy

- 1st: Jaymison Hill
- 2nd: Jaequon Jackson
- 3rd: Aydrion Day

### Women’s Woodland

- 1st: Jamie Awonohpay
- 2nd: Cassie Thomas
- 3rd: Julie Whitepigeon

### Men’s Woodland

- 1st: Nigozi White
- 2nd: Joe Syrette
- 3rd: Charles Belisle

### Team Dance Special

- 1st: Onlyleen Zapata Team
- 2nd: Chayton Hedgepath Team
- 3rd: Lennox Lasley Team

### Handrum Contest

- 1st: The Boyz
- 2nd: Harvey Dreaver
- 3rd: Midnight Express

### Drum Contest

- 1st: Midnight Express
- 2nd: Crazy Spirit
- 3rd: Nishinaabe Nation



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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 WW:** My wife is from a very unhealthy family with half brothers and sisters. She is a Native American and I am not. How do I go about telling her that I don't appreciate her siblings staying with us whenever they need a place to live or are breaking up with their spouses? The last sibling stayed for more than six months and it about split my wife and I up. I was the one who had to ask this person to leave and always feel like a heel afterwards. She says that it's a cultural thing but I think we are being taken advantage of. **Flophouse.**

**Dear Flophouse:** The first thing an Anishnabe will do when you visit them in their home is offer you something to eat. The second thing is offer you a place to stay. Your wife may be blind to your thinking and you to hers. So long as your guests are not drinking, doing drugs or any other unhealthy habit, you may have to respect her cultural difference. Since there is tension over this issue, I would suggest the next guest have a move out date and no longer than one month.

**Dear WW:** I finally met the love of my life. She is beautiful, educated, no children, works, etc. We have been seeing each other for about six months now. When we first started to date, a lot of times we would go out to eat and talk for hours. She has recently started to invite me over to her house and instead of going out to eat, she has been doing the cooking. The only problem is that she does not know how. The meat is either under cooked or over cooked, mostly unhealthy and basically, I wouldn't feed it to my dog. I'm so torn on what to do. Do I tell her and embarrass her or continue to choke it down? **Cheers**

**Dear Cheers:** I can think of two solutions: Either eat before you go over so you're not as hungry or offer to take a cooking class with her. If you continue to be involved in this relationship, you may have to be honest and own up to your dislikes about her cooking. Offer to do the cooking yourself or suggest simple meals like grilled cheese or salads. It may be your breaking point or it may bring you closer together. Start by inviting her over to your house where you will have more control.

**Dear WW:** I asked my brother, a very successful business man, to hire one of my in-law's friends. Although I did not know this person on a personal basis, he came highly recommended. I recently have been told by my brother that he had to terminate him due to low performance review and tardiness. I know my in-laws are upset about this and have taken the other side. I know my brother is professional on all levels and would not do this unless absolutely necessary. I hope that no one makes the same mistake I did. **Backlash**

**Dear Backlash:** It really is sad to know that a good deed ended on a sour note. You have done nothing wrong and don't have anything to apologize for. Your in-laws will do and say anything for their kin as we would. Denial could have your in-laws believing this person is a good worker just by what he has told them and nothing else. The best thing you can do is stay out of it. This is a no-win situation as the only objective person is going to be your brother who has to analyze this situation from a management level.

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## 2017 Golf Tournaments and Events Schedule

### Skins at Waabooz | May 2 - Aug. 15

Doubles, blue tees, 5 p.m. shot gun, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees. Players with memberships do not pay green fees. Players must play in seven of the 15 weeks to play in the final week, final week entry is \$50 per player, singles players hit one ball pay the same entry.

### Family Olympics Tournament | July 20

Two per team (both players must be from the same tribe.) Alternate shot, tee-off 9 a.m. Four divisions: Seniors, Men's 49 and under, Women's, Youth 17 & under. \$30 per player, singles at 2 p.m., all divisions entry \$30 per person. (Individual stroke play, triple bogey max score on all holes.)

### Gun Lake Tournament | May 19

At Orchard Hills, May 19, 9 a.m. tee off, four man team \$80 each before May 19.

### Little Elks Memorial | Aug. 5

At Waabooz Run 10 a.m. tee-off, two player scramble, \$50 per player, Skins \$20 team, 50/50 raffle, proximities, door prizes, random draw for five places (500, 400, 300, 200, 100.)

### Pokagon Band Veterans

#### Invitational | May 26

9 a.m. tee-off, four veterans per team.

### Skins at the Pohl Cat | Aug. 21

Aug. 21 - Oct. 9, singles, white tees, 5 p.m. tee time, \$20 per person plus green/cart fees, players with membership only pay cart fees of \$20.

### Native Cup at Orchard Hills | June 10

Ten teams total from SECR (three seniors, three coed and four men's.) \$50 per player. Players must be SCIT employees or Tribal Members. Note: All Michigan tribes invited. Contact Bernard Sprague if your tribe/casino would like to participate.

### Native Cup at the Pohl Cat | Aug. 27

Ten teams total from SECR (three seniors, three coed and four men's.) \$50 per player. Players must be SCIT employees or Tribal Members. Note: All Michigan tribes invited. Contact Bernard Sprague if your tribe/casino would like to participate.

### Father's Day Special | June 17

At Waabooz Run, 10 a.m. tee-off, two players per team, \$40 per player, \$2,000 in cash drawings for dads. Top five scores payouts based on entries, 12 proximities at \$25 each, 50/50 raffle. Skins \$20 per team. Event sponsored by SECR Marketing Department.

### SECR Hospitality Challenge | Sept. 10

At the Pohl Cat, two per team, four teams scored per division, tee-off at 2 p.m., Skins \$10 per player.

**For more information or to register, please contact: Bernard Sprague at 989.400.1838**



## Ziibiwing exhibit shows how families can provide insight to indigenous history

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways' changing exhibits show how family collections can provide insight to indigenous history.

William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center, saw how culture and contemporary society were on display for the Feb. 4-11 changing exhibit.

The exhibit was scheduled to be displayed for only the two weeks, but the Tribal community had a large response to this exhibit so objects were left on display until Feb. 23, Johnson said.

"It's nice to hear positive comments and remembrances about the objects," Johnson said. "The majority of the objects donated to the Ziibiwing Center's permanent collection are from family



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center, carefully holds a Great Lakes ball head war club donated by Preston Mayhew II.**

collections. It's very exciting to receive the Tribal community's most prized possessions."

As curator, Johnson experiences the emotion where tears are often shed in the donation process.

"We remind donors that they're gifting their treasures to the world," Johnson said. "The best part of exhibiting objects

during the quarterly collection showings is being able to show something for the first time."

Ziibiwing has an extensive permanent collection and many objects have never been seen before by the public.

"The sparkle in people's eyes is really rewarding and it is truly a special part of what I am honored to do," Johnson said.

The exhibit featured some pieces that Bernice Miller Sizemore purchased at Saginaw Chippewa powwows in 1956 and 1957. Sizemore donated two black ash baskets and a beaded peach pit necklace.

Johnson said Sizemore also donated a picture of Chief Little Elk with her daughter Judy Sizemore on June 3, 2016.

The exhibit also featured beaded moccasin vamps from Suzanne Cross, and a Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School band drum from the Preston Mayhew II collection.

The exhibit also included a birch bark box with quill-box lid from the Walking With Our Sisters Memorial. Johnson was generously gifted the item in June 2016 and decided to share it with the community.

Sarah Hegyi donated a picture of her grandmother Mabel Pelcher, a former MIIBS student.

"She was approximately 16 years old when the photograph was taken in the early 1930s," Hegyi said. "She was a very good seamstress, made clothes for her family and friends and for those who could not afford clothing. My grandmother learned the skill while attending the boarding school."

Last year, Laura Horton donated an Ojibwe beaded



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The exhibit features four black ash baskets and a photograph of Jessie James Falk, donated by Virginia Hutter**

bandolier bag in July 2016 at Ziibiwing Center's Native Fest.

Rev. Devin Chisholm, of the Saganing Indian Community Church, donated three black ash baskets (acorn, corn, strawberry) made by Julia Noonday in April 2016. A Methodist Church exhorter's license for Mamie Cabie dated May 2, 1955 rounded out the exhibit and was also a part of his donation.

## AIM founder and Native activist shares "The Thunder before the Storm"

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

A piece of contemporary Native American history was shared with a passion that only an iconic tribal elder could deliver.

The American Indian Movement (AIM) founder and Native activist Clyde Bellecourt shared his accounts about "The Thunder before the Storm" during a Feb. 25 Anishinabe Authors Gathering and Book Fair at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

The event also featured fellow Anishinabe authors M. Carmen Lane, Shirley Brauker and Dylan Miner and it was evident that the discussion eventually went to the captivating storyteller.

Shannon Martin, director for the Ziibiwing Center, welcomed the authors and shared the importance of their influence to bring the written word to life.

"What we have here today represents indigenous storytellers who give a voice to much of American history that has been shielded and overlooked by the

so-called dominant society," Martin said, at the event. "Clyde and our distinguished panel of authors are giving their voice through their writings and, in turn, encouraging us to walk a good path of being storytellers."

Eighty-year-old Bellecourt shared his personal accounts with writer Jon Lurie in his book, "The Thunder before the Storm." The title of the book refers to his spirit name given to the White Earth Ojibwe elder.

Bellecourt was passionate throughout his speech, sharing details about the fights and feuds he endured during the fledgling days of AIM, many of which paralleled the rise of other social movements occurring in the sixties and seventies.

He was locked up in Stillwater prison in the '60s and found himself in solitary confinement and contemplating suicide.

A fellow prisoner and author of "The Mishomis Book," Edward Benton-Banai, asked him to form an Indian Folklore

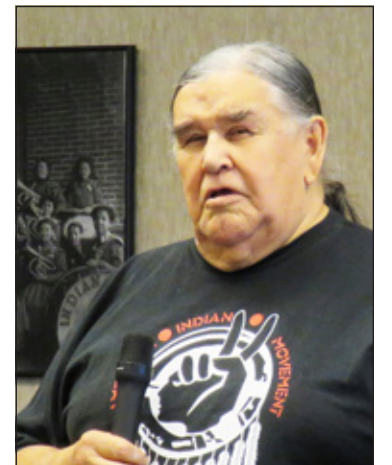
Group, and Bellecourt began to gain an appreciation for his own history and culture that eventually led him, Dennis Banks and others to form AIM in 1968.

Bellecourt shared everywhere he goes in the world; he gets a chance to testify what has happened to Native people.

"I have had the chance to speak to the United Nations and have been to the White House several times," he said. "I remember a 77-year-old elder from Pine Ridge told me to go out and boldly share a message for our people. He was clear when he said, 'tell the media and tell the world what is happening here. Tell them how they are surrounding us at Wounded Knee and invading our sacred places and homeland. Tell them how AIM came to shed light on the darkness.'"

Ann Regan, editor of the Minnesota Historical Society Press, gave voice to Bellecourt and his influence on contemporary Native American culture.

"Clyde is a very important person whose trajectory took him through this really crucial time in American history," Regan said. "He found his voice in Stillwater. He learned how telling his story could change people's minds and hearts and he hasn't stopped speaking since."



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**AIM founder and environmental activist Clyde Bellecourt shared his story for the Ziibiwing Center audience.**



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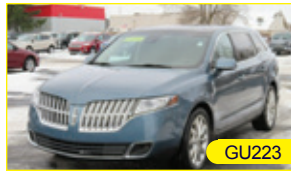
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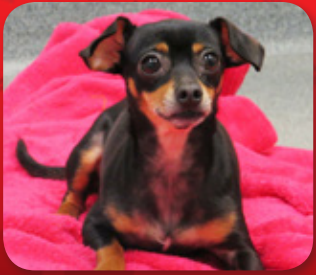


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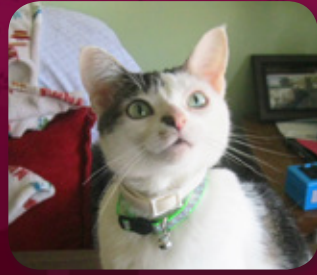


# REZ Pets

## It's Raining Cats & Dogs



**Owner:** Michelle Colwell  
**Name:** Maggie  
**Age:** 5 years  
**Breed:** Dachshund/Min Pin



**Owner:** Marilyn Bailey  
**Name:** Tommy



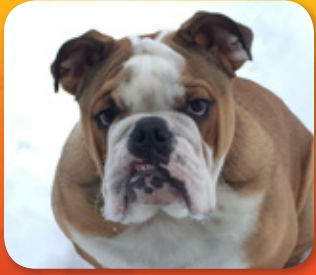
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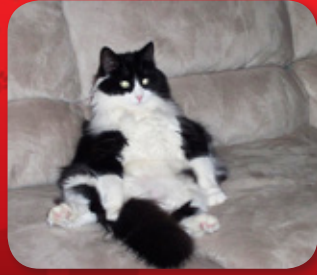
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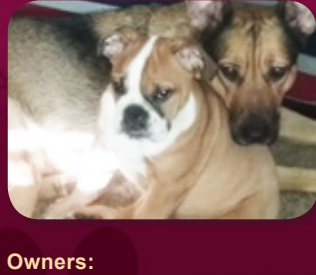
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**Name:** Lucy  
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**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owners:** Sam Anglin & Amy Rider  
**Name:** Hugo  
**Age:** 1.5 years  
**Breed:** English Bulldog



**Owner:** Michelle Turpin  
**Name:** Klinger  
**Age:** 11 years  
**Breed:** Domestic



**Owners:** Aaron Marks & Carol Slater  
**Buster Chunk (front):** English Bulldog, 6 months  
**Sammie Girl:** German Shepherd, 2 years



**Owner:** Stephanie Ogg  
**Daphnie (top):** Staffordshire Terrier, 6 years  
**Paco:** Chi-weenie, 3 years



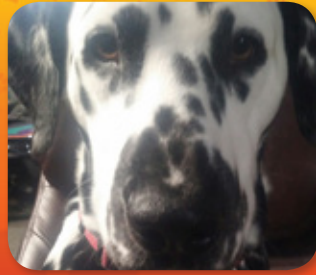
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**Age:** Unknown-rescue  
**Breed:** Beagle



**Owners:** Joseph & Sue Sowmick  
**Name:** Reddy Sowmick  
**Age:** 1.5 years  
**Breed:** Wheaten Terrier



**Owner:** Eliza Owl  
**Name:** Alexander the Great (Ally)  
**Age:** 4 years  
**Breed:** Maine Coon



**Owner:** Nicole Aasved  
**Name:** Jaxson  
**Age:** 15 months  
**Breed:** Dalmatian



**Owners:** Rich & Barb McEnhill  
**Name:** Murray  
**Age:** 7 months  
**Breed:** Beagle



**Owner:** Shannon Martin  
**Name:** Rhona Bologna  
**Age:** 7 years  
**Breed:** Rescued "Petbull"



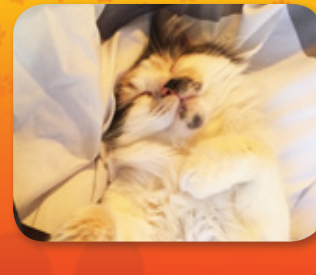
**Owners:** Nancy & John Gerhard  
**Furman (right):** Golden Retriever, 2 years  
**Nelli:** Yellow Lab, 9 months



**Owners:** Michael & Mechelle McCreery  
**Cooper (left):** Cat  
**Marshmellow:** Ferrett



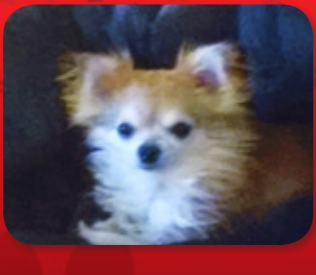
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**Bella (left):** Domestic Shorthair, 2.5 years  
**Buddy (right):** Mountain Feist, 11 years  
**Rozzy:** Yellow Lab, 10 years old



**Owners:** Sedona Mejia & Colton Munro  
**Name:** Cashmere  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Breed:** Calico



**Owner:** Kelly Chamberlain  
**Name:** Smokey  
**Age:** 17 years



**Owner:** Steven Pelcher  
**Name:** Shinobi  
**Age:** 7 years  
**Breed:** Short-haired Chihuahua (tea cup)



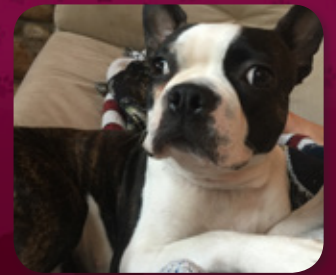
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**Name:** Kevin "Mukwa" Durant  
**Age:** 7 months  
**Breed:** "Montana Rez Dog"



**Owner:** Paige Ritter  
**Name:** Roxy  
**Age:** 9 years  
**Breed:** Doberman



**Owner:** Twila Schrot  
**Papi (left):** Jack Russell, 7 years  
**Gracie:** Chihuahua, 9 years old



**Owners:** David Merrill & Olivia M  
**Name:** Lily  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Breed:** Boston Terrier

**Owner:** Robin Keefer  
**Sheba:** Arabian Horse, 13 years  
**Patches:** Shih Tzu/Poodle, 12 years  
**Blu:** Border/Aussie, 1 year

**Owners:** Mike & Alexa Peruski  
**Angel:** Brittany Spaniel, 2 years  
**Stickers:** Tuxedo, 2 years

**Owners:** Pam & Dave James  
**Name:** Dinkey Doo Little  
**Age:** 2.5 years  
**Breed:** Chihuahua, Daschund, Yorkshire Terrier

**Owners:** Sharon & Joe Kindig  
**Maximus:** Maine Cooncat, 15 years  
**Nibblet:** Orange Barn cat, 5 years

**Owners:** Matt, Sharon & Aria Wright  
**Name:** Suzzie  
**Age:** 5 years **Breed:** Boxer

**Owner:** Darlene Chippewa  
**Sparky:** Half Boxer, 10 years  
**Rudy:** Boxer, 10 years  
**Sophie:** Mystery, 9 years

**Owners:** Tom & Philana Lott (Bond)  
**Names:** Abby, Fergie, Fleabee, Roxy  
**Age (years):** 11, 11, 12, 6  
**Breeds:** Tabby, Brown Point Himalayan, Tabby

**Owners:** Giizhig, Jimaganish, & Zhaawan Martell  
**Princess:** Shih Tzu, 5 years  
**Max (right):** Pomeranian, 6 months

**Owner:** Susan Bettistea  
**Name:** Tasha  
**Age:** 8 years  
**Breed:** Short-haired Chihuahua

**Owner:** Karen Roy  
**Name:** Buddy  
**Age:** 15 years  
**Breed:** Black and Gray Tiger

**Owner:** Kashtin Owl & Tiffany  
**Stella:** German Shepherd, 2 years  
**Loki:** Lab/Huski, 3 years

**Owner:** Melissa Mullard  
**Name:** Ozzy  
**Age:** 9 years old  
**Breed:** Boston Terrier

**Owner:** Natalie Nichols  
**Keller:** Border Collie, 1 year  
**Bella:** Pomweiriever, 4.5 years

**Owner:** Lynn Seppi  
**Amber & Rusty:** Cats, 7 years  
**Rusty:** Horse, 18 years  
**Sara:** Dog-Border Collie, 14 years

**Owner:** Marc McCain  
**Name:** Piper  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Breed:** Daschund

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## SCA Teacher Assistant Penny Lazarov selected 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 Penny Lazarov, teacher assistant for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, for being selected as our Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Lazarov:

**How long have you worked for the Education Department?** 21 years.

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** Working with the children.

**Do you have any pets?** Yes, a cat and two dogs.

**What is your favorite vacation spot and why?** Ludington because the water is beautiful!

**What is your favorite Disney movie?** "The Lion King."

**What is the one thing that you love to do? Why?** I love to garden and work with my flowers. It's very therapeutic for me.

**What is one of your favorite quotes?** "Watch your P's and Q's."

**What is your favorite candy/snack?** Chocolate.



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**Penny Lazarov (right) receives Educator of the Month award from Administrative Assistant II Christina Sharp.**

## SCA students shine in spelling bee contest and with creative science fair projects

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students particularly shined throughout March during the school's spelling bee contest and creative science fair projects.

The spelling bee, held Thursday, March 16 at 2 p.m., was hosted by teacher Michael Ireland. Parents and families of the student spellers were able to attend the contest in the cafeteria area.

The competition judges were John Shelton, curriculum instructional coordinator; and Karyn Spickerman, teacher assistant.

Fifth grader Joshua Wemigwans was determined the school's spelling bee champion.

Wemigwans knocked sixth grader Paul Shomin out of the competition, who received second place.

Students Adriana Paul (fourth grade), Gracie David (third grade), Meadow David (fourth grade) and Inara Curry (third grade) all came in third place.

Other students who competed in the spelling bee include: Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans, Keaton Quintero, Raynah Perez, Kayana Pelcher, Alexis Trepanier, Landen Rowlett, Analicia Palomo, Kiyenn Pilar, Alberta Trepanier, Peyton Brabbs and Cameron Fleming.

SCA's Science Fair was held Thursday, March 23, beginning at 8 a.m.

At 2:15 p.m., students' parents and families were invited to view the projects before the award ceremony at 3 p.m.

The entire school participated in the science fair. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders completed their own, individual projects. Grades below fourth completed projects as a class.

Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya announced each winner and handed out certificates to the winning students.

Fifth grader Zoey Disel won first place for her science project "Does Smoking Affect Your Ability to Hold Your Breath?"



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**Fifth grader Joshua Wemigwans (left) became the SCA Spelling Bee champion, winning over second place winner Paul Shomin (right) on March 16.**



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**Fifth grader Zoey Disel won first place for her science project "Does Smoking Affect Your Ability to Hold Your Breath?"**

Second place went to fifth grader Calijah Trepanier for "People Over 25 Cannot Hear Certain High Pitched Frequencies."

Two students were tied for third place: Sixth grader Alberta Trepanier

for "Which Juice Can Clean A Penny Better?" and fourth grader Raynah Perez for "Do Different Brands of Bubblegum Make Different Bubble Sizes?"

Congratulations to all of the winning students!



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**Fourth grader Raynah Perez's science fair project was entitled "Do Different Brands of Bubble Gum Make Different Bubble Sizes?"**



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**(Left to right) Third place science fair winners Alberta Trepanier and Raynah Perez, second place winner Calijah Trepanier, winner Disel and Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya.**

### Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Miles Davis, Zachary Flaughter, Leah Garber, Brock Reed, Jayden Taylor, Lakiah Vertz, Sereniti Cole, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Owen Seybert, Isaiah Taylor, Johnny Vertz, Braeden Bennett, AhLannah Dodd, Alexander Hinmon, Madison Isham, Arilynn Peters, Armando Quiroz, Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Zhaawan Martell, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens, Alex Taylor, Cruz Vaquera and Alonso Mendez.

### Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Kaden Kjolhede, Ava Mena, Aviana Gomez, Maisie Mena, Mateo Harris, Anthony King and Ringo Stevens.

### Round Dance Student Honorees

The following Ganiard students were honored at the 2017 Round Dance, for their character and for representing the Seven Grandfather Teachings: Gary Chippeway and Dehmin Kahgegab. Pullen: Nikodin Davis and Oginiinhs Zerbe. Vowles: Mingan Merrill and Mia McCreery.

### Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Aubree Hilleger, Ava Vogel, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Ethan Reed, Andrea Hawkins, Konner Hilleger, Nadia Mills and Miah Perez.

### Shepherd

The following middle school students are being recognized for their second trimester GPA: Rumaulda Alanis, Aiyana Bross, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Foster Crampton, Alize Jackson, Quincey Jackson, Hunter Johnson, Jarrad Johnson, Olivia Lawson, Mana Pelcher, Andee Raphael, Brandon Seegraves, Jacob Sineway, Olivia Sineway and Christopher Spencer-Ruiz. High school: Leo Bennett, Taylor Burton, Hayley Cogswell, Kira Fox, Sedona Mejia, Dia Niezgoda, India Perez, Alicia Raphael, Joey Sineway, Matt Smith and Dylan Zygmunt. The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for February: Chayton Chatfield, Dayton Bross, Aiden Raphael and Anjelina Smith. Middle school: Aiyana Bross, Jayden Bross, Miingin Starkey, Foster Crampton, Andee Raphael and Jarrad Johnson. High school: Okilani Alaniz, Carli Sprague, Jordan Seegraves, Leo Bennett and Joey Sineway. Odyssey: Guadalupe Pelcher, Isaiah Hill and Ogemah Taylor.



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## First SCTC Lunch and Learn demonstrates quick office exercises

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

To honor the last day of Heart Health Month, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted a Lunch and Learn: Quick Office Exercises on Feb. 28 at noon.

SCTC partnered with Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and Jayme Green, fitness coordinator of the Nimkee Fitness Center, presented facts and office exercise examples.

In the East Building classroom 6, Green began her session with the question, “What is the first thing you think of when I say exercise?”

Some of the attendees responded with “time,” “sweat,” and “weight loss.”

Green told the attendees to think about how exercise boosts brain power.

“Even one 30-minute cardio session pumps extra blood to your brain, delivering the oxygen and nutrients it needs to perform at max efficiency,” Green said.



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**Kathy Hart (left), STEM recruiter; and Shuna Stevens (right), extension office project coordinator, practice chair squats during the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Feb. 28 lunch and learn event teaching quick office exercises.**

Green said “exercise helps individuals focus, feel better and release tension.”

“Exercise improves attention, memory, accuracy, and how quickly you process information which helps you make smarter decisions,” she said.

Green led the nearly 10 participants through a warm up to get their blood flowing and then demonstrated various office

fitness moves including chair squats, chair toe taps, desk pushups. She also brought out large bands for each participant to work out with for bicep curls, tricep extensions and straight arm pullouts.

“People who exercised during their work day were 23 percent more productive on those days than they were when they didn’t exercise,” Green said,

according to a study. “Women performed 20 percent better on memory tests after running on a treadmill than they did before exercising.”

Green said intensity makes all the difference too.

“The more you challenge your body, the more your gray matter (central nervous system) benefits,” she said.

The lunch and learn idea began from Shuna Stevens, project coordinator for SCTC’s Extension Office, hearing about other programs offering similar events.

“I would have hoped to have gotten more participation for (the office exercise event), but this was the first one, and it happened rather quickly. Thanks to Jayme for being so willing to help out,” Stevens said. “I learned from Jayme that there are a lot of ways I can get in little bursts of activity throughout my day at work, even in my office. Jayme made the exercises fun and easy,

therefore very doable for beginners like me.”

The Extension Program plans to continue offering lunch and learns on a monthly basis, with different topics each session.

“I am in the works of doing a Garden Prep Lunch and Learn for April,” Stevens said.

The date, time, and location are yet to be determined, Stevens said.

“Extension did and will continue to provide lunch for these events so people can enjoy them on their lunch hour,” Stevens said.

A Subway platter with fruit and chip options were featured for participants.

Stevens said topic ideas – in the areas of healthy lifestyles, fitness, gardening, family cohesiveness, diabetes education and culture – from the community are welcomed and encouraged.

For anyone wishing to provide suggestions, Stevens may be contacted at [SStevens@sagchip.org](mailto:SStevens@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4123.

## SCTC student recognized for top poetry entry in Tribal College Journal contest

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Three Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students have been recognized in the Tribal College Journal’s student creative writing contest.

Santino Medina received recognition for a top entry in poetry for “All Alone.”

“I feel really proud of myself for this achievement,” Medina said. “For years I’ve been writing poems, and I’m happy that one of my poems finally gets recognized. Winning this award inspires me to keep on writing.”

Antonio Gomez and Chase Stevens both received honorable mentions.

The three students, along with all winners and honorable mentions from other tribal colleges, were recognized at the March 21 American Indian Higher Education Consortium’s award banquet in Rapid City, S.D.

Medina’s poem will appear in the 2017 edition of TCJ Student, which will be

published concurrently with the journal’s fall issue.

Both Gomez’s and Stevens’ stories will be published online at [tcjstudent.org](http://tcjstudent.org)

This year, the contest brought in scores of entries from tribal college and university students from around Indian Country.

Author and poet Santee Frazier (Cherokee Nation) served as the contest’s guest editor and selected top entries in fiction, nonfiction and poetry categories.

“We had a big turnout this year with lots of high quality writing,” said Bradley Shreve, editor for Tribal College Journal. “I’d like to thank all the students who participated in the contest, as well as the faculty members who encouraged them to do so. Both the high turnout and quality really speak volumes about the growth and development of creative writing classes and programming at tribal colleges.”

Along with Medina, top poetry entries included “Doing Time” by Darin Janis

of Oglala Lakota College, and “Shímásáni Clara” by Boderra Joe of the Institute of American Indian Arts.

The Tribal College Journal is a national, nonprofit media organization operated by the AIHEC.

TCJ has covered the news, newsmakers, and issues of the tribal college movement for 27 years, earning multiple awards from organizations such as the Native American Journalists Association, Association Media and Publishing, and Western Publishing Association.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

**Santino Medina**

### All Alone by Santino Medina

Got so much pain  
more than I can contain.  
Put that little bloodsucker back on my vein

Yeah I’m supposed to be happy of course  
But I’m hyperventilating put me to bed by force.

Hate waking up, I’ll sleep thru day  
Drown me and leave me by the bay  
Let my body appear by the shore.

How much more loneliness can I endure  
My only trusted friend  
Blew away like a gust of wind  
I just feel so upset again.

I can’t keep in touch because I’m out of this world  
My soul can’t come out of the abyss  
No possible way to even feel some bliss  
As I struggle more, the pain feels so sore  
Since the happiness isn’t there anymore.

Can’t let you go,  
the only thing you showed was hate  
my favorite mode  
which was the thing that I adored  
People that say they care those are the ones that I ignore.

Trying to dig whatever’s left in my soul again  
With dirt under my nails from the hole I’m in.

I didn’t mean to trouble you friend  
There’s nothing on my sleeves but the cuts in them.

So inconsiderate just to save you  
And leave me to die from euthanasia.

Let my heart turn black from the lack of air  
While my friends laugh from their chair.

Happiness is fake, disappointment is real  
Depression is the only thing I got out of the deal  
But then you look for help from all your friends  
Backstabbed letting you know that this is the end  
No fame and no way, your just another face till the day  
You’re off the earth, you bled your way through the pain  
Heartbroken, my body feeling insane.

So don’t give me hell, when I’m going ballistic  
Feels like my life is so sadistic  
The darkness comes and it’s going to put you in a ditch  
Grim reaper being held up by only a stitch  
I feel that world closing in,  
all alone, that’s all I’ve been  
Depression and I, it’s a dangerous love affair  
It led me to tying a rope and kicking the chair.

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## Snocross racers Kamm and Hibbert take checkered flag at Pro Open races

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Unseasonably warm February weather tried to get the Soaring Eagle Snocross National off track, but the riders were set to race in some of the worst conditions that Mother Nature has thrown at them so far this season.

The Soaring Eagle ground crews and Snocross officials had the track ready to go as Kody Kamm of Kenosha, Wis. took his Polaris to the top of the Friday Pro Open event.

Kamm bolted out of the starting gate and maintained his momentum throughout as Saint-Cyrille-De-Wendovoc, Quebec, Canada native Tim Tremblay followed closely for second place on his Ski-Doo.

Tremblay's teammate, Lincoln Lemieux from St. Johnsbury, Vt. was a close third in the Friday Pro Open action.

Tucker Hibbert raced at a consistent fast pace to win a wild and highly competitive Pro Open main event.

With fans clamoring for a glimpse of the athletes, they watch regularly throughout the season on CBS Sports and ESPN Winter X Games, it was clear everyone wanted an



Courtesy of ISOC Racing

**Kody Kamm from Hentges Racing takes his Polaris sled airborne in route to victory.**

autograph from Pelican Rapids, Minn. resident Hibbert.

Hibbert took his Arctic Cat to a fourth-place finish in the Friday Pro Open and bounced back for a first-place finish on Saturday night.

"Getting out front early in both races with a great start and to have a clean, clear track in front of me makes a world of difference," Hibbert said. "I love racing here at Soaring Eagle and it's always a lot of fun. With the warm weather we had this weekend, our team had to adjust and to tune the sled differently because of the wet and slippery snow."

Hibbert said he is honored to have a great team and great sponsors behind him; and he loves meeting the Soaring Eagle racing fans.

Hibbert was joined on the podium with Tremblay who scored another second-place finish.

International racer Elias Ishoel from Oppdal, Norway took his Makita Ski-Doo to a competitive third place finish.

Michael Hedges from Gaylord, Mich. brought his family out to watch the Saturday amateur races, and hoping to have the chance for his son to meet the drivers.

"I really enjoyed seeing all the drivers during the VIP meet and greet, and my son Mark got a lot of autographs and posters from the racers," Hedges said. "We were here last year and we like watching all the excitement on the track."

With Soaring Eagle as the sixth stop of the Snocross



Courtesy of ISOC Racing

**The thrills were nonstop as the Soaring Eagle Snocross national riders take to the finish line en masse.**

2016-2017 circuit, Tremblay leads the field for the season with 516 with Kamm in second place with 486.

Hibbert improved his position in the standings with his Saturday victory and is currently in third place with 464 points.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Gaylord's own Zak Mason (middle) took top honors in the Friday Pro Lite action and shared the podium with second place winner Jake Angove (left) and third place Aki Pihlaja (right).**

## Steve Martin and Martin Short provide night of music, dance and light-hearted zingers

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The supremely talented duo of Steve Martin and Martin Short had the sold-out audience in stitches for most of the night on Saturday, March 4.

"An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Lives" saw the two comedians brought a fun-filled night of music, dance and jokes to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Before the duo took to the stage, a video screen flashed with the title "Steve Martin and Martin Short in: See Them Before They're Dead." A video collage played, showing some of their greatest moments in television and cinema.

"I'm excited to be here in Mount Pleasant," Steve said. "Because Beaverton is just a little fast paced for me."

After a short monologue by Steve, Short emerged on stage.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Steve Martin (left) has a hearty laugh at some of the antics of fellow performer Martin Short during their sold-out March 4 Soaring Eagle show.**

"It's a thrill to be here," Short said. "Actually, it's more than a thrill; it's an obligation. Steve and I call the show, 'If we had saved, (money) we wouldn't be here.'"

They spent a large portion of the night cracking jokes at their counterpart's expense.

"You look fantastic," Short said to Steve. "I guess that's the charm of looking 70 since you were 30."

Not to be outdone, Steve fired back at Short with a quick jab.

"This is interesting, 'Martin Short' is also the name I use when I check into a hotel and want to be anonymous," Steve said. "And we save money when we fly together, because Marty fits perfectly in the overhead bin."

The duo poked fun at celebrity culture, and their role in it.

"It seems like we are insulting each other," Steve said. "But this is actually the way we pay compliments in Hollywood."

"Hollywood compliments are a lot like regular compliments," Short said.

"But with a slight passive aggressive dig at the end," Steve said, finishing Short's statement.

"I'll give you an example," Short said. "Steve, you know it's truly honor to be performing with the world's biggest star... from 1978."

During one skit, three audience members were pulled on stage to perform the famous routine of the 1986 movie "Three Amigos." Donned with oversized sombreros, the audience members hilariously continued to fail, much to the chagrin of Steve and Short.

Short delivered an abundance of his most beloved celebrity impressions including Jimmy Stewart and Frank Sinatra. He also donned a nude body suit to perform the song "Step Brother to Jesus" from his Broadway musical "Fame Becomes Me."

At one point, Short emerged on stage being carried by a man garbed in highland attire. Much to the delight of the audience, Short served as the bagpipe, giving a cappella rendition of "Amazing Grace."

One skit had Steve playing the part of a ventriloquist, with Short taking the role as his

dummy while cracking pop culture and political jokes.

"I don't know how he had time to run for president," Short quipped about Senator Bernie Sanders. "And get back to the balcony to heckle The Muppets."

The last part of the show featured bluegrass band Steep Canyon Rangers as musical guests. This provided Steve a chance to showcase his masterful skills on the banjo during a short set of songs.

"Hanging out with Steve, is like the movie 'Deliverance,'" Short said. "It's all fun and games until the banjos come out."

During the song "Pretty Little One," Short ran back on stage dressed as a cowgirl to gleefully prance around the stage.

To end the show, Steve playfully and fittingly told the audience, "If you didn't enjoy the show tonight, then you're wrong."



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**The dynamic duo of Short and Steve singing during "An Evening You Will Forget for the Rest of Your Lives."**

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## Tony! Toni! Toné!, Ginuwine and Next come together for a Soaring Eagle R&B show

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

American group Tony! Toni! Toné! brought their R&B and soul vibes to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, March 18 with R&B openers Ginuwine and Next.

Originating from Oakland, Calif., Tony! Toni! Toné! became popular during the late '80s and early-to-mid '90s.

The group's second album "The Revival" was released in 1990 and generated an abundance of hits, many of which they performed, including "The Blues," "It Never Rains (In Southern California)," "Whatever You Want" and "Feels Good."

Their third studio album "Sons of Soul" went double platinum and singles



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**Tony! Toni! Toné! lead singer Amir Khalil points out to the March 18 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort audience.**

"Anniversary" reached no. 10 on the Hot 100, and "(Lay Your Head on My) Pillow" reached no. 4 on the R&B charts.

"We're approaching 30 years in the (music) industry," said

Dwayne Wiggins, guitarist. "We have to pass (our music and old R&B) onto generations to come."

During "Just Me and You," lead singer Amir Khalil was seen on the bongos during the song's instrumental break and then quickly ran back to center stage to reach his microphone just in time for the vocals to come back in.

The band ended with a cover of 2Pac's "California Love."

Ginuwine, born Elgin Baylor Lumpkin, opened the show with his upbeat hit "Hell Yeah," and also performed "Stingy," "In Those

Jeans" and "None of Ur Friends Business."

"I did a lot of stuff in 20 years and one of the things I'm most proud of is this right here," Ginuwine said of "You Owe Me," which he recorded with rapper NAS.

After finishing "I Need a Girl (Part II)," Ginuwine sang into his microphone asking which audience member would like his used towel that was utilized to wipe off the sweat from his forehead. Fans hollered.

Ginuwine said he "still performs for three reasons: Jesus, all of his fans, and one artist that influenced him the most: Michael Jackson."

"I remember turning on the TV and I saw how (Michael Jackson) made people feel and I wanted to do the same," Ginuwine said.

Ginuwine's DJ then played Jackson's "The Way You Make Me Feel" as he danced along.

Ginuwine also gave a special shout out to Harvey Lee, who was on stage with him, from Lansing, Mich., who produced "In Those Jeans."

Ginuwine ended his portion of the show with his most recognized song "Pony," as he ran around in the audience.

Despite some technical issues and taking a break from the stage to return a few moments later,



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**Dwayne Wiggins, guitarist and singer for Tony! Toni! Toné!, entertains the fans in the Entertainment Hall.**

R&B trio Next gave their fans the show they had hoped for.

Making up Next, Terry "T-Low" Brown, Raphael "Tweet" Brown and Robert "R.L." Huggar became well known during the late '90s and early 2000s.

Next is best known for their hit singles "Too Close," "Wifey" and "I Still Love You," which were all performed.

Singing live through sound issues, the group's vocals shined in a cappella versions of "I Still Love You" and "Anything I Have."

Next also performed "Before I Let You Go" and a cover of Bobby Brown's "My Prerogative."



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**R&B singer Ginuwine holds up the microphone for his fans to sing along to his hit song "Hell Yeah."**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**R&B/soul trio Next perform their most well-known hit, "Too Close."**

## Honky tonk duo Travis Tritt and Tracy Lawrence stir up country music thrills

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was the place to be for country music enthusiasts on Saturday, March 11. Chart-topping country music artists Travis Tritt and Tracy Lawrence were in town for a hit-filled, sold-out show.

Lawrence opened up the night with the hit songs "If The Good Die Young," "As Any Fool Can See" and "Better Man, Better Off."

Next up was "Sticks And Stones," his first number one single, and the title track off his debut 1991 album.

The night was highlighted by three straight number one singles, "Alibis," "My Second Home" and "Can't Break It to My Heart." All three released on his sophomore 1993 album "Alibis."

His strong traditional country twang was on full

display during the fan favorites "Heaven Has A Honky Tonk," "Stars Over Texas," "How a Cowgirl Says Goodbye" and "Used to the Pain."

Before playing "Texas Tornado," Lawrence took a minute to reminisce on the success the eventual number one hit garnered.

"I tell you what," he said. "This here was the national anthem of Texas in 1994."

A cover of the classic George Strait song "Troubadour" preceded the bouncy single "Runnin' Behind."

The hits continued with the chart topping "Time Marches On," and the sentimental lyrics of a relationship gone wrong in "Paint Me a Birmingham."

The band left the stage briefly, before returning with Lawrence sharing his appreciation for the next song, "Are the Good Times Really Over for Good."



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**Tracy Lawrence performs "If The Good Die Young" during the sold-out March 11 show.**

"I'm going to play you my favorite Merle Haggard song," he said. "It goes a little something like this."

A second encore performance closed out the night with "Find Out Who Your Friends Are," the most recent number one single of his 2007 album "For the Love."

Tritt's set opened with the southern rock infused single "Put Some Drive in Your Country," followed by "Rough Around the Edges" and "I'm Gonna Be Somebody."

A trio of songs off his 1991 album "It's All About to Change," included the number one single "Anymore," as well as the clever and cheeky lyrics of "The Whiskey Ain't

Workin'," and "Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)."

Tritt performed a plethora of his hits including "Love of a Woman," "Outlaws Like Us," "Where Corn Don't Grow" and "Ten Feet Tall and Bulletproof."

The artist paid homage to classical musicians by combining covers of the songs with stories of how they influenced him throughout the years. His gratitude was on full display during a soulful rendition of "Take it Easy" by the Eagles, and he discussed his friendship with the late Waylon Jennings before covering the artist's classic song "Lonesome, On'ry and Mean."

Contemporary country music artist Chris Stapleton also received the cover treatment



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**Country music "outlaw" Travis Tritt smirks out to the audience during his hit song "Put Some Drive In Your Country."**

with Tritt performing his hit single "Nobody to Blame."

Audience members sang along to the chorus of the upbeat, feel good hit single "It's a Great Day to Be Alive."

Tritt went back to his roots to play the title track off his debut 1989 album "Country Club," an ode to the country lifestyle.

The outlaw country musician fittingly closed out the night with the rocking hits "T-R-O-U-B-L-E," and "Homesick."

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## Families and friends gather for annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

A packed Eagles Nest Tribal Gym was full of families and friends attending the 10th annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Anishinaabe Biimaaziwin teachers – Nathan Isaac, Joe Syrette, Aaron Chivis, James Day, Matthew J. Sprague and Cecilia Stevens – coordinated the event.

Youth Tribal Members in local, public elementary schools were honored during the Round Dance for their



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Hand drummers performed during the Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance held on Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11.**

integrity and fulfilling the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

The students honored include: Gary Chippeway and Dehmin Kahgegab from Ganiard Elementary, Nikodin Davis and Ogininhs Zerbe from

Pullen Elementary, and Mingan Merrill and Mia McCreery from Vowles Elementary.

Hal Eagletail, tribal elder from the Northern Dine' Tribe outside of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, served as the emcee for the annual social event.

It was Eagletail's second time attending the event.

"I was here six years ago and so much has changed," Eagletail said. "The energy is (livelier) and there's more people, more dancers, more singers and it's just packed."

Eagletail explained the meaning behind round dances.

"Round dances are making a beautiful evolution across North America once again because it is the healing dance of our people," he said. "We have memorials where we help families mourn the loss of loved ones and through these dances to help them dry their tears."

Eagletail said "round dances help the young people and community receive a deeper understanding of their culture."

"We come to understand the drum, the ceremonies and to celebrate that good way that bring our young people and community back into the circle. It's growing and it's beautiful to see the movement continue across Canada and the United States," Eagletail said. "I really enjoy the sobriety of it all because it is a family event. For a Friday and Saturday night and see our people celebrating in a sober way is what our Creator intended for our people."

Skip Churchill, tribal elder and hand drummer from Mille Lacs Tribe in Minnesota, said he believes the round dance is a part of a cultural and social tradition given to Native people throughout the years.

"The real healing comes from our lodges and our ceremonies. It comes in learning these songs and passing them down to my two sons who came with me," Churchill said. "I have been drumming since I was 3 years old. It's absolutely wonderful to make the trip with my sons here and this atmosphere in here feels like magic."

SCA teacher Nathan Isaac is a Sarnia, Ontario First Nations tribal member from the Turtle Clan, and said he is "honored to have many supporters who have sponsored the Round Dance throughout the years."

Isaac said this year's event was another success.



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**Hal Eagletail, tribal elder from the Northern Dine' Tribe in Canada, served as the emcee for the annual social event.**



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**Saginaw Chippewa Academy student Caden Pego hand drums for the Round Dance celebration.**



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**Youth Tribal Member Christopher Ruiz Spencer hand drums at the event held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.**



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**Hand drummers and singers Nathan Isaac (left) and Skip Churchill (right) are photographed.**



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**Youth Council advisor Tonya Jackson (far left) poses with Youth Council Members (left to right) Social Director Kenson Taylor, Secretary Zackary Jackson and general representative Nodin Jackson at the Round Dance.**



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**Marta Escamilla, youth achievement advisor, works on selling 50/50 raffle tickets.**

"We have been called the best round dance in the states by Marlon Deschamps. Marlon is originally from Alberta, Canada and is a member of the seven-time, Grammy-nominated, Northern Cree Singers," Isaac said. "Northern Cree Singers also had the pleasure of performing on the stage at the Grammy (Awards) this year (on Sunday, Feb. 12). Marlon shared the same song at our Round Dance that they performed at the Grammy's. It was rockin'!"

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## Seven weight loss myths to start ignoring now

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*(Editor's note: The following article was originally printed in Environmental Nutrition's March 2017 edition. The article has been submitted by Sally Van Cise, MPH, RDN, nutritionist for Nimkee Public Health.)*

As warmer weather approaches, our thoughts often turn to the return of shorts season—and possibly whether last summer's shorts still fit. While weight loss myths never stop circulating, this is one of those times of year when we may be more susceptible to believing them.

Here are seven weight loss myths to start ignoring right now:

**Myth 1: Cutting carbs or fat is everything.** Research shows that both lower-carb and lower-fat eating plans can be effective for weight loss overall, provided that we stay within our calorie needs, but it appears that some individuals may do better with one or the other. What's important is finding a way of eating that helps you reach your weight goals, but is satisfying enough that you can stick with it long term.

**Myth 2: Hunger is necessary.** It's normal to get hungry when it's nearly time for your next meal or snack, but if you find that you are constantly hungry, it may mean you aren't eating enough. Or, you might simply need a better mix of complex carbohydrates,

protein and healthy fats to help you stay satisfied longer and prevent blood sugar spikes and crashes.

**Myth 3: Avoiding gluten means easy weight loss.** There's nothing magic about giving up gluten if you don't have celiac disease or non-celiac gluten sensitivity. When people lose weight by going gluten free, it's usually because they started eating more real, whole foods that are naturally gluten free. On the other hand, swapping "regular" cookies, cakes and other refined grain products for gluten-free versions doesn't aid weight loss.

**Myth 4: Certain foods increase metabolism.** Metabolism is the process of converting what you eat and

drink into energy. It depends largely on age, body size, gender, and genetics. Increasing muscle through physical activity and adequate protein may slightly increase your metabolism, but food and supplements make little difference. Some studies have shown a slight metabolic boost from caffeine or chili peppers, but not in everyone.

**Myth 5: A calorie is a calorie.** When it comes to calories, quality counts. Eating 100 calories of chips is not the same as eating 100 calories of walnuts or fresh fruit. As for the idea that you have to cut 3,500 calories to lose a pound, research shows that weight loss—or gain—varies from person to person even with the same calorie deficit. It also

varies over time, which is one reason for weight loss plateaus.

**Myth 6: It is all about will-power.** Many factors, including genetics, dieting history, metabolism, and diet and lifestyle habits come together to determine what weight your body prefers to be at. If you try to white-knuckle your way through a diet that's too low in calories or devoid of favorite foods, you set yourself up for future overeating.

**Myth 7: "You just need to exercise more."** Unless you are a competitive athlete, your exercise doesn't burn as many calories as you think. That means it's easy to out eat exercise. Exercise to be strong and healthy. Improve your food choices to manage your weight.

## Native nations rally in Lansing for protection of Michigan's waters

**LISA PATRELL**  
Contributing Writer

Lansing, MICH.—The Indigenous Rights Alliance rallied in solidarity with NativeNationsRise.org. Throughout March 7-10 across America, rallies and marches asserting tribal rights and environment protection were underway.

At the Michigan State Capitol, Native nations and

their allies rallied to assert Michigan's rights to have access to clean, potable water for their homes and communities and to promote protection Michigan aquifers, ponds, rivers, streams and lakes.

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## Training educates attendees on how to respond in emergency situations

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Each day, individuals go about their usual activities without problems or remarkable events. Life is usually good, but sometimes a really bad day happens. To prepare ahead for the unthinkable is difficult but preparing for emergencies could help save a life.

That message rang clear on March 9 as Seventh Generation hosted an emergency preparation training exercise designed to educate about what to do in emergency situations

Event coordinator Helen Williams, of Nimkee Public Health, said the three-hour training was not only a benefit to the community, but a benefit to each person who attended.

The training, START system of triage, helped first responders on how to sort through people and get them ready to be treated by the medical professionals.

Participants learned how to put on and take off personal protective equipment including gowns, gloves and masks

“We wanted to give everyone an education to what it’s like if you show up to volunteer to help out the Tribe during a disaster or emergency,”



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**Emergency preparedness coordinator Helen Williams provides an outline of triage protocols at the emergency preparation training on March 9.**

Williams said. “Part of the process is you start where you stand and move in a systematic pattern to help the most in the least amount of time.”

Community members learned to evaluate victims and assign them to one of the following four categories by color: The walking wounded with minor injuries (green), delayed treatment (yellow), immediate treatment needed (red) and deceased or expectant (black).

“Triage is the process of prioritizing or sorting of sick or injured people for treatment according to the seriousness of the condition or injury,”

Williams said. “You can’t commit to one-on-one care. You have to be fast, 30 seconds or less per patient.”

Emergency preparedness planning is one of the criteria set forth by Nimkee’s accrediting agency to ensure individuals know what to do during an urgent situation, said Mariah Austin, accreditation and quality assurance specialist.

“In order to meet the quality standards, set forth by the accreditor policies, procedures, and training are implemented so that safe outcomes can be achieved in an emergency,” Austin said. “The triage training is one exercise that allows health care professionals to work with community members on how to aid others throughout a disaster.”

Williams said the skills learned by the participants will help them if they ever have to respond to any of the following emergency situations: Highway accident, major fires, building collapses, explosions, terrorist attacks, hazardous, material releases, tornadoes and floods.

John Gerhard, training instructor, said before attending this workshop, he had never given much thought to ever

using these emergency planning skills.

“The class was an eye-opener for me as I realized the complexity of split-second decision making for the best outcome for as many accident victims as possible,” Gerhard said. “My only experiences in an emergency have been with individuals in auto accidents, but now I see the need for prioritization in the event of multiple injuries and this could mean passing over a person who is mortally injured but perhaps a youth whom our heart says to help.”

Williams informed the class that although difficult decisions need to be made, she made the point very clearly to help those who can be helped and to put one’s personal feelings aside during the emergency.

“Although this was a very serious training, we still had fun. We were able to have a few laughs as we took turns to roll played victim and rescuer triage person,” Williams said. “As always, it is



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**Triage participant John Gerhard (bottom) plays the role of accident victim as Nurse Twila Schrot (top left) and first responder Stephanie Sprague provide treatment.**

wonderful to be able to work with the staff at the Seventh Generation who provided us with a wonderful meal and the use of their building.”

Williams wished to thank the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark for the door prize donations

“I am extremely grateful for the generous support that the SECR and the SEWPH have always extended the 20 participants of our public health emergency preparedness event,” Williams said.

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### Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Emergency Room Policy

All bills from the Emergency Room (ER) must be deemed a true emergency. If insurance does not deem it an emergency based on diagnosis code, Purchased Referred Care (PRC) will not process the bill for payment. PRC is the payor of last resort, it’s not guaranteed. The patient will be responsible for the amount of the ER visit.

#### Listed below are the IHS guidelines:

**Priority 1A:** All Medical Emergencies, Eye (Acute, painful or visually threat conditions), Dental (control bleeding, airway compromise, severe pain, fractures), Mental Health (immediate danger to self or others, regardless of “voluntary or involuntary status”; includes physical neglect/abuse, sexual assault).

**Priority 1B:** Acute Illness, Pre-natal/Obstetrics, Diagnostic Testing (Contract Lab, Bone Marrow Biopsy, EEG, Endoscopy, Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy (diagnostic & screening), Radiologic Testing (MRI, CT, Ultrasound), Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Immunizations, Mammography (diagnostic), Pap Smears, Gyn Coloposcopy, Area of program specific objectives, Non-Emergency surgery for “high risk categories”, Tubal Ligation (post-partum & high risk), Vasectomy (high risk).

#### Procedure

1. The claim will be reviewed by PRC Clerk.
2. The PRC Clerk will verify the patient is eligible and followed policy.
3. If Insurance paid based on the Diagnosis code the bill will be submitted for payment.
4. If the Insurance didn’t pay due to the diagnosis code
  - The bill will be denied
  - The PRC Clerk will send a denial in the mail
  - The patient will be able to appeal the decision to: Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule April 2017

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	
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy	Belly Dance Deanna	Yoga Tammy	



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## Colorectal screening education informs March 3 Andahwod patrons

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Health education was the theme as the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center collaborated with Andahwod Continuing Care and Elder Services for a March 3 colorectal screening education.

John Pattison, resident care manager for Andahwod, said at the event, individuals played colon bingo while receiving vital health care information.

“Based on the discussions I had with (Medical Director)

Margaret Steslicki and Dr. Barry Kissoondial, data suggests that colon cancer has a genetic or hereditary cause and the incidence is higher in Native American individuals and families,” Pattison said. “This causes some SCIT Members to be at a higher risk of developing polyps or colon cancer during their lifetime.”

Pattison said Native Americans may be asked to be screened earlier than the age of 50.

“All adults over the age of 50 should be screened every five or 10 years, depending on their



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Member Bobby Hart (left) and his family gave the "hang loose" sign as they enjoyed their fish fry dinner at Andahwod.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Dr. Barry Kissoondial, of the Nimkee Clinic, (top right) gives a presentation on colorectal cancer screenings to Andahwod residents and community.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**John Pattison (far left), LPN for Andahwod, is joined by (left to right) Nurse Sue Sowmick, Dr. Barry Kissoondial, LPN Twila Schrot, Medical Director Margaret Steslicki, Medical Assistant Jamie Recker and Quality Assurance Specialist Mariah Austin.**

risk and the type of screening they undergo,” he said.

In a PowerPoint presentation, Kissoondial said colorectal screening is a procedure that is done when someone has no symptoms at all, so it may feel unnecessary to some healthy elders.

“The earlier a polyp is detected, it can be removed with less adverse consequences,” Kissoondial said. “This lowers the potential to get colon cancer. Since it is difficult to get people to agree to this

screening, and Nimkee would like to screen over 80 percent of patients who are recommended for screening by 2018, Nimkee is offering a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card to all Tribal Members who get screened and present their results to the clinic.”

Twila Schrot, LPN, held the bingo game and made it fun and educational for participants.

“We had a great crowd and everything seemed to come together at the right time,” Schrot said. “Everyone loves to play bingo and we want the community to know that (the staff at) Nimkee are ready to help. I am the contact person if anyone has any questions or are interested in getting a colorectal screening done.”

## Editorial: Be on the lookout for the “one ring” cell phone scam

**SHERRILL KENNEDY**

Credit Homebuyer Counselor/  
Loan Specialist

A scam that targets your cell phone is popping back up, and can really dent your wallet.

It's called the "one ring" cell phone scam.

Here is how it works: Scammers dial your cell phone and let it ring just once so it

appears that you have a missed call. The scammers hope you call back and if you do, expect to get a per-minute charge at an international rate.

For one popular carrier it can be \$1.99 per minute to one of the identified area codes.

The calls are from phone numbers that look like they are in a U.S. area code but really it's an international phone number.

There are nine area codes that the FTC is warning people to be on the lookout for: 268, 284, 473, 664, 649, 767, 809, 829 and 876.

Looking up a few of the numbers on the country calling code identified countries such as Jamaica, Antigua/Barbuda and Dominican Republic.

There is no danger in getting the call; the danger is when you answer or call back.

### Spring/Summer 2017 elders lawn care

Starting April 3, 2017 Andahwod/Elder Services will begin accepting applications for lawn care services. Remember there are age and health requirements for the services, along with a required \$50 fee and home visit.

For more information, please call: Julie Pego at 989.775.4306

## APRIL 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| 1 Willard Chapoton III, David James, Carla Sineway   | 16 Debra House, Russell Stevens  |
| 2 Mike Frank   | 17 Jon Bennett Jr., Wanda Lautner  |
| 3 Peggy Harris, Sharon Matthews, Robert Sharon, Christine Bird, William Bouck, Mary North, Laura Yoder | 18 Zilda Jackson   |
| 4 Nathan Childers, Judy Jackson  | 19 Kermit Paul Jr., Craig Perez  |
| 5 Kimi Alani, Barbara Poulos, Westbrook Shawboose, Domic Stone   | 20 Terry Davis, Joseph Collins, Kari Ellis   |
| 6 Shelly Rickert, Mary Russell   | 21 Annette Buckner, Raymond Cloutier, Theron Fisher  |
| 8 Francis Douglas, Cathleen Fisher, Eleanore VanHorn, Mark Cyr   | 22 David Bennett, Charles Benz, Ethel Lingford   |
| 9 Edward Matthews, Lisa Synder, Janice Wilcox  | 23 Lawrence Nahgahgwon Jr., Diana Trepanier  |
| 10 Sena Hutcheson, Paul Moses, Wendy Roulo   | 24 Monica McQuarter  |
| 11 Barbara Sprague, Maury Francis  | 25 Brenda Franco, Linda Hudak, Patrick Mena  |
| 12 Livingston Colwell, Randolph Holy-Day   | 26 Richard Quigno, Darlene Wilson, Gladys Hall, Ronald Jackson, Carolyn O'Neal, Teresa Reyes, Kari Sprague |
| 13 Vivian Jackson, Lawrence Collins  | 27 Catherine Jackson, Marie Kequom, Alta Arroyo, Jovain Shawboose, Linda Smith                             |
| 14 Rena Bird, William Quayle Jr., Michael Salgat   | 28 Stephen Bonnau  |
| 15 Laurie Jackson, Marietta Stanley  | 29 Robin Dutton  |
|  | 30 Lou Ann Loiselle, Lawrence Zocher   |

## TAI CHI CLASSES at Andahwod Wellness Lodge

Thursdays in April • 12 - 1 p.m.

Classes are \$6 each | No experience necessary.

*According to the Tai Chi tradition, the universe and human beings are made up of five basic elements: metal, water, fire, wood, and earth. These five elements flow in an interrelated manner throughout all the organs of the body. A state of good health is achieved when the interactions between these elements flow together in a smooth and balanced manner. The slow, rhythmic, and meditative live body movements of Tai Chi are designed to align the basic elements of the body and enhance relaxation, inner calm, and peace.*

For more information, please call: Sheligh at 989.775.4307

### Andahwod February Employee of the Month



**N'Kai Quigno**  
Dietary Cook Aide

## April 2017 | Andahwod CCC & ES Events

**Euchre & Potluck**  
Mondays | 6 p.m.

**Open Crafts with Elisa**  
Tuesdays | 5 p.m.

**Jewelry with Kay**  
April 4 | 11 a.m.

**Language Bingo**  
April 6 | 1 p.m.

**Tigers Opening Day**  
April 7 | 12 p.m.

**Easter Brunch**  
April 12 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
April 14 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Fish Fry**  
April 14 | 4:30 p.m.

**Elders Breakfast**  
April 26 | 9 a.m.

**Bingo with Friends**  
April 19 | 1 p.m.

**Caregiver's Circle**  
April 27 | 2 - 3:30 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300  
\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.



## APRIL 2017 EVENT PLANNER

### Prevention through Art

April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5 - 8:30 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4818
- Location: Behavioral Health
- Native craft class.
- All materials provided.

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

April 5, 19 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center

April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-5810 or 989.775.4850

### Celebration of Community Strength, Resilience, and Justice

April 6 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4814
- Location: Tribal Public Safety Building
- Memorial and lantern release for National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

### Spring Feast

April 6 | 6 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4780
- Location: 7th Generation
- Guest Speaker: Isabelle Osawamick

### Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

April 6 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Call for an appointment: 989-775-4850

### Traditional Sweat Lodge

April 7 | Sweat Lodge teachings and fire lighting: 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4879

### Rez Rock: Open Jam Sessions

April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989.775.4115

### Be W.E.L.L. Challenge Group

April 6, 20 | 12:10 - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989.775.4696
- Topics include: Meal planning, how stress affects weight loss and mindset coaching.

### Yellow Shawl Project

April 11 | Service: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- To register: 989.775.4629
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

### Housing Asset Building Management

April 13 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center

April 20 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Housing
- Contact: 989.775.4552

### Good Friday Service

April 14 | Service: 10 a.m., lunch served at noon

- Contact: 989.775.5309
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

### Earth Day Celebration

April 14 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4780
- Location: 7th Generation

### Behavioral Health Family Dinner Night

April 19 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Enjoy a meal with family and friends.

### Pancake Breakfast

April 19 | 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: 7th Generation

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

April 20 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4880
- Ziibiwing Center
- Movie presentation: "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict." \*This is a R-Rated film.
- Guest speakers: Robery Poikey, law Enforcement Specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of Michigan and Timothy P. Wiley, public affairs specialist for the Detroit Division of the FBI.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

April 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4699
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

### ALRD Language Classes

M/W/TH | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Drop-in sessions

T/TH | 6 - 7 p.m.

W | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Location: ALRD Office, 7170 Ogemaw Dr.
- Contact: 989.775.4110

### Community Education Business Workshops

- Time: 12 - 1:20 p.m.
- Location: SCTC East Building, Classroom 6
- Registration: 989.775.4123, or register in person at the SCTC East Building
- Registration is required.

Session 4 | April 19 | Offered in April, August and December.

- Topics covered: Start up expenses and capitalization financial history and analysis, financial plan, and the executive summary.

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | APRIL 2017

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> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul>	<p><b>HEALTHY NATIVE PEOPLE MEETING</b></p> <p>April 27 &amp; 28, 2017</p> <p>Great Wolf Lodge <small>Traverse City, Mich.</small></p> <p><small>For more details, contact: Maddy Gallegos at mgallegos@itcmi.org or 906.632.6896 ext. 108 *Registration for the meeting is soon to follow.</small></p>	<p><b>Caregiver's Circle</b></p> <p>Caregiver's Support Group</p> <p>April 27</p> <p>2 - 3:30 p.m.   Andahwod CCC &amp; ES <small>2910 S. Leaton Rd Mount Pleasant, MI 48858</small></p> <p><small>Come speak, share, and gain strategies to help with your daily caregiving responsibilities.</small></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>2</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>		
<p>3</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m.</p> <p>Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Weight Room Workouts Tribal Gym   5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Crafts with Friends 7th Generation   5:30 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>FAN Support Group Tribal Ops Seniors Room   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   5 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>9</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Day after Easter</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Weight Room Workouts Tribal Gym   5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Crafts with Friends 7th Generation   5:30 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Drums Out 7th Generation   5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>FAN Forum Ziibiwing   7 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>23</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
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## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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#### Tribal Operations

##### 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). Must maintain up-to-date board certification, or be grandfathered to allow SCIT to bill third party payers. Applicants not licensed by the State of Michigan prior to interview will be required to obtain licensure by the State of Michigan before date of hire.

##### 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 (minimum three or more years experience working for an Indian tribe or Indian organization); knowledgeable about federal Indian law and the history of Indian tribes.

##### 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. A minimum of five years' experience in the analysis, forecast, strategies, and/or purchasing of wholesale power through the de-regulated BES, as well as the tariffs and transportation as related.

##### Compensation Analyst

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business, human resources or related field with four years of compensation experience specifically in job evaluation, market salary analysis and salary survey participation and interpretation.

##### Dietary Cook Aide PT

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. Requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere with quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred.

##### Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

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

##### Fiscal Compliance Auditor

Open to the public. Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. Must have completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. Four years experience in general accounting, with governmental accounting experience preferred.

##### Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Open to the public. 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. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin.

##### Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education or education, valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate with special education endorsement. Must be willing to attend training. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

##### Dental Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Graduate of an accredited dental assisting program, or two years of dental assisting experience. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Performs dental assistance including chairside assisting, dental charting, dental laboratory procedures, equipment sterilization and maintenance, and exposing radiographs.

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### Leadership Apprentice

Must be a SCIT Member. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student.

##### Victim Services Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field. Three to five years of related experience. Must be fully licensed in the State of Michigan and maintain license. Knowledge of victimization concerning domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes.

##### Victim Witness Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work or counseling required. Three to five years experience in counseling, social work, or crisis intervention, including experience in victim assistance, volunteer supervision; and must possess license or limited license in counseling or social work with the State of Michigan.

##### Victim Services Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, or equivalent related human services field. LPC, LMSW, LLP, or LMFT preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years of hire are encouraged to apply. Must have a minimum of two years' experience in counseling; one year in working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

##### Victim Services Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma with two years of directly related experience. Associate degree preferred. Must have basic knowledge of crisis intervention and domestic violence.

##### Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in the substance abuse field highly desired. Knowledge of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community and its relation to the Three-Fires strongly encouraged.

##### Youth Achievement Advisor

Open to the public. Associate degree and two years working directly with youth. Combination of education and experience may be considered. Experience with local school programming, requirements and policies. Knowledge of motivational tactics and how to actively engage youth using positive reinforcement.

##### Retail Buyer

Open to the public. Team oriented with high attention to detail. Must possess an associates degree in a related field or have a high school diploma and four years of related experience. Individuals with a college degree in business, purchasing or inventory control and/or art are preferred.

##### Invasive Species Coordinator

Open to the public. Must be working on associate degree. Bachelor of Science degree preferred. Knowledge of natural, biological processes, environmental policy, engineering, and/or landscape design encouraged.

##### Certified Aide

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan.

##### Youth Empowerment Aide

Open to the public. High school diploma with college-level math and science and two years working directly with youth. Knowledge of motivational tactics and how to actively engage youth using positive reinforcement.

##### Environmental Response Program Specialist

Open to the public. Must have a minimum of a BS/BA in environmental, biological, chemical, and/or natural science to meet grant requirements. One to three years experience working with technical, biological, natural sci-

ence, or other related field with practical experience preferred.

##### Environmental Response Program Specialist

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### SECR

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus.

##### Line Server PT

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

##### Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years housekeeping supervisory experience in either hospitality or casino field.

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification, 600 total hours required for certification.

##### Steward PT

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

##### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a chauffers license at a minimum. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a

Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit.

##### Key Booth Attendant PT

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

##### Laundry Attendant FT

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

##### Laundry Attendant PT

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

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Concierge FT

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

##### Entertainment Security Officer PT

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

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##### Server Assistant PT

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

##### Cashier PT

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

##### Bartender PT

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

##### Finance Cashier PT

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

##### Entertainment Usher

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

##### Security Officer PT

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

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##### Waitstaff (level 1) PT

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

### Employment

##### ICS Head of School

The Indian Community School of Milwaukee has initiated a search for a Head of School. This position serves as the chief executive of a unique school serving the cultural and academic needs of American Indian students, families, and the American Indian community of Greater Milwaukee. The Head of School will oversee the academic programs of the school as well as provide leadership and vision to the fiscal, governance, and human capital functions of the school. The School is a birth through 8th grade school that provides cultural instruction and high quality academic programs to American Indian children. He or she must possess a master's degree, hold or have the ability to obtain a Wisconsin principal or superintendent license and have at least five years of administrative experience. The successful candidate will receive a competitive salary and benefits commensurate with the position and their experience and knowledge. Relocation is negotiable. The application deadline is April 10, 2017 with interviews occurring the week of April 24, 2017. A selection will be made by May 12, 2017 and the chosen candidate will assume responsibilities on July 1, 2017. Interested parties should send resume and cover letter to: Bonnie Thielecke, director of human Resources at Indian Community School 10405 West St. Martins Road Franklin, WI 53132 [thielecke\\_b@ics-milw.org](mailto:thielecke_b@ics-milw.org)

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH MANDOKA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 16-PC-0737 The estate of Keith Mandoka: The decedent, Keith Mandoka DOD 11-12-2016 Personal representative: Brad Mandoka 6042 E. Battle Rd. Clare, MI 48617. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KIKKI ALANIZ:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case no. 17-CI-0707 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) PO Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Defendant: Kikki Alaniz 10200 E. Pickard Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires April 27, 2017.**



## Wear Red Fit & Fashion Night hits the runway in elegance, grace and style

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and the REACH Journey to Wellness grant saw elegance, grace and style come down the runway as the department hosted its “Wear Red Fit & Fashion Night” on Feb. 28.

Brandon Schultz, health educator for Nimkee Public Health, served as emcee for the event held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

“The annual (event) provided an opportunity for the community to be together and be mindful of the number one cause of death in the U.S. – cardiovascular disease,” Schultz said. “The runway models honored many loved ones that have left us as a result of the disease or complications it imposes.”

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl shared a blessing before attendees enjoyed a rainbow of heart healthy buffet items prepared by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage Department.

Kevin Chamberlain of Sweetgrass Production provided sound and video support while the Information Technology



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Brandon Schultz, health educator for Nimkee Public Health, served as the Wear Red Fit & Fashion Night’s emcee.**

department assisted the event with a web cast.

Schultz praised the youth that participated.

“The young ones of families give us all a reason to pay attention to our choices. It was a wonderful evening filled with practical prevention strategies,” Schultz said. “We had an exercise provided by Nimkee Fitness with a medicine theme along with a reminder to choose foods according to the colors of the rainbow.”

The Heart Throbs dance team of Fitness Coordinators Jaden Harman, Jayme Green, Fitness Attendant Vanessa Sprague, Behavioral Health Clinical Therapist Dawn Hughes and Marcus Chamberlain got the crowd moving with a spirited routine.

The Heart Throbs shared a message where they posed the question: “What if there was one medicine so powerful in maintaining and improving health it could prevent or treat dozens of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and obesity? There is! Ask your healthcare provider how you can benefit from an exercise prescription.”

“We wanted to give everyone a reminder that your prescription for health is exercise because exercise is medicine,” Harman said of the Heart Throbs’ message. “We encourage everyone



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**Three generations: Shayliana, Cheyenne and Michelle Princing attended the Feb. 28 red event.**



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**The Syrette family (left to right); Maya, Heather, Selese and Joe smile for a photo in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.**

to take the medication of exercise at least once daily for the rest of your life and refill as often as necessary.”

Public Health Nurse Anna Hon was a hit with laugh yoga as people laughed away stress to end the night.

Kim Hinmon said her grandmother (Melinda Hinmon) passed away from congestive heart failure and their family came together for the special night of remembrance.

“Being able to walk and participate in her honor is something that our family always looks forward to,” Hinmon said. “The event was well planned and the food was fantastic. My three children and I all had a great time. We were joined by my sister Bethany and her boyfriend K. J. Kingbird and their twins.”



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**Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger (left) and Helen Williams, child nurse, shared heart trivia.**



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**Nurse Anna Hon (right), laugh yoga instructor, smiles with her husband, Richard.**

Schultz said “it was a wonderful evening filled with practical prevention strategies.”

“One attendee put into words the approach I take with

the REACH journey to wellness grant: ‘Make important things fun,’” Schultz said.



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**Youth Tribal Member Olivia Alonzo strikes a pose on the runway during the heart health event.**



Courtesy of Sharon Peters

**The Heart Throbs team – Jaden Harman, Marcus Chamberlain, Dawn Hughes, Jayme Green and Vanessa Sprague – performed a dance routine.**



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**Walt Kennedy (left), director of Nimkee Public Health, and nurse Susan Sowmick pose together in their red attire.**



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**Angelica ‘Jelly’ Hinmon-Sanchez was a runway model for the event, which occurred in an effort to raise awareness for cardiovascular disease.**



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**(Left to right) Deborah Porter, Daisy Kostus and Shirley Houle pose on the runway to show off their red outfits.**



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**The reigning Ms. Senior Michigan 2016, Sharon Peters, gives her pageant wave to the attendees.**



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**Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman (back, left) poses with his wife Jessica, son Jenson and daughter Jori.**



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**Health Educator Judy Davis (right) walks the stage with her family, Hailey and Jennifer Cummings.**



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**(Left to right) Epiranza Dominquez, Addison Pigeon and Tracy Pigeon were in attendance.**