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Strength, resilience, justice: Community unites for crime victims' rights event

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The local community joined for a celebration of strength, resilience and justice during the crime victims' rights event on Thursday, May 18.

On the lawn behind the Tribal Public Safety building, Tribal Council members, law enforcement officials, Families Against Narcotics members, Tribal Court staff and community members gathered after noon.

Emcee Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for the Healing to Wellness Program, greeted guests and introduced speakers.

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided the invocation to begin the event.

Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon said "the misuse of

opioids and prescription drugs is not only prevalent in the local community, but it is an epidemic throughout the nation."

Chief Frank Cloutier provided welcoming remarks.

Cloutier discussed the tree that was planted on that lawn in memory of victims of crime.

"The dedication of that tree is a representation of all of those who fall victim to one another's bad choices or habits," Cloutier said. "It is a distinct privilege and honor for me, as a leader in our community, to be a part of such a progressive outlet within our Tribal Court; to make sure (crimes) happening in our communities are diminished and that victims are given opportunity for treatment."

Cloutier said "protecting victims of crime is a community effort."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Crime victims' rights event attendees stand in a circle around the tree memorial, dedicated to victims, at the May 18 event.

Mandy Wigren, former victims of crime advocate for the Tribe, currently works in Bay City, Mich. but returned to the Reservation to attend.

"I want to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for always supporting victim services and our work, grants and for co-sponsoring this event today," Wigren said. "Victims' services

have always been a passion of mine and we are lucky enough to be in a place where we are always loved and represented."

Wigren then introduced keynote speaker Daniel Lemisch, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Lemisch traveled from Detroit.

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Tribe distributes nearly \$3 million during semi-annual 2 percent funding

ERIK RODRIGUEZ
Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe scheduled its semi-annual 2 percent distribution, funds derived from Class III gaming, at its properties Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

This year, the Tribe distributed \$2,163,665.14 in Isabella County - \$1,514,565.60 for government and \$649,099.54 for education.

Another \$764,366.05 was distributed to Arenac and Northern Bay counties - \$229,309.81 for education and \$535,056.24 for government.

As with previous years, the Tribal Council receives numerous submissions carefully reviewing each and every one.

This year there were a combined 406 individual requests. Local governments turned in 96 and 310 were handed in from local schools.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

City of Mount Pleasant Mayor Kathy Ling accepts the city's \$377,903.09 grant and thanks the Tribe.

"We are very appreciative in having the ability to donate close to \$3 million to our local schools and units of governments. We succeed when our communities succeed and 2 percent funding is instrumental when addressing many of our local needs," said Chief Frank Cloutier. "When granting requests for major projects, infrastructure and roads remain a top priority in maximizing resources. The effects are felt by many and dollars are stretched to have an impact throughout our communities."

The Isabella County distribution took place on Thursday, May 25 at 3 p.m. in the Senior's Room of Tribal Operations, located at 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

The Standish distribution took place at the Saganing Tribal Center, located at 5447 Sturman Rd., Standish, Michigan on Friday, May 26 at 2 p.m.

Spring 2017 2 Percent Distribution

<p>Saganing Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arenac County \$217,312.39 • City of Omer \$37,000 • City of Pinconning \$30,000 • City of Standish \$33,000 • Arenac Township \$5,900 • Au Gres Township \$2,575 • Deep River Township \$21,500 • Lincoln Township \$38,500 • Mason Township \$11,000 • Moffett Township \$14,925.48 • Pinconning Township \$60,999.35 • Sims Township \$1,000 • Standish Township \$1,300 • Turner Township \$32,759.02 • Whitney Township \$3,285 • Village of Twining \$24,000 <p>Total Government: \$535,056.24</p> <p>Saganing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Au Gres-Sims School District \$72,789 • Pinconning School District \$77,482.50 • Standish-Sterling School District \$79,038.31 <p>Total Schools: \$229,309.81</p> <p>Saganing Total: \$764,366.05</p>	<p>Isabella Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabella County \$453,417.12 • City of Mount Pleasant \$377,903.09 • Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed. \$14,344.66 • Chippewa Township \$18,489.73 • Coe Township \$129,817 • Coldwater Township \$20,000 • Deerfield Township \$13,000 • Denver Township \$119,548 • Gilmore Township \$64,258 • Isabella Township \$13,000 • Lincoln Township \$132,483 • Nottawa Township \$72,875 • Village of Shepherd \$69,880 • Wise Township \$15,550 <p>Total Government: \$1,514,565.60</p> <p>Isabella Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beal City Public Schools \$25,655 • Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$13,774.96 • Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$403,943.93 • Shepherd Public Schools \$115,823 • Morey Public Schools \$1,403 • Renaissance Public Schools \$38,499.65 • Gratiot/Isabella RESD Schools Districts \$50,000 <p>Total Schools: \$649,099.54</p> <p>Isabella Total: \$2,163,665.14</p>
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Weasel's Spirit

I (we) once had a brother by the name of Gary. His legs and chest weren't even hairy.

His nickname was Weasel because he was tough. He was caring and loving but looked pretty rough.

In life we had talks usually not agreeing with each other, it didn't matter if Weasel was my baby brother.

Gary Weasel Sprague was the sixth brother of eight, little did we know this is the year he would meet his fate.

Weasel was not alone the day he passed away, God was by his side and the sky was not gray.

He had faced many personal and physical battles in his life. The Lord saw his struggles, sorrow, and strife.

Perhaps the Lord held Weasel's hand as his life came to an end. His suffering ceased like the mist of all the land.

Weasel had a spirit of wisdom, understanding and might, and like you and I, he didn't always do what was right.

That day we faced grief cried tears of hurt and sorrow, not knowing if we could smile and face tomorrow.

Gary is no longer grasping for breath or in a financial bind, he is with the Lord and all those are left behind.

I write this poem for Gary Weasel Sprague our baby brother. His smile and laughter reminds us that there will never be another.

- Written by elder and his sister Barb



Tribal Member Input Needed

Tribal Council is requesting community input on the proposed Off-Road Vehicle Ordinance during the June 6 regular session held in the Seniors Room at Tribal Operations beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information or to review the draft ordinance, log on to the members only section at:
www.sagchip.org/start.aspx#.WP-00EUrJQI

Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occur 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

- June 6, 2017
- July 11, 2017
- Aug. 1, 2017
- Sept. 5, 2017

Thank You

I would like to take this time to thank Rev. Bo Pego for the kind words he spoke for and about our brother Gary "Weasel" Sprague. His children and young grandchildren say many "Miigwetch's" for your love and support.

The scripture readings and your personal memories of Gary put a smile on our faces. Also thanks so very much to the ladies in the kitchen and all those who brought food. Your thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed or appreciated.

- Barb Sprague

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Sign-up: June 1-21, 2017

For Tribal Members interested in serving in the Caucus Committee for 2017 Tribal Council elections, the sign up will begin June 1 until June 21 by 5 p.m.

The sign-up sheet will be posted in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room.

- You must be at least 18 years of age or older.
- You must be a registered voter.

For more information, please contact:
The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4050

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:

Mail to: Anishinabe Language Revitalization
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

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center

Monthly Forums are more of an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.

Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room

Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.

For more information, please contact:

- Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
- Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003



Check out the
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Memorial

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“Why are we celebrating crime victims? That’s something that could have a devastating, life changing impact,” Lemisch said. “I want to focus on the Crime Victims’ Rights Week aspect... that is something our country did not always do so well. Crime victims were often treated as bystanders in our system of criminal justice. Victims often didn’t know court dates, they weren’t told about resolutions and plea bargains that they were entered into between prosecutors, defensive attorneys and defendants. Sometimes (victims) had to call the court to find out what happened to their case. That all changed in the 1990s when almost every state in the union, and the federal government, passed victims’ crime right acts and enshrined rights of crime victims right into law.”

Today, crime victims have the right to be notified of every court date, have the right to present, have right to a plea bargain, Lemisch said.

Lemisch discussed the reason behind why he believes opioid addictions have become so prevalent in the U.S.

Lemisch said “addiction is devastating communities, beginning with marijuana addiction.”

“Cartels used to ship drugs from Mexico, South America to the U.S., primarily marijuana... the most profitable drug for the drug cartels... because it can be manufactured so cheaply and sold for such a great profit in our communities,” Lemisch said. “Because of well-leading legislatures throughout the country that have legalized marijuana, there is now recreational marijuana in 11 states. There is medical marijuana (available) in many other states, and what that has done is driven down the cost of high-quality, very potent marijuana to be purchased very cheaply in the U.S.”

The demand for drugs made in Mexico is no longer there, Lemisch said.

“Cartels are profit-driven business enterprises so they have come up with new business motto. That new motto, unfortunately, involves opioids,” Lemisch said. “(The opioids are) grown and processed in Mexico. (The opioids are) made so cheaply, they flood the U.S. market with cheap heroin.”

He said another reason opioid addictions are so common today is because “the medical profession has overprescribed opioids for the last 15 years.”

“(Medical professions) have prescribed (opioids) to treat long-term pain,” he said. “The last two to three years, the medical community has woken up and realized you can’t treat long-term pain with opioids. It causes addiction. Human beings become addicted if they take opioids for a long period of time.”

Lemisch said “when the prescriptions for the patients who became addicted ran out, their insurance stopped paying for the medication and it became too expensive, so many patients began purchasing cheap heroin.”

“We have taken honest, decent, hardworking people and, unfortunately, turned them into drug addicts,” he said.

Tribal Magistrate Carol Jackson discussed her personal story of losing her youngest daughter, Jennifer Kay House-Gardner, to a prescription medication addiction.

“I watched (my daughter) battle for her last two or three years, struggling to try to find treatments, begging medical pros or anyone who would listen,” Jackson said. “I (often) sat there crying with her... watching her struggle... ultimately, (addiction) got her. As much as she tried, it got her.”

Jackson said her oldest daughter also struggled with prescription pills.

“My only two children were struggling,” Jackson said. “My youngest baby didn’t make it but my oldest one did... She’s a survivor. (The) tree (in the Tribal Court back lawn) represents all survivors, and victims of this deadly epidemic in honor of my daughter and all other victims and families, called the tree of life.”

It’s been an emotional time for all of us within the Tribal Court and Healing to Wellness Program, watching our clients face addiction, Jackson said.

“I’ve learned so much... I’m so thankful for our Healing to Wellness Program,” Jackson said. “I’m so thankful for all the support we are having here today, and in the future... We can beat this... People who are addicted to opioids are not criminals; they are people. They are our family and loved ones. Thank you for listening to my story.”

Jackson introduced special speaker Tribal Council member Candace Benzinger.

Benzinger shared her words on losing her son Taylor “Kook” Vasquez to addiction.

Kook’s journey ended Aug. 6, 2016.

“When he was growing up, I had him involved in many sports: Baseball, hockey, and motocross...,” Benzinger said. “I tried to save him, but it wasn’t enough. Just know that addiction does not discriminate; no family is immune.”

On the weekend of Mother’s Day, Benzinger said unfortunately, her gift was a beautiful stone for her son’s gravesite.

“While serving on Healing to Wellness, Drug Court and FAN team, it has given me strength... with hopes I can make a difference and save a few lives along the way as I tell his story,” Benzinger said.

Wabanaisee (Snowbird Singers) performed a healing and honor song as attendees stood in a circle around the memorial tree.

The event co-sponsors included: Tribal Court and Victims of Crime Program, the SCIT/Isabella County Families Against Narcotics chapter, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Eastern District of Michigan.



Karen Bond ~ June 1st
*Wishing you a day as sunny as your smile,
 as warm as your heart ~ and a birthday as
 wonderful as you are.*
Happy 60th Birthday Mom!
 Love, Al, Philana & Tom



Happy Father’s Day!
We love you!
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 “2017 Maple Syrup Miss Congeniality”
*We are so proud of all your accomplishments
 and the amazing young lady you are!*
 Love, Mom & Dad

Environmental T-shirt Design Contest Winner



On May 5, Tribal Member Lucas Sprague was declared the winner for his drawing for the Environmental team’s T-shirt design contest. The text translates to “water helps.” The contest rules included the design must promote environmental consciousness and incorporate the Anishinabemowin language.



We are so proud!
 Maple Syrup Princess
Kearnin Alexander!
 Papa D is smiling the biggest smile from Heaven!
 Many blessings are waiting for you!
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 Love, Nana & Papa D Carpenter



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Community involvement needed in Lake Huron Lakewide Action Management Planning

TAYLOR HOLLIS

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) of 1987 is a bi-national agreement between the United States and Canada on how to manage the health and sustainability of the Great Lakes while working with many different jurisdictions.

Although Lakewide Action and Management Plans (LAMPs) have been in existence since the original Agreement, the update/renewal of the Agreement in 2012 revised, updated and enhanced the concept.

Under this new approach, the LAMPs direct the lake partners to analyze the current health of the lake, environmental issues/threats, future science and monitoring needs, and actions that are planned to address high priority needs and concerns.

Lake Superior was the first to create a LAMP that was released in October 2016. These documents will be produced on a five-year rotational basis; each Great Lake will release a new version every five years.

Lake Huron's LAMP is nearing completion of the final draft, in preparation for public comment and is expected to be released this summer.

The Agreement identifies nine general objectives, or agreed-upon services that the Great Lakes should provide. Examples of the objectives include (1) be a source of safe, high-quality drinking water, (2) allow for unrestricted swimming and other recreational use, and (3) allow for unrestricted human consumption of the fish and wildlife, to name a few.

The Agreement also identifies 10 annexes to address environmental issues related to the general objectives, including (1) climate change, (2) chemicals of mutual concern, and (3) nutrients, among others.

The Great Lakes provide a wealth of resources that support human and ecological health, culture, and spirit. They are home to tribal people, histories, and knowledge. They produce natural resources that support the economies such as tourism, industry, commercial and recreational fishing, shipping, mining, forestry, and agriculture.

Tourism and recreation are extremely important to Michigan's economy as well as to many other local economies.

The first three chapters of the LAMP introduce the history, people, value, use, and physical characteristics of Lake Huron and define the approach/focus.

The LAMP addresses water quality issues in Lake Huron through an integrated approach.

One of the critical components to a healthy lake is a healthy watershed – an area of land that drains water to a common location.

The Saginaw Chippewa Reservation is on the edge of the Lake Huron watershed. By fixing issues within the watershed, pollution into the lake will be reduced.



Courtesy of Wikipedia.com

The above map depicts the Great Lakes watersheds. The Isabella Indian Reservation, is in the Lake Huron watershed (green).

Chapter Four continues to give an update on the current state of the lake. This section is organized by the general objectives.

A status and trend is determined for each based on indications developed by extensive scientific research and reports from government agencies, universities, and other organizations.

The information on each general objective is analyzed and receives a score of "good," "fair," or "poor" and a trend of "improving," "unchanging," or "undetermined." This score takes into account Lake Huron as a whole; some areas may experience different statuses and trends.

The section also identifies current threats that could impede the achievement of the general objectives.

In Chapter Five, the LAMP transitions into lakewide actions. This section is organized by annex and identifies opportunities for actions to improve low-performing areas and protect high quality areas as, described in the state of the lake section.

At the end of each section, the LAMP includes "Activities that Everyone Can Take" which outlines actions you can take as an individual citizen who wants to protect water and ecosystem quality, human health, and the economy.

Chapters Six and Seven summarizes priority science and monitoring needs and outreach and engagement, respectively.

The Draft Lake Huron LAMP is scheduled to be released for public comment this summer.

Individuals can sign up for alerts and newsletters from the International Joint Commission at <http://www.ijc.org/en/> to be notified when the draft becomes available, or for more information about policies, news, and events occurring in the Great Lakes.

For questions or additional information, please contact Taylor Hollis at 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.



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New Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort food outlet SLICE! offers pizza variety

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The desires of pizza-loving Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort patrons have been met.

On May 5, the Casino's Food & Beverage Department opened the new dining venture, SLICE!, which offers whole specialty pizzas, and by the slice.

Just beyond the Aurora Buffett and across from Bar One on the gaming floor, SLICE! is making New York style street pizza available at its stand, and on a pizza cart near the finance cage on the gaming floor.

Slices (which are reportedly the size of one quarter of a pizza) are sold for \$5.25.

Whole pizzas are also available: Cheese is \$11.75 and Pepperoni for \$12.75.

Supreme, BLT, Hawaiian, All Meat, and Philly Cheesesteak pizzas are \$13.75.

Customers may also create their own pizza for 11.75, with additional toppings \$1 each.

SLICE! also sells chips, candy bars, chips and cheese, pretzel and cheese and ice cream.



Courtesy of Christopher Nadobny

The SLICE! team members Tony Muzzin (left), sous chef; and Tina Gates (right), department manager for the Food & Beverage Operations, led the grand opening on May 5.

Beverages for sale include: Diet Pepsi, Lifewater, Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Sierra Mist, 1893 Cola and 1893 Ginger Cola.

Alcoholic beverages available: Bud Light, Budweiser, Busch Light and Miller Light.

Christopher Nadobny, executive chef, said Tony Muzzin, sous chef; and Tina Gates, department manager for the Food & Beverage Operations are the opening team and main organizers.

"We are envisioning adding to our menu as we get more comfortable and more equipped to handle what we sell now," Gates said.

There are plans to eventually sell garlic bread, wings and salads, Muzzin said.

Gates said it had been in the works to build a pizza location for a couple years.

"We previously sold pizza in the Native Grind," Gates said. "We had coffee and doughnuts in the morning and pizza in the afternoon. We decided to focus solely on pizza."

SLICE!'s location was remodeled and expanded. Signs and wrappings were added, turning into what the Food & Beverage Department had envisioned, Muzzin said.

Muzzin said before the opening, the pizza was altered and perfected for weeks.

"We changed the pizza a lot. There was input from almost

everyone on our team, and we've got people in our team that used to work in the pizza industry," Muzzin said. "The process took a lot of time and trials... it was every day testing until (we were satisfied) with our final product."

Muzzin said the process required a lot of taste testing.

"We changed everything; top to bottom," Muzzin said. "Everyone (on the team) got to taste the trials. Yes, it was a lot of time being in the kitchen and making pizzas, but it was a great experience and everyone learned from it."

Muzzin said his favorite "SLICE!" is the Philly Cheesesteak.

"The sauce on the Philly Cheesesteak is made in-house at Isabella's (Italian Restaurant)," Muzzin said. "They make the Alfredo sauce for us, which is just phenomenal."

That specialty contains sliced prime rib, green peppers, onions, and the homemade sauce.

The Philly Cheesesteak has been surprisingly popular, Muzzin said.

The Casino's Siniikaung Steak and Chop House also provides ingredients to SLICE!

"The Steakhouse currently makes our clarified butter that we use to butter the pans," Muzzin said. "A lot of Casino departments have contributed to this project."

Gates said the Casino Marketing department assisted with the design and layout.

The Maintenance department also provided a lot of labor, and the team worked until 9:30 a.m. the day it opened, Muzzin said.

"I'm very proud of the hard work and effort that the quick service team put into getting this new outlet in place," Nadobny said. "I believe SLICE! will fill one of the few Food & Beverage niches that we do not have covered in the Casino, and with, what is in my opinion, the best pizza in town."

Hours of Operation are Sunday through Thursday – 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Friday and Saturday (and concert nights) – 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.

To place orders in advance, please call **989-775-0008**.

Environmental Team partakes in streambank restoration projects

TAYLOR HOLLIS

Watershed Outreach Coordinator

Through the Environmental Team's water quality monitoring efforts, several areas on local rivers and streams have been identified as a priority for restoration projects. These streambank restoration projects stabilize streambanks, increase habitat, reduce storm water runoff, and improve water quality.

The north branch of the Chippewa River is highly impacted by pollution and erosion. The Salt River and its tributaries have experienced devastating impacts in the floodplain from emerald ash borer, an invasive species that kills ash trees.

The lack of native species in both watersheds has led to eroding streambanks along the rivers, exaggerated by drainage outlets and inefficient soil drainage. These qualities can have drastic impacts to water quality and aquatic and terrestrial habitat.

One streambank restoration project will be implemented this summer on the north branch of the Chippewa River in Deerfield Township. The contractor has surveyed this property, determined the best method of stabilization for the particular site, created the design, and is now working to implement the plan.

The focus will be to stabilize the streambanks where drainage outlets have caused extreme erosion.

A second restoration project will be implemented on the Davis Property in Denver Township. This project will restore the streambanks through the planting of native trees and shrubs, stabilizing drainage outlets and

streambanks, and engineering soil characteristics to allow for better infiltration in the wetlands.

Construction for the Deerfield and Denver Township streambank projects are both scheduled for July. These

projects are funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For questions or additional information, please contact Taylor Hollis at **THollis@sagchip.org** or **989-775-4162**.

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Tribal drug drop off collects more than 100 pounds of unused or expired substances

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Tribal and local community got a head start on spring cleaning by disposing unused/expired prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications during the fourth annual drug drop off.

The Wednesday, May 10 event, in the Farmers Market Pavilion, brought in a recorded 157 guests who registered at the event for various giveaways and \$10 premium play for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“I know there were a handful of people that either didn’t want to register or just dropped off the medication and left,” said Gina Borushko, marketing analyst for the Migizi Economic Development Company, who worked at the registration table. “If we counted every person that stopped by, we easily topped the 200 mark of individuals who attended.”

In collaboration with Behavioral Health Programs, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal drug drop-off personnel pose at the end of the May 10 event in the Native Farmers Market Pavilion where more than 100 pounds of unused or expired drugs were collected.

Police and Mt. Pleasant Police Department representatives collected the drugs to be properly disposed of.

Liquid medications, such as cough syrup, along with sharps, such as diabetic needles, were also collected.

The overall weight of drugs dropped off nearly doubled from last year’s May 12, 2016 event.

This year, more than 100 pounds of medication was collected.

The weight consisted of 20 pounds of liquid medications, 60 pounds of pills, 7 pounds of medicine patches and 14 full sharps containers.

“That is more than 100 pounds of substances that cannot be abused in this community – that is prevention,” said Jennifer Crawford, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health. “Most often you cannot ‘see’ prevention, but events such as this allow us to have a true visual experience of our prevention efforts.”

The collection weight continues to increase each year.

Last year, 62 pounds of expired or unused drugs (pills and liquid form combined) were collected.

Two years ago on April 24, 2015, 40 pounds were collected; and at the very first Tribal drug drop off in

November 2014, about 26 pounds were collected.

“I think this year’s Tribal drug drop off was a big success. It takes time to build any event or program, and over the course of the past four years, we have grown the program into the most successful one-day drop program I’ve ever been associated with,” said Jeff Browne, public information officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department. “It is apparent to me that there is a need in our community for such a program and we will continue the program until it’s no longer needed.”

Kevin Ricketts, prevention specialist, and Behavioral Health staff said there are hopes for another drug drop event, possibly in the fall.

“We will most definitely continue to hold our drug drop off on an annual basis,” Crawford said. “We are working with Saginaw to begin holding a drug drop off there in the near future.”



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Tina Sawyer (left) of My 104.3 radio station interviews Tribal Chief of Police Donielle Bannon (right) about why it’s important to properly dispose of unused or expired medications.



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Tribal Police Officer Killian Frisch (left) and Jeff Browne (right), public information officer for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, prepare to properly dispose of the substances.

In addition to \$10 in premium play, raffle prizes included a patio set, grill, Soaring Eagle concert tickets, an overnight Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel stay with waterpark passes, gas cards, and more.

Sharon Peters, administrative assistant for the Nimkee Fitness Center, won the patio set. Andrew Wagner won the grill.

“Kevin Ricketts, once again, did an amazing job coordinating this annual event,” Crawford said. “We would like to thank the following agencies for making our event such a huge success: Behavioral Health, Tribal Police, Mt. Pleasant Police, Migizi EDC., Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing, Public Relations, Cardinal Pharmacy, Sagamok Express, Ten16, and My 104.3.”



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In addition to the \$10 Soaring Eagle premium play given away to those who participated in the drug drop off, a grill and patio set were also given away in a raffle.



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What does it take to become a wild land firefighter?

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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:

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- 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
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SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and annual Drinking Water Report

(Editor's Note: The following report was submitted by Water Operator Supervisor Joe Johnson.)

Is My Water Safe? During 2016, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from? Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well # 4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content and you water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residues. The water plant does add fluoride to the water. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects on your fish.

Source water assessment and its availability: The tribe has worked with the

U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around the well(s), which need to be protected from contaminations, identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review to anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

Vulnerability Study and Emergency Response Plan: We are required to do a vulnerability study and file it with the EPA. This has been completed as well as the Emergency Response Plan. These are available for review at the water plant.

Why are contaminants in drinking water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds,

reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to insure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water that is provided by a public water system.

How to identify Utility staff employees: All Employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian

Tribe wear shirts that have the tribal logo on them, have a tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please

call us at **989-775-5141** to verify that they are who they claim to be.

How can I become involved in the safety of my drinking water? If you would like to become involved with your water safety, please call us at **989-775-5141**.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Drinking Water Laboratory Official Laboratory Report

Sample Number: LG64500			Sample Point: 7377 E. Tomah Rd.			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Chloride	35	8/05/16	4		SM 4500-Cl-E	7647-14-5
<i>*Chloride quality control results were outside allowed limits due to matrix interferences.</i>						
Fluoride	0.68	8/05/16	0.01	4	SM 4500 FC	16984-48-8
Hardness as CaCO ₃	128	8/05/16	20		SM 2340 C	HARD-00-C
Iron (automated)	Not detected	8/05/16	0.1		SM 3500 FeB	7439-89-6
Nitrate as N	Not detected	8/05/16	0.4	10	10-107-04-2-B	14797-55-8
Nitrite as N	Not detected	8/05/16	0.05	1	10-107-04-2-B	14797-65-0
<i>*Matrix spike recovery was below the acceptance criteria due to the presence of residual chlorine in the sample. This does not affect the validity of the sample result.</i>						
Sodium (automated)	104	8/05/16	5		SM 3500 NaB	7440-23-5
Sulfate	177	8/05/16	10		SM 4500 SO ₄ E	14808-79-8

Sample Number: LG64502			Sample Point: 2710 Makawa Rd.			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Dalapon and Haloacetic						
Bromoacetic acid	Not detected	8/9/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-08-3
Bromochloroacetic acid	0.001	8/9/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	5589-96-3
Chloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/9/16	0.002		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-11-8
Dalapon	Not detected	8/9/16	0.001	0.2	EPA 552.1/552.2	75-99-0
Dibromoacetic acid	0.003	8/9/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	631-64-1
Dichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/9/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-43-6
Total Haloacetic Acids (five)	0.003	8/9/16	NA	0.06	EPA 552.1/552.2	THA-00-C
Trichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/9/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	76-03-9
Total Trihalomethanes						
Bromodichloromethane	0.0082	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-27-4
Bromoform	0.012	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-25-2
Chlorodibromomethane	0.015	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	124-48-1
Chloroform	0.0028	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	67-66-3
Total Trihalomethanes	0.0380	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	TTHM-00-C

Sample Number: LG64501			Sample Point: 310 Leaton Rd.			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Total Trihalomethanes						
Bromodichloromethane	0.0036	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-27-4
Bromoform	0.0047	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-25-2
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0066	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	124-48-1
Chloroform	0.0015	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	67-66-3
Total Trihalomethanes	0.0164	8/9/16	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	TTHM-00-C

Sample Number: LG64775			Sample Point: 7377 E. Tomah Rd.			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Dalapon and Haloacetic						
Bromoacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-08-3
Bromochloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	5589-96-3
Chloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/16	0.002		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-11-8
Dalapon	Not detected	8/12/16	0.001	0.2	EPA 552.1/552.2	75-99-0
Dibromoacetic acid	0.001	8/12/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	631-64-1
Dichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-43-6
Total Haloacetic Acids (five)	0.001	8/12/16	NA	0.06	EPA 552.1/552.2	THA-00-C
Trichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/16	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	76-03-9

This analysis performed by the MDEQ Water Laboratory were conducted using methods approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 40 CFR parts 141-143, and other regulatory agencies as appropriate. Your local health department has detailed information about the quality of drinking water in your area. If you have concerns about the health risks related to the test results of your sample, please contact the Environmental Health Section through the address and telephone number listed below:

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Testing Parameter	Reporting Limit	Result	FDA SOQ	Units	P/F
Radiologicals					
Radium-226	1	ND		pCi/L	
Radium-226, Radium-228 Combined	1	ND	5	pCi/L	Pass
Radium-228	1	ND		pCi/L	
Uranium	0.001	ND	0.03	mg/L	Pass
P1 Gross Alpha	3	ND	15	pCi/L	Pass
P1 Gross Beta	4	ND	50	pCi/L	Pass
Organic Chemicals Semivolatile Organic Compounds (Ref: EPA 252.2)					
2,4 Dinitrofluorene	0.5	ND		ug/L	
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bis(2-Ethylhexyl)adipate	2	ND	400	ug/L	Pass
bis(2-Ethylhexyl)phthalate (DEHP)	2	ND	6	ug/L	Pass
Butachlor	0.2	ND		ug/L	
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Dieldrin	0.5	ND		ug/L	
Diethylphthalate	2	ND		ug/L	
Dimethylphthalate	2	ND		ug/L	
Endrin	0.1	ND	2	ug/L	Pass
EPTC	0.5	ND		ug/L	
Heptachlor	0.1	ND	0.4	ug/L	Pass
Heptachlor Epoxide	0.1	ND	0.2	ug/L	Pass
Hexachlorobenzene	0.1	ND	1	ug/L	Pass
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	0.1	ND	50	ug/L	Pass
Lindane	0.1	ND	0.2	ug/L	Pass
Methoxychlor	0.1	ND	40	ug/L	Pass
Metolachlor	0.1	ND		ug/L	
Metribuzin	0.1	ND		ug/L	
Molinate	0.1	ND		ug/L	
p,p'-DDE (4,4'-DDE)	0.5	ND		ug/L	
Propachlor	0.1	ND		ug/L	
Simazine	0.2	ND	4	ug/L	Pass
Terbacil	0.5	ND		ug/L	

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Flat Fee (Per Quarter):

5/8" Meter: \$15 1" Meter: \$38.85 2" Meter: \$124.20

Over 2" Meter and up to 4" Meter: \$400

Over 4" Meter: As determined on an individual basis by the Authority

Monthly Variable

Rate: \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons

Sewer Rate: \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons

(gallons charged are based on 80 percent of water usage)

Miscellaneous Fees

- \$15 to tag for a shutoff
- \$15 for non-emergency shutoff
- \$30 for non-payment shutoff
- \$25 for meter removal (snowbird)
- \$25 to reinstall meter (snowbird)
- \$50 for reconnection after shutoff

Water Quality Data Table

The table to the right lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report.

Terms and Abbreviations Used to the Right:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

(See table to the right for values.)

All water samples tested for bacteria content were negative for the test results. Due to excellent results on previous testing the following was requested: A Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC) waiver was requested in 2009. A Dioxin waiver was requested in 2009. Lead and Copper testing is required every three years. The test results were given to the individual homeowners. The results listed are the 90th percentile results. The required VOC testing was done in October of 2011 and except for the Total Trihalomethanes



Tribal descendent serving on Isabella County Youth Advisory Committee

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee recently welcomed 11 new youth members. One member is Tribal direct descendent Kayden Weekley, sixth grader in Mount Pleasant Public Schools at Mary McGuire Elementary.

Since 1991, the Youth Advisory Committee includes students in seventh to 12th grade from schools throughout the county, and serves as an agent in youth empowerment and in the development of young leaders.

Members learn about philanthropy, volunteerism, and community leadership.

Weekley said he is honored to be chosen and "really enjoys volunteering with his church, so



Courtesy of Betsy Weekley

Tribal direct descendent Kayden Weekley was selected to serve on the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee.

it is another way for him to support his community."

"I think it is really cool that the committee is run by all kids and

they are the ones that get to make the decisions," Weekley said.

The committee also advises the Foundation's Board of Trustees on awarding of grants from the Kellogg Youth Fund, an endowment fund which supports charitable projects that benefit Isabella County youth.

Since 1992, the Foundation has offered youth focused mini-grants up to \$300, as well as larger grants. In total, 391 grants have been awarded to date from the Kellogg Youth Fund, totaling \$546,763.38, according to the Foundation's May 11 press release.

The 2017-2018 Youth Advisory Committee members include:

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools: Kayden Weekley (6), Alex DeMattei (8), Maggie Brockman (9), Kaitlin Otteman

(9), Salma Abdelgawad (10), Wyatt Cook (12).

Beal City Public Schools: Aidan Mindel (9), Jack Schafer (10), Seth Schafer (10), Ty Schafer (10).

Renaissance PSA: Elizebeth Tarrant (8).

Sacred Heart Academy: Autumn Malinowski (8), Emma Yonker (8), Matthew Kinney (9), Sammy McDonald (10).

Shepherd Public Schools: Connor Bendele (8), Grace Wolf (8), Andersen Griffin-Strand (9), Maggie Bryant (11)

Adult Members: Bill Chilman, Erica Davis, Sarah Fiorillo, Erin Smith-Gaken (advisor), Nancy Wheeler (staff).

"Our goals for the YAC are twofold: To help the Foundation address the needs of youth through grants to local programs and projects,

and to support youth as leaders in our region," said Smith-Gaken, according to the press release. "Committee members learn a great deal about the needs in our community and have the opportunity to make a positive impact on Isabella County."

Tribal Member Lindy Sowmick also previously served on the committee during some of her time in Mount Pleasant Public Schools.

In addition to welcoming new members, six graduating seniors were honored during the committee's annual meeting: Nate Horsley (Beal City), Haley McMullen (Beal City), Grace Rau (Beal City), Erica Davis (Mt. Pleasant), Gabby Driessnack (Mt. Pleasant) and Cristina Guytingco (Sacred Heart).

Ziibiwing Center opens "Standing Rock Solid" exhibition

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways' new exhibition explores current environmental realities and threats to land.

The "Standing Rock Solid: An Artistic Response to

Threats to our Land & Life" exhibit is a mixed-media exhibition of contemporary North American Indian artists illuminated the destruction and desecration of Mother Earth.

The exhibit features the many crises that people from all walks of life are currently advocating and mobilizing for, including the mountain

of Mauna Kea in Hawaii, Standing Rock, Michigan's Kalamazoo River, Line 5, Nestle water piracy, and the Detroit and Flint water crises.

The exhibit launched on Saturday, April 22 and will be open until Sept. 30, 2017.

Artists from Arizona to Ontario, Canada have contributed artworks that include:

Drawings, film, paintings, poetry and textiles.

The art addresses the pipelines, open-pit mining, and water piracy for commodification; however, some of the artwork honors the Earth and all of creation.

This contemporary artwork spans many ages, genres, mediums, and tribes is the

first of its kind in Michigan that focuses on the significant environmental issues.

The exhibition is complimentary with the purchase of an admission to the "Diba Jimooyung: Telling Our Story" permanent exhibition.

The Ziibiwing Center can be reached directly by calling 989-775-4750.

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July Events:

- **American Indian Dance**
July 1, 8, 15, 22
- **NativeFest**
Collection Showing
July 24 - 29
- **Car Bingo**
July 25
- **Music & Comedy Night**
July 26
- **Cradleboard Workshop**
Jul 31 - Aug 4

Community Cultural Teaching & Feast
at *Ezhibiigaadek Asin*
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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: Every year my husband and I buy each other gifts for different holidays throughout the year. I was confused when on Mother's Day he didn't buy me a gift as he does every year. I went about my day and didn't think anything of it until the next day. I asked him if we were going to stop exchanging gifts on Mother's and Father's Day? I know we are extremely hard to buy for and it wouldn't hurt my feelings any. He never gave me an answer and I am completely confused by this. Is this the beginning of the end or should I just let it go and not buy him a gift for Father's Day? **Gift Givers**

Dear Givers: Could it be possible that he just simply forgot? There are lots of other ways you can show your love and appreciation for someone without purchasing gifts. A shoulder rub, a homemade card or a nice meal can all be substituted. As people get older, materialist things have less meaning and something as simple as a good conversation can be more significant. If you are extremely hard to buy for, I would not make a big deal out of it. Find pleasure in the simple things in life and leave materialist things for those that need to fill voids in their lives.

Dear WW: I think I opened a can of worms with my step-children. I was married to their father for most of their lives while they were growing up. Since our divorce, the only time I see them is when they need something. I am not hurting for money and find that by loaning them money, I actually get them to come and visit me once in a while. I recently found out that my ex has threatened to cut them out of his will if they maintain any ties with me. Why would he do such a cruel thing? What hurts the most is that they have stopped all contact with me. I would like to confront him but feel he may be mentally unstable. What should I do? **Loaner**

Dear Loaner: If the only way you can get someone to visit you is by loaning them money, then I would forget them all together and close the book on that chapter. You deserve to have people visit you because they enjoy your company and not because they need money. Equally cruel is that you apparently mean so very little to them that they would let someone manipulate them out of your life. I feel sad that your step-children don't know the meaning of a real relationship without the interference of money. Please don't ever settle for less than what you deserve.

Dear WW: My cat has recently started to soil the carpet in our basement. The smell was so bad that we had to get the carpet replaced. This was not cheap and now my wife wants to have her put down because of it. Our cat has been part of our family for over 10 years now. I feel that her solution is insensitive to say the least and can't believe that she is serious about it. How do I make her see that it's more than just a soiled carpet? **Cat Concerns**

Dear Cat: To put a cat down after 10 years for soiling a carpet is not the answer. That means that the carpet is more important than a pet who has been part of your family for over 10 years. I could recommend a visit to the veterinarian to see if there is a urinary tract infection or some type of bladder problem. The litter box has to be kept clean at all times as that can also be a reason for going outside the litter box. You can be surprised at big results by a couple of minor changes. Your vet may have other suggestions for you too.

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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.

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.

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.)

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.)

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 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.

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



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrates 36th gaming anniversary

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Friday, April 28, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort personnel celebrated the 36th gaming anniversary.

“Since first opening, gaming has changed tremendously,” said Tribal Council member Amanda Oldman. “From car bingo and the old card room, our resort and casino now offers various gaming options to our patrons.”

Tim McCullough, guest service performance development specialist for the Casino, welcomed guests and introduced Tribal Council.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A casino and a restaurant-themed anniversary cake was created by the Food & Beverage Department.

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided an invocation.

Chief Frank Cloutier offered opening remarks and said chi-miigwetch to patrons.

“For so many years, we have been identified as a gaming

property. We have been in the business of customer service and service-related businesses all these years,” Cloutier said. “Our gaming success has given us the ability to grow our community and our services to our Membership. I would like to take the time to express our appreciation for patronage, partnership and collaboration.”

The Food & Beverage Department created and decorated an embellished cake that featured graphics representing the Casino’s food departments.

“It is quite a milestone that past SCIT leaders had a vision of self-sufficiency, and SCIT has since become a leader in Indian gaming,” Oldman said. “Thirty-six



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

With Tribal Council members, Chief Frank Cloutier (center) provides opening remarks during the 36th gaming anniversary on April 28.

years ago, the community didn’t have much and has become an economic model to other Tribal nations. I am grateful for our past leaders who invested their time and commitment to what we

all, as members and community members, enjoy today.”

Hundreds of cupcakes, provided by the Food and Beverage Department, were handed out to guests throughout the day.

“Hidden Talent” show takes center stage and delights audience at Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

There was a whole lot of “Hidden Talent” shared with the Tribal community as Gamba and Wells Enterprises held a local music and dance competition.

The Saturday, May 20 event featured four acts – Maggie Jackson, Taylor Burton, Lunchbox and Abstract Generation – who were vying for a coveted \$125 first place prize.

The contest was made possible through the collaborative effort of entrepreneurs Chayton Gamba and Bobby Wells who sold about 50 tickets at \$12 for people to enjoy the entertainment.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Tribal student Taylor Burton performs during the May 20 “Hidden Talent” show.

Traditional Native hand drummer Daniel Jackson kicked off the event with an eagle hand drum song followed by the first performer of the evening.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College student Maggie Jackson kicked off the show with a rendition of Kelly Clarkson’s “Heartbeat Song.”

Jackson gave her parents a special thank you and said they encouraged her as she began her career in her high school choir and now performs in church.

Tribal student Taylor Burton has performed on stage before as a member of the Shepherd High School concert choir and sang the Sam Smith pop hit “Stay with Me.”

“I thought the ‘Hidden Talent’ show was cool because it was different and we don’t normally get a chance to do this sort of thing, and I would look forward to competing in the future,” Burton said. “If you really want to make yourself known and plan on doing something in the future, whether that’s singing, dancing or rapping, contests like this allow people to just go for it and try it.”

Mount Pleasant rapper Lunchbox blew the crowd away with his rhymes and took top honors and the cash.

“Bobby Wells got me motivated to do the show and... approached me if I would like to show my talent and I said, ‘absolutely’ and here we are,” Lunchbox said. “In my opinion, this new generation of music is a little watered down when it comes to the message. So, what I try to do is to stick directly with the message and make sure you get something when you listen to my music.”

Lunchbox laid down some tracks where he hopes people got a chance to hear what he believes in and hopes it leaves an imprint.

“People just need to be themselves... I’m saying be free, be

real and be everything you know you can be.”

The last act of the evening (Lil Ill Gill, Touchdown and Koolhand Luke of Abstract Generation) brought a mix of B-box (vocal percussion), dance, rap and singing to the stage and got the cell phones out and the crowd to their feet.

“Abstract Generation is something we came up with a long time ago. We grew up with each other and have been doing this since we were kids. We decided we love music and dance in all its art forms and we got it together to attack it from all angles instead of going it alone,” Touchdown said. “The people that didn’t come here missed out on a great time and they don’t want to miss the next... competition. To check us out, search ‘Abstract Generation’ or YouTube/abgent.com.”

Wells wished to thank everyone who attended.

“We’re just trying to bring some entertainment into this close-knit community that we love to be a part of,” Wells said. “Granted, it may not as been as popular or drew the



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The members of Abstract Generation pump up the audience.

numbers we wanted it to, but we hope everyone enjoyed themselves and we’re already working on the next one.”

Gamba thanked the Youth Council (Tonya, Nodin, Jasmyne and Quincey Jackson along with Maya Madrigal and Breanna MacLaren) who ran concessions which included fry bread, blanket dogs and chili.

“We really appreciated every one coming out this evening and we realize you could have spent your money with someone else and you chose to be with us and we’re thankful for you and all our performers,” Gamba said. “It’s may be the first but it’s certainly not the last. We also want to give a shoutout for our emcee Bruce Leeroy, the Shogun of Harlem, who kept the action moving.”



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SCTC student Maggie Jackson performed Kelly Clarkson’s “Heartbeat Song.”

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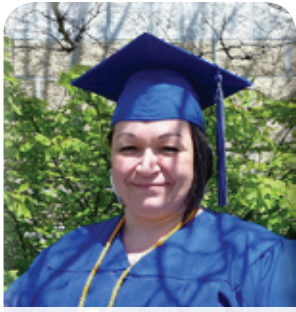




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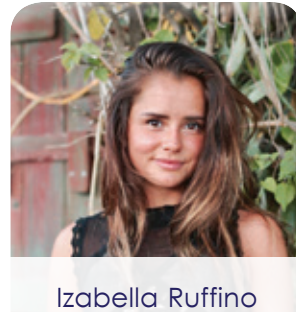
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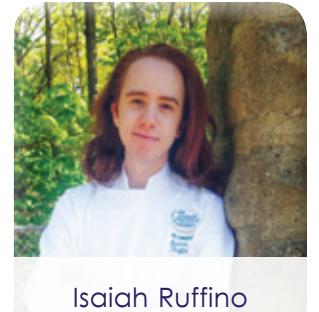
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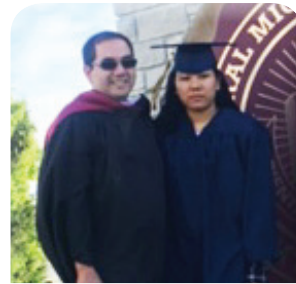
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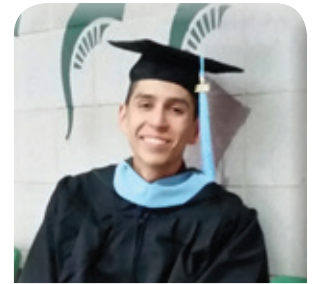
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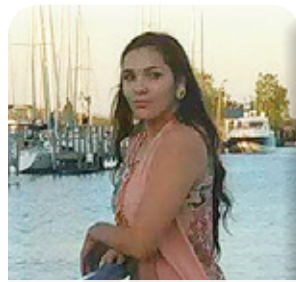
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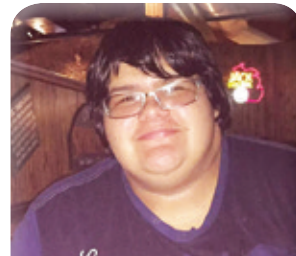
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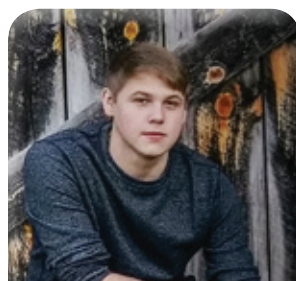
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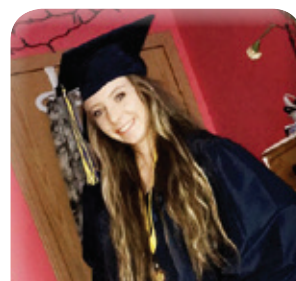
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SCA pre-K teacher Christyna Barton selected as Educator of the Month

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department!

Christyna Barton, pre-K teacher for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, has been selected as the Educator of the Month!

The following is a questionnaire completed by Barton:

How long have you worked for the Education Department? Since September 2016.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? I appreciate the teamwork that I see when it involves helping our kids.

What is the one thing that you love doing? Why? Go to the gym. It helps me relax.

Do you have any pets? No.

What is your favorite vacation spot and why? Ludington area because my children and I lived near there for a while.

What is your favorite Disney movie? "Brave."

What is one of your favorite quotes? "Happiness is in the journey, not the destination."

What is your favorite snack? I do not really have a favorite candy, although I do enjoy Diet Mountain Dew.

Thank you so much for being such an integral part of our education team. We appreciate you!



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Christyna Barton (center), teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, receives the Educator of the Month. (Left to right: John Shelton, curriculum instructional coordinator; Barton; and Christina Sharp, assistant tribal education director.)

Tribal Library hosts Money Smart Week April 24-28

TRIBAL LIBRARY STAFF

This year's Money Smart Week was held April 24 - 28. During the week, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries encouraged adults and children to learn basic concepts of money (zhoonya).

Isabelle Osawamick and Margaret Flamand of the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department joined the Tribal Library for story time on April 27. They taught the children how to

speaking the different money denominations in Anishinaabemowin.

The children learned by repeating the words as Flamand passed around play money for them to see.

"Financial literacy is important for everyone and good financial habits start sooner than we'd think," said Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann. "So, a story time is an ideal program for this topic."

Melissa Voss from the Isabella Community Credit Union joined to read the book called "A Dollar for Penny."



Courtesy of Tribal Library

Melissa Voss of ICCU reads the book "A Dollar for Penny" to a group of attentive children during the Tribal Library's Money Smart Week.

"The children were then asked several questions about the story to help them retain the lesson from the story," said Kimberly Condon, library assistant. "Each child was given a free copy of the book along with many prizes Melissa had brought with her."

"The Tribal Libraries are lucky to have such great partners like Isabelle and Margaret from ALRD and Melissa from ICCU," Condon said. "They are the reason we can provide programs like this to promote Anishinaabemowin and share information that will help kids throughout their lives."

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Mingan Merrill, Isabell Lerma, Ava Mena, Cannon Thomason, Augustine Gibbs, Kollin Martin, Aolani Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Maisie Mena, Zamiah Marshall, Mia McCreery, Ringo Stevens and Koda Rueckert.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Xavier Alarez, Zachary Flaughner, Leah Garber, Tru Quignovaughn, Brock Reed, Helena Sargent, Lakiah Vertz, Tahlia Alonzo, Abraham Graveratte, Emma Hinmon, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Owen Seybert, Isaiah Taylor, Johnny Vertz, Micah Wagner, Leticia Hawkins, Alexander Hinmon, Madison Isham, Angelo Leureaux, Donovan Morrow, Arilynn Peters, Remy Weldon, Jordan Floyd, Aaron Hendrickson, Trevor Isham, Justin Perez, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez and Azrae Wemigwans.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Allana VanOrden, Wayne Jackson, Syria Smith, Jasmine Jackson, Erica Hinmon, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Oscar Smith, Bruno Wemigwans, Kayana Pope, Elijah Otto-Powers, Logan VanOrder, Cordelia McDaniel, Sabashtion Davis, Tylor Linville and Tierra Ash.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Dylan Bennett, Gabriela Escobedo, Tehya Flores, Darien Haggard, Mariana Mays, Jardina WhiteEye, LahRae Wilson, Kaden Fair, Hannah Fleming-Foster, Joaquin Jackson, Gavin McCreery, Meisha Raphael, Cailey Treichel, Atreyu Sineway, Caedynce Bailey, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Lucas Jackson, Trent McConnell, Aaliyah Mena and Kaylie Sprague.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Bailey Burger, Ryan Flaughner, Jessie Jackson, Andrew Kequom, Whisper Mandoka, Sarah Sehl, Brandon Wemigwans, Arianna Altman, Shelayna Collins-Pelcher, Mia Floyd, Kasina Laughlin, Emily Stevens, Alexis Taylor, La'Anna Trudeau, Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Zheesheeb Compo, Floyd Sehl, Kenneth Wemigwans and Adrianna West.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Hailey Cozzie, Kijate Cuellar, Jay Foster-Fleming, Asher Green, Aubree Hilleger, Caleb Howard, Caleb Sprague, Savannah Treichel, Gary Chippeway, Jordan Teller, Ava Vogel, Leia Black, Lilly Chamberlain, Rosemarie Green, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Ethan Reed, Andrea Hawkins, Konner Hilleger, Nadia Mills, Tehya Morales, Natasia Noe, Miah Perez and Ethan Treichel.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following earned student of the month for May: Alaina Starkey-Alaniz, Aiyana Sheahan, Aydrion Day, Prentiss Jones, Gracie David, Isabella Arbogast, Joshua Wemigwans and Alberta Trepanier. **The following students earned perfect attendance for April:** Hadassah Eggleston, Aiyana Sheahan, Tynity Jackson, Clara Begay, Bryson Quintero, Duane Sheahan, Joseph Jackson, Andrea Hinmon, Analicia Palomo, Keaton Quintero, Gus Hinmon, Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans and Aaron Montoya-Pego.

Higher Education Deadlines

Spring/Winter 2017 Grade Reports

- For remaining balance scholarships
- Deadline: June 15, 2017 by 5 p.m. or postdated by 6/15/17

2016/2017 Higher Education Program Scholarship Recipients

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June 30, 2017 by 5 p.m. or postdated by 6/30/17

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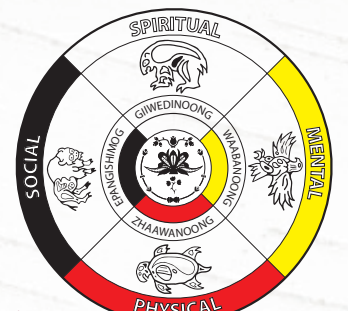
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

Swan Creek Saginaw Ballroom

6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

- Lunch provided
- Friends and family are encouraged to attend in support of SCIT Higher Education student accomplishments.

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Tanner David Williams
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Mount Pleasant



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Tribal Fire Department receives grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

ERIK RODRIGUEZ

Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department is pleased to announce it has received funding from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of six life-saving automatic external defibrillators, or AEDs.

An AED is a portable device that checks heart rhythm and can send an electronic shock to the heart to try to restore normal

rhythm. They are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

"AEDs are an important tool for first responders," said Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu. "Having (the AEDs) with us when responding to calls increases the chances of survival for someone experiencing sudden cardiac arrest."

Cantu said the life expectancy of an AED unit is 10-15 years of use, and the AEDs

currently used by the Fire Department are 11 years old.

An added obstacle to continued use of the AEDs is the lack of availability of replacement components for the units, as the manufacturer stopped production of parts in 2013.

"It was imperative that we replace the units," Cantu said. "And now, thanks to the generosity of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, we will be able to continue to provide this life-saving service to



both Tribal Members and the surrounding community."

In 2005, the Firehouse Subs founders established

the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation with the mission of providing funding, life-saving equipment, and educational opportunities to first-responders and public safety organizations.

Through the non-profit 501(c)(3), the foundation has given more than \$25 million to hometown heroes in 46 states, also in Puerto Rico and Canada. The State of Michigan has received more than \$428,000.

Dream Catcher: Exclusive offer to all associates and Tribal Members

BERNARD SPRAGUE

Director of Hotel Operations

Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe associates (Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Tribal Operations, Migizi, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino) and Tribal Members, the Soaring Eagle Casino has used the same mattress manufacturer since the first hotel room opened.

The manufacturer is 70 years old, based in Grand Rapids, Mich., and have proven throughout the years to provide a very high quality, durable product that hotel guests love sleeping on! It is one of the hotel's most sought after items

Dream Catcher: Mattress sizes and prices

- **King sets:** \$520 plus tax. (76 inches wide by 80 inches long.)
- **Queen sets:** \$400 plus tax. (60 inches wide by 80 inches long.)
- **Full sets:** \$370 plus tax. (54 inches wide by 75 inches long.)
- **Twin sets:** \$290 plus tax. (39 inches wide by 75 inches long.)

and also one that the hotel staff receives hundreds of positive comments on.

By special arrangements with the mattress supplier, a program has been put together for all associates, employees, and members to purchase these new mattress sets for their own personal use at the same cost as the resort pays; a substantial saving over the

price for a comparable product at a store.

The Dream Catcher sleep is an Ultra-Premium Plush top, two-sided mattress set made with the finest spring unit, upholstery, and quilt packages on the market.

The supplier has remained committed to using higher than National Brand Industry standards in all components to

provide exceptional sleep. This mattress set has the unique ability to provide exceptional support and sleep for everyone, even two different people of different weights.

The mattress is 13 and a half inches tall and the box spring is just over 7 inches tall.

This offer is available May 22 thru June 19 at 3 p.m.

All orders must be placed and paid for by June 19 at 3 p.m.

Payment methods: Cash or check (taxes will be added to prices.)

See table above for available sizes and pricing.

The total cost must be paid in full. No refunds will be granted after June 19.

Payment information and processing may be done at Soaring Eagle Casino's main cage.

Please leave a phone number on receipt for contact information when the order is ready for pick up.

Delivery times and dates will be determined once the orders are placed.

The mattresses will be available for pick up at the distribution center/warehouse.

All orders must be picked up on their scheduled day.

If there are any questions, please call Rachael Ebright, administrative assistant for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, at 989-775-5319.

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Thursday, June 8, 2017 - Buck's Run Golf Club

Check-in: 8:00am - Shotgun start: 9:00am

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- **Two flights awarded** - more flights possible based on number of participants;
- Contests, prizes, and cash payouts;
- Contest holes for men, ladies and novice golfers;
- Optional skins game available, skins game will be **segmented by flight**.

Cost: \$85 per person (deadline May 31st), on-site registration \$95 per person:

18 Holes w/Cart	Box Lunch at Turn	1 Raffle Ticket
3 non-alcoholic beverages	SECR Premium Play	SCTC Embroidered Cap & divot repair tool

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SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2017



Tasha Jeffrey
Associate Degree in Business



Roger Logan
Associate Degree in Business



Caroline Trevino
Associate Degree in Business



Suzanne Bailey
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Chayton Gamba
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Tabitha Hunt
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Christian Jackson
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Kim Otto-McCoy
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Jennifer Seibt
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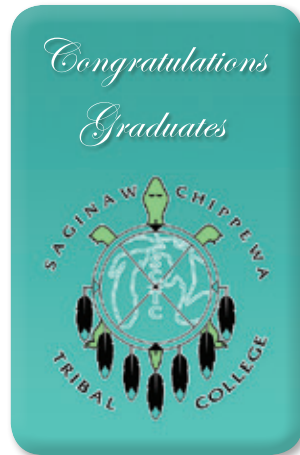
Judy Youmans
Associate Degree in Liberal Arts



Rachel House
Associate Degree in Native American Studies



Dan Jackson
Associate Degree in Native American Studies



Not pictured: Lynette Smith and Andrea Perschbacher

Photos courtesy of Lily Angiolini

Tribal College commencement ceremony honors 19 Class of 2017 graduates

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Class of 2017 commencement honored 19 graduates during its Thursday, May 18 ceremony.

In the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall, the drums sounded as the SCTC Board of Regents and graduates followed dancers onto the stage.

Patricia Alonzo, financial aid officer, addressed the audience and introduced the current Board of Regents.

Graduate Rachel House provided the invocation in English and Ojibwe.

Chief Frank Cloutier offered salutations and reported “with this year’s graduates, there have been 142 degrees conferred; 91 percent of the conferred graduates are Native American, and 76 percent are SCIT Members or descendants.”

“Looking back on history of the Tribal College, I remember being at homes and seeing moms and dads helping their children do homework, but I realized it was actually the moms and dads who were doing their own homework (for the Tribal College) while their children were also doing homework,” Cloutier said. “Congratulations on making the right choice in continuing your education.”

The following students earned an associate degree in business: Tasha Jeffrey, Roger Logan and Caroline Trevino.

Students earning an associate degree in liberal arts include: Suzanne Bailey, Chayton Gamba, Tabitha Hunt, Christian Jackson, Kim Otto-McCoy, Ayashay Schuyler, Jennifer Seibt, Lynette Smith, Luke Sprague, Trisha Trasky, Marvin Wells, Anna Winters and Judy Youmans.

Students earning an associate degree in Native American studies include: Rachel House, Dan Jackson and Andrea Perschbacher.

Native American actor and comedian Tatanka Means was the featured speaker.

Means was born in Porcupine, S.D., and is known for his work on the new series “The Son” on AMC, “Saints & Strangers” on the National Geographic Channel, “A Million Ways to Die in the West” with director Seth Macfarlane, and for his role as Wolf in “Tiger Eyes,” based upon the novel by Judy Blume.

Aside from acting, Means performs stand-up comedy throughout the U.S. and Canada. He is one of the youngest touring Native comedians performing today. He also tours with the Native American comedy group, 49 Laughs.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is full of very great

leaders and future leaders,” Means said. “I don’t look to TV or the media for role models. We have the role models in our tribal communities.”

Means told the graduates he was “going to speak to them like his own family.”

“First off, I want to congratulate all of the graduates. You did it. All of your perseverance and success paid off,” Means said. “I commend all of you on your hard work and dedication. I know you all probably have plans after graduation. New chapters in your life are just beginning to unfold and that is awesome.”

“Being Indian is hard,” Means said. “Being a smart, disciplined Native person is hard. Doing nothing is easy. Talking about doing things is easy. Not taking any risks and doing the same routine day in and day out is easy, but turning ideas into action and pushing yourself to new limits is unforgettable... When we put ourselves in new learning situations that are uncomfortable and difficult, that is when we truly begin to learn about our own... will power and determination.”

Means discussed his belief on the importance of staying sober to be successful. “Now I want to give you advice. The best and only real piece of advice that I can give you on your road to success is

to leave alcohol alone forever,” he said. “Do not even attempt to drink casually. Your life is too important to risk. Your family is too important and now your career. Nothing good comes from alcohol; just despair, hurt and regret. ‘Alcohol is my enemy’ is how you must look at it. (Alcohol) wants to come into my community, in my home and hurt my family. It wants to ruin my life... don’t be a fool. It wants you to fail.”

Means’ further advice for the alumni is “to keep your circle tight after graduation.”

“Only those who want good things for you are allowed in (your life),” he said. “Keep a

clear, conscious mind on who you choose to spend your time and energy with.... Look at the company you keep, often, and make sure every single person on your team has the same passion and drive as you do.”

SCTC President Carla Sineway also shared a few words with the graduates.

“We know you students have come a long way and we are proud of you, but we are also fearful because we have to let you go,” Sineway said.

Sineway discussed the “bittersweet” feeling of seeing the graduates go, but she said she knows they will accomplish great things.

Fleming sworn in to SCTC Board of Regents



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On Wednesday, May 17, on behalf of Tribal Council, Chief Frank Cloutier (center) swore in Marilee Fleming (right) to begin her role on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College’s Board of Regents. Fellow Board member Jordan Fallis (far left) witnesses.



Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly return to perform for Soaring Eagle audience

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

American soul band Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly returned to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on April 29 to perform their entertaining funk and R&B show.

The band began their Saturday night show with “Laid Back Girl,” “We Are One” and “Can’t Get Over You.”

“Pick it up now, pick it up,” Beverly said before performing the upbeat “Running Away.”

“Woo! Yeah! I’m 70 years old,” Beverly said proudly



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Frankie Beverly performs “Laid Back Girl” at his April 29 show with Maze.

as the audience applauded. “Long time no see!”

“How many of you are seeing us for the very first time live? That’s a damn shame,” Beverly said laughing to those who raised their hands or hollered. “We’ve been around 50 years. It’s never too late to get it right.”

Meanwhile, a crazed fan was trying to get Beverly’s attention in the front row. He walked over to her and kissed her on the forehead, causing the fan to squeal and the audience to applaud.

Originally from Philadelphia, Beverly said the group grew up with influences like Patty Labelle and Teddy Pendergrass

in 1972, and were inspired by Sly and the Family Stone.

“(We) went out to California to chase dreams and almost starved to death for three to four years,” Beverly said. “One night we were playing at a club and Marvin Gaye was in the house. He fell in love with us... He said change your name... We tossed around names and came up with Maze. Marvin loved it and inspired (Maze’s hit song) ‘Happy Feelings’.”

The band performed “The Morning After” and “Back in Stride.”

“Over the years we got some gold and platinum albums. You

guys have blessed us,” he said to his fans.

Keyboard player Carl Wheeler also performs with R&B group Tony! Toni! Toné! and even wrote the group’s hit song “Anniversary,” Beverly said while introducing the band.

“In 1978, God blessed me with this beautiful song,” Beverly said introducing “Golden Time of Day.”

The soulful and harmonious song “Joy and Pain” got the audience up and dancing around.

The band performed “Before I Let Go” and gave its final bow before exiting the stage.

Ramón Ayala and Ruben Ramos headline annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Patrons stepping into the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall on May 6 would notice a new set up for the night. Tables instead of chairs in the first few rows, and a gated area securing those rows, and a dance floor were seen in the room that Saturday night.

The event was the annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration featuring artists Ramón Ayala and Ruben Ramos.

Ramón Ayala, born in Monterrey, Mexico, is a musician, composer and songwriter of Norteño and Conjunto music.

Known as the “King of the Accordion,” Ayala has recorded more than 113 albums throughout his 40 years in the music industry, and has received four Grammy Awards.

In 2001, Ayala was awarded with an American Grammy award for the album “En Vivo: El Hombre y Su Música.”

Ayala has also been awarded with two Latin Grammys for the albums “Quémame Los Ojos” and “El Numero Cien.”

Ayala has defined norteño music with signature songs and definitive instrumental styling that have made him a superstar on both sides of the El Rio Grande.

Ayala, son of musician Ramon Cobarrubias, began playing the accordion at six years old. His first band experience was a group called Los Jilgueros de Marin, later he joined Los Pavorreales.

As a teenager in the early sixties, Ayala teamed up with the late bajo sexto guitarist/vocalist Cornelio Reyna to form Los Relampagos del Norte, a duo that formed a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

“King of the Accordion” Ramón Ayala headlines the May 6 show in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

roster of songs that have been covered by countless artists in contemporary Latin music.

“Ya no llores” was their first hit single (1963).

The duo recorded a total of 20 albums leaving behind many classics such as “El



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

American Tejano music performer Ruben Ramos and his band open the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.

disgust,” “Devolucion,” “Mi Tesoro,” “Tengo miedo,” and many others.

Ruben Ramos, also known as El Gato Negro, opened the show.

Ramos is an American Tejano music performer. His music career began in the late ‘60s.

In January 1998, Ruben and the Revolution were inducted into the prestigious Pura Vida Hall of Fame, and in March 1998, Ruben was inducted into

the Tejano Music Awards Hall of Fame. He later won Best Male Vocalist in 1999.

Ruben and the Revolution also won the 2009 Grammy Award for Best Tejano Album of the Year.

Tickets for the night’s celebration were \$30 for reserved admission, and \$50 for table seating. The Resort offered an exclusive \$109 Cinco de Mayo package for ticket holders.

Summer outdoor concert venue increases size to new max capacity 13,300

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Not only has the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort summer outdoor concert series schedule doubled in size this year, but the venue itself has also increased.

Grandstands have been added to provide more seating for concert patrons.

The old outdoor venue was able to hold 11,050 at max capacity. The new capacity is 13,300; a large enough addition for 2,250 more guests.

“In order to bring in more events and bigger acts, we needed to increase our capacity,” said Josh Blake, guest relations manager for Soaring Eagle. “Our guests will have easier access into the outdoor venue. We have been able to book more shows than we have ever held outdoors.”

In addition to the added grandstands, ticket tents were moved, security check points were added, the merchandise tent was moved, and three additional video walls have been added, Blake said.

“This is the largest ever venue we have been able to provide,” said Chief Frank Cloutier.

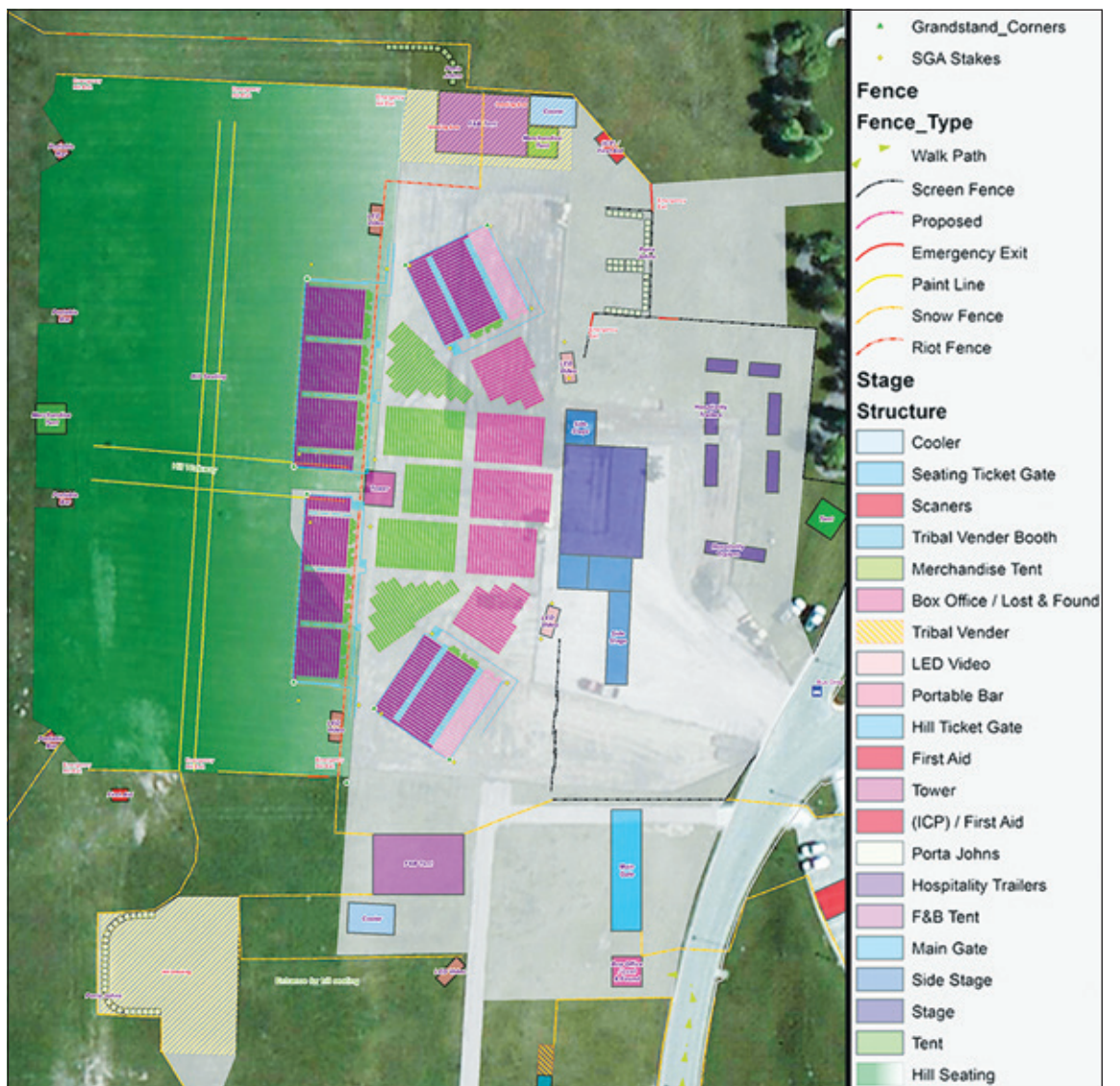
“Mid-Michigan is becoming the entertainment destination within our region and is the easiest venue to travel to within the entire state.”

The opportunity to increase the concert capacity was presented by the Casino’s Marketing Department, said Tribal Council member Amanda Oldman.

“As a Tribal Council Member, I felt that this increase would improve our market within the region, and it also has the potential to draw larger entertainment groups while improving revenue and employment opportunities,” Oldman said. “It is always a proud moment to witness changes to our resort that will improve our economic development.”

The first outdoor concert features country artist Jason Aldean with special guest Kane Brown on Thursday, June 1.

Other June outdoor shows include: Avenged Sevenfold with In This Moment (June 19); Here Comes the Funny Tour with Adam Sandler, David Spade, Nick Swardson and Rob Schneider (June 22); Journey with special guest Asia (June 24); Lionel Richie (June 26); and Vince Neil with Lita Ford (June 30).





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Editorial: Migizi reports successful first half of fiscal year

ROBERT JUCKNISS

Migizi EDC CEO

The Migizi Economic Development Company is very happy to report a successful first half of our fiscal year.

Acting on clear vision from the Board of Directors, Migizi leadership is focused on creating profitable returns that will sustain long-term attainment of Tribal goals and objectives.

The first six months have shown significant positive earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) as compared to 2016.

During the same period in 2016, Migizi EDC was operating at an overall loss. Year to date Migizi has seen an EBITDA growth of 871 percent for the first six months of this fiscal year.

The outlook for the year's second half appears very optimistic.

Migizi leadership has been given the approval of its Board of Directors to embark on a number of projects intended to improve our businesses and increase our earnings.

Isabella Sagamok Mobil will be receiving an upgrade to the underground pipes that were not replaced during the Mobil conversion last year. This important

preventative maintenance will occur between the dates of May 30 and June 12.

There will be selective pump outages during this time along with safety barricades on the property.

We appreciate your patience as we improve the functionality of our gasoline pumps.

We are also currently finalizing a full store redesign that will include a state-of-the-art convenience store and, based on input from the Membership, the potential for a car wash.

Saganing Sagamok Shell will also receive a facelift beginning June 19. A rebranding of the property has been approved by the Migizi Board and the store will be changed from Shell to Mobil as was done with the Mt. Pleasant station. This will continue a brand synergy between the two Tribal properties.

The new supplier has agreed to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars into our facility to make it the envy of Arenac County.

Renovation of the store's restroom accommodations is already well underway.

Attention will next be turned to the food court area and building. This property has been in dire need of updating and these actions will modernize the entire facility.

We are anticipating a tentative date in July for a grand re-opening. Full details and updates on the project's progress will be forthcoming.

The Green Suites has been slated for a long overdue facelift.

The Board of Directors has authorized Migizi to begin this project in the late summer. The efforts will continue for several months as the current buildings are gutted and all case goods, furniture, and fixtures are upgraded and replaced.

Green Suites will be renamed to capitalize on the valuable Soaring Eagle brand familiar with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. This all-new, all-suite hotel will be a gathering place for families, couples and small groups as well as resident professionals from the University and the hospitals.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has enjoyed a great start to the year. The hallway carpeting, which was showing signs of wear, has been re-stretched and re-glued for a much better presentation. All carpets are in the process of being cleaned.

Painting the doors, patching damage to the walls, applying new graphics to the front doors and food court, and generally improving the cosmetic image of

the common areas has been ongoing for the last several months.

We are fortunate to have a new Food & Beverage manager who has brought a great deal of enthusiasm to the property along with a new menu which includes outdoor patio grilling.

Participation in the Access Loyalty Card with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino will also help drive our business and eventually benefit most all Tribal businesses.

Eagle Bay Marina has opened for the 2017 season with a strong start achieving revenues significantly higher than our opening last year.

July will finally bring a much-needed completion of paving Sagatoo Road leading to Eagle Bay Marina.

The business parking lots and surrounds will also be paved. This improvement will allow a better customer experience and increased customer traffic resulting in better earnings.

Aking Holding Company is off to a strong start. The residential and commercial aspects of the business are both in growth mode.

We are scheduled to close on two new residential properties around June 15.

Tribal Council has approved a land management plan which will accomplish three main objectives. First, the Tribe's land will be cleaned up and prepared for farming – with zero cost to the Tribe. Secondly, Migizi has executed contracts with a local farmer to lease the land for farming activities – much of it organic – and provide tens of thousands in additional income. Thirdly, the blighted properties, such as the former Stop and Go in Standish, will be demolished and cleaned up so that we can be proud of all Tribal properties.

The Saganing Eagle Casino Gift Shop has been restocked and remerchandised after months of declining sales. The result has been a complete reversal in the declining sales such that April brought an increase of 21 percent throughout the previous year.

Chief Frank Cloutier, Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors have been very active as they improve your businesses.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and hard working group of individuals who truly care about enhancing the long-term success of the Tribe's business interests. We look forward to the rest of the year.

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Soaring Eagle PROPERTIES



Three mothers share heartfelt message of losing a child to addiction

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

The spirit of Anishinaabe Kwe shined brightly as three Native mothers shared their emotions in a heartfelt message of healing to a packed audience at the Ziibiwing Center.

Marion Williams, Candace Benzinger and Anita Hall shared their messages of losing a child to addiction.

The May 17 family forum themed "A Mother's Story" was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Families Against Narcotics chapter.

FAN President Guadalupe Gonzalez said the event was originally scheduled for April 20, but was changed due to weather.

"FAN family forums are usually held on the third Thursday of each month but we really wanted to bring this important message, and every one of our speakers shared a powerful message," Gonzalez said after the event. "It's hard to put all of the emotion and love felt in that room tonight into words, but I



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

At the May 17 FAN family forum, Marion Williams shares "A Mother's Story" on losing her son Nicholas Ray Mena to an overdose.

know there's a lot of people out there that know there are people who care about them and support them."

Marion Williams is an Indian child welfare specialist and serves as a FAN Alternate Board member.

Williams shared how her oldest son, Nicholas Ray Mena, was 29 when he passed away suddenly due to an overdose of drugs and alcohol in March 2014.

"When I was put on the agenda to tell 'A Mother's Story,' I felt panicked at first but also honored. It is not easy

to speak to a room full of people about such a sad situation," Williams said. "My only hope was that my story would help those with addictions in a spiritual way. I am believing that we will see our loved ones again in Heaven. We are so loved by the Creator, and he really did a miraculous thing by creating all of us in His image."

Williams said she encourages others to reach out to FAN Board members, Advisory Board and anyone willing to listen.

"Losing my son in such a horrific way only makes me want to help people with addiction," Williams said. "I want to let them know they are loved by our Creator and they still have a purpose because they are still breathing."

Tribal Council member Candace Benzinger is a FAN Board member and also serves on the Healing to Wellness Committee for the Tribal Court.

Benzinger lost her son Taylor "Kook" Vasquez on Aug. 6, 2016.

"My life forever changed when my son overdosed on drugs and passed away as a result," Benzinger said. "Since



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Anita Hall, youth achievement advisor for the K-12 Tribal Education Department, shares her story on losing her son Jay Powers.

his passing, I know Kook and many others who have died have left a hole in our community."

Benzinger showed a loving video tribute of her son.

Anita Hall, youth achievement advisor for the K-12 Education Department, said she was deeply moved by the video and it made it easier to share her story.

"This was the very first time I have spoken of my tragedy and loss of my son Jay Powers. It was very empowering and helpful listening and sharing my son's story," Hall said. "We need to lose the stigma and stereotype of everyone's perceived notion of

a drug addict. Even myself; after this experience, I know I need to work on this. Addiction holds no discrimination; rich, poor, race, educated, male or female... We need to be there for one another as parents, family and friends. I believe this is our strength as Native people because it is simply our way as Anishinabek."

FAN currently has 19 chapters throughout the State of Michigan with the Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County chapter being the first Native American influenced chapter in the country.

"I was enthralled by the all of the mothers' courage and strength in sharing their heart-breaking stories wanting to help raise awareness that addictions don't solely affect the person using, but how it's detrimental to their family structure and has no discriminatory boundaries," said Shawn Sawmick, director for enrollment and the Tribal clerk's office. "It can and does affect anyone regardless of race, economic status, education or background and (those mothers) are witnesses to that effect."

The next FAN forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 15 at the Ziibiwing Center.

Tribe and City collaborate to plant trees in local parks and along Chippewa River

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Through a collaborative project, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe worked with the City of Mt. Pleasant and Isabella County to address the devastating effects of emerald ash borer on the forested areas along the rivers and lakes in the local Mt. Pleasant parks.

"The Tribe secured funding through a grant with the U.S. Forest Service to remove and replace ash trees, while stopping erosion from loss of stabilizing root systems," said Carey Pauquette, environmental manager for the SCIT Planning Department.

The City of Mt. Pleasant has installed 400 feet of tree revetments to stabilize the stream bank in Chipp-A-Waters Park.

Replacement trees and plants have been placed throughout Chipp-A-Waters, Millpond, and Nelson Park.

On May 12, Pauquette and Chase Stevens, invasive species coordinator for the Planning Department, guided the Public Relations department and Tribal Observer through a tour of Nelson Park and Chipp-A-Waters Park, providing the environmental updates.

"Isabella County has worked in Meridian and Coldwater Parks to remove and replace ash trees along lakes and streams," Pauquette said. "Through this cooperative process we hope to continue positive partnerships to improve Tribal water quality."

Trees benefit the river in many ways, Pauquette said.

"Trees, shrubs, and deep-rooting vegetation (all used in this project) are nature's filters," Pauquette said. "As water runs off of the land into nearby water systems, they filter out chemicals and other contaminants with their roots. Trees take up water, utilizing it as needed, but many also hold and filter water, releasing it before they freeze, are filtered and cleaned. They act as nature's retention for both water and soil."

The roots of trees, shrubs, and deep-rooting plants also act as a net, holding soil together.

"This acts as a natural retaining wall as water runs off the land, holding soil particles in place," Pauquette said. "When a tree topples into the water, it also loses the ability to

hold that soil together. With the die-off of ash trees, which are a water-loving tree, it has led to large areas of erosion. The loss of the root system holding

back the soil leads to sediment entering the stream, building up in areas where it wasn't previously and rerouting the river, creating more erosion."



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Chase Stevens (left) and Carey Pauquette (right), of the Planning Department, pose by a newly planted tree along the Chippewa River at Nelson Park.

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Editorial: All you want to know about peanut butter

NANCY CLARK

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(Editor's note: The following article has been reprinted, with permission, from the May 2017 The Athlete's Kitchen. The article was written by Nancy Clark, MS, RD, CSSD, and submitted by Nimkee Public Health's Sally Van Cise, MPH, RDN, nutritionist.)

In my humble opinion, peanut butter is one of the best sports foods around. Not only is it yummy, it is also health-promoting and performance enhancing.

A review of the research on peanuts validates why I routinely choose to enjoy two peanut butter sandwiches a day: One for lunch and the other to curb late-afternoon hunger.

If you are among the many people who try to stay away from peanut butter because it is fattening or too fatty, think again and keep reading (as long as you are not allergic to peanuts, that is).

• Peanut butter is not inherently fattening. While any food eaten in excess can be fattening, people who eat peanut butter (and nuts, for that matter) five or more times a week are not fatter than nut avoiders.

A Purdue University study (1) reports subjects who ate peanuts daily did not over eat total calories for the day. That's because peanuts and peanut butter are satiating; they help you feel pleasantly fed. Peanut

eaters tend to intuitively eat less at other times of the day.

• Peanut butter offers many health benefits. The fat in it is primarily health-promoting mono- and poly-unsaturated fat that knocks down inflammation. People who eat peanut butter and nuts five or more times a week have lower markers of inflammation than nut avoiders. For athletes who get micro-injuries every time they train, an anti-inflammatory food such as peanut butter is a wise choice.

• Compared to nut avoiders, unhealthy women (with Type 2 diabetes) who ate 1.5 oz. (250 calories) of peanuts (and/or nuts) five or more times a week reduced their risk of heart disease by 44 percent and the risk of having a heart attack by 60 percent (2). Routinely swapping a burger for a simple-to-make peanut butter sandwich is a heart-healthy choice.

• Peanut butter, like all sources of plant protein, reduces that risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. A breakfast with peanut butter offers a positive "second meal effect." This means, it helps control blood glucose through lunchtime and into the afternoon. Stable energy—and a reduced desire to eat. (3)

• The fat in PB helps absorb the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E and K. You want to include some (healthful) fat in each meal; peanut butter is a painless way to do so!

* If you are an endurance athlete, such as a marathoner or

cyclist, you'll optimize your sports diet by eating at least 0.5 grams fat per pound of body weight.

The body stores some fat within muscle cells and uses it for fuel during extended exercise. Peanut butter in oatmeal before a long bike ride or a PB & J sandwich on a long bike ride are yummy and healthy ways to enjoy adequate dietary fat.

Fat-phobic athletes (who avoid fat) can hinder their endurance.

• Peanut butter is a good source of arginine, an amino acid that helps keep blood vessels flexible so that blood flows more easily and reduces blood pressure. The more peanut butter you eat, the bigger the effect on health protection.

• What's good for the heart is also good for the brain. Research suggests peanut butter eaters improve their brain-blood circulation and mental function. This contributes to enhanced processing speed and better short-term memory (4).

Plus, a diet rich in healthy fats helps slow cognitive decline. Given the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease increases exponentially with age, eating peanut butter and nuts today is a wise investment in your future brain health.

• Peanuts offer slightly more protein than nuts. That's because peanuts are a legume (like lentils and dried beans) and not a nut. One serving (2 tablespoons) of peanut butter has 8 grams of protein, while 2 Tbsp. almond butter has 6 grams (at a much higher price!) Athletes want to target about 20 grams of protein per meal or snack. You can get that by swirling peanut butter into oatmeal cooked in (soy) milk, enjoying a PB & honey sandwich with a yogurt, or making a PB-banana smoothie. Quick, easy, and inexpensive.

• Peanut butter contains numerous bioactive compounds (phenols) that bolster the immune system. Spanish peanuts and shell peanuts are particularly wise snack choices because the peanut skin is rich in anti-oxidants and fiber. Fiber feeds gut-bacteria (your microbiome); these bacteria strongly enhance your immune system, overall health and mood.

• All peanuts are non-GMO and have low risk of pesticide residue, in part because peanuts grow under the ground.

• Is all natural peanut butter

far better than Skippy of Jif? All types of PB need to meet a "standard of identity" as defined by the USDA. Conventional brands might have two percent added saturated fat (palm oil, hydrogenated oils) to control the oil from separating. This small amount does not override the positive health benefits of PB.

• What about all the sugar added to Skippy and Jiff PB? "All" that sugar is only 2 or 3 grams. That's nothing compared to the 10 to 15 grams of sugar in the jelly or honey you might enjoy with the PB, or the 6 g sugar in the sandwich bread. Regardless, sugar fuels your muscles. Please fret less about added sugar and focus more on PB's zinc, folate, vitamin E, niacin, and selenium. It is nutrient-rich.

• What about all that sodium in PB? The 150 mg. sodium in a serving of PB is less than the sodium you get in one slice of bread or 12-ounces of Gatorade. Regardless, as an athlete, you want to replace sodium you lose in sweat.

• But what if I can't eat just one spoonful...? If you stay away from PB because you can't eat just a reasonable serving, think again. Overindulging in PB means you like it; you

should eat it more often! By enjoying PB at every meal, in a few days, you will stop craving it. No more binges!

Avoiding peanut butter just sets you up for "last chance eating." You know, "I just blew my diet by eating PB so I'd better keep eating it. Last chance before I go back on my diet." Denial and deprivation of PB lead to overeating. Do not deny yourself of this yummy sports food. You will deprive your body of valuable health benefits!

Sports nutritionist Nancy Clark, MS, RD, CSSD, has a private practice in the Boston-area (Newton; 617-795-1875), where she helps both fitness exercisers and competitive athletes create winning food plans. Her best-selling Sports Nutrition Guidebook, and food guides for marathoners, cyclists and soccer are available at www.nancyclarkrd.com.

For workshops, see www.NutritionSportsExerciseCEUs.com.

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Be WELL follow-up meeting discusses nutrition goals met, to be attained

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

To conclude the six-week Be WELL Challenge Group, participants met for follow-up meetings on May 18 and May 25 in the Public Health Kitchen to discuss how the participants were doing with their goals, and nutrition or fitness topics that were still concerns.

On May 25 for the part two wrap-up, Nutritionist Sally Van Cise; Andrew “Bear” Raphael, fitness center attendant; Judy Davis, BCCCP clerk; Ruth Strauss, executive secretary for Tribal Council; and Misty Wolfgang, administrative assistant for Tribal Council, partook in a round table discussion about nutrition.

Van Cise said a few years ago, it was time for her to figure out how to better prepare meals for the week ahead.

“I’m better at cooking than I was four years ago,” Van Cise said. “I plan for quantity meal prepping on Sundays. I pack plenty of vegetables because I feel better when I eat them.”

Van Cise said she buys a package of five to six skinless, boneless chicken breasts and adds seasoning. She said she typically adds the cooked chicken with quinoa



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Be WELL Challenge Group leaders and participants have a part two round table discussion on May 25 to wrap up the six-week sessions.

and plenty of vegetables (her favorite is adding sautéed onions and garlic) for a week’s worth of meals.

“A lot about eating healthy, while maintaining portion control, is a mind game,” Wolfgang said. “Many of us were taught we cannot leave food on our plates because of so many starving children in Ethiopia.”

Van Cise said it mentally helps her to eat meals on smaller plates.

“I can go back for seconds, which helps me feel like I’m not dieting,” Van Cise said.

Raphael said his favorite “grab and go” snacks are nuts, especially cashews, seeds, and fruit.

“I will buy strawberries, blueberries and kiwi when they are on sale,” Raphael said. “My

kids and I put the fruit in a big bowl and it turns into a snack throughout the day.”

Van Cise said one of her go-to snacks is peanut butter with fruit.

“Only eating fruit alone leaves me feeling hollow,” Van Cise said. “But together, the fruit picks me up and peanut butter keeps me going and feeling energized.”

Van Cise said for quick and easy food planning, it is convenient to have meat already pre-cooked to add into meals.

Raphael said since healthy eating isn’t always quick and easy, and although it may be a little pricey, it is worth it to

utilize the time-saving cooking devices that are available. For example, the George Foreman grill, slow cookers, etc.

Van Cise and Raphael emphasized the importance of the Plate Method – Fill half of the plate with two servings of non-starchy vegetables. Fill ¼ of the plate with lean meat (3 ounces cooked) or other high-protein food. Fill ¼ of the plate with a starchy vegetable or whole grain serving (amount varies depending on the food selected.)

“Sometimes I get too in depth of being ‘by the book’ for the Plate Method,” Raphael said. “Mix it up. Don’t let it overwhelm you. If you cook with love, passion, and good health in mind, it becomes easier.”

Van Cise and Jayme Green, fitness coordinator for the Nimkee Fitness Center, are available for “well coaching.” Instead of focusing on the things individuals “can’t” do, they work to motivate in a positive way.

“When people show up in my office, I know they are

there to change some habit of theirs,” Van Cise said. “I try to figure out what’s going on so I can motivate them to take even one step closer to their nutritional goals.”

Van Cise said eating is a sensual experience, and she tries to coach others to continue to make eating enjoyable while still making healthy choices.

“Change the mind before you change the body,” Raphael said. “I learn every day through trial and error for myself and others. I want this to be a healthier community and a healthier building.”

The Group sessions began Feb. 23, and occurred on every other Thursday for six sessions at noon.

Each session discussed a different topic. Subjects included meal prepping, how stress affects weight loss and mindset coaching.

The Group’s goal was to create a place filled with motivation, inspiration, knowledge, and the support needed to reach goals the participants have only hoped to achieve.

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NANCY CLARK

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The food industry is again duping many active people. Just today I met with yet another recreational exerciser who reported buying “electrolyte replacers” to drink after her 10-mile run.

The run took her about 90 minutes – way too short to deplete her body of electrolytes. But more critical than that, she had no idea that food – good old-fashioned food – is an excellent source of electrolytes.

Electrolytes are generally referred to as sodium, potassium, and calcium—among other minerals. We all know the typical American diet offers way too much sodium. That’s why public health messages encourage us to eat less sodium (salt).

Even most athletes are unlikely to need extra sodium (unless they are heavy sweaters who are working out for extended periods of time in the heat, like during a tennis tournament, three-hour run, or a 100-mile bike race.)

Rather than needlessly spend

your money on a sports drink for extra sodium, just sprinkle some salt on your pre- and/or post-exercise meal. Or have pretzels and a banana for a pre- or post-exercise snack. Or drink chocolate milk instead of a sports drink. You’ll get more sodium (yes, milk contains sodium, as well as potassium and calcium) as well as far more nutrition than in sugar-water (AKA sports drink).

Or, if you prefer the sports drink, at least buy it as an educated consumer, knowing what it is, and what it is not.

Editorial: Electrolyte replacement – do you need a sports drink for sodium?

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, Colonscopy/Sigmoidscopy (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

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Elders Advisory Board Chair Terry Bonnau joins seniors at Older Michiganians Day

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

Aging Network Services partners joined hundreds of seniors on May 17 for Older Michiganians Day on the State Capitol steps in Lansing, Mich.

Older Michiganians Day is planned by a group of organizations committed to advocating on behalf of the needs and interests of older adults across the state of Michigan.

The steering committee is responsible for planning the annual event, producing the advocacy platform which outlines legislative priorities, and developing an annual report that states the achievements of the governor and the legislature in accomplishing recommended actions.

Elders Advisory Board Chair Terry Bonnau joined the Region VII Area on Aging delegation to protect Medicaid funding and other concerns that affect seniors.

“The Meals on Wheels program helps a lot of people and we need to protect that Michigan Choice program, along with addressing and responding to elder abuse issues. Many of the issues are similar to what we see at Andahwod,” Bonnau said. “Transportation programs that help elders get to appointments, and to increase support for economic issues like approving home accessibility tax credits was part of the legislative action platform.”

Bonnau spoke directly with Sen. Judy Emmons who



Courtesy of Annette Jeske

Representatives from the SCIT Elders Advisory Board joined the Region VII Area on Aging at the State Capitol in Lansing, Mich., on May 17 for Older Michiganians Day.

also serves as chair of the Families, Seniors and Human Services Committee.

“I’m grateful that folks from the Tribe are taking the initiative and looking out for the elders, and advocating for all the elders in Michigan and being a part of the solution in Lansing. We know we need your help and input and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has always stepped up at events like this as long as I can remember,” Emmons said. “We are looking at the opioid situation and how it affects issues of elder abuse and where they are being taken advantage of. That’s a huge issue for me and our seniors kept us going all these years and we are going to share the respect they taught us by taking care of them.”

Emmons said she wants her Michigan legislature colleagues to remain proactive on these issues that affect elders, whether they are Tribal or not.

Annette Jeske, public relations specialist, helped coordinate the event.

“We need to get more seniors involved with the issues and we’re glad that Terry... was able to join us and speak out at the Capitol,” Jeske said. “I really think if we change the name back to Senior Power Day we would get a better turnout. In the old days (‘80s) we had large crowds from across the state, and maybe next year we can do more advertising and get the message out.”

Jacqueline Curtis, advocacy board member in Region VII appointed by the Isabella County Commission, was right along Bonnau as they visited with legislators.

“The main issue is getting people involved. We are going to need more representation to show legislatures we are serious and have the power... Sen. Emmons... always has time and listens,” Curtis said. “We need

to remind those elected officials who gave them the job in the first place. Maybe next year we can get a bus load and have better representation from the other seniors in Isabella County but we sure appreciate the Tribe being here.”

Bob Brown, executive director for Region VII Area Agency on Aging, said he believes Michigan should be a no wait state where the Choice program costs the state \$78 a day for home-based services where a nursing home costs about \$187 in comparison.

“We have support from the Michigan legislature and Gov. Snyder is behind a \$3.6 million increase in funding for aging and adult services for fiscal year 2018. It’s a good position to be in where you are debating how large of an increase you are giving on programs that benefit seniors,” Brown said.

William Walters, chair of Region VII Area on Aging Advisory Council, has been involved with the event for more than 10 years.

“As a member of (the Michigan Seniors Advisory Council), we meet with the legislators monthly, but on a day like this where you can get over 700 people on the lawn, that’s impactful,” Walters



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

EAB Board member Terry Bonnau (left) speaks to Sen. Judy Emmons (center) on the importance of funding seniors programs as Isabella County Representative Jacqueline Curtis (right) looks on.

said. “Legislators can just look out their window and see the activity and in advocacy the squeaky wheel gets the grease and seniors are good at speaking up. In Michigan, there are two million senior citizens, and it is estimated there are over 10,000 a day in the U.S. who will turn 65, and, in my experience, most senior citizens vote. Most legislators understand that and we’re in a situation where over a third of the legislature has turned over and many of them are young and need to be educated on these issues.”

April 2017 Andahwod Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Galina Kolb has been a nurse at Andahwod for three years. She really enjoys nursing and working with the residents.

Galina is Russian, she immigrated to the United States in 2000. That is why she said she enjoys learning a new culture

from the residents at Andahwod.

Galina is married and has one daughter. Her family has an interest in traveling the world.

Residents had the following to say about her:

“Galina is nice to everyone and treats all residents with respect.”

“She is always doing something and does a good job.”



Courtesy of Andahwod

Galina Kolb, LPN

JUNE 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| <p>1 David Bird, Karen Bond, Asuncion Castaneda, Carolyn Harris, Robert Neyome Jr., Martin Steele</p> <p>2 Gloria Marshall, Ruth Hendrickson, Donna Moore, Tammy Nowicki, Kevin Phillips</p> <p>3 Patricia Kequom, Loretta Castaneda, Robert McDonald</p> <p>4 Kayle Crampton, Betsy Crooker</p> <p>6 Roberta Starkey, Tammi Craig</p> <p>7 Philip Henry, Connie Sprague, Mark Jackson</p> <p>8 Kimberly Otto-McCoy, Anita Henry, Eugene Jackson</p> <p>9 Gary Bird, Lillian Corbiere, Kelli Buback, Eldon Davis, Morgan Pope, Shane Slater</p> <p>10 Robin Peters</p> <p>11 Galen Bennett, Douglas Gage, Kelly Garlick, Roger Stevens</p> <p>13 Daniel Burnham, Anthony Dutton, Harold Issac Jr., Elizabeth Kosla, Connie Rosenthal</p> <p>14 Betty Ashmun, Jeanette Leaux, Gregory Mandoka, Robert Bailey, Jodie Brown, Kristie Clemons, Richard Cloutier, Patricia Harris, John Quayle</p> | <p>15 Gloria Loveland, Earl Pelcher Sr., Lillian Peters</p> <p>16 Donald Leaux Sr., Ernest Nahgahgwon, Delores Pepin, Geraldine Phillips</p> <p>18 Linda Ritter, Douglas Jackson, Jill Meir, Connie Truett</p> <p>19 Charel Stevens</p> <p>20 John Hart, Michael Childers, Lori Fuller, Richard Russell</p> <p>21 Cheryl Dixon, Vaughn Schoen</p> <p>22 Penny Elliott, Virgil James, Rudy Pontiac, Daniel Rossbach</p> <p>23 Dawn Jacobs, Diana Robinson, Marlin Strong</p> <p>24 Christopher Moses</p> <p>25 Annette Saboo-Rogers, Laura Shawboose, Shelly Bailey</p> <p>26 Sharon Blevins, George Slater Jr.</p> <p>27 Richard Trepanier Sr., Rollin Bacon Jr., Lorraine Bergevin, Deborah Hull</p> <p>28 Robert Pego Sr., Vivian Carpenter, Rose Greenwald, Ronald Stockel II, Angela Tabor</p> <p>29 Lorena Finney, Mac Schoen, Gaylene Urban</p> <p>30 Tammy Salas, Carole Tally, Rhonda Salazar</p> |
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SCIT District One Annual Elders Meeting

Save the Date! June 14

Andahwod CCC&ES

12 p.m. | Luncheon

12:30 p.m. | MIEA Student Incentives

• Elders Advisory Board member announced

MIEC Michigan Indian Elders Conference

Save the Date! July 26 & 27
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

For more information:

- Visit www.michiganindianelders.org
- Or call Andahwod at 989.775.4307

June 2017 | Andahwod CCC & ES Events

Euchre
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Open Crafts & Potluck
Tuesdays | 5 p.m.

Language Bingo
June 1 | 1 p.m.

Mother's & Father's Day Celebration
June 3 | 12-2 p.m.

Andahwod Yard Sale
June 9 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
June 14 & 28 | 9-10 a.m.

Annual Elders Meeting
June 14 | 12 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
June 21 | 1 p.m.

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



JUNE 2017 EVENT PLANNER

Gardening Days: Community Planting Day

June 1 | 11 a.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4123
- Plant your own community garden spot, or come help others plant theirs. Light refreshments will be served.

Rez Rock: Open Jam Sessions

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: recreation@sagchip.org

Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

June 1 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

Traditional Sweat Lodge

June 2 | Sweat Lodge teachings and fire lighting: 5 p.m.

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

Fun in the Sun: Cookout & Kickball Bash

June 2 | Cookout: 5 p.m., Kickball game: 6 p.m.

- Location: Broadway Park Housing Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-4906
- BBQ meal including hamburgers and hot dogs.

Mothers & Fathers Day Cookout

June 3 | 12 - 2 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod
- Contact: 989-775-4307

Prevention Through Art

June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 8:30 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4818
- Location: Behavioral Health

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

June 6 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4074
- Location: MIIBS Grounds

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

• Contact: 989.775.4115

- Cost: \$15 per person. Youth 16 and under fish for free.
- June 6: Budd Lake, June 13: Long Lake, June 23: Sanford (Friday, all day), June 27: Stevenson Lake.
- Look for more upcoming dates in July and August.

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

June 7, 21 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-4895 or 989-775-5810

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4895

Community Education Business Workshops

June 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: SCTC East Building, Classroom 6
- To register: 989-775-4123 or SStevens@sagchip.org
- Registration required

Andahwod Yard Sale

June 9 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod Birch Parking Lot
- Contact: 989-775-4302
- SCIT elders' table fees: \$10 per table (two table max)

Kickoff to Summer Teen Dance Party

June 9 | 7 - 10 p.m.

- Location: Broadway Park Housing Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-4880
- For teens 13-19 years old.

Survival Saganing: Youth Survivor Challenge

June 9 | 11 a.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5810

Healthy Soils CSI Challenge

June 12 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing
- Contact: 989-775-4121
- Participants will conduct a series of experiments on soil to determine its health.

Summer Fun Friday Challenge

• Contact: 989.775.4115

- Open to all Native youth: Grades 7-12
- **June 24: Canoe Trip (Lake Isabella to Majeskii Landing)**
- Look for more upcoming dates in July and August.

Summer Feast

June 21 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- Contact: 989.775.4780

Nimkee Health Fair

June 28 | 4 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod
- Door prizes, informational booths and food.

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

July 20 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.


- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5810
- Food, entertainment, prizes and more!

Dunk Away Drugs Sobriety Shootout

July 22 | Time: TBD

- Location: Mt. Pleasant High School Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4823
- Free basketball tournament

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JUNE 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 	<h3>Dish Raffle at Andahwod Wednesday, June 28</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of the Elders Breakfast! • Tickets: 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Available now! • Four settings of four will be raffled. 		1 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. FAN Support Group Tribal Ops Seniors Room 7 p.m. Drums Out 7 th Generation 5 - 7 p.m.	2 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. Women's Leadership Conference Tribal Gym 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 4 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
5 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	6 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 6 - 8 p.m. Crafts with Friends 7 th Generation 5:30 - 7 p.m.	7 Talking Circle Andahwod 7 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.	8 Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drums Out 7 th Generation 5 - 7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Financial Workshop Saganing 12 - 1 p.m.	9 New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. SCA Field Day SCA 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	10 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 11 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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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).

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.

Clerical Pool

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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.

Senior 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.

Special Education Teacher

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

General Labor Pool

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

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.

Police Officer

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

Multimedia Programmer

Open to the public. Four year degree in computer science, computer programming languages (preferred) or equivalent work experience.

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; 0-5 years experience as a practicing attorney.

Social Services Case Worker

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

Comm Services Web Store Clerk PT

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

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program or an associate's degree in human services related field with two years experience as a Families First worker or similar family preservation program, preferably in the tribal community.

Medical Coder

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma with strong working knowledge and expertise in coding services, procedures and diagnosis for medical services

in an ambulatory clinic setting. Must pass a certification exam sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) or the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) within two years of being hired.

LPN-Assisted Living PT

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long term care experience preferred.

Intake Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess minimum of a bachelor's degree in a human services field with CAC-I/II or CADC-I/II with two years clinical experience in a co-occurring setting.

Business Instructor

Open to the public. Master's degree required in business identified discipline. The instructor is responsible for the coordination, planning, preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities.

Water Quality Assistant

Open to the public. This is a grant funded position. Twenty-seven week position at 20 hours per week. Must have a minimum of an associate's degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental, biology, chemistry, geology and or natural science.

Certified Aide PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification.

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.

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.

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.

Server Assistant 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 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 - Seasonal

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

Entertainment Usher Seasonal

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Bartender - Seasonal

Open to the public. 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.

Host/Hostess PT

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

Guest Relations Representative PT

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

Bingo Floorworker PT

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

F&B Shift Supervisor

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

years of age. Two years supervisory experience in the hospitality field or three years of SECR Hospitality Division experience or an associates degree in the hospitality field.

Housekeeper PT

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

Inventory Control Warehouse FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

Call Center Agent 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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Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

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

Housekeeping Lead

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

Casino Housekeeping Lead

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

High Lift Operator FT

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

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Summons and Complaint Notices

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COURT CHILDREN'S DIVISION

Publication of Hearing Case no. 17-JCW-0149 To: Micheala Jackson
In the matter of: minor child Date of birth: 10-31-12

The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. An adjudication hearing will be conducted by the court on **July 7, 2017 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, Michigan before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Michaela Jackson personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor and the eventual possible termination of parental rights.



Fourteen students complete Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

This year's Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation marked another year of transferring cultural knowledge to the next generations, and to students and their families willing to commit their time and energy to learn about the culture.

Twice a year, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosts the cultural dance courses and presents a commencement ceremony for each of the completing students.

This year, Andahwod CCC & ES hosted the graduation in its main community room on Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m.

Judy Pamp, assistant director for the Ziibiwing Center, served as the night's emcee to introduce and explain each dance style, and also handed out the certificates of completion to each student at the event's end.

The program involved a grand entry, men's song, class hoop dance, women's song, shield dance, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" performed in Anishinabemowin, an intertribal dance and a hoop dance.

"This was the first year we offered the shield dance to



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Grass dancer Julian Green participates in the Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation's hoop dance.

the younger students," Pamp said. "We had them team up with our teen/adults class to be mentored during the dance. We stressed the fact that each and every one of us are teachers as well as lifelong learners. The shield dance was a perfect example of this."

For a few weeks, Native American hoop dancer, playwright and composer Ty Defoe visited the Reservation and became a guest teacher and mentor for the students.

Defoe stressed the importance of being physically active and helped teach the hoop dance.

"Ty inspired many of our students to put many hours into practicing the hoop dance to perform not only at our graduation, but also for other community events," Pamp said.

Performance circle instructors are Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for Ziibiwing and Renata Borton, former Ziibiwing employee, who recently began another position with the Tribe as youth achievement advisor for the Education Department.

"The Anishinabe Performance Circle students and the Ziibiwing staff will miss Renata," Pamp

said. "We wish her well on her new career endeavors. The cycle of instructors and students changing throughout the years serves as a reminder of the importance of mentoring and transferring the Anishinabe cultural knowledge to help us all live the Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin way of life. That is how we will keep the Saginaw Chippewa nation strong for the future."

"The Itsy Bitsy Spider" in Anishinabemowin while doing the hand motions symbolized the ability to adapt and evolve to the 21st century, Pamp said.

"Our Anishinabe culture is alive and evolving," Pamp said. "We can sing nursery rhymes from around the world, support the revitalization of our Anishinabemowin language, celebrate and embrace the diversity in the world while coming together in the dance circle as friends and students of life."

Youth Performance Circle graduates included: Jade Green, Jorja Green, Josilyn Green, Julian Green, Jaren Pumford, Red Arrow Lalonde, Summer Lalonde, Charlotte Ford, Leo Student, Raynah Perez and Rayis Rose-Perez.

Adults graduates were Andrew Paquette, Frederick Leksche and Joshua Leksche.



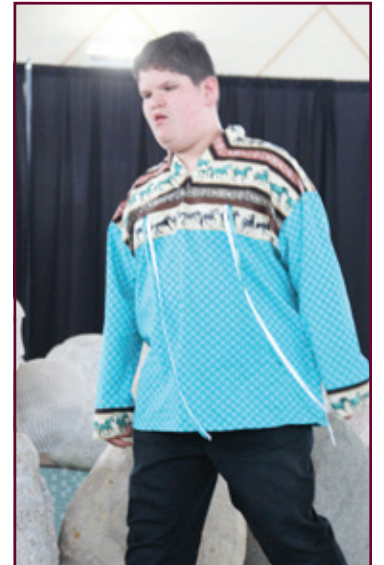
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Anishinabe Performance Circle graduates perform "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" in Anishinabemowin during the May 9 ceremony at Andahwod.



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Jingle dress dancer Charlotte Ford displays the movements she learned during Ziibiwing Center's Performance Circle courses.



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Men's traditional dancer Joshua Leksche dances in Andahwod's main community room.



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Traditional dancer Andrew Pauquette (far right) and Rayis Rose-Perez (left) prepare for the shield dance.



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Fancy shawl dancer Summer Lalonde (left) and grass dancer Leo Student (right) move in the arena.



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Men's traditional dancer Andrew Pauquette shows his rhythm during the Tuesday night event.



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Grass dancers Red Arrow Lalonde (left) and Jaren Pumford (right), participate in the ceremony, which began at 6 p.m.



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Jade Green had the audience applauding over her impressive hoop dance skills.



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Jingle dress dancer Josilyn Green moves to the music.



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Hoop dancer Jorja Green shows off her skillful moves.



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Fancy shawl dancer Shailla Sentas twirls in her colorful regalia.



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Jingle dress dancer Raynah Perez steps in the arena with her feather fan.