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A long waiting line of Tribal community members wrapped around the back of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's gaming floor – all in anticipation of the private grand opening of ASCEND, the casino's new sports bar and night club.

The Aug. 31 opening and ceremony also celebrated the new state-of-the-art poker room and the enclosed non-smoking gaming area, as part of Soaring Eagle's \$26.5 million renovation project.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez addressed the local media, VIP players,

Soaring Eagle employees and community members gathered near the entrance of ASCEND.

The sports bar and night club provides a diversified ambiance of dining, sports on the big screens and live performances.

Onion Creek drummers provided a welcome song and an honor song shortly after.

Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided the invocation, and Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl followed by addressing the crowd.

The chief recognized former administrations and those who continue to showcase leadership within the Soaring Eagle.

"(These restorations are a) vision of leadership from



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Council and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort representatives lead the Aug. 31 ribbon cutting ceremony of ASCEND, the casino's new sports bar and night club.

the past," Ekdahl said. "This added amenity shows we want to be a continued leader in entertainment."

Casino CEO Raymond Brenny thanked a few of those who helped make the three new phases possible: Joe Jordan of I-5 Design Build; Steven Jablonski, director of Facilities and the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Brenny mentioned another phase of construction to be completed. He said the entertainment hall will have its grand opening on Oct. 4, and the evening will feature a concert from the country music group Rascal Flatts.

The chief and Tribal Council members led the ribbon cutting ceremony and the invited patrons entered the doors one-by-one to experience the new offering.

Tribal elder Charmaine Shawana offered a smudging at the entrance.

Upon entering, patrons viewed the upscale décor, a high-definition video wall, a triangle-shaped bar with slot



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

ASCEND features upscale décor, a triangle-shaped bar and LED lighting photographed.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Onion Creek drummers provide an honor song near the entrance of ASCEND.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl addresses the local media, VIP players, casino employees and community members during the private grand opening.

machines and dramatic LED lighting with the intentions of exceeding expectations of gamblers, sports fans and music lovers.

ASCEND features a full dining menu of favorites with an artesian twist. Pretzel bun Coney, beef brisket nachos, and The Monstrosity burger are among many other creative dishes available.

During the weekends, ASCEND presents a live entertainment schedule. Several performances will include nationally popular entertainers in various music genres and comedy.

The sports bar will also host "Watch & Win" during select football games so sports fans can have a chance at winning prizes while watching the games.

ASCEND was opened to the general public on Sept. 2.



TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018
Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

Doors open at 11 a.m. | Meeting held from 12-2 p.m.

**Tribal ID required. **Open to all Tribal Members.*



Delores Marie Drews

Nov. 2, 1936 – Aug. 25, 2018

Delores Marie Drews, age 81, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 at Laurels of Mt. Pleasant.

Delores was born Nov. 2, 1936, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Gordon and Cecilia (Turcotte) Smith.

Delores was a graduate from Lansing Eastern High School. She worked at Michigan National Bank in Lansing and General Motors in Charlotte when she was younger.

She was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and had a great love for all of her family. She also loved crafting of all kinds, and making Native American jewelry.

Delores is survived by her son Robin Drews of Blanchard; grandchildren Cheyanne Drews of Philadelphia, Tabitha Drews of Blanchard, Crystal Drews of Evart, Tiffany Bucks of Mt. Pleasant, and David Bucks of Lansing; many great-grandchildren; brothers James (Kelli) Smith of Mt. Pleasant, Joseph (Kim) Smith of Lansing; and a sister Faith Davis of Tennessee.

Delores was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Dianne Drews; brothers Abraham "Tony", Daniel, David, Timothy, Harold, and Samuel; and her sister Ruth Smith-Cummins.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 31 at 11 a.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Interment took place at Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Annual hydrant flushing

Attention community homeowners:

The Waterplant Maintenance staff will be flushing hydrants the week of Oct. 1-5, 2018.

It is recommended that you do not wash white or light-colored clothes during business hours as the flushing of the hydrants will disturb any sediment that has built up in the water mains, and the sediment will stain white or light-colored clothing.

The staff will complete this process as quickly as possible. As a reminder, this is an annual event.

Thank you for your time and patience in this matter. Any questions or concerns, please contact the Utilities Department at 989-775-5141.

Attention Tribal Members

In an effort to better serve the SCIT Membership the Tribal Clerk's Office has added a spot for you to provide your email on the Annual Reports, Tribal Child Welfare Program Affidavits and Address Change Forms.

By providing your email it will speed up the process of you receiving your requested forms and delivery of your processed copies. Along with this service being offered also come the added benefit of being a cost effective method of communication verses the cost of U.S. Mail.

Please rest assured that the use of your email will solely be used for official Tribal Clerk business and your participation is voluntary.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051.



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- Free and confidential financial assessment
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Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Oct. 18, Nov. 15

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

Monthly Forums are 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

Upcoming dates: Oct. 1, Nov. 1

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.

SCTC STEAM Student Organization

Fall STEAM RAFFLE Fundraiser

Raffle drawing: Oct. 29

12:30 p.m. | SCTC

Tickets: 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5

• Ticket sales will close: Oct. 29 at 12 p.m.

Raffle prizes

- **1st:** Overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark with passes and a dinner voucher for four donated by the waterpark
- **2nd:** A beaded watch donated by Alice Jo Ricketts
- **3rd:** Two tickets for concert of choice donated by Public Relations
- **4th:** A painting donated by Tony Gomez

For more information, please contact:

Kathleen J. Hart

989.317.4760 ext. 228 or khart@sagchip.org

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department is soliciting letters of interests for adult Tribal Members interested in serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee (SCCC) for a Tribal Council appointed two-year term beginning Nov. 15, 2018. Per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

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

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

All letters of interests must be received no later than Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at 3 p.m.

Public Notice

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Dennis, Joel	10/13/2016
Jackson, Garth	10/05/2017
McDonald, Eva	06/09/2018
Pelcher, Lavern	03/09/2018
Rogers, Anthony	05/29/2018
Smith, Loretta	01/05/2018
Sprague, Gary	04/07/2017
Stanton, Goldie	01/03/2018



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www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS



MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month
6 p.m. | Contact: 989.775.4175

Attention

Per Loan Guidelines, your Annual Report must be filed in the Tribal Clerk's Office in order for your application to be processed. The currently accepted 2019 Annual Reports are available in the Clerk's Office and online at sagchip.org on the Tribal Clerk's page under "Frequently Requested Forms and Tribal Child Welfare Affidavit" tab.

Annual Reports can also be requested to be emailed to you by contacting the Clerk's Office 989-775-4055.



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal 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

- Oct. 2
- Nov. 6
- Dec. 4



"Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from Him"

Happy Birthday

Keep reaching for the stars.
to our little woman, we love you
more than you know.

Mom and Casey

Correction

September 2018 issue correction:

Back Page: "Hundreds embrace sobriety as recovery takes to the streets at the 2018 Freedom Walk" pg. 28. The name in the fourth paragraph should read Christy Onstott. Christy Onstott received an eagle feather and provided a quote.

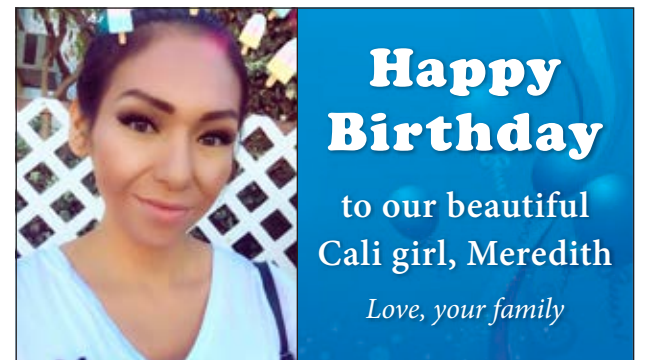
Correction



September 2018 issue correction:

Page 11: Queen B's Louanna Bruner, Martha Wemigwans, Carrie Heron and Shawn Sawmick took first place in the adult women's division.

Da Hustle's team (Tina Grover, Heaven Wemigwans, Jackie Wemigwans and Aubree Trepanier) took second place.



Happy Birthday

to our beautiful
Cali girl, Meredith

Love, your family



Bake Your Best Pie

Let the Community Decide

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Farmers Market Pavilion

- ▶ Pies will need to be at the pavilion between 8-9:59 a.m.
- ▶ Tasting will take place from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Or until the pies are gone.)

To register,
please contact:



Brandon Schultz,
Market Master

- **Phone:** 989.775.4663
- **Email:** blschultz@sagchip.org

- Please list your name and contact information
- All entries will need two 9-inch pies for tasting

Force-placed insurance

Force-placed insurance is an insurance policy placed by a lender, bank or loan servicer on a home when the property owners' own insurance is cancelled, has lapsed or is deemed insufficient and the borrower does not secure a replacement.

If you have force-placed insurance, please call for assistance in finding insurance. This will lower your monthly mortgage payment and save you money.

It is important to know that force-placed insurance does not cover you or the contents of your home, this only covers the lender and their investment.

Call Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552



Saturday, Oct. 27

At the Powwow Campgrounds

Costume Contest | 4 p.m.

- **Three age groups:** 5 and under, 6-11, 12-17
- Family costume, family dance off and pet costume contests

Trunk or Treat | 6:20 p.m.

- Donating a bag of candy is required, which will enter participants into a drawing for prizes
- Registration begins at 5 p.m.
- **Best trunk contest:** Must register. Begins at 6 p.m.

Fear Factor | 7:45 p.m.

Sponsored by Mentoring Program

- 20 random contestants will be drawn at the event
- Two categories: 17 and under/18 and up

▶ **Hayride** Sponsored by Seventh Generation

▶ **Bonfire**

▶ **Family Pictures** By Niibing Giizis photography

▶ **Haunted Tunnel** Sponsored by Housing

▶ **Taste for the Souls**

Food trucks from across the reservation will line the arena bringing unique items to sample!

Food Vendors contact Recreation@sagchip.org to reserve your space.

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

Order Establishing Trapping Season 2018

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision 2 the 2018 Trapping Season shall begin Oct. 1, 2018, and will close on April. 28, 2019, unless ordered otherwise.

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

Licenses are available at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per License.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.
- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.



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Lindy Hunt | District One

Council Member

Theresa Jackson | District One

Council Member

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Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel liquor license renewal

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the application for a renewal of a Retail On-Premise General License and Retail Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Tribal Liquor License for Retail

On-Premise and Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel located at 5665 East Pickard Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged beer, wine, and liquor for consumption by buyers on-premise and off-premise.

The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year commencing on Nov. 21, 2018 and expiring on Nov. 20, 2019 with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino liquor license renewal

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address: the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Don Ridley, Executive Hospitality Manager of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of the Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel located at 2690 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658. Such License, if

approved, would cover all indoor areas, outdoor areas, Gaming Floor, Function Rooms, and all other applicable areas of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where beverage service is appropriate and allowed; including the Tribal Center and Saganing Powwow Grounds located at 2570 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658 and outdoor events area for services during events.

This License, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Dec. 1, 2018 through Dec. 1, 2019, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday Alcohol Sales.

The 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.

Minaadendamooing – 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.

Ziibiwing hosts Black Ash Basket Workshop



Observer photo by Niki Henry



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John Pigeon, of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, led a Black Ash Basket Teaching and Workshop at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways on Thursday, Aug. 9 through Saturday, Aug. 11. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Pigeon, a seventh generation basket-maker, shared his weaving skills and knowledge about the Anishinabe culture with workshop participants.

Tribal Observer

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



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010 for more information.

Announcements - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs \$10 and is open to Tribal members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are \$20.

Political ads - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is \$500. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

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ASCEND

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Soaring Eagle's construction commenced in January 2018. The construction schedule was split into a seven-phase plan and is expected to be fully completed by early this month.

The multi-million dollar renovation investment is also concentrated on amenities such as



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez welcomes attendees at the ceremony, which also celebrated the new state-of-the-art poker room and the enclosed non-smoking gaming area.

re-designing Kid's Quest & Cyber Quest areas, a new luxury high limit gaming and VIP lounge areas and re-branding the current sub shop.

This million dollar renovation project has been one of the largest investments that Soaring Eagle's guests have seen since the grand opening of the resort in 1997.

The last major renovation was in 2011 when the Firefly Buffet was re-branded to Aurora Buffet and remodeled to provide space for the 24 hour Legends Diner.

The design and construction has been performed by I-5 Design Build, a Washington-based company has built a successful track record working with more than 75 Native American gaming properties throughout the country.

I-5 Design's signature renovation process combines inspirational design, innovative planning, specialty in-house fabrication, and seamless project implementation to produce impact-rich gaming, Food & Beverage, and entertainment



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Soaring Eagle Marketing personnel await the guests at the front doors to hand out keepsake ASCEND poker chips.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Soaring Eagle employees (left to right) Consuelo Gonzalez, administrative assistant; Brandon Hart, graphic designer; Brandon Jackson, graphic designer and Shad Snowden, talent buyer, pose for a photo.

environments, according to the Soaring Eagle press release.

I-5's unique and innovative off-site construction methods allow for 50 to 70 percent of a project to be built offsite, using state-of-the-art digital manufacturing methods, leading to onsite project time-frames that are radically reduced, creating the maximum impact and benefit for each project.

Tickets are on sale now for the Oct. 4 Rascal Flatts show – the first concert of which the entertainment hall renovations will be unveiled.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The sports bar and night club provides a diversified ambiance of dining, sports on the big screens and live performances.

Tribe, National Forest Service sign MOU for Tribal Members to hunt, fish, gather within ceded territory

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Aug. 14, Sub-Chief Julius Peters and Tribal Council members Craig Graveratte, Frank Cloutier, Kenny Sprague, Bill Federico and Ron Nelson traveled to Baldwin, Mich. for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Huron-Manistee National Forests.

The MOU addresses the relationship between the Tribe and the USDA Forest Service and is based on the principle of government-to-government interactions between the U.S. Government and

federally-recognized Indian tribes as established and prescribed in treaty instruments, congressional enactments and Presidential policy.

The MOU's purpose is to establish consistent standards by which the Forest Service and the Tribe will act on lands and waters administered by the Forest Service within areas ceded by the Tribe in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.

The parties acknowledged and recognized the existed reserved treaty rights of the Tribe and Tribal Members "to hunt, fish and gather, and all other usual privileges of the occupancy that may be exercised on lands administered by the Forest Service located

within the ceded territory," the document states.

Forest Service representatives gifted and wrapped the sub-chief with a Pendleton blanket.

"We provided (Forest Service representatives) with a black ash basket and medicines (sage, tobacco) to reflect those products we would gather (and harvest out of the national forest)," Cloutier said.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl had previously signed the document on behalf of the Tribe.

That day, Kathleen Atkinson, regional forester of the Eastern Region, signed on behalf of the USDA Forest Service.

Atkinson also offered tobacco to the sub-chief prior to the ceremony commencing.

"As of 90 days from the execution of the MOU, we are to come together, we are to appoint some representatives to build framework of how this relationship will work; collaborating on what we can do as far as restoration in the national forest, collaborating on regulatory authority and collaborate on the possibility of policing our membership within our aboriginal territories," Cloutier said.

The document states the MOU shall take effect on the date when the Tribe, the Forest Service's Eastern Region and the Region's Law Enforcement and Investigations Branch properly have ratified it in accordance with their respective



Courtesy of Craig Graveratte

On Aug. 14 and on behalf of the Tribe, Sub-Chief Julius Peters (second from right) sits with Huron-Manistee National Forest representatives in Baldwin, Mich. for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding.

governmental procedures, and unless a party with draws, shall remain in effect for a term of 20 years.

"It's important to remember this isn't our trust territories, these are our aboriginal lands," Cloutier said.

Cloutier said the Tribal Public Relations department has worked on moving forward with this MOU for more than six years.

"I spoke during the event and talked about the importance of us coming together in collaboration," Cloutier said. "It

was the Treaty of 1855 and 1864 that ceded almost all of our aboriginal territories. Until the (Indian Citizenship Act of 1924, also known as the Snyder Act), we were refugees in our own lands without a voice to vote or without even being recognized as a human.



Courtesy of Craig Graveratte

The sub-chief is gifted with and wrapped in a Pendleton blanket.

So, for us to be able come together and agree what is best for our lands, again, is a full circle for us."

The document states the renewal of the MOU must occur at least one year prior to the expiration of the initial 20-year term.

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Tribal Affiliation: Member of the Six Nations Tribe, Ontario Canada

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Historic visit brings Mexican and Canadian delegation to the Reservation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

The Tribal Court served as hosts as a historic visit brought a contingent of Mexican and Canadian delegates to the Reservation on Sept. 16-18.

The delegation was led by agencies including Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Drug Policy Division, Law Enforcement and Border Strategies Directorate, Public Safety Canada, Drug Demand Reduction, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, U.S. Embassy Mexico City, National Office for Drug Policy and Criminal Investigation Agency.

Individuals visiting included Steve Kraft, senior Foreign Service officer; Raymond Farrier, policy advisory of the U.S. Department of State; Alex Alejandro Alvarez, program specialist; Juan Pablo Argueta, desk officer for Special Affairs; Enrique Esteban Zepeda, advisor to the undersecretary for Prevention and Citizen Participation; Reyna Mondragon Esquivel, office director for International Affairs/Social Prevention; Oswaldo Jiménez Méndez, deputy director; Efraín Abiam Méndez González, office director for the Federal Police; Judah Hernández Vásquez, director for the National Office for the Control of Consumption of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs, National Commission Against Addiction (CONADIC).

Senior Judge of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Patrick Shannon said the visit came about from the national outreach the Tribe has been



Mexican / Canadian DELEGATION VISIT

Sept. 16-18, 2018

doing through the Healing to Wellness program, funded through a Bureau of Justice Administration grant.

“Our visit with the Mexican/Canadian delegation provided an opportunity to share how we, as nations, are dealing with the opioid crisis in North America,” Shannon said. “We share, as nations, the grief and loss that this epidemic has cast upon us. The visit was a testament in our ability to work together as people in our efforts to curb the crisis opioid misuse.”

What struck Shannon the most, he said, was “sharing a common goal of wanting to offer healing and welcome innovative approaches on how communities can embrace programs focused on prevention, treatment and interdiction.”

Steve Kraft, senior Foreign Service officer, informed Tribal Council that the North American Drug Dialogue (NADD) is a forum through which Canada, Mexico, and the United States address the many facets of the opioid epidemic and the broader drug crisis facing the continent.

“Under the auspices of the NADD, the three countries engage in a wide range of study tours, training events, and information sharing initiatives designed to promote best practices and find practical, working level solutions to challenges facing our law enforcement and

health care professionals in confronting the drug crisis,” Kraft said.

The North American Drug Dialogue grew out of the North American Leaders Summit in Ottawa in June 2016.

“The first NADD took place in Washington, D.C. later that year, with the second NADD hosted by Mexico in 2017. Canada will host the third NADD in late 2018,” Kraft said. “Since the first series of workshops in March 2017, NADD activities have grown into a series of some 20 unique engagements aimed at delivering concrete results.”

Kraft said although NADD activities are coordinated by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and the foreign ministries of the three countries (Mexico Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, Global Affairs Canada, and the U.S. Department of State), NADD engagements rely heavily on the generous cooperation and support of officials and agencies at the federal, state, local, and tribal levels.

Magistrate Carol Jackson said the Tribal Court was the only Native court selected in the nation for a site visit.

“It was humbling to meet with our federal and international associates to share ideas concerning the impact on the



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal Council and Court personnel share a moment with the Mexican/Canadian delegations and Anishinabe Ojibchadaw Veterans Warrior Society in the courtroom on Sept. 17.

pandemic we are all facing. We are not alone in this; we are all coming together to help fight the opioid crisis,” Jackson said. “The delegates clearly understood the challenge our sovereign nations face and they represented their countries well.”

Raymond Farrier, policy advisory of the U.S. Department of State, shared his opening remarks with Tribal Council.

“It is visits like this one that makes the North American Drug Dialogue such an effective forum to share information, strategies and a way forward,” Farrier said. “The Government of Canada recognizes that substance use can have devastating effects on individuals, families and communities. The Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy focuses on prevention, access to treatment and harm reduction for those drug dependencies, while at the same time getting tough on those who threaten community safety.”

Farrier said Canada is investing more than \$350 million each year in community programming to help address the mental wellness and substance use needs of First



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Enrique Esteban Zepeda, advisor to the undersecretary for Prevention and Citizen Participation, delivers an opening address on behalf of the Mexican delegation.

Nations and Inuit communities, including an additional \$200 million in 2018.

“The Canadian Government has undertaken some initiatives to address the overrepresentation of Indigenous persons in the criminal justice system by providing alternatives to imprisonment, culturally-specific programming in corrections and services for offenders who are on parole and in the community to improve reintegration outcomes and reduce recidivism,” Farrier said.

According to Farrier, the factors contributing to Indigenous individuals being drawn into the criminal justice system are numerous, complex, systemic, inter-related and are not limited to the criminal justice system.

“Some of the factors include loss of culture, substance use, mental health issues, child welfare, involvement, poverty, inadequate access to health care and social services,” he said.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Behavioral Health Administrator David Garcia (second from right) gives delegates an introduction to the teaching lodge where several cultural ceremonies take place.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Nimkee Pharmacist Andy Henning and Medical Director Margaret Steslicki guide delegates on a pharmacy tour.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The visitors prepare to depart from their historic visit to the Tribe's Reservation.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The Snowbird Singers offer a traveling song to the delegates on Sept. 18 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Chief Ekdahl informs the visitors about Council's support of declaring state of emergency regarding opioid addiction.

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Dawn Morrow, vice president of the Families Against Narcotics Tribal/Isabella County chapter, introduced herself to the delegation as an individual in recovery and a mother of a child that struggles with addiction.

“Often times in recovery, I tell my story to help others that are in recovery, treatment centers and jails,” Morrow said. “It was a great opportunity to tell a little of my story to these delegates, that individuals like myself do recover and live successful lives, share that hope for their communities.”

The vital message to express was “a healing power amongst our people to help one another,” Morrow said.

“Being part of FAN is about erasing that stigma surrounded by being a drug addict,” Morrow said. “The most important thing to me is being able to spread the message that I am here for you. I need support from others. We cannot do this alone. We have to be committed as a community. Being able to share with others in the Healing to Wellness Program is very important, as they can see what recovery does to you in your life and that it is not impossible.”

Morrow informed Healing to Wellness clients she once sat in their shoes and can relate to their feelings of hopelessness, sadness and shame.

“To know that there are individuals like myself that care and carry no judgment, and are willing to help them



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Raymond Farrier of Public Safety Canada shares approaches regarding assistance for First Nations Tribes.

on this journey,” Morrow said. “It was with great appreciation that I was able to share a portion of what I do to the Healing to Wellness program, and delegates of NAAD.”

The Mexican/Canadian delegation attended the weekly court session with clients before meeting local law enforcement representatives from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police, Michigan State Police, Isabella County Sheriff, Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET), Shepherd Police, Mt. Pleasant City Police, Central Michigan University Police and the U.S. Eastern District Prosecutors office.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The delegates find their flags are recognized in the Ziibiwing Center’s museum exhibit.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Raymond Cadotte, visitor services representative for the Ziibiwing Center, gives the guests a tour and explanation of “Diba Jimooyung.”



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The delegates receive a tour of the facilities and an introduction to the firefighters.

Site visits included SCIT Public Safety Police, Fire and Court facility, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, Behavioral Health and the Ziibiwing Center.

The visit concluded with a Seven Grandfathers teaching and a sunrise smudge ceremony followed by a traveling song offered by the Snowbird Singers, a women’s drum group.

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Tribal leaders gather in St. Paul, Minn. for Tribal Opioid Strategic Planning Conference

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

The Aug. 22-23 Tribal Opioid Strategic Planning Conference brought together representatives from the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes joined with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services, Health Resources and Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The two-day collaborative project featured tribal leaders and personnel from 34 tribes with two urban Indian communities with the purpose of Region V Bemidji area tribes to address the impact of the opioid crisis as expressed in the March 27 MAST emergency declaration on the opioid crisis supported by the Tribe.

Scott Vele, executive director for MAST and Stockbridge Munsee tribal member, spoke.

Vele encouraged Tribes to share their existing opioid Tribal Action Plans (TAP) and current data related to the impact of the opioid crisis.

“We are creating a union, a strong bridge between tribes and the funding sources to deal with the struggles of opioid addiction that come to our reservations wherever we are,” Vele said. “It’s a tragedy what is going on but it’s not the first tragedy that Indians have faced throughout the history of our people. We have to find out from each other on how to deal with this crisis.”

Vele explained what brought the tribes together for this conference.

“When we were in (Washington, D.C.) for MAST Impact Week in March, our friends Tyler LaPlaut (Great Lakes Area Tribal Health Board) and Frank Ettawageshik (United Tribes of Michigan) presented the resolution that mentioned the state of emergency in Indian Country that brings us here today,” Vele said.

LaPlaut said the Great Lakes Tribal Health Board was created several years ago to bring consistency in the region.

LaPlaut said he has “seen the opioid epidemic first hand during site visits.”

“The problem I’ve seen is families destroyed, elders crying from losing their children and raising their grandchildren, and mothers and fathers along with aunts and uncles devastated by addiction,” LaPlaut said. “The problems in the communities may differ in the region, but the tears and sadness are the same across Indian Country.”

Part of the challenge in the Bemidji area, LaPlaut said, is the underfunding for health care.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

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“We know tribes are working for resolutions to solve what is happening and we can stand together when we can combat the issues that arise regarding health care for our communities,” LaPlaut said.

LaPlaut also mentioned the need to outreach for funding sources on a federal basis as he views the challenge as not as much a community issue but favors an interstate approach.

The Saginaw Chippewa delegation in attendance was represented by Behavioral Health Director David Garcia, Dr. Barry Kissoondial of the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and Tribal Court Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joseph Sowmick.

Tribal Council Secretary Frank Cloutier also serves as the President of MAST and was in Washington representing the tribe during MAST Impact Week.

Kissoondial said in order to meet the challenges of the opioid crisis, it “will take a collaborative effort between federal, state and local representatives.”

“Meetings such as this give us the opportunity to share different ideas and solutions with one another that are working,” Kissoondial said. “It also gave us the opportunity to address some of the challenges that need to be overcome. From a medical standpoint, I was able to discuss strategies with representatives from the Indian Health Services at the federal level as well as other physicians and staff from other Health Centers.”

Kissoondial said he “looks forward” to bringing information back to Nimkee medical care providers and continuing to work on solutions to meet this crisis.

With a behavioral health perspective, Garcia said he believes the conference was “a great opportunity” to work towards solutions on the opioid crisis with other tribes in the region.

“We are all working to address this issue and we were able to share ideas, hindrance and solutions. It was very beneficial for the federal agencies, such as IHS and SAMHSA, to be there to assist with the

problem solving from the programming and funding aspect,” Garcia said.

“Some of the common themes across the tribes were; lack of funding, being handcuffed by funding requirements, lack of resources in rural areas, lack of outreach programs and providing a safe environment or housing for those coming out of treatment,” Garcia said. “We, as a tribe, are fortunate to have sufficient funding to make a difference, compared to other tribes.”

Capt. Jeffrey Coady of the U.S. Public Health Service is a SAMHSA regional administrator and worked with IHS Region V Health Director Chris Poole to bring the strategic planning conference to St. Paul.

“We wanted to find out where tribes were at and to look at how tribal strategic planning will be moving in the future and how we can maximize our collaborative efforts to positively impact the region. It really addresses the strength of partnerships when you see a gathering of tribal leaders and health care professionals working in tandem with federal agencies on assistance of implementing tribal action plan within their communities they serve,” Coady said. “What we’re seeing in Minnesota is similar to the Gathering of All Nations discussion at the training in Albuquerque on how tribes can advance efforts with state and federal partnerships. As we look at our individual action plans it’s imperative to identify where those resources are and many of those resources are represented here today.”

Coady said other national participants in attendance at the conference were U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Corporation for National and Community Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

Poole said he enjoyed his last trip to the Tribe when he attended a reception with

Tribal Council at the June 12 Tribal Opioid Summit.

“Speaking with Chief Ekdahl and Council, we had a robust discussion on what challenges are out there and how to position ourselves to meet the needs of your community regarding the opioid crisis,” Poole said. “... The Bemidji office of IHS has been very committed to tele-behavioral health and we’ve recently hired a prescribing psychologist to begin increasing access to tele-behavioral health and I’m working with (Nimkee Health Director) Karmen Fox on the possibility of bringing that service to the clinic.”

At the event, O’Brien said the HHS Secretary and other DHHS officials know this crisis does not have a Washington solution.

“I think everyone in the room can appreciate that because Tribal communities know all too well that Washington solutions are generally not applicable to local and regional settings. They do not typically take in account the unique community aspects of Indian Country,” O’Brien said. “That’s why we can appreciate events like this that help to nurture, identify and build those community-based solutions because those are

the ideas that will generate honest dialogue to solve this crisis. There are obviously some things at the federal level we can assist with like research and generating models of pain management that can be used as best practices to treat addiction.”

When it comes to getting help to people in need, O’Brien said he firmly believes local solutions to treatment have to be riveted with community input.

Seprieono Locario, SAMHSA tribal training and technical assistance facilitator, shared about re-entry from incarceration in the justice system and how tribal nations can welcome home all members of our community.

“We look at re-entry in a holistic, traditional way on whether a member was incarcerated or coming home from military service or a boarding school experience, trauma is there. We have learned addiction can live in the darkness and if treatment doesn’t address the healing and wellness the family can bring, reconnection will be difficult,” Locario said. “Relatives can benefit from local support and local teachings when trauma informed care is introduced and that transition is done in a good way.”

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Editorial: Two-day Anishinaabemowin Symposium held at Ziibiwing Center

ESTHER HELMS

Ziibiwing Cultural Artist

The Anishinaabemowin Symposium took place at the Ziibiwing Center on Friday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 8. The Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department (ALRD) put on this event to “promote the importance of Anishinaabemowin in our community.”

In addition to ALRD, sponsors for the event were the Ziibiwing Center and the Tribal Libraries through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Tribal community was invited to attend and “learn about the importance of revitalizing our language” and to provide some answers to the questions of “Why learn it?” or “When would I use it?”

Harvey Trudeau and his wife, Delores, are Ojibway from Northern Ontario, Canada.

Anishinaabemowin is Harvey’s first language. He practices traditional and cultural ceremonies and is a former chief of the Sagamok First Nation.

Delores is fluent in Anishinaabemowin and a retired teacher.

Gerard Sagassige is a member of the Curve Lake First Nation. He has been a teacher of the language, the culture and the spirit of the Anishinaabek in workshops and camps for more than 30 years.

These speakers shared teachings and experiences that portray why and how our language is a necessary and inseparable part of a complete picture of Anishinaabek culture, life and spirit.

The speakers discussed the history of the language and the language/spirit connection that continues on into infinity. This connection is an integral part of ceremony and prayer to the Creator who gifted that language to the Anishinaabek. In addition, medicinal knowledge and effectiveness involves the use of the Anishinaabek names of those medicines along with the proper physical and ceremonial handling of them.

The concept of having “damaged spirits” was offered as a cause for a resistance to learning the language that many experience – the thinking that it’s difficult to learn this language or it’s not important. When healing occurs, it was proffered, we begin to open ourselves to learning and overcoming these thoughts and the learning comes to us easier.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Symposium attendees are photographed. Left to right, back row: Gerard Sagassige, Isabelle Osawamick, Carrie Heron, Carrie Wemigwans, Larry Kimewan, Margaret Flamand and Yvette Pitawanakwat. Front row: Ashaawnee Sprague, Delores Trudeau and Harvey Trudeau.

It was suggested that we treat each other kindly as we learn because we’re in our infant stages of revitalization.

It was suggested that perhaps the attitude of “Let’s go learn together” (“Kina maamwi okinoomaagzidaa” translation by Isabelle Osawamick, language outreach specialist) in a fun way, would be a beneficial stance from which we more easily and quickly move forward.

A quick start to revitalizing the language might be to

use the words we know where we can, as often as we can, and then add to our language knowledge as we can.

The ALRD has many options to help. Contact Isabelle Osawamick at 989.775.4110 or iosawamick@sagchip.org for information.

Miigwetch to all who were involved in the Anishinaabemowin Symposium. A’yungwaamaazin! Be determined! Kina go ndo nowemaaganak. All my relations.

Editorial: Employees Totally Slay Totally ‘80s, Totally Murder Mystery Night

LISA TIGER

Contributing Writer

It was a wicked night of murder mystery and mayhem at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort when the Grand Rapids-based Murder Mystery Company performed on Friday, Aug. 17.

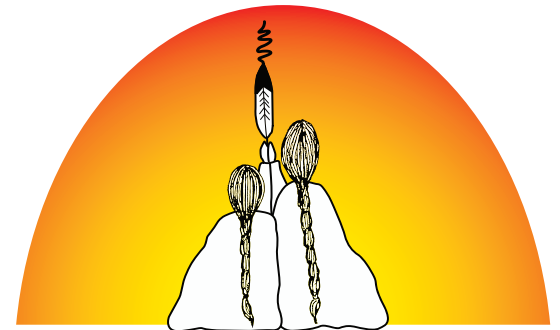
The ‘80s-themed event featured a double murder mystery of big time music industry stars.

A totally rad group of SCIT employees alike put their dweeb hats on and solved murders, winning a righteous certificate and bodacious bragging rights they will probably put in their obituaries. It was like, so totally tubular!



Courtesy of Lisa Tiger

Tribal employees pose at the Aug. 17 Soaring Eagle murder mystery dinner. Photographed: Kehli Henry (Grants Department), C J Eno (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College), Donna Patterson (Grants), Fred Patterson, Shannon Dorn (Grants), Jake Dorn, Lisa Tiger (Grants), Shannon Martin (Ziibiwing Center), Stacy Mandoka (Human Resources) and Shaylyn Sprague pose with the murderer, Cyndi Leapyear.



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University of Michigan representatives interview two Tribal Court personnel

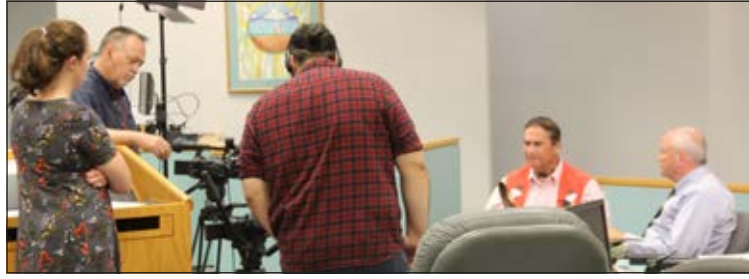
NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Thursday, Aug. 30, University of Michigan Public Health Training Center representatives were on site at the Tribal Court to film a segment for a interprofessional practice training.

After 2:30 p.m., Senior Judge Patrick Shannon and Joseph Sowmick, coordinator for Healing to Wellness Program, were surrounded by videographers, microphones and cameras during an interview in the courtroom.

Shannon and Sowmick



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Senior Judge Patrick Shannon (right) and Joseph Sowmick (second from right), coordinator for Healing to Wellness Program, are interviewed in the Tribal courtroom by University of Michigan School of Public Health representatives on Thursday, Aug. 30.

partook in a conversation in response to interview questions.

Behind the cameras, the interview questions were presented

by Phoebe Goldberg, MPH, CHES, program manager for the Michigan Public Health Training Center in the Office for Student

Engagement and Practice at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Shannon and Sowmick were asked questions including, "Can you briefly explain the current opioid epidemic and how it is affecting your community?" and "How is the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Court approaching the opioid epidemic?"

Sowmick briefly described the Healing to Wellness Program, medicine wheel teachings concept, the Four Paths of the Red Road and the different components of health.

Shannon answered questions

including "What challenges have you encountered in working in teams with other professions to address opioid misuse?"

Shannon addressed grants funding limiting the scope of services, prevention programs not starting early enough and the lack of school nurses.

The interview itself was the length of approximately one hour, however, according to Goldberg, it will be edited down to about 20-30 minutes.

According to Goldberg, the interview has not been released yet, but is set to be launched early this month.

Phase one of Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman, a canoe building community project, complete

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Phase one of the Anishinabe Wiigwaasi-Jiiman Community Project was held through the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program and the Ziibiwing Center on Sept. 12-14 at Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each of the three days, the project brought together students and Tribal community members to revitalize the ancestral knowledge, teachings and practice of building a 15-foot wiigwaasi-jiimaan (birch

bark canoe) within the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community.

"(The canoe is to) be used to harvest wild rice the way our ancestors did," said Guadalupe Gonzalez, project coordinator for the SCTC Extension office.

Phase one began the harvesting of all the materials and began the preparation of those harvested materials.

Phase two of the project and actual build will begin this month.

A lunch and short presentation was provided that Friday at noon about the harvest and plans for the build.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Volunteers prepare materials for the canoe building project on Sept. 14 at Seventh Generation.

"There is much opportunity for everyone to partake in the building of our very own wiigwaasi-jiimaan so please

feel free to share and invite whomever would like to learn," Gonzalez said.

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maadaadizi	journey
gikenim	know
inde'	heart
gizhewaadizi	generous
miizh	give
minwendam	glad
agindaaso	read
mazina'igan	book
akii mazina'igan	map
abwaajigan	roasted meat
opiniwaaboo	pototo soup
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Editorial: A garden for our community

LEE ANN RUFFINO

Cultural Manager

This year's Seventh Generation community garden effort was hard work, but well worth it.

Seasonal garden worker Skylar Neyome took great care in nurturing the vegetables and volunteer Lynette Smith put in many hours to assist with her knowledge and skills.

All of the Seventh Generation staff and volunteers took a part in bringing the garden to life.

The garden boxes were created in the woodshop by Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon. The plants seemed to thrive very well inside the boxes, and the weeding was minimal, which was a great relief to all of us.

There are many benefits in having a community garden; it's a great way to get active, bring families together and it is incentive to incorporate more fruits and veggies into your diet.

Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Program began to offer community garden plots more than 20 years ago when



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Zhaabwi Pamp-Ettinger, Mayna Kahgegab and Jaycee Kahgegab show off their harvest.

Milton "Beaver" Pelcher and staff grew vegetables and ceremonial tobacco to share with the Tribal community.

Today, the program still offers these plots free of charge to all who are interested.

This year, many families took part in harvesting their own tomatoes, cucumbers and squash, in return, those who took vegetables home would volunteer some gardening time or pull some weeds.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Seasonal gardener Skylar Neyome (right) poses for a photo with elders Sue Durfee (front) and Ruth Moses (back).

Some of the youth who toured the garden had their very first taste of freshly-picked cucumbers, tomatoes and even ate jalapeños. It was a beautiful sight to see our youth excitedly running around the garden to find a ripe squash to take home.

One youth described the garden in awe, by comparing it to the "Garden of Eden."

It makes me incredibly happy to have watched elders, adults and youth come out to visit this year, picking veggies and learning about growing their own food. I hope they will try and grow a garden at home, or come back next spring to start their own community garden plot.

A chi-miigwetch goes to Lupe Gonzalez, Extension



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

The newly installed garden boxes were created in the woodshop by Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Squash



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Raspberry and blackberry bushes

If you would like to learn more, please call **989-775-4780** or feel free to visit, 7957 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Miigwetch.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Broccoli plants are tended to by Seventh Generation staff.



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A three sisters garden designed and nurtured by garden volunteer Lynette Smith.



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The greenhouse is located at Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.



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Neyome, sells greens grown inside the greenhouse at the Native Farmers Market.



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New ACFS program to reduce risk factors for delinquency, substance abuse in youth

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Tribe will strengthen its capacity to increase positive factors and reduce risk factors for delinquency and substance abuse in Tribal youth through the development of a new program.

Project Venture – a comprehensive, collaborative and culturally-relevant program – is an evidence-based program for the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse for Native American youth.

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services and a grant-funded youth project manager will develop the program based on project venture principles.

“The program has been adopted by tribes around the United States and we are adapting here to fit the needs of our own Ojibwe cultural traditions and values,” said Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator for ACFS.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator for Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services, poses during a Sept. 21 photograph outside of the department's offices.

According to the National Institute of Justice, Project Venture is an outdoor/ experiential program that concentrates on American Indian cultural values and builds youth resiliency to increase their resistance to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and prevent other delinquent behaviors.



The year-long program will serve youth ages 12-17, and after completion, participants have the option of becoming service staff or peer leaders for subsequent years.

The program includes growth opportunities implanted during weekends, multi-day trips and adventure summer camps.

“Youth will participate in community service projects and other cultural elements, be involved a holistic life skills

learning approach, community building through intensive and positive peer interaction, role modeling and intergenerational community events,” Winn said.

Outdoor learning activities will also be experienced through adventure camps, wilderness treks, rappelling, hiking, mountain biking, community-oriented service projects, skill building exercises and challenging group activities, according to Winn.

“The Recreation Department will work closely with ACFS to develop and implement the adventure (and other outdoor) components of the program,” Winn said.

Winn said Tribal elders will play an important role in teaching traditional values and as additional mentors to youth.

“(The program) will serve as a means to build protective factors in the lives of youth including: having positive and healthy friends to

associate with, participation in healthy and safe activities with peers during leisure time and providing a community and neighborhood component that fosters youth support systems and a strong sense of community and cultural identity,” Winn said.

Jason Luna, director at ACFS, applied for a grant application and received a grant in 2017 for a Tribal youth prevention program. The submission of this grant was in the area of strategic planning, introducing trauma-informed services to child survivors of abuse/neglect and delinquency prevention efforts, according to Winn.

The program will also address academic challenges and truancy rates for Native youth. Grades and attendance will be closely monitored and early intervention in the form of referral to tutoring services will be provided to struggling students.

Migizi update: Waterpark award and construction updates

FREDRICK KUHLMAN

Migizi Marketing Manager

Construction is now fully underway at what was the Tribe's Green Suites property, now rebranded as The Retreat at Soaring Eagle. Having been closed for more than a month, the east building is already beginning to transform.

The exterior was quickly cleared of the siding and structural repairs have already been made. Windows and doors have been filled in and the basic style of the new property is starting to take shape.

The project is proceeding smoothly under the direction

of Migizi Project Manager Ethan Rotz.

Problems have been very minimal and there have been no significant delays of note. Construction on the east building is slated to be completed by November.

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel unveiled the new upgrades to its waterslides entitled iSlide – the interactive waterslide system – with a free evening event for Tribal Members and families on Sept. 7.

The reaction to the slide upgrades has been overwhelmingly positive with rave reviews from Members and the public alike.

All work to install the system was completed overnight for several weeks to ensure the park was never closed and no customers were turned away.

Another exciting feature in the Waterpark is the ability to order action pictures to remember the experience.

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel was again honored by the World Waterpark Association, with the announcement on Sept. 6 that the property is the recipient of three marketing awards in the annual World Waterpark Associations Wave Review Awards. This is an international competition with entries from waterparks in the United States and abroad.



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As you have shopped at Cardinal Pharmacy, lately, you may have noticed construction in progress.

The space occupied by the pharmacy is currently being

divided and a second office space is being added. This project will add commercial space available for lease.

Several Tribal departments and outside businesses have expressed interest in the space being developed.

Upon completion, Cardinal Pharmacy will be completely repainted and the interior will see a needed update.

As always, thank you for your support of Migizi.

Editorial: Saganing employee appreciation event a fun-filled day

CHRISTY WEAVER

Contributing Writer

The Saganing Employee Appreciation Day was held Aug. 14 at the Eagle Bay Marina.

Employees from the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, Sagamok gas station, Tribal Center, Eagle Bay Marina and the water plant were able to bring their families and enjoy the day together.

On top of the raffle prizes, employees enjoyed miniature golf, corn hole, henna tattoos, a waterslide, pontoon rides and dunking management in the dunk tank. However, the biggest hit of all was the cash cube!

Even though the cash cube was filled with play money, associates had a great time getting in the cube and catching as much “cash” as they could. Associates then turned

in the play money for tickets to place in a large prize raffle.

A picnic-style lunch was served throughout the day for all to enjoy.

We are extremely lucky to have such support from the Tribal Council on holding such events.

Thanks goes out to all the staff that helped with setting up, staying after to clean up, keeping the food coming throughout the day and the volunteers that got in the dunk tank.

Special thanks to Joe Sowmick for supplying us with music, Eagle Bay Marina for the pontoon rides, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing, Saganing Guest Service, Saganing Food and Beverage, Saganing Human Resources, Public Relations and Ray Brenny for generously donating raffle prizes. We are very thankful!



Courtesy of Christy Weaver



Tribe, Ziibiwing Center repatriate ancestral human remains from University of Michigan museum

TRIBAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Tribe and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways repatriated the ancestral human remains of one Native American individual from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology in Ann Arbor, Mich. on Sept. 6.

In August 1971, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from the Garry site (20AC19) in Arenac County, Mich.

Workers contacted the Michigan State Police after encountering human remains while digging a trench for a water main on private land.

Several post-contact period objects were found in association with the burial but were transferred to the Arenac County Historical Society instead of the University's museum.

The human remains are of one adolescent, indeterminate sex, 17-18 years old. No known individuals were identified.

The human remains have been determined to be Native American based on burial treatment and diagnostic artifacts. A relationship of shared group identity can be



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The repatriation ceremony of ancestral human remains begins and enters the Nibokaan Cemetery, located behind the Tribal Campground, on Sept. 6.

reasonably traced between the Native American human remains from this site and the Chippewa based on multiple lines of evidence.

The associated funerary objects noted from the site are typical of the types of goods traded in the region from approximately A.D. 1760 to 1820.

According to historical records, when the burial occurred, the Chippewa were the predominant tribe in the area. This is further evinced by a treaty creating two Chippewa reservations in the vicinity of the Garry site in 1837. The Saginaw Chippewa were the sole signatories of this treaty.

The Ziibiwing Center has been working diligently on

behalf of the Tribe and in cooperation with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance, to bring home ancestors and their associated funerary objects from numerous museums (colleges/universities) and federal agencies across the country since the passage of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections and to consult with federally-recognized Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding the return of



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Tony Perry prepares for the repatriation process.

these objects to descendants or tribes and organizations.

Not subject to NAGPRA, the Arenac County Historical Society repatriated under the spirit of the NAGPRA law 15 associated funerary objects to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on Sept. 6.

The Tribe, in cooperation with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance, Chippewa Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana; Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Minnesota (Six component reservations: Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake); Fond du Lac Band; Grand Portage Band; Leech Lake Band; Mille Lacs Band; White Earth Band); and Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Wisconsin



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Ancestral human remains of one Native American individual from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology in Ann Arbor is repatriated.

consulted and requested from the University's museum the repatriation of the culturally affiliated ancestral human remains under NAGPRA from the Garry site of Arenac County, Mich.

The Notice of Inventory Completion posted to the Federal Register on July 12, 2018.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe invited the interested public to join the Recommitment to the Earth Ceremony for the ancestor and 15 associated funerary objects on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Tribe's Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery.

The cemetery was established in 1995 for the explicit purpose of reburial of repatriated Native American ancestral human remains and associated funerary objects.

The Nibokaan Cemetery is located behind the Tribal Campground at 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

A Journey Feast concluded the ancestral ceremonies and protocols at 4 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Mae Pego (left) and Christa Gomez (right) attend the repatriation.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Punkin Shananaquet (left), Sydney Martin (center) and Glenna Halliwill (right) pose for a photo at the Ziibiwing Center before the Journey Feast.



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Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society Members are photographed during the feast.

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Tribe receives National Park Service historic preservation grant

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON – On Sept. 7, the National Park Service today announced \$986,691 in Tribal Heritage Grants to support cultural and historic preservation projects that protect and promote the unique heritage and traditions of America’s native cultures.

“The 23 projects funded by these grants will help American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians to ensure the survival of their cultural heritage, including traditional arts, skills, education, and ceremonies,” said National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith.

Projects funded by these grants will:

- Locate and identify cultural resources
- Preserve historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places
- Support comprehensive preservation planning
- Preserve oral history and cultural traditions
- Provide training for building a historic preservation program
- Support cultural and historic preservation interpretation and education

Congress appropriates funding for the Tribal Heritage Grant Program through the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF).

The HPF uses revenue from federal oil leases on the Outer Continental Shelf to provide assistance for a broad range of preservation projects.

Examples of projects funded in 2018 include:



- The Mescalero Apache Tribe (New Mexico) will use grant funds to conduct oral histories regarding the “Girls Ceremony”, a traditional coming of age ceremony for young Apache girls. Funds will transcribe and record the related ceremonial songs, stories, and prayers in the required language of the Mescalero Apache.

- The Seneca Nation (New York) plans to use funds to repair the Allegany Council House, which was recently nominated for inclusion in the National Register. The building’s significance is related to two historical events in the Tribe’s history - the right for Seneca Nation women to vote, and resistance to the development of the Kinzua Dam. The house will be used as an educational facility once repairs are completed.

- The Knik Tribe (Alaska) will conduct an archaeological evaluation and survey of numerous Knikatu settlement sites for National Register eligibility. The project will introduce archaeological investigation and field training to Native American youth.

The full list of projects funded in 2018 is shown to the right.

Grantee	Project	State	Amount
Leinsoi, Inc.	Leisnoi Lands Survey	Alaska	\$43,075
Knik Tribe	Phase II Evaluation of Cultural Sites on Knikatu Inc. Parcels	Alaska	\$43,200
Native Village of Eyak	Traditional Boat Building Project	Alaska	\$43,200
Hualapai Tribe	Historic Preservation and Education Through Story Maps	Arizona	\$43,200
Bishop Paiute Tribe	Tribal Interpretation and Education of Land and Plant Resources Through Outreach and Exhibits at the Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center	California	\$43,200
Hula Preservation Society	I Ulu No Ka Lala I Ke Kumu (The Branches Grow Because of the Teacher/ Trunk/ Source)	Hawaii	\$43,170
Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa	Meskwaki Cattail/Bulrush Mat Making	Iowa	\$43,200
Aroostook Band of Micmacs	Preservation of Mi’kmaq Porcupine Quill Embroidery Skills	Maine	\$42,880
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan	Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Initiative	Michigan	\$63,200
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	Eyaawing Cultural Education Project	Michigan	\$30,608
Pueblo of Acoma	Creating an Archaeological Survey Project for the Pueblo of Acoma	New Mexico	\$43,181
Mescalero Apache Tribe	The Mescalero Apache Tribe’s Girls Ceremony	New Mexico	\$43,200
Pueblo of Pojoaque	Documenting the Past to Plan for the Future	New Mexico	\$43,200
Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California	Washoe Homelands Mapping Project	Nevada	\$43,200
Seneca Nation of Indians	SNI THPO Council House Renovation	New York	\$39,550
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	Akwesasne Stories Project	New York	\$43,200
Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma	Ponca Hymnal Book & Recordings	Oklahoma	\$43,200
The Chickasaw Nation	Preserving Sacred Stories of the Chickasaw People	Oklahoma	\$33,065
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma	Creating United Keetoowah Band Cultural Resource Database and Historical Mapping Preservation System	Oklahoma	\$43,200
Delaware Tribe of Indians	Collaborative Archaeological Survey of Delaware Sacred Sites in Northeastern Oklahoma	Oklahoma	\$43,200
Lummi Nation	Lummi Nation Tribal Heritage Sites Access/Protection Plans and Facilities	Washington	\$43,200
Makah Indian Tribe	Makah Interpretive Guide Training	Washington	\$43,162
Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians	Bad River Cultural Site Preservation Project	Wisconsin	\$43,200
Total			\$986,691


Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE)

“The standard we are to live, our good way of life.”

The Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik Advisory Circle has been established through Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan.

The purpose of the ABE is to help grantee project coordinators to facilitate the process of developing a strategic plan to reduce suicidal behavior, substance abuse and misuse, and trauma in the community. With the help of the ABE, Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan will fulfill the purpose, mission, vision, and goals to benefit our Tribal community.

Upcoming ABE Meetings at Behavioral Health

- Oct. 5, 2018
- Oct. 19, 2018

Our Purpose

The purpose of Native Connections is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native young people up to and including age 24.

The goals of this program fall within two of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration strategic initiatives: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, and Trauma and Justice.

Our Mission

Assess organizational capacity to prevent, monitor and address issues of suicide, substance abuse and misuse, historical and intergenerational transference of trauma, resulting in a comprehensive, integrated, and unified approach that is effective, culturally competent, and sustainable.

Our Vision

A unified approach where connectivity thrives, and youth, family, and community feel supported, safe, and valued according to our shared way of life, Mino-Bimaadiziwin.

Our Goals

- To support youth as they transition into adulthood
- To ease the impacts of substance use, mental illness, and trauma in tribal communities
- To reduce suicidal behavior and substance use and misuse among Native youth up to age 24 Action Steps
- Disseminate best practices to enhance the quality of Tribal services
- Lead efforts to improve coordination among related services for tribal young people and their families
- Involve community members, including young people, in all grant activities
- Assess community needs and strengths related to the purpose of the grant
- Identify and connect Behavioral Health service organizations that exist in the community Community Benefits
- Increase community knowledge of suicide, substance use and misuse, and trauma.
- Reduce suicide
- Improve health outcomes

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Documentary, panel discussion examines screen time usage and its dangers

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What are some dangers of growing up in the digital age?

The Tribal Libraries and the Ziibiwing Center collaborated with several community partners and organizations to discuss that topic and show the short documentary “Screenagers,” which discusses screen time usage for all ages and its dangers.

The Monday, Sept. 17 documentary showing was followed by a panel discussion and Q-and-A.

Doors opened at 5:30 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Black River and Swan Creek ballrooms.

The nearly 200 attendees could also browse booths from local organizations and departments that offer options for non-screen time.

Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann moderated the panel.

“Several of the panelists noted that it is important to remember that when you’re interacting with someone online, the person on the other end is a real human being with human feelings,” Heidemann said. “Bullying happens online as well as in person.”

Panelist Judy Czarnecki, early childhood expert, urged attendees to think about what



they would say if they were standing face to face.

Czarnecki noted there is no solid science on how screens affect developing brains. There is currently no way to do an ethical study, so an observational science study will have to be conducted as children age.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends zero screen time for kids 2 and under, Czarnecki reported.

Also on the panel, Shepherd Chief of Police Luke Sawyer recommend a 24-hour waiting period before responding to something that causes emotions to rise. He suggested it may be difficult to not respond right away, but taking that cooling off period allows for a considered response that is not made out of anger or fear.

Dr. Constanza Fox of Fox Pediatrics responded to an audience question which asked, “What age is appropriate for a kid to get a smartphone?” with one word: “Sixteen.”

The other panelists nodded in agreement.

Heidemann said it “was exciting” to see the community come together for events such as these.

“Screen time awareness is about, more than just how much time we spend looking at screens, and we all learned a lot from both the documentary and the panel discussion,” Heidemann said. “So many aspects of our lives are influenced by our time online and it’s important to recognize that the choices we make have lasting consequences. Hearing from panelists who see these consequences in different aspects of our lives made it clear that we all have a responsibility to try to make good choices.”

This event was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Bimaadiziwin – the Good Life – IMLS enhancement project.

The project’s aim is to connect the Tribal Libraries with

community partners to create a multi-faceted series of programs which will empower community members to live Bimaadiziwin, a good life.

According to Heidemann, for this grant, the Tribal Libraries are using outcome-based evaluations to determine if the program is meeting its goals and serving the community well.

“For this event, 95 percent of attendees reported learning something that is helpful, 91 percent reported feeling confident about what they learned, and 88 percent intend to apply what they learned,” Heidemann said. “These figures meet or exceed the national average for library programs of this type.”

Heidemann reported some of the attendees’ comments included “the event was family-friendly that allowed both children and parents to have a voice,” participants enjoyed the “realness of the documentary – real kids, real parents, dealing with real situations” and the event included “great ideas about setting boundaries with kids and technology.”

“Many attendees suggested doing more programs on this topic in the future, so we will take that into consideration as we plan,” she said.

The Tribal Libraries, Heidemann said, have a lot of information for those wishing to learn more about any aspect of screen time.

Tribal Library Bookface

The Tribal Libraries are having their annual Bookface contest all throughout the month of October. Participants are asked to stop by the Tribal Library and/or the Tribal College library to have their pictures taken while holding a book that features a character on the cover.

If stopping by either of the libraries isn’t very convenient, we will come to you! We will gladly bring a wide selection of books to you and your department. The more original the pose, the more exciting it is!

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Standish water agreement: Tribe providing water and wastewater treatment services

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A water agreement between the Tribe and the Township of Standish was executed on Friday, Aug. 1.

The Tribe has agreed to provide water and wastewater treatment services within the Township, which will connect the property to water, wastewater treatment and other enumerated services from the Tribe's Water Treatment Facility, located at 2600 Worth Rd. in Standish.

The Tribe has been in contact with the township Supervisor Bob North, and working and negotiating with Standish Township for a number of years to provide water and wastewater services to the White's Beach water district, a subdivision along the shores of the Saginaw Bay in eastern Arenac County.



Courtesy of Frank J. Cloutier

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (second from right) and Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier (far right) meet with Township of Standish representatives on Aug. 1 in Council chambers to sign a water agreement in which the Tribe will provide water and wastewater services.

The White's Beach district borders Tribal properties in Saganing.

"The problem they have come across is the district health department has identified that close to 80 percent of the wells and septic out there are either in failure or have already failed. So,

it has become a relatively-serious health issue," said Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier.

According to a June 5 press release, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also reported a contamination advisory had been issued for White's Beach. The advisory was issued

by the Central Michigan District Health Department after sample sites showed e. Coli levels were above the state contamination level.

Standish Township sought a grant for the infrastructure on their water and wastewater services and they shopped around the county, Cloutier said.

"The more viable option was the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (and it's Water Treatment Facility)," Cloutier said. "It was a long process and negotiation."

Cloutier said he and former Utilities Director Barry Skutt had worked on this negotiation for a number of years before bringing it to the Tribe's Legal Department.

"This business is going to make our services for water and wastewater more stable because we are increasing the use," Cloutier said. "It is also going to bring in enough revenue to help an offset in the water and wastewater budget. So, it is a

direct savings with the Tribe to execute this business."

According to Cloutier, the health department carries jurisdiction and approached the Tribe about providing the services to White's Beach.

"When we built the water and wastewater treatment facility, we built it with the plan of expansion," Cloutier said.

The Tribe also owns and operates a water and wastewater facility on the Isabella Reservation, ran by the Tribe's Utility Authority department.

The Tribe's Utility Authority is charged with supplying, treatment and maintaining water delivery to the local tribal community. The department is responsible for wastewater treatment, wells, hydrants, towers and lift stations.

The Tribe's Saganing water and wastewater treatment plant is fairly new. Its groundbreaking ceremony was held back in July 2011.

Teen "Chopped" competition to be held Nov. 3 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Central Michigan is gearing up for the third annual Teen "Chopped" competition, to be held Nov. 3 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, in Mount Pleasant.

Teenagers aged 13 – 19 years old are invited to participate.

In an effort to bring well-known cooking competitions to a local level, Michigan State University Extension, in cooperation with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Farm Bureau and the Chippewa River District Library, area teens have the opportunity to display their culinary skills,

while learning a little in the process.

Prizes will be awarded for overall, best presentation, and most creative.

This event offers a little education mixed in with a lot of hands-on experience preparing a culinary creation from a list of mandatory ingredients, and a surprise mystery ingredient given the day of the competition.

Opportunities for teams to consult with experienced chefs are offered to teams as an exciting aspect of this competition.

One take-away from this competition is promoting "sourcing local" ingredients. There is a big push to eat more local, but not everyone uses their resources to do this.

Through this event, participants learn how and why it is important to "source local" for their food.

As many ingredients as possible are obtained at the local level, including the bulk of

the produce and also locally grown meat.

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Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker, Russell Dickerson present evening of today's country

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

An evening of today's country music hits roared through the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor venue on Sunday, Sept. 2.

Lady Antebellum, Darius Rucker and special guest Russell Dickerson stopped in Mount Pleasant during their "Summer Plays On Tour."

Multi-platinum status musician Darius Rucker entered the stage in a T-shirt, jeans, trucker hat and cowboy boots.

Rucker began his set with "Homegrown Honey," "Radio," "Don't Think I Don't Think About It" and "This."

Rucker's claim to fame began in the '80s as the front man for Hootie & the Blowfish, an American rock band. Now, he resides in Nashville, Tenn. and is excelling in the country music industry.

"(Good) songs are what Nashville's all about. Some friends sent me this song and I can't thank them enough. I've been blessed to sing this



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lady Antebellum's (left to right) Charles Kelley, Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood perform "Hey Bartender" during the Sept. 2 outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert.

song," Rucker said before performing "If I Told You."

Beginning a cappella with several other voices, Rucker and his band launched into "Alright," followed by "For the First Time," Hootie & the Blowfish's "Let Her Cry" and "It Won't Be Like This For Long."

"I've been in Nashville for 10 years," Rucker said. "Someone recently told me that I put out more country records than Hootie records."

The band then performed

the Hootie hit, "I Only Wanna Be With You."

Rucker shared a laugh with the audience; telling the story of when production was getting finalized for this tour, he noticed the video playing on screen behind him during that song's performance. His production manager, Rory, "plays the song in a black and white video like it came out in 1956."

"We had color TV then," Rucker said laughing.

Next, Rucker said to the audience, "Tell me what you think of this song," he said of his new sultry single "Hands On Me."

"My best friend and I mean that," Rucker said announcing Lady Antebellum's Charles Kelley who joined him on stage to perform one of his latest singles, "Straight To Hell." The music video, played on screen, also features Jason Aldean and Luke Bryan.

"Charles Kelley, ya'll!... Eat a sandwich!" Rucker said, laughing about Kelley's thin frame.

The band then performed a mandolin-themed version of "Come Back Song," and rain began falling during Rucker's final song.

A 30-minute thunderstorm delay occurred and audience members in the grand stands

were ordered evacuate the outdoor venue before Lady Antebellum took the stage. At precisely 9:45 p.m., the lights dimmed for the band to appear on stage after the weather had cleared.

Lady Antebellum began their set with "You Look Good," "Hey Bartender," "Our Kind of Love" and "Heart Break."

Joining Kelley were band mates Hillary Scott and Dave Haywood.

A medley of "Compass" and Diamond Rio's "Meet in the Middle" was then performed.

"This is our first number one single," Kelley said of "I Run To You."

"One of the coolest parts about what we do is sometimes we get to bring our families along," Scott said, dedicating "American Honey" to her kindergarten daughter, who was too shy to accept her invite to join her mother on stage during the song.

For "Just A Kiss," Haywood ditched his guitar to play the piano.

The group then performed hits "Downtown," "Lookin' For a Good Time" and "Need You Now."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Multi-platinum status musician Darius Rucker performs his hit single "Homegrown Honey."



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Singer-songwriter Russell Dickerson opened the show that evening from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

After a few brief moments during the encore request, Rucker appeared on stage to perform "Hold My Hand." Lady Antebellum and Russell Dickerson joined during the second verse.

All musicians ended the show together with Lady Antebellum's "Love Don't Live Here Anymore."

To open the show earlier that evening, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., singer-songwriter Russell Dickerson performed.

He included performances of "twentysomething," "That's My Girl," "Billion \$" and his No. 1 single on U.S. country airplay, "Yours."



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Lady Antebellum is suddenly illuminated on the outdoor stage and the crowd goes wild as the band performs their first song of the evening, "You Look Good."

Soaring Eagle hosts Amy Schumer & Friends for laugh-filled night

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Amy Schumer brought her nationwide tour to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Sept. 14.

Known for her gleefully raunchy comedy, the American stand-up comedian and actress was in top form on the outdoor concert stage.

She thrilled fans with her animated performance style and skillful use of pauses and comedic timing.

Approaching with a feminist perspective, Schumer does not shy away from social and political commentary, often going headstrong into her critiques of the media and society in general.

Schumer gained notoriety in 2013 with the premier of

her popular Comedy Central sketch variety show "Inside Amy Schumer." The show has gone on to win many awards including an Emmy Award in 2015.

She has released several one-hour comedy specials including "The Leather Special," which is currently available on Netflix.

Her foray into film acting includes the hit Hollywood movies "Snatched," "Thank You for Your Service" and the 2018 comedy "I Feel Pretty."

Schumer wrote the 2015 romantic comedy "Trainwreck," while also co-starring alongside Bill Hader and NBA player LeBron James.

Opening the night were comedians Mia Jackson and Janelle James.



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Popular stand-up comedian and actress Amy Schumer brought her nationwide tour to the Soaring Eagle on Sept. 14.



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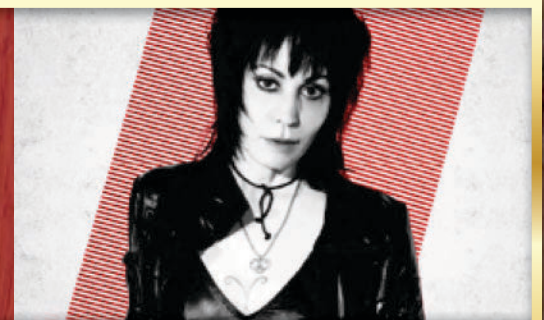
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More than 100 players compete in 2018 Soaring Eagle Open

FALLON FALSETTA

Contributing Writer

This year's Soaring Eagle Open golf tournament was held Aug. 17-19 at Waabooz Run Golf Course and the PohlCat Golf Course.

The event brought in a total of 63 teams participating; 16 senior teams, 18 women's teams and 29 men's teams.

A total of 135 players tested their skills at Waabooz Run and some impressive scores were recorded. The best score was a 45 that's -16, the high score was 60 that's -1 under.

There were 141 players challenging the CAT scores



were also very good, two teams came in at 58, with -14 being the high score was an 80 +8.

The goal for 2019 is 36 teams in the seniors and women's divisions, and 48 teams in the men's open division. This will allow an increase in the payouts for

each division, and it will help the two courses and the community businesses.

This year, this was a great number of sponsors, led by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing department which provided an excellent meal in the ballrooms for all of the players.

The tournament paid out more than \$24,000, and \$710 was donated to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Employee Recognition Fund. These funds were raised through 50/50 sales throughout the three-day event.

Tournament Results

Seniors Division, Friday, Aug. 17 at Waabooz Run

- **1st place:** Dan Pohl, Kim Tillotson, Scott Dielman -15
- **2nd place:** Ron, Don, Dick Butler -13
- **3rd place:** Steve Norbury, Rueben Moore, D.Cooper -12

Hackers Flight Senior's Division

- **1st place:** A.Chingman, L.Martell, T.Todd -6
- **2nd place:** H.Williams, S.Degurse, J.Popawitch -6

Ladies Division Friday at PohlCat

- **1st Place:** C. Mitchell, G. Ruhl, S. Tooshkenig -10
- **2nd place:** D. Pearsall, J. Harrison, L. Suave -6

Hackers Flight Ladies Division

- **1st place:** D. Anderson, K.Westerzelt, L. Akin +8
- **2nd place:** P. Quigno, M. Chippeway, C. Johnson +9

Men's Open Division at Waabooz Run, Saturday (18 holes) and at the PohlCat on Sunday (18 holes)

- **1st place:** Dewyse, Horner, Marsh -29
- **2nd place:** Owl, Rodriguez, Schneider -27
- **3rd place:** Butler, Votivich, Schultz -27

Second Best Flight Men's Open

- **1st place:** White, Nishimoto, Welsing -22
- **2nd place:** Phillion, Sniegowski, Housner -18
- **3rd place:** Owl, Hinkel, Schilling -17

Hackers Flight Men's Open

- **1st place:** Miskokomen, Miskokomen, Miskokomen -9
- **2nd place:** Chingman, Todd, Martell -6
- **3rd place:** Wright, Riley, Shipman -6

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Appreciation picnic held for Tribal Operations, Migizi employees

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 20, the Tribe's and Migizi's Human Resource departments hosted an employee appreciation picnic at the Broadway Park Pavilion, located at the Housing Department.

All Tribal Operations and Migizi associates were invited to attend and bring their families from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Upon entering the pavilion, employees could check in and receive two tickets at a chance to win the prize of their choice. Prizes included overnight stays at both the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Mobil gift certificates, a massage from the Soaring Eagle Spa and much more.

A meal of hamburgers and hot dogs and a variety of salads was provided.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) Mary Quigno, assistant HR manager; Samantha Kirklin, HR director and Kassy Heard, administrative assistant for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, pose for a photo at the Sept. 20 employee appreciation picnic for Tribal Operations and Migizi employees.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Several prizes were donated for the employees who attended the picnic to have a chance at winning.



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Migizi employees Kevin Humphries (left), HR manager, and Marc McCain (right), HR specialist, play a game of corn hole during the picnic at the Broadway Park Pavilion.

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2. Review the websites of the providers and see if they have the **five signs of quality treatment** detailed below.
3. Call for an appointment. If they can't see you or your family member **within 48 hours**, find another provider. One indicator of quality is the ability to get an appointment quickly. Many programs offer walk-in services. Look for programs that can get you or a family member into treatment quickly.

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FIVE SIGNS OF QUALITY TREATMENT

You can use these questions to help decide about the quality of a treatment provider and the types of services offered. Quality programs should offer a full range of services accepted as effective in treatment and recovery from substance use disorders and should be matched to a person's needs.

1. **Accreditation:** Has the program been licensed or certified by the state? Is the program currently in good standing in the state? Are the staff qualified? Good quality programs will have a good inspection record and both the program and the staff should have received training in treatment of substance use and mental disorders and be licensed or registered in the state. Does the program conduct satisfaction surveys? Can they show you how people using their services have rated them?
2. **Medication:** Does the program offer FDA approved medication for recovery from alcohol and opioid use disorders? At this point in time, there are no FDA approved medications to help to prevent relapse from other problem substances.
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4. **Families:** Does the program include family members in the treatment process? Family members have an important role in understanding the impact of addiction on families and providing support.
5. **Supports:** Does the program provide ongoing treatment and supports beyond just treating the substance issues? For many people addiction is a chronic condition and requires ongoing medication and supports. Quality programs provide treatment for the long term which may include ongoing counseling or recovery coaching and support, and helps in meeting other basic needs like sober housing, employment supports, and continued family involvement.

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Tribes prevail in defending the sacred: Judge rules to reinstate protections for the grizzly bears

NATIVE NEWS ONLINE

MISSOULA, Mont. — After years of struggle to defend the grizzly bear and consequently tribal religious freedoms and treaty rights, tribal nations finally prevailed over the U.S. Government on Sept. 24 when Judge Dana Christensen ruled in favor of tribal and environmental plaintiffs in Crow Tribe et al v. Zinke.

“With our sister tribes in the coalition of conscience, we prevailed (Sept. 24) in defense of the sacred for our children and our future generations, and we did so without having to make some of our strongest arguments. As we have said repeatedly, the grizzly bear is fundamental to our religious and spiritual practices. With Judge Christensen’s decision, those religious rights and our treaty rights remain intact,” said Stanley Grier, chief of the Piikani Nation and president of the Blackfoot Confederacy Chiefs.

The Piikani Nation was among the lead plaintiffs in Crow Tribe et al v. Zinke, and initiated the historic grizzly treaty signed by more than 200 tribal nations that became the basis for the Tribal Heritage

and Grizzly Bear Protection Act, introduced to the 117th Congress by Rep. Raul Grijalva.

Judge Christensen’s order vacated the grizzly bear delisting rule announced by President Trump’s Secretary of the Interior, Ryan Zinke, on June 22, 2017, which became final June 30, 2017.

The judge’s order restored the grizzly’s status in Greater Yellowstone to the Endangered Species Act.

Infamously, on the morning of June 22 before making the delisting announcement, Zinke pledged before Congress to engage in government-to-government consultation with tribes impacted by the delisting of the grizzly bear.

“I will commit to that. I think it’s not only a right, it’s the law. But two things, it’s the right thing to do,” Zinke committed to the House Natural Resources Committee.

“Secretary Zinke never contacted me on this grizzly bear issue,” affirmed President Troy “Scott” Weston of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, echoing multiple tribal presidents, chairpersons and elected chiefs who became plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

“President Trump is doing one thing right, by attacking



Courtesy photo

An order by Judge Christensen restored the grizzly bear’s status in Greater Yellowstone to the Endangered Species Act.

everything we hold sacred as tribal people he’s uniting us all,” said Chief Counselor Brandon Sazue of the Global Indigenous Council.

During Sazue’s administration, the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe joined the legal struggle.

“Let’s keep focused on what the Trump Administration’s primary objective was: by removing protections from the sacred grizzly bear they removed protections from over 34,000-square miles of sacred land in Greater Yellowstone, opening the way to this administration’s paymasters in extractive industry to move in. That is ancestral and treaty land to many tribes. We will never give up this fight for our Mother, the Earth,” Sazue said.

What evolved into a powerful coalition of tribal nations standing in solidarity against the delisting and trophy hunting of the grizzly, began with Northern Cheyenne spiritual leader and Sun Dance Priest, Don Shoulderblade in

Lame Deer, Mont. Shoulderblade is the founder of GOAL Tribal Coalition, which galvanized support for the grizzly issue throughout Indian Country.

“This is a historic moment not just for the Cheyenne Nation, but all tribal nations. We are humble people, and this movement had humble beginnings, with myself and my nephew, Bear Stands Last. You are witnessing the power of prayer, the power of our ceremonies, with this outcome,” Shoulderblade said.

Former Northern Cheyenne President Llevando “Cowboy” Fisher was the first tribal leader to issue an official declaration opposing the delisting and trophy hunting of the grizzly bear.

The Trump Administration is expected to appeal the decision, following the lead

of Wyoming Governor Matt Mead one of the most vocal advocates for delisting and trophy hunting the Great Bear in Yellowstone.

In his ruling, Judge Christensen described the government’s rationale as “illogical” and added that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service “failed to make a reasoned decision.”

“Moreover, the Service’s analysis of the threats faced by the Greater Yellowstone grizzly segment was arbitrary and capricious,” the judge concluded.

“... The future of the grizzly bear and tribal, federal and state cooperation lies in the grizzly treaty,” said Chief Grier.

“This is the work of many who spoke, prayed and lobbied for the ones who can’t speak for themselves. My prayer continues for more understanding from people, so they can live with and respect Bah-sik-kwi, the grizzly bear. In the words of my father, ‘If you want to be respected, you must first show respect,’” said Blackfeet Sun Dance leader, Nolan Yellow Kidney, who with Chief Arvol Looking Horse, is among the spiritual leaders who became plaintiffs in the lawsuit.



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Oct. 18 Indigenous Pink Day raises awareness for breast cancer

JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Coordinator

Indigenous Pink Day is an annual breast cancer awareness campaign held every October.

Join us on Oct. 18, 2018 for Indigenous Pink Day, a national breast cancer awareness campaign for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

The American Indian Cancer Foundation asks Indigenous people of all ages to wear pink and share photos on social media using the hashtag #IndigenousPink to spread breast cancer awareness.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death and the most common cancer found in American Indian/Alaska Native women.

The goal of Indigenous Pink Day is to educate all Indigenous people on the importance of early detection and remind men and women to receive up-to-date screenings. This is a national awareness campaign, so you can participate from wherever you are!

For more information on Indigenous Pink Day, please visit: www.americanindiancancer.org/breasthealth/pink



Also, please join Nimkee's Women's Health Program on Tuesday, Oct. 23 for the Feather Link Tea and Luncheon in the Soaring

Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms. For more information, please contact Judy at 989-775-4629 or Jenna at 989-775-4604.

Safety advice for patients and family members

(Editor's note: The following is from SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] at store.samhsa.gov. The article was submitted by Tribal Court personnel with the hope of providing more education about the opioid epidemic.)

What are opioids? Opioids include drugs such as heroin and prescription medications used to treat pain such as morphine, codeine, methadone, oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percodan, Percocet), hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab, Norco), fentanyl (Duragesic, Fentora), hydromorphone (Dilaudid, Exalgo) and buprenorphine (Suboxone).

Opioids work by binding to specific receptors in the brain, spinal cord and gastrointestinal tract. In doing so, they minimize the body's perception of pain.

Stimulating the opioid receptors or "reward centers" in the

brain also can trigger other systems of the body, such as those responsible for regulating mood, breathing and blood pressure.

A variety of effects can occur after a person takes opioids, ranging from pleasure to nausea or vomiting and severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) to overdose, during which breathing and heartbeat slow or even stop. Opioid overdose can occur when a patient misunderstands the directions for use, accidentally takes an extra dose or deliberately misuses a prescription opioid or an illicit drug such as heroin.

Also at risk is the person who takes opioid medications prescribed for someone else, as is the individual who combines opioids — prescribed or illicit — with alcohol, certain other medications and even some over-the-counter products that depress breathing, heart rate and other functions of the central nervous system.

Preventing overdose: If you are concerned about your own use of opioids, do not wait — talk with the health care professional who prescribed the medications for you. If you are concerned about a family member or friend, urge him or her to do so as well.

Effective treatment of opioid use disorders can reduce the risk of overdose and help a person who is misusing or addicted to opioid medications attain a healthier life.

An evidence-based practice for treating opioid addiction is the use of FDA-approved medications, along with counseling and other supportive services. These services are available at SAMHSA-certified and DEA-registered opioid treatment programs (OTPs).

Physicians who are trained to provide treatment for opioid addiction in office-based and other settings with medications such as buprenorphine/naloxone

Signs of overdose, which is a life-threatening emergency, include the following:

- Face is extremely pale and/or clammy to the touch
- Body is limp
- Fingernails or lips have a blue or purple cast
- The patient is vomiting or making gurgling noises
- He or she cannot be awakened from sleep or is unable to speak
- Breathing is very slow or stopped
- Heartbeat is very slow or stopped

Signs of overmedication, which may progress to overdose, include:

- Unusual sleepiness or drowsiness
- Mental confusion, slurred speech, intoxicated behavior
- Slow or shallow breathing
- Pinpoint pupils
- Slow heartbeat, low blood pressure
- Difficulty waking the person from sleep

and naltrexone may be available in your community.

If you suspect an overdose: An opioid overdose requires immediate medical attention. An essential first step is to get help from someone with medical expertise as soon as possible.

Call 911 immediately if you or someone you know exhibits any of the symptoms listed above. All you have to say is, "Someone is unresponsive and not breathing." Give a clear address and/or description of your location.

Facts to know about Nimkee Medical Clinic services

KARMEN FOX

Executive Health Director

The Nimkee Clinic is a Tribal health facility that is funded by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Indian Health Services (IHS) and grant dollars.

Nimkee Clinic provides service to members of a federally-recognized tribe that live within the five county service areas Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac and Missaukee counties.

Members of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and their direct descendants do not have to live in the five county

service area to receive services from Nimkee Clinic.

Nimkee Clinic does not bill Meritain insurance because it is a self-funded program through the Tribe. Nimkee Clinic does bill other insurances, including Medicaid and Medicare.

Purchased Referred Care (PRC) formally known as Contract Health Services (CHS) is a program through IHS, when we sign our contract, there is a specific amount of funds that are designated for the program.

PRC is the payer of last resort for any outside specialists, hospital bills, Emergency

Room visits, etc., meaning you must have medical insurance that can be billed or a denial through Medicaid/Medicare.

Once your insurance is billed for any outside services (outside of Nimkee; including labs that have to be sent out of the office) and if you follow the PRC guidelines, PRC will pay the remaining amount of your medical bill.

Closed door policy — in 2004 under the Health Administration team, they worked with Indian Health Services to "close our doors" — meaning we only provide services to members

of a federally-recognized tribe that live within the five county service areas Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac and Missaukee counties.

Other IHS sites do provide service to anyone who can prove

that they are a member or descendant of any federally-recognized tribe. This policy allowed us to better serve our community.

Today we still operate under this policy and strive to provide quality services to our members.

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1:10 p.m.	M.E.L.T. Jayme		Turbo Kick Beth		
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5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	

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Environmental Nutrition: Can diet reverse Type 2 diabetes?

JILL WEISENBERGER

MS, RDN, CDE

(Editor's note: The following article has been reprinted, with permission, from the September 2018 issue of Environmental Nutrition. The author is Jill Weisenberger, MS, RDN, CDE, and the article was submitted by Nimkee's Sally Van Cise, RD, nutritionist, wellness coach.)

If you have Type 2 diabetes, you've likely heard that lifestyle changes may give you a clean bill of health. While diet and exercise can help tamp down blood sugar levels and dial back the need for certain medications, a cure for Type 2 diabetes isn't so straightforward.

Why is it so complicated? "At this time, evidence does not demonstrate that Type 2 diabetes can be cured," said Tami Ross, RD, LD, 2013 president of the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Weight loss, dietary changes and exercise may normalize blood sugar levels, but this is not a true cure, she cautions. Instead, it's diabetes under control. And because Type 2 diabetes is progressive, there's no guarantee that lifestyle changes will keep blood sugar levels in the normal range indefinitely without medications.

Before you were diagnosed with diabetes, you likely had

blood sugar levels in the pre-diabetes range for a few years, even if you weren't diagnosed with pre-diabetes. Both disorders are characterized by a combination of insulin resistance and loss of insulin-making ability. It's a double whammy with some cells in the body refusing to use insulin properly and the beta-cells of the pancreas unable to produce enough insulin to make up for this resistance.

The longer you've had diabetes, the more likely you'll need medications because of loss of insulin-producing capacity.

More ways to tame insulin resistance:

- Enjoy oats and barley. These two whole grains are rich in beta-glucan, a fiber that helps you use insulin better.
- Get to bed. Insufficient sleep reduces insulin sensitivity by as much as 25 percent.
- Break up with bad fats. Skip the unhealthy saturated and trans fats, as both are linked to more insulin resistance.

Take action today. Your best chance for a lasting reversal is to take action early, said Erin Palinski-Wade, RD, CDE, author of "2 Day Diabetes Diet." Regardless of your stage of disease, reversing insulin resistance is critical for blood sugar control, she added.

Here are some science-backed strategies:

1. Lose weight if overweight. Dropping even a few

pounds boosts your body's insulin sensitivity. One study found that losing as little as 5 percent of body weight (10 pounds for someone starting at 200 pounds) improved insulin sensitivity in the fat, muscle and liver cells and even improved the body's ability to secrete insulin. As weight loss continued, these benefits became greater.

2. Walk, bike, swim. Exercise reduces insulin resistance for two to 48 hours! The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that people with Type 2 diabetes engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous cardiovascular (aerobic) activity each week, with no more than two consecutive days between exercise sessions. If you're fit enough for daily exercise, go for it.

3. Lift weights. Pump iron or lift your own body weight. Strength training is at least as important as aerobic activity, said Sheri Colberg, Ph.D., professor emerita at Old Dominion University. "We store most of the carbohydrates we eat in our muscles." By having more muscle, we have more space to store blood sugar, she said.

4. Reduce sedentary time. Even regular exercisers should avoid prolonged periods of sitting, which is also linked to heart disease.

The ADA recommends breaking up long stretches of inactivity with at least three minutes of light activity such

as walking and leg lifts every 30 minutes. These activities stimulate the muscles to use blood sugar, said Colberg. Even with their higher carbohydrate content, healthful vegan and vegetarian eating patterns can improve blood sugar control.

Plant-based diets are also associated with less obesity, heart disease, and some types of cancer.

5. Eat well. People with Type 2 diabetes often experiment with a range of eating patterns, but not all plans are based on wholesome foods.

A ketogenic diet provides only about 5 percent of calories from carbohydrate and about 80 percent from fat. Emerging research suggests that a 10-week ketogenic diet can improve blood sugar levels and reduce medication needs, said Palinski-Wade. However, the diet lacks many health-boosting foods. The ADA recommends that very low-carbohydrate diets be followed for no more than four months.

Finally, a Mediterranean-style diet, which is rich in fruits, vegetables, legumes, olive oil, nuts, fish, and whole grains, is moderate in carbohydrate content. A meta-analysis of nine studies finds a Mediterranean-style diet superior at blood sugar management compared to control diets.

The ADA recommends individualizing the diet based on preferences, budget, and

health status and emphasizes healthful eating patterns and nutrient-dense foods over specific nutrients.

Research roundup: Eggs & CVD; Mediterranean diet & AD

An egg a day may reduce CVD. Consuming a chicken egg daily could significantly lower the risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD), compared with not eating eggs, according to researchers in China.

Of more than 400,000 study participants, who were free of prior cancer, CVD, and diabetes, daily egg consumption was linked with a lower overall risk of CVD, as well as a 26 percent lower risk of stroke, 28 percent lower risk of death from stroke, and an 18 percent lower risk of CVD.

(Heart, May 2018)

Mediterranean diet helps delay Alzheimer's Disease

A Mediterranean style diet may keep Alzheimer's disease at bay for up to 3.5 years, research shows. The study included 70 cognitively normal participants between age 30 to 60 at the start.

Researchers measured biomarkers at the beginning and at the end of three years. Low adherence to the Mediterranean diet showed more risk factors at the beginning and end of the study and greater adherence was linked with 1.5 to 3.5 years of protection from Alzheimer's disease onset.

(Neurology, April 2018)

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 payer of last resort; it is 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 and screening testing (contract lab, bone marrow biopsy, EEG, endoscopy, colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy, radiologic testing (MRI, CT, ultrasound), health promotion/disease prevention, immunizations, mammography (diagnostic), pap smears, GYN-colonoscopy, area of program specific objectives, non-emergency surgery for "high risk categories", tubal ligation (post-partum and 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 did not 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 the Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council.

SCIT RUN ON THE Rez

5K • Kid's Race • 1 Mile Run/Walk

Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018

Where: SCIT Tribal Operations Parking Lot
7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
(Southeast corner of Broadway and Leaton roads)

Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.

5K: Starts at 10 a.m.

Kids 30-meter dash: Starts at 9:30 a.m.

Fee: \$15 post-marked by Oct. 15 - **Family Rate:** \$35
\$20 after Oct. 15 - **Family Rate:** \$40

Course: The race course is flat, and will be ran through the Reservation on both the road and through fields on dirt or grass paths.

Awards: The first 200 participants to finish the 5K and one mile will receive a medal. *(There will not be awards given to age groups.)*

Gifts: Long sleeve moisture wicking shirts are provided to the first 150 registered participants. Limited amount of long sleeve cotton youth shirts available.

For more information:

Jayne Green
989.775.4696
JGreen@sagchip.org

Nimkee Fitness Center
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
JGreen@sagchip.org

FREE KIDS 30 Meter Dash
for 2-5 year olds.
Start time: 9:30 AM
Register for this on the DAY OF RACE.
Each child will receive a miniature trophy!

For more information and registration forms, visit
www.sagchip.org/fitness/rezrun.htm

Soaring Eagle
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\$100,000

BINGO BASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

3:00PM MAIN SESSION

**\$1.00
DRAFTS**

**10 GAMES
AT \$10,000!**

**FREE
T-SHIRTS**

First 300 to
pre-purchase packet

**GIFTS
GALORE!**



PAPER BINGO DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
3PM SESSION

PAYS OUT OVER \$10,000!

First 100 guests to purchase the 3PM session will receive a free SECR beanie hat and all guests will receive a drawing ticket for a chance to win their share \$1,700 in cash playing the Mug of Money game.

PLUS, FREE 1/2 Sandwich & Soup
with session purchase!

Soaring Eagle
BINGO



OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN

1:30PM & 7:00PM SESSIONS

Purchase our 1:30PM or 7:00PM session and receive a drawing ticket for a chance to pick a pumpkin and win up to \$500 cash!

PLUS, FREE CARAMEL CORN & HALLOWEEN BEADS!

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SEE BINGO FOR MORE DETAILS

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Andahwod August Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Pam Porter, LPN, at Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elders Services, is the August Employee of the Month. Pam has worked at

Andahwod for seven years. Pam has been married for 35 years, has two children and three grandchildren. Her family enjoys spending their free time together. They like being outdoors, and camping and fishing. Pam said what she enjoys

most about working at Andahwod is the people she helps take care of. She loves the stories the elders at Andahwod talk about.

Thanks Pam for all your hard work and dedication to the residents and staff at Andahwod.

Falls Prevention Awareness Day declared by Gov. Snyder

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – To promote awareness about the frequency and health impacts of falling, Sept. 22 was declared Falls Prevention Awareness Day in Michigan by Gov. Rick Snyder.

As part of that declaration, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) encouraged Michigan residents to learn about how to prevent falls, especially during the coming winter months.

“Falls are the leading cause of fatal injury for older adults in the state, with one out of four people age 65 and older falling each year,” said MDHHS Director Nick Lyon. “I urge Michiganders to learn about how to protect ourselves, our friends and our family members from falls through community resources designed to improve activity, energy and independence.”

Fall-related deaths are on the rise in Michigan. Falls are also the leading cause of traumatic brain injuries and injury-related hospitalizations for the senior population.

Falls resulted in 804 deaths in 2015 for people aged 65 and older in Michigan, and 15,689 people of this same age group were hospitalized from fall-related injuries.

In 2015, medical costs for falls totaled more than \$50 billion in the United States. These costs do not account for the long-term effects of injuries sustained by falling, including disability, dependence on others and lost time from work and household duties.

To help combat this issue, MDHHS Aging and Adults Services Agency is partnering

with the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan to encourage residents to learn about and use community resources and programs designed to improve activity, energy and independence.

A combination of interventions can significantly reduce falls. Experts recommend a physical activity regimen with balance, strength training and flexibility components; consulting with a health professional about getting a fall risk assessment; having medications reviewed periodically; getting eyes and hearing checked annually; and making sure the home environment is safe and supportive.

Senior centers across the nation have evidence-based programs like Matter of Balance and Tai Chi which help older adults gain strength, improve balance and increase confidence.

In Michigan, Matter of Balance programs are offered at senior centers and many other locations. The eight-session class teaches participants about what can interfere with their balance, and what simple exercises they can do at home to gain strength.

(Editor's note: Andahwod CCC & ES offers exercise programs to elders, while the Nimkee Fitness Center is opened to members and also hosts an 8 a.m. aqua fit class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort pool.)

“Falls and even the fear of falling can make older adults afraid to join friends and families on outings and can contribute to feelings of isolation and loneliness,” said Ryan Cowmeadow, executive director for the Aging Association of Michigan. “Thousands of older Michiganders have completed this free program, which has helped build their confidence and allowed them to be more active.”

More than 6,300 older adults in Michigan have completed this program, and benefit from an increased sense of control and fewer restrictions in their lives.

For resources and tips on how to work with your clinician to prevent falls, visit the MDHHS Injury and Violence Prevention Unit webpage at Michigan.gov/injuryprevention. To locate a falls prevention classes through the Great at Any Age program, visit Greatatanyagemi.com.

Dreams

By Marlene Collins, Tribal Member

I dreamed to become this car mechanic
Your love to stand up with me
One-on-one, side by side
I needed you
But I left my dream when I met you
My life shifted gears
In fun but lower ways I walked
I forgot to tell my dreams WHO I WAS inside of me
So I stepped away for a while, and got lost in the charms of sin
Dreams don't give us time to search for our soul
I will not be chained by worry with no peace of mind
I only need clear thinking, and an orderly planning goal to make my dreams come true
Because I believe in myself and God the Heavenly Father's love to lead me through
This is my dream
In God's loving hand
Dream your dreams!
Life without our dreams in our heart and being is cold but can sure be cruel
I need to believe in me! To find my dreams coming true!
Keeping myself strong so my dreams can follow me
God blessed you with your dreams in your heart
Dream your dreams!

OCTOBER 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Caroline Trevino, Joanne Butzin, Ross Francis, Sandra Johnson, Lou Martinez | Sarah Martin, Minnie Stevens, Jody Clark, Cynthia Dalton, Marjorie Dubay, George Francis, Mary Hobbs |
| 2 Beatrice Seger, Oren Brown, Valerie Quinn | 18 Terry Chamberlain, Robert Federico, Lindy Hunt, Kelley Stevens |
| 3 Trudy Ralston, Mark Rueckert, Sandra Compau, Aaron Camburn | 19 Gordon Hart, Blanche Kuhn, Paul Pego |
| 4 Gonzalo Alaniz Jr. | 20 Gilbert Hendrickson Jr., Lawrence Sprague Sr., Linda Willard, Kevin Wray |
| 5 Joyce Moore, Sandra Chappel, Claire Dunnigan, Cheryl McKee, Elsie Sanders | 21 Judy Pamp, Krystal Pelcher, Gypsy Angiano, Spencer Kirby |
| 6 Alexis Pelcher, James Smith Sr., Susan Byrne, Helen Huyser, Nonda Lynn, Daniel Sawmick, Kathleen Yacks | 22 Robert Rodriguez Jr., Kimberly Stigger |
| 7 Kathleen Koenig, Rebecca Bratten, Colleen Sisco, Kelly Trombley | 23 Jeffrey Smith, Rebecca Jackson, Scott Saboo, Ramona Walker, Dean Waynee |
| 8 Ellen Kellogg-Bachert, Ronald Pelcher | 24 David Brodie |
| 9 Phyllis Brodie, Sharon Sasse | 25 Sandra Rood, Philemon Sprague Jr., Tom Bailey |
| 10 David Perez Jr., Terri Rueckert, Roger Tebo | 26 Audrey Nelson, Mariann Pelcher-Wright, Ann Rubin |
| 11 Kenneth Lee, Dorothy Netmop, Jonie Abella, Samson Sawmick | 27 Gonzalo Ramirez Jr., Ruthie Pelcher, Frederick Stevens |
| 12 Kim Elliot, Barbara Krause, Tina Montoya, Richard Van Vugt | 28 Julia Hay, Jeanette Mandoka Carpenter, Michael Randall, Christina Salter |
| 13 Phyllis O'Neal | 29 Kenneth Fallis, Donna Proper |
| 14 Daniel Bailey, Dennis Kequom, Roger Rusch, Carrie Farr, Lauren Lopez | 30 Dinah Griffus, Colleen Chippewa, Gloria Mulbrecht |
| 15 Christopher Bailey, Theodore Cantu, Dejay Elk, Theodore Stevens Jr. | 31 Brenda Champlin, Ronald Falcon, Stacey Fallis, Antonio Rodriguez, Joseph Snyder Jr. |
| 16 Charlene Chancellor, Marvin Davis | |
| 17 Lisa Bennett, | |

Sweetest Day COOKIE SALE

Order: Oct. 8-17 • Deliveries at local SCIT/SECR departments only
Cost: \$3 each
Delivery: Oct. 19 • Sorry no school deliveries!
To order, please call: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

October Andahwod events

Language Bingo
Oct. 4 | 1 p.m.

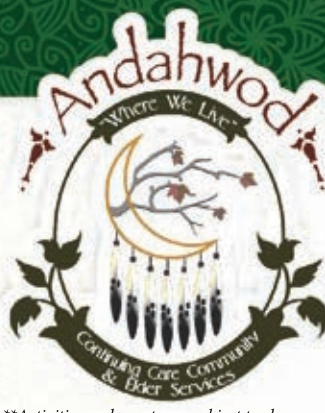
Bingo with Friends
Oct. 8 | 1 p.m.

Sweetest Day Cookie Orders
Oct. 8-17 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • \$3 each
 • Delivery on Oct. 19
 • SCIT departments only; no schools.
 • May pick up order.

Elders Breakfast
Oct. 10 & 24 | 9-10 a.m.
 • Flu shots will be available

Fried Chicken Buffet
Oct. 12 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 • \$12 - Adults
 • \$10 - SCIT elders
 • \$6 - 12 & under
 • Free - 5 & under

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



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



OCTOBER 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Fall Harvest Lunch Fundraiser

- Oct. 1 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- SCTC East Building
 - Soup, salad, dessert and water or tea for \$7
 - Proceeds go to the SCTC STEAM Student Organization
 - Please bring your own bundle if you have one

Native Farmers Market: Pie Contest

- Oct. 2 | Tasting: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (or until pies are gone)
- Farmers Market Pavilion
 - Registration: 989.775.4663
 - Pies must be at the pavilion between 8 - 9:59 a.m.

Walk-In Fit & Flu Clinic

- Oct. 3 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Nimkee Lobby
- Oct. 10 | 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- Andahwod (during elders breakfast)
 - 989.775.4699
 - Fit tests for colon health screening will be available

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989.775.4895
- Oct. 3, 17 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center
 - 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Community Sewing Night

- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4780

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation Blue House
 - 989.775.4780

Lunch & Learn: The ABC's of Parenting

- Oct. 9 | 12 - 1 p.m.
- SCTC East Building, Room 6
 - 989.775.4908

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

- Oct. 11, 25 | 12 - 1 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4110

Color Me Free from Domestic Violence

- Oct. 13 | 11 a.m., registration begins at 10 a.m.
- Behavioral Health
 - 989.775.4400
 - 1.5 Mile Domestic Violence Awareness Walk/Run
 - Free event T-shirts, water bottles and sunglasses will be provided on a first come, first-serve basis.
 - Lunch will be provided following the walk.
 - Celebrate with the DJ at the finish line

Feast with "The Water Walker" authors

- Oct. 16 | 5:30 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4519
 - Celebrating the work of authors Joanne Robertson and Josephine Mandamin

Fall Feast

- Sept. 18 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - 989.775.4780

Run on the Rez

- Oct. 20 | Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.
- 5K starts at 10 a.m., Kids 30-meter dash starts at 9:30 a.m.
- 5K, Kid's Race and 1 Mile Run/Walk
 - Tribal Operations Parking Lot
 - 989.775.4696 or JGreen@sagchip.org

Feather Link Tea and Luncheon

- Oct. 23 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
 - 989.775.4629 or 989.775.4604
 - National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - Featured speaker: Dr. Suzanne Cross
 - Silent auction to benefit Community Cancer Services
 - Cancer survivors recognized

Large Feather Box Workshop

- Oct. 24, 25 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Seventh Generation
 - Registration: 989.775.4780
 - Cost: \$15, must pay by Oct. 22
 - 15 spots available.

Pumpkin Carving Night

- Oct. 24 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - Registration: 989.775.4506
 - First 150 participants registered
 - Open to families who are eligible for K-12 services


Employee Wellness Fair

- Oct. 24 | 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- SECR Entertainment Hall
- Oct. 25 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saganing Tribal Center
 - 989.775.5624 or 989.775.5284

Halloween Haunt on the Hill

- Oct. 27 | 4 p.m.
- Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds
 - Costume Contest: 4 p.m.
 - Trunk or Treat: 6:20 p.m.
 - Fear Factor: 7:45 p.m.
 - Also featuring hayrides, a bonfire, family pictures, haunted tunnel and food trucks.

OCTOBER 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	2 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.	3 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. Saganing Talking Circle Saganing 5 p.m.	4 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. D. Dowd Traditional Healer B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 p.m.	5 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group Red Bloom Yoga 6 p.m.	6 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
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Clerical Pool
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

General Labor Pool
Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Journeyman Lineman
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED and Michigan Journeyman Lineman License. Two years lineman experience preferred. Michigan Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Proficient computer skills required. Backhoe operation experience preferred. degree or higher in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. Must be able to pass drug screening. MCOLES certified.

Police Officer
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current

Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Water Operator
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills preferred. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps or shaft driven equipment.

Cook - ALRD
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred.

Community Service Coordinator
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social studies or related field. Two years criminal justice, court or human services experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Criminal Investigator
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. MCOLES certified. Five years

experience as a certified police officer. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Nurse Practitioner Physician Assistant
Open to the public. Master's of Science degree in nursing for family nurse practitioner. Graduate of physician assistant program of study and successfully completed the Physician Assistant Certification examination. Two years of experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting preferred.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate's degree preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker. Two years teaching Anishinaabemowin.

Clinical Therapist
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred.

Clinical Therapist - ITC
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker.

Manager of College Advancement
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree. Demonstrated experience with a comprehensive capital campaign. Eight years of development experience in a leadership or managerial role with increasing responsibility. Ability to successfully lead and motivate professional staff.

Dental Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Victim Services Counselor
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience in counseling. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Dietary Cook Aide
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience in a kitchen atmosphere preferred.

Case Manager Native Connections
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services or related field. One year case management experience. Experience with Native American traditions and culture preferred.

Photo Journalist
Open to the public. Associate degree in journalism, public relations, or related field. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree preferred in journalism, public relations, or communications. One year experience in photography and journalism writing. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with proper Associated Press (AP) Style wiring for journalism. Proven ability in photography with portfolio sample both photography and written work.

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Floor/Upholstery Cleaner
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of carpet and upholstery cleaning experience.

Waitstaff PT
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.

Inventory Control Warehouse PT
Open to Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. One year receiving or experience working with warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to handle tasks in

a busy environment. Must be experienced on stand-up or sit-down fork lift or must be able to be certified within 90 days of hire/transfer.

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Beverage Waitstaff PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

F&B Attendant FT
Open to the public. Cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years of age.

F&B Attendant PT
Open to the public. Cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Transit Driver PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

Facilities Supervisor
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of maintenance experience. One year in a supervisory capacity preferred.

Central Plant Operator
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a Central Plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC. EPA Universal Refrigeration License preferred.

Carpenter
SCIT members only. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years experience as a carpenter. Builder's license preferred.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF BARRY JACKSON
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons to Appear Case no. 18-CI-0215 Plaintiff: Matrix Financial Services, Corporation Plaintiff's attorney: Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. Steven A. Jacob (P68749) 23938 Research Drive Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (248)539-7400 vs. Defendant: Barry Jackson 3441 S. Leaton Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 23, 2018.**

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF GABRIEL JUDSON
FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT COMES NOW, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Migizi Economic Development Company, a governmental subdivision of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, ("Plaintiff") by and through its attorney, Kristy M. Navarro Associate General Counsel and for its First Amended Complaint for the damages and rent in arrears related to Residential Lease Agreement. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. The property is the subject matter of this action is located at 6129 E. Broadway, Apt. 4 Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 and is described in the lease ("Property"). 3. The Property is owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and managed by the Migizi Economic Development Company. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0746

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF N'DAUNIS CHUPCO
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint case no. 18-CI-0367 Plaintiff: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan; Housing Department 7070 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's attorney: Sharon M. Avery 7070 East Broadway Mount Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-4033 vs. Defendant: N'daunis Chupco 7722 East Sage Drive Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires March 5, 2019.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF EDWARD BROWN
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0688 Plaintiff: Jeannene Frick 690 Second Ave. Mancelona, MI 49659 vs. Edward Brown 9551 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice of the defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Jan. 12, 2019.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN SALAMEY
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case no. 18-CI-0221 Plaintiff: Andrea C. Bittner 385 Caroline St. Ionia, MI 48846 vs. Steven Salamey 329 Grafton Ave. Alma, MI 48801. Notice of the defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 1, 2018.**

SUMMONS TO APPEAR SHOWCAUSE HEARING MICHELLE L. PETERS
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 18-CI-0106 Plaintiff: TNT Financial, Inc., P.O. Box 5767 Saginaw, MI 48603-0767 Plaintiff's attorney: James N. Meinecke (P40510) PO Box 5767 Saginaw, MI 48603-0767 (989)921-0406 Vs. Defendant: Michelle L. Peters 108 N. Main St. Apt. C Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 1, 2018.**



Behavioral Health hosts Family Fun Night on Aug. 29

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Community members gathered for an entertaining, educational night at the Broadway Housing Pavilion on Wednesday, Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Family Fun Night was organized by Behavioral Health prevention coordinators Shuna Stevens and Kevin Ricketts, as well as the Isabella Substance Abuse Coalition.

“The idea was to distribute drug prevention education to the community,” Ricketts said. “In a fashion, that would mix family fun, and a meal.”

The fun activities included a bounce house, kickball games, a dunk tank and raffle prizes.

Guests of all ages participated in a dance contest, with music provided by DJ Lupe.

“Over 300 people came out and enjoyed this wonderful event,” Ricketts said.

“Towards the end of the night, many were asking when we can do this again.”

Many Tribal departments collaborated to make the event a success, including the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Migizi EDC, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Housing, Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Human Resources, Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center and Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan.

Outside organizations that participated included Families Against Narcotics, Ten 16 Recovery Network and the Drug Free Teen Club.

“I looked around as the event was going on and all I seen was smiling faces and I could hear the laughter of the youth and their families,” he said. “I personally think this could be a summer, weekly collaborated event that would be rewarding to the entire community.”

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