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Tribe distributes more than \$3 million during fall 2 percent allocation

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Tribe has scheduled its semi-annual 2 percent distribution, dispersing funds derived from Class III gaming at its properties Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. The Tribe will be distributing \$2,264,742.82 in Isabella County (\$1,472,082.83 for local government and \$792,659.99 for education), and another \$827,592.01 in Arenac and Northern Bay County (\$579,314.41 for local government and \$248,277.60

for education) for the fall 2018 cycle. As with previous years, the Tribal Council receives numerous submissions, carefully reviewing each one. This distribution cycle saw a combined 401 individual requests submitted between the local governments and schools. "The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is appreciative that we are able to continue to support our local schools and governments through 2 percent funding," said Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl. "This cycle we were able to donate over \$3 million to ensure that important local

needs are addressed." The chief continued, "Since 1994, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has donated over \$250 million dollars and we remain committed to ensuring that our communities are able to see the impacts and benefits throughout this region." The Isabella County distribution took place on Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Ziibiwing

Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways. The Arenac and Northern Bay County distribution will take place at the Saganing Tribal Center located at 5447 Sturman Rd., Standish, Michigan on Friday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m. Please contact Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, at 989-775-4076 or at erodriguez@sagchip.org for more information.

Isabella Fall 2018 2 Percent Distribution

Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$222,172.08
- City of Mount Pleasant \$917,000
- Chippewa Township \$15,000
- Deerfield Township \$15,000
- Denver Township \$15,000
- Isabella Township \$36,690
- Nottawa Township \$15,000
- Union Township \$76,974
- Wise Township \$15,000
- Village of Shepherd \$144,246.75

Total Government: \$1,472,082.83

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$39,971.91
- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$409,891.76
- Shepherd Public Schools \$260,596.32
- Renaissance Public Schools \$61,400
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD STEM \$20,800

Total Schools: \$792,659.99

Isabella Total: \$2,264,742.82

Saganing Fall 2018 2 Percent Distribution

Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$299,423.14
- City of Au Gres \$11,622.14
- City of Omer \$17,820
- City of Pinconning \$39,348.76
- City of Standish \$65,000
- Arenac Township \$33,619.77
- Au Gres Township \$1,000
- Deep River Township \$36,628
- Lincoln Township \$1,000
- Mason Township \$9,300
- Moffatt Township \$4,646.50
- Pinconning Township \$23,495
- Sims Township \$1,000
- Standish Township \$1,000
- Turner Township \$18,411.10
- Village of Twining \$15,000
- Whitney Township \$1,000

Total Government: \$579,314.41

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$75,816.50
- Pinconning School District \$75,552.54
- Standish-Sterling School District \$96,908.56

Total Schools: \$248,277.60

Saganing Total: \$827,592.01

Grand total: \$3,092,334.83

State of the Tribe

Annual Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 • SECR Entertainment Hall

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

* Tribal ID required. ** Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.



Autumn Shay Neyome

Sept. 28, 1995 – Oct. 24, 2018

Autumn Shay Neyome was born on Sept. 28, 1995, in Grand Rapids, the third of four daughters to Sharon Parkey. She was welcomed by sisters Colleen and Shawnah and was later joined by sister Augustina 'Tina'.



Autumn was adopted by Chip and Dana (Kequom) Neyome at the age of 5 and resided on Remus Road in Mount Pleasant with her sister Tina and new brothers Skyler, Kobun and Emmett Neyome.

Autumn enjoyed singing, helping people, and giving and receiving hugs. She loved Jacob Jackson with all her heart from the seventh grade into eternity.

She was a small woman with the biggest of hearts who was loved by each and every aunt, uncle, friend, and family member who knew her as 'Auti' or 'Sassafras'. As small as she was, she would stand up to a giant to defend even a stranger.

Autumn Shay departed this physical world on Oct. 24, 2018, much to the grief of all those who would give their life to save hers.

Sassafras' maternal lineage hales from the Northern Michigan region of Burt Lake where her grandmother, Shirley Dunkley, traces lineage to the Burt Lake Band of Chippewa and Odawa Indians.

Auti was appreciative of gifts and was a joy to care for; no doubt she gave more of herself than she ever took from anyone else.

Tribal Operations will be closed:

- **Monday, Dec. 24**
(In observance of Christmas Eve)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 25**
(In observance of Christmas Day)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 26**
(Administrative closure)
- **Thursday, Dec. 27**
(Administrative closure)
- **Friday, Dec. 28**
(Administrative Closure)
- **Monday, Dec. 31**
(In observance of New Year's Eve)
- **Tuesday, Jan. 1**
(In observance of New Year's Day)

24/7 departments will remain open.

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Nov. 15, Dec. 20

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: Nov. 1, Dec. 6

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.

In Memory of Al Wassegijig

This month, on December 23rd we will honor your first year in Heaven and on December 28th we'll celebrate your second Heavenly Birthday. Everyday you're in our thoughts and we speak your name often, especially Grampy. You may be physically gone, but you'll never be forgotten. We felt so blessed to have you in our lives and you will live in our hearts forever. We love you and miss you so much! Happy heavenly Birthday!



In Loving Memory of Richard Earl Davis

In memory of Richard Earl Davis (Snooks) who left me seven years ago on December 20, 2011. We feel so saddened when you left us. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain. Life goes on without you but will never be the same. The holidays are not the same anymore, especially on your birthday, July 4th and Christmas, miss you being here for us. Richard, you would be really proud of your daughter right now. Hopefully you are looking down at us, she has always been there for you and now she is here for me. Maybe someday soon we will be together again. I miss you a lot even though I know that you are in a better place. I love and miss you a lot, love ya, Connie; daughter Casey and grandchildren, Brandy, David, Jonathan, Jasmine, Lil' Richard, Miles and Clayton and great-granddaughter Osyka.



In Loving Memory of Richard Earl Davis

Missing you very much Richard Earl Davis, and love you.

Love, Mr. & Mrs. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Wing and grandkids and family



A thank you from the family of Beverly A. Vasquez

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say many thanks to family members, friends, and our community for all acts of kindness, sympathy, and prayers during our mother's illness and passing. We truly appreciated the food, flowers, cards, the kind words spoken about our mother, and the donations to HATS, Veteran's Memorial Library, and Community Cancer Services of Mt. Pleasant. We want to express our special appreciation for the loving care by Hospice, Pastor Kenny Sault and his wife Sonja for their many words of comfort and Pastor Sault's encouraging message, the firekeepers, the Mno Ode Singers, and to Clark's Funeral Chapel for their professional care and service. We will forever be grateful for the graciousness of our family, friends and community. Thank you and God bless you all from the family of Beverly A. Vasquez.



Tawas Use Survey

A Tawas Use Survey has been created to better understand how Tribal Departments and members want/plan to use the Tawas property and cabin so that the Tribe can best determine how to manage these assets.

This survey is open to Tribal Members. It is posted on the Tribal Member Home Page.

While taking this survey, please consider any/all potential/planned events that you would like to hold. Any details that you can provide on each response are helpful.

The survey will be available until Dec. 14.

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council passed Resolution numbers 18-132 (educational provisions) and 18-133 (criminal provisions) that amend the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan.

For a copy of the resolutions or for more information, please:

- ▶ **Log on:** to the "Tribal Member Only" area of www.sagchip.org
- ▶ **Or contact the Public Relations department:** at 989.775.4004

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.



Housing Services Offered



- Free and confidential financial assessment
- Setting up a budget
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- Work with you to develop a plan
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- **Email:** SKennedy@sagchip.org
- **Website:** www.Sagchip.org/housing

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS



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



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

- Dec. 4
- Jan. 8
- Feb. 5



Merry Christmas Dad!

Love, Mariana
XOXO



Merry Christmas Dad!

Love, Myles
XOXO

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 versus 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.

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult SCIT members to fill two vacant seats on the Conservation Committee for the two year terms (ending Novem 2020) per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Conservation Committee By-Laws.

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

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

All letters of interests will be accepted until the seats are filled by Tribal Council.



Go Kearnin Alexander!

Prayers for safety during competition in the Bahamas!

Papa D would be so proud of you!
Love, Giimaa Jeanette

Waterpark's Splash Away Hunger raises \$3,143

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel raised \$3,143 for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen during its Splash Away Hunger fundraiser.

On Nov. 7-8, Waterpark guests made a \$7 donation to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen in exchange for a waterpark day pass, on the day of only, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

On Nov. 20, Waterpark personnel including Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess, General Manager Bonnie Sprague, Front Desk Manager Pamela Murphy, Sales and Events Manager Sena Hutcheson and Aquatics Manager Brenden Lennon provided the check to Sarah Adkins, director of the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is proud to announce the partnership with the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen that resulted in a contribution of over \$3,000," Juckniess said. "The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel held a Splash Away Hunger event and proudly donated the proceeds to

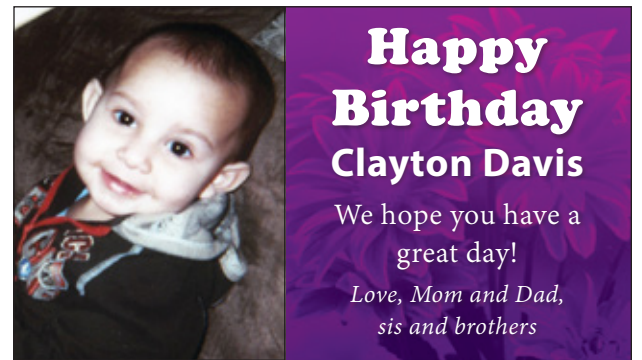


Courtesy of Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel raised \$3,143 for the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen during its Splash Away Hunger fundraiser.

this worthwhile cause. The Tribe is known for its considerable philanthropy in the community."

The Waterpark's next cause is the Giving & Swimming event on Dec. 5-6. A \$7 donation will earn waterpark guests a one day pass. All proceeds will benefit the Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services Star Tree Program.



Happy Birthday Clayton Davis

We hope you have a great day!
Love, Mom and Dad, sis and brothers

New career opportunity

Native American Pipe-Fitter Apprenticeship

- Five-year apprenticeship (Local 85 of Saginaw)
- Department of Labor Approved

A pipe-fitter: is a tradesperson who installs, assembles, fabricates, maintains and repairs mechanical piping systems. Journeyman pipe-fitters deal with industrial/commercial/marine piping and heating/cooling systems. Additional training in plumbing, welding, HVAC, rigging and safety will be offered as part of the apprenticeship.

Requirements/qualifications:

- 1: Native American from a federally-recognized tribe.
- 2: Completed two college level mathematics courses.
- 3: Willing to work in Saginaw on the hotel expansion until completed. *Note: This apprenticeship position will be with a private contractor.

Interested Tribal Members may contact: Chip Neyome,

Interim Anishnabe Workforce Developer

- Phone: 989.775.0053
- Email: chneyome@sagchip.org

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 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 Robert Juckniess, CEO of the Migizi Economic Development Company. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of Retail Off-Premise General Liquor License and Retail Off-Premise Beer & Wine

License. Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged liquor, beer and wine to be consumed by buyers off premise. The License, if renewed, would cover the Isabella Sagamok, located at 2428 S. Leaton Rd, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858.

This License, if renewed, will be for the duration of one full year from Jan. 27, 2019 to Jan. 27, 2020, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.



Tribal Council

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Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosts banquet for 2018 Employees of the Year

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the annual banquet for its 2018 Employee of the Year winners on Thursday, Nov. 8 in the ballroom.

April Bryant from the Casino Housekeeping Department received Manager/Supervisor of the Year and a check for \$2500.

Tammy Salas of the Food and Beverage Department

received Employee of the Year and a \$2500 check.

Mary Curtice from the Hotel Housekeeping Department was honored with runner-up for Employee of the Year and received a \$1,000 Soaring Eagle gift card.

David Spicer, maintenance supervisor, received runner-up for Supervisor of the Year and received a \$1,000 Soaring Eagle gift card.

"Thank you to all the employees for all their hard work and dedication to Soaring Eagle," said Kelly Bryant, administrative assistant to the casino CEO.



Courtesy Kelly Bryant

Tammy Salas received Employee of the Year and a \$2500 check.



Courtesy Kelly Bryant

April Bryant received Manager/Supervisor of the Year and a check for \$2500.

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.



Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program Seeking four youth representatives for ABE Advisory Council

Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program is seeking letters of interest from individuals in the community to form Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE), an advisory council.

The overall goal of the program is to engage community knowledge and experience to assess and enhance the Tribe's ability to prevent, monitor and address the issues of suicide and substance abuse in the community.

Efforts will focus on youth aged 24 and under, their families, and community.

This will be an opportunity for the ABE to learn and consider the implications of historical trauma and the intergenerational transfer of that trauma as key components.

Four Tribal youth representatives

Parental consent is required, and forms will be made available by the NC Program staff.

Please call to express your interest:

SCIT Behavioral Health
Native Connections Program
Lisa M. Kennedy, NC Project Coordinator
(989) 775-4886

Or Email to: likennedy@sagchip.org

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.

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Oct. 27 town hall meeting held for several departments to update Membership

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the At-Large/Member Services department hosted a town hall meeting for all Tribal Members, held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Gilbert Hendrickson, supervisor of At-Large/Member Services, introduced three guests who gave presentations covering the per capita plan, health care and economic development.

At-Large/Member Services sponsors two town hall meetings each year with Tribal Council's support, Hendrickson said, which are diligently planned between the two, along with staff in Saganing, Public Relations and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food and Beverage department.

"We appreciate the support we received from the Information Technology department and the webcast can be seen on the Tribal Member portal of the www.sagchip.org website," Hendrickson said. "I would personally like to thank my fellow staff... Lisa Ayling, Nicole Chippewa, Denise Pelcher, Colleen Maki and Michaelene Marcotte."

Chief Financial Officer Dominic Ortiz highlighted three main aspects that are pointing the financial landscape in the right direction:

- The payment reductions have



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Chief Financial Officer Dominic Ortiz speaks about financial landscape during the Oct. 27 town hall meeting.

significantly reduced the financial deficits in the Futures Trust.

- The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino have had four years of consecutive net gaming revenue growth.

- These factors have allowed the Tribal Council to suspend the per capita payment reductions.

"If the net gaming revenues meet or exceed projections, a true-up payment will be made to eligible Tribal adult Members," Ortiz said. "The true-up ensures that the eligible Tribal adult members receive the full 75 percent distribution of net gaming revenues as approved in the revenue allocation plan."

Ortiz also shared with the audience that child welfare payments are fixed and will not receive a true-up payment.

Karmen Fox, executive health director for the Nimkee Clinic, offered insight on

changes in the health care delivery and she informed that on Oct. 22, the Nimkee Clinic began implementation a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) System to better serve the community.

"Once the new system is set up (completely), our community will have the latest technology and better communication between the Nimkee Clinic, Behavioral Health, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services, Andahwod, Healing to Wellness Court as well as outside pharmacies and providers," Fox said.

Fox also explained that Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – formally known as Contract Health Services (CHS) – is a program through Indian Health Service and when the Nimkee Clinic signs its 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," Fox said. "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."

Fox said the last part of the implementation piece will be the patient portal and once that goes "live," Nimkee patients will have access at their fingertips to their Personal Health Information (PHI) to view lab results, message the nurse, receive messages, etc.

"When Nimkee patients come in for their upcoming appointments, please make sure to bring your current Tribal identification card, all health insurance cards (including Tribal Meritain insurance) and current list of medications," Fox said.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Karmen Fox, executive health director for the Nimkee Clinic, covered the changes being made to health care delivery.

Brian A. Smith, director of Saganing Chippewa Economic Development, was the last presenter and shared some insights on business creation and some innovative programs that are ready for launch.

"The proposed Data Center project is a large facility that houses computer servers for data storage or 'cloud services' like you would find as a backup for data on your phone," Smith said. "The project will offer a substantial business market for large users of storage capacity that is off site and they do not have to manage."

Smith provided examples of potential clients including hospitals, autonomous vehicles along with Federal and State governments.

"The Data Center project will feature 100 percent Tribal ownership and will provide economic opportunity in Saganing," Smith said. "Increased infrastructure benefits for Tribally-owned businesses and electricity sales from SCIT Energy Desk will provide an additional revenue stream back to the Tribe."

Smith also mentioned business development discussion with Tribal Council on venturing into the lucrative frontier of three-dimensional printing.

"Three-dimensional printing is an additive manufacturing process making 3-D solid objects from a digital file,"



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Brian A. Smith, director of Saganing Chippewa Economic Development, shared insights on business creation and some innovative programs that are ready for launch.

Smith said. "In an additive process, an object is created by laying down successive layers of material until the object is created. Another company has purchased the equipment and is providing 'proof of concept' and securing contracts for Tribal review and this process will lead to less product waste and increased profitability for the Tribe."

Smith also informed the Membership on the status of the "seven megawatt" Saganing substation, which is connected to one of two separate 138 kilovolt lines that run through the Saganing Reservation, Smith said. The substation is now upgradable to double its capacity and profitability.

"The substation will connect to Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, the water and sewer plant, Saganing Tribal Center and other Tribal buildings through an underground utility corridor," Smith said. "Electricity will be purchased through the SCIT Energy Desk and will provide savings up to 30 to 40 percent for Tribal enterprises."

Smith's presentation was met with applause as he informed that currently SCIT is the only Tribal Nation to be a "market participant" with the ability to buy and sell energy on the open market.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Members gather inside the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym during the meeting.

Diedrich sworn in as new criminal investigator

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Wednesday, Nov. 7, Det. Sgt. Nicholas Diedrich, new criminal investigator for the Saganing Chippewa Tribal Police Department, was sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl to serve and protect during his duties within the department.

Diedrich repeated the following oath:

"I, Nicholas Diedrich, have been appointed criminal investigator of the Saganing Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America, and will faithfully enforce such Federal Statutes and Laws as they apply to the Indian



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Det. Sgt. Nicholas Diedrich (left), new criminal investigator for the Saganing Chippewa Tribal Police, is sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) on Nov. 7.

Reservation, as well as all Tribal Codes and Ordinances.

I take this obligation freely without mental reservations or

purpose of evasion; I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of which I am about to enter, so help me God."



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Yesterday's and today's warriors honored during annual veterans feast

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

The Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society welcomed the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community to their annual 2018 veterans feast.

The Nov. 11 event themed “In Honor and Recognition of Yesterday and Today’s Warriors” was held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as more than 300 people packed the Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River ballrooms to celebrate veterans’ contribution to the United States of America during Veterans Day.

The “heartbeat of the nation” was provided by drum group Mino Ode as they performed a grand entry and flag song as the Ogitchedaw color guard brought in the Saginaw Chippewa Eagle Staff, Healing Staff and the Chief Pontiac Staff followed by national, state, armed services and the prisoner of war (POW) flag.

Damian Fisher, member of the Ogitchedaw and U.S. Navy veteran, led grand entry and said Veterans Day “reminds us that regardless of branch of service, each veteran has taken an oath to defend our Constitution.”

“All veterans who have worn the uniform has shared a pathway of duty, obligation and honor with every other veteran. It is in this one time of year when we emerge from our communities and come together and humbly acknowledge our service and shared experiences,” Fisher said.

Fisher continued, “I feel pride, camaraderie, and accomplishment that we answered the call of our country to protect our freedoms, our families and to preserve our communities. Our annual veterans Ogitchedaw feast reminds me to never forget this shared experience and to continue to serve my community every day, in a good way.”

Tribal Council member Theresa Jackson offered a heartfelt blessing for the food and gathering and was accompanied by her husband Darryl Jackson, a U.S. Marine Corps



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center, shows appreciation to veterans during the annual feast for Veterans Day on Sunday, Nov. 11 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

veteran and men’s traditional dancer; and fellow Council member Jennifer Wassegijig.

Ogitchedaw member Okima I David Perez Sr. welcomed all veterans in attendance and asked every one of them to stand and be recognized as the community gave them a stirring ovation.

“(The veterans) feast also commemorates the celebration of Armistice Day when the allies of World War I signed the agreement that ended the fight against Germany in France at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month,” Perez said. “(This day) is a reaffirmation that the Armistice – at the end of WWI – promised peace to a world that had just experienced a world war and what we now know to have been the beginning of modern warfare 100 years ago.”

Perez continued, “In honor of the sacrifice and commitment shown by those veterans of yesterday, we can recognize their contributions today by remembering their connection to history and why we enjoy the freedom we have.”

Perez introduced Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl who presided over the swearing in of Ogitchedaw leadership which included veterans Chuck Knowles, Jonathan Cabral, Tony Carmona, Minnie Martin and Larry Verga.

“It was truly an honor to have the opportunity to swear in the new officers of the

Ogitchedaw,” Chief Ekdahl said. “My late grandfather Frank Kequom and my father are both veterans. I have a huge amount of respect for the sacrifices and the service that our veterans have made.”

Ekdahl attended the event with his family and saw many community members doing the same.

“I have... attended many of the feasts and I am moved by the support our community shows every year coming to the event with their families to honor our warriors,” Ekdahl said. “There are a lot of opportunities where people can serve and when we look at role models of serving our people, it is comforting to see the Ogitchedaw are there giving back to the community.”

Ekdahl also thanked the Soaring Eagle Food and Beverage staff for providing an excellent buffet feast.

William Johnson, curator of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways, served as the keynote speaker.

“I was honored to say miigwetch publically to the Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society on behalf of (the Ziibiwing Center’s) director Shannon Martin and the Ziibiwing Center...,” Johnson said. “Our expression of gratitude was long overdue, though not far from our minds. Time and time again, we have contemplated how best to acknowledge the many years of friendship and support.”

Johnson said most recently, the Ogitchedaw assisted the Ziibiwing Center on several occasions including the repatriation and reburial of the ancestor culturally affiliated to the Ojibwe from the University of Michigan’s Museum of Anthropological Archaeology; the eagle feather cleansing, honoring and feast; protecting the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School from vandals on Devil’s Night and Halloween; and the repatriation and reburial of the ancestor from the Mecosta County Medical Examiner’s Office.

“It would be difficult to represent the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The Mino Ode Singers perform the grand entry song for the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society color guard.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Larry Peters (second from left), a U.S. Navy veteran and member of the Ogitchedaw, is honored at the 2018 Veterans Feast. (Left to right: David Perez Sr., Larry Peters, Karen Lada and Sandy Peters)

other Great Lakes Anishinabek without their assistance,” Johnson said of the Ogitchedaw. “David Perez and the rest of the organization have consistently answered the Ziibiwing Center’s and Tribal community’s call for help when needed. These requests often come at all hours and with little notice. Their personal sacrifice doesn’t go unnoticed. Their commitment to their warrior status is truly accepted and embraced. For that, we will always be grateful.”

The event also honored and recognized the supreme sacrifice given with the POW table that was set in remembrance for prisoners of war and missing-in-action soldiers, and was

placed in the center of the room with a single red rose.

Chris Czopek, a Civil War historian of Lansing, was also in attendance with his traveling display about Sharpshooter Company K that was comprised solely of volunteer Native soldiers.

Czopek’s research indicated that one of every three of the 139 Native American soldiers in Company K died in the Civil War.

Event volunteers Cynthia Soney and Karen Lada conducted the silent auction fundraisers. The 50/50, raffle prize drawings and money raised supports the Ogitchedaw’s events for 2019.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Larry Peters shares a story about yesterday’s warriors.



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Ogitchedaw member Okima I David Perez Sr. recognizes and honors all veterans in attendance.



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The 2018 Ogitchedaw leadership are sworn in by Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (second from right).



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The Ogitchedaw color guard stand for a flag song.



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The Zibiwing Center hosts annual Circle of Indigenous Arts

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

There is always much to see, learn, experience and own from the Zibiwing Center's Circle of Indigenous Arts.

There was a buzz of activity throughout the center as visitors travel between booths of incredibly beautiful art pieces and wonderfully talented artists.

Paintings, jewelry, pottery, cloth items, beadwork, basketry, decorated gourds, copperwork and more blended with storytelling, song, music, dance and crafts to create an excellent event.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Margaret Noodin shared songs and teachings at the Nov. 16 Circle of Indigenous Arts event. (Pictured left to right: Zibiwing's Assistant Director Judy Pamp and Noodin.)

Author, poet, professor and Anishinaabemowin language

teacher Margaret Noodin shared songs and teachings at the Circle of Indigenous Arts event. She had earlier visited the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

Some of her songs in Anishinaabemowin can be found at www.ojibwe.net.

A Wishing Tree is in the lobby to collect all wishes. This is a community project in partnership with ARThrive of CMU that was initiated by Japanese artist Yoko One to promote global peace.

Twelve trees have been distributed to collect wishes and will be shown in an art installation exhibited at Central Michigan University's library.



Courtesy of Esther Helms



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Current and prior students and teacher assistants from the Anishinabe Performance Circle hosted Nov. 16 and 17 performances at the Circle of Indigenous Arts event.

Check the Zibiwing Center's Facebook for more photos from the Circle of Indigenous Arts, including the competition winners awarded on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Miigwetch to PNC Bank who sponsored this event along with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries.

Former Chief Steve Pego announces Nov. 30 retirement after 30 years of service

TRIBAL COUNCIL

On behalf of the Tribal Council, we would like to acknowledge Steve Pego's dedication and contributions to the Tribal community as he retired on Friday, Nov. 30.

Steve started his career with the Tribe as the Indian cultural teacher on Nov. 30, 1988 – which marks 30 years ago on his retirement date.

Steve held several positions with the Tribe as a teacher aide, hard count worker, finance

supervisor, enrollment deputy clerk, Tribal clerk, At-Large youth coordinator, sculptor instructor, helping healer, Tribal Council member and the Tribe's highest leadership position—Tribal chief.

Steve's commitment to the Pego Administration's "War on Drugs" is still strong in his heart. His work as the helping healer has touched many families within the Tribal community.

Although Steve is retiring, his commitment will continue. He will continue to be a valuable resource for our Nation and other Tribal Nations too.



Courtesy of Tribal Council

Former Chief Steve Pego is honored by Council as he retires Nov. 30.

Once again, on behalf of Tribal Council, may you continue to be blessed on your next journey.



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Pego was gifted a medallion from Tribal Council, which was made by Council member Theresa Jackson. Pego retired after 30 years of service to the Tribe.



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Saginaw Chippewa dancers showcased in Detroit Pistons halftime show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Many people look forward to attending their first live sporting event, but it is rare they actually get the opportunity to participate in that event.

For some Tribal Members attending their first Detroit Pistons basketball game, they had the chance to drum or dance in regalia – or witness their family members and friends drumming or dancing – on the Little Caesars Arena court.

During their halftime show, the Pistons celebrated Native American Heritage Night and Tribal community members were invited to partake on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Shortly after 4 p.m., the Detroit Pistons took on the Phoenix Suns.

The early evening was a victory for Detroit as the Pistons beat the Suns 118-107.

The halftime show began just after 5 p.m. As the halftime buzzer sounded throughout the arena, Pistons staff members transformed the court into the stage for the show. The drum and chairs for the drummers were set out on the court.

The house went dark and the floor was lit up. A video featuring Taboo of The Black Eyed Peas suddenly appeared on the screens.

Taboo, the American singer/rapper, has Shoshone Tribe heritage.

“I’m very proud and honored to represent my First Nations people,” Taboo said in the video.

Marcus Anthony Guinn, better known as Emcee One, was



Courtesy photo



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Native dancers are highlighted during the Detroit Pistons halftime show at the Nov. 25 Native American Heritage Night.

present to host the halftime show and pump up the crowd.

Emcee One is a recording artist, national speaker, DJ and youth advocate. He also has tribal (Potawatomi) heritage and is an executive council member for United National Indian Tribal Youth, according to emceeeone.com.

“Ladies and gentlemen, there’s over 500 Tribes in the U.S., we have a hand full of people with us here this evening from the great state of Michigan,” Emcee One said as the drum group, Great Lakes Anishinabe, performed.

Emcee One then introduced the 40 Native dancers in groups, by their style of dance.

Each group began dancing on the court as they were announced: men’s traditional woodland, women’s traditional, women’s jingle, men’s grass, chicken dance, women’s fancy shawl, men’s fancy and hoop dance.

“We all share this planet together. All of us live here on this world,” Emcee One said. “So right now I ask for you – all around this arena – let’s share this night tonight,

together as one. Celebrate Native American Heritage Night. Put your one’s (pointer finger) up in the sky for me all around the arena.”

Performers on the court then again danced to a music video featuring Taboo, which also starred dancers in regalia.

Midway through the video, Supaman then appeared live on the court in full regalia to rap his verse of the song.

Supaman is an Apsaalooke rapper and fancy dancer who performs Native American hip-hop.

Emcee One then joined him, also rapping along.

“We want to thank our dancers. We want to thank our drum group. We want to thank Detroit for allowing (us) to celebrate Native American Heritage Night,” Emcee One said as the dancers moved to center court for a final pose around the Pistons logo.

Organized by Luke Sprague, interim manager of the Recreation Department, he scheduled the game day tickets to go on sale Nov. 7 at 7:45 a.m., available at the Tribal Operations main entrance.

Tickets were \$40 per ticket and for Tribal Members only.

“The first 20 youth to purchase tickets had the opportunity to form a high five tunnel for the Phoenix Suns as they took the court for pregame warm ups,” Sprague said.

Prior to the game, the drum group and dancers had an 11:15 a.m. rehearsal.

As of that game’s end, the Pistons hold a 10 – 7 record.

For the first three quarters, the Pistons traded baskets with Phoenix, but Detroit finally went on a 15-3 run in the



Courtesy photo

Drum group Great Lakes Anishinabe perform on the basketball court in the Little Caesars Arena.



Courtesy photo

Dancers move to center court for a final pose around the Pistons logo to conclude the halftime show.

fourth and eventually beat the Suns 118-107.

According to nba.com, Pistons coach Dwane Casey is a bit perplexed by the team’s performance in all afternoon games as of late.

“We’ve got to drink some coffee in the morning, wake up a little bit earlier,” the Detroit coach said, according to nba.com. “Wake up a little bit earlier, have a 6 o’clock-in-the-morning shootaround; something to get us going.”

Andre Drummond scored 19 points and had 16 rebounds, and Blake Griffin added 16 points and 11 assists for the Pistons.

Devin Booker scored 37 points for Phoenix, and rookie Deandre Ayton had a season-high 25 points with 13 rebounds.

Reggie Jackson had 19 points and eight assists for the Pistons.

The halftime performance is available on YouTube in its entirety at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnGxk1ttBF8>



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All dancers were announced by rapper Emcee One in groups by their style of dance.

ACFS lunch fundraiser raises \$865

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services held an enchilada meal lunch fundraiser for its foster care program on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Approximately 87 meals were purchased, which raised \$865 toward ACFS’ foster care program.

ACFS staffers and volunteers cooked the meals in the Tribal Kitchen, near the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

The lunch was available in the late morning until items ran out.

“A very big miigwetch for all of your support,” said Jolene Quinlan, administrative assistant for ACFS, in an email sent to Tribal employees.



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Editorial: A total of 122 tribal applications processed during the Nov. 6 Career Fair

KAMIE MANDOKA

Job Placement Specialist



The Career Fair on Tuesday, Nov. 6, held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms was a success.

The fair was free to all job seekers, and local businesses were in attendance with employment opportunities and hosted on-the-spot interviews.

From 1 to 4 p.m., roughly 250 people come through the doors with a total of 122 applications processed and 94 potential hires for Tribal departments.

Migizi EDC. offered positions to 21 candidates.

This was a big event for the Soaring Eagle, and the first time outside vendors joined.

I know our departments were a little hesitant to have outside vendors join us in the

search for employees, however, I did notice, as I was screening, we did get several new people to apply and hire with us.

The cost for the space for hosting the event was paid for by the vendors.

I would like to acknowledge the Marketing departments at both Soaring Eagle and Migizi for their amazing ability to advertise and promote the event, the Food & Beverage Department for supplying the water, coffee and cookies to our potential employees, and the Function Service department for their

flexibility with setting the room and making sure the refreshment table was well stocked.

Also thank you to the Sales office for making sure the ballroom looked fabulous.

I would also like to acknowledge the extra help we received from Jennifer Lindstrom, Linda Neiman, Bethel Merrill, and Consuelo Gonzalez. These ladies did an awesome job running registration and making sure applicants were getting to where they needed to go. Without you ladies, I would not have been able to help process as many applicants as we did.

Thank you to all the departments who participated in this event; we have 94 more employees coming aboard for the Holiday season.

Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to the Human Resources staff that helped plan, coordinate and support this event – without you, this event would not have been possible.

I would also like to acknowledge Rachel Saboo for the time and effort she put into coordinating with the vendors and staff. I don't know what I would do without her.

Deb Haaland elected as first Native American Congresswoman

(Editor's Note: The following information was provided by Megaphone Strategies news source.)

Albuquerque, N.M. - New Mexico's First Congressional District has officially made history as Deb Haaland has been elected as one of the nation's first Native American Congresswoman.

Haaland is a 35th generation New Mexican who is an enrolled member of the Pueblo of Laguna, and also has Jemez Pueblo heritage.

Haaland said she ran for Congress because she has lived the struggles of everyday New Mexicans. She understands their needs and is best equipped to be families' fiercest advocate in Congress.

She said she will fight tirelessly to create opportunities and improve livelihoods for all New Mexicans.

Following the historic win, Haaland addressed a crowd of supporters at the Albuquerque Hotel.

"New Mexico made history tonight," Haaland said. "I want

to thank every single person who poured their heart and soul into this campaign. Congress has never heard a voice like mine, but when the 116th session of Congress begins, they will hear my voice."

During her campaign for congress, Haaland set a bold progressive agenda to put people before corporate profits. That included a Green New Deal and 100 percent renewable energy, Medicare for All, protecting and expanding Social Security, investing in public education, humane immigration policy and an end to deportations and the harassment of immigrants living in America and women's reproductive rights.

"Healthcare is a right and not a privilege," Haaland said. "I will fight to ensure every child gets a high-quality public education including an early childhood education through universal pre-K and day care. I will fight for women's reproductive rights including abortion access. I will fight for a humane immigration

policy. And I will fight for working families – through policies like paid family leave and a \$15 minimum wage – to ensure every American has a real path to prosperity and success. And I will fight to ensure the federal government finally lives up to its trust responsibility to Native tribes."

Haaland grew up in a military family; her father was a 30-year combat Marine who was awarded the Silver Star Medal for saving six lives during Vietnam, and her mother is a Navy veteran who was a federal employee for 25 years in Indian education.

Her family moved throughout the country during her father's military service; as a result, she attended 13 different public schools. She knows the sacrifices made by military families.

"Seventy years ago, Native Americans right here in New Mexico couldn't vote," Haaland said in her victory speech. "Growing up in my mother's Pueblo household, and as a 35th

generation New Mexican, I never imagined a world where I would be represented by someone who looked like me."

Haaland is a single mother who volunteered at her daughter's pre-school in order to afford an early childhood education. Like so many New Mexicans, she had to rely on food stamps at times as a single parent.

She has been a small-business owner. She said she has lived paycheck-to-paycheck and struggled to put herself through college and law school but she did it through hard work and determination.

Like so many New Mexicans, both Haaland and her daughter are still paying off student loans.

"We are at a critical juncture in our history," she said in her victory speech. "Now is the time to return to the most basic ideals of simply being good and kind people; welcoming the stranger; ensuring dignity and freedom for all – no matter what we look like, who we love, how we pray, or where we were born."

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Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

niibaa-aname'egizhigad	Christmas
aname'ewigamig	church
ziinzibaakwadoons	candy
niisiwe minjikaawan	gloves
giizhoopizon	scarf
zoogipon	snow
aagim	snow shoe
biboonodaabaan	sleigh
zinawa'oojigan	sleigh bell
zhooshkawajiwe	sliding
zhingwaak	white pine
okikaandag	jack pine
zazegaa	decorated
miizh	give
maa'ishkam	shop
zhooniyaawaabik	silver
azaawaa zhooniyaa	gold
zenibaanh	ribbon
mitigwaab	bow
Gi-zhemanidoo	God



Words by Aconcise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm

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CROSSWORD

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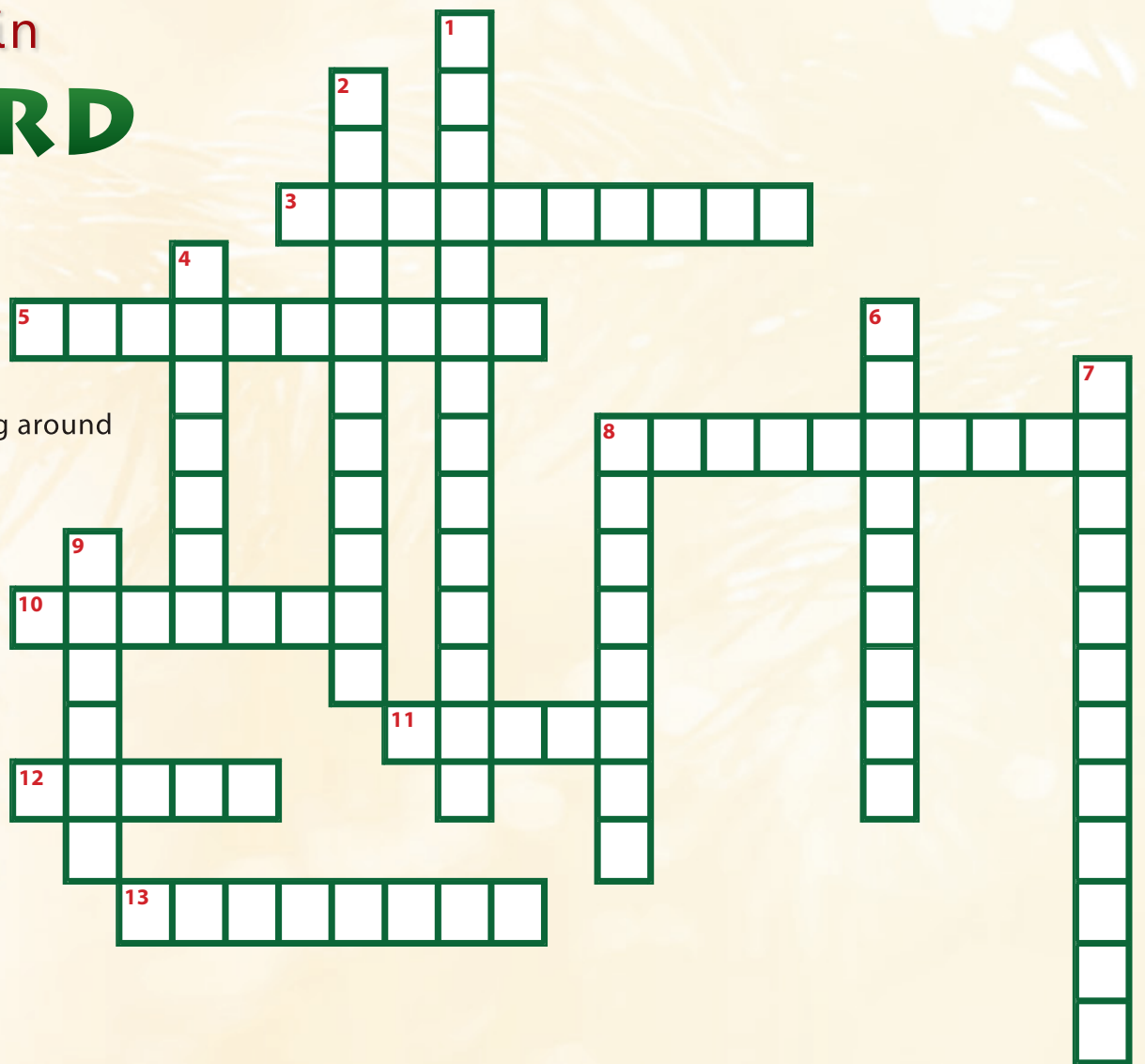
- bring it here
- wait your turn
- come
- go and play
- let's go inside
- put it away
- walk

Across

- put it over here
- get off
- let's get ready
- he/she is climbing around
- get in
- don't
- slowly

Word Bank

- zhii-taa-daa
- kwaash-i-nin
- maam-pii bii-toon
- ge-gwa
- zkaag-nan
- aam-be biin-dig
- maa-sen
- maam-pii-toon
- o-daam-i-nan
- baa-pii-ji-gen
- boos-en
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- maa-jaan



Words by Isabelle Osawmick, Outreach Language Specialist, titled "Everyday words"



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| 12. ge-gwa (don't) | 8. zhi-taa-daa (let's get ready) | 3. maam-pii-toon (put it over here) | 5. kwaash-i-nin (get off) | 8. zkaag-nan (put it away) | 4. maa-jaan (come) |
| 13. neng-kaaj (slowly) | 10. maan-dwe (he/she is climbing around) | 9. maa-sen (walk) | 6. o-daam-i-nan (go and play) | 7. aam-be biin-dig (let's go inside) | 1. maam-pii bii-toon (bring it here) |
| | | | | | 2. baa-pii-ji-gen (wait your turn) |

Answer Key



“Ride the Pink Elevator” campaign in Saganing to raises breast cancer awareness

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

“Ride the Pink Elevator,” a campaign for breast cancer awareness and programs, occurred at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino on Oct. 26 and ran for the following 30 days.

Metro Elevator Inc. partnered with Spence Brothers, construction manager for the Saganing casino’s expansion, and the Tribe for the eighth campaign, which has raised more than \$219,000 for Susan G. Komen – the world’s largest breast cancer organization – nationally and more than \$85,000 locally.

The occasion, with a ribbon cutting ceremony held after 10 a.m., also marked the eighth pink elevator in Michigan.

The goal of the pink elevator campaign is to raise funds and awareness in a unique way, within the construction industry, for breast cancer programs and services in Michigan.

Spence Brothers representatives expressed the company was proud to support an organization seeking to cure a disease that impacts their employees, families, and so many others within the communities in which they are employed.



Courtesy of IT Department

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (third from left) and Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier (fourth from left) assist with the ribbon cutting for the “Ride the Pink Elevator” breast cancer awareness campaign in Saganing on Oct. 26.

This includes the project’s Construction Superintendent Tom Geesey, whose wife is an 18-year breast cancer survivor, making this project particularly important to the company.

The ribbon cutting ceremony included an introduction by Brian Keeler of Spence Brothers and a welcome by Rachelle Brown-Brummett, marketing and PR manager for Metro Elevator Inc.

A 21-year breast cancer survivor, Jody Valley, finance supervisor for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, provided words prior to Erica Bills’, executive director for Susan G. Komen Michigan, speech.

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier assisted with cutting the ribbon.

Metro Elevator Inc. specializes in rack and pinion construction hoist sales and leasing, and paints their elevators the signature Komen pink to raise awareness for breast cancer.

Metro Elevator Inc. partners with clients, top builders, construction managers and general contractors on select projects in major cities throughout the United States and said the company also worked with Susan G. Komen Chicago on the model that is being deployed nationally.

“I am thankful, excited and amazed that this campaign has taken off at the level it has,” said Charles Ernest II, president of Metro Elevator. “It has been an invigorating awakening, beginning with thoughts of doing a one-time fundraiser in Indianapolis to now getting calls from all over the United States asking for our pink elevators. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with and help fund such a worthy cause for something that affects one in eight women in the U.S. and we’re thrilled to work with an organization that is working to improve the health and well-being of women around the world.”

The previous evening, Oct. 25, cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres were served at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to fundraise and collect the donations from 6 to 8 p.m.

Susan G. Komen has funded more breast cancer research than any other nonprofit while providing real-time help to those facing the disease.

Since its founding in 1982, Komen has funded more than \$847 million in research and provided \$1.8 billion in funding to screening, education, treatment and psychosocial support programs serving millions of people in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Komen Michigan is committed to saving lives and reducing breast cancer deaths in the state. Through targeted, culturally-relevant education programs, screenings, diagnostics, transportation, survivor support programs and events like a Race for the Cure®, Komen Michigan touched more than 69,000 lives in Michigan in 2017.

Throughout the past 26 years, Komen Michigan has funded more than \$12 million in community breast health programs and support across 24 counties, filling the gap for much-needed services.

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Annual educational powwow held in Tribal Gym on Oct. 29-30

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Education Department hosted its annual district powwow in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Monday, Oct. 29 and Tuesday, Oct. 30.

An educational powwow, the event had approximately 1,000 students visiting each day.

The students in attendance came from local schools including: Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Sasiwaans Immersion School, Shepherd, Mt. Pleasant, Beal City, Renaissance and St. Michaels.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Welcome Alysha Klein, joining the Tribal K-12 Education Department

TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Tribal K-12 Education Department and the Mt. Pleasant

Pullen

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for October: Liam Altiman, Aanilaya Pelcher, Netayo Hartzog-Hawkins, Alonso Mendez, Giovanni Pelcher, Nishomii Perry, Aakodewin Prout, Ella Altiman, Aria Drain, Zachary Flaughner, Mayson Jackson-Isham, Tru Quigno-Vaughn, Inez Christy and Lex Frost.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for October: Isaac Taylor, Liam DeFeyter, Ellery Lawson, Jacoby Trepanier, Jayden Jackson-Taylor, Chayton Chatfield, Lillian Loonsfoot, Isaiah Taylor, Daniel Mena, Jared Myers, Aubreyanna Stevens, Mattias Jerman, Layla Pigeon, Kyleigh Scarlott, Sandra Slater and Kerra Whitepigeon. Middle school: Sadie Cogswell, Kyla Jerman, Madalynn Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey, Kasina Laughlin, Sarah Osawabine, Alexis Taylor, Aiyana Bross, Lily Dean and Miingin Starkey. High school: Miah Chatfield, Foster Crampton, Olivia Lawson, Andee Raphael, Makayla Stevens, Sienna Chatfield, Emma VanHorn and Aiyana Borton. Odyssey: Devin Pope.

Middle School would like to welcome Alysha Klein.

The following is from Klein:

“Hi, my name is Alysha Klein. I was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant and

Mt. Pleasant High School

The following high school students earned perfect attendance for October: Chris Bartow, Quinnlan Burger, Connor Champlin, Charles Isham, Gabe Jackson, Matthew Jackson, Miingan Jackson, Cordelia McDaniel, James Montoya-Pego, Paul Pablito, James Perry, Hazen Shinos, John Stevens, Dawnseh Wilson, Courtney Swink, Isaiah Teswood and Elijah Otto.

Mary McGuire

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for October: Abraham Graveratte, Waaseyaa Hawkins, Damien Hunter, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Gnaajwi Pego, Brock Reed, Owen Seybert, Leticia Hawkins, Angelo Leaureaux, Erius Mena, Donovan Morrow, Kinkade Quezada, Armando Quiroz, Ethan Reed, Josua Velasquez, Natalia Benavidez, Caleb Burger, Gracie David, Nikodin Davis, Andrea Hawkins, Aaron Hendrickson, Trevor Isham, Tylor Linville, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Kannen Quezada and Cruz Vaquera.

attended Mt. Pleasant Public Schools myself; a graduate of Class of 2014.

I am a recent 2018 graduate of Michigan State University with a major in human biology and a minor in Spanish.

During my time in school, I worked at Eastminster Child Development Center as a teacher’s aide.

In addition to working at the middle school and Ganiard Elementary, I work part time as an ABA autism therapist in the community.

I look forward to working with your children.”



Alysha Klein

Higher Education Dates

Students must meet the following deadlines for submission of required documents to be eligible for a Tribal Scholarship:

- Fall Semester: Oct. 15
- Winter/Spring Semester: Feb. 15
- Summer Semester: June 15

*Documents must be post marked by the above date in order to be eligible for funding.



Tribal Education Advisory (TEAB) Board Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy. We are looking for SCIT Members with a love for learning and a willingness to share your wisdom to guide our cultural-based youth educational programs.

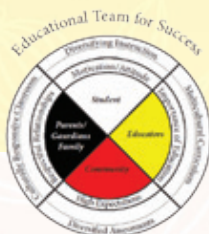
Requirements:

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department

Meetings: Held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Education Conference Room

Letters/emails of interest deadline: Dec. 13, 2018 at 5 p.m.

For further information, call: Christina Sharp at 989.775.4504



Send letters/email of interest to: Tribal Education Administration 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or e-mail your letter to misaac@sagchip.org

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Mount Pleasant High Grade: 10

Marching Band



Mason Peterson

Mount Pleasant Middle School Grade: 6

Basketball



Riana Chippewa

Swartz Creek Grade: 10

Football, Lacrosse



Simon Quigno

Chippewa Hills Grade: 6

Football, Basketball, Baseball



Devin Neyome-Schoenborn

Chippewa Hills Grade: 9

Football, Basketball, Baseball



Jayden Neyome

Metzgar Elementary Grade: 2

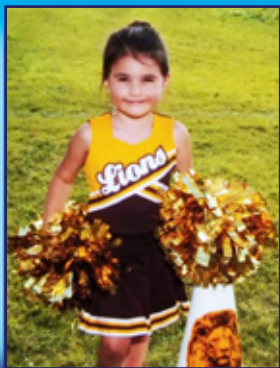
Football



Matthew Hageder

Metzgar Elementary Grade: K


Cheerleading



Maddalin Hageder

Waterford Schoolcraft Elementary Grade: 1


Cheerleading



Amelia Mae Slavik

Stepanski Early Childhood Center Grade: pre-K

Hockey



Jedidiah Slavik

Coleman Junior High Grade: 8

Band, Basketball, Boy Scouts of America



Ian Johnson

Holy Spirit School - Grand Rapids, Mich. Grade: 4

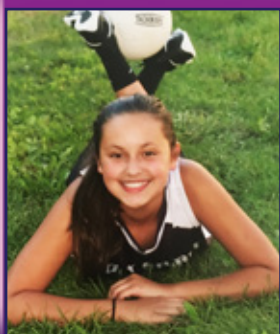
Soccer



Elizabeth Ann Foley

Holy Spirit School - Grand Rapids, Mich. Grade: 7

Volleyball



Grace Margaret Foley

Lansing Catholic Centra Grade: 10

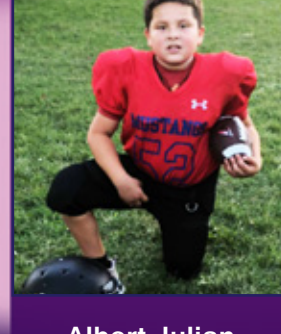
Lacrosse



Nij-zhik Davis-Quintero

Forest View Elementary Grade: 2

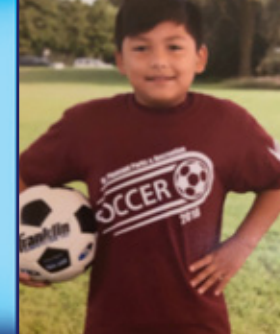
Football



Albert Julian Chingman-Tijerina

Shepherd Elementary Grade: 4

Soccer



Jayden Perez

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Grade: 6

Cheerleading



Rayna Perez

Pullen Elementary Grade: 2


Cheerleading



Leticia Hawkins

Shepherd Elementary Grade: 2

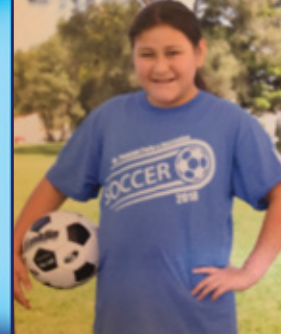
Soccer



Andreas Ramirez

Vessel of Honor Academy Grade: 5

Soccer, Basketball



Katilyn Cantu

Bullock Creek Middle School Grade: 7

Football



Gabriel Bryant

Lombardi Middle School (Wisconsin) Grade: 7


Lacrosse



Chase Bain

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Grade: 8

Football



Akiwaande Sheahan-Bennett

Shepherd Elementary Grade: 2

Baseball, Basketball



Aiden Raphael

Shepherd High Grade: 9

Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball



Andee Raphael

Birch Run Grade: 6

Football



Isaac Ross

Star Elementary in Hastings, Mich. Grade: 4

Football



Robert Gonzales Jr.

Midland High Grade: 9

Choir



Israel Trepanier

Shepherd Elementary Grade: 3

Gymnastics



Kearnin Alexander

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Grade: 8

Basketball, Fancy Shawl Dancer



Alberta Jo Trepanier

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Grade: 6

Basketball, Jingle Dress Dancer



Alexis Jeraldine Trepanier

Mt. Pleasant Middle School Grade: 7

Soccer, Fancy Shawl Dancing



Mia Floyd

Mary McGuire Elementary Grade: 5

Soccer, Basketball, Jingle Dress Dancing



Jordan Floyd

Grade: Pre-K

Soccer, Jingle Dress Dancing



Aria Floyd

Mary McGuire Elementary Grade: 3

Softball, Volleyball



Natalia Martin

Midland High Grade: 10

Lacrosse



Lars George

Grade: 8

Football, Basketball



Brysen Ty Chamberlain

Shepherd High Grade: 9


Grass Dancing, Drumming, Singing, Band



Christopher Spencer-Ruiz

Glendale Community College Grade: Sophomore

Football



Demetrius Johnson

Howell, Mich. Age 3

Soccer, Dance



Hanna Slavik

Beal City High Grade: 10

Volleyball, Basketball



Alexandria Sawmick

Shepherd Grade: 6

Football



Jonathan Bailey

Our Lady of the Lourdes Catholic School, Utah Grade: 8

Soccer, Skiing, Running



Marcus Romero

Our Lady of the Lourdes Catholic School, Utah Grade: 3

Fancy Shawl Dancing, Golf, Skiing



Marcela Romero

Fowlerville Grade: 2

Dance



Layla Tolentino

Fowlerville Grade: 4

Dance



Elliana Tolentino

Grand Blanc High Grade: 11

Football



James W. Cates II

Waterford Grade: pre-K

Dance



Emma Junis

Anderson Grade: 1

Gymnastics



Mariana Vasquez

Our Lady of the Lakes Grade: 12

Football, Baseball, Basketball



Bryce Hoffmaster

Schoolcraft Elementary Grade: pre-K

Hockey



Easton Junis

Schoolcraft Elementary Grade: 1

Football



Wyatt & Liam Rentner

Pierce Middle School Grade: 6

Track and Field, Baseball



Jaystin Slavik

Mary McGuire Elementary Grade: 3

Football, Baseball



Owen Franco

Sasiwaans Grade: Pre-K

Lacrosse



Phoenix & Payton Sopha

Renaissance Academy Grade: 4

Jingle Dress Dancing



Aiyana Jackson



Editorial: Star Tree Program gifts due back to ACFS on Dec. 14

LOVEL LEWIS

Prevention Specialist

It's that time of the year again. A time of helping others.

As we begin to plan for the upcoming holidays and vacations and time spent with family, we should also think of others in the community who need that little extra help this holiday season.

What better way to give than to buy gifts for the children in our community. Every Christmas there are children who do not receive gifts because their families are struggling or for various other reasons.

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services is continuing

the tradition of organizing a large gift-giving program called Star Tree.

Star Tree is a personalized holiday assistance program in which an individual sponsor or group sponsor purchases new clothing and toys for a deserving child in need.

Christmas gift giving began many years ago. People look forward to giving and receiving gifts, especially children. Imagine, the excitement and joy of a child unwrapping a long awaited toy from their wish list or in receiving items that they need (clothing).

The Star Tree Program plays a significant role in communities to assist those in need and to ensure that

children have gifts to open at Christmas time.

Christmas truly is a magical time for children. It's a time when hope, unity, compassion, and goodwill for all exists in a limitless supply. Some fondest memories that we remember in adulthood come from times of holidays during our childhood, most especially—Christmas.

ACFS is counting on those who've helped in the past and those first-time helpers to assist us in providing gifts to children in families who've signed up for the Star Tree Program.

These families meet the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for assistance. The children range in ages (0-17

years old) and their names are kept confidential.

Since Friday, Nov. 16, a star could be picked up at ACFS which includes information about the child's wish list and clothing and shoe sizes.

The stars indicate star number and the age and gender of the child. The stars have colored ribbons — pink ribbons for girls and blue ribbons for boys.

The gifts are due back to ACFS by Friday, Dec. 14 so that the gifts can be distributed to the children during the week of December 17-21.



Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Please wrap the gifts prior to dropping them off at the ACFS office.

The families are very grateful for your generosity.

Interested individuals and families can contact ACFS at (989) 775-4901 for more information or if they have questions about the Star Tree Program.

Sacred Heart Academy
Grade: pre-K

Baseball, Basketball and Guitar

Emerson Fox

Sacred Heart Academy
Grade: 3

Softball, Volleyball, Girl Scouts and Piano

Ella B. Fox

Mt. Pleasant Middle School
Grade: 6

Football

Ringo Stevens

Pullen Elementary Grade: K

Wrestling

Gage Sprague

Mt. Pleasant Middle School
Grade: 6

Football

Frederick Highley

Mary McGuire Elementary
Grade: 5

Soccer

Miikawadizi Prout

Pullen Elementary Grade: 1

Football

Aakodewin Prout

Renaissance Academy | Grade: 7

Motorcross

JJ Wemigwans

Mt. Pleasant High Grade: 10

Basketball

Daniel Fuller

Northeast Middle School
Grade: 6

Cheerleading, Choir, Band

Gabriela Cortez Rojo

Lansing Pattengill Grade: 5

Softball

Kristy Palacios

Lansing Eastern | Grade: 7

Softball

Avyanna Vidal

Lansing Pattengill Grade: 5

Softball

Leah Palacios

Ganiard Elementary | Grade: 2

Soccer

Caleb Sprague

Mt. Pleasant Middle School
Grade: 8

Softball

Kaylie Sprague

Mt. Pleasant High | Grade: 10

Volleyball

Jenna Rios

Mt. Pleasant High | Grade: 10

Basketball

Tyrone Rios

Shepherd Elementary | Grade: 5

Football

Jayden Pelcher

Mt. Pleasant Middle School
Grade: 8

Basketball, Football, Hunting

Tayden Davis

Mary McGuire Elementary
Grade: 5

Football, Basketball, Dodgeball

Nikodin Davis



Repatriation held for ancestral remains from Mecosta County Medical Examiner's Office

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziiwiwing Cultural Center (the Ziiwiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways) held a repatriation for the ancestral human remains of one adult male individual on Nov. 8.

The male was approximately 40 years old, and from the Mecosta County Medical Examiner's Office in Hart, Mich.

In May 2018, the ancestor was inadvertently unearthed during the expansion and renovation of a private residence, the Ziiwiwing Center reported.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

David Turner, chief investigator from the Mecosta County Medical Examiner's Office, assists with repatriating the ancestral human remains of an adult male on Nov. 8.

With honor and respect, the Anishinabe ancestral repatriation observance began with an 11 a.m. preparation for



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Visitors to the repatriation (left to right): Irene Heppner of Bay City, Holly Swarhout (Avery) of Midland and Tammy Swiecicki of Bay City.

the journey at the Ziiwiwing Center where Tribal community members could witness the final preparations and ceremonial protocols for the ancestor.

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society members; Steve Pego, helping healer for Behavioral Health; Sarah Jones, tribal historic preservation officer; and William Johnson, curator for the Ziiwiwing Center, assisted with preparations and ceremonies.

The Recommitment To Earth ceremony was held at noon at the Nibokaan Ancestral Ceremony on Tomah Road where the interested public was invited to attend.

David Turner, chief investigator from the Mecosta County Medical Examiner's Office,



Courtesy of Esther Helms

The Recommitment to Earth ceremony begins at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on Tomah Road.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Getting ready for preparations and ceremonies. (Left to right) Tony Perry, member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society; Steve Pego, helping healer for Behavioral Health, spiritual leader in the community and former chief; Sarah Jones, tribal historic preservation officer; and William Johnson, curator for the Ziiwiwing Center and MACPRA chairman.

assisted with the repatriation.

Following the ceremony, those in attendance returned

to the Ziiwiwing Center for the journey feast which concluded the ancestral protocols.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Ladies at the Journey Feast, some of which were involved with final preparations: (left to right) Roxann Sawade of Women of Tradition; Maria Colberg of Women of Tradition; research center coordinators for the Ziiwiwing Center Anita Heard and Robin Spencer; and Sarah Jones, tribal historic preservation officer.



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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 over 30 years. He was one of three presenters here at Ziiwiwing in September for the Anishinaabemowin Symposium event put on by the SCIT Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department. We are pleased to have him teach at Ziiwiwing and at Seventh Generation.





Ziiwiwing Annual Appreciation Dinner
December 13, 2018 *by invitation*

ZIIBIWING HOLIDAY HOURS:

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 **CLOSED**
 Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 **CLOSED**
 December 26-28 **OPEN** except *Research Center CLOSED Dec 26 & 27 and OPEN Dec 28 by appointment only*
 New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31 **CLOSED**
 New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 **CLOSED**

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Anishinabe Wiigwaase Jiimaan (birch bark canoe) Community Project completed

GUADALUPE GONZALEZ

Extension Office
Project Coordinator

The Anishinabe Wiigwaase Jiimaan (birch bark canoe) Community Project was completed on Nov. 10 with an inaugural launch at the RV Park.

The day started with a pipe ceremony with Steve Pego to honor the occasion.

After, there was a naming ceremony for the jiimaan. The name Niizh Manido Jiimaan (Two Spirit) was given to honor the connection between the water spirits and the sky spirits as the jiimaan lives in both worlds.

Project coordinators Shannon Martin and Guadalupe Gonzalez shared words about the project, followed by Lorraine "Punkin" Shananaquet and Kevin Finney, leaders from the team of teachers that harvested and built the jiimaan, spoke on the experience of this particular project and some of the teachings that come along with it.

The jiimaan was transported to the RV Park with a Tribal Police escort and a long line of community members following.

At the RV Park, a water song and prayer was offered by the women, and then, members of



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (back) and his wife, Rosemary Ekdahl (front), are the first to use the jiimaan (canoe) from the Anishinabe Wiigwaase Jiimaan Community Project on the water on Nov. 10.

the community and members of the Anishinabe Ogitchewaw Veterans Warriors Society walked the jiimaan into the water while Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl and his wife Rosemary Ekdahl settled into the jiimaan for its first time on the water.

After, members of the community were also able to test it out. Comments were made by many that it was a sturdy, smooth ride on the water.

After all the fun on water with the jiimaan, those in attendance enjoyed a feast of healthy indigenous foods from Chef Sam Anglin at the Ziibiwing Center.

The jiimaan project began in early August with the team of teachers/builders from Great Lakes Institute that consisted of Kevin Finney, Jillian Collins, Rachel Austin, Laban Smith, Dave Shananaquet and Punkin Shananaquet.

In September, the team came to Mount Pleasant to prepare some of the materials, mainly splitting the spruce root that was used to stitch it all together. The community was invited to participate in this and get to



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

A team of the builders and Anishinabe Ogitchewaw Veterans Warriors Society and community members that contributed to the jiimaan's building pose for a photo at the Ziibiwing Center before the launch on Nov. 10.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Guadalupe Gonzalez (left), project coordinator for the Extension Office at the Tribal College, and Laban Smith (right), one of the canoe's builders, test the finished jiimaan in the water near the RV Park.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

The final phase of the project began in the entry lobby of the Ziibiwing Center on Oct. 15, and the jiimaan was completed Nov. 1.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Overall, more than 1,000 people came through the doors of the Ziibiwing Center to assist or watch the canoe being built.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

Ogitchewaw members walk the jiimaan into the water before its official launch.

know some of the team of teacher builders.

The final phase of the project began in the entry lobby of the Ziibiwing Center on Oct. 15, and the jiimaan was completed on Nov. 1.

The Ziibiwing Center lobby was chosen for convenience and visibility. More than 1,000 people came through the doors of Ziibiwing Center while the canoe was being built with many community members helping in all aspects of the build.

The purpose of this project was for the community to re-establish a nearly lost skill set that is very important to indigenous arts and food sovereignty revitalization and for the community and to have a birch bark canoe to harvest wild rice the way ancestors did.

With funding from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Extension Program and collaboration and support from the Seventh Generation Program and Ziibiwing Center, the project was sure to be successful.

The community was invited to participate in all aspects of this project to learn as much as they wanted or just to watch if they wanted. It was certainly a privilege to witness the jiimaan come to life and learn some of the teachings that it brings with it. The community will continue to learn from it for years to come.

The funding for this project came from the SCTC's Extension Anishinabe Arts and Crafts and Entrepreneurs Special Emphasis Grant.

The Extension Program's mission is to enrich the lives of American Indian families with an active outreach program designed to encourage Tribal families to explore new opportunities, exchange ideas, and excel in healthy attitudes.

The Extension Program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

Programs and workshops are centered on family and consumer science, youth development and community communication.

Extension programming focuses on nutrition, Anishinabe foods, gardening, physical fitness, health education, leadership learning opportunities for youth, Anishinabe culture and language, and academic support.

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

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SCTC offers new Associate of Science degree in general science

AMANDA FLAUGHER

Admissions/Registrar

Beginning January 2019, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students will have the option of declaring a new degree program: Associate of Science in general science.

The mission of the General Science Program is to prepare students with a strong foundation in science and mathematics, thereby allowing the student the opportunity to transfer to a four-year university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree, enter into another college program, or obtain employment in a science related career.

Upon graduating from the Science Program, SCTC students will be able to gain knowledge in:



- **Communication:** Present scientific methods, data and conclusions across multiple disciplines

- **Critical Thinking:** Analyze data using the scientific method and statistical analysis techniques to develop informed opinions about societal issues with a scientific component

- **Cultural Awareness and Appreciation:** Compare and contrast western and indigenous scientific perspectives to relate

Required courses:

- ENG 101 Composition 1 (3)
- ENG 102 Composition II (3)
- ENG 130 Public Speaking (3)
- PSY 100 Psychology of Learning (3)
- NAS 260 Anishinaabe History (3)
- OJB 101 or SPN 101 (3)
- CPT 112 Introduction to Computers (4)
- CS 299 Graduate Seminar (1)
- MTH 230 Introduction to Statistics
- MTH 140 Pre-Calculus
- NAS 263 Contemporary Native Issues
- BIO 105 & 105A Biology

Students must choose from the following:

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- Elective (Science or Social Science)
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- GEL 101 & 101A
- PHY 101 & 101A

their scientific knowledge to the natural and technological worlds around them

In addition to the General Education requirements, students must complete 31 credits

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Please contact Amanda Flaughner, registrar/admissions of SCTC, for additional information at (989) 317-4760 ext 232.

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Code	Course Title	Cr	Day	Location	Time	Instructor
ART 115	Art Design	3	MW	East 6	9:00a - 10:20a	L. Doke
ART 211	Beadwork II	3	T/R	East 6	1:30p - 2:50p	Carabell
AST 120	Archaeoastronomy	3	T/R	SCI Bldg	1:30p - 2:50p	Miller
BIO 105	Intro to Biology (Lecture)	3	M/W	SCI Bldg	9:00a - 10:20a	Saxton
BIO 105A	Biology Lab (Lab)	2	W	SCI Bldg	10:30a - 12:20p	Saxton
BUS 110	Intro to Business	3	T/R	East 2	1:30p - 2:50p	Hoffman
BUS 110	Intro to Business	3	M	East 3	5:30p - 8:20p	Hoffman
BUS 170	Principles of Management	3	M	East 2	6:00p - 8:50p	C. Davis
BUS 200	Principles of Marketing	3	W	East 2	6:00p - 8:50p	C. Davis
BUS 215	Business Communication	3	R	EAST 2	4:30p - 7:20p	Tyler
BUS 292	Business Ethics	3	MW	East 2	3:00p - 4:20p	Hoffman
BUS 270*	Small Business & Entrepreneurship Mgt.	3	T/R	SRC 2	10:30a - 11:50a	Hoffman
CPT 112	Introduction to Computers	3	R	SRC 2	4:30p - 7:20p	Mili
CS 299	Graduate Seminar	1	W	SRC 2	12:00 - 12:50p	Crosswait
ENG 097	College Reading and Writing	4	M/W	ECOMP	1:30p - 3:20p	Drumm
ENG 101*	Composition I	3	M/W	ECOMP	9:30a - 10:50a	Drumm
ENG 010*	Composition I Lab	2	M/W	ECOMP	11:00a - 11:50a	Drumm
ENG 102	Composition II	3	M/W	SRC 2	1:30p - 2:50p	Knight
ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	M/W	SRC 2	10:30a - 11:50a	Knight
ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	M/W	West 2	5:30p - 6:50p	Knight
ENG 242*	Creative Writing	3	T	East 3	5:30p - 8:20p	Meiners
ENG 150	Intro to Literature	3	T/R	SRC 2	1:30p - 2:50p	Knight
ENG 291*	Special Topics in Literature: YA Lit	3	M/W	SRC 1	3:00p - 4:20p	Knight
GEO 201*	Weather & Climate (Lecture)	5	T/R	SCI Bldg	9:30a - 10:50a	Miller
GEO 201*	Weather & Climate (Lab)		T/R	SCI Bldg	11:00a - 11:55a	Miller
GEL 101*	Introduction to Geology (Lecture)	5	M/W	SCI Bldg	1:30p - 2:50p	Miller
GEL 101*	Introduction to Geology (Lab)		W	SCI Bldg	3:00p - 4:50p	Miller
HIS 102	World Civilization: 1600 to Present	3	M/W	East 3	10:30a - 11:50a	Eno
HIS 104	United States History: Post-Civil War	3	M/W	East 3	1:30p - 2:20p	Eno
MTH 096	Quantway I	4	T/R	West 1	10:00a - 11:50a	Rich
MTH 120*	Quantitative Reasoning	3	T/R	East 3	1:30p - 2:50p	Rich
MTH 012*	Quantitative Reasoning Lab	2	T/R	East 3	3:00p - 3:50p	Rich
MTH 140*	Pre-Calculus	4	M/W	East 3	2:30p - 3:50p	Rich
MTH 230*	Intro to Statistics	3	T/R	West 2	9:30a - 11:20a (4 hrs)	Crosswait
MTH 023*	Intro to Statistics Lab	2	T/R	West 2	11:30a - 12:20p	Crosswait
NAS 218	Native American Environmental Issues	3	M/W	West 1	1:30p - 2:50p	Haviland
NAS 238	Native American Law & Policy	3	T/R	West 2	1:30p - 2:50p	Haviland
NAS 254	Contemporary Native American Art	3	T/R	East 2	10:30a - 11:50a	K. Doke
NAS 261	Survey of Native American History	3	M/W	West 1	10:30a - 11:50a	Haviland
NAS 263	Contemporary Native American Issues	3	M/W	West 1 & 2	10:30a - 11:50a	Haviland
NAS 297	Herbal Medicines	3	T/R	SRC 1	1:30p - 2:50p	Morgan
OJB 101	Ojibwa I	3	M/W	SRC 1	10:30a - 11:50a	Roy
OJB 102	Ojibwa II	3	T/R	SRC 1	10:30a - 11:50a	Roy
OJB 201	Ojibwa III	3	M/W	SRC 1	1:30p - 2:50p	Roy
OJB 202	Ojibwa IV	3	T/R	SRC 1	1:30p - 2:50p	Roy
PHY 101*	General Physics I	3	T/R	SCI Bldg	5:30p - 6:50p	Majorski
PHY 101A*	General Physics Lab	2	T/R	SCI Bldg	7:00p - 7:50p	Majorski
PSC 120	American Government	3	T/R	East 3	10:30a - 11:50a	Knott
PSC 201	Social Media & Politics	3	T/R	SRC 2	9:00a - 10:20a	Knott
PSY 100	Psychology of Learning	3	R	ECOMP & East 2	5:30p - 8:20p	L. Miller
PSY 210	Abnormal Psychology	3	T	SRC 2	5:30p - 8:20p	Sylvain
SOC 120	Contemporary Social Problems	3	W	East 3	5:30p - 8:20p	Luna
SPN 101	Spanish I	3	M/W	SRC 1	4:30p - 5:50p	L. Davis
SPN 102*	Spanish II	3	M/W	SRC 1	6:00p - 7:20p	L. Davis

*Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements

M = Monday W = Wednesday

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**Additional Course Fees apply

T = Tuesday R = Thursday

T/R = Tuesday & Thursday

2018-2019 Academic Calendar

2018 Fall Semester

- April 2 | Fall '18 registration opens
- August 15, 16, 17 | Late registration (\$25.00 fee)
- August 17 | Last day to register for Fall '18 courses
- August 27 | Fall '18 classes begin
- August 31 | Add/Drop ends
- September 3 | Labor Day (no classes)
- September 17 | Constitution Day (classes in-session)
- September 28 | Michigan Indian Day (no classes)
- October 15 - 19 | Mid-term Exam week
- November 2 | Last day to withdraw
- November 21 | Thanksgiving break begins at 5pm
- December 10 - 14 | exam week

2019 Spring Semester

- December 19, 20, 21 | Late registration (\$25.00 fee)
- December 21 | Last day to register for Spring '19
- January 7 | Spring '19 courses begin
- January 11 | Add/Drop ends
- January 21 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
- February 25 - March 1 | Mid-term Exam week
- March 4 - 8 | Spring Break
- March 17 - 19 | AIHEC Student Conference
- March 22 | Last Day to withdraw
- April 29 - May 3 | exam week
- May 16 | Commencement

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Improv comedy troupe “Impractical Jokers” double the laughs during two live shows

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Four longtime friends from New York star in truTV’s “Impractical Jokers,” a hidden camera show where they compete to publicly embarrass one another in a series of outrageous dares.

The improv comedy troupe, also known as The Tenderloins, often take their comedy routine on tour.

The jokesters brought their “Cranjis McBasketball World Comedy Tour” to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mount Pleasant on Saturday, Nov. 17 for two separate shows.

The first show began at 6 p.m. and ran 75 minutes. The second show was scheduled to begin at 8:30 p.m., but because of the transition of patrons exiting and entering the Entertainment Hall,

the last show began at least an hour later than anticipated.

The Tenderloins Joseph “Joe” Gatto, Salvatore “Sal” Vulcano, James “Murr” Murray and Brian “Q” Quinn entered the stage and the audience immediately stood up and applauded them.

Many videos appeared on the big screens throughout the night, including one of the comedians dressed in disguise talking to guests before one of their past shows and an attempt at making a suitable campaign video for Sal’s niece in her bid to be elected prom queen.

“What’s with the girl who wanted me to defend her in a fight? I look like a baby carrot,” Murr said, referring to the video of one of them in disguise who went around asking random people what their real feelings were towards each of The Tenderloins.

Friends since their freshman year at Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island, the four formed The Tenderloins Comedy Troupe in 1999, according to their website.

After years of performing live improv and sketch comedy shows, The Tenderloins crossed over to the internet, garnering millions of views on their YouTube sketches.

They eventually went on to not only co-star in the television series, but they are also the creators and executive producers of the hit show.

Difficult to recreate laughable hidden camera moments during a live show, the members each took turns sharing stand-up anecdotes and re-telling funniest moments that occurred while filming as the other members would occasionally interject.



Courtesy photo

The improv comedy troupe, known as The Tenderloins of truTV’s “Impractical Jokers,” brought their “Cranjis McBasketball World Comedy Tour” to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for two shows on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Joe, Sal, Murr and Q continued to keep the audiences entertained with their playful banter, interrupting and with the outrageous videos shown throughout the evening.

Joan Jett, Night Ranger bring double bill of classic rock during Oct. 19 show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort brought a double bill of classic rock to Mount Pleasant in one evening. Rock fans were treated to two completely different shows – the first from Night Ranger and the second from Joan Jett and the Blackhearts on Friday, Oct. 19.

On tour to celebrate their 35-year anniversary, Night Ranger began the evening shortly after 8 p.m. with hit songs “Somehow Someway,” “Four in the Morning” and “Sing Me Away.”

“Here’s one from the boys, the Damn Yankees. Come on!” shouted Jack Blades, singer and bassist for Night Ranger, before performing “Coming of Age.”

During a performance of “Sentimental Street,” the drummer, Kelly Keagy, left his drum set to take center stage to perform lead vocals. In time for the chorus, Keagy returned to his set to beat on the drums while continuing to provide vocals.

Blades said one year Michael J. Fox called him to write a soundtrack to Fox’s upcoming movie at the time, and the song

“Secret of My Success” came out of that.

“It’s 2018 and look at all you rockers!” Keagy said.

“This next one is a song off our first album and it has a lot of guitar in it, but I know you guys love guitar,” Blades said. “You still love guitars, right?”

The audience roared to show their approval.

Blades said the first time the band ever played in Michigan was in 1982 in Detroit. Then later, they performed with Kiss in Saginaw at a club.

“It was a war zone down there,” Blades said laughing about Harpos Concert Theatre. “Next time we were back in town we played Pine Knob. I know it’s called DTE now but I still say Pine Knob!”

Night Ranger continued with their hits “When You Close Your Eyes,” “Sister Christian” and “(You Can Still) Rock in America.”

Roughly 30 minutes after Night Ranger had left the stage, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts entered.

Not a woman of many words, Jett let her music speak for her.

Jett and her band began their set with “Victim of Circumstance,” “Cherry



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Joan Jett performs with the Blackhearts during the Oct. 19 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On their 35-year anniversary tour, Night Ranger’s Brad Gillis (left), guitarist, and Jack Blades (right), singer and bassist, share an onstage moment.

Bomb,” “Do You Wanna Touch Me (Oh Yeah)” and “Bad Reputation.”

Becoming more reserved when the music stopped, Jett did address the audience a few times, briefly.

“My very first band was a band called The Runaways. We played their song ‘Cherry Bomb,’” Jett said. “This next song is the very first song I ever wrote. This is called ‘You Drive Me Wild.’”

The band then performed “Fake Friends,” which reached number 18 on the Mainstream Rock Chart

(USA) and number 35 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1983.

The song was co-written by Jett and her keyboard player, Kenny Laguna, who still tours with her.

“We went all over the world; toured almost every country you could think of,” Laguna said. “Five years ago, guys from Hollywood followed us around and put out a documentary called ‘Bad Reputation’... the single just came out (for that documentary) and it’s called ‘Fresh Start.’”

After, the band launched into “I Love Rock ‘n’ Roll,”

which in 1982, their recorded version was number one on the Billboard Hot 100 for seven weeks.

Jett never left the stage to only reappear for an encore, instead she delivered hit after hit and ended the evening with “I Hate Myself for Loving You,” “Real Wild Child (Wild One)” and “Everyday People.”

Jett’s next tour stop is at Hard Rock Live in Northfield, Ohio on Dec. 16. It is her last performance in the United States before she tours Australia throughout January and February.

Fantasticon brings two-day celebration of comic book culture to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted “Fantasticon: The Ultimate Comic Book & Pop Culture Experience.”

The Entertainment Hall was filled with a variety of vendors while hosting the mid-sized convention on Oct. 26-27.

Fans and collectors were able to browse comic books, clothing and collectibles

from a variety of pop culture sources including cartoons, superheroes, science fiction, movies, TV shows, anime and video games.

Brian O’Hollaran, an American actor, served as a special guest. O’Hollaran is best known for his role as Dante Hicks in the hit movie “Clerks” and its sequel “Clerks II.”

Also in attendance was special effects artist Daniel Philips, whose work can be seen in a variety of movies including “The Hobbit”

trilogy and “Oz the Great and Powerful.” He also appeared on season six of the SYFY Channel’s show “Face Off.”

The event also featured trivia games, which challenged contestants’ knowledge on a broad range of subjects including superheroes, comic books and pop culture. Separate costume contests were also held for adults and children.

For more information on upcoming Fantasticon events, visit its website at www.fantasticon.net.





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Six tips to help those in recovery avoid alcohol during the holidays

(Editor's note: The following article was provided to the Tribal Observer by News and Experts, a national news source.)

The holidays are a time for family and friends to gather and share laughs, memories – and sometimes a drink or two. But for people recovering from an addiction, all that alcohol often present at special events can be worrisome.

“Holiday parties are when many alcoholics fall off the wagon,” said John Collopy, author of the book “The Reward of Knowing” (www.johncollopy.com), which relates his own struggles with addiction. “There just seems to be alcohol everywhere, sometimes

even at the office. It can be very difficult, especially for people who have only recently stopped drinking.”

Although Collopy has been sober for many years, he knows the holidays are a gateway to his past life.

Collopy used alcohol to help him deal with memories of a troubled childhood with a dysfunctional family and abusive father. When he became an adult, he quickly became dependent on alcohol to get through the day, plus he had anger management issues.

“Every day for an alcoholic is a challenge, but over the holidays it can be overwhelming,” said Collopy, who today is a successful real estate

broker. “People don’t realize when they offer drinks to people over the holidays how difficult it is for some people to say no. Real alcoholics know they can never have just one.”

For those who want to stay sober during the holidays, here are a few tips from Alcoholics Anonymous and the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation:

- **Skip any drinking occasions you are nervous about.** If you are really concerned about an event, just ask yourself if you really need to go. But you don’t have to just sit home. Take your family out and look at the holiday lights or find another activity that gets you in the holiday mood without alcohol.

- **Leave early.** If you know you will be tempted to drink at a party, plan in advance to tell people when you arrive that you only stopped by briefly and have somewhere else you need to be.

- **Go with a sober friend.** There is safety in numbers, and you can help each other should you be tempted to drink.

- **Carry around a soft drink.** If you already have a drink in your hand, people are less likely to ask you if you want a drink.

- **Avoid known risks.** If you know your brother is a heavy drinker, for example, stay away from him. If you know the same party last year was full of excessive drinking, just stay home.

- **Create new traditions.** It can be a downer if you have to skip all the holiday fun. So come up with some of your own. Buy a new board game, go look at the holiday decorations or host your own small non-alcoholic party with sober friends.

It has been many years since Collopy had a drink, but he says the rewards of his life now are much better than any alcoholic beverage he ever took.

“Once you’re sober, you can allow yourself to begin to dream about life again, the way you did when you were a kid,” he said. “That doesn’t mean those dreams are going to be easy to achieve, but at least you can look at them and say, ‘I’ve got a shot.’”

Romaine lettuce warning: Do not eat due to E. coli outbreak

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As November wrapped up, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration released a warning that Americans and Canadians should not eat romaine lettuce due to an E. coli outbreak.

According to the FDA, it is working with officials in Canada on the outbreak, which has sickened 43 people in 12 states and 18 people in the

Canadian provinces Ontario and Quebec, as of Tribal Observer press time.

Infections from E. coli can cause symptoms including severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Most people infected recover within a week, but some illnesses can last longer and be more severe.

On Nov. 21, Marc Forrest, director of the Food and Beverage Department for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, released an email to Tribal associates stating that

in compliance with the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control, the Food & Beverage Department has voluntarily pulled all romaine lettuce in its supply chain.

“We are taking this step as a precautionary measure in light of nationwide outbreaks of E. coli associated with romaine lettuce; outbreaks which do not have a confirmed source as of yet,” Forrest said in the email.

Forrest said the department’s suppliers have “assured

them of the wholesomeness of the products” they have had on property and “none of their lot numbers are associated with any of the current outbreaks.”

“Chef and I will continue to work with our Purchasing Department and vendors to monitor the situation,” Forrest said. “We will send additional updates as they

become available and return the product to our menus as soon as safely possible.”

Forrest reaffirmed the Soaring Eagle’s vendors are confident its romaine products are not associated with the current reported outbreaks, but the lettuce is being removed as a precautionary measure.

Which vaccinations are safe to receive during pregnancy?

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Healthy Start Coordinator

It is important to note in regard to vaccinations, that vaccines that contain killed (inactivated) viruses can be given during pregnancy.

Vaccines that contain live viruses are not recommended for pregnant women.

Two important vaccines that do not contain live viruses and are recommended during pregnancy are:

1. Flu (influenza) shot: The flu shot is recommended

for pregnant women during the flu season November through March. As this vaccine does not contain a live virus, it is safe for both mom and baby. Avoid the influenza nasal spray, however, as it is made from a live virus.

2. Tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. One dose is recommended during each pregnancy to protect your newborn from whooping cough (pertussis) regardless of when the mother personally had her last Tdap or tetanus diphtheria (Td) vaccination.

Getting these two vaccinations during pregnancy can

protect the mother from infection and also protect the baby after birth and before he or she can be vaccinated. This is important because the flu and whooping cough can be particularly dangerous for infants.

On another note, we would like to congratulate our newest Healthy Start Nurse Rebecca Cogswell on receiving her Certified Lactation Consultant (CLC) certification. Congratulations, Rebecca!

Nimkee Public Health now has four lactation consultants for breastfeeding mothers.

Source: Mayo Clinic website

Challenge the Chief

- ▶ **What:** Minutes of cardio, class or strength training compete against Chief Ronnie to see if you can get more minutes in Nimkee Fitness Center!
- ▶ **Why:** For fun, bragging rights, health and daily prizes!
- ▶ **When:** Monday, Dec. 3 - Friday, Dec. 14. Pick any day in the two weeks to try to Beat the Chief in physical activity minutes in Nimkee Fitness Center. Results will be posted daily and prizes given daily.

For more info contact:

Jayme Green at 989.775.4696 or jgreen@sagchip.org

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.

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- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2.) Must be at least 18 years of age
- 3.) Must have strong interest in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa community

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Deadline: Jan. 31, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

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*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.



Zero Suicide program in Detroit serves urban American Indian community

AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES OF DETROIT

(Editor's note: Zero Suicide at American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit serves the urban American Indian community of Southeast Michigan, as well as non-Native community members requiring medical and behavioral care and family services. Zero Suicide serves any member of the 12 federally-recognized tribes who is living in or near the Detroit area.)

In 2001, the Behavioral Health Services at Henry Ford made an audacious choice – to pursue “perfect depression care” in their health care system, and in effect, to reduce suicide amongst their patient population to “zero”.

These early pioneers of the Zero Suicide approach no doubt faced challenges, perhaps the most formidable being an attitude of what is possible and what is not possible in the area of suicide prevention.

Perhaps “crazy,” “ambitious,” “unrealistic,” “impossible” or simply, “this is never gonna happen” appeared in the reactions and emails of peers and observers.

Nearly 20 years later, Henry Ford is held up as a shining example of drastic

reduction in suicide completions in a health care system and the Zero Suicide model has become an international movement.

Faced with rising suicide rates and a chronically-underfunded mental health care system, many organizations and communities continue to battle suicide, depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.

Suicide is especially prevalent amongst Native American youth, which is only one chapter in a longer story of health disparities amongst tribal people; a similar fate for people of color and low socioeconomic status in the United States.

American Indian Health and Family Services of Detroit (AIHFS), an Urban Tribal Health Organization (UIHO) serving Native and non-Native members of Southeast Michigan, is among the latest to face the epidemic of suicide with the aspirational Zero Suicide approach.

At month two of a five year program funded by the Garret Lee Smith Act, the goal of Zero Suicide at AIHFS is to reduce the rate of suicide amongst their patient population to “zero” by examining the agency’s suicide intervention, mental health first aid and collaborative systems of care abilities that ensure that patients suffering from mental

health issues receive consistent and accurate treatment.

“The basic design of the program is to uncover gaps in identification and treatment of suicidal risk and ideation. At the same time, we pursue collaborative follow-up for individuals who are at heightened risk for suicide,” said Seth Allard, recently hired program manager. “The next move in our strategy is to bolster the abilities and resources available at ours and other organizations in the seven county area.”

Allard said Zero Suicide requires an “almost evangelical mindset” – spreading the word that Zero Suicide is not a pie in the sky goal.

“Bringing suicide rates to zero requires thinking outside the box, collaborating in novel

ways, and accepting that Zero Suicide, as a goal, is only as realistic as our willingness to achieve it,” Allard said.

In the immediate future, AIHFS will complete the Zero Suicide survey and self-study, and will systematically address gaps in suicide prevention.

“Like all Zero Suicide programs we have studied so far in preparation for rolling out our program,” Allard said. “Our program is taking on a different flavor. Our goal is to aggressively lead Zero Suicide in the Southeast Michigan area amongst Native and non-Native community members and organizations.”

This, he said, will require networking, communication and teamwork amongst the 12-federally recognized tribes in the State

of Michigan, and buy-in from tribal centers and community, health care and industrial leaders in Southeast Michigan.

“Zero Suicide is aspirational and achievable. Zero Suicide is here,” Allard said.

For anyone who lives or works in the Southeast Michigan area, is concerned about suicide risk, or is interested in pursuing Zero Suicide at a tribal or non-tribal organization, contact Seth Allard at sallard@aihfs.org.

For anyone seeking non-emergency mental health or traditional (ceremonial) health services for friends, family or associates living in Southeast Michigan, feel free to contact the Behavioral Health Department at American Indian Health and Family Services at (313) 846-6030.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule December 2018

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11 a.m.	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	
12:10 p.m.		L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden		Suspension Training - Jayme	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden
1:10 p.m.	M.E.L.T. Jayme		Turbo Kick Beth		
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy		Yoga Tammy	



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.

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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IMPORTANT NOTICE

BEGINNING DEC. 1

The price of Main Session paper packets will change from \$25 to \$10!

This includes all Matinee (1:30pm) and Evening (7:00pm) MAIN Sessions.

This will not include any special/promotional bingo sessions.

SUPER SATURDAY

BINGO

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

**SESSION PAYS OUT
OVER \$30,000!**

Also, the first 100 guests at the December Super Saturday will receive a Norman Rockwell Christmas Dish!

GET A FREE NORMAN ROCKWELL CHRISTMAS DISH!

The first 50 guests for the Matinee and Evening Sessions on December 8, 15 & 22 will receive a Norman Rockwell Christmas Dish!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM

\$5,000 COVERALL!

Loads of Door Prizes including Overnight Stays, Spa Vouchers, Concert Tickets and **\$5,000 CASH!**

Win \$500 playing "Champagne Glass of Cash"

Free Appetizers from 2pm - 5:00pm with purchase of 3pm session

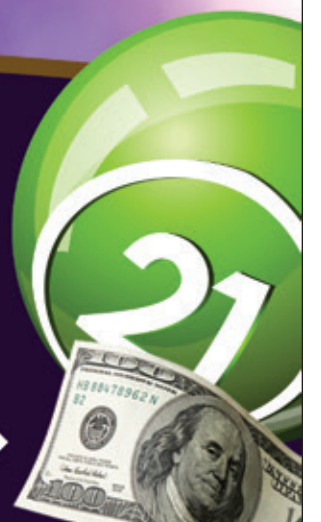
Please note, there will be NO LATE OWL SESSION.

New Year
BINGO



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Editorial: Your family's health is your health too

NICOLE GREENE

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Important steps to take concerning your health:

1. Start with what you know. Make a list of your blood relatives. That means starting with your parents, siblings and any children you have. Then, move on to your extended family, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and half siblings.

Once you have your list, write down any diseases and conditions you already know about.

If you are adopted, you can ask your adoptive parents whether they have any medical information about your birth parents. The adoption agency also may have information available. If you have a relationship with your birth parents, you can ask them directly.

2. Talk to your family. Chat with your relatives about what they know about your family's health history. If they don't already know, tell them why it is an important tool you can all use to protect your health.

Ask them what they know about any relatives who have

passed away. Then share with them the history you've compiled and ask them whether anything is missing.

Some families talk well together in groups, reminding each other of relatives and illnesses they might have forgotten.

3. Ask the right questions. You want to know whether your relatives have any chronic diseases or conditions and if they know of any in the family (past and present).

Remember, high blood pressure and cholesterol count as conditions you want to track.

You also want to ask them how old they or your relatives were when they were diagnosed.

Lastly, if you don't know, ask about your family's ancestry.

4. Organize and save your information. You can organize and update your family health history information using free online tools.

My Family Health Portrait online is easy to use and allows you to enter your family health history, share it with your relatives, and update it over time. The best part is that you can print it to bring to your next checkup. This will help your doctor or nurse make recommendations to help you stay healthy.

I know it might feel like this is just one more thing you need to do during an already busy time of year, but it can also be an opportunity to connect with your family.

Health may not be something you talk about often, so you might cover new ground or discover something new (and have a chance to reminisce) about a departed loved one.

Take your time and enjoy what I hope will be a rewarding journey. When you know your health history, your whole family benefits.

Source: womenshealth.gov/blog.

CMU Adopt-A-Grandparent program hosts Halloween party at Andahwod



Photos courtesy of Chelsea Robinson

CHELSEA ROBINSON

CMU Student Coordinator, Adopt-A-Grandparent Program

On Oct. 26, the Adopt-A-Grandparent program from the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center at Central Michigan University hosted its annual Halloween party at Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services.

The creative costumes and humorous games brought many laughs and smiles to both the elders and the students.

In addition to the costume contest, elders and students decorated cookies, made Halloween crafts, and played multiple Halloween-themed games.

Nearly 20 elders and 20 students were in attendance.



December Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Sewing
Dec. 3 | 1-7 p.m., 5:30 p.m. potluck

Language Bingo
Dec. 6 | 1 p.m.

Andahwod Craft Fair
Dec. 8 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
Dec. 10 | 1 p.m.

Christmas Brunch & Raffle Drawings
Dec. 12 | 11 a.m.

Cookie Decorating
Dec. 14 | 1 p.m.

Fried Fish Buffet
Dec. 14 | 4:30 p.m.

- \$12 - Adults
- \$10 - SCIT elders
- \$6 - 12 & under
- Free - 5 & under

Name That Tune
Dec. 18 | 3 p.m.

Birthday Bingo
Dec. 29 | 12 p.m.

New Year's Eve Balloon Drop
Dec. 31 | 6 p.m.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change.

December 2018 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 William Leksche | 16 Lanette Zaleski
Virginia Hoon
Gilbert Williams
Sylvia Zelinski |
| 3 Alfreda Jenkins
James Bailey
Brenda Schlegel
Nancy Rossbach
Patricia Sprague | 17 Shirley Burch
Stephanie Peters
Deborah Colley
Donna DeLap |
| 4 Sandra Charles
John Trepanier III
Cynthia Cisneros
Dawn Meredith
Brenda Rubin | 18 Alfred Dennis
Eleanor Hawk
Vivian Meredith
Cynthia Sprague |
| 5 Julie King
Tony Stevens | 19 Carol Jackson
Pamela Shawboose |
| 6 Teri Bennett
Lorraine Dumas
Margaret Worsham | 20 Clinton Pelcher Jr.
Richard Davis
Deborah Jackson
Jason Slater |
| 7 Le Etta Hansen
Tracy Chamberlain
James Osawabine Sr.
Cara Veldez | 21 David Bonnau
Faith Davis
Carrie Leauteaux
Jacqueline Roach
Sherri Vezina
Janice Walker |
| 8 Mary Floyd, Wayne Johnson, Maynard Kahgegab Jr., Norman Snyder | 22 Lori Rickie
Amy Singer |
| 9 Foster Hall Jr. | 23 Jim Davis |
| 10 Suzanne Cross
James Maki
Douglas Zoicher | 24 Brenda Miller
Michael Poolaw |
| 11 Sandra Smith | 25 Terry Bonnau
Steven Pelcher
Mary Rosebrock |
| 12 Paul Jackson
Bradford Mandoka
Ruth Moses
Beverly Pamp-Ettinger
Kenneth Sprague
Albert Wayne
John Brown
Robin Drews | 26 John Bennett
Bernice Hendrickson
Helen Black
LuAnn Phillips
Patricia Wemigwans
Frank Cloutier
Timothy Smith Jr. |
| 13 Randall Bennett
Stella Pamp
Timothy Stevens | 27 Yolanda Gonzalez
Paul Stevens
Carol White-Pigeon |
| 14 Marlene Collins
Ronald Johansen
Ida Lenhart
Marjorie Gordon
Ruth Mullins
Cheryl Roy
John Trepanier | 29 Renee` Abuja
Thomas Kequom
Judy Bryant |
| 16 Ronald Douglas
Darlene Munro | 30 Mary Saboo
Jerome Whitepigeon Sr.
Galene Young |



DECEMBER 2018 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Gathering of Cultural Sharing

Dec. 1 | Time: 3 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Parenting the Love and Logic Way®

Dec. 3, 10 | 5 - 7 p.m.
 • Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
 • 989.775.4616
 • For caregivers of children from 6 years old and younger

Youth Boys Basketball Open Gym

Dec. 5 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • For boys in 5th to 8th grade

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Dec. 5, 19 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Dec. 6 | 7 - 9 p.m.
 • Tribal Operations Seniors Room
 • 989.775.4880

Community Sewing Night

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • 989.775.4780

Menopause & Beyond

Dec. 7 | 12 - 3 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • 989.775.4649
 • Language Bingo with Isabelle Osawamick

Learn to Play Hand Games

Dec. 9 | Time: 3 - 6 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Snow Shoe Making

Dec. 10-14, Jan. 14-18, Feb. 11-15 | 5-8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • **Registration: 989.621.4780**
 • A series of week-long workshops
 • Cost: \$60
 • Open to first 10 registrants

The Reason for the Season

Dec. 10 | Doors open: 5:30 p.m., dinner: 5:45 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.4121
 • Join in fun games beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 • Bring a dish to pass to be entered into a prize drawing.

SCTC Campus Meeting

Dec. 12 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • SCTC West, classrooms 1 and 2
 • 989.317.4760 ext.232
 • Prizes given for the ugliest holiday sweater and prefect attendance.

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

Dec. 13 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4110

Friday Night Fried Chicken Buffet

Dec. 14 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 • Andahwod
 • 989.775.4300
 • Adults: \$12
 • SCIT Tribal Elders: \$10
 • 12 and under: \$6
 • 5 and under: free
 • Drawing and prizes

ACFS Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 15 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.4901
 • **Vendors:** 8'x8' space is available for \$25 and includes one 8-foot table, if needed.
 • Customers receive \$10 in Soaring Eagle Premium Play.

Traditional Energy Teachings

Dec. 18 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health Conference Room
 • Teachings with Bruce Elijah

Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Dec. 20 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4880

New Year's Eve Round Dance

Dec. 31 | Time: 6 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780
 • Hand game competition
 • Potluck meal at midnight with prizes for best dishes (TBA)
 • Cultural teaching with Isabelle Osawamick
 • Silent auction, craft area and selfie booth
 • Door prizes

DECEMBER 2018 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
3 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.	4 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Christmas Crafts Saganing 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sewing & Potluck Andahwod 1 - 7 p.m.	5 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	6 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. Puzzle Night Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Dow Gardens Walk Depart from Saganing 5 p.m.	7 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. Star Tree Shopping Trip Saganing 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	8 Holiday Craft Fair Andahwod 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kids Christmas Fun Saganing 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 9 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
10 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. Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 p.m.	11 Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Movie Showing Saganing 6:30 p.m.	12 Tribal Observer Deadline Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. SCA Winter Program SECR 6 - 8 p.m. Christmas Brunch Andahwod 11 a.m.	13 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Annual Appreciation Dinner Ziibiwing 6-8 p.m.	14 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. D. Dowd Traditional Healer B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Traditional Sweat Lodge B. Health 5:30 - 11 p.m. Cookie Decorating Andahwod 1 p.m.	15 Cultural Teachings Ziibiwing 12 - 5 p.m. 16 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
17 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. Christmas Extravaganza SCA 5 - 8 p.m.	18 Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Name That Tune Andahwod 3 p.m.	19 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Tribal Education Advisory Meeting 9 a.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	20 Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Winter Solstice 7 th Generation 6 - 8 p.m.	21 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.	22 23 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
24 Tribal Ops Closed Christmas Eve	25 Tribal Ops Closed Christmas Day	26 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure	27 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure	28 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure	29 Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m. 30 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
31 Tribal Ops Closed New Year's Eve **Tribal Ops will also be closed on Tuesday Jan. 1, 2019.** New Year's Eve Balloon Drop Andahwod 6 p.m.	SHOP TILL U DROP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Drawing: Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. (At Andahwod Christmas Brunch) Tickets: 5 for \$10 or 1 for \$5 Tickets can be purchased: at Andahwod or Flossie Sprague, Angel Jackson, Marie Kequom, Barb Sprague, Carole Tally or Kathy Hart			Prizes: • One \$250 Walmart gift card • One \$250 Target gift card • One \$250 Meijer gift card • One \$250 Visa gift card	 • SECR Payroll • SCIT Per Capita • SCIT Payroll • Curbside Recycling • Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.



Infants, toddlers dress in their best formal attire for Nov. 13 Baby Prom

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Infants and toddlers were dressed in their best formal attire for the binoojiinhs zhaabshkaa-gaab-wi, the Baby Prom, on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m., Nimkee Clinic's Healthy Start Program presented the Saginaw Chippewa Community Baby Prom as Seventh Generation

hosted the event in its community room.

Every child was prom queen or king for the evening and had their photos taken by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis, Summer Moon Photography.

A baby dance "binoojiinhsizhigaa" was held to tunes spun by JVSound including well-known songs "The Chicken Dance," "The Hokey Pokey" and tribal dances.

A sing-along was held with nookomis Isabella Osawamick from the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department.

Craft tables were available for patrons to make corsages and cedar necklaces.

In preparation for the event, Seventh Generation offered applique and/or ribbon assistance to children's prom attire during its sewing nights on Nov. 1 or 8 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Photos courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

