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Ribbon cutting ceremony, free concert marks opening of Island Park Arts Pavilion

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

provides a venue for local citizens of all ages to perform, and enjoy a myriad of events close to home."

Potential pavilion events include: concerts, theater and dance performances, art exhibits, ceremonies, public speeches, holiday celebrations, auctions, reunions, weddings and more, Idema said.

To complete the project, more than \$200,000 was raised in grants, including major funds from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's 2 percent distribution.

Additional grants came from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and donations from: Morey Foundation, W.E. Martin Fund of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, Isabella Bank, Rotary Club of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella Community Credit Union, Doug and Melissa LaBelle Family Foundation, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, City of Mt. Pleasant Parks Partnership Fund, United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties, Mt. Pleasant Jaycees and Mt. Pleasant Agency, Inc. – Central Insurance.

An amphitheater in Island Park in Mount Pleasant had been in the works for years, and on Monday, Aug. 5 it came to fruition as a ribbon cutting ceremony was held to open the Island Park Arts Pavilion.

The Island Park Arts Pavilion, located near Timbertown 2.0, was a vision by Taylor Idema, a 2019 Mt. Pleasant High School graduate.

The project became the result of Idema's Girl Scout Gold Award Project, the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

Idema pitched the arts pavilion idea at the United Way's Pitch-Er event and won first place honors along with the \$5,000 seed money to launch the project.

"Mt. Pleasant is an active community with many talented citizens interested in not only attending fine arts events, but performing in them as well," Idema said in a media release. "The Island Park Arts Pavilion



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Council members – Treasurer Craig Graveratte (far left) and Sergeant-at-Arms Kenny Sprague (third from left) – join Mt. Pleasant officials and Taylor Idema (third from right), in the ribbon cutting for the Island Park Arts Pavilion. The amphitheater came to life after a vision and goal Idema had precisely four years ago.

"Our community has rallied around this project. Because of that generosity, audiences for years will come to enjoy a wide variety of performances in this picturesque setting," said Mt. Pleasant Mayor Will Joseph at the Monday evening event.

A short program began at 6 p.m. Tribal Council members – Treasurer Craig Graveratte and Sergeant-at-Arms Kenny Sprague – joined Idema and City officials underneath the pavilion to assist with the ribbon cutting.

"It was an honor to be included in the ribbon cutting of the new pavilion," Graveratte said. "This is one of many examples how several different entities can come together and support such a wonderful community effort. All the hard work and dedication it takes to

see a project from an idea on paper, to moving dirt and being able to see the completed project, is a win-win for the whole community."

Onion Creek drummers were also present to perform an honor song.

More than 100 local residents were in attendance by 6:30 p.m. to catch the inaugural concert by Jim McKeith, a one-man acoustic rock band, sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Central Michigan Area Concert Band performed at 7:15 p.m.

Chris Bundy, director for Mt. Pleasant Parks and Public Spaces, took on the project to help make Idema's vision a reality.

"I've enjoyed working on the project with such a promising young person... who came to us with a great idea and the willingness to put in the work to make it a reality," Bundy said about Idema, to those in attendance.

"I am very thankful for his guidance throughout this project," Idema said of Bundy.

For more information on the Island Park Arts Pavilion or to reserve the space, contact the Parks and Public Spaces at 989-779-5331.



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Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Island Park Arts Pavilion, located near Island Park's Timbertown 2.0 in Mt. Pleasant, is available to hold events including: concerts, theater and dance performances, art exhibits, ceremonies, public speeches, holiday celebrations and more.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Onion Creek drummers perform an honor song before the ribbon cutting.

Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino

Hotel Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Friday, Sept. 6 | Welcome: 1 p.m. | Ribbon Cutting: 1:55 p.m.



Election Timeline 2019 Primary & General Elections

- Aug. 6 - Sept. 4** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
(NOTE: The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019 (Labor Day).)
- Sept. 5** | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
- Sept. 6** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- Sept. 11** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates
- Sept. 13** | Final Candidate List Posted
- Sept. 20** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed.
- Oct. 4** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 7** | 5:15 pm — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 8** | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 9** | Primary Election Results Posted
- Oct. 15** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 4** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 5** | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Nov. 6** | General Election Results Posted

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054

Rev. Owen White-Pigeon

Jan. 21, 1957 – Aug. 26, 2019

Rev. Owen White-Pigeon, age 62, of Mount Pleasant passed away Monday, Aug. 26, 2019, at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Owen was born on Jan. 21, 1957, in Parker, Ariz., the son of Lester Sr., and Almeda (Pierce) White-Pigeon. He was a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians. He married Carol Hall on April 11, 1987.

Owen was a pastor for the Chippewa United Methodist Church for 32 years. Owen was a car enthusiast. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing.

Owen is survived by his wife, Carol; son, Robert (Amanda) White-Pigeon; daughter, Delilah (Haley) Alonzo; siblings, Paul White-Pigeon, Jannette (Russell) Groat, Philip (Lee) White-Pigeon, Lester James White-Pigeon Jr., and Marion Owens; siblings-in-law, Carla (Stan) Sineway, Connie (Lewis) Sprague, Roberta Starkey, and Foster Hall Jr.; and many nieces and nephews.

Owen was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Betsey Hall and Foster Hall Sr.; sisters, Martha Nauni and Esther White-Pigeon; sisters-in-law, Jeanie White-Pigeon and Valerie Esparza.

Funeral services will be held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Sam McClellan officiating. Interment will follow in Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon will follow in the Reflections Reception Center following the Committal Service.

The family will receive friends on Monday, Sept. 2 at 4 to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue the day of the service from noon until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Envelopes will be available at the funeral chapel.



Tuesdays • June - October

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include:

Seasonal produce, baked goods, beaded/sculpted/natural art and Indigenous foods.

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

- You do **NOT** have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/other.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

For more information:

Sam Anglin, Market Master

Phone: 989.775.4315 | Email: SAnglin@sagchip.org

Calling all NATIVE ARTISTS

Would you like to win a two-night stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with a visit to the spa or salon for two during the 2020 powwow weekend?

We are looking for interested artists to submit entries for a new powwow logo for the 2020 season.

Entries should include:

- Up to four colors
- The date 'July 24-26, 2020'
- The '36th annual'
- Tribal logo will be added

Deadline: Nov. 1, 2019

Artist guidelines: Must be registered with a federally-recognized Tribe, Tribal identification must be submitted with application.

Entries may be submitted to the Powwow Committee at: PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org

Winner will also receive a sweater or T-shirt with the winning logo.

As of Oct. 1, 2019 the cost of Tribal license plates will increase

- New license plates with the first year tab will cost \$150.
- Yearly renewal tabs will cost \$125.

Bids for roof replacement

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Housing Department is accepting bids for the replacement of a pavilion roof in Standish (ITB-SCITHD-20-19-001). The general scope of work includes remove and dispose of old shingles, repair areas of concern, and reshingling the entire roof.

Contact James Neff for bid forms, specifications, instructions, and more information at 989-775-4586.

Submit bids by mail to Deb Showalter 2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 or email dshowalter@sagchip.org.

- **All bids due by Monday, Sept. 9**
- **All work must be completed by Oct. 15**

SCIT Housing Department Advisory Committee

The Housing Department invites you to get involved if you are a leasehold home owner or a tenant of the SCIT Housing Program. This is your opportunity to have a voice in our program.

Now accepting letters of interest

The Housing Department is currently accepting letters of interest from Leasehold Home Owners and HUD Residents for the Housing Advisory Committee SCHD AC.

Please include the following:

Name, address, phone number, photo, membership number and a letter of interest

Letters of interest will be accepted until: Monday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m.

Letters of interest can be mailed to:

SCIT Housing Department
2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

For more information:

- **Phone:** 989.775.4595
- **Website:** www.sagchip.org/housing



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Well & Septic PROGRAM

- ▶ **Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area:** Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties
- ▶ **If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.**
**You must own your home.*
- ▶ **Call 989-775-4014 or stop in to the Planning Department office**
(2451 Nish-na-be-anong)

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee Meetings

Every third Monday of the month
in the Seniors Room from 9 to 11 a.m.



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.

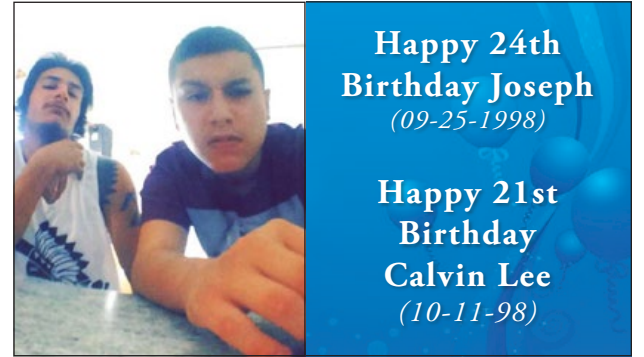
Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

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

- Sept. 3 • Oct. 1 • Nov. 5



Happy Blessed Birthday Meela
Love, Grandma



September 17th
Happy Birthday Blessings Zaden!
Love, Gpa Fred & Gma Denise

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

Order Establishing Deer Season 2019

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2019 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, and will close on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, unless ordered otherwise.

Further restrictions shall be as follows:

- Sept. 3, 2019 - Oct. 31, 2019 shall be bow only on all Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands.
- Nov. 1, 2019 - Feb. 1, 2020 shall be gun or bow as per the official map located on the Tribal website or the Tribal Planning Department.

The 2019 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:

- Three antlerless*
- *Antlerless shall mean a deer without antlers or with antlers less than three inches in length (Ordinance 11, Section 103, Subdivision 2)
- One restricted (restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side)
- One antlered (any size antlered)

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 28, 2019, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only five tags allowed per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

Hunter orange is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B). Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or tribal online survey.

- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
- Tribal lands designated for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribe's Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property two weeks before the start of deer season as stated above and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date as stated above; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc.. are permitted except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area, or they will be subject to confiscation.

Order Establishing Small Game Season 2019

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2019 Small Game Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, and will close on Sunday, April 26, 2020, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2019 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limit as listed:

- Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants ONLY with a limit of five per day.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink, pine marten, fisher and otter are ALL CLOSED to small game hunting.
- Badger, beaver, muskrat, mink and otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66.

Licenses will be available starting Sept. 3, 2019 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

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

Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2019

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2019 Fall Wild Turkey Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019, and will close on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019, unless ordered otherwise. The 2019 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Sept. 3, 2019, at the Tribal Planning Department office at \$10 per harvest tag. Only two tags allowed per license.

- "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.
- Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B) animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email or online.

- Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Order Establishing Migratory Game Bird Season 2019/2020

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 3 the 2019-2020 Migratory Game Bird Season shall begin upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date and will close on Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 unless ordered otherwise. The 2019/2020 Migratory Game Bird Season will allow for the bag limit as listed. Non toxic shot only.

Migratory game bird season daily bag limit:

- Ducks - 20*
- Woodcock - 10
- Morning Dove - 25
- Canada Geese - 20**
- Common Snipe - 16
- Coots & Gallinules - 20
- Mergansers - 10***
- Sora and Virginia Rails - 20
- Sandhill Crane - One

* Duck -20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck, pintail and canvasback. Possession limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.

** 20 per day Canada Geese aggregate.

***Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B).

A small game license is required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 2. Licenses will be available starting upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication date at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license.

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

Attention Tribal Members



As of Aug. 1, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will only accept non-expired Tribal I.D.s (red or green card) when check cashing.



The blue Resident Tribal I.D. card WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

as it does not contain an expiration date.



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DETROIT MERCY LAW

FREE Expungement Clinic

Monday, Sept. 23, 2019

1-4 P.M. | Public Safety Building

6954 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858

Thanks to a generous grant from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law students, along with volunteer attorneys, will be conducting a **Free Expungement Clinic for Tribal Community Members**.

Individuals will have their ICHAT (Michigan criminal record) reviewed, be advised on eligibility for expungement, and if eligible, be provided with assistance in preparing the Application to Set Aside Conviction.

Free ICHAT Record for the first 30 participants who pre-qualify (\$10 value).

To pre-register, call 313-596-0262
(Please do not call the Tribal Court)

Please note this important information:

1. You must bring a \$50 check or money order payable to the State of Michigan to file the application.
2. You must bring a certified copy of your Judgment of Conviction.
3. To be eligible for an expungement, five years must have passed since the completion of probation, discharge from parole, or completion of incarceration, whichever is later.
4. A person with more than one felony conviction, is NOT eligible for expungement under Michigan law.
5. A person with one felony and more than two misdemeanor convictions, is NOT eligible for expungement under Michigan law.
6. There are certain felonies that are not eligible for expungement under Michigan law.

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.

Tribal Council appoints seven-member 2019 Caucus Committee

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Tuesday, July 2 during the Regular Session meeting, Tribal Council appointed a seven-member 2019 Caucus Committee to assist the Tribal Clerk in conducting the upcoming General Elections.

Tribal Clerk Shawn Sawmick serves as the Chief Election Officer.

Rosanna Martin was appointed as the Caucus Committee Chair. The Chair has supervisory control over all committee members.

Stacy Mandoka and Karen Naganashe were appointed as tellers. The Teller serves as secretary for the Committee, issues ballots and assists with the tally of votes at the end of the Election Day.

Sheligh Jackson and Joseph Sowmick were chosen as clerks. The Clerk makes records of each eligible voter at the polls, ensures that they sign the roster and verifies identity/information.

Charles Wright and Angela Trofatter were both chosen as alternates. An alternate fills in for any



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

The 2019 Caucus Committee is sworn in.

Caucus Committee member.

Early last month, Sub-Chief Diana Quigno-Grundahl swore in the 2019 Caucus Committee in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room.

All Caucus Committee members must be registered to vote, pass a drug test and must not be a candidate for office.

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

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Please mail form to:
Tribal Observer
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7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Soaring Eagle employees honored for 20 and more years of service

LOUANNA BRUNER

Tribal Council Member

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort celebrated its first-ever employee recognition banquet honoring associates that have worked 20-plus years. There were 333 associates who achieved this milestone.

Kelly Bryant, executive administrative assistant to the CEO's office, planned this event – held on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall – in its entirety; paying attention to every detail needed.

Soaring Eagle's very own Woodshop crew, Dave Salisbury, Ernie Fletcher and Dan Ryckman designed, created and completed eagle plaques for all of the recipients.

Bryant selected ILuminate, a neon dance group who is



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Director of Hospitality Bernie Sprague (right) celebrating 32 years of service with his wife, Bonnie (left).

best known from "America's Got Talent" for the evening's entertainment. Their performance was amazing resulting in a standing ovation!

Bernie Sprague, director of hospitality, was recognized for having the longest longevity of 32 years of service. He was presented with an array of gifts including a bedazzled



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Millie Thomas (left) with her husband Brian, heavy equipment supervisor

logo hard hat, 32 decks of cards (one for each year of his employment) along with other Soaring Eagle logoed items.

Emcee's Raul Venegas and Tim McCullough kept the crowd entertained, while Kenny Sprague drew lucky winners for prizes.

Several prizes were drawn included gift cards, concert



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Carmen Deaton (left), table games manager, with husband Carl

tickets, overnight stays, and even eight hours of paid time off! The night ended with two grand prize winners Bethel Merrill receiving \$2,000 and Duane Booth receiving \$1,000!

Tribal Council would like to recognize and thank all of the associates for their dedication to our organization; without them, Soaring Eagle



Courtesy of Kelly Bryant

Bethel Merrill (right), of Casino administration, with 23 years of service won a \$2,000 Soaring Eagle gift card. Duane Booth (left), of Facilities, with 21 years of service won a \$1,000 Soaring Eagle gift card.

would not be as successful as we are today!

Miigwetch!



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Ella Hunt (right), table games manager, enjoys the evening with her husband Frank.



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Melanie Burger (left) and her husband Jamey Burger with 21 years of service



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Joe Jackson (right) couldn't be more proud of his mother, Norma Rapp's 26 years of service!



Courtesy of Louanna Bruner

Mary Johnson, table games floorperson, brought her sister to celebrate her 20 years of service.



Courtesy of Kelly Bryant

Bernie Sprague (right) is recognized for his 32 years of service. He was presented gifts including the SECR robe that Raul Venegas (left) is putting on him.

Monday and Wednesday events throughout the summer offered lunch, crafting

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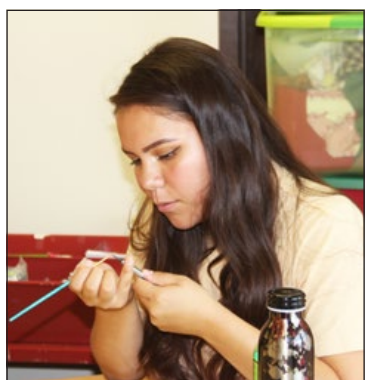
Editor

During each Monday in the summer from June 24 to Aug. 26, the Recreation Department hosted enjoyable lunch events.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each Monday in and near the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, lunch and craft supplies were provided.

The events, named Monday Summer Lunch Fun, were open to ages 10 and up and participants were welcome to bring their craft ideas, stories and favorite recipes.

The Monday lunches were hosted by the Recreation Department's Alice Jo Ricketts, youth and family recreation specialist, and Betsey Alonzo, organized



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Christina Benz paints during the Aug. 5 Monday Summer Lunch Fun, event, held near the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym and hosted by the Recreation Department on Monday's in the summer.

sports specialist.

Hosted on Wednesdays throughout the summer – from May 22 to Aug. 21 – was the

Summer Beading Circle, with instruction by Carrie Carabell, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's East Building, Classroom 6.

The events were similar to open houses in which participants could stop in and go as they please or stay the entire duration.

"The Recreation (Department) collaborated with SCTC's Summer Beading Circle to incorporate and make available a variety of craft materials so that participants can choose any craft of their choice," Alonzo said. "We have had participants paint Native-inspired art on a variety of size canvases as well as design and sew ribbon skirts, and even help repair some

worn out treasures, like earrings and beaded hand bags."

Alonzo continued, "Some of the younger children chose to string pony beads for friendship bracelets while the teens and older participants often created birthday gifts like beaded earrings, medallions, lanyards, key chains, and acrylic paintings."

In an email Alonzo sent out on Monday, Aug. 12 to the Tribal community, she said enchiladas, beans, rice, buffalo chicken dip, chips and banana

pudding would be available for lunch that day.

On Aug. 5, Alonzo said, in another email, a lunch of pizza, breadsticks, cheese bread and cupcakes would be provided.

"Food is a big part of the Monday lunch fun; sharing a meal is a good way to bring us all together," Alonzo said.

Alonzo said it is hopeful the Recreation Department will continue to host the events each summer, with the continued collaboration of SCTC's Extension Program.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Throughout Mondays in the summer – from June 24 to Aug. 26 – participants attend the event to enjoy provided craft supplies and lunch.

Artist/Entrepreneur
APPLICANTS

In partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through a Rural Business Development grant, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is offering a 1-year training opportunity for seven adult Tribal Members to participate in a Business Incubator Project.

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Backed by members of Congress, MMIW billboard campaign arrives in Michigan

GLOBAL INDIGENOUS COUNCIL

Little River Band Reservation, Mich. — A national campaign to raise awareness and build momentum for meaningful federal legislation to impact the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women (MMIW) tragedy arrived in the Great Lakes on Friday, Aug. 2.

Backed by members of the U.S. House and Senate as diverse as Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Senator Steve Daines (R-MT), the region's first MMIW billboard was placed in Manistee, Mich., territory of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

"The Native Justice Coalition (NJC) has just launched our MMIWG2S (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirits) Project," said Cecelia Rose LaPointe, executive director of the Michigan-based Native Justice Coalition. "There has been a growing movement across Canada for several years and now the



Courtesy photo

Rep. Deb Haaland (D-MN) poses with an advertisement from the MMIW billboard campaign.

Global Indigenous Council has started this national

MMIW billboard campaign, which has been publicly supported by the first Native American women ever elected to Congress, Rep. Deb Haaland (D-MN) and Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS). NJC is honored to partner and participate in this initiative."

The MMIW billboard campaign was conceived by the Global Indigenous Council in association with the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council and the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association,

tribal organizations that represent every tribe in the Rocky Mountain and Great Plains BIA regions.

The billboards have appeared in states from Arizona to Montana, and reached the Great Lakes early last month.

LaPointe said the next billboard is scheduled to appear in Duluth, Minn.

"So far omitted from the raft of proposed MMIW legislation are measures to address the human trafficking 'tracks' that result in Native American women and minors being forced into sex-slavery on container ships between U.S. and Canadian waters," said Lynnette Grey Bull, vice president of the Global Indigenous Council. "Duluth, Minn., has long been a hub for this misery."

Grey Bull continued, "In the wake of the recent MMIW Inquiry findings in Canada, now would be an opportune

time to include this in legislation. This is not a new development; it has been happening for decades, but nothing has been done. We aim to change that."

"This billboard campaign is one of the most important things that can be done for the MMIW epidemic, because without awareness there will be no change. People need to know that this has been happening for decades. This is a way to bring it to their attention," said Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), former chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

The GIC-RMTLC-GPTCA alliance worked with Senator Tester on his Studying the Missing and Murdered Indian Crisis Act.

Many of the recommendations petitioned for by the alliance have received bipartisan support on Capitol Hill and are reflected in MMIW bills introduced in the 116th Congress.

North Dakota's former-Senator, Heidi Heitkamp, the original sponsor of Savanna's Act, describes the MMIW billboard campaign as "one of the most powerful and important things" to undertake.

"This is a very important campaign and it will bring much needed awareness to the ongoing tragedy," said Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), who has reintroduced Savanna's Act in the 116th Congress with Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV).

"Our project addresses this ongoing violence and continued genocide that affects Native women, girls, and Two-Spirits across the U.S. and Canada," LaPointe said. "In May 2019, a 1,200 page report from Canada was released on the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). It includes over 230 recommendations and concluded that the murder and disappearance of Indigenous women and girls is an ongoing genocide."

LaPointe said, "The NJC is starting with this first step to create awareness in our communities."

The tribal alliance intends to present Gov. Gretchen Whitmer with a draft executive order to implement as a starting point to impact the MMIW tragedy in the region.

Little Free Library joins the Isabella Reservation to provide free book-sharing opportunity

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The world's largest book-sharing movement made its way to the Isabella Reservation when a Little Free Library was placed in front of Cardinal Pharmacy last month.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, Aug. 13 onsite – outdoors off of Leaton Road – to commemorate the library, a small wooden box filled with books provided for the free book exchange.

The idea of the Little Free Library is to "take a book, return a book." They come in many shapes and sizes, with the most common being a small wooden box of books.

The box is weatherproof and will be accessible to readers each season, every day, 24/7.

Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden welcomed a small group of community members attending the 3:30 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony.

"In a world where there is so much technology; reading an actual paperback or



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A Little Free Library, the world's largest book-sharing movement, is placed outside of Cardinal Pharmacy, off of Leaton Road, last month. The Tribal and local community are welcome to take a book, return a book, 24/7 in any season.

hardcover book is becoming a rarity. However, there is nothing quite like the feel of turning an actual page," Hadden said. "The Little Free Library is a great addition to the Isabella Reservation and I'm sure will be received well by our community."

During the first couple weeks the little library became available, Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann said she kept checking it and each time, it needed to be restocked with books.

"It is great the community is reading!" Heidemann said. "You can feel free to take a book or leave a book whenever you'd like. This continues our efforts to ensure that everyone in this literacy-rich community always has access to books wherever you go."

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Tribal Libraries were awarded the Little Free Library Impact Program Grant which allowed the library to be added to the community, Heidemann said.

The Little Free Library will soon be decorated with artwork by Tribal Member Gilbert Williams.

"I'm excited to say that, soon, this Little Free Library will be painted with traditional floral designs so it will incorporate the culture in a good way," Heidemann said.



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Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann (third from left) leads the Aug. 13 ribbon cutting ceremony for the Little Free Library as Tribal and local community members show support.

According to littlefreelibrary.org, Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called 'mini-town squares.'

Little Free Library is a registered nonprofit organization

that "inspires a love of reading, builds community and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world" (littlefreelibrary.org).

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Tribe holds private fundraiser for Congresswoman Deb Haaland

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During Rep. Deb Haaland's (D-NM 1st District) visit on the Reservation during Saginaw Chippewa Powwow week, the Tribe held a fundraiser in support of the congresswoman.

Rep. Haaland, a member of Pueblo of Laguna (New Mexico), is one of the first two Native American women elected to the U.S. Congress.

The reception was held at the Ziibiwing Center on Saturday, July 27 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in between Rep. Haaland participating in the annual Freedom Walk and powwow grand entry.

The fundraiser was for Tribal Members only and to provide the opportunity to meet Haaland, show support, ask questions and enjoy a complimentary breakfast.

Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier provided a welcome and introduced Haaland.

The congresswoman then took to the podium discussing what changes she plans to make in Congress, what her hopes are for the next election and answered a few questions.

Tribal elder Suzanne Cross gifted and wrapped Haaland



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Rep. Deb Haaland (right) is gifted a shawl made by Suzanne Cross (left) during Haaland's private fundraiser on July 27 at the Ziibiwing Center.

with a purple shawl Cross had made herself.

Tribal Council members Jennifer L. Wassegijig and



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Tribal Council members Louanna Bruner (left) and Jennifer L. Wassegijig (right) gift and wrap Rep. Haaland (center) with a Pendleton blanket with the Tribe's logo on it.

Louanna Bruner then gifted and wrapped Haaland with a Pendleton blanket containing the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal logo.

The reception concluded with Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis taking photos of Haaland posing with Tribal families.

Editorial: Natural Resource Commission informs on changes for upcoming deer season

CASEY SMITH

VP for the Natural Resource Commission (previously the Conservation Committee)

To all fellow hunters and members of our community:

Boozhoo. On behalf of the Natural Resource Commission (previously Conservation Committee), we are reaching out to the Membership to

inform you about the changes we have made for the upcoming deer hunting season.

From Sept. 1 through Oct. 31, our shared properties will be bow hunting only.

From Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, certain areas (most areas) will be open to gun season (new maps available at the SCIT Planning Department.)

There has never been constancy since we, as a Tribe,

have started our own rules and regulations.

Every year, maps change on what properties we can hunt and hunt with (gun or bow). This is confusing and frustrating to us hunters not being able to hunt our own land first and for most.

Then year after year, some places hunters have previously been able to hunt with guns become bow-only the following year.

We are here to present consistency with equal rights to each and every member of this Tribe. Hunting and gathering is the biggest part of our culture.

With Tribal Council's approval, these maps will be in place and stay the same until there will be a new commission and if they decide to make changes, then that will be on them.

This commission has a true passion for the people of our

Tribe and being able to exercise our sovereignty on our tribal lands and the surrounding area (treaty lands/waters).

This new commission board is excited to bring wellness, education to our community, a seven generation-minded thinking people to conserve our land, animals, resources for the next generations of hunters and gathers of our Tribe to come.

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Exciting 3-on-3 basketball action featured at annual Rez Ball tournament

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Recreation Department hosted Rez Ball 2019 in the parking lot of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The annual tournament featured all of the excitement and good-spirited competition of 3-on-3 basketball.

Teams from six different

divisions vied for the first place trophies. Second place finishers were also awarded medals for their efforts.

Players were treated to a free lunch and event T-shirt.

The event was collaboration between the Recreation Department, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and the Migizi EDC. Marketing team, as well as many volunteers and summer youth workers.



RezBall Winners

- **Adult men:** The Squad
Trey Wemigwans, Daniel Fuller, Henry Wemigwans and Tyrone Rios
- **Adult women:** Legends
Rosemary Ekdahl, Aleigha Owl, Taylor Smith and Tamera Stanley-Ortiz
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Faye Wemigwans, Elijah Quiqno and Aiden Raphael
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Giizhis Martell, Albert Shomin, Daniel Bennett and Logan Bandlow
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- **6th-12th grade girls:** Lady Eagles OG's (moved to adult bracket)
Jasmine Serrano, Jasmine Isham, Bird Binayshee Hendrickson and Asalia Quiqno
- **Lighting champ women:** Jessica Sprague
- **Lighting champ men:** Pat Smith

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Tribe announces membership in the Midwest Tribal Energy Resource Association

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce that it has joined the Midwest Tribal Energy Resource Association (MTERA). MTERA is a consortium of Midwest Tribes helping to increase tribal

self-determination through energy independence, knowledge sharing, and collective action.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been fortunate enough to reach several energy independence milestones with the construction of our substation at our Saganing Reservation,” said Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl. “We look forward to participating in

this organization by sharing our expertise and knowledge.”

The chief continued, “All tribes benefit when we work together to achieve our common goals of self-determination and exercise of sovereignty that help grow our communities.”

MTERA was formed in 2014 as an informal group of five Midwest Tribes who were

passionate about energy issues. It has since grown and established a formal structure, obtained financing, and has identified opportunities to support Midwest Tribes’ energy initiatives.

More information about the organization is available at www.mtera.org

“As I mentioned during my Homecoming Community

Meeting address, the electrical independence model that SCIT has created opens the door for future economic development projects in both Saganing and Mount Pleasant,” Ekdahl said. “We look forward to helping other tribes by sharing our experiences during this project and becoming a MISO market participant.”

Sobriety, healthy lifestyles promoted at annual Dunk Away Drugs event

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The third annual Dunk Away Drugs Sobriety Shootout was held in the Shepherd High School’s gym on Saturday, July 20.

A total of 86 players on 12 teams competed in the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The event was a collaboration between Behavioral Health Programs, Recreation Department, Tribal Police and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



Courtesy of Kyle Shomin

13 and under boys’ division champions



Courtesy of Kyle Shomin

Young womens’ division champions



Courtesy of Kyle Shomin

19 and under boys’ division champions



Two Tribal Members complete two-year SECR Facilities Apprenticeship Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Two Tribal Members have successfully completed the two-year Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities Apprenticeship Program.

Stephanie Starkey is first to ever complete the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program and Glen Peter Coffin is the second to ever complete the Heavy Equipment Operator Apprenticeship Program. The apprenticeships are open to Tribal Members only.

Both the carpenter and heavy equipment program modules require at least 3900 hours of documented training.

Coffin completed his program on June 19, 2019, and Starkey completed her program on July 26, 2019.

Each program involves modules which include specific tasks identified with a matching amount of hours. For example, the carpentry program requires 500 hours of millwork – work that includes estimating material, cutting, planning, milling, routing and sanding wood.

After completing their apprenticeships, both Coffin and Starkey are required to stay with the Tribe for one year after. Following completion, apprentices may seek an opportunity to be hired full time if a position becomes vacant. Coffin is currently working as heavy equipment operator and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Members Glen Peter Coffin (left) and Stephanie Starkey (right) both completed the two-year Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities Apprenticeship Program. Coffin is one of two to ever complete the Heavy Equipment Operator Apprenticeship Program and finished in June 2019. Starkey is the first ever to complete the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program and finished in July 2019.

Starkey is currently a journeyman carpenter.

“They both went above and beyond for whatever tasks their apprenticeships called for,” said Dan Ryckman, carpenter supervisor, about Coffin and Starkey.

Requirements in the carpentry program include: safety and lift training, furniture repair, finishing (staining), concrete work, table games repair (restoring roulette and blackjack tables) and much more.

(Starkey) does anything and everything. She is pretty well-rounded,” Ryckman said.

Starkey said her father Richard Starkey, a Tribal Member and

Tribal Operations Maintenance Department employee, got her interested in carpentry work.

“My dad’s a carpenter,” Starkey said. “When I was growing up, he built anything and everything. He was just like a Mr. Fix It.”

Starkey has assisted with table games furniture, plaques and awards for several Tribal departments’ events, a bathroom remodel, Tribal Council’s new desks and chairs for their move into the Black Elk building, and much more.

“I’m the first one to complete the program, and I’m a woman; all the other people

who were apprentices were men. So I feel kind of proud of that,” Starkey said.

Requirements in the heavy equipment program involve: safety, equipment maintenance, general labor (moving/lifting, hand digging, jack hammer, concrete saws), snow removal (plow trucks, wheel loaders, dump and salt trucks), using excavators and street sweepers, obtaining a State of Michigan Class A CDL License, and much more.

“I don’t mind the big dump trucks – carrying all the sand and soil that we need for all of the jobs. I’ve been doing that for three weeks in a row,” Coffin said. “I like getting in the different pieces of equipment.”

Coffin, who now drives more than 10 heavy equipment vehicles, said his position requires, “A lot of outdoor work, a lot of heat, a lot of freezing, cold temperatures, too.”

“When I first started, I never sat in one of those big trucks, ever... I know how to drive a stick shift but (I am driving vehicles with) eight gears now,” Coffin said.

Ryckman; John Curns, facilities project manager; and Brian Thomas, heavy equipment supervisor; sat down with the Tribal Observer and all agreed the SECR apprenticeship teaches much more than what individuals in the field would learn elsewhere.

“Brian and I have both been out in the field. You don’t get the variety, and you don’t get to learn as much as you do here (through the SECR apprenticeship),” Ryckman said. “What (the apprentices) learn here, in a very short period of time, in basically two years, I would say, is 10 times what (others) learn in the field.”

Thomas said the Woodshop has grown since he first began; much more new equipment has been added to the department.

Several directors and management who oversee the apprentice program have had past work experiences in the trades.

“SECR apprentices are trained, first hand, by someone that has actually done the job,” Curns said.

Ryckman describes the Woodshop team as “dynamite,” retaining various skills.

For Tribal Members interested in filling the recently vacated apprentice positions, an upcoming apprentice job fair will be held Sept. 26 in the Black Elk building in the Human Resources Training Room from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Tribal Members are welcome to come and ask questions about the job positions, what we do here and what they are expected to do,” Curns said. “They can put their application in at that time.”

Editorial: Chief Little Elks Memorial golf tournament saw 50 players

BERNIE SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

The Chief Little Elks annual Memorial Golf Tournament was held Aug. 3 at Waabooz Run.

The golf tournament honors the lives of Eli Thomas, Betsy Thomas, Eleanor Sprague, Dan Eggleston, Dorson Strong, Phyllis Sprague, Shirley Chamberlin, Day Sprague, Jo Kathy Bennett Sprague, Rocky Sprague, Wayne Sprague and Gary Sprague.

The family of Chief Little Elk would like to thank the community for their support. We were able to raise enough funding needed to hold our annual event to honor Chief Little Elk and his extended family from the bake sales and 50/50 drawings.

This was the biggest turnout in the long history of the event; we had 25 teams for a total of 50 players.

The day started with coffee and Danishes for the early risers and staff. At 9 a.m., we prepped for the annual honor song. This year we added a celebration song and a traditional dancer (Cruz Perez).

The family would like to say many miigwetch’s to Frank Sprague (hand drum, singer) and Cruz Perez for their outstanding performances. They helped us remember Little Elk’s powwows at the campgrounds as he would use his hand drum and sing his traditional songs dressed in his traditional buckskin apparel.

At the end of the tournament, we had a traditional fry bread and bean soup meal prepared by the cooks at the Nbakade Family Restaurant. What a great meal it was. Nbakade also served us delicious breakfast burritos to get us thru the day.

We would like to thank all of the players and the staff at Waabooz Run and of course the family members that volunteered their time to make this event an enjoyable day.

We plan on expanding the traditional ceremony at 9 a.m., so if you have some free time,

you are welcome to come out and join us, as it was Chief Little Elk’s belief: “We are all children of God and we are all welcome in his house.”

We would also like to thank our nieces Carla, Deb, Sue, Diane, Ashawnee and Brenda for their support and efforts.

Bernard, Ken, Larry, Bean and Barb Sprague would like to say miigwetch. Thank you for your support and participation.

The 2020 Memorial will be held Aug. 1 at Waabooz Run. The honor ceremony will be held at 9 a.m., followed by the tee off at 10 a.m.

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

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Words by Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department

Word Bank

- Aanhs-kon-ye
- Nbwaa-ji-we
- Zhii-taa'daa
- Naad-a-maa-ge
- Baa-bij-i-ge
- Wii-si-ni'daa
- Maa-se'daa
- Biin-chi-ge
- Nbaa
- Maa-di-bi-daa

Down

1. He/she is waiting
2. He/she is cleaning
4. Let's eat
5. He/she is changing clothes
8. Let's sit

Across

3. He/she is visiting
6. Let's get ready
7. He/she helps out
9. Let's walk
10. He/she is sleeping

Answer Key

Down	Across
1. baa-bij-i-ge (He/she is waiting)	3. nbwaa-ji-we (He/she is visiting)
2. biin-chi-ge (He/she is cleaning)	6. zhiit-aa-daa (Let's get ready)
4. aanhs-kon-ye (Let's eat)	7. naad-a-maa-ge (He/she helps out)
5. wii-si-ni'daa (He/she is changing clothes)	9. maa-se'daa (Let's walk)
8. maa-di-bi-daa (Let's sit)	10. nbaa (He/she is sleeping)



Thirteen recruits graduate from the 2019 Tribal Police Youth Academy

HARRY AMBS

Chief of Police

The 2019 Tribal Police Youth Academy, held July 23-25, was a huge success. This year's academy saw 13 recruits graduate, with two of the recruits promoting to the rank of corporal.

Recruits took part in tours of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Fire Department and Tribal Court. Judge Patrick Shannon addressed the recruits and took time to present information about Tribal Court and answer questions from the recruits.

Tribal Police K9 units assisted with the academy and performed demonstrations in



Courtesy photo

Tribal Police Sgt. Joe Maxey (front, left) directs the 2019 Tribal Police Youth Academy recruits.

all aspects and capabilities of K9 handling.



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The cadets learn evidence collection (left) and receive information in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court (right) during the three-day youth academy, held July 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.



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The core training curriculum of the academy included the following:

Evidence collection: recruits learned how to lift fingerprints and processed a mini crime scene.

Emergency vehicle operation: recruits practiced driving techniques and used golf carts to traverse the same qualification course used by police officers.

Handgun and rifle qualification: recruits used training guns that fire a paint-based projectile to hone their marksmanship skills on a static range target and then tested those skills in a shoot course against zombies (targets).

First-aid: recruits learned basic medical treatments which they could apply in everyday situations.

Defensive tactics and physical skills: recruits



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Recruits are photographed in front of the test shoot course, which contains targets ("zombies").



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Tribal Police officers walk cadets through defensive tactics and physical skills.

learned basic control techniques used by police officers and physical fitness essentials to help them be able to complete the minimum fitness requirements necessary to become a police officer. Recruits were then able to try their luck in completion of the exact test used by entry level police recruits.

Out of each of the core categories, a "top performing" recruit was chosen based upon scoring and instructor observation. The "top performing" recruits were as follows:

Emergency Vehicle Operation (driving) – Jonathan Bailey

Sidekick Salute Award (positive attitude) – Mackenzie McMullen

Super Sleuth Award (evidence collection) – Katilyn Cantu

Top Gun Award (firearms) – Erius Mena

Dr. Do-Rite Award (first-aid) – Samuel Cloud

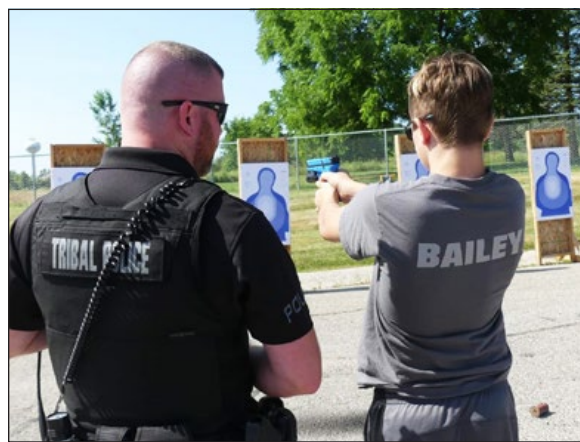
Physical Fitness Award (female) – Katie Robinson

Physical Fitness Award (male) – Richard Delacruz

Most Outstanding Recruit Award – Christopher Spencer-Ruiz

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department would like to thank our community volunteers, Tahsheena Foley and Makayla Stevens. The two were instrumental this year with helping the recruits stay on track and assisting the police officers as they presented to the youth.

Also, a special thank you to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark for providing day pass prizes for our top performers and award winners.



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Tribal Police Officer Trent Vatter (left) instructs Cadet Bailey (right) on firing a training gun, a paint-based projectile, towards the target.



Courtesy photo

A cadet tests handgun skills in the course.

People's Community Garden update at 7th Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center

LEE ANN RUFFINO

Cultural Manager

Back in May of this year, Seventh Generation and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program hosted a "How to Maintain a Garden Box" Lunch & Learn. After the informative gardening presentation, many community members signed up to grow their own vegetables in a garden box, on the 7th Generation property.

Throughout the past few months, the garden boxes have been flourishing beautifully. Stop in anytime, and harvest what you need from the community garden boxes. Open to all of the Saginaw Chippewa community.

June was the month of the Odemin Giizis or Strawberry

Moon. The strawberry field brought in many visitors this year, from youth to elder. Many of our community members have said that these strawberries were the best they have ever tasted.

Stay tuned for our next healthy, traditional cooking event, being held in November, in collaboration with Planning, Tribal College Extension and Tribal Library.

The four sacred medicines, Tobacco, Cedar, Sage and Sweetgrass are also grown at 7th Generation.

The Saginaw Chippewa community may come into the office and sign out medicines that they need.

If you would like more information, please call 989-775-4780.



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Garden boxes are shown thriving at the Seventh Generation property. (The boxes were created in May during the "How to Maintain a Garden Box" Lunch & Learn.)

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Summer Baby Celebration honors newborns at Seventh Generation's event

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Mnaajaada gda binooji-inhsmiinaanik! (Let's celebrate our babies!)

Seventh Generation hosted the summer Baby Celebration on Thursday, July 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The event featured wen-paaash miijim (free food); an Anishinaabemowin sing-a-long; a keepsake for the binoojiinhs, the waabowaanan (blanket), made by Sarah Little.

"Honoring the newest additions to our Saginaw Chippewa community is an exciting time," said Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation. "Every summer and winter, Seventh Generation, Nimkee Healthy Start, Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services offer a meal,



Photos courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Mothers pose with their babies during the Summer Baby Celebration at Seventh Generation on Thursday, July 18. (Photographed left to right, back row: Rebecca Jackson with baby Rouvario Jackson-Cantu, Madison Bartol with baby Cree Taylor, Jenna Winchel with baby Connor Winchel, Simone Sineway with baby Kamryn Sineway, Sydney Jackson with baby Silas Jackson, and Kecia Bautista with baby Tahilia Hill. Front row: Reyna Wemigwans with baby Kinsley Kegan Andy, Betsey Ekdahl with twin girls Alvia and Autumn Ekdahl, and Reba Navejar with baby Gabriel Navejar.)

gifts for newborns and family, keepsake for the little ones, activities for children, and an honor song for all."

The biannual Baby

Celebration began more than 27 years ago, Ruffino said.

"The intent was to honor and welcome these binoojiinhsak into our community," she said.



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Interesting facts about the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw

(Editor's note: The following facts were submitted by Anita Heard, research center coordinator for the Zibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.)

The Treaty of 1819 set aside 16 tracts of land to be reserved totaling 96,400 acres of reservations with shared community ownership. This treaty ceded to the United States about six million acres.

Below are excerpts from the treaty and the contemporary location of each reservation.

ART. 2. From the cession aforesaid the following tracts of land shall be reserved, for the use of the Chippewa nation of Indians:

- **One tract, of eight thousand acres, on the east side of the River Au Sable, near where the Indians now live.** - Never surveyed as a reserve, the location is in Iosco County
- **One tract, of two thousand acres, on the river Mesagwisk.** - Rifle River in Arenac County very near what is now Standish
- **One tract, of six thousand acres, on the north side of the river Kawkawling, at the Indian village.** - In Bay County where what is now Kawkawlin
- **One track, of five thousand seven hundred and sixty acres, upon the Flint River, to include Reaum's village, and a place called Kishkawbahee.** - Saginaw County what is now Burt and south just into Genesee County slightly north of Montrose
- **One tract, of eight thousand acres, on the head of the river Huron, which empties into the Saginaw River, at the village of Otusson.** - Saginaw County on the Cass River what is now Frankenmuth and beyond
- **One island in the Saginaw Bay.** - Historically know as Stony Island, currently known as Heisterman Island Huron County, Saginaw Bay
- **One tract, of two thousand acres, where Nabobask formerly lived.** - Bay County what is currently known as Essexville and beyond to the bay
- **One tract, of one thousand acres, near the island in the Saginaw River.** - What is currently Bay City, east of the Saginaw River
- **One tract, of six hundred and forty acres, at the bend of the river Huron, which empties into the Saginaw River.** - At Great Bend on Cass River Saginaw County downstream west of Frankenmuth, where Zehnders is currently located
- **One tract, of two thousand acres, at the mouth of Point Augrais River.** - Arenac County very near what is now Au Gres
- **One tract, of one thousand acres, on the river Huron, at Menoquet's village.** - Saginaw County on the north side of the Cass River west of Frankenmuth
- **One tract, of ten thousand acres, on the Shiawassee river, at a place called the Big Rock.** - Saginaw County what is now Chesaning
- **One track, of three thousand acres, on the Shawassee River, at Ketchewaundaugenink.** - Shiawassee County by what is now the town of Byron
- **One track, of six thousand acres, at the Little Forks on the Tatabawasink River.** - Midland County at what is now the City of Midland, on the Tittabawasee
- **One track, of six thousand acres, at the Black Bird's town on the Tatabawasink River.** - Saginaw County near what is now Freeland, on the Tittabawasee River
- **One track, of forty thousand acres, on the west side of the Saginaw River, to be hereafter located.** - Bay County where what is now the west side of Bay City extending north to Kawkawlin, west nearly to Auburn and south just into Saginaw County nearly to Zilwaukee

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Melissa Isaac named president of the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac was named giigdoninikwe (president) of the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors as the CMTED announced the July 2019 election results.

According to CMTED by-laws, "The officers of the CMTED shall be elected by

the Confederation membership at their annual July meeting.

Isaac will serve a two-year term.

"I would like to say chi-miigwetch to my fellow Tribal Education directors for having confidence in me to lead this important work," Isaac said in a media release from the CMTED. "I look forward to continue increasing visibility of tribal voices in the area of education in Michigan with emphasis on success of all tribal students. Our

effort will follow the path and guidance laid before us by our Anishinaabek ancestors."

Jordan Shananaquet, education director for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, will serve a one-year term as vice giigdoninikwe.

"Aanii Kina Gwaya, I am both humbled and honored to serve on the executive board as vice chair for CMTED," Shananaquet said in the media release. "Education is a direct articulation of sovereignty and

it is important that we protect it. I look forward to the work that CMTED will do to ensure that our voices are heard in Michigan and the larger United States. Miigwech."

Andrea Rainer, higher education specialist for the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, was elected to serve a three-year term as zhibigeninikwe, and Jannan Cotto, education director for the Gun Lake Tribe, will serve a three-year term as zhoonyaninikwe.



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Melissa Isaac

Project AWARE begins second year of support and collaboration

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

As Project AWARE begins its second year of support and collaboration, the community is starting to experience its impact. The project, made possible by the five-year, \$9 million grant awarded to the Tribe by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), focuses on meeting the mental health needs of school-aged youth and families in the area and helps connect them to services while also raising awareness of mental health needs.

To meet its goals, the Project AWARE team began working last year with the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and Shepherd Public Schools, and it has also organized several community events.

"Project AWARE is so exciting, because it is a true partnership between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Mount Pleasant Public Schools and Shepherd Public Schools to better serve our youth," said Kehli Henry, AWARE Coordinator.

The screening of the movie "Indian Horse" at Celebration!



Courtesy of Niki Henry



Courtesy of Niki Henry

Project AWARE and its coordinators are photographed at several Tribal events including at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy (left) and the K-12 Back to School event on Aug. 12 (right).

Cinema and the community talking circle that followed was the event that kicked off the summer with the AWARE team on the evening of Sunday, June 9.

Next, Project AWARE partnered with Native Connections at Behavioral Health to host a gathering of Native American youth (GONA) at the Ziiibwing Cultural Center in July. On the first day, Tuesday, July 9, 54 youth from attended the event, and 58 participated on the second day, Wednesday, July 10.

Attendees of the 2019 NativeFest that took place at Ziiibwing on July 23 and 24 may have met some of the members of the AWARE team at the booth they had set up to offer brochures featuring an overview of the project. Additionally, Project AWARE

helped sponsor a performance by Keith Secola and the Wild Band of Indians from 8 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24.

On July 23-24 and July 29-30, AWARE hosted a Technology of Participation (TOP) training focused on facilitation methods and action planning. A total of 35 participants attended from the Tribe, Shepherd Public Schools and Mount Pleasant Public Schools.

On Monday, Aug. 12, AWARE was present at the K-12 Back to School event, providing school supplies for Tribal students and handing out flyers and information for youth and parents.

The next evening, Aug. 13, AWARE was present at the Shepherd Public Schools Back to School Bash to again distribute brochures and information to students and parents



alongside other informational booths focused on mental health, mentoring programs, clothing and food assistance programs and other services.

More than 800 participants attended the two separate sessions of the STARR Trauma Informed Resilient Schools Training that took place at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Aug. 21 and 22.

According to Henry, Trauma Informed Resilient Schools teaches school professionals how to create trauma-informed schools and classrooms.

The training focused on resilience, exploring the core values and beliefs of educators, and it addressed how trauma impacts children and their school experience. It also presented proactive strategies, such as fostering connections, prioritizing social and emotional skills, establishing safety and promoting play and provided detailed information and concrete actions that

will help school professionals create the best classroom environment and establish effective school supports for traumatized students.

"We are working on some really innovative things to improve student experiences in school, and to expand the services available to support them," Henry said. "While we are still in the early stages of this project, we are looking forward to significant positive changes in the way we interact with our students and communities."

Upcoming AWARE events in September include the following: Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor Training on Sept. 3-5, Support for Students Exposed to Trauma (SSET) training on Sept. 12 and 25, Bounce Back Training Sept. 13 and 26, and the First Responders Training: Mental Health 101 & Trauma Informed Responses on Sept. 17 and 18.

Back to School event fills students' backpacks with new school supplies

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

On the evening of Monday, Aug. 12, the Broadway Park filled with students and families preparing for the upcoming academic year at the Back to School Event, hosted by the Education Department's K-12 staff.

Participants were treated to a hamburger and hot dog picnic dinner provided by the Housing Department.

Children were entertained by bounce houses furnished by Tribal College's Extension Office and an obstacle course organized by the Nimkee Fitness team.



Courtesy of Niki Henry

Tribal K-12 students and their families wait in line during Tribal Education's Back to School backpack giveaway event on Monday, Aug. 12 at the Broadway Park.

The first 200 second to 12th grade students and the first 100 kindergarteners to 1st graders to register at the event received backpacks donated by the K-12 Department.

Students were also provided the following items: Clorox

disinfectant wipes, donated by Healthy Start and Public Health Services; one-subject notebooks and pencils from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark; mechanical pencils from Andahwod; three-subject and five-subject notebooks and calculators from



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Project AWARE representatives are on hand for giveaways at the event, beginning at 5 p.m.

Tribal College; crayons and colored pencils from ALRD; pencil pouches, pencils, large erasers and stress balls from Behavioral Health; scissors, glue sticks and erasers from Education Administration; two-pocket folders, highlighters and



Courtesy of Niki Henry

In addition to backpacks, students received an abundance of school supplies for the 2019-2020 academic year ahead.

pens from Project Aware; pencil boxes from K-12; and pencil sharpeners from Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.



State of Michigan adopts new social studies standards

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

After five years of professional and political analysis, controversy, private and public discussion, and intense media attention, Michigan finally adopted new social studies standards this past June.

Tribal Education Director Melissa Isaac was involved in the process every step of the way since 2011 and provided significant input on the final version which includes an accurate and acceptable representation of Michigan's Indigenous peoples, both past and present.

Isaac was one of several Native Americans who served on committees formed by the Michigan Department of Education during the process of drafting the standards. She was granted this opportunity because federal law requires meaningful government-to-government consultation with Tribes according to Every Student Succeeds Act Section 111(a) and 8538.

"There is a lot of support for Indigenous people through ESSA," Isaac said, noting that State collaboration with tribes is helping to develop mutual respect.

"We need to provide input," she said about having a voice at the State's table. "It's a work in progress."

A document produced by the Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors (CMTED), of which Isaac is a member, states, "Not only is it

the law, it is generally considered sound management policy and the right way for the United States to conduct business." So, Michigan complied and offered seats at the table to designated officials, such as Isaac, who represent the 12 sovereign nations of Michigan.

Because of the unique political status of the tribes, CMTED holds the position that consultation with Tribal entities is a non-negotiable right and irrefutably required for decisions that result in possible or probable impact on Native students.

According to CMTED, "The Michigan Department of Education, Social Studies Task Force Chairs and State Board of Education must recognize the input being provided as government-to-government consultation rather than stakeholder group feedback."

Throughout the process of drafting the standards, CMTED representatives such as Isaac acted as advocates for the Tribe, addressed critical educational concerns and offered recommendations that encouraged the inclusion of indigenous content and the study of Tribal government. Additionally, they scrutinized terminology used in the standards to ensure updated and appropriate vocabulary was used within the document and that Indigenous contributions to the state throughout history were recognized.

Former standards referenced Native Tribes in a total of 24 standards. As a result of CMTED's consultation, this number was considerably increased. In fact, the CMTED team proposed recommended changes to 54 standards,

34 of which were applied and five partially applied. Of the recommendations that were not applied or partially applied to the standards, the CMTED team was able to accept the rationale of why they remained unchanged and endorse two of the standards, leaving only 13 of the 54 standards unendorsed by Native representatives.

Though these results are positive and acceptable, the process to get them was not easy.

According to Isaac, when representation was first requested by the state in 2011, there was only one representative present on the committee.

"That was me," Isaac said, explaining that the draft standards had already been written at that point and that MDE was consulting with a Tribal representative for the sole purpose of determining if something had been missed.

"It didn't go well the first time," Isaac said. Despite her input, she said, "The standards deleted us altogether, and I'm not sure how that happened. Indigenous history was not included. We had no representation in the standards."

After that, MDE released the standards for public comment. Isaac explained that

this is when CMTED stepped in.

"We came together and issued a statement, asking people to speak up at public events and voice their concerns," Isaac said. "After those sessions and enough people advocating for us to be included, they (MDE) had to refigure their approach."

Isaac said MDE broke the standards into sections and asked Native representatives to apply for seats on the new content area committees that would address each section.

"CMTED was strategic," Isaac said. "Each representative applied for a different committee to make sure we had representation in every area, including the bias review committee that I was a part of."

This strategy worked, and the new standards are something Isaac can be proud to see her name associated with along with Jannan Cotto, MTED member from the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians (LTBB); Amanda Weinart, LTBB curriculum specialist; Robin Lees, a retired social studies teacher from LTBB, Judy Pamp, assistant director of SCIT's Ziibiwing Center; and LTBB's Eric Hemenway.

SCA summer school students attend several fieldtrips

NIKI HENRY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Saginaw Chippewa Academy's summer school students were able to add several adventures to their academic work during this year's session.

The group's first trip was to Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum on Wednesday, July 17. Next, students visited the Delta College Planetarium

in Bay City on Tuesday, July 23.

On Wednesday, July 31, summer school participants learned about chemical changes, physics and science during a hands-on demonstration from Dr. Slime, aka Michael Garlick.

Students explored Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing on Wednesday, Aug. 7, and on Wednesday, Aug. 14, they enjoyed a morning of learning at Central Michigan University's one-room schoolhouse.



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Saginaw Chippewa Academy summer school students go on several fieldtrips throughout the year's session.

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Soaring Eagle welcomes country music rising stars Kane Brown and Gabby Barrett

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Eager fans packed in to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert venue on Friday, Aug. 16. Breakout country musicians Kane Brown and Gabby Barrett were in town, ready to perform a sold-out show.

Kane Brown has been one of the fastest rising stars in the country music genre, with his fresh mix of country, pop and rap elements.

The 25-year-old singer released his first, self-titled album in 2016. His second album "Experiment" released in November 2018.

Brown began with "Baby Come Back to Me" followed by his first No. 1 hit "What If's."

Next, he performed "Weekend" and the heartfelt melody "Used to Love You Sober," which was his first single released in October 2015.

Fans were treated to another No. 1 hit with "Good as You," followed by "Learning."

The melancholy ballad "Homesick" was followed by "Live Forever" and "Like a Rodeo."

The party vibes of "Short Skirt Weather" had audience members dancing and singing along.

Keeping the hits coming, he performed "Stand By Me,"



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kane Brown points out to the audience during the Aug. 16 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

"One Thing Right," "Found You" and "Pull It Off."

Brown sent the audience home happy that night, ending in style with two more No. 1 hits in "Heaven" and "Lose It."

Opening for Brown was country musician Gabby Barrett.

Barrett's talents were first recognized on the hit TV series "American Idol" in 2018, where she finished third during the show's 16th season.

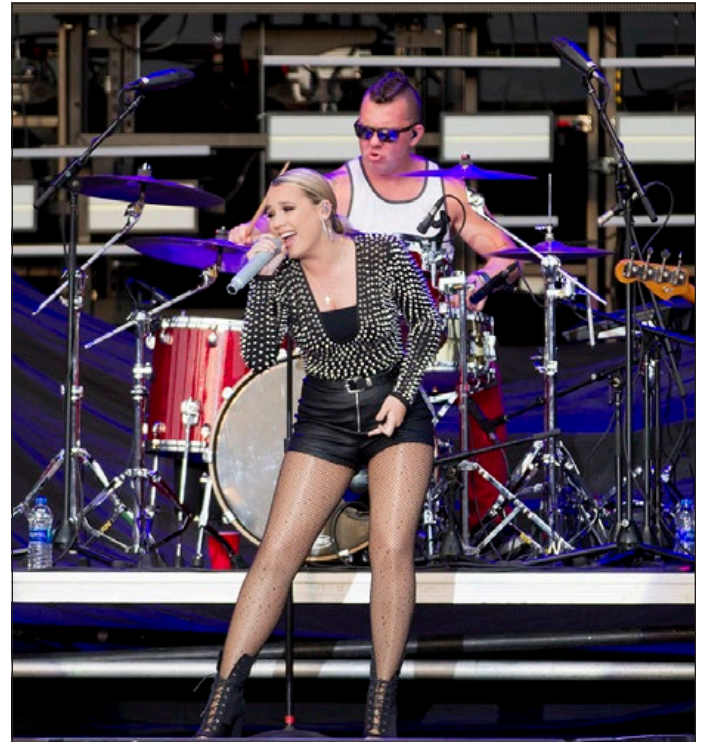
She thrilled fans with her original songs, including "Jesus and My Mama,"

"Rose and Jack," "Goldmine," "Fireflies," and "Good Ones."

Barrett covered a variety of country songs, including Shania Twain's "Man! I Feel Like a Woman," Carrie Underwood's "Cry Pretty," and the Dolly Parton classic "Jolene."

Not limited to country, she also covered Guns N' Roses' "Paradise City" and Miley Cyrus' "The Climb."

To close out, Barrett performed Journey's crowd-favorite classic song "Don't Stop Believin'" and her single, "I Hope."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Country musician Gabby Barrett performs her single "Jesus and My Mama."



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Brown belts out the lyrics to "Baby Come Back to Me."

Dwight Yoakam, Foghat perform during Beers, Brats & Burgers event at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Patrons were treated to a delightful combination of live music, great food and craft beer during Beers, Brats & Burgers at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The Saturday, July 20 event was part of the Soaring Eagle Dine & Drink Series, and included the musical entertainment of Dwight Yoakam and Foghat.

The menu included brats, burgers and side dishes from top area restaurants. Two of Soaring Eagle's own restaurants participated: Isabella's served deviled poached eggs and fried potato salad, and the Siniikaung Steak & Chop House served a peach and almond parfait.

A variety of craft beer was available from local and national breweries. Samples from Atwater Brewery, Roak Brewing Co., New Holland Brewing, Shorts Brewing Co., Perrin Brewing Co. and more were on tap.

Country musician Dwight Yoakam performed some of his biggest hits including "Please, Please Baby," "I'll

Be Gone," "You're the One" and "Liar."

Mixed amongst songs from his over 30 year career, Yoakam played a variety of covers. This included Chuck Berry's "Little Queenie," Elvis Presley's "Little Sister," and Johnny Horton's "Honky Tonk Man."

He also covered a pair of Merle Haggard songs with

"Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down" and "The Fugitive."

To finish the night, he performed "Guitars, Cadillacs" and "Fast as You," followed by a cover of Mark James' hit song "Suspicious Minds."

English rock and roll band Foghat opened the night with the hit songs "Drivin' Wheel," "Road Fever" and "Stone Blue."

The band covered Al Green's "Take Me to the River" and Willie Dixon's "I Just Want to Make Love to You."

To end their set, Foghat performed their biggest hit "Slow Ride."

The Dine & Drink Series will continue with Bourbon and Bacon on Saturday, Sept. 21. The evening's entertainment will consist of Blue Oyster Cult and Survivor. For more information, please visit www.soaringeaglecasino.com/shows.html or www.bourbonbaconfest.com



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Country musician Dwight Yoakam performs during the July 20 Beers, Brats & Burgers event at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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Lead vocalist Charlie Huhn (left) and lead guitarist Bryan Bassett (right) of the English rock band, Foghat perform the hit song "Drivin' Wheel" on the Entertainment Hall stage.



Tim McGraw brings 30 years of country music hits to Soaring Eagle's outdoor stage

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Because of his 30-year career span in country music, Tim McGraw draws fans of all ages to see him on tour all around the world.

Children, teenagers, adults and seniors fled to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Aug. 10 to see the 'real good man' live during the outdoor summer concert.

At about 9:40 p.m., the band began playing an intro and then entered McGraw on stage with his fists in the air then he began beating his chest.

The band opened with the thumping "Truck Yeah," and followed with "Southern Voice," "All I Want Is a Life," "Something Like That" and "Shotgun Rider."

"Mount Pleasant! Good to see you again!" McGraw said. He last performed at Soaring Eagle in 2015 during another outdoor show.

"You cannot find a better technical band than these guys," McGraw said, paying homage to his fellow musicians sharing the stage with him.

The band then launched into "Where the Green Grass Grows" then "For a Little While."

"It's been about 30 years I've been paying rent by playing music," McGraw said, adding how grateful he is for his fans.

"This next song is one of my favorites I've ever recorded. It is our newest



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tim McGraw performs during his outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Aug. 10.

single... the times we live in, it is good to find a song we can reflect on," he said about "Thought About You," a heartfelt tune.

During "Felt Good on My Lips," McGraw made many audience members extremely happy when he jumped off stage and walked along a gated area, near the front and sides of the stage, to shake hands with and high-five fans.

It wouldn't have been a Tim McGraw show without

performances of "I Like It, I Love It," and the ballads "Humble and Kind" and "Live Like You Were Dying."

McGraw and his band briefly left the stage only to reappear for an encore consisting of "Real Good Man" and "Indian Outlaw" to conclude his 75-minute set.

Country music singer-songwriter Devin Dawson performed prior to McGraw at about 8:30 until 9:10 p.m.

Dawson is quickly becoming a household name with several hits on the country music charts. Dawson performed his songs: "All On Me," "Dark Horse," "I Don't Care Who Sees" and "Asking For a Friend."



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Country music singer-songwriter Devin Dawson performs his original songs, many of which have made their way to top spots on country radio.



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Opening act Levi Hummon, and his drummer (back), get the audience members to clap along to his song.



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McGraw performs his country music hits to the crowd, which consists of fans of all ages.

first self-titled EP in 2016, and a second EP titled "Patient" in 2018.

R&B legends Charlie Wilson and the Isley Brothers give memorable performances

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The weather wasn't the only thing that was hot on July 19, as renowned R&B artists Charlie Wilson and the Isley Brothers combined for a memorable show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Headlining the night was R&B legend Charlie Wilson, known as "Uncle Charlie," a nickname given to him by rapper Snoop Dogg. Wilson has gained fame as both a member of The Gap Band and during his solo career.

Wilson has released 10 No. 1 hit singles and received 13 Grammy Award nominations.

He thrilled fans with many of those memorable hits including "Beautiful," "Good Times (Everybody)," "There Goes My Baby," "Charlie, Last Name Wilson" and "Party Over Here."

He performed "Chills" and "I'm Blessed" off his latest album, "In It to Win It," which was released in February 2017.

Wilson founded The Gap Band in the '70s, alongside his brothers Ronnie and Robert. He paid homage to this, while performing some

of the band's biggest hits with "Party Train," "Early in the Morning" and "Burn Rubber (Why You Wanna Hurt Me)."

Opening for Charlie Wilson was R&B rock group The Isley Brothers.

The band began with "Fight the Power," "Who's That Lady" and "Between the Sheets."

The Isley Brothers also covered the hit Top Notes single "Twist and Shout" and "Joy and Pain" by Maze. A cover of "Summer Breeze" by Seals and Crofts was dedicated to the late artist Prince.

During the song "Smooth Sailin' Tonight," lead singer Ronald Isley pulled an audience member on stage to sing along into the microphone.

After nailing her part, a surprised Ronald Isley said, "You've been rehearsing!"

"All of my life," she replied.

Fan favorites "It's Your Thing," "You're All I Need" and "Shout" also proved to be highlights of the night.

For more information on upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

R&B artist Charlie Wilson and his band brought all of his greatest hits to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert stage during the July 19 concert.



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Members of The Isley Brothers perform their hit song "Who's That Lady."

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Events held to celebrate American Indian Sobriety Month throughout August

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

American Indian Sobriety Month (AISM) kicked off early this year on July 31 with Family Game Night from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., held at Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services.

The Wednesday evening event provided dinner and family-oriented games and raffle drawings. The first 40 families received a board game to take home.

In addition to Andahwod, the event was made possible by Behavioral Health's Prevention team and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.

Other AISM events throughout August included

the Aug. 7 Cupcake Wars, an Aug. 14 RezBall Tournament (the article is featured on page 9) and the Aug. 21 Family Fun Night.

Cupcake Wars were held on that Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. Cupcakes and decorations were provided.

Awards were gifted for the most original cupcake in three categories with three age groups. The categories included: Native Pride (winners were Isabel, Ezekiel Haught, and Kaya Rose), favorite holiday (winners: Alex, Zachariah, and Levi), and Pure Michigan theme (winners: Noah Nedwash, Elizabeth, and MacKenzie McMullen.)



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Cupcake Wars competitors gather around the Tribal Gym to hear the announcement of winners in each category on Aug. 7.

"Age groups were split as evenly as possible with the children who were present," said Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health.

Behavioral Health's Lacie Kelly, business services coordinator, and Amy Campbell, clinical therapist, led the event.

The Wednesday Family Fun Night was held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Broadway Park.

Children and their families could enjoy carnival games, kickball, a petting zoo and much more as DJ Lupe spun the tunes.

The event was co-sponsored by Behavioral Health,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

A cupcake decorated with a Pure Michigan theme, one of the three competition categories, is photographed.

Andahwod CCC & ES, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, ACFS, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Recreation Department.

Soaring Eagle hosts Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) summer meeting

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) two-day summer meeting on July 18-19.

MAST's Executive Director is Scott R. Vele of Wisconsin.

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Secretary Frank J. Cloutier serves as MAST president.

Vice President Aaron A. Payment is of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Treasurer Melanie Benjamin is of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (Minnesota), and Secretary Shannon Holsey is of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council (Wisconsin).

According to m-a-s-t.org, MAST was founded in 1996 and represents the 35 sovereign

tribal nations of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Michigan. MAST represents nearly 134,000 American Indian people.

MAST's mission is to "advance, protect, preserve, and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign nations of the Midwest."

The next MAST meeting is scheduled for early October in Wisconsin.



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The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) represents roughly 134,000 American Indian people. A two-day summer meeting was held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on July 18-19.

National Preparedness Month: Be prepared, not scared

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

September is National Preparedness Month. In our lives, we get prepared for a number of life's events: a new school year, a new job, marriage, etc. It's also important

to prepare for the unexpected, such as a flood, winter storm, power outage, or a public health emergency.

Save early for disaster costs: Find out if flood insurance is offered in your area, whether you own your own home or rent. Also, whether it is a natural disaster or your furnace goes out, it is a good

idea to have an emergency fund available.

One idea to save money is to take the spare change from your purse or wallet at the end of each month and put it into a jar, or, better yet, a savings account. In addition, it is a good idea to make copies of important financial documents. A good resource is the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit from FEMA.

Make a plan: What is your family emergency plan? Do you have enough items to last for three days without power, if necessary? Remember to plan for both your pets and those with special medical needs as

you may not all be together at the time an emergency happens.

Businesses should also have a plan. Have you practiced any drills in the last year both at home and at work? The "Do 1 Thing" campaign (www.do1thing.com) is a wonderful resource for individuals and businesses.

Youth preparedness: Start by talking with your children about fire drills, both at school and home. Practice with them at home so they know what to do in case of a fire. Another great idea is to work as a family to create a family emergency kit and a plan.

Visit www.ready.gov/kids for information. Preparedness

is often taught in Scouting programs as well.

Get involved in your community's preparedness: Take a CPR/First Aid course. Sign up as a volunteer with your local Community Emergency Response Team, if one is available (www.michigan.gov/emhsd).

Register as a volunteer with the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org). Register as a volunteer on the MI Volunteer Registry (<https://mivolunteer-registry.org/>).

Offer to volunteer to help with preparedness activities at school, work, or through other community organizations.

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- 4: Click button on site to CHECK IN and then keep moving

For more information, contact Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

Tribal Council receives Health & Fitness Day trophy

Nimkee Fitness hosted the outdoor Community Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 22 at the outdoor Fit Park. There were various activity/fitness challenges that individuals could participate in, including: basketball shots, rowing, cornhole runs, suspension training, health screenings, massages and a yoga session. Tribal Council led by example by winning the Fittest Department Team Challenge.

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Zero Suicide: First year of progress at American Indian Health and Family Services

AMERICAN INDIAN HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Detroit — The Zero Suicide initiative has had a highly fruitful first year in serving the southeastern Michigan region and beyond in their suicide prevention efforts.

Along with serving the community, Zero Suicide has been working tirelessly to make improvements within the agency at American Indian Health and Family Services (AIHFS).

Suicide prevention at American Indian Health

and Family Services:

Many clients have participated in Zero Suicide's Hope and Wellness Screenings available by appointment and on a walk-in basis at American Indian health and family services.

"The Hope and Wellness screens have been useful in identifying individuals with unmet emotional or mental health needs who may not have spoken up otherwise," said Michael Carroll, behavioral health specialist at AIHFS.

Zero Suicide works to spread awareness of suicide risk, depression, anxiety, PTSD, and substance use, and to increase life-saving interventions.



Zero Suicide, in partnership with the Sacred Bundle and Native Connections programs at AIHFS, have held over a dozen screening events and conducted more than 300 Hope and Wellness screens, and provided several gatekeeper trainings across southeastern

Michigan. Gatekeeper trainings improve individuals' understanding of suicide and mental health, while providing skills to recognize and assist those in crisis based on level of need.

Extensive outreach efforts by Zero Suicide and other AIHFS programs continue to establish connections to better serve all underserved communities including (but not limited to) our tribal, military and veteran, LGBTQ2S, Arab-American, Middle-Eastern, Hispanic-Latino, and African-American community members to meet their behavioral health,

medical, and general community needs.

For more information on Zero Suicide and other services at AIHFS contact:

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Sixteen signs of emotional abuse in a relationship

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Native Helpline

No one expects to find themselves in an abusive relationship. Most relationships begin in a good way with kind words and compliments, but they can turn harmful and emotionally abusive at any time.

Emotional abuse is a type of domestic violence that often flies under the radar, but it should always be taken seriously as a form of abuse. When emotional abuse is present in a relationship, a partner will criticize, threaten or isolate their partner as a way to manipulate and control them.

Emotional abuse can be degrading, humiliating and terrifying, often leaving long-lasting scars on one's spirit and self-esteem.

So, how do you know if you're in an abusive relationship? What can you do when a loved one is being emotionally abused? Let's start with recognizing the tactics of emotional abuse.

Signs of emotional abuse: In an intimate relationship, emotional abuse can look like when a partner:

- Constantly calls you hurtful or degrading names, insults you or criticizes you

- Acts extremely jealous or possessive of you
- Humiliates you in any way, or shames you
- Isolates you from your family, friends or community
- Blocks you from making new friends or joining social groups
- Ignores your presence for several hours, days or weeks
- Refuses to listen, speak or respond to you (silent treatment)
- Explodes in anger toward you or is constantly angry at everything you do
- Pressures you to commit and becomes angry or sulks when you don't commit
- Threatens to hurt you or themselves, or uses weapons to scare you
- Threatens to hurt your children, family members or pets
- Threatens to take your children away from you or call child protective services (CPS) on you
- Repeatedly lies about where they are, what they're doing or who they're with
- Calls you "crazy," "too sensitive," or denies abuse is happening when confronted (ex. gaslighting)
- Cheats on you or flirts with other people to intentionally hurt you
- Accuses you of cheating in the relationship

When emotional abuse is present in a relationship,

you may feel off-balance, like you're walking on eggshells, or question your judgment more than usual. This is because an abusive partner uses harmful behaviors like the tactics above to manipulate and control their partner so they feel powerless. That's why it is so important to trust your instincts when your partner does or says something that doesn't feel right to you.

Emotional abuse is extremely dangerous and detrimental to a person's wellbeing and often has lifelong psychological effects. An abusive partner's behavior is likely to escalate as time goes on, and they will often use emotional abuse in combination with other abuse types and tactics to obtain and maintain power in the relationship.

People in abusive relationships tend to blame themselves for the abuse or believe they must have done something to deserve the criticism or attacks. No one ever deserves to be abused.

No matter the abusive partner's reasoning for the abuse, domestic violence goes against our traditional ways as Native people. It is never acceptable to hurt a partner or spouse in any way.

Is arguing abusive? In every relationship, partners can expect to disagree from time to time. Arguments are a normal part

of any relationship, but abusive behavior is not.

In a healthy relationship, each partner must commit to being honest, communicating, and trusting the other person. Each partner must work to maintain healthy communication and avoid hurting the other person emotionally, spiritually and physically. Above all, each partner must show respect in the relationship, especially when disagreements arise.

In an abusive relationship, any disagreement can escalate into emotionally or physically abusive behavior. Remember, there is never an excuse for abuse.

Getting help: Recognizing the signs of emotional abuse is the first step to getting help. If you or someone you know is being hurt in your relationship, know that you are not alone. There are people who want to support you, including advocates at the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

By calling **1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)**, you can connect anonymously with a Native advocate who can offer a

listening ear and support with whatever is happening in your relationship. You can share as much as you feel comfortable, and our advocates will listen without judgment or blame.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST. Advocates also offer crisis intervention, assistance with finding ways to stay safe, and a connection to Tribal and Native domestic violence resources, if needed.

StrongHearts can also assist concerned friends or family members with ways to help a loved one who is being abused, as well as people who are worried they might be abusing their partner.

It can also be incredibly helpful to lean on family members and your cultural roots for support. Never forget that you have the strength and courage of your ancestors, too, who dreamed of a world where every one of their relatives would live in safety, happiness and in harmony. You deserve to feel safe in your relationship, no matter what.

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- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
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Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Will need Tribal Council approval.

Deadline: Sept. 30, 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:

Attention: Michelle George
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*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

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Nimkee Fitness Center now offering free body scan

JADEN HARMAN

Fitness Coordinator

Nimkee Fitness Center is excited to offer another free service to the Tribal community and employees: The In-Body – Body Scan!

The In-Body is a new way to help determine a comprehensive body composition. Utilizing an improved technology of bioelectrical impedance, it provides a breakdown of your weight in terms of muscle, fat, and water.

Furthermore, it shows how muscle mass is distributed throughout the body.

Before we measured body fat percentage through the skin-fold technique with calipers, now we're able to use this less invasive technique and it gives us a much more in-depth breakdown of results. Plus it's much quicker; within five minutes, it provides us with a detailed printout.

We acquired the machine through American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit.

Nickole Fox, director of community wellness at AIHFS, said

AIHFS purchased the machine a few years ago with I.H.S. funds, but unfortunately were not able to utilize it in their facility. She was looking to gift it to another tribal community who would put it to good use and was wondering if it could be used at Nimkee. We responded with excitement and accepted.

When determining your results, we encourage you that the numbers are a baseline of measurements that we can use to compare to future results.

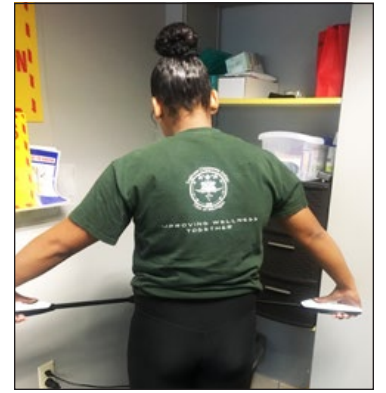
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Most facilities that have this machine have to charge, because of the large cost to purchase them. However, we're fortunate to be able to offer this as another free service to our community and employees.

Stop into Nimkee Fitness to make your appointment today!



Courtesy of Jaden Harman

Summer youth worker Azaryah Dye demonstrates use of the new In-Body scanner at Nimkee Fitness.

Are carbs the enemy? Six myths about carbs

MATHEW KADEY

MS, RD

(Editor's note: The following article has been republished, with permission, from the March 2019 Environmental Nutrition, and submitted by Sally Van Cise, MPH, RD, nutritionist at Nimkee Public Health.)

Everyone and their mom seem to have an opinion about carbohydrates. How much you should eat, when you should eat them, why you should never eat fruit after lunch—there is no shortage of advice regarding carbs and people ready to wage war on them. Does all this conflicting information leave you frozen in the bread aisle?

Here are a handful of common carb myths you've likely heard through the grapevine—and why you should view them as the real fake news.

Myth #1: All grains are bad news.

Sensationalist diets may attempt to pin everything from heart disease to brain fog on grains, but research shows this food group definitely should not be blamed for all of society's ills.

A 2016 study in The Journal of Nutrition showed that people who ate a whole-grain heavy diet for two months experienced improvements in blood pressure numbers.

Scientists in Denmark found that among more than 55,000 people studied those who ate the most servings of whole grains had a lower risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

One recent study even found that people who consumed a low carbohydrate diet, which

often means being skimpy in grains, were at greater risk of premature death from maladies like heart disease.

Just like other food groups, grains should play a role in an overall healthy diet. The key is to double down on unrefined whole grains such as quinoa and oats because these will give you more nutritional bang for your buck compared to refined grains and sugar.

Myth #2: High carb diets are fattening.

In fact, the opposite can be true. Many people will maintain a healthy weight while eating plenty of carbs—and not just ultra-endurance athletes.

A 2018 study published in Nutrients showed that people who followed a plant-based high-carb diet (about 70 percent of daily calories) for four months experienced benefits in their body composition including a drop in body fat levels.

A separate investigation showed that higher intakes of carbs, specifically those containing more fiber, when consumed as part of a calorie controlled diet played a big role in weight loss success among people at risk for diabetes.

"This just shows that no one food will make you fat, just like no one food will make you thinner," said Alissa Rumsey, MS, RD, founder of Alissa Rumsey Nutrition and Wellness in New York City.

What matters most she said, whether you're following a high-carb or low-carb diet, is that your overall diet contains mostly high-quality foods in appropriate portions. But, yes, polishing off a half loaf of bread will make most people gain weight.

Myth #3: Fret not about natural sugars.

Maple syrup, honey, high fructose corn syrup or table sugar—they're all very similar from a health perspective.

A 2015 study in The Journal of Nutrition found that when people ate the same amount (about two tablespoons) of honey, sucrose (i.e. white sugar) or much-maligned high fructose corn syrup every day for two weeks, they experienced the same concerning metabolic changes including a rise in blood triglycerides and markers of inflammation, both risk factors for heart problems.

Though "natural" sweeteners like coconut sugar and maple syrup may contain higher amounts of certain nutrients and antioxidants, it's hardly enough to outweigh the concerns of eating too much of them.

"The key is to make the choice to eat foods with added sugars as long as you are eating an overall balanced, nutritious diet," Rumsey said.

Myth #4: Whole grains should be your go-to fiber source.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics recommends women aim for 25 grams of fiber per day and 38 grams per day for men. Yes, whole grains can help you nail this quota but you're likely going to need more help to get there.

For instance, a half-cup serving of brown rice has about three grams of fiber while certain brands of whole-wheat bread may only deliver a single gram per slice.

"The key to getting the fiber you need daily is to vary your sources including fruits, vegetables, pulses and whole grains," Rumsey said.

Myth #5: Today's wheat has more gluten.









Despite the internet gossip, Rumsey says there is no proof that the gluten content of wheat has increased with modern agriculture. But regardless of wheat's gluten potency, research continues to show that the vast majority of people experience no health benefits from avoiding gluten (a protein, ironically, not a carb).



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	BEGIN: Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now! Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
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	M.E.L.T Monday 1:10 p.m. • Interval based fitness class • Melt away the calories
	Walk/Run/Move Monday & Wednesday 5:15 p.m. • A group class that encourages moving at any speed
	Elders Time Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m. • For seniors age 50 and older • Prizes and awards
	Yoga Tuesday & Thursday 5:20 p.m. • A welcoming class for beginners
	Turbo Kick Thursday 1:10 p.m. • Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics
	Suspension Training Thursday 12:10 p.m. • A class utilizing the suspension trainer

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

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Twenty teams of Tribal elders compete in inaugural cornhole tournament

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

This year during Saginaw Chippewa Powwow week, an inaugural cornhole tournament for Tribal elders was added to the list of events.

On Thursday, July 25, more than 20 teams competed throughout the afternoon in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

The tournament followed the official American Cornhole Association rules.

Every match was broken down into innings of play. During an inning of play, each player must pitch all four of his or her bags. An inning was not completed until all

players pitch all four of his or her bags.

Theodore Kowalski and Joe Kowalski won first place in the cornhole tournament.

Mark Chapoton and Melinda Coffin achieved second place, and third place went to Sheridan Pelcher and Shellie Jeffrey.

Bernard Sprague organized and also competed in the tournament.

“The idea came from my brother Bean and I discussing the elders’ trip. We thought of how we could make it a part of the activities,” Sprague said. “I contacted Lisa Ayling (At-Large elders advocate) and she was receptive to the idea. Lisa and I talked a few times about the format and other details; we agreed that going

coed would be the best format.”

Sprague said he was expecting 12 to 16 teams to sign up, and was “excited when they hit the 20-team mark.”

“We hope to make this an annual event for all of the trip participants and their families,” Sprague said. “There were some issues to address to make the 2020 tournament even more exciting and enjoyable.”

Sprague and the event organizers wished to thank the Soaring Eagle Maintenance staff for setting up the boards, the Food and Beverage staff for the snacks and beverages, and the Sales team for making the ballroom sections available.

“(Competitors witnessed) first time players hit 3’s and

jumping for joy and experienced players exiting in the second round,” Sprague said. “It was competitive and comical all at the same time. I know a lot of the players are looking forward to next year and I can’t wait to see them play and possibly win their first match.”

Ayling said many elders enjoyed watching the competition.

“The set up was impressive and after experiencing it myself, I definitely would bring it back and was impressed by the turn out,” Ayling said. “They (Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort) did a great job helping make this event so successful, and thank you Bernie, for providing such a great idea that blossomed into a great event.”

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Employee of the Month

Joni Bullard



Editorial:

ANDAHWOD RESIDENT

I met this wonderfully outspoken Nokomis with the pretty eyes, in January. Every winter day, no matter how high the snow was, and with wistful eyes and a happy smile she has looked forward to “fishing with Joe.”

In her funny way she would say, “I better be nice to Joe because he’s going to take me fishing” and then she would giggle; which is funny in itself as she is nice to everyone.

Nokomis Tweetie, yes it’s her given name, is a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Tribal Member elder who uses an electronic wheelchair to get around but still goes to the workout room to exercise.

Tweetie is also walking again and is a great role model for our young people: You’re never too old to follow your dreams and attain your goals.

Our Anishinaabe Nokomis is one determined grandmother with many unique qualities. One that stands out is her love for Elvis Presley. You must ask for permission to touch her Elvis eyeglass case before assisting her at Bingo.

Another skill? At the “Name That Tune” gatherings, she can belt out most of the country songs before anyone else has a chance to hear the second note – pretty impressive.

Two-timing



Courtesy photo

Tweetie catches two fish on the same hook during a recent fishing trip.

She lunches at her “office” (aka The Aurora Buffet) where she is known for her hats and the use of the right-hand chair where she rests her foot.

Lastly, and not nearly least of all, Tweetie is an avid card shark, putting many euchre players to shame. This card shark, euchre-playing, hat-wearing, song-naming, Elvis fan named Tweetie brings this two-timing story full circle.

Tweetie has been nice to Joe, and so the fishing story of Two-timing Tweetie comes to a head.

During the summer, the elders go fishing and there has been a Nokomis who puts most of us to shame, including Mark. We’ll get to him too.

The first time Tweetie told her story, I could barely believe it. She caught 12, yes, 12 fish. She said, “I’ve been fishing all my life,” like every fisherman or

Tweedie



Courtesy photo

Mark shows off his catch.

fisherwoman catches fish because they’ve been fishing their entire lives. Wouldn’t that be nice!

Then the following fishing escapade, she caught another 10, yes, 10 fish.

The tally - Mark: zero, Tweetie: 22.

We sure liked to razz Mark about his tally.

The third trip... on the final cast... now hold onto your fishing pole... our unique Tweetie caught TWO fish on the same hook, at the same time!

Most people get caught two-timing and face the walk of shame but our elder Tribal Member is proud to be a two-timer and has most likely made history!

This isn’t a fish tale. We have the pictures to prove it.

And Mark? He made up for all those fishes of Tweetie’s by catching The Big One.

We are so proud of our elders, Joe and the staff at Andahwod that help us make our dreams come true!

September 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 Timothy Pete | 16 Karen Gibson
Joseph Smith Sr.
Evelyn Grills
Sharll Hudson
Richard Nahgahgwon |
| 2 Jamie VanDerSteen | |
| 3 Deanna Campbell
Joyce Ervin
Nancy Coleman
Michelle Yoder
Mark Ojeda-Vasquez
Diane Leksche
Bonnie Jackson | 17 Roger High
Jon Beaulieu Sr.
Clifford Collins
Darcy Crampton
Kristine Smith
Lela Walker
Barbara Huffine |
| 4 Laura Schaad
Garland Moses | 18 Delmar Jackson Sr. |
| 5 Genevieve Chippeway
Camille Grice
Jacqueline Baker
Ronald Jackson
Arthur Steele
Sherry Obrecht
Tracey Olivier
Marion Roth | 20 Raymond Fisher
Charles Jackson |
| 6 Christopher Fallis
Bert Hunt II
Andrew Naganashe | 21 Perry Bailey Jr.
Lester Chippeway Sr.
Michael Bearden
Brian Peters |
| 7 Mark Chapoton
Dianna Goodwin
Robert Wayne Jr.
Elizabeth Hughes
Salina Jackson
Forrest Jackson | 22 Melissa Chippeway
Lori Nahdee
Angela Peters
Robert Netmop |
| 8 Barbara Bennett-Fleming
Sharon Cole
Florence White
Amelia Hinton | 23 Louise Smith
Clarence Squanda
Judith Mays |
| 9 Wilma Bennett
David Chatfield
Dolly Rueckert Sr. | 24 Jerry Douglas
Garry Douglas
Jeannette Shambo
Maurice Pego Jr.
Theodore Stevens Sr.
Selene Moore
Sandra Rubin-Warner |
| 10 Dawn Briggs
Patricia Tarkowski
Judith Hunt
Kimberly Lewis | 25 Cynthia Floyd
Rita Bills
Mark Godbey
Richard Starkey
Kevin O’Brien
L.E. Reed Jr.
Rose Raslich |
| 11 Darlene Watkins | 26 Keith Davis
Lucinda Graverette-Smith
Alexander Walraven
Matthew Seger
Janet Kerns |
| 12 Myria Carr
Wayne Dutton
Michael Chamberlain | 27 Tonia Bliss
David Wilson
Sheridan Pelcher |
| 13 Louanna Bruner
Darci Tucker
Loralee Werth
Shellie Pelcher | 28 Fitzgerald Stevens
Theresa Rubin |
| 14 Jeffrey Brown
Julie Treib
Doreen Eggleston
Eugene Ives Jr. | 29 Marcella Wing
Agnes Flynn
Dianne Nelson |
| 15 Andrew Byce Sr.
Rodney Dutton
Gary Rueckert Sr. | 30 Donald Chippewa Sr.
Sonja Sownick
Thomas Kerns Jr. |
| 16 Tonya Fallis | |

September Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
Sept. 5 | 1 p.m.

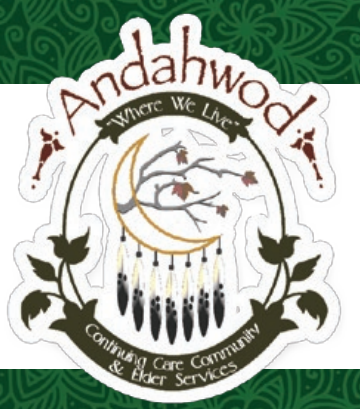
Bingo with Friends
Sept. 9 | 1 - 3 p.m.

**Activities and events are subject to change.

Elders Breakfast
Sept. 11 & 25 | 9 - 10 a.m.

Saganing Bingo with Friends
Sept. 17 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Name That Tune
Sept. 24 | 2:30 p.m.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300



SEPTEMBER 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Open Woodshop for Students

Mondays-Thursdays, starting Sept. 9 | 3 - 5 p.m.
 • 7th Generation Woodshop
 • 989.775.4780
 • Making lacrosse sticks or any other type of wood craft

Labor Day Family Picnic

September 2 | 12 - 5 p.m.
 • Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
 • Recreation@sagchip.org
 • Bean bag tournament and family bingo at 1 p.m.
 • Bag and sack race, egg toss, door prizes and more
 • Potluck drawing for family package

Native Farmers Market

September 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Farmers Market Pavilion
 • 989.775.4315

Saganing Talking Circle

September 4, 18 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4879

Housing Department Garage Sale

September 5 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 • 4502 Cedar Trail, Standish, MI
 • 989.775.4595
 • Household items, appliances, tools, etc.
 • Cash only

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895
 September 4, 18 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Community Sewing Night

September 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation

Youth Black Ash Workshop

September 9-13 | 3 - 6 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4750
 • Free event
 • No registration required
 • Local artists will mentor youth in how to process black ash for basketry.

Native Farmers Market Corn Roast

September 10 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
 • Farmers Market Pavilion
 • 989.775.4315
 • Come enjoy a free ear of mndaamin, wenpaash!

Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunches

September 12, 26 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Menopause & Beyond

September 13 | 12 - 3 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • 989.775.4649
 • Topic: Self care with Samantha Chippeway

Red Swamp Lacrosse Day

September 14 | 3:30 p.m.
 • Andahwod
 • 989.775.4780
 • Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
 • Moving to the box for game at 6:30 p.m.
 • Skills and drills competition at 8 p.m.
 • Glow LAX at 9 p.m.

Pink Shawl Project Workshops

September 11, 18 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
 • **Reservations required: 989.775.4629**
 • Limited to 10 participants
 September 12 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation at Thursday night sewing circle
 • **Reservations required: 989.775.4629**
 • Limited to five participants

Quilling Workshop

September 25, 26 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • **Registration: 989.775.4780**
 • Limited to 15 participants
 • Cost: \$20, due prior to class to hold spot

Weaving Our Stories: 200th Anniversary of the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw

September 24: Treaty Summit Day*
 September 25: Three Fires Confederacy Meeting*
 September 26: Basket Makers Gathering & Market*
 *These events will take place at Ziibiwing Center
 September 27: STEAM Education Day**
 **This event will take place at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site (for middle and high school students)

Apprentice Job Fair SECR Facilities Apprentice Program

September 26 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Black Elk building in the HR Training Room

Run on the Rez

October 19 | **Registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.**
 • Tribal Operations Parking Lot
 • 989.775.4696

SEPTEMBER 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day	3 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 - 8:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Salsa Class 7th Generation 3 p.m.	4 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. SCTC STEAM Meeting SCTC 12:15 p.m.	5 Language Bingo Andahwod 1 p.m. FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 - 9 p.m. Grandparents Celebration Saganing 12 p.m.	6 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Traditional Healer B. Health 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sweat Lodge B. Health 5 p.m.	7 Saganing Powwow Grandparents Day Ziibiwing 1/8 Saganing Powwow New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
9 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Blood Drive Saganing 8 a.m. Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 p.m.	10 Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Energy Healing & Meditation B. Health 4 p.m. Performance Circle Sign-Up Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m.	11 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m. 911 Service Housing 9 a.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	12 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Women's Talking Circle B. Health 5:30 p.m. Walking Stick Workshop Saganing 11 a.m.	13 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Ribbon Cutting Immersion House 10 a.m.	14 Butterfly Day Ziibiwing Native Cup Golf Tournament Wabooz Run 3:30 p.m. 15 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
16 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. ALRC Meeting Seniors Room 9 - 11 a.m. SCTC STEAM Meeting SCTC 12:15 p.m. Tribal Observer Deadline	17 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Bingo with Friends Saganing 12 p.m. Canning Class Nimkee Clinic 5 p.m.	18 Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Beading Circle SCTC 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	19 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Family Game Night SCA 5 p.m.	20 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m.	21 Project Venture Dow Gardens 12 p.m. 22 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
23 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.	24 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Bingo with Friends Saganing 12 p.m. Energy Healing & Meditation B. Health 4 p.m. Name That Tune Andahwod 2:30 p.m.	25 Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m. Drums Out 7th Generation 6 - 8 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.	26 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Women's Talking Circle B. Health 5:30 p.m.	27 Tribal Ops Closed Michigan Indian Day	28 Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m. 29 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
30 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.	<p>Attention Tribal Youth members: Are you interested in participating in a community choir? A Tribal Youth community choir is in the works for 2020! The choir is for K-12 students attending any school. Rehearsal details are TBD but would be about one hour each, about 1-2 times per month. Performances would be held at small Tribal events. If you're interested, please contact 989-944-3168 for more information or stay tuned.</p>			<p>Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4175</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>



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Clerical Pool

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Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.

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Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Proficient and effective communication skills, computer experience, analytical, writing, organizational, interpersonal skills and Microsoft Office.

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Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire.

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Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam, or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours) or associate degree.

Youth Visitor Services Representative PT

Open to the public. Must be a high school student or equivalent. Under the supervision of ZCS assistant director, shadow and assist visitor services representative. Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, customs, history, and spirituality. Skill in operating business computers and office machines, including in a Windows environment, specifically Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint.

Mentoring Program Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree. Two years' experience in a human services related field. Bachelor's degree in education, sociology, social work, human services or related field preferred. Must have experience in program development and/or project management, planning and coordination, preparing and providing presentations, public speaking, and group facilitation.

Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. One year demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, children and families. Excellent computer and communication skills. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire.

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Digital Marketing Strategist

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Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility. Must be able comprehend house training and pass standardized written culinary competency test.

Housekeeper FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Housekeeper PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Inventory Control Warehouse Driver FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One

year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

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Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Bartender PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Call Center Agent PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. One year of customer service work experience.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Server Assistant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Guestroom Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Laundry Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Native American preference.

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred.

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Maintenance Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Surveillance Manager

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Five years gaming surveillance experience. Three years in a supervisory role.

Line Cook PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

Bartender PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred.

Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

Beverage Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Beverage Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Players Club Representative PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience preferred.

Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field, or three years IT support desk experience. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Inventory Control Driver-Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with

operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Count Team Associate PT

Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred.

F&B Department Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Five years food and beverage experience. Three years supervisory experience in the hospitality field. Associate degree preferred.

Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffer's License.

F&B Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

F&B Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Front Desk Agent PT

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

Finance Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

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Summons and Complaint Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF A MINOR CHILD TO: MICHAEL PETERSON

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Notice to Appear: Case no. 17-JCW-0149 TO: MICHAEL PETERSON, IN THE MATTER OF A MINOR CHILD; You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case, Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reason: PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS TO A MINOR The court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A termination hearing will be conducted by the Court on **Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019 at 9 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court before the Honorable Patrick Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Michael Peterson appear before the court at the time and place state above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor and the eventual termination of parental rights.



Seventh Generation Program presents 14th People's Traditional Powwow

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Editor

The Seventh Generation Program and its Elijah Elk Cultural Center presented the 14th People's Traditional Powwow Aug. 24-25, with activities beginning the evening of Friday, Aug. 23.

Friday activities began at 6 p.m. and included a bonfire, entertainment by Brothers in Music, a watermelon eating contest and an 8 p.m. lacrosse game.

Grand entries began that Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds (7957 E. Remus Rd. in Mount Pleasant, Mich.)

On Saturday afternoon, Cruz and Kasey Perez were chosen as the head dancers.

Other than the head dancers chosen each session, the dignitaries remained the same throughout the weekend.

Dignitaries included: Head Veteran George Martin, Emcee



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Head Veteran George Martin (front, right), Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society members, and flag carriers lead the People's Traditional Powwow during the Saturday, Aug. 24 1 p.m. grand entry at the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds.

Mike Sullivan and Arena Director Littleman Quintero. Drum dignitaries included:



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Saturday afternoon's head female dancer Kasey Perez (front, left) and head male dancer Cruz Perez (front, right) lead the dancers in the arena during grand entry for the 14th annual People's Traditional Powwow.

host drum Red Willow, co-host drum Eagle Flight, and invited drums Hay Creek and Bear River.

"The co-host drum (Eagle Flight) – all the way from London, Ontario," Sullivan said, announcing Eagle Flight before they provided the Saturday

afternoon flag song.

Before the invocation, Sullivan addressed the crowd.

"(Someone) once told me that there's nothing stronger than a bunch of Anishinabe people praying together – no matter what way that is," Sullivan said.

The weekend included spot dances and day money to the first 100 registered dancers.

The powwow was open to the public and included free admission.

A feast was also held at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"Seventh Generation staff would like to send out a huge chi-miigwetch to everyone who assisted in any way to support our powwow," said Tonya Jackson, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation, in an email to Tribal employees. "We had tons of compliments on how our guests had a wonderful time; the atmosphere and vibes were great. We would like to thank all of our sponsors, as well. We look forward to hosting again next year."

A list of collaborators Seventh Generation listed on the event flyer included: the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department and Bead & Powwow Supply: Where Breathtaking Regalia Begins.

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