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Spring distribution nets local governments and schools \$2.6 million

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council released their annual two percent distribution for the spring 2014 season where more than \$2.6 million was given to local governments and schools.

Local units of government and public schools will be able to share \$1,981,585.21 in Isabella County and \$627,888.41 in Northern Bay and Arenac Counties.

importantly we ask ourselves, 'how will the approval of the request provide a positive benefit for everyone', Chief Pego said. "With limited resources through the two percent funds, we need to stay within our budget but we do find it provides a path to with other local leaders and schools."

Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier informs even though the revenue hasn't increased from the last fall distribution, the numbers of requests are growing.

"I believe this is a true reflection of our economy and our resilience of having a successful business operation," Cloutier said. "We will continue to find ways to partner with community interests to make maximum impact of those dollars in a mutually beneficial way for all parties."

Isabella local units of government will share \$1,233,462.46 while the school district throughout Isabella County will share \$748,122.75.

Distribution for Isabella County occurred Thursday,

May 29 at 9 a.m. in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room.

Arenac and Northern Bay Counties will share \$409,779.71. Arenac and Pinconning schools will share \$218,108.70. Distribution for Saganing occurred Friday, May 30 at 11 a.m.

Please contact Frank J. Cloutier, Public Relations director, at 989-775-4076 or at fcloutier@sagchip.org for more information regarding the two percent distribution process.



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United Tribes of Michigan meet with Gov. Rick Snyder.



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Congratulations to high school, college and Aabizikaawin Tribal graduates.



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Graduates are honored at 2014 SCTC commencement ceremony.



BACK Spark a Fire
Sky lanterns released to represent sexual assault victims and raise awareness.

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In contrast to the spring 2013 distribution, the amount given to Isabella County decreased by \$138,159.92 and the Saganing distribution totals decreased by \$11,703.86.

Those funds come from net gaming proceeds from Class III games of chance. Items such as computer labs, text books, roads resurfacing and much more are purchased county wide with these proceeds.

As with other years, the Tribal Council pours over many different requests. This year there were a combined 439 individual requests. Local governments turned in 108 and 331 were handed in from local schools.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego welcomes the opportunity to look at each and every request and Tribal Council takes their time before making a decision to fund the submission.

"We look at many factors when reviewing those requests but most

Two Percent Distribution Spring 2014

Isabella Totals

- Isabella County \$253,080.94
- City of Mount Pleasant \$419,535
- Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed \$14,344.66
- Chippewa Township \$281,617.86
- Deerfield \$12,000
- Denver Township \$86,000
- Isabella Township \$22,000
- Nottawa Township \$12,000
- Union Township \$118,934
- Wise Township \$13,950
- Beal City Public Schools \$3,338
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$29,944.60
- Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$457,385.78
- Shepherd Public Schools \$254,739.37
- Morey Public Schools \$2,715

Total: \$1,981,585.21

Saganing Totals

- Arenac County \$153,699.47
- City of Au Gres \$15,000
- City of Omer \$25,500
- City of Pinconning \$12,000
- City of Standish \$45,000
- Arenac Township \$1,000
- Au Gres Township \$26,000
- Deep River Township \$1,000
- Lincoln Township \$1,000
- Mason Township \$2,652.24
- Pinconning Township \$21,000
- Sims Township \$1,000
- Standish Township \$50,028
- Turner Township \$51,000
- Whitney Township \$3,900

- Arenac Eastern School District \$80,814.05
- Au Gres-Sims School District \$41,658.33
- Pinconning School District \$45,870.97
- Standish-Sterling School District \$49,765.35

Total: \$627,888.44

Repatriation continues as remains return from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst

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On April 28, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways had another historic repatriation victory as ancestral remains returned from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

One Native ancestor and 762 associated funerary objects made the trip home from the UMass collection accompanied by three more ancestors with the help of the Michigan State Police Post from Houghton Lake, Mich.

Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin mentions returning

ancestors and their funerary objects back home to Mother Earth is very important and it is a proud moment for Indian Country.

"To bring our ancestors home and to put them back with all of the others who have been returned to the reservation through repatriation; it is historic," Martin said. "We are happy to bring those ancestors back and even if it's funerary objects, we are happy to bring them home and bury them into the ground. It is not about numbers, it is about continuing to work daily on getting who we can home regardless of the collection."

Martin informs Ziibiwing and the Tribe have been



AOVWS Okima I Mike Perez (left) and U.S. Navy veteran Jonathan Cabral (right) hold the Eagle Staffs as U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ken Soney escorts repatriated remains to their resting place.

working closely with the or MACPRA, to bring home Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural ancestors and their funerary Preservation and Repatriation Alliance, **Repatriation continued on page 3**



Elmer Allen Keshick Jr.

Oct. 23, 1974 - April 26, 2014

Elmer Allen Keshick Jr., 39, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Midland, Mich.

Funeral Services for Elmer were held at the Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, April 29 with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery.

Elmer was born Oct. 23, 1974 in Lansing, Mich. the son of Elmer Sr. and Patricia (Jackson) Keshick. Elmer was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. He loved to listen to music, tell jokes, laugh and spend time with his family. He spent a lot of time traveling to meet up with family across the United States.

Elmer is survived by his daughters, Ashlee and Christina Keshick; granddaughter, Aubriana; mother, Patricia; siblings, Bernice Hendrickson, Gilbert Hendrickson, Margaret (Luis) Rosario, Christina (James) Pitawanakwat, Barbara (Amos Jackson) Dayson, Howard Compo, Kelly Hawkins; all of Mount Pleasant, Shane Hart and Jeff Hapner; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Elmer was preceded in death by his father in 2011; brother, Elmer Behrens; and sister, Carolyn Toorman.



Jeremy Leroy Zerbe

Oct. 17, 1978 - Feb. 26, 2014

Jeremy Leroy Zerbe of Charlevoix, Mich. passed away Feb. 26, 2014. Jeremy was born Oct. 17, 1978 in Petoskey, Mich. He is the son of Leroy and Grace (King) Zerbe.

Jeremy was a Tribal Citizen of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Jeremy loved the outdoors; fishing, swimming and biking were a few of his favorite things to do besides spending time with his children. He also completed the Native American Iron Workers Program in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Patty, his children Nimksee, Elizabeth, Daniel, Ogininhs and Gabriel. His mother Grace Zerbe, his sisters Pauline and Matt Boulton, Dawn and Raymond Shenoskey, brother-in-laws Dave and Heather Marshall, Carl and Brenda Wesaw Jr., sister-in-laws Carla and William Steingold, Tianna Wesaw; his nephews Raymond, Leroy, Clint, Craig and Alex, his aunts; Delores Pierzynowski, Alice and Robert Yellowbank and Carol McFall, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Reona Zerbe Wesaw and his father Leroy Zerbe several uncles and grandparents.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Greensky Hill Indian Mission United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, Mich. The burial followed immediately after at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, with a luncheon at Greensky Hill Susan Hall. Arrangements were handled at Charles G. Parks Funeral Home.



Teddy Lee House

Jan. 9, 1978 - April 26, 2014

Funeral Services for Teddy were held at the Clark Family Funeral Chapel Friday, May 2, 2014, with Pastor Dan Siedlecki officiating. Interment followed in the Vernon Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society or the Mount Pleasant Sports Boosters.

Teddy was born Jan. 9, 1978 in Alma, Mich. The son of Thomas and Lanette (Stinson) House. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as an apprentice in the electrical department. Teddy enjoyed hunting, fishing, rebuilding trucks and swimming. He loved his dogs, Winston and Dawson, and spending time at the lake.

Teddy is survived by his mother, Lanette (Steve) Zaleski of Mount Pleasant; and father, Tom (Karen) House of Farwell, Mich.; grandmothers, Bonnie Stinson of Rosebush, Mich. and Janet House of Clare, Mich.; grandpa, Dan Kyser of Mount Pleasant; brother, Rodney House of Mount Pleasant; sister, Rachel (Taylor Vasquez) House of Mount Pleasant; cousin, James Robert Stinson; biological father, Ron (Kathy) Swart, Sandy (Gary) Tonklin, Audra (Terry) Heath and his parents, Rolene Thomas and Ken Swart.

Teddy was preceded in death by his grandparents, James G. Stinson, Reginald House and Velma Kyser; aunts, Patricia Stinson and Valerie Lytle; and uncles, Lee and Harvey Chamberlain.



Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board Requirements:

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

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval.

If interested: Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member. Mail or bring to the clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

Please include your phone number or a contact person. When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call:
Michelle 989-775-4602.

Miigwetch

We would like to take this time to give a huge Miigwetch to family, friends and community for providing support during the loss of our beloved Jeremy Leroy Zerbe. It is such a comfort to know that he touched so many lives in his way. Your support helped us to cope at this difficult sad time. We appreciate more than we can say.

We would also like to say Miigwetch to Pastor Robert Dominic, Pastor Jonathon Mays, Medicine Man Joe Mitchell, Greensky Hill Church Womens's Group for the preparation of our luncheon, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Gun Lake Band, Spirit Lake, Cody BigJohn and Cherie Dominic.

Sincerely,
Zerbe, Boulton, Shenoskey Family

On behalf of the family of Teddy House

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation for all your kind words and acts of sympathy expressed in so many ways during this difficult time. Thank you so much
- Steve & Lynette Zaleski and family

Jim Stinson

Dec. 31, 1927 - Jun. 1, 2012



If Tears Could Build a Stairway

*If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane
I would walk right up to Heaven and bring you back again
No farewell words were spoken, no time to say "Good-bye"
You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why.
My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you—know one can ever know.
But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more.
To remember all the happy times life still has much in store.
Since you'll never be forgotten I pledge to you today
A hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.*

~Desiree

Your wife, Bonnie and daughter Lanette & family.

Tribal Historic Preservation Committee

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office is forming a seven-member Tribal Historic Preservation Committee.

The committee's responsibilities include addressing issues relating to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Section 106, NAGPRA and all other initiatives related to Tribal historic preservation, traditional properties and historic properties including cemeteries, the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School and Sanilac Petroglyphs.

The THPC would also advise the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Interested Tribal members may submit a letter of interest to Officer Charmaine Shawana.

For any questions,

Officer Shawana may be reached at 989-775-4751, or by email at CShawana@sagchip.org

Community Homeowners

The Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants the week of June 9-13. Annual hydrant flushing is done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution system and to test the hydrants for adequate flow and pressure. Your water is safe to drink. Occasionally, water becomes discolored after hydrant flushing. If this happens, run your cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears if it doesn't clear the first time wait a few minutes and run the water again. You should avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

Information regarding hydrant flushing can be obtained by calling 989-775-5141 or 989-775-5235

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Utilities Department

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

The 1st Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175



Every Wednesday

June through October

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Opening Day Celebration

June 4 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Raffle every half hour. (Need to be present to win)
- First 25 patrons receive an insulated zippered bag.
- Food samples and demonstrations
- Music and prizes

Location:

North East Corner of Broadway and Leaton

Contact:

Tony Perry, Market Master 248-980-1513
Marcella Hadden, PR Manager 989-775-4059

(Parking in little casino/bingo lot)



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Public Notice

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police provide law enforcement services under 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Included within said contract; The Bureau of Indian Affairs reserve the right for "First Right of Refusal" pertaining to any complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's.

As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's must first be directed to :

BIA Internal Affairs SSA Justin Wendland
justin.wendland@bia.gov | 701-250-4545



Repatriation continued from front page

objects from museums, universities and institutions across the country since the passage of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA.

“All the Tribes and all Anishinabek are exercising our sovereignty by participating in these types of activities and reburial of our ancestors,” Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Charmaine Shawana said. “I look forward to the day when all the ancestors are recovered and are all properly laid to rest in their original homelands, instead of languishing on the shelves of universities and museums.”

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson is an integral component of all repatriation efforts of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and marvels at the cooperative process it takes to return ancestors and funerary objects in a good way.

“I was very excited about working with Rae Gould of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and Detective Sergeant Trietch of the Michigan State Police, Houghton Lake Post,” Johnson said. “I always love the work leading up to any repatriation and reburial. It was an honor assisting the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. We hosted Joseph Blanchard of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, too. It was nice getting to know him and learning about his Tribal community as well.”

Johnson also acknowledged the support offered freely by many Native people and organizations.

“The commitment of our traditional religious leaders, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The community gathers in a respectful way at the April 28 Nibokaan Cemetery repatriation ceremony.

Society and our own Tribal community was awe-inspiring,” Johnson said. “Much work goes (into the) repatriation and we at the Ziibiwing Center want to make sure we are doing this in a traditional and respectful way with the medicine and the ceremonial teaching lighting our path. It was a pleasure to bring these culturally-affiliated ancestors and associated funerary objects home.”

The final resting place was at the Nibokaan Cemetery on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation. The Nibokaan Cemetery was established in 1995 through Tribal Chief Gail Jackson and Tribal Council as the resting place for repatriated ancestors.

As the ceremony was finished, members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society assisted with carrying the remains to their final resting place. Funerary objects were also buried with the remains. After the reburial ceremony, a traditional feast was held at the Ziibiwing Center.



Happy Belated Birthday

Darcy, Rena & Consuelo

May 3, 14 & 29



Happy Belated Birthday

Elyse & Tiffy

May 11 & 31

Love you's

Rena n Nephew



Happy 46th Birthday

to our amazing Father, Skittles!

~Love the Kids

Anishinabe Performance Circle Graduation

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



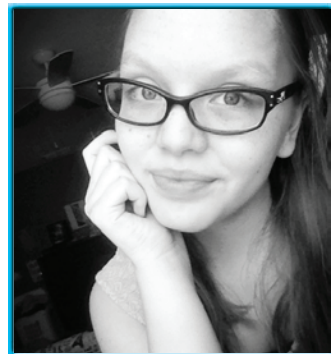
Performance Circle graduates took to the Broadway Theater stage with their colorful regalia and fancy footwork on Tuesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways and the Housing Department, the Performance Circle Graduation was free and open to the public. The young dancers showcased the dances they had learned in weeks previous. After all of the dancers' hard work and presentations, the graduates and families were treated to a reception in the lobby.



An awesome job on playing Rosalys (Allyssa Shawboose)

in the Snow White play.

Love the family.



Happy Birthday to our Disney Princess aka (Allyssa Shawboose)

Love the family.



Happy Birthday Aim. Its been a great nineteen years together.

Happy Anniversary. I Love you so much.



"May the wind always be at your back."

JUST KIDDING!

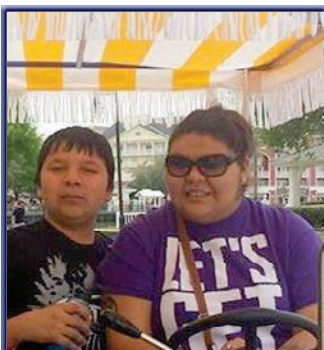
Stay down wind BROTHER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Be Blessed!

Love you, Jeanette & Darryl



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO TWINS ANNE & PATRICIA



Happy Birthday

Jordan and Walker!

Love Mom, Dad & Sydney



WAY TO GO **BREANNA COLWELL!**

Congratulations on your high school graduation! Now onto CMU!

Love you! Mom, Dad, & Gage



Tribal Council

- Chief**
Steven Pego, District 1
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- Council Member**
Lindy Hunt, District 1
- Council Member**
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- Council Member**
Chip Neyome, District 1
- Council Member**
Tim J. Davis, District 1
- Council Member**
Michele Stanley, District 3

Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

Zaagidowin ~ Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

Debwewin ~ Truth

To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

Tribal Historic Preservation Committee

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

The Tribal Historic Preservation Committee consists of seven Tribal Members and would meet four times a year. This newly-formed committee would address issues relating to the Advisory Council on Historic, Section 106, NAGPRA and all other initiatives related to tribal historic preservation, traditional properties, and historic properties.

This committee would advise the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer with duties.

This committee would help to prioritize the work that needs to be done on behalf of the Tribe. This include involve helping to preserve the Sanilac Petroglyphs, working to help maintain and preserve all the cemeteries that the Tribe owns in Isabella and Arenac counties. Also helping to give input into the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School committee and the activities associated with it.

Enrollment/Tribal Clerk's Department

Notice of Fee Schedules Effective as of April 16, 2014

(As approved by Tribal Council Motions)

Enrollment Application Fee	\$100 per application
Enrollment File Copies	\$1 per page
Replacement Tribal Membership Cards	\$10 each
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Replacement Resident Tribal Member Cards	\$25 each
Governmental IDs	\$10 each
Replacement Golf Cards	\$10 each
Faxes	\$2.50 per page
Minutes (more than 60 days old)	10 cents per page
Power of Attorney Filing Fees	\$50 first time
Subsequent POA Filing Fee	\$100 per POA filed

Amended Order Fishing Season 2014 - Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 107 subdivision 2(B), the 2014 Fishing Season shall begin Jan. 6, 2014 and will close Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 unless ordered otherwise. Licenses and Permits are available at the Tribal Planning Department office. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

Daily limits for Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge, Perch and Walleye amended by the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee 22, April 2014.

Donald L Seal
Community Engineer, Planning Department

SCIT Ordinance 11 Fishing Seasons and Possessions Limits

Fish Species	Seasons	Location	Possession Limit	Minimum Size
Muskellunge	No closed seasons	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day possession	42 inch min.
Tiger Muskellunge	No closed seasons	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day possession	42 inch min.
Walleye	No closed seasons	Inland streams and rivers	15 per day possession	14 inch min.
Perch	No closed seasons	Inland streams and rivers	100 per day possession	No min. size

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United Tribes of Michigan meet with Gov. Snyder at Tribal-State Summit

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On May 12-13, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted the 12 federally-recognized Tribal leaders and their delegates at the annual United Tribes of Michigan, or UTM, meeting held in the Three Fires Room at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego welcomed the delegation during the opening ceremonies with a prayer offered by Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig.

“It is always an honor to host our fellow tribes and to have our Council able to talk with the other Tribal leaders,” Chief Pego said. “Tribal issues are best addressed with the elected officials present and to have Gov. Rick Snyder be a part of these discussions demonstrates the state government’s willingness to be an active participant in the dialogue.”

Gov. Snyder agreed there are many issues that the state and the Tribes can work together on.

Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier and his staff took the lead role in coordinating the UTM Tribal-State Summit logistics and welcomed the efforts made on behalf of all the Tribal leaders present.

“The opportunities and collaboration that is brought to the table during the State/Tribal Summits are very helpful,” Cloutier said. “When you have leadership from the State of Michigan and the 12 Native nations, you have clear communication and can easily identify like-minded issues to be discussed.”

Gov. Snyder did commend the Tribes and their support of environmental issues and the efforts United Tribes represent on consolidating their voice in chorus on issues that affect all the citizens of Michigan.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The SCIT Tribal Council delegation share a moment with Gov. Rick Snyder. Pictured left to right: Council Treasurer Shelly Bailey, Council Secretary Sandy Sprague, Gov. Rick Snyder, Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig and Council Member Lindy Hunt.

“We appreciate the efforts the Tribes are making to develop new leaders and offering internship opportunities to work within the government,” Gov. Snyder said. “I believe we can offer some fruitful opportunities to students who work with the Office of the Governor and the State Legislature.”

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Chairman and current UTM President Homer Mandoka personally thanked Chief Pego and the SCIT Tribal Council for hosting the Tribal leaders and their delegates.

“On behalf of the UTM delegates, we are honored to have the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe be a gracious host for such an important event,” President Mandoka said. “Being located in the center of the Lower Peninsula makes the travel arrangements easier and the hospitality given through the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort deserves high marks.”

The Tribal-State Summit visit marked the second occasion a State of Michigan Governor has visited a UTM function hosted by SCIT on the reservation. Former Governor, Jennifer Granholm, visited the Tribe at the 2008 UTM meeting.

During the closing remarks, Chief Pego shared a traditional teaching of how water is important to the Tribe and he was joined by fellow Council members as they presented Gov. Snyder with a beaded Tribal logo necklace made by Tribal member Theresa Jackson.

Seventh Generation's Spring Feast

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

The Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center hosted the Spring Feast on May 8. The event featured a cultural “Teachings of Spring” by traditional healers, Jake and Mary Pine.

Fellowship and nourishment were shared by all as community members gathered to honor the coming of a new season.

Le Tour de Mont Pleasant

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY
June 6, 7, & 8th 2014

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Friday June 6: Central Michigan University
Near Indoor Athletic Center - 2520 University Park Dr.
4 p.m. - Rider Check-in begins

Saturday June 7: Downtown Mount Pleasant
Near Indoor Athletic Center - 2520 University Park Dr.
7 a.m. - Rider Check-in begins

Sunday June 8: Mid Michigan Community College
Near Indoor Athletic Center - 2520 University Park Dr.
8 a.m. - Rider Check-in begins

Attention Tribal Members

Due to the increasing postage cost, as of July 1, 2014, Tribal members (excluding Elders) will no longer receive the Tribal Observer mailed free of charge. However, you may read the Tribal Observer online at sagchip.org at no cost. If you would like to continue to receive the Tribal Observer, you may subscribe at the reduced rate of **\$15 per year**.

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Saganing Eagles Landing April Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant

Congratulations to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Employees of the Month Tammy Manyen and Jackie Cunningham.

Tammy is a finance supervisor who has been with the SELC since we opened. She was nominated by her co-workers on the terrific job she does!

Tammy is organized and loves to work on new projects.



Tammy Manyen

She sticks with a project until it is finished and will do everything in her power to fix



Jackie Cunningham

problems and malfunctions. Tammy is quick to thank the cashiers and soft count team

for going above and beyond their normal duties.

She also shows compassion for her co-workers. When a cashier's husband passed away and she called to inform her supervisors, Tammy was working and helped her stay calm on the phone until the police had arrived. Thank you, Tammy, for all you do!

Jackie is part of our wait staff and has been with the SELC since we opened. She is very

dependable and we can always count on her to volunteer to pick up shifts when needed.

Jackie is willing to come in on short notice for any shift. She also trains our new wait staff associates. Jackie will help out with prepping whenever needed in the Aerie Cafe.

She is polite and a joy to work with. You will never catch Jackie standing around; she is our go-getter gal. Thank you, Jackie, for being outstanding!

Self-Esteem Program shows youth ways to build confidence

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

"Don't let anyone tell you you're not good enough" were spoken words of advice at the Self-Esteem Building Program for youth on May 5 at Seventh Generation.

A few years ago, after talking with clients addicted to drugs and alcohol, Healthy Start Child Nurse Helen Williams noticed they had something in common: low self-esteem.

"The clients all said they did not feel good about themselves," Williams said. "They felt like they did not deserve to be treated well and were lucky to have the friends they had, despite the negative impact that these people had on them."

Williams decided to get an early start in educating youth on positive self-esteem.

"The changing hormonal levels of the adolescent brain can wreak havoc on a person's

sense of self," Williams said. "Negative body issues, or anxiety about relationships or peer groups, can cause teens to become depressed, angry or agitated, or turn to drugs and alcohol in an effort to stop negative feelings of self-loathing. Helping youth understand how to recognize the signs that may occur if someone is using pre-existing negative feelings of self to control them, or manipulate them into doing something they don't want to just so they will fit in, is critical."

West Intermediate and Mount Pleasant and Shepherd High School students gathered for positive self-esteem lessons, but not without a few words from proud Tribal Chief Steven Pego.

"On this reservation, we are learning our culture and language and to be proud of who we are - we call it 'finding our Center Fire'," Chief Pego said. "I appreciate every youth here on this reservation. Every little baby that is born here is going

to be a leader. The Elders say the eighth fire will be lit because of you guys; you are the ones that will carry everything into the future."

Chief Pego emphasized the importance on schooling. Getting your education is the "new warrior" thing to do, he said to the youth.

"We want to inspire every one of you," he said. "You are the most important person on this earth, especially on this reservation. It is very important you get your education."

Interim Education Director Melissa Montoya shared her previous struggle with self-esteem and how faith and culture helped her find self-love and success, along with Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez who discussed helping your family and letting your family help you, and Youth Support Coach Kevin Ricketts touched on how to be a team player.

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green conducted a 20-minute workout promoting fitness self-esteem building, and Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon presented "laugh yoga."

Wilma Henry and Lee Ann Ruffino, of Seventh Generation, prepared a cultural teaching and craft. Students then wrote



Youth attending the Self-Esteem Workshop pose with Tribal Chief Steven Pego.

down positive words that best describe themselves.

Henry also shared her story of growing up. With an alcoholic father, and a mentally abusive mother, Henry wanted to be the best mother she could be, and not carry on the abusive characteristics of her parents.

"When you grow up in that kind of situation, it gets really hard to feel good about yourself," Henry said. "You also have to learn that even though you try to bring your children up the best way you can, they may fall off the path. But if you feel good about yourself and love yourself, you're going to experience things and go through learning phases in your life; just remember to always be strong and love yourself."

Youths' self-esteem is generally influenced by what their peers think of them.

"According to what I have been told by survivors of drug and alcohol addictions, the

low self-esteem could not be changed by loving parents or family," Williams said. "They simply trusted more what their peers said than their family. They just wanted to be accepted, it did not matter with whom; they just wanted to fit in. I feel if we help the youth learn to look for negative influences, recognize them and avoid them we can start to help them understand self-worth and avoid the pitfalls of low self-esteem."

It was a departmental collaborative effort that made the self-esteem event possible.

"The overwhelming willingness and excitement generated from all departments was impressive," Williams said. "Working as a team was really the key to making this program happen for our Tribal youth; it was impressive again this year. We all are definitely unified when it comes to doing whatever we can to make a difference in the lives of the youth."



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Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon teaches the youth positive self-esteem and wellbeing with "laugh yoga."

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Submitting claims to your Part D Plan for prescription drugs while in observation status

MIKKI MARCOTTE

Case Manager

The use of Medicare observation status in hospitals has increased dramatically throughout the past several years.

The problem with the observation status is financial liability for any post-hospitalization care at a skilled nursing facility (you must have a three-day inpatient stay to have rehab paid for by Medicare). However, many Medicare patients find themselves facing large hospital bills for drugs they received while in outpatient observation status.

When a patient is in outpatient observation status at a hospital, Medicare Part B is billed, and pays for 80 percent of the hospital services provided (Part A pays for inpatient hospital admissions). However, outpatient prescription drugs received in the hospital while a patient is in observation status are not billed to Part B. Instead, the patient must submit a claim to his/her outpatient drug plan, usually a Medicare Part D plan, to receive reimbursement for these drugs.

Part D plans are required to have a process in place to pay

claims submitted by Medicare beneficiaries who received drugs while they are hospital outpatients. All Part D plans must ensure that enrollees have access to Part D-covered drugs dispensed at "out-of-network pharmacies."

These out-of-network pharmacies include "institution-based" pharmacies; those in a hospital.

Patients in observation status at a hospital cannot be expected to get their outpatient drugs from a pharmacy that contract with their Part D plan (a CVS or Walgreens). Rather, they must take the drugs given to them by the hospital, dispensed from the hospital's out-of-network pharmacy.

To submit claims, Medicare beneficiaries should call their Part D plan and request an out-of-network pharmacy claim form as soon as they are able, and should check their Part D Evidence of Coverage for any applicable deadlines.

However, individual plans will likely have different forms. Beneficiaries should submit the completed claim form supplied by their plan and include the bill for medications from the hospital as well as a letter explaining that they were in observation

status at the hospital and could not get to an in-network pharmacy. They should cite Chapter 5, Section 60.1 of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual in their letter to the plan to remind the Part D plan of their responsibility to pay.

Beneficiaries should remember that if the drugs they received in the hospital are not on the Part D plan's formulary,

they may need to ask the Part D plan for an exception to have the drugs covered.

After the Part D plan covers the drugs, beneficiaries will still be liable for co-pays. These co-pays may be higher because the hospital pharmacy is an out-of-network pharmacy. Unfortunately, outpatient hospital observation status continues to be a problem for Medicare beneficiaries.

AN UPDATE FROM ZIIBIWING COMMERCIAL SERVICES

News & Fun Facts About Our Online Sales Department

- The Online Sales department continues to be profitable in the 2014 Fiscal Year! Sales for the Online Stores this year have already doubled all of the 2013's sales for the year in just 7 months!
- We sell only Native American made products on www.NativeDirect.com.
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- We continue to receive 98% of our online orders from customers located outside of Michigan.
- On December 15th, 2013 we shipped out over 500 packages via UPS in less than 24 hours to customers all over the country buying for Christmas!
- Between October '13 and May '14 the Online Stores alone have sold over 1,500 handwarmer mugs! In the same time period we also sold over 750 Cozy Plush Stuffed Animals! These are just 2 of our over 2,000 products available.

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Civilizing the Red Men

(Editor's Note: The following is a historical newspaper article published in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper in March 1879. The article is courtesy of Tribal Elder Thomasine MeShawboose. The article has not been edited, this has been published just as the 1879 original copy was.)

We recently illustrated certain features of the work of educating the Indians at the Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va. In our present Number we add further illustrations of the same subject, upon which, on January 22d, General S. C. Armstrong, Principal of the Institution, addressed an audience of leading merchants and capitalists of New York at the Chamber of Commerce. General Armstrong, after explaining the circumstances under which the experiment of Indian education was undertaken, said that at present there are 67 Indian boys and girls at the Institute, besides 250 negroes of both sexes. This system of mingling them with each other is found to be better for their morals than the separation plan. No race conflict is allowed. The Indians absorb the ideas of civilization just as they inhale the air they breathe. It is proposed to put

these Indian boys at trades or on farms, in order that they may learn the true secret of the white man's power. This is better than showing him big guns and public buildings, and loading him down with presents. The girls are born drudges, and expect to work. The boys do not see the point of hard labor, but would rather sit on the ground than hoe any day. But their dislike for labor will be gradually overcome as they are introduced into the workshops and upon farms. The older Indians make little progress in their studies; the younger ones learn rapidly. In the three and a half months that they have been there they have taken up more ideas of work than they would have done in three years at their own homes. The Government pays \$167 each for the forty-nine Dakota Indians.

The Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows, following General Armstrong, said the Indians cost an immense amount of money, and they cost the national reputation, by the manner in which the Government dealt with them. "They cost us," he said, "our character as Christian people. As the result of the ten years of civilizing and Christianizing experiment, we find that 75,000 out of 300,000 are already

Photo taken from Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper March 1879



The class of female students.



Group of the youngest male students.

civilized; 150,000 are semi-civilized, leaving one-quarter who may be said to be in a savage condition. I double if their savageness is greater than 75,000 persons who could be roll-called in the City of New York. There are 116,000 Indians who know how to read and write. There are 29,000 Indian church members, and 300 church buildings among the Indians. It is perfect nonsense to talk about Indians not being susceptible to civilizing influences."

Professor R. D. Hitchcock closed the meeting by a peroration in which he remarked that where 100 civilized men can stay and till the soil, one savage hunts and fishes. We have been on this continent 250 years face

to face with a race which we cannot deny are men and have a mission to fulfill. Congress should place the Indian on the same footing as the Swede or other foreigner who preempts his 120 acres of ground, and let him know that this possession, properly worked, not only gives him his existence but an heirloom to his family. Then churches, homesteads, and educational institutions will spring up among them, and the problem of Indian civilization will be promptly solved.

Of our present illustrations, the first shows the sons of three Gros Ventres and Sioux chiefs, very bright and promising boys; the second, three girls between nine and thirteen years of age

— Sarah Walker, of the Gros Ventres, Anna, of the Arickarees, and Carrie Anderson, of the Uncahpa Sioux; the third, Little Chief, of the Cheyennes, and one of the St. Augustine prisoners, welcoming two new students — One-Who-Carries-Flying, a Sioux, and White Wolf, an Arickaree; the fourth, the nine girls who were first sent to the school; and the fifth, a group of the youngest boys. It was intended that an equal number of boys and girls should be sent to Hampton, but Captain Pratt was able to obtain only nine girls, the principal reason being, that, as the females do all the hard work, they are too valuable to be spared by their husbands and fathers.

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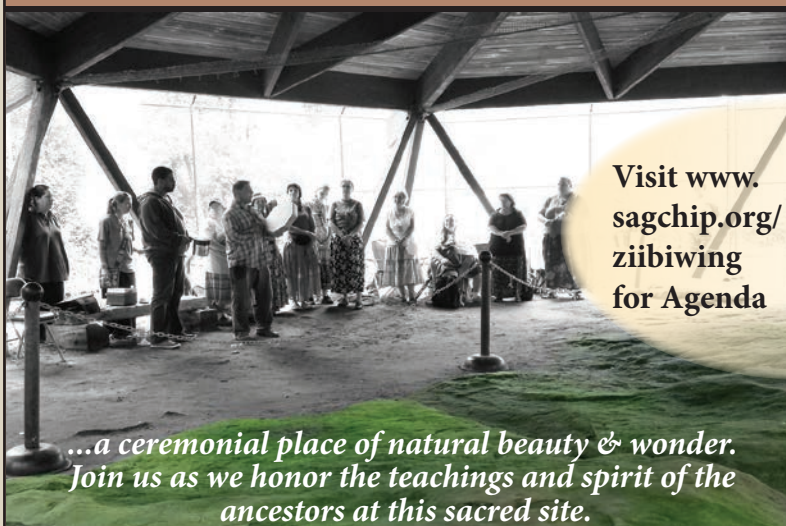
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Ziibiwing Changing Exhibit and CMU Archeological Field School recollect MIIBS

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways presented its Changing Exhibit Part II- 3D Objects. The “Debwewin/Truth: The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience” grand opening occurred April 30 at 12 p.m.

The exhibit reveals historical and archeological research of the school, along with present-day influences quoted by Tribal members whose family members were affected by the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, or MIIBS.

Part II of the exhibit added 3D objects including MIIBS Honoring, Healing and Remembering Commemorative Quilt, the MIIBS Student Memorial Quilt, the student memorial guitar that features the SCIT and Ziibiwing logos and woodland floral designs, postcards of MIIBS and many artifacts found on the MIIBS grounds.

During the Part II grand opening, a presentation was also given by Central Michigan University Archeological Field School colleagues.

Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans of CMU’s Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work has collaborated with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Ziibiwing since June 2011. Surface-Evans is an active member of the MIIBS Committee committed to transforming, preserving and financing the development of MIIBS to become a place for healing, education and wellness at a local, national and global level.

“Dr. Surface-Evans is a trusted member of the Protecting and Maintaining Tribal Heritage Sites subcommittee and she has gathered archeological data at the MIIBS including conducting botanical surveys, geophysical analysis and test excavations to investigate the history of the school and its former students,”

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson said. “The results of this research will support public education about the Federal Boarding School program and assist in the nomination of the property to the National Register of Historic Places.”

Archaeology provides an alternative method of reconstructing events of the past, Dr. Surface-Evans said during her “A Landscape of Assimilation and Resistance” presentation.

The roles of archaeology reconstruct the past MIIBS landscape, assess whether artifacts and deposits from MIIBS are intact and investigate the lives of the former students.

There are many indicators of power and authority through archeology research at MIIBS.

“The land or structures of the school were used in a way to convey power and authority and to (showcase) the goals of the Feds,” Dr. Surface-Evans said.

The shape of the girl’s dormitory building is an example.

“The buildings are a federal style, typical of the late 19th century and used in public buildings including town halls, hospitals and prisons,” Dr. Surface-Evans said. “This was a style that basically posed the ideas of government order and structure.”

In the heart of campus was a classroom and chapel building, and in the center was a gazebo.

“Some of the stories that I heard from Elders and community members suggested that the gazebo was frequently used by administrators to entertain dignitaries, and people would be brought in to observe the school and the experiment that it represented,” Dr. Surface-Evans said. “I was utterly shocked and surprised when we excavated at the gazebo that one of the first things we found was an actual steak bone, suggesting that people were eating really well at the gazebo. We also



The Ziibiwing Changing Exhibit Part II displays 3D objects including the MIIBS Student Memorial Quilt, each square represents a MIIBS student and was decorated by a family member.

did excavations at the dump site of a former garbage dump on the property: the food remains we found were things like tin cans and chicken bones. So the students weren’t eating well, but obviously someone was, and it probably wasn’t children that were eating steaks at the gazebo.”

Displayed in the Ziibiwing Changing Exhibit Part II are the many buttons and marbles found at MIIBS during excavations. Emerald green tray beads that students may have smuggled in from their homes are also featured in the exhibit.

“It is believed buttons could be used as tokens or currency to engage in various activities planned, such as powwows that were conducted in secret in the basements of buildings or in the forest just north of campus,” Dr. Surface-Evans said.

Presentations were also given by CMU graduate students including: “A Reconstruction of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Landscape” by Patrick Lawton, “The Carvings on the Buildings of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School” by Sarah Hegyi and “Investigation of the Mission Creek Cemetery” by S.K. Haase.

The students shared their proudest moments of discovering items at the MIIBS property.

“S.K. and I were in a unit at the laundry building when we found a toothbrush handle that was made of bone,” Hegyi said. “We found out later that bone handles... are very old... from the 19th century.”

“Because it was from (the) laundry (building), and not from a dorm or place where a child would have left it, it seems to me it was probably a toothbrush used to scrub laundry or floors,” Dr.



Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans and students Sarah Hegyi, Patrick Lawson and S.K. Haase discuss their archeological findings on the MIIBS grounds.

Surface-Evans said. “It wasn’t a personal object; it doesn’t have initials carved on it as the students were required to keep track (of their belongings).”

The laundry building burnt down multiple times under mysterious circumstances.

“Children were forced to do a lot of work there out of punishment,” Hegyi said. “It’s not a very happy, memorable building.”

The CMU students have been very respectable and passionate about their work at MIIBS.

“All students that have been involved have been incredible,” Dr. Surface-Evans said. “They all dedicated so many hours to this project.”

Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin acknowledged Dr. Surface-Evans and the students for their collaboration, hard work and research.

“These things are done in the most respectful, reverential and loving way, as evident by these wonderful students,” Martin said. “When we celebrate success and understanding the history, we are able to provide more opportunity for awareness and truth-telling.”

The Part II MIIBS Changing Exhibit is on display until Sept. 30, 2014. Many of the artifact findings are showcased.

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Dear WW: Me and my brother are both responsible working adults and parents. The problem is our parents are not. A few years ago, they lost their house and we stepped in to help them out. We got them situated in a nice, comfortable apartment. The trouble is their finances (or lack of) and that they ask our advice and never take it! Of course, we feel obligated to help them as they are our parents. However, I can see the same pattern immersing and we will be called to help out soon enough. How and where do we draw the line and not feel guilty? **Immature Parents**

Dear Parents: You have no reason for feeling guilty when helping out your parents. However, enabling them is a different story. If they don't take your advice after asking for it, quit giving it. You might have a better conversation with the wall but most likely the same outcome! I know it may seem harsh but you do not owe your parents anything! Letting them feel the misery and pain of being without gives them the ability to figure it out for themselves. Are alcohol/drugs or gambling involved? Is someone taking advantage of them? Perhaps this situation needs a referral to Social Services? Sometimes the lesson is better learned from an outside source instead of family.

Dear WW: I am a newlywed and have done everything by the book in my life. I graduated from high school and college, have a good steady job and now that I am married, I have been contemplating a family with my new husband. However, I am not sure if parenthood is for me. I am very independent and am used to doing what I want, when I want. That will not be an easy thing with a child. My husband says I can still do whatever I want and that he will be available for our child, no matter what. That seems a little unfair to me and I would rather wait until I'm ready and from the looks of it, I may never be. How will I know? **Ready or Not**

Dear Ready: As prepared as we would like to be, no one is truly prepared to have a child that has never had one. The things you predict may not be true and the things you think are so, prove not to be. Stability and maturity will guide you and are your best indicators of having a well-rounded child and family. You may not want to be as independent as you think once you have a child. Having a child is a life-changing event that can be a rewarding experience. Only you can answer the question of knowing when things are right. I applaud you for doing things "by the book" and know whatever decision you make will not be made in haste!

Dear WW: My brother, who was married more than 10 years, is now divorced. However, not by choice, but because his wife left him for another man. I see the hurt that she has caused him and his family, and to be blunt, I can't stand the sight of her. The problem is that I have had run ins with her and don't know if I will be able to hold my tongue much longer. She needs to realize how much hurt and pain she has caused. Should I blast her or continue to pretend she doesn't exist? **Time Bomb**

Dear Bomb: Do you think that by telling her with spoken words she will understand? My guess is that she probably already knows and a.) is a selfish woman who doesn't care or b.) is a selfish woman who doesn't care. Your best bet is to pretend she doesn't exist. Put your energy into your brother who obviously is left holding the bag. Sometimes people don't realize how much hurt and destruction they have caused others until it is too late until it is too late. Don't waste your time on her, your brother needs you now.

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Skins matches at Waabooz Run Golf Course. All players must be 40 years old or older, and all players will use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 weekly, plus green fees and cart fees. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 12 - B. SPRAGUE OPEN

10 a.m. shotgun, two person scramble mens/coed divisions \$120 per team includes skins, green fees, cart and lunch.

JULY 22 - SEPT. 23

No age limit all players use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 per player plus Green fees and Cart fees, tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

AUG. 2 - SUPER SKINS MATCH ON

Super Skins match on Aug. 2 at Waabooz Run. Cost is \$50 per player plus green/cart fees all three tee markers will be used by each player (example Hole #1 Blue Tee, hole #2 White tee, Hole #3 Red tee). Two players per team any mix, all teams off the first tee starting at 10 a.m.

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LS w/1LS, 4 Cyl., Auto, 44k Miles, Mocha Steel Metallic #EU045
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2009 Chevy Cobalt LT
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2013 Ford Escape SEL 4WD
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2007 Mercury Mountaineer Premier
Auto, 4x4, 97k Miles, #DP043A
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2008 Ford Ranger Sport Extended
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\$22,650

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\$19,388

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5.0L, Auto, Full Power, Trailer Tow, Running Boards, 18k Miles, Gray Metallic.
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V8, Auto, Full Power, Red in Color. #EU070A
\$10,450

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6.2L, V8, Auto, Full Power, Trailer Tow Package, 11k Miles, Red. #ET061A
\$26,950

2012 Ford Escape XLT FWD
4 Cyl., Auto, 1-owner, Local Trade, 22k Miles, Moon Roof, Dark Red. #EU082
\$19,495

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Tribal Council honors Rep. Dave Camp for work in Indian Country

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As Michigan Rep. Dave Camp recently announced he will not run for reelection this year, Tribal Council for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wanted to honor him for his work in Indian Country.

Tribal Council and Rep. Camp, along with Congress representatives and Tribal Public Relations, were welcomed to a luncheon in the Ziiibwing Center conference room on Monday, May 5.

Tribal Council presented Camp with a significant gift.

“On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, we are honored to present a blanket as a sovereignty blanket with the Tribal logo on it,” Tribal Chief Steven Pego said. “We want to give this small token of appreciation for

our friendship in Indian Country and for our dear friend Dave Camp.”

Rep. Camp, on his 12th term, began his association with Indian Country in the early ‘80s.

“I do remember (SCIT) Chief Sowmick telling me what it was like to be a leader; he didn’t know whether people were following him or they were chasing him,” Rep. Camp said triggering laughter. “I just want to thank you for the tremendous support you’ve given me over the years. I couldn’t have done this job for 12 terms and I’m very humbled and grateful. Thank you for this beautiful gift.”



Tribal Council presents Rep. Dave Camp with a blanket to honor his work in Indian Country.

Congressman Dan Benishek (R-MI1) also attended the luncheon.

“Dan has been a good friend of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for some time,” Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. “He lives on the other side of the Bridge with our cousins and he knows our culture. He’s a good fit for us here in

Mid-Michigan, and he’s a good fit for us here in Indian Country.”

“We’ve had a great delegation in Michigan and I’ve been so proud to be a part of it,” Benishek said. “I’m very proud to represent this area for the Michigan tribe. My door is always open and my phone is always there for Tribal leadership to inform on issues.”

On April 1, State Sen. John Moolenaar, who also attended the event, announced he will seek election to run for Camp’s seat to represent Michigan’s 4th Congressional District.

Moolenaar stated he has always been interested in and respected Native American culture and heritage.

Moolenaar is a lifelong resident of Midland, Mich. where he currently resides.



Rep. Camp, on his 12th term, recently announced he will not run for reelection this year.

The primary election will be held in August. Michigan’s 4th Congressional District includes parts of 15 counties: Clare, Clinton, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Osceola, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Wexford.

Tribal school and recreation center project unveils naming contest

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Tribal school recreation center project/building needs a name. Similar to many efforts within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, input and ideas are being sought from the community.

Project Consultant Bonnie Ekdahl was hired by Tribal Council in May 2013 to develop and form the planning team that will bring the vision into focus.

The planning team is comprised of members from the three departments who will be located at this new facility; LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Activities, Diversion), Education

Department/Saginaw Chippewa Academy and the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department/Sasiwaans.

The LEAD Team planning members include Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford, Leadership Manager Deb Smith, Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl and Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez.

The ALRD Team planning members consist of ALRD Director Angela Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II Mary Shomin and SCA AB Teacher and ALRD Board member Nathan Isaac.

SCIT Education Director Melissa Montoya, SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda and TEAB

member Kathy Hart are Tribal Education Team members.

Tribal Operations Administrator Dustin Davis and Rosanna Romero also serve on the planning team.

“I am very proud of the team and the impressive work they have done so far,” Bonnie Ekdahl said. “They have been meeting on a regular basis to plan this dynamic new youth facility. This facility will have a positive impact on the future of our community and the planning team was in agreement that naming this effort should be taken to the people.”

At the May 14 planning team meeting, discussions defined that the major project components include the following spaces;

three-in-one gymnasium, auxiliary gym, locker rooms, early childhood center, elementary school kindergarten to 6th grade, virtual academy for 7th to 12th grades, community activity spaces, library, music and art studio, STEM lab and cultural program space.

“The meetings were scheduled with the intention of giving each group an opportunity to speak openly about shared program areas, barriers, how organizational changes should occur, and the idea of creating a shared sanctioned board or committee,” Bonnie Ekdahl said. “To assist our community in framing out creative name ideas, the planning team has created a vision and a statement about the work they have undertaken.”

The planning team consensus is they “want to lead, educate and

prepare our youth and families toward healthy lifestyles with a safe and nurturing environment utilizing the spiritual, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of our Anishinabe teachings.”

They have also mutually agreed they “need to create a collaborative cultural intervention system that defines roles and responsibilities along with the ability to measure impact of services provided to defined target groups.”

Please submit ideas to Project Consultant Bonnie Ekdahl directly. A prize will be awarded to the winning entry. Deadline is June 17, 2014. Ideas must be submitted in writing and can be emailed to bekdahl@sagchip.org or mailed to 7070 E Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. If you need help with an Ojibwe translation, please contact the ALRD office at 989-775-4110.

SEWPH April Employee of the Month

NICOLE ROGERS

Promotions Coordinator

Congratulations, Ben Dans, for being selected as the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel April Employee of the Month.

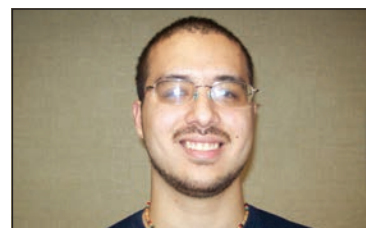
Ben works as a lifeguard at SEWPH. Recently, he went above and beyond with a group who had an emergency situation. This is a true example of what sets us apart from the competition. The following letter was submitted by a guest:

Dear Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel staff,

When our family arrived on Friday evening, my son had a

seizure in the parking lot. Even though the line was long, the manager on duty went into action and notified the medical staff. Ben, one of the lifeguards, helped my son to the showers and helped change his clothes. The staff checked our family into their rooms; we had five rooms and four people per room. My mother who has stage four ovarian cancer and my son were comfortably inside their rooms within 30 minutes.

The lifeguard, Ben, continued to check on my mother and my son throughout our stay. The hotel staff was awesome. The lifeguard staff was very patient with my son on all of the



Ben Dans

activities in the park. My son has CP and can be very slow moving. They were very supportive, and assisted him as he went down the slide and other activities. Thank you so much for a great star and an awesome family trip.

Jayne Johnson
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Powwow Workers Needed

The Powwow Committee is looking for workers. Be on the lookout for job postings around the second week of June.

Are you interested in sponsoring a special at the Powwow this year?

Please submit your information by July 1, 2014 to be considered.

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June 30-July 31, 2014

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Seven GED recipients recognized at Aabizikaawin Adult Ed Graduation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On May 6, seven adults were honored during the Aabizikaawin Adult Education Graduation Ceremony in the Eagle's Nest Tribal gym.

The GED recipients: Kristin Hinmon, Shelby Hinmon-Pelcher, Brendan Mandamin, Adam Sawmick, Tanesha Trudeau, Lucinda Wentworth and Shania



Guest speaker Christina Otto shared her story of overcoming past struggles and earning her bachelor's degree.

Whitepigeon received their diplomas from Interim Education Director Melissa Montoya.

Keynote speaker and Aabizikaawin alumnus Christina Otto shared her hardships during her education process. After overcoming her struggles and facing addiction, Otto received her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University last month.

"There are a lot of people in the community and all around that want to see you succeed," Otto said to the graduates. "I've been amazed at the support I've gotten and couldn't have done this without the help of so many people involved."

Otto advised the graduates and community members to further their education and use available resources.

"We need Tribal Members running our government operations and agencies," Otto said. "We need members who are college educated, and who will run departments so they can be successful. We really need your help,



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Aabizikaawin Adult Education graduates receive their GED. Pictured left to right: Tanesha Trudeau, Kristin Hinmon, Brendan Mandamin, Adam Sawmick, Lucinda Wentworth and Shelby Hinmon-Pelcher. (Not pictured: Shania Whitepigeon.)

and we need to encourage our children to do the same. They will be more likely to get their education when they see us do it, too."

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator Tara Schell gave the graduates much recognition.

"We are here for one reason and that reason is you," Schell said. "You are no longer part of the 40 million adults in this society who do not have a high school diploma... You have joined the other 19 million adults who have

earned their GED since 1942."

"The past is part of who you are, the future is securely in your hands and today is filled with opportunities to grow and fulfill your lifelong dreams whatever that may be," she said. "I commend each and every one of you to not only have the courage to pursue your diploma, but to also stick with it... You could have easily stopped, but you chose to go on; you kept learning and furthered your education."

The Anishinabe Bmaadiziwin, Saginaw Chippewa Community Singers, performed a graduate honor song and Montoya offered closing remarks.

"Some of the most successful people were GED graduates: Bill Cosby, Wendy's founder; Dave Thomas and Senator Campbell," Montoya said. "You can do anything with this diploma you have now, it does not end here."

Congratulations to the GED recipients!

Youth LEAD 2014 Graduation Banquet honors alumnae and their mentors

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

"Be who you are and say what you think because those who mind don't matter, and those that matter don't mind," John Shelton, youth achievement advisor, quoted Dr. Seuss at the 2014 Youth LEAD Graduation Banquet on May 19.

Proud families gathered in the Eagles Nest Tribal gym in celebration of their beloved graduates. During dinner, a PowerPoint presentation displayed the graduates' baby photos, current photos, favorite quotes and future plans.

Emcee and Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier and Tribal Chief Steven Pego both shared their words of wisdom to the graduates.

"I was a 1972 graduate of Mount Pleasant High and I still remember that day," Chief Pego said. "I remember we had a counselor that really took interest in me; he really wanted me to graduate... I told him I was going to come back and take his job... I always had that in my mind, so I studied my traditions and culture and became a helping healer at Behavioral Health, and to me that was a counselor."

Student alumni speaker and cadet officer Daniel Hernandez Jr. graduated Shepherd High School in 2010 and then joined the army for four years.

"When I joined the army, I was a 19-year-old kid and I still didn't know what I wanted to do," Hernandez said. "I found out I had my family and every time I called home, they'd



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Mount Pleasant High School graduate Rachel Bigford honors her mentor Interior Design Instructor Mary Kay Voeks with an ISE Award.

always be there to encourage and pray for me to keep me going... I'm upset I had to go around the world to realize how much I love our community and my home... my family is my biggest driving factor."

Youth Achievement Advisors Charisse Yarch and Marta Escamilla introduced the graduates one-by-one.

The Mount Pleasant High School Tribal Member graduates include: Morgan Avery, Rachel Bigford, Breanna Colwell, Jonathon Curtis, Thomas Foster, Gilberto Franco Jr., Joseph Genia, Mak'yo George-Dye, Jessica Harris, Henery Howell, Alex Leureaux, Miino Pelcher, Shelby Read, Jacob Reed, Quinn Ritter, Maureen Reuckert, Matthew Shawnoo, Scott Sheahan, Gillian Shenoskey, Elizabeth Trasky and Taylor Williams.

Widening Advancement for Youth (W.A.Y) graduates: N'Kai Helms, Madison Shawnoo and Bethany Tarbell.

Shepherd High School graduates: Whitney Henry, Gena Leksche, Autumn

Neyome, Katelyn Pelcher and Charlie Watkins.

Odyssey High School graduate Eternity Native Welcome Page Leonard.

Students had the opportunity to honor one of their mentors that inspired them throughout their schooling experience. Many educators, vice principals, along with Yarch and Escamilla themselves, were recipients of the students' ISE (Inspire, Support, Encourage) Awards.

Shelton offered one last bit of advice to the graduates to close the ceremony.

"We all juggle our personal life, our family life, our academic life, our work life, our social life; and when any of those get out of balance, we've got to try to get them back in balance because that's when we get thrown off and start struggling," Shelton said. "One key



MPHS graduate Quinn Ritter honors his mentor Pat Onstott, Digital Media instructor.

thing I say to you is to strive for that balance. You need that balance between selfishness and selflessness. Take those two words with you because they are really important in life."

Congratulations to all of the 2014 graduates!

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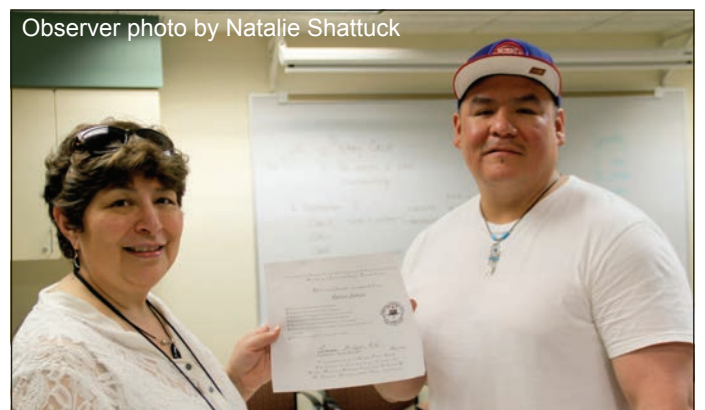
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Look for more information in the near future about resume building and mock interview trainings.

For assistance in filling out an application please contact
Louanna Bruner, Anishnabe Workforce Developer 989-775-0053

"Parenting the Love and Logic Way"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Congratulations to Culver Judson who completed his seven-week parenting program with Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon. The class educates on the seven modules from the book "Parenting the Love and Logic Way". The class occurs every Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m. at Nimkee Public Health. For more information on enrolling in this parenting class, contact Anna Hon at (989) 775-4616 or AHon@sagchip.org.



CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL TRIBAL GRADUATES



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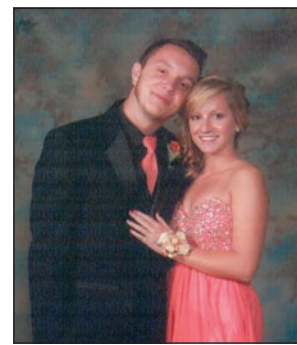
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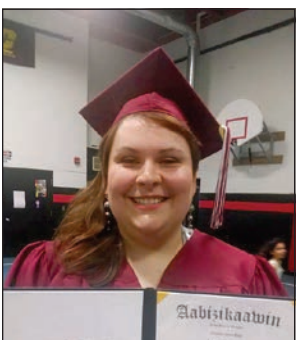
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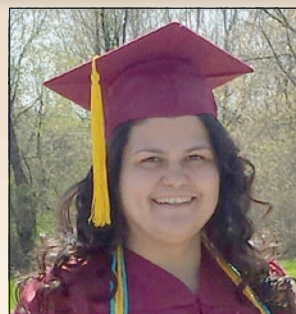
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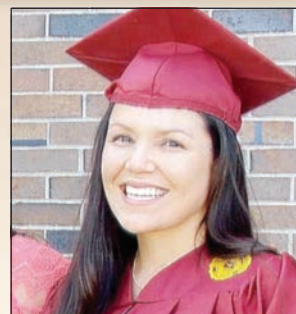
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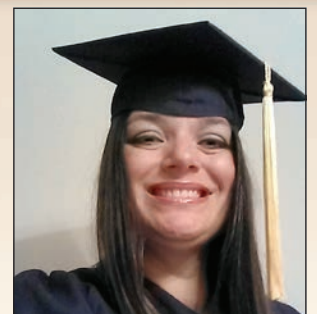
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SCA Teaching Assistant Spickerman receives April "Educator of the Month"

CHRISTINA HALLIWILL
Administrative Assistant II

Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in our department. We are proud of each and every team member within our department and think the community should know about you!

Congratulations, Karyn Spickerman, for being selected as our April Educator of the Month. The following is a questionnaire completed by Spickerman.

Which program do you work for? I work for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

What is your title? I am currently the Resource Room teacher's assistant, assisting a special needs student for half of the day and other students the rest of the day.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? I've been employed full time with SCA since

2005, prior to that I was a substitute teacher at SCA.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? There are so many it's hard to pick just one... Years ago when I worked with 4th grade, we took a nature walk with a gentleman who has extensive knowledge of indigenous plants and wild life. He told the other teacher and me that we could eat the ends of cattails. So we all did. About three minutes later the other staff member looked at me and said very strangely, "I can't feel my tongue!" I realized that mine was going numb as well. We both looked at each other and said, "What have we done? We've poisoned the kids!" They were all fine, thankfully. Our guide laughed and told us this was a normal effect of the plant and not to worry. He thought it was hilarious. We weren't so amused. Later, the other staff member and I laughed with relief. What an unnatural experience!

What is your favorite part of working in this department? I adore all of the

children! It's a new adventure every day!

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? Oh, as you grow up you change your mind so many times—I wanted to be a vet, then a police officer and always—a mom!

Something people may not know about you. My great-grandpa Carl Johnson designed and built the barrier free habitats (the bear dens) for many zoos including Detroit and St. Louis in the early 1900's. He was friends with Carl Perkins of Wild Kingdom fame (for you oldies!) and was quite an innovator.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? For years I was an accomplished equestrian. I took some years off and now I am riding again with my daughter!



SCA Teaching Assistant Karyn Spickerman accepts her award. (Pictured left to right: Tribal Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill, Spickerman and SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda.)

What is your favorite movie? "Comes a Horseman"

What is your favorite food? I love barbeque ribs and chocolate covered strawberries! Who doesn't?

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

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Vowles

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Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Bailey Burger, Mackenzie Burger, Samuel Cloud, Zheesheeb Compo, Jasmine Davis, Tayden Davis, Ryan Flaughner, Trevor Isham, Jessie Jackson, Vanessa Lerma, Whisper Mandoka, Zhaawan Martell, Aaliyah Mena, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Nicholas Poolaw, Miikawadizi Prout, Kimewon-raynee Richards, Kadenn Rose and Kaya Rose.

Mount Pleasant HS

The following students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the second trimester (*denotes a 4.0 GPA): *Simone Bigford, Rebecca Curtis, Mileena Davidson, Ashton Heinrich, Ethan Magnell, Jaelyn Matthews, Mia Pamp, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Kristin Peters, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Jacob Reed, *Isaiah Ruffino, Brandy Russell, Sully Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Callista Sowmick, Ariel Stallcup, Eli Starkey, Grant Trepanier, Jeffrey Vasquez, Destiny Wetherbee and Tanner Williams. The following students are being recognized for attendance: Chad Brady, Tyler Chippeway, Breanna Colwell, Gage Colwell, Nodin Kunst, Jaelyn Matthews, Kataya Peters, Brandy Russell, Sully Schlegel, Sully Schlegel, Matthew Shawnoo, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, Eli Starkey and Destiny Wetherbee.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Aaron Graveratte, Anthony Green, Shenanrose Pontiac, Taliyah Poolaw, John Stevens, Phoebe Defeyter, Charles Isham, Caleb Kequom, James Montoya-Pego, Hazen Shinos, Azaryah Dye, Lucas Dye, Trevor Fallis, Aliana Seybert and Taylor Burton.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Madison Nahgahwon, Ordena Parish, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Thomas Trasky, David Culhane, Ty Rios and Richie Vaquera.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Isaiah Otto-Powers, Darius Lopez, Zoey Mandoka-Haggard, Lucus Jackson, Collyn Morrow, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Damion Mandoka-Haggard, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers and Danny Parish.

Shepherd

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Rumualda Alanis, Tierra Ash, Jonathan Bailey, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Sage Chupco, Sebastian Davis, Lily Dean, Adrian Gross, Quincey Jackson, Olivia Lawson, Zachary Lezan, Jaden Osawabine, Joy Osawabine, Devin Pope, Madison Pelcher, Taleah Pelcher, Layla Pigeon, Trevor Phillips, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Jacob Sineway, Madalynn Sineway, Olivia Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey, Miingin Starkey and Emma VanHorn. April: Rumualda Alanis, Tierra Ash, Neveah Badger, Jonathan Bailey, Aiyana Bross, Jayden Bross, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Sage Chupco, Sadie Cogswell, Sebastian Davis, Lily Dean, Nakisha Floyd, Kasina Laughlin, Olivia Lawson, Zachary Lezan, Tylor Linville, Mihaiah Montoya-Pego, Jaden Osawabine, Joy Osawabine, Devin Pope, Madison Pelcher, Taleah Pelcher, Layla Pigeon, Trevor Phillips, Andee Raphael, Cameron Scarlott-Pelcher, Jacob Sineway, Madalyn Sineway, Olivia Sineway, Bree Sprague, Anjelina Smith, Aanzhenii Starkey, Miingin Starkey, Aubreyanna Stevens, Emma VanHorn, Logan VanOrden and Adrianna West. The following students were absent for one day or less in the fifth marking period: Okilani Alaniz, Christina Benz, Aiyannah Borton, Adam Jewell, Lauryn Leaux, Uriah Main, Michael Pelcher, Ben Perez, Alicia Phillips, Jordan Seegraves, Matt Smith, Carli Sprague, Christopher Benz, Jarek Chamberlain, Zykia Godlewski, Gena Leksche, Sedona Mejia, autumn Neyome, Skyler Neyome, Tina Neyome, Brendan Odem, Gegek Pamp, Kara Sanders, Taylor Seegraves, Joey Sineway and Abbey Sura.

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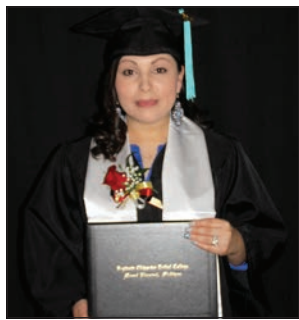
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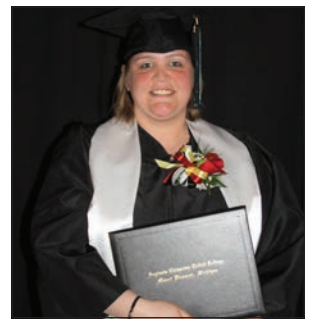
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Janelle A. Jackson
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



Debbie R. McSawby
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Kelley C. Perkins
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Photos courtesy of SCTC

The SCTC Class of 2014 stand during their graduation commencement.



Alicia M. Gonzalez
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Russell L. Menefee Jr.
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Milldred Pelcher
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies

Not Pictured: Brian Loney
Associate of Arts in Native American Studies

SCTC commencement ceremony honors the achievements of ten graduates

NATHANIEL LAMBERTSON

Dean of Students

On May 15, 2014, ten Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students made history by becoming the 15th graduating class of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's independent and fully-accredited college.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its commencement exercises at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort's Entertainment Hall, and featured speaker and American Indian College Fund Trustee Kim Blanchard.

The event was also honored by the presence of the Great Lakes Alliance Singers, and Tribal Chief Steven Pego.

SCTC was proud Tribal Youth dancers Tommy Wemigwans

(6th grader at Mary McGuire, son of Jean Flamand), and Jasmyne Jackson (7th grader at Shepherd Middle School, daughter of Tonya Jackson) graciously led the graduate processional.

This graduation ceremony marks not only significant accomplishment for these students, but will forever stand as an achievement for the families, friends and teachers who supported them on their journey.

While a formal education is valuable, it is not the only way an individual can become knowledgeable, nor is it proof that an individual who has one is any better of a person than one who does not. But certainly part of what it is, in the Tribal college context, is proof that American Indians have the ability to assert

control over their education and include in the body of knowledge that informs higher education American Indian values and culture.

Graduating with their Associate of Arts in Business were Brad Bennett, Maria (Iliana) Bennett and Mark Vasquez Jr.

Fulfilling the requirements of the Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts were Janelle Jackson, Debbie McSawby and Kelley Perkins.

Completing their Associate of Art in Native American Studies were Alicia Gonzalez, Brian Loney, Russell Menefee Jr. and Milldred Pelcher.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego offered words of encouragement and praise for these graduates while alluding to what



Faculty of the Year recipient Mico Slattery accepts his award from SCTC Dean of Instruction Karmen Fox.



Student of the Year recipient Jennifer Arnold accepts her award from SCTC Dean of Instruction Karmen Fox.

can be accomplished through education; the reclamation of what it means to be a warrior among Native people.

These graduating students are now part of the legacy of not only the Saginaw Chippewa

Indian Tribe, but also the Tribal College Movement which annually provides more than 30,000 American Indian people, of all ages, the ability to pursue an education without needing to change who they are.

A message from SCTC President Carla Sineway

As president of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, I am very proud of all of our students who have taken a leap of faith and have enrolled in classes at SCTC. You have made it through the school year and finally reached summer time, enjoy yourself!

It is also at this time of year that I am especially moved as I witness another class of graduates accomplish their goal. I am very proud of your success

because I know it was not easy. On those days when the decision had to be made between family time or school work, gas money or a cup of coffee, study math or study English, stay home or go to class; I can say you have made the right decision. Now another choice is set before you, transfer to a four-year institution or go to work, stay at home or give to your community. I know you will make the right decision.

There are so many prospects that await each graduate. Graduation is not the end, rather the beginning of many great opportunities. I recall my many years of college and the times that I became discouraged because I didn't know where I would end up. I am glad I ended up at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College because I am able to witness all of your accomplishments. You inspire me. Congratulations, graduates!

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- **Four day LEGO Summer Camp***
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Native Farmers Market set to open June 4 and run through October

MARCELLA HADDEN

Public Relations Manager

Once again the Native Farmers Market will be open to provide fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade arts and crafts to the Tribal community!

The goal of the Native Farmers Market is to provide healthy, homegrown and/or

unique natural produce, hand-made arts and crafts from Tribal members, employees and the community to the general public. This market provides not only healthy options but financial opportunities as well.

The market will be located on the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton roads on the Isabella Reservation.

The market is seeking enthusiastic vendors. Come to the market to sell/purchase items, make a little extra cash and help our community stay healthy. All vendors are subject to a \$15 space fee per week payable to the market master.

For information on booth space availability and information pertaining to what items

Dates of Operation: The Native Farmers Market will be in operation from Wednesday, June 4, 2014, to Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



June: 4, 11, 18 & 25 **Sept:** 3, 10, 17 & 14
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may be sold, contact Tony Perry, Native Farmers Market master at **248-980-1513** or email **tperry2@emich.edu**.

Marijuana trends highlight a June 12 community presentation at Ziibiwing

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

In a collaborative educational effort of the Youth LEAD department, Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health and Ziibiwing Center, a June 12 community presentation about marijuana current drug trends is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Michael Stratton, an East Lansing-based psychotherapist and certified social worker, assists clients with marijuana addiction and cannabis "amotivational syndrome", will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation and sharing his personal experiences in recovery and as an educator.

Stratton is a federally-certified trainer and speaker in the field of substance abuse. He has also worked for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as a speaker and consultant.

"Laws and attitudes about marijuana are changing rapidly,

Stratton said. "This will have an impact on all of us in the near future. Even though the move to decriminalize and legalize cannabis will keep many marijuana users out of the legal system, it doesn't mean there won't be some that will have a problem."

Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez is encouraged by the community attendance at their last two educational presentations from Gratiot County Community Mental Health and Lt. Mark Uribe of the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET) and expects a capacity audience for Stratton.

"We know there are drugs affecting youth and families in the area and marijuana is the one drug that has always been around the reservation community," Gonzalez said. "Just because a lot of people think of marijuana as harmless, we have seen through the police and courts how new variations of the

drug have been created that are highly addictive and harmful."

One example the Youth LEAD Diversion Team is concerned about is "dabs" or "black shadow." To put it in full context, one of Stratton's clients said, "I think of smoking a joint like a casual thing, like drinking a cup of tea. But when you do dabs, you know you're doing a drug. It's the heroin of marijuana."

Stratton will also talk about medical marijuana, "earwax", and other forms of THC and drugs that have been coming into the Central Michigan area.

"Marijuana is a trickster; it may start out enhancing your senses, but is likely to end up dulling your life experience," Stratton said. "It doesn't destroy your life, like some harder drugs do. For some people it just hits the 'pause' button. Research is showing about 9 percent of users will become addicted. There is also evidence that brain changes

in regular marijuana users may lead to anxiety, depression and lower life satisfaction."

"Medical marijuana is also not a part of any treatment plans at the Nimkee Clinic and our policy does not allow it under any circumstances," Clinic Pharmacy Manager Andy Henning said.

According to Nimkee Policy 015 obtained by the Tribal Observer and approved by Tribal Health Board, "Medical Marijuana will not be recommended, certified, or prescribed by the Nimkee Medical Clinic or Behavioral Health providers. As a Tribal health clinic, under Indian Health Services, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and SCIT Behavioral Health falls under Federal law which overrides state law for Medical Marijuana."

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon mentions that possession of marijuana carries a potential of one year and or \$5,000 fine or both.

"It should be noted that this community, through Tribal law, does not recognize a Medical Marijuana card so there is no free pass," Shannon said.

Tribal Court Prosecutor Graham Leach sees the damage marijuana is still causing families within the community.

"While marijuana may have some health benefits to a few people, the Tribal Code does not recognize marijuana use for medicinal purposes," Leach said. "The vast majority of marijuana users do so recreationally, not for health reasons. Marijuana use and abuse remains a significant problem in the community, and as Tribal prosecutor I will continue to uphold the law and prosecute marijuana cases."

There will be a community discussion panel moderated by the Youth LEAD Diversion Team after the presentation and the community is encouraged to bring any questions or concerns they may have about marijuana.

Soaring Eagle Salon's grand re-opening presents spacious, elegant remodel

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It's the perfect spot to go to relax and receive a makeover to feel your best. The Soaring Eagle Resort Salon presented its grand re-opening on May 7.

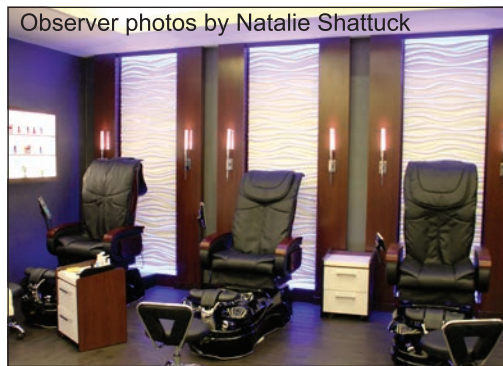
With the many new renovations and updates, this salon is the place to be. The newly-revamped salon provides a spacious, relaxing and elegant space for pampering and indulgence.

"We originally had two hair stations, two manicure stations and all of our pedicures were done in our back treatment rooms," Spa Manager Molly Burhans said. "Now we've incorporated three pedicure chairs; they are also massage chairs and are wonderfully relaxing. We also have three manicure tables and four salon stations now."

Regular guests will immediately notice the renovations when walking into the salon, and the employees are exceptionally happy with the results as well.

"The space is just so much bigger, warmer, and much more relaxing and welcoming," Burhans said. "I think it is a great asset to our business."

Several Tribal Council members for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe attended the grand re-opening for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Chief Steven Pego, Michele Stanley, Shelly Bailey, Sandy Sprague, Jennifer Wassegijig and Lindy Hunt,



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

The new Soaring Eagle Salon pedicure stations offer relaxing massage chairs.

along with the Tribal Public Relations Department assisted with the ribbon cutting to mark the official salon re-launching.

The salon transformation required about one year of planning and labor.

"Our (SECR) Facilities department did an incredible job," Burhans said. "Everything in here is custom design; it is absolutely fantastic."

The salon staff temporarily revamped a hotel room and made it their salon during the renovations.

"We didn't want to lose any revenue or shut down any business," Burhans said. "That was really challenging but... all the employees have been great and worked well with each other in tight quarters. Now, we are finally out of that space and into this beautiful space."



Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Council Members Jennifer Wassegijig, Sandy Sprague, Shelly Bailey and Lindy Hunt assist Hotel Operations Director Bernard Sprague and Spa Manager Molly Burhans in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

There are currently 27 employees total comprising pool attendants, cosmetologists, massage therapists and spa receptionists.

"Some of our staff members have been here going on 17 years," Burhans said.

Burhans welcomes guests and employees to visit the

salon and request a tour at any time.

Their next task involves plans to recreate the back spa area.

For more information on the Soaring Eagle Spa and Salon, or to view a listing of their spa packages and salon prices, visit www.soaringeaglecasino.com/spa.aspx

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Oak Ridge Boys and Diamond Rio bring their all-American country hits to SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was back in the '40s Oak Ridge Boys started out as a gospel group. In the '70s, they shifted gears to become an American country music band.

In 1984, American country and Christian music band Diamond Rio formed in Nashville, Tenn.

On Saturday, April 26, both bands shared their love for music with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort sold-out crowd.

Opening with their upbeat song "Unbelievable", Diamond Rio started the night off right. During "Imagine That", "Mirror, Mirror" and "Beautiful Mess", their smooth harmonies were showcased.

"We're glad to be sharing the stage with Oak Ridge Boys, they're our heroes for sure," bassist Dana Williams said. "For us, it's been 23 years now that we've been playing. We're gonna do some favorite Diamond Rio songs, so don't worry if we haven't got to your favorite yet, this is probably it."

"One More Day" proved to be a crowd favorite and Williams got the audience singing along.

"If you don't remember these songs, fake it," Williams said before they performed a medley of their '90s hits including "You're Gone", "In A Week or Two", "Mama Don't Forget to Pray For Me", "Walkin' Away", "Love A Little Stronger" and "It's All In Your Head".

Diamond Rio performed "God Is There" and "This Is My Life" off their latest gospel album, "The Reason" (2009).

"I Believe" received loud applause with a beautiful, instrumental intro and then a piano performance.

"If you ain't happy to be here tonight... well, bummer," Williams said causing audience laughter.

That morning, lead guitarist and banjo master Jimmy Olander, of Michigan, completed a 13.1-mile half marathon in Nashville, Tenn. before flying into Mount Pleasant, Mich. for the show.

Diamond Rio then performed bluegrass versions of rock 'n' roll songs including: "Layla", "Walk This Way", "Carry on Wayward Son" and "Born To Be Wild".

They then closed the show with crowd favorites "Meet in the Middle" and "How Your Love Makes Me Feel".

Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban, better known as the Oak Ridge Boys, began their show by shaking audience members' hands while singing "Everyday".

While known for country and gospel music, The Oak Ridge Boys had numerous crossover hits including "Bobbie Sue", "American



Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban, better known as the Oak Ridge Boys, perform their hit "Everyday".

Made" and the 33-year-old megahit "Elvira".

"Elvira" remains the group's best-known hit from their best-selling album, "Fancy Free".

The Oak Ridge Boys are no strangers to SECR.

"We feel at home here," Bonsall said. "The last time we were here, our bus broke down and the Soaring Eagle staff was wonderful and helped us out."

Diamond Rio has achieved 12 gold, three platinum, one double-platinum album and numerous national Number One singles and more than 30 Top Ten hits.

Hits such as "Come On In", "I Guess It Never Hurts to Hurt Sometimes", "Love Song", "Cryin' Again" and "Ya'll Come Back Saloon" showcased their flawless, four-part harmonies.

Oak Ridge Boys performed "Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight", a song written by country musician Rodney Crowell and Donovan Cowart. The song was originally performed by Emmylou Harris in 1978. The following year, Oak Ridge Boys released the song and it became their second number-one country single.

The Boys also sang "Lucky Moon" (1991), "(I'm Settin') Fancy Free" (1981) and "Dream On" from 1979.

Oak Ridge Boys and Diamond Rio brought on a night full of classic American country hits to the sold-out SECR crowd. For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, "Like" their Facebook page or add their Twitter handle SoaringEagle777.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Gene Johnson and Marty Roe of Diamond Rio perform their fan-favorite hit "Unbelievable".

Singer-songwriter Vince Gill treats SECR guests to timeless country music

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Fan favorites, guitar solos, special guests and heartfelt country music appeared to be the theme during Vince Gill's show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, May 10.

Gill, a Country Music Hall of Famer, achieved success as frontman to country rock band Pure Prairie League in the '70s, and kicked off his solo career in 1983.

Opening the show with his upbeat number one hit "One More Last Chance", the crowd was ready for a night of Gill's gifted multi-instrumental skills.

Gill performed "Tryin' To Get Over You", "Pocket Full of Gold", "Never Alone", "When I Call Your Name" and a song about his Oklahoma hometown "The Old Lucky Diamond Motel".

"I had my first record in 1974 and I haven't looked back since," Gill said triggering applause.

Before playing "Look At Us", he had a few words: "This is a love song, the best one I ever came up with. People fall in love and stay together for ever and ever and ever. Amen."



Photo courtesy of Mark Ojeda-Vasquez

Rock and roll legend Bob Seger stunned the crowd and joined Gill for the encore, playing his classic hit "Old Time Rock and Roll".

He shared one of his biggest thrills is writing a great song that one of his favorite artists records. Gill performed "Real Mean Bottle" that he wrote and rock and roll singer-songwriter Bob Seger recorded.

This next song is the first hit I ever had; I didn't think I'd ever have one, Gill said about Grammy award-winning "When I Call Your Name".

"Foolin' Around" and Merle Haggard's "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down" were performed.

"Fifty years ago, this song came out when I was a 7-year-old boy and I don't think there's a better song," Gill said of Buck Owens' "Together Again".

This year, Gill received the greatest Christmas present he could ask for when he found out he was going to be a first-time grandpa. His expectant daughter, Jenny Gill, joined him for a few songs with her powerful vocals on "Daddy's Out Shopping For Guns", "Lean on Love" and "Whiskey Words".

Gill received standing ovations for "The Letter", "What the Cowgirls Do" and number one U.S. Billboard Hot Country Single "Don't Let Our Love Start Slippin' Away".

The tempo slowed down with "I Still Believe In You", "Pretty Little Adriana" and the gospel song he performed at George Jones' funeral "Go Rest High On That Mountain".

The encore included "Whenever You Come Around", with Jenny Gill returning to the stage.

With Gill's talent alone, it was a night to remember, but the audience was in for an astounding surprise when Gill's friend and fellow musician, Bob Seger joined for the very last song.

Seger entered the stage and the audience went crazy. Gill's band began the first few



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Talented multi-instrumentalist and country singer-songwriter Vince Gill performs his hit "One More Last Chance".

recognizable notes of "Old Time Rock and Roll" and the entire audience was on their feet dancing and clapping along.

The audience was left abuzz after grasping the fact that history was made on the SECR stage that night with two iconic performers closing the show together.

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SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Friday, June 6	Queensryche and Great White
Friday, June 13	The Jacksons
Thursday, June 19	Hunter Hayes wsg Love and Theft
Saturday July, 5	Switchfoot, P.O.D. and Black Stone Cherry
Thursday, July 10	Train wsg Gin Blossoms
Thursday, July 31	Rascal Flatts wsg Gloriana
Thursday, Aug. 7	American Idol Live 2014



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Improving Patient Care Initiative: Telephone restructure at Nimkee

MARGARET STESLICKI

RN, BSN, MA

Nimkee Medical Clinic Director

Nimkee continues to move forward with the Indian Health Service, Improving Patient Care (IPC5) Initiative. This month, we have begun to restructure our phone system to make it easier for our patients to reach the department and/or the staff member they need to reach.

When you call the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center primary switch board number **989-775-4600**, please listen closely to the prompts, as they have changed. The prompts will direct you to the department you need to reach.

For example, to reach the Nimkee Clinic and your primary care provider, or PCP, you will press #1. Once you do this, your call will be directed to the Medical Clinic.

To contact your PCP's nurse, or to schedule an appointment with your PCP, you will be asked to press #1 for Dr. Eisenmann, #2 for Joan LaPointe-Kelto, PA, #3 for Dr. Kissoondial, and #4 for Dr. Striebel. If you need to reach the medical receptionist or do not know who your PCP is, please press #5, all other calls please press #6. If your call is an emergency, please hang up and call 911.

You may also call your PCP's nurse directly at the phone numbers listed. Voicemail has been added to all of our nurses' lines so that if you call, and your nurse is on the phone or with another patient, you may leave a message. We ask you leave your name, your return phone number and a brief statement of what you are calling about. Your nurse or health care team member will call you back as soon as possible.

If you do not know who your PCP is, please contact the

receptionist and she will check your medical record to see who you are assigned to. Remember if at any time you wish to change your PCP, please let the staff know and we will make the change.

The staff of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center wants you to have an excellent health care experience at Nimkee and to receive the best quality of care. We are looking for community members to be involved in the IPC5 initiative. If you are interested in assisting our staff with this initiative, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Nimkee Medical Clinic, please feel free to contact Margaret at **989-775-4618**. Remember... "your good health is a gift of respect to you and to those you love."

Please watch the Tribal Observer and the Tribal website for changes as we continue our journey with the Indian Health Services, Improving Patient Care Initiative.

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Medical Clinic Provider	989-772-8227
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Learn fresh ideas for freezing, pickling, canning, and drying at upcoming workshop

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

The upcoming Public Health 4x4 Grant Traditional Nutrition Cooking Workshop will be held at the Seventh Generation

Ceremonial Building on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, from 4-7 p.m.

Guest instructor Jennifer Casey, professional chef and registered dietitian, will conduct the workshop. Jennifer enjoys and cooks with traditional foods, of all cultures, for good health.

Since 2007, Jennifer has worked with the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center, Inc., or GLIHC, Milwaukee's urban Indian Health Organization, which serves enrolled members of tribes from across the Bemidji area.

At GLIHC, Jennifer runs the Diabetes and Community Health programs and has worked with local Elders to create a traditional food recipe and storybook.

Jennifer started a Native Wellness Garden program, and has taught hundreds of cooking

classes to diverse groups. In her spare time, she gardens, travels, cooks with her family, and volunteers with the global grassroots organization, Slow Food.

To register for the workshop, call Lee Ann at **989-775-4780** or Judy at **989-775-4629** by June 13.

Walking: A step in the right direction!

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

As we continue our walking program this summer, keep safety in mind as you plan when and where you walk.

- If you walk at dawn, dusk or night, wear a reflective vest or brightly colored clothing.
- Walk in a group when possible and carry some identification with you, along with a way to contact someone if you need help.
- Notify family and friends of your group's walking time and route.
- Do not wear any jewelry or headphones.
- Always be aware of your surroundings while walking.

Stretch it out! Stretch gently after you warm up your muscles and again after you cool down. Do not bounce or hold your breath when you stretch. Perform slow movements and stretch only as far as you feel comfortable.

Try the following stretches:

Side Reach: Reach one arm over your head and to the side. Keep your hips steady and your shoulders straight to the side. Hold for 10 seconds and repeat on the other side.

Wall Push: Lean your hands on a wall and place your feet three to four feet away from the wall. Bend one knee and point it toward the wall.

Keep your back leg straight with your foot flat and your toes pointed straight ahead. Hold for 10 seconds and repeat with the other leg.

More warm-up tips will be provided next month. Remember, we still have free walking at Morey Courts, along with the Tribal Gym and Nimkee Fitness Center. If you have not done so already, sign up for the walking challenge through Blue Cross at www.walkingworks.com.

The winning Tribe will receive their award at the Family Olympics in July. Contact Robyn at **989-775-4649** or Judy at **989-775-4629** for more information.

27th Annual MIFO
Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 18
at CMU's Bennett Track and Field

Day of Registration open 7:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Opening Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.
Cost: \$10 per person ages 5-54 (other ages free)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11 a.m.		Mama/Baby Stroller Class Jayme	Insanity Beth		
12:10 p.m.	Turbo Kick Beth	Mat Pilates Catherine <i>*Starts at 12:15 p.m.</i>	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden
4:15 p.m.					Fat Blast Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme	Kick & Step Interval Blast Jeni	Kick & Step Interval Blast Jeni	World Fusion BellyDance Tawnya	
5:10 p.m.		Beginners Running Class Jayme		Beginners Running Class Jayme	

The 23rd Annual HUMAN RACE
Sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

JUNE 11th, 2014
At the 7th Generation
Elijah Elk Cultural Center

5K Run & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Registration Begins at 5:30 PM—Race Begins at 6:30

Would you like to volunteer?
We need you from 5 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11
Volunteers get a scrumptious dinner for all your hard work!
If interested, please contact Jayme Green at 989-775-4696



The 23rd annual Human Race to take place on June 11

JADEN HARMAN
Fitness Coordinator

The 23rd annual Human Race recognizes the resilience of our Native American people, culture and spirituality by promoting active lifestyles and positive, healthy choices.

The Human Race is Wednesday, June 11 and consists of two courses; a one-mile fun run/walk and a 5K run.

Both courses start and end at the Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. The race starts at 6:30 p.m.

Following the race, there will be an awards presentation and a special full-course dinner served to all participants and family members.

The awards are hand-crafted cedar eagle feathers made by Seventh Generation staff.

The fee is \$15 if paid for by

June 6 and \$20 after June 6. Family rate is \$40 for families of three or more.

T-shirts will be given to the first 175 registrants. Registration forms are available at the Nimkee Fitness Center.

This event is co-sponsored by the Seventh Generation Program, the Nimkee Memorial Fitness Center and the Mount Pleasant Striders Club. For more information, please call Jaden Harman at 989-775-4694.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Competitive runners take off at the starting line during last year's 22nd annual Human Race.

Free Cooking Class

Nimkee Public Health, MSU Extension and Meijer Corporation are partnering to offer a FREE "Dining with Diabetes" workshop to Tribal and community members.

"Dining with Diabetes" is not just for diabetics but for anyone who wants to learn more about healthy living. "Dining with Diabetes" is also helpful for those at risk of Pre-Diabetes. You will learn more about diabetes, swap ideas, watch cooking demonstrations and sample food. You will also learn about Meijer's NuVal ranking system and power foods!

- **Series includes:** Five two-hour workshops
- **Dates:** June 3, 10, 17 and 24, with a follow up class on Aug. 26
- **Time:** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- **All workshops are held at Nimkee Public Health education kitchen**

Please note: We will take the first 25 people. RSVP is required.

Contact Pam Daniels, at MSUE 231.592.0792 or email danie270@anr.msu.edu or Sally Van Cise at 989-775-4615

We invite you to join the 2014 Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge

ROBYN GRINZINGER

Health Educator and SCIT Challenge Team Coordinator

The Tribe to Tribe Challenge is back! Any exercise counts; at home, at the fitness center, walking around the building, basketball, etc.

We know that physical fitness is important, and we know we should get some exercise every day, so why not make it a competition?

Nimkee Public Health Services, which includes Nimkee Fitness and Nimkee Public Health, invites Tribal members and employees to

join a physical fitness activity competition.

Our goal is to see which Tribe can log the most activity from now until July 18. The Tribe with the most activity will be recognized at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics in Mount Pleasant, Mich. in July.

1. Register on www.walking-works.com
2. Register under Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe team (we need 20 or more registered to be eligible to be part of the competition).
3. Who: All SCIT members and employees.
4. Track specific physical activity (self-reporting) – the

web site will walk you through the steps as to how/what to track (example: you walked for 30 minutes = two miles).

5. Keep track until July 18.
6. You will be amazed how much exercise you are doing when you are tracking. It is fun!

Thank you to Blue Cross Blue Shield as the coordinators of this program. Winning tribes are eligible for wellness grants to continue to provide and encourage physical fitness for our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robyn, SCIT team coordinator, at 989-775-4649.

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“Rez Rollers” strike again at Youth LEAD third annual bowling tournament

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Once more, Chippewa Lanes of Mount Pleasant, Mich. provided a striking good time for the 82 participants who competed in the Youth LEAD sponsored third annual “Rez Rollers” Bowling Tournament on Saturday, April 12.

Youth LEAD Organized Sports Specialist Lucas Sprague coordinated a seamless afternoon of competitive bowling that featured three youth divisions along with a spirited adult division of seasoned league class participants.

“It was a great time to see so many people come out on a

Saturday afternoon with their families cheering them on,” Sprague said. “I would like to say a special miigwetch to the Youth Council who sponsored the three youth divisions.”

The youth division consisted of boys and girls aged 10 and younger, 11 to 13 year olds and 14 to 17-year-old bowlers. The 10 and younger results saw Whisper Pelcher take third place with Thomas Pelcher finishing second and Andre Leauxaux taking home the first place trophy.

In the 11 to 13 year old competition, Jasmyne Jackson took third place honors with Brooklyn Jackson finishing

second and Jessie M. winning top in the division.

In the 14 to 17 year old division, Eddie Jackson rolled into third place with Misheeka Floyd garnering a second place finish. Tribal youth Basil Naganashe threw some key strikes when needed to capture the first place hardware.

Youth LEAD Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl gave his high fives to the youth.

“We appreciate the Tribal youth coming out and getting their competitive edge going because bowling is similar to so many sports where the only way you get better is making the commitment to practice,” Ekdahl said. “There are so many indoor and outdoor activities available for aspiring athletes through our Youth LEAD program, and if they are ready to put in the time and effort, I will be more than happy to work with them and encourage them.”

In the highly competitive adult division stacked with veteran league bowlers, the third place honors went to Team Mandoka Trix

(George Mandoka, Darcy Mandoka, Tim Mandoka and Misty Pelcher). The second place trophy went to the Grand Traverse Band bowlers who drove all the way from Peshawbetown to compete. The Odawa’s from Team Northern consisted of David, Sandy and Kristopher Anderson and fellow teammate Delia Bowen.

The champions of the third annual “Rez Rollers” Bowling Tournament were Team Late Neff featuring the winning team of James Neff, Luke Sprague, Kerry Byberg and Val Raphael.

Chippewa Lanes Owner Carl Malish and employee Dan Bragg were on hand to assist in the numerous side contests of call shots, door prizes and making sure the tournament provided a fun time for all ages.

“We see so many of the Tribal Members and Tribal employees on league nights and open bowling...

we feel like we are a part of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe,” Malish said. “It is an honor to work with the Tribe on hosting these tournaments and we know you have bowlers out there who are capable of rolling 300 games.”

Other trophy honors given by Malish, included the High Handicap series won by Leon Quintero with an 885 score and the best game of the tourney went to Luke Sprague with a perfectly striking effort of 300!

The successful Youth LEAD event concluded with a family favorite... a pizza party that made everyone winners!



Winning bowlers Val Raphael, Lucas Sprague, James Neff and Kerry Byberg (pictured left to right) hoist their championship hardware.

JUNE 2014

Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 David Bird, Karen Bond, Kevin Rodriguez, Asuncion Castaneda, Carolyn Harris, Martin Steele	16 Donald Leauxaux Sr., Earnest Nahgahgwon, Dolores Pepin, Geraldine Phillips
2 Gloria Marshall, Ruth Hendrickson, Donna Moore, Tammy Nowicki	17 Donald Cabay, Thomas Wheaton Sr.
3 Patricia Kequom, Sally Quiroga, Loretta Castaneda	18 Linda Ritter, Douglas Jackson, Jill Meir, Connie Truett, Mary Zilz
4 Kayle Crampton, Betsy Crooker	19 Charel Stevens
5 Alan Alma	20 Michael Childers, Lori Fuller, Richard Russell
6 Gary Bird, Roberta Starkey, Tammi Craig, Kenneth Lown	21 Mary Ann Smith, Joel Dennis, Cheryl Dixon, Vaughn Schoen
7 Phillip Henry, Rebecca Oller, Abraham Smith, Connie Sprague, Mark Jackson	22 Penny Elliot, Virgil James, Rudy Pontiac
8 Anita Henry, Kimberly Otto-Mc Coy	23 Diana Robinson, Martin Strong
9 Lillian Corbiere, Linda Haven	24 Christopher Moses
10 Robin Peters	25 Christine Reed, Annette Saboo-Rogers, Laura Shawboose
11 Galen Bennett, Douglas Gage, Kelly Garlick	26 Sharon Blevins, Ronald Orvis, George Slater Jr.
13 Daniel Burnham, Anthony Dutton, Elizabeth Kosla, Connie Rosenthal	27 Richard Trepanier Sr., Rollin Bacon Jr., Lorraine Bergevin, Ricky Fowler, Deborah Hull
14 Betty Ashmun, Jeanette Leauxaux, Gregory Mandoka, Robert Bailey, Christy Clemons, Richard Cloutier, Leslie Froncek, John Quayle	28 Robert Pego Sr., Vivian Carpenter, Rose Greenwald, Orval James, Ronald Stockel II, Angela Tabor
15 Earl Pelcher Sr., Beatrice Peters, Lillian Hunter, Gloria Loveland-Bailey	29 James Reynolds, Mac Schoen, Gaylene Urban
	30 Rhonda Salazar, Carole Tally, Francine Trepanier

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June Events

Sunday Socials/Sing-A-Long Sundays at 1 p.m. Contact: 775-4387	Homemade Ice Cream Craft June 13 at 1 p.m. Contact: 775-4387
Jewelry Crafts June 3 at 1 p.m. Contact: 775-4387	Saganing Powwow Elders Day Trip June 14 Contact: 775-4387 Limited seating available Leaving Andahwod at 10 a.m., Returning around 5 p.m.
Language Bingo June 5 at 1 p.m. Contact: 775-4387	Bingo with Friends June 18 at 1 p.m. Contact: 775-4387
Mother's & Father's Day Cookout June 7 from 12-3 p.m. Contact: 775-4387	Card Making Craft June 23 at 10:30 a.m. Contact: 775-4387
Leather Keychain Craft June 9 at 10:30 a.m. Contact: 775-4387	Rug Craft June 24 & 27, at 10:30 a.m. Contact: 775-4387
Elders Breakfast June 11 from 9-10 a.m. Contact: 775-4300	Elders Breakfast June 25, from 9-10 a.m. Contact: 775-4300

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Event Timeline
 Thursday, June 19 - Practice: 9:30-11pm | Competition: 12:00pm
 Friday, June 20 - Practice: 8-11am | Competition: 12:00pm
 Saturday, June 21 Practice: 8-11am | Competition: 8-9am & 9:30-11:30pm
 (Please note that the Flow Rider attraction will be closed to the public during the above listed practice and competition times)

Hotel Rates
 Weds., June 18 - \$99.99
 Thurs., June 19 - \$99.99
 Fri., June 20 - \$99.99
 Sat., June 21 - \$129.99

Room Details

- Pricing includes one standard room with two queen beds, based on single occupancy.
- Additional guests are \$10 each.
- Entry fee not included in room rate, must submit application for competition to receive room rate.
- Prepayment is required at the time of booking.
- Local taxes and 4% resort fee not included.
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 LINDSAY, CA - May 25th
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- ★ 4 Hill Seat Tickets to the Friday Monster Truck Show
- ★ 4 Hill Seat Tickets to the Motocross FMX Show & Concert - Switchfoot, P.O.D. & Black Stone Cherry
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- ★ VIP area for watching the Fireworks from the Waterpark
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JUNE 2014 EVENT PLANNER

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June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | **Shotgun Start: 5:45 p.m.**
 • Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
 • Contact: 989-400-8454

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

• Contact: 989-775-4128
 • **June 3:** Halls Lake
 • **June 10:** Budd Lake
 • **June 17:** Chippewa Lake
 • **June 24:** Big Evans Lake
 • **June 27:** All day outing/Wixom Lake

Fitness Support Group

June 4, 18 | **12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • Contact: 989-775-4696

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

June 4 | **6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

Current Drug Trends Community Presentation

June 12 | **6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4208

Traditional Nutrition Cooking Workshop

June 17 | **4 p.m. - 7 p.m.**
 • Location: 7th Generation
 • Contact: **Lee Ann 989-775-4780, or Judy 989-775-4629**
 • See how traditional foodways support healthy weight and lifelong wellness for all ages.

Nimkee Women's Health Fair

June 19 | **4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4629

Housing Financial Workshop

June 19 | **12 p.m.**
 • Location: Housing Conference Room
 • Contact: 989-775-4552
 • Couponing

Saganing Youth Survivor Challenge

June 20 | **11 a.m.**
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989-775-5810

New Parents Support Group

June 27 | **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
 • Location: Nimkee Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4600

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

July 17 | **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4629

SCTC Golf Outing

June 12 | **Check-in: 8 a.m., Shotgun Start: 9 a.m.**
 • Location: Bucks Run Golf Course
 • Contact: 989-775-4123
 • Proceeds will be used for attendance at the AIHEC Student Conference.
 • Cash payouts and prizes

SCTC Youth Experience Week

July 15, 16, 17 | **10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
 • Location: SCTC Campus
 • To sign up contact: 989-775-4123
 • Students will learn math, science, Ojibwe language, arts and craft
 • Lunch and snacks provided, free event
 • For students that have completed grades K-6



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Recycling

Tire Collection

June 2-6, 2014
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Drop Off Times:
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2014 Michigan Energy Fair

2014 Michigan Energy Fair will be held June 27-28 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason, Mich. Sponsored by the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Assoc., the Fair is the longest running and largest energy event of its kind in Michigan. More than 100 exhibitors, a dozen workshops each day, alternative fuel vehicle showcase and kid's activities will make this an informative and fun event for the entire family. Details on the schedule, workshops and exhibitors can be found at www.glrea.org.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JUNE 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.	
<p>2</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Sweat Lodge B. Health Dusk.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Senior's Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>1,8</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>After School Program Tribal Gym 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tribal Gym 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>15</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
<p>16</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Shidokan Martial Arts Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Girls Volleyball Tribal Gym 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>22</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, Email: observer@sagchip.org, visit our office in Tribal Operations or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org**

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Tribal Operations

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's of Arts degree in related field of study or equivalent experience. Must have grant writing expertise, planning skills and demonstrated ability to work with Federal/State agencies. Three years experience in management and/or administration of Federal grants and contracts and demonstrated experience in program development.

Outpatient Clinical Coordinator

Only SCIT and/or current employees who work in the Behavioral Health department may apply. Must have a Master's degree and full licensure in social work, counseling or equivalent in human services field. Must have a minimum of five years clinical experience with co-occurring disorders. Must have demonstrated clinical supervisor experience.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with Lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license.

Wellness Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree required in health education, public health, health counseling/behavior-related field, human resources/business administration. Two years related professional work experience required.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family nurse practitioners and physician assistants require State of Michigan licensure and Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the Drug Enforcement Administration in the State of Michigan/or be eligible to become licensed and certified. Master of Science Degree in Nursing is required.

Social Services Supervisor ICWA & Licensing

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related field required. Master's Degree preferred. At least one year experience in a Tribal social services setting. Must have knowl-

edge of applicable tribal and Federal law as they pertain to Tribal children and families. The Social Services Supervisor's concentration will be in ICWA compliance and Licensing in the state of Michigan along with working in conjunction with the supervisor management team.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

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

Victims of Crime Advocate

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree or greater in counselor, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement, criminal justice or law. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, social work, Substance abuse, law enforcement, or family counseling desirable for successful applicant.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services or human services related field. Must have supervisory experience in social services or human services related field. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS.

SECR

Director of Cage & Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must include a Bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of Casino cage and count managerial experience. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to maintain effective communication.

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Accounting, or Bachelor's degree in Business with an Accounting minor, or MBA in accounting. CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experience in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position.

Lead Cook Water Lily

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Facilities Maintenance Manager - Casino

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have a Bachelor's degree in electrical, mechanical or industrial engineering and a minimum of four years experience in a supervisor or managerial role or no less than 10 years experience in a maintenance or central plant environment, four of which should be in a supervisor or managerial role.

Tribal College

Adjunct Instructors

Accepting curriculum vitae for Adjunct Instructors. Accounting Instructor: Master's Degree Required. Computer Instructor: Master's Degree Required. Legal and Environmental Business: Juris Doctor Degree Required. Fundamentals of Math Instructor: Bachelor Degree Required, Master's Degree preferred Ojibwe Instructor: Associate's Degree Required, Plus years of Experience. Please send all information including transcripts kafox@sagchip.org or mail to: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College c/o Karen Fox 2274 Enterprise Dr.

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All types of home improvements. Kitchen and bath remodeling, additions. Experienced and local. 989-773-4665.

135 Events

Garage Sale

June 19, 20, 21 8am - 6 pm. 3941 Miigwan Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI. Household items, baby clothes all the way up to adults.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ANNE PETERS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0115 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Peters, Anne 7150 Aagamaak St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Aug. 3, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES AND JENNIFER POPE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0112 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Charles and Jennifer Pope 6165 E. Broadway, Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Aug. 3, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF JEREMY BENNETT:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0109 Plaintiff: VJD, Inc. dba Cash Plus no. 148 515 A N. Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Vs. Defendant: Jeremy Bennett 1105 N. Capital Ave. Lansing, MI 48906-4826 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires July 31, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IIN THE MATTER OF: KELLY HAWKINS

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-1136 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48858 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Kelly Hawkins 815 N. Lansing Apt. B Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires June 17, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF PAUL REUCKERT JR.:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-1069 Plaintiff: Mobil Medical Response - Saginaw, Plaintiff's attorney: Peter S. Shek (P32749) 803. N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989) 754-5252 Vs. Paul Reuckert Jr. 310 S. Oak St., Apt. D Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 6, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF: VELORIE MORLAND:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case no. 14-CI-0224 Plaintiff: Quality Investments Alberta McBride P.O. Box 426 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 560-6848 Vs. Defendant: Velorie Morland 9280 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Sept. 19 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD TREPANIER JR.:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0113 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Trepanier Jr., Richard E. 1023 S. Elizabeth St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer to take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Aug. 3, 2014.**



Sky lanterns released to represent sexual assault victims during “Spark a Fire”



NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Spark a discussion... spark a movement... spark a fire. This was the theme during the April 29 Sexual Assault Awareness Month event at Andahwod Senior Care Center.

The Behavioral Health Sexual Assault Response Team and Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan, along with Andahwood staff showed Vanguard’s documentary “Rape on the Reservation”.

The film visits the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota where sexual assault cases have escalated to countless murders of Native American women, including 19-year-old Marquita, whose mother was interviewed. Forty percent of sexual assault cases in the United States occur within the state of South Dakota.

“Although the documentary ‘Rape on the Reservation’ is not based on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, it offers insight into the increasing number of incidents of sexual assault occurring in Tribal communities,” Domestic Violence Coordinator Amanda Dolan said.

On the Rosebud Reservation, resources are limited and Tribal Police cover an immense 200-mile range.

“...Rosebud Reservation lacks the necessary community resources to respond effectively to sexual assault,” Brooke Huber, Sexual Assault Response Team coordinator said. “Luckily, (SCIT) has a vast number of services to offer to victims, and our presence of caring law enforcement is much greater.”

National statistics show that one in three Native American women and one in 10 Native men will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.

With 582 adult women and 548 adult men residing in SCIT’s



The lanterns represented the statistics showing one in three Native American women and one in 10 Native men will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime.

District One, the statistics suggest 194 women and 55 men in the community have been victims of sexual assault.

To represent the 249 sexual assault victims within District One, Tribal members and employees joined to spark a fire and release a sky lantern in honor of each victim.

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors brought two Eagle Staffs and offered a smudging, and the Wabanaisee Snow Bird Singers sang as the lanterns took off high in the sky and sparked a fire.

“Often, much of the important work happens after an assault occurs,” Huber said. “We chose the event title ‘Spark a Discussion, Spark a Movement, Spark a Fire’ because it is time to talk about the prevalence of sexual assault in our community. Victims have suffered in silence long enough.”

Victims have 24/7 access to free and confidential services provided by NMN and the SART Team. Tribal Police, Behavioral Health, Victims of Crime and Nimkee Public Health are also available for victims.

The SART Team was recently granted by the U.S. Department of Justice to Behavioral Health’s CTAS Violence Against Women Tribal Governments Program project.

“Our multidisciplinary SART Team aims to ensure victims receive prompt and comprehensive victim centered services by collaborating efforts of medical personnel, advocates, law enforcement, educators and mental health professionals,” Huber said.

Sexual assault counseling services are available through both NMN and Behavioral Health. NMN also offers shelter, transportation and a support group.

“It’s important for all of us as helping professionals to remember that our job is to advocate and help the victim through this traumatic time, and not to judge them or force them to do things they may not feel comfortable with at that time (i.e. immediately file a police report),” SART Counselor Shelby McCliggott said.

One-by-one, community members came together to light off the 249 sky lanterns representing each victim.

“We are so encouraged and motivated to continue our efforts to help those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking,” Dolan said. “The community’s support throughout Sexual Assault Awareness Month was a testament to the strength and commitment there is to end sexual assault and domestic violence.”

Native American women are raped at rates two times higher than any other race. If you or someone you love has been sexually assaulted, help is available. Call NMN at 989-775-4400 or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-4673.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal members and employees joined to “spark a fire” and release a lantern in honor of victims.



The Wabanaisee (Snowbird) Singers performed as they watched the sky lanterns fly high in the sky.



Many Behavioral Health Sexual Assault Response Team, Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan and Andahwod employees gathered for the cause.



The Clothesline Project represents violence against women. Each shirt was decorated, either by a survivor or someone who cares about her, to represent her experience.



Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors had the honor to light the first sky lantern.



Officer John Lake and Cadet Officer Daniel Hernandez Jr. show their support in domestic violence awareness.



Domestic Violence Coordinator Amanda Dolan and SART Coordinator Brooke Huber discuss the “Rape on the Reservation” documentary.