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Chief Pego delivers message to Tribal Membership during homecoming community meeting

(Editor's note: The following text is Tribal Chief Pego's speech during the Thursday, June 23 Homecoming community meeting in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.)

"I want to thank each one of you for the opportunity to serve as your chief on Tribal Council these past two years.

Being chief has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of my life this far. The opportunity to be a part of making our community stronger and more responsive to the needs of its membership is much appreciated.

A special thank you to each one of my fellow Tribal Council members; it has been a privilege and an honor to this point to serve our community with you.

This administration has faced some very unique challenges and has addressed each one of them with you, the membership, in mind.

Our Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services was an area that was not meeting the needs of our members and their families with a greater understanding of our culture or traditional values. Changes were necessary to ensure we have services that are responsive to the needs of our families.

Today, we can say that families in distress are being provided supportive and nurturing services designed to address their needs and the needs of the families.

Behavioral Health is another area that has posed some very serious concerns for this leadership. The intention for this department was to create an



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Chief Pego delivers his speech to SCIT Members.

opportunity for our members needing treatment, or just a place to address their concerns and/or challenges to go to seek assistance: Assistance that could parallel the culture and traditional values of our Tribal community.

Too many times, western cultural practices seem to trump that intent. Treatment only works when you have the support of family, community and tradition; that is what we intend to provide. We are working on changes that will ensure each and every member needing assistance will get that assistance.

Per-capita shortfalls and the need to protect the "futures" trust is another area of concern.

I want to thank you for being a part of the information needed for Tribal Council to make informed decisions in regard to the per-capita plan and our future financial stability.

On the agenda today is time to roll out the results of the community survey and what information had been collected during those efforts.

I am pleased to inform you that your voice was heard and yesterday Tribal Council approved a resolution requiring a diploma or equivalent to recent adult per capita payments. I am sure you will find it as insightful as we have.

Tribal Council is very much aware of what implications changes to the per-capita plan will have on our membership. These are not easy decisions and much consideration will be given to this task. I assure you one thing we will do is give you time to adjust your realities to better prepare you for any changes that will be made.

Tribal Council has contracted with a familiar face that has many years of experience working with our membership.

Charlene Kerby has been contracted as the services consultant for member benefits, financial services assistance and general assistance for member benefits. She is housed in the At-Large building and is ready to assist members from all three districts.

Charlene can help you manage services, benefits and resources that we have to offer. It was very nice of Charlene to come out of retirement and help us with this effort. Charlene has proven time and time again her ability to provide much needed assistance and clarity to membership needs. Please take time to call her at **989-775-4948** if you need assistance.

Construction has begun on the Native Farmers Market, located on the corner of Leaton and Broadway in front of the Tribal Center.

Designed by Robert Case Architecture, along with

McGuirk as the general contractor, this pavilion will display unique lines and be a show place for our community.

What an opportunity to bring our community together while providing an opportunity to purchase healthy food, trade art work, craftsmanship, recipes and general fellowship. Each Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., you can purchase locally-grown produce, purchase Native art and listen to live music.

The Tribe was granted \$200,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture to assist with this project.

A Native Farmers Market Committee, with Public Relations and Nimkee Public Health, brought it to life creating a wonderful gathering place for our members. Plans for further use will be developed and detailed in upcoming articles in the Tribal Observer.

Very exciting things are in store for our Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Currently, work has begun on much-needed repairs to the walkways, casino entrance and boulevard ending.

We will be creating a "you have arrived" sense when driving up the boulevard with bright colors, flag poles and marketing pads displaying our current, exciting, promotional opportunities for our guests and you, the member.

Studies have been done to assess the condition of the parking lots and problems have been identified. Tribal Council has approved a three-year phased approach to address these concerns.

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Tribe cautiously confident after National Labor Relations Board attack on sovereignty

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

One of the most precious rights any Indigenous government has is the inherent right to govern their own affairs.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is protecting that right in litigation against the

National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in federal court.

The NLRB has asserted jurisdiction over the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort by claiming the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), a federal law allowing union organizing, applies to Indian tribes even though the law does not apply to state governments.

The Tribe is fighting these efforts and asserts that tribal sovereignty deserves at least the same respect as state sovereignty and therefore the law should not be applied to tribes if it is not applied to states.

SCIT also asserts that assertion of the NLRA violates the Tribe's treaty rights of exclusion.

The Tribe has litigated this issue at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. Unfortunately, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRB) litigated a similar issue to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals just weeks before SCIT's case was considered by its three-judge panel.

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Mark Allen Stevens

July 31, 1955 - July 12, 2015

Mark Allen "Markerdoodle" Stevens, age 59, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Sunday, July 12, 2015 at his home.

Mark was born on July 31, 1955 in Flint, Mich., the son of Joseph Stevens and Sharon Naganashe. Mark was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He enjoyed taking care of his grandchildren. He was an avid fan of science fiction movies, enjoyed reading the Wall Street Journal and listening to music.



Mark is survived by his daughter, Tara Mondell; grandchildren, Jonathan Martinez, Armando Quiroz, Alonso Mendez, Christian Riveria, Alyssa Allen, Cheyenne Prining and Jakoda Prining; girlfriend, Joanie; siblings, Vivian Pelcher, Charlene (Robert) Chancellor, Andrew Naganashe, and Karen (Chris) Naganase; cousin, Theresa (Mike) White; and dog, Buddy.

Mark was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly Stevens; daughter, Charity Stevens; son Larry Prining, and his parents.

Funeral services for Mark were held at the Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 5 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Denise Lynn Peters

Oct. 10, 1954 - July 22, 2015

Denise Lynn Peters, age 60, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at her home.

Denise was born on Oct. 10, 1954 in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Betty Lou Peters and Silas Otto.



She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Denise loved music, dancing, and visiting with family and friends. She was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Denise was loved by the community and will greatly be missed.

Denise is survived by her children, Jared (Michelle) Peters and Andre Peters; special friend, Craig "Chicken Hawk" Floyd; aunts, Anne, Patricia, and Hazel "Nikki"; uncle, Julius Peters; and many cousins.

Denise was preceded in death by her mother; grandfather, Simon Peters; and uncle, Wilfred Peters Jr.

Funeral services for Denise were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Robert Pego officiating.

Rosaleane Lillian Brown

Dec. 31, 1948 - July 15, 2015

Rosaleane "Rose" Lillian Brown, age 66, of Wyoming passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Rose was born on Dec. 31, 1948, the daughter of Charles and Rose (Peters) Bennett. She married Dan Brown. Rose was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Rose is survived by her husband, Dan; children, Richard Vanvugt, Penny Koetje-Rapp, Rhonda Everhouse-Severied, Larry Faber, and Robert Riekema; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Stella Pamp, Dolly Rueckert, Josephine Arnold, Fredrick Bennett, Galen Bennett and David Bennett.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers and one sister.

Funeral services for Rose were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, July 18, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in Denver Township Cemetery.



Play it Safe!

Kid's Health & Safety Day
Noon - 4 pm
Friday, August 7, 2015
Island Park in Mt. Pleasant

Join ICCU in the park for:
 Bike Safety & Inspections
 Bike Helmet Fittings
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A birthday letter to our Zane Mikal

Even though we share posts or updates statuses or talk/brag about you and how much we love and miss you, in our heart and soul you are always there. Whether it's an iFunny joke or meme, a penny on the ground your nephew is trying to pick up and it makes him say, "hotttt, hot coin, hot coin." You are there in the breeze we feel on your face, or the shadow in the stairway or the crackling of fire crackers in the campfire. We don't always share these memories because we are sad we share them because we want people who don't know you, know you the way we know you. Your ever-loving smile, the way you say momma or dad. That look on your face when something made you happy, or you pulled off the perfect prank, these are the things we want the world to know about our Zane Mikal, the Amazone - Zane, Zane, Cub, or Cubby. We only want your legacy to stand the test of time. We won't be able to hold you as you graduate or see you move away from home or hang out with friends or girlfriend, but we can celebrate your life and what you have shown us in the time that you were here. Happy Birthday to the bestest son in Heaven. Momma, daddy, your brothers, your Aunties, Uncles, cousins and friends.



Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

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Assist Your Local Law Enforcement and Narcotics Enforcement Teams in Protecting the Future of Your Community!

Protecting your children, family, community and future should be a priority!



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
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Are you a SCIT Community Member between the ages of 15 & 25?

Have you attended drug or alcohol treatment? We want to hear about your experiences and opinions.

You are invited to participate in a qualitative research study and receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card.

Participation includes a one to two hour interview at an agreed upon time and place. Your participation will be confidential.

If you are interested in participating:
 Please contact Kehli Henry at:
 henry1ka@msu.edu or call or text 989.307.1414

If someone you know may be interested in participating, please give them my name and contact information.

****This study is being conducted with permission from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.**

The Tribal Children's Welfare Affidavits

must be returned to the Tribal Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2015.

The forms are to be returned in person or mailed to:

Office of the Tribal Clerk
 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

****Children must be enrolled Tribal Members prior to June 1, 2015 in order to participate!**

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To the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
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 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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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Election Timeline 2015 Primary & General Elections

- Aug. 6** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office
- Sept. 4** | 5 p.m. — Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
- Sept. 12** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- Sept. 14** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates
- Sept. 15** | Final Candidate List Posted
- Sept. 18** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
- Oct. 2** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 12** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 13** | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 2** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 3** | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**There will be a \$100 processing fee due when turning in petitions*

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4054

Community Meeting

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Sections of the parking areas will be demolished and reconstructed from the sub-strait up assuring proper drainage and infrastructure installation. This project will be phased as to not interrupt business.

Year 2016 will bring about attention to the Casino itself. Reviews, inspection and inventory of surfaces, windows, doorways moldings, as well as the casino roof will be done. It is past time to update our property and make it fresh and inviting again.

As much as we need to do to make these improvements, I firmly believe we still offer one of the most luxurious properties in the mid-west.

Cindy Brege, interior designer, has been hired to assist us with regaining our "four diamond" rating back from AAA.

Cindy was part of the original design team during the construction of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and is keenly aware of our culture and traditional ways. She has a firm grasp of our woodland background and history. She specializes in helping properties regain their rating position while updating the hotel rooms and amenities to reflect the time and style of what our guests have become accustomed to enjoying.

Mike Simpson and Cindy are creating a road map that will lay out a redesign and update for all of the hotel rooms. This is a multi-million dollar project and will bring into consideration the mix of room selections we have. Currently, there are 44 types of room styles.

Consideration will be given to what is most requested and changes will be made accordingly. Electrical, mechanical and plumbing updates will happen simultaneously to keep us up-to-date with the leading technology.

Hospitality updates are generally needed every five to seven years to remain current and trendy styles. Renovating the rooms in phases will allow the hotel to operate with minimum revenue loss during construction.

Saganing is another bright spot in our future. I will not talk much about the expansion plans because Ron Nelson, Tribal Council Saganing representative, will be covering the details later. I will tell you that with an expected \$10 million in revenue expected, we can't afford not to.

Community development is paramount to the future of our community and our Tribe. The more independent and sovereign we become, the stronger we will be.

Developing infrastructure that will support the demands of the community for generations to come is at the backbone of everything we do. Without the proper insight and planning for the future, we run the risk of limiting our potential growth and opportunity.

Flexing our sovereign rights, and developing an electrical sub-station pulling the needed energy from the National Grid, will allow us to become self-sufficient, savings millions of dollars and eliminate the middle man.

Just imagine being able to collect, process and transmit enough energy to not only supply Saganing but our community in Mount Pleasant as well. Not many can do what we have the right to do.

Supplying water and waste water services to our neighbors is a completely new revenue stream for us and I believe it is one that we can build on just as we are doing in Saganing.

I would like to address the focus of this administration. The goal is to streamline our efforts while providing services direct to you, the member, in the most appropriate way.

An assessment of space and space needs is currently being conducted. Underutilization of space has been identified as well as needs for more space. There is an option of building a new Tribal Center.

Currently, Tribal Council's offer on the Mid Michigan Community College Pickard Street property has been accepted and we are working on a purchase agreement at this time. This will allow us to make affordable adjustments while streamlining departments and services. This will also give us the opportunity to consider the space this purchase would give us.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe is strong and debt free. Migizi enterprises are self-sufficient and growing every day. We have challenges but they are challenges we can meet. It is the opportunities we have to run to and embrace.

We have a bright future together, and together we will walk into that future with our heads held high and our hearts filled with hope and confidence that we are doing what is right for the next seven generations.

I thank you for your time and attention today, and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable homecoming and powwow. Miigwech."



Happy Birthday
Mama Bear
Love, Melinda
August 11



Aug. 14
Alexandria Sprague
Happy Blessed Birthday
Love, Mom



A star fell down from heaven and landed in our arms with all of mommy's sweetness and all of daddy's charm. We are star struck by the arrival of our sweet baby girl!

Hadlee Rose Whitt
July 6, 2015
8lbs 3oz

Rueckert, Peters, Bennett, Nahgahgwon

Family Reunion

September 12, 2015 2 p.m.

7146 N. Leaton Rd Clare, MI 48617

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



The Native Farmers Market

Every Tuesday Starting
June 2 to Oct. 13, 2015

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

Items For Sale

Seasonal produce, flowers, fish, wild rice, honey and maple syrup

Native American
Artisans & supplies

Every Tuesday!

LOCATION:

Market will be held at the Housing Pavilion until the new pavilion on Broadway and Leaton Roads is finished. Completion date is slated for mid-August.

For questions and registration forms, please contact: Marcella Hadden, interim market master at 989.775.4059



NOTICE

Any adult Tribal Member in need of financial management and consultation services, please contact:

Charlene Kerby

Independent Contractor required to adhere to professional and ethical standards

Located at the At-Large Offices

Email: ckerby@sagchip.org

Phone: 989.775.4948



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National organizations join SCIT as U.S. District Court upholds trademark cancellation

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The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan knows many of the battles that are fought in Indian Country move to a national level.

SCIT Membership, in both the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA), provide a voice for Native people. On July 8, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia upheld the ruling of cancellation of the Washington, D.C. football team's trademark name and logo.

In an NCAI statement, attorneys Jesse Witten and Jeffrey Lopez of Drinker Biddle & Reath have represented Navajo native Amanda Blackhorse and a group of Native American activists in this case against the trademark.

Last year, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Appeal Board voted 2-1 that the team's name was ineligible for federal trademark protection. The District Court affirmed that ruling and directed the PTO to schedule the cancellation of the team's trademarks because they "may disparage" Native Americans.

NCAI President Brian Cladoosby said NCAI and Indian Country have been advocating for more than 60 years for the football team to change the name.

"It's time to end the harmful legacy of perpetuating racist stereotypes that in no way honor our diverse cultural heritage," Cladoosby said. "The federal courts have recognized that the use of the R-word is offensive and degrading to our identity as Native people."

In the ruling, the Court thoroughly discussed NCAI's longtime advocacy against the Washington team name. NCAI has worked diligently with the national advocacy group "Change the Mascot" on this issue and applauds the ruling that clearly upholds the spirit of Pro Football v. Harjo, the 1992 case challenging the use of the team trademark.

Blackhorse delivered keynote remarks at the July 11 National Native Media Awards Banquet in Arlington, Va., as part of NAJA's 31st annual conference.

The plenary panel discussion "Race, Journalism and Sports: The Dilemma of the Washington NFL Team Name" featured Native Journalist Suzan Shown Harjo and USA Today Columnist Christine Brennan.

According to the press release, NAJA supports assertions in the court's decision, as the organization works to educate journalism colleagues on how the team mascot has resulted in perpetuating stereotypes and consistent use of an offensive term in the news media.

More than a decade ago, NAJA began calling on media organizations to limit the way the term is used in articles, in recognition of the fact that the highest standards of journalism call for avoiding offensive slurs in broadcasts, reports and stories.

"The judge's decision today stands in line with NAJA's longtime assertion and that of dozens of other national Native American organizations that this term is deeply offensive to all of us as Native peoples," said Mary Hudetz, NAJA president and a member of the Crow Tribe.

"I hope with this news today, all of our colleagues in the media industry, especially sports journalists, who have not followed suit, take pause to reevaluate their own decisions to repeatedly use the offensive team name in broadcast and written reports," she said.

The name has been adamantly opposed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and many leading organizations in the Native American community. The NFL team's ability to register the mascot under trademark law has been under litigation for more than two decades.

In the past two years, a growing number of journalists have joined in denouncing the name of the Washington NFL team as well.

Expressing his displeasure with the ruling, the Washington Post reports that Redskins President Bruce Allen vowed on July 9 that the team would appeal.

"We are convinced that we will win on appeal as the facts and the laws are on the side of our franchise that has proudly used the name Washington Redskins for more than 80 years," Allen said in a press release.

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.



Attention Tribal Members with septic tanks

If you have a septic tank, you may be eligible for a free septic tank inspection and pumping service:

1. You must be a Tribal Member.
2. You must live within Indian Health Services (IHS) service area which includes, Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac and Missaukee counties.
3. You must own your own home.
4. You must provide your name, address and phone number to be put on the list.

If you are interested in having your septic checked and pumped, you may either call the Planning Department at 989-775-4014 or stop in at 2451 Nish-na-be-anong Dr., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

Tribal Observer

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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

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Annual Freedom Walk draws community together in support of recovery

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Photojournalist

On July 25, more than 250 community members took to the streets of the Rez in support of recovery at the annual Freedom Walk 2015.

There have been many signature events for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe throughout the years, and the recent 31st annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow and the 28th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics are examples that have stood the test of time.

SCIT Residential Treatment Center Therapist Robert Storrer remembers coming to support the Freedom Walk when he worked for Central Michigan University's Health Professions in 1991.

"I know this is an important event every year for the Tribe and the recovery community, and the true spirit of the event brings healing to families," Storrer said.

The program was hosted by SCIT Public Relations and its director Frank Cloutier served as master of ceremonies for the event. Cloutier said the event traditionally takes place at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym in Mount Pleasant on the Saturday morning of powwow weekend.

"A lot of what makes successful events, like the Freedom Walk, happen each year is many people behind

the scenes and the grass roots efforts that bring community awareness to important issues," he said. "With the support from our Tribal Chief, our Tribal Council and many other Tribal departments and community volunteers, we find we can take a stand for encouraging healthy lifestyle on the Reservation."

A free continental breakfast was served at 8 a.m., sponsored by Migizi and catered by Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel favorite, Nbakade Restaurant.

Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig blessed the food and assisted SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague with their generous donation of T-shirts for the crowd while the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council and Kenson Taylor helped with Freedom Walk registration.

Taylor shared with the Freedom Walkers about their recent Unity trip to Washington, D.C. where substance abuse on the Reservation needs leaders to take a stand for living the way of the warrior.

"We know we are considered the leaders of tomorrow and we can't lead without living in a healthy way," Taylor said. "One challenge our Youth Council would like to make to our community and everyone here is that you can be leader, too... a leader by example. Look at all the leaders here today walking for freedom and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Freedom Walkers make their stand against substance abuse on the Reservation at the powwow grounds arena.

sobriety on our Rez. Let us all be leaders by example."

Tribal Chief Steven Pego shared his journey in recovery and referenced the declaration of war that was signed Sept. 24, 2014.

"We need to keep vigilant in the fight to take back our Tribe," Pego said. "We want to make sure that every Tribal Member knows we have resources and programs to help them heal the wounds of addiction. Coming together in a good way, where people can see others who live healthy lifestyles, provides encouragement that we don't have to do this alone."

Special speakers who shared their experience, strength and hope included Misheka Floyd, Aaron Hernandez, Wendy Pierce, Nate Quigno, Faith Pego-Carmona, Rev. Robert Pego Sr., Daisy Kostus, Kim Sawmick, Ricardo Cate' and Laura Yoder.

The Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Warriors (Mike and David Perez Sr.) joined Elder Roger High for a gifting of eagle feathers and two sacred items for six community members in recovery.

Eagle feathers were given to Yoder, David Miller, Bobbi Starkey and Chris Jackson.

Community members Erin Pomranky and Barry Ayris each received a ceremonial coyote and fox pelt and were deeply moved and surprised by the gift.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

AOVWS eagle staff carriers lead Freedom Walk 2015 down Leaton Road (pictured left to right: Veterans Willard Big Joe, Damian Fisher, John Cabral and Kent Jackson.)

"I know it's against federal law for a non-Native to possess an Eagle feather and when I received this special gift from Elder Roger, I am humbled," Ayris said. "We both have a tremendous love and respect for our Tribal brothers and sisters in recovery and we are both looking forward to dance in the arena during an intertribal with these sacred gifts."

After the ceremony, Pego and his wife Mae shared an appropriate eagle song on hand drum and shakers with the Snowbirds.

The Freedom Walkers appreciated the Sagamok Shell donation of ice cold water as they made their two-mile trek up to the powwow grounds on the hot summer day.



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Freedom Walkers in recovery are honored with eagle feathers and ceremonial pelts (pictured left to right: Laura Yoder, David Miller, Bobbi Jo Starkey, Chris Jackson, Barry Ayris and Erin Pomranky.)



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Ziibiwing Center awarded \$47,130 federal museum grant

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On July 17, 2015, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced the recipients for U.S. museum grants.

The 44 grants to 21 states totaled \$2,470,580 for three programs: Museum Grants for African American History and Culture (AAHC), the Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums, and the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services (NANH).

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways was the sole grant recipient in Michigan. The

\$47,130 grant was awarded from the NANH program.

NANH provides opportunities to federally-recognized Indian tribes, Native Alaskan villages and corporations, and nonprofit organizations primarily serving and representing Native Hawaiians to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge through strengthened museum services.

The funding of 21 projects, totaling \$924,000, will support activities including exhibitions, educational programming, and professional development.

“When we invest in museums, the real beneficiaries are local communities,” said IMLS

Acting Director Maura Marx. “The awards will fund a variety of projects to test creative solutions to museum challenges, to strengthen museum operations, and to support the stewardship of our nation’s cultural heritage.”

The primary aim of the Ziibiwing Center’s grant project is to emerge at the conclusion of the one-year funding cycle with lighting and media component upgrades, damaged reader rail graphic panels mitigation, banner replacements and the integration of new 3-D cultural artifact reproductions for the enhancement and conservation of the award-winning 9,000-square-

foot Diba Jimooyung permanent exhibition.

Ziibiwing will also offer two museum studies summer internships in 2016.

This grant is a continuum of an IMLS-funded project that Ziibiwing completed in 2013-2014, which assessed the permanent exhibition’s attrition and its media and lighting components for potential upgrades.

This new grant project will implement some of the recommended upgrades and repairs within the exhibition that were identified from the previous grant project.

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the

nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. The mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement.

Its grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

“We are very excited to receive a grant award,” said Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson. “The Institute of Museum and Library Services’ support means so much to us. We will make everyone proud.”

Onion Creek drain and bridge on Leaton Road receives much needed construction

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Continuing infrastructure improvements are necessary for Tribal locations in Isabella and Arenac counties, and the Onion Creek drain and bridge on Leaton Road receives much-needed construction.

The recent construction efforts are being coordinated through the SCIT Public Relations and Planning Department.

Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said unlike

the construction of the indirect left lanes on Leaton Road and M-20/Pickard Road, the Michigan Department of Transportation has nothing to do with the Onion Creek Drain crossing on Leaton Road.

“The Tribal Council and our Public Relations Department work very closely with the local units of government in both Saganing and Arenac counties just to allow a seamless cooperative effort when it comes to construction in our community,” Cloutier said. “We appreciate the

good work that Isabella County Drain Commissioner Rick Jakubiec and his workers are doing on the project.”

SCIT Community Engineer Donald Seal is making sure the project is moving in a timely manner and also assures a barrier-free Leaton Road access.

“We have local area contractor Wonsey Tree Service of Alma who is performing the drain work,” Seal said. “Wonsey is now in the process of cleaning the site and removing their equipment at this time.”

Leaton Road will close again Aug. 1 to finish the road reconstruction. The Isabella County Road Commission will be in charge of the road work.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain Donielle Bannon said throughout powwow weekend, the Onion Creek construction did not impede traffic and all traffic was kept under control.

“All our patrol officers report that that traffic flow continued to move during the powwow, Freedom Walk and the

Tim McGraw outdoor summer concert,” Bannon said. “Of course, we are going to experience times of congested traffic during the summer concert departure. The construction at Onion Creek and M-20... did not have an adverse effect.”

Seal said the Onion Creek drain crossing on Leaton Road will remain as gravel until the road work begins so please slow down.

At press time, a timeline has not been given for final project completion.




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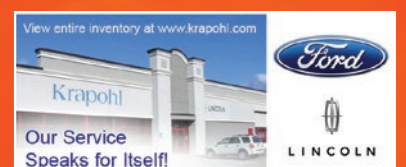
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At-Large Program hosts painting party in Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

DENISE PELCHER

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On July 25, 2015, the At-Large Program offered its At-Large members an alternative to the day's extreme heat and hosted an indoor painting party.

At-Large contacted Wine and Canvas from Lansing, Mich. to teach the class. The instructor gave verbal instructions while participants followed along with her. Everyone that attended was able to leave with a finished canvas painting.



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Participants painted feathers during the At-Large Program event.



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

The painting party attendees proudly display their pieces.

At-Large cultural picnic



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

On Thursday, July 24, 2015, the SCIT At-Large Program hosted a cultural picnic. The event was held at the Housing Pavilion and was catered by Nbakade. Ziibiwing Performance Circle Dancers did a demonstration on the different types of dance and explained the meaning behind them.

Love overflows for Elder Mary Zilz at her 100th birthday celebration

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The SCIT At-Large Department and the family and friends of SCIT Tribal Elder Mary Zilz flocked together at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Mary was born Mary Lenora Smith on June 18, 1915, and holds the honor of being the oldest living Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan member.

At the July 24 party in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, "Monnie" (Indian for Mary, as her mother called her) was gifted with a Tribal Pendleton from

Tribal Council with Council At-Large Member Michele Stanley presenting.

Mary also received a beaded Tribal medallion, specially made by Tribal artist Glenna Genereaux.

The community signed a large birthday card to express their love for Mary

and everyone shared two birthday cakes (one chocolate and one vanilla) afterward.

"This is so wonderful and I thank the good Lord for all these



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

A touching moment in time was captured as Elder Mary Zilz is embraced by her loving family.

lovely people and these very special birthday gifts," Mary said. "I am deeply blessed to have my family with me to share this special moment."

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Another gold win for Team SCIT at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Seven tribes throughout Michigan joined together for a little friendly competition during the 28th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics.

This year, the July 17 event was again hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Nimkee Fitness, with the location shifting to the Shepherd High School track and field.

The Friday event was open to all Native Americans and their families. Early registration opened June 1.

With competitions in baby crawls, tot trots, Elder walks, archery, meter dashes and runs, softball throws, long jumps, bean bag tosses, and a July 16 golf scramble, there were fun rivalries for all ages.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Friends Raphael and Vasquez show some love.

Jaden Harman, Nimkee fitness coordinator, served as the event's director.

Harman said this was the first year more than 1,000 competitors pre-registered.

"Other tribal communities always look forward to

coming each year," he said. "I think that says a lot about what we've created and it has become a pinnacle event for the health and wellness for our tribes in the state."

Harman was also happy to announce that for the third consecutive year, Team SCIT took home the gold! SCIT earned first place with 520 points.

"Congratulations to each family member who participated and can carry this honor," Harman said.

Second and third place were close; almost a tie. Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians won 235 points, and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi received 234 points.

Jayne Green, Nimkee fitness coordinator, said her role as the volunteer coordinator began two months prior to the occasion.

"I have to find about 100 volunteers to work all of the different stations and events," Green said. "I work with Central Michigan University's diversity department, Residential Treatment Center, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Michigan State



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Seven Tribal nations sent athletes to the Michigan Indian Family Olympics as they walk the track for opening ceremonies.



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Drummers take over the Shepherd High School field to perform a song to kick off the event.



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SCIT received \$3,000 for achieving first place in the Blue Cross/Blue Shield "Tribe 2 Tribe Challenge."



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Little runners take off during the morning's "tot trot" races.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT tug-o-war team pulls with all of their strength in hopes of winning.



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Natasha Miniard gets the attention of her son Ayden in hopes to win the baby crawl.



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Parents and grandparents coach their babies before competing in the tot trot.



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Three male runners have a close race during a dash to the finish line.



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Cecilia Stevens, Aleigha Owl-Reinsberg and Rosemary Ekdahl compete in the pre/postnatal walk.

University medical students, Tribal employees and summer youth workers."

Green is also responsible for collecting the volunteers' T-shirt sizes, and assigning every volunteer their role.

"Two days before the event, I assisted Jaden in taking all the equipment and tents to Shepherd and setting everything up," she said. "This took two full days, and we are fortunate to receive assistance from SCIT Maintenance, summer youth workers and Nimkee Public Health employees."

On event day, Green was the point person for all event staff.

"If (the staff) needed more papers, lunches or volunteers, I would try my best to deliver," she said.

This year, SCIT Members had to pre-register online prior to July 9 to be guaranteed a team SCIT T-shirt. All participating Team SCIT competitors received a free camping chair incentive, if they participated in at least two activities.

"My favorite parts of the day were watching the finish line for the track events," Harman said. "Also, we had some amazing tug-o-war competitions this year."



Beginning May 1, SCIT Members and employees participated in the “Blue Cross/Blue Shield Tribe 2 Tribe Challenge.”

For nine weeks, participants logged their miles or minutes while walking, running, taking aerobic or dance classes, bicycling, etc. to compete against other Michigan tribes.

Last year, SCIT earned fifth place in the competition. This year, the 146 team members earned SCIT first place, logging more than 24,000 miles altogether!

BC/BS employees rewarded SCIT with a \$3,000 check

to be used for the Nimkee Fitness Center.

Walt Kennedy, prevention director of Nimkee Public Health, served as a planning committee member.

“This year, we had another strong turnout for this event,” Kennedy said. “SCIT participants continue to enjoy the family activities. One of my favorite parts is seeing the participants of all ages enjoying their involvement in the games.”

Kennedy and the team also made the new location venue work well.

“Shepherd High School has beautiful athletic facilities

which allowed us to provide the competition at one centralized location,” Kennedy said.

Harman said the event continues to grow each year.

“I attribute (the growth) to the continued support from Tribal Council in providing an incentive and the enjoyment that our SCIT Members have experienced through the years.”

As hard as she worked that day, Green said she still enjoyed herself.

“Even with all the work and time into this event, my favorite part is watching the community enjoy being healthy and active throughout the day,” Green said.

Chi-miigwetch to the following sponsors; Gold: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. **Silver:** Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. **Bronze:** Blarney Castle Oil & Propane, Sam’s Club and the SCIT At-Large Department. **Other:** Little Traverse Bay Band, Monarch Welding and Engineering, SCIT Housing Department, Grey Sky and Niibing Giizis Photography.



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SCIT challengers show off their competitive archery skills.



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The speed jump rope served as a difficult obstacle in the fitness challenge event.



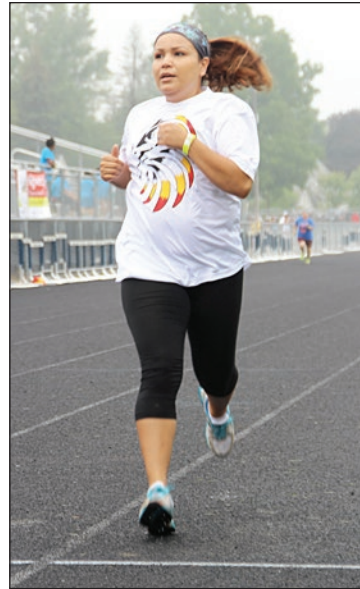
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SCIT Member Gloria Loveland competes in the free throw basketball shots.



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The youth softball throw was one of the more popular events.



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Maia Chivis competes for Team SCIT in the 400-meter run.



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It takes balance and skill to successfully complete a running long jump.

SCIT Team Results

First Place:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
520 points

2nd: Grand Traverse Bay Band 235

3rd: Huron Potawatomi 234

4th: Pokagon Potawatomi 231

5th: Little Traverse Bay Band 167

6th: Gun Lake Tribe 132

7th: Detroit Urban 76

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One-Mile Run - Gold: Annie Lada, Nodin Jackson, Luke Sprague and Damian Fisher. **Silver:** Francis Cooper, Allen Crocket, Kyle Crampto, Markus Chamberlain and William Leksche. **Bronze:** Sierra Johnson, Candace Benzinger, Darcy Crampton, Chase Stevens, Foster Faber and Cauy George.

100-Meter Run - Gold: Taylor Burton and Nodin Jackson. **Silver:** Jasmine McFall, Iliana Bennett, Charla Burton and William Potter. **Bronze:** Henry Robinson Jr., Markus Chamberlain and Ernie Borton.

400-Meter Run - Gold: William Potter and Iliana Bennett. **Silver:** Allen Crocket, Markus Chamberlain and Faith Davis. **Bronze:** Chase Stevens, Valarie Rapheal and Kyle Crampton.

400-Meter Walk - Gold: Faith Davis and Merton Flory. **Silver:** Jace Ice. **Bronze:** Fred Leksche, Valarie Rapheal, April Borton and Rose Wasseggijig.

50-Meter Run - Gold: Mnookmi Massey and Sarai Spencer-Whiteside. **Silver:** Eyhana Feliciano, Kylie Wemigwans, Merton Flory and Faith Davis. **Bronze:** Asalia Quigno-Grandahl and Ella Fox.

Three-Point Basketball Shot - Gold: Annie Lada, Asalia Quigno-Grandahl, Taylyn Francis, Carina Romero, Christy Kelly, Jackie Haught, Melissa Flory, Louanna Bruner, Jacob Quigno-Grandahl, Henry Robinson Jr., and Luke Sprague. **Silver:** Andee Raphael, Alberta Trepanier, Kendra Cyr, Sabrina Romero, Iliana Bennett and Rolondo Pollard. **Bronze:** Jasmine McFall, Jimaganish Martell, Alec Mills, Matthew Plain, Steve Saboo, Eric Flory and Kelly Chamberlain.

Jump Rope - Gold: Mateo Flory. **Silver:** Eyhana Feliciano and Remy Weldon. **Bronze:** Sarai Spencer-Whiteside and Azhiyen Wemigwans.

Archery - Gold: Luke Sprague, Rachel House, Maia Chivis and Darcy Crampton. **Silver:** Sabrina Romero, Summer Raphael, Lindsey Sprague, Melissa Massey, Ronnie Ekdahl and Kenny Sprague. **Bronze:** Patricia Alonzo, Mae Pego and Larry Kimewan.

Baby Crawl - Gold: Hayden Sineway. **Silver:** Ayden Tyron. **Bronze:** Kyle Quigno.

Kids Bean Bag Toss - Gold: Michael Ekdahl. **Silver:** Evelyn Bennett and Isabella Saboo. **Bronze:** Leela Saboo and Isaiah Haught.

Adult Bean Bag Toss - Gold: Tony Carmona. **Silver:** Rob Gross. **Bronze:** Peter Elizalde and Brian Chippeway.

Fitness Circuit - Gold: Jacob Quigno-Grandahl and Nodin Jackson. **Silver:** Asalia Quigno-Grandahl. **Bronze:** William Potter, Kaleb Faber and Alexis Trepanier.

Free Throw Basketball Shot - Gold: Clinton Pelcher and Darcy Crampton. **Silver:** Rebecca Rittmaier and Kenny Sprague. **Bronze:** Dave Anderson, Joe Sownick, Kyle Crampton and Carole Tally.

Golf Scramble - Gold: Erik Rodriguez, Chase Owl, Kelly Chamberlain, Michael Jackson, Darcy Crampton, Kyle Crampton and June & Dana. **Silver:** Bean Sprague, Larry Sprague, Valarie Rapheal and Sheila Leareaux. **Bronze:** Melinda Coffin, Stephanie Peters, Paula Quigno and Jamie Feliciano.

Obstacle Course - Gold: Sarai Spencer-Whiteside and Elijah Otto-Powers. **Silver:** Sage Spencer Whiteside and Jayden Pelcher.

Long Jump - Gold: Faith Davis, Mnookmi Massey, Michael McCreery, Merton Flory, David Jackson and Isaiah Harris. **Silver:** Mattea Merrill, Sarai Spencer-Whiteside and Andee Raphael. **Bronze:** Mnookmi Massey Taylor Burton and Kyle Crampton.

Softball Throw - Gold: Alberta Trepanier, Michael McCreery and Isadenh Rose. **Silver:** Brooke Mathis, Maia Chivis, Kyle Crampton, Sarai Spencer-Whiteside, Alec Mills, Rolondo Pollard and Caiden Snyder. **Bronze:** Azhiyen Wemigwans, Carole Tally, Julian Flory, Bailey Mitchell, David Jackson and Christian Quigno-Grandahl.

Tot Trot - Gold: Isabella Saboo. **Silver:** Sienna Pego and Miguel Chippeway. **Bronze:** Michael Ekdahl, Waaskone Pamp and Leela Saboo.

Pre & Post Natal 400 Meter Walk - Silver: Jacqueline Haught.



Survival Saganing: Saganing Outreach Center educates community

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

When one thinks of the network television series "Survivor", they think of participants going through various situations to win for their tribe.

Saganing Outreach Center found an interesting twist on how they can use their version "Survival Saganing: Youth Survivor Challenge" by offering a series of games and challenges that educate the community.

Saganing Public Health Nurse Jenny Trout said the goal of the June 12 event was

to promote health, safety and emergency preparedness for youth and their families.

"We had 57 attendees... and they got to visit eight different locations that focused on each of our targeted goals," Trout said. "The information that is presented at each station is important and we can do that in a creative, fun and educational way. We appreciate the support from all the Tribal departments that made the drive over to Standish helped put on this successful event."

SCIT Water Resources Technician and Environmental Educator Michael Fisher brought a visual example of

how science is used to help in industrial accidents.

"It's great to be able to share our knowledge with the community here in Saganing," Fisher said. "I used the opportunity to show folks the importance of cleaning up contaminants and oil spills in our water. I think the kids (and adults) had a lot of fun learning about the responsibility we all have for our shared natural resources."

Nimkee Child Health Nurse Anna Hon said the event helped to increase the knowledge that it is essential to help children to remain calm in emergency situations.

"When Mother Nature strikes with a natural disaster, a child can be overwhelmed and this can cause panic," Hon said. "Therefore, sharing activities that are calming and stress releasing were shared... I was able to showcase kinetic sand, along with craft ideas and coloring sheets with Tribal designs."

Sherrill Kennedy, SCIT Housing credit homebuyer counselor/loan specialist, had a tasty blend of fun and education at her smoothie station.

"We wanted to show that you can take a mix of youth

favorites and combine it with vegetables that some families might not be used to eating," Kennedy said. "The yummy smoothie had a healthy blend of kale, spinach, mixed frozen fruit and apple juice."

Saganing Tribal Police Officer Robert Forsythe ran the youth through a series of 911 emergency situations and also offered a gracious prayer to bless the food and the attendees.

Other stations included a fruit and veggie walk game (similar to a cake walk, but healthier) ran by Nimkee Health Public Director Walt Kennedy and Community Health Representative Emily Wiggins.

Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise offered a taste testing exercise and cautioned families to read the labels and to beware of advertising that falsely promotes products as a healthy choice (example: Nutella peanut butter that very low in protein and packed with sugar.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jayme Green shares a high five with teammate Nimkee Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger as they run participants through their fitness challenge.

Nimkee Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick discussed the importance of having first aid kits available in the car and at home at her medical station. Each participant to her booth left with an emergency first aid kit.

Jayme Green, Nimkee fitness coordinator, and Public Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger kept things moving with their fitness challenge station where participants drew activities that promote exercise and activity.

Saganing Outreach Center Director Don Nelson personally thanked all departments and participants for attending and each of the participants left the event with a logo T-shirt.



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Water Resources Technician Michael Fisher shows a fun way how absorbent material is used to float above water to capture and clean oil spills.

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WIGWAM WISDOM

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Dear WW: My sister started dating a friend of mine who has a dark side. I don't know if she knows that about him or not. The problem is, we used to be roommates in college and I witnessed him beating his dog for throwing up. I always kept that in the back of my mind and was glad when he finally moved out. Now she shows up at my parents with him. That was years ago and now he is graduated and has a promising career. **The Dark Side**

Dear Dark Side: You absolutely need to make your sister aware of his past behavior. If she should ever witness him beating a dog, she should immediately call the authorities. A person who can do that to a helpless dog needs help and has anger issues. No doubt that behavior will be displayed in other areas of his life as well—guaranteed, unless he has been to counseling for anger management. You will feel better after you tell her what you have been holding in. He could deny it if confronted. However, that is not your problem once you tell her. It is up to her to make an intellectual decision about who she wants to date and who she keeps in her life. In the future, better safe than sorry and if you should ever witness such cruelty again, I hope you do the right thing and call the authorities.

Dear WW: I met a new friend and am so happy for her friendship. I don't have very many and was thrilled when we started talking at the park where we frequently take our kids. Since then, we have made several other play dates together with our kids. The problem is her husband. While taking the kids out to eat last week, he actually spanked one of them for not finishing all of their food. Needless to say, it ruined my mood. I don't make my kids eat all of their food and can't imagine what he thought when they didn't nor do I really care. Why do people have to be such idiots? I highly doubt we'll go out to eat again now. What are your thoughts on kids and food? **Stuffed**

Dear Stuffed: Kids will eat when they are hungry and should not be punished or spanked for not finishing their food. That sets a bad, bad eating habit that can affect them for the rest of their life. When you grow up eating like that, you don't listen to your body and will most likely overeat. You can get kids to eat properly by providing healthy snacks in between meals and offering an option if they do not like what is being served. Forcing a child to eat is cruel and can make them physically sick. I don't blame you for not wanting to go out to eat again with them but hope you can remain friends at the park.

Dear WW: Help WW! I'm crushing on a guy who seems pretty interested in me too. I don't even know if he's available. Maybe he's just really friendly or maybe shy, but he hasn't asked me out after hardcore flirting for weeks. He could be married or engaged for all I know. How do I go about asking if he's single without being too forward? **Stumped**

Dear Stumped: Most likely married people wear wedding rings as a sign of their love and commitment. If he doesn't have a ring or a tan line (liar's ring) then I would assume he isn't. However, that isn't always true in every situation. I would hope that someone engaged would not flirt "hardcore." If he hasn't asked you out after several weeks, I think you might have to settle that he's just not that interested in you. Asking him if he is married or engaged would definitely send up a signal that you are curious for a reason. If he's truly interested, you wouldn't be doubtful. You could just ask him because what have you got to lose?

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Labor Relations

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The LRB panel of judges ruled against that Tribe and found that the NLRB did have jurisdiction over the Tribe's casino.

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals panel for SCIT, held that they were bound by the precedent established in the LRB case even though they believed that the case was wrongly decided and that they would have ruled for SCIT.

The judges acknowledged that they weren't operating on

a "clean slate" due to a very recent decision involving the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, also in Michigan.

The Appeals judges rationalized that because the LRB case was heard three weeks prior to the SCIT ruling, the earlier case sat precedence.

"Given the legal framework adopted in Little River and the breadth of the majority's holding, we must conclude in this case that the casino operated by the Tribe on trust land falls within the scope of the NLRA, and that the NLRB has jurisdiction

over the casino," the judges stated reluctantly.

All three judges on the Soaring Eagle panel believe the two judges on the Little River panel employed the wrong analysis in deciding that case. They argued that their approach is "most consistent with Supreme Court precedent and Congress' supervisory role over the scope of Indian sovereignty."

"Tribal Council is crystal clear that any attack on our sovereignty is an attack on every person in our Tribal Membership," SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. "It should be

the right of any sovereign government to make decisions that are best for people. We are cautiously confident that our position supported by our SCIT legal counsel is correct and we will continue to be vigilant and exhaust all measures to protect our sovereignty."

The uncertainty will also fuel debate in Congress about the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (H.R.511 |S.248), a bill that shields tribes and their businesses from the NLRA.

At a hearing earlier this month, tribal leaders made some of the very same arguments that were advanced by the Saginaw Chippewa panel regarding the need to develop labor laws and policies specific to their communities.

On page 26 of the court document of record, the SCIT legal opinion states "We believe that the weight of these factors supports our conclusion that the NLRA should not apply to the casino. We consider relevant: (1) the fact that the casino is on trust land and is considered a unit of the Tribe's government; (2) the importance of the casino to tribal governance and its ability to provide member services; and (3) that Lewis (and other non-members) voluntarily entered into

an employment relationship with the Tribe. We recognize that our determination would have inhibited the Board's desire to apply the NLRA to all employers not expressly excluded from its reach. But Congress retains the ability to amend the NLRA to apply explicitly to the casino, if it so chooses."

SCIT's legal counsel will seek review of the decision by the full panel of judges on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

SCIT is hopeful that a review will be granted by the full panel of approximately 15 judges to clarify the position of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in light of the decision in the LRB case that the NLRA applies to tribes and the position of the judges in the Saginaw, Mich. case that the NLRA should not apply to tribes.

A final decision by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals will be binding on all tribes in Michigan unless an appeal is made to the U.S. Supreme Court and the decision is overturned.

The Tribe will assess whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court after a decision is made regarding the request for review to the full Sixth Circuit panel.

Traditional gunstock and dance stick workshop



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Attendees were able to craft gunstock and dance sticks at the two-day workshop hosted by Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center on June 17-18.



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There are many reasons why an individual may need mental health counseling. He or she may have a chemical imbalance that is making it difficult to function, which can be aided through drugs but may also require some form of talk therapy. There may be unresolved trauma that is plaguing an individual. In nearly any case where a psychological issue is making daily functioning a problem, mental health counseling can help.

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Located in the heart of the Isabella Reservation, we offer community-based programs catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin a journey to recovery. Programming is based on the twelve steps and incorporates the cultural and traditional process. Residents are exposed to the Ojibwe language, ceremonies, Native values and historical contexts through our cultural curriculum which is supported by our clinical approaches.

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- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan

"Under the Eagle Wing"

The purpose of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's domestic violence program is to assist those affected by domestic violence in finding another path without abuse.

Individual needs will be addressed by utilizing emergency transportation to other shelters and case management services. We are dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of families victimized by violence. In order to achieve balance and independence, we as a community, need to re-establish a support network of services and resources.

The domestic violence services are open to anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

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Ziibiwing Center creative writing workshop had students looking to the stars

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Creative writing is widely considered an honored art form and Native people have looked to the stars and have been recording the inspiration for centuries.

As a supplement to the Ziibiwing Center Native Skywatchers summer programs, Native teacher and writer Christine Sy encouraged her July 11 workshop students to find their relationship with the stars.

"I was invited to conduct a creative writing workshop by (Ziibiwing Director) Shannon

Martin as she is familiar with my workshops on anangwan (the star world) and my creative writing," Sy said. "I was thrilled to intersect two subjects I love in a community-based setting."

"The Anishinaabeg relationship with anangwan is profound: Western astronomy teaches us the details and science how all of us humans are made of star dust, however, Anishinaabe knowledge teaches us not only that we are related with anangwan and it's being, but how," she said.

Throughout her presentation, Sy said the oral written traditions find themselves together as a part of the circle where the natural and

spiritual teachings come together.

"Anangwan holds our ancestors and our descendents; it guides our present," she said. "The star world is creatively documenting our relationship with the natural world and is something Anishinaabeg have always done... through wampum belts, pictographs, petroglyphs, symbols on our clothing or marks on trees."

She said the workshops provided an opportunity for participants to creatively document and explore their relationship with anangwan and writing through multiple short creative writing exercises (including picture writing.)

"By the end of the day, participants were... tapping into traditional forms of creative production and presentation... in a poetry sweat (a Native version of a poetry slam)," she said.

Sy was grateful to learn about each participant's relationship with the stars.

"It was an unexpected, yet awesome, twist to have the Tribal Observer attend the workshop and to listen to the writings and poetry of the students," Sy said. "I am thrilled



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Christine Sy shares insight of how Native ancestors received inspiration through their relationship with the stars.

to hear a few of the students attending are willing to share their written thoughts and their personal relationship with the stars with the community."

Native Skywatchers Creative Writing Workshop: My relationship with the stars

(Editor's note: The following stories were submitted after the Native Skywatchers Creative Writing Workshop at the Ziibiwing Center on July 11. The pieces have been printed, as submitted, without any edits.)

Judy Scheuffele

My relationship with the stars is sketchy, at best.

As a child, I was fascinated by their beauty. I wished upon the evening star every chance I got.

My favorite aunt was a Latin teacher at the high school, and she taught me "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" in Latin. That meant a lot to me, and it made me feel important.

At night, my mother and I would sit on the porch, looking at the stars, trying to figure out the different constellations. That is one of my favorite childhood memories.

In the summer, we would go visit my grandmother. Living in the South, it was our custom to sit out on the porch at night. While my mother, grandmother and aunt caught up on all the latest news and gossip, I would claim the big swing as my own, and I would swing, while gazing at the stars. August was my favorite month, as we saw so many shooting stars. I always made a wish!

One summer, when I was in high school, I lived with a family from Colombia. Mrs. Martinez would stand out on the balcony with me for the longest time, while she tried so patiently to help me see the different constellations. Needless to say, for all her effort, the Big Dipper is still the only one that ever made any sense to me!

When I lived in Montana, I was fascinated by the stars, and especially the Milky Way.

I had never seen it before, and

had thought it was something that people had made up.

I had never seen so many stars before, nor had I ever seen the man in the moon. I didn't even know that stars actually twinkle, until I lived in Montana. I think it had something to do with the atmosphere in the South, or the humidity, or something.

My daughter had a telescope at that time, and that opened up a whole new world for me!

Summers, for me, were always spent outside. I always tried to find the constellations, but have never had any luck in recognizing them.

Since moving to Michigan, the only time I see the vastness of the sky and stars is when I visit my daughter in Paradise. I have seen them more in Mount Pleasant than Midland, but, of course, not so many as in Paradise.

And, to think, my name is Waasinang ikwe... Bright Star Woman!

Daisy Kostus

My relationship with the stars has been with me for a long time; ever since I was a child, growing up in the northern part of Canada (James Bay Quebec). The name of our reservation is called; Waswanipi which means "Light Over Water".

When my siblings and I were growing up, we would sit outside in the middle of the frozen lake and we would watch the stars and northern lights.

During this time, we would give the stars names such as; flashing star, the long tail star, and make my happy star. Stars do make us happy whenever we see a falling one and we could make a wish.

Stars also light up the sky with a sudden flashing of brilliance whenever it falls. It also reminds us of making flashing stars whenever we have fireworks during the Fourth of July celebration. This

is what we call a celebration of freedom of independence in our country, as a people.

Stars do flashing dances, if you watch them through a microscope at night, they seem to come closer and you can almost touch them with your naked eye and hands.

Sometimes I have dreams about the stars that will come and visit us when the world ends. These stars will come with shining armor to protect us from destruction.

Therefore, we must build a good relationship with the stars; because they are our brothers, sisters, grandmothers (nokomisk) and grandfathers (mishomisk) of the sky world.

Many stories are shared in our earthly realm regarding our Anishinaabe stars. The ananung (stars) are definitely a part of us as Anishinaabe. All of us has a star nijii (friend) to reach out to whenever we need help.

B. Sprague Golf Open burns up fairways in heated competition at Waabooz Run

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Cash was on the line once more as the golfers at the B. Sprague Open golf tournament burned up the fairways on a sweltering Saturday, July 11.

The well-manicured greens proved a formidable challenge as the annual open welcomed eight teams to an exciting heated competition on the executive course.

"The team of Ted and Rick Kewayosh from Walpole Island First Nations Canada took first

place in the men's division, while the hometown team of Rick and Carol Hubble took first place honors in the coed division," Bernard Sprague, event coordinator, said. "I would like to thank our five sponsors Real Integrated, Borders

Grocery, Ietan Consulting, Public Affairs Associates and O&O Advertising. With their gracious support, I have been able to provide the players with lunch, dinner, early entry cash, door prizes and 18 proximity opportunities for cash prizes."

Sprague said this is their fourth outing at Waabooz Run and the open celebrated its 10th year as a golf tournament.

"I appreciate their support over the years and I know the players personally," he said. "I also appreciate how our golfers have become familiar names to many of our sponsors."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Canadian team of Rick and Ted Kewayosh won the men's champion division.

He also informed on the three tees skins match at Waabooz Run on Saturday, Aug. 8. Please call 989-400-1838 for more information.

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Excitement comes together with tradition and culture at

31st annual SCIT Powwow



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The Anishinaabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society stands in formation during Friday night grand entry ceremonies.

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the summer breeze moved through the Reservation, a sense of excitement came together with tradition and culture as the community celebrates the 31st annual SCIT Powwow.

A registered 326 dancers with drummers and powwow royalty joined guests from throughout the U.S. and Canada with several international visitors in attendance.

The competitive jiingtamok features several dance specials and contests that included an armed forces sneak up, drum group dance off, women dancing grass, men dancing with fancy shawls, clown dance, generations freestyle and a youth hand drum contest.

SCIT Powwow Committee Chair Angel Jackson has witnessed the event grow to where now its notoriety is mentioned with other national native gatherings throughout the country.

“The Powwow Committee has been meeting all year round to bring this special gathering of tradition and culture together,” Jackson said. “We realize that it is a time where many Tribal Members get a chance to enjoy their homecoming back to the Reservation and we try to make it the best experience possible for everyone.”

“We have a great staff of volunteers and serving on the Powwow Committee is an unpaid position,” she said. “It is a lot of hard, time consuming work but in the end, it is all worth it because we do this for our people.”

SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden and their staff work closely with the Powwow Committee on coordinating media on the Tribal website and Facebook page and she notices many positive comments throughout powwow weekend.

“We see the important work that the Powwow Committee does all year round and we know that as soon after all the volunteers take a much-needed break,

they will be working on next year’s event,” Hadden said. “I still enjoy seeing all the people come back to the Rez and it’s what this time of year is all about... family, friends and frybread!”

SCIT Training Instructor John Gerhard volunteers with Central Michigan University’s Friendship Family Program and brought Beijing, China guests Yumin Cui, her son John and her daughter Nancy to their first powwow.

“It was really a pleasure that we are able to join the powwow festival in our summer trip to Michigan this year,” Cui said. “Our children are very interested in North American native culture. We visited the Ziibiwing



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Eric Sowmick joins his son Nick (right) entering the arena as Powwow Committee members Joelle Peters and Sheridan Pelcher (far right) record their men’s traditional dance numbers.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Men’s traditional dancer and Seventh Generation Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon looked regal in his regalia.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Mide’ Elder Brian Corbiere (center) shares about the new SCIT eagle staff he made and gifted to the community as AOVWS Veteran David Perez, Sr. (left) and PR Director Frank Cloutier look on.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his wife Mae shake hands with dancers after the eagle staff ceremony.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The powwow received many international visitors every year and making the journey from Beijing, China is Yumin Cui and her family.



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Highlighting this year’s powwow theme “Honoring the Water,” water walkers (left to right) Beatrice Jackson and Irene Peters join Carol Hopkins and her daughter as they address the community.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Men's traditional dancer and SCIT Tribal Member Delmar Jackson Jr. dances near the eastern door.

Museum in our last trip which gave us a rich understanding of the history of Native American and this powwow journey gave us vivid experiences of the time to preserve traditions, to sing to the Creator, and to dance to the heartbeat of the drum."

Her daughter Nancy marveled at the color, sights and sounds of the annual cultural experience.

"I love the powwow and love the handmade beading necklaces and different kind of stone sold in the market," Nancy said. "I enjoyed the wonderful music and beautiful dresses with bells on them. I want to go again next time!"

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director and International



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Men's traditional dancer Hunter Genia displays a beautiful indigenous woodlands head dress.

Relations Committee member Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) proudly introduced a student delegation of our sister city in Okaya, Japan as all the international visitors danced an intertribal song.

Kewa Native artist and cartoonist Ricardo Cate from Santo Domingo, N.M. came in to perform at Ziibiwing's NativeFest and stayed in the community just for powwow events.

"I liked that so many people showed up for support on the Freedom Walk because when it comes down to it, it's all about the support for the individuals going through this ordeal and that support has to come from the community, family and friends," Cate said. "I enjoyed meeting the people of this community and participating in this event with them. It made our connection even better. I really



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The fancy shawl contest never disappoints as they bring color and movement to the arena.

enjoyed the powwow and doing a vendor booth there. I have many good memories and stories to share with my people back home about my first visit to your Reservation."

Always an important part of our tradition and culture, Tribal Elder Bert Hunt Sr. and Joe Quintero were asked in a good way to tend the Ishkotay (Sacred Fire) throughout powwow weekend.

"As Firekeepers, to see all the Elders, veterans, water walkers and the whole community come by and offer their prayers in a respectful way, it just gives you a good feeling about our Tribe and our people," Hunt said. "One of the best things about the weekend was seeing all the Tribal youth ask questions about the teaching of tending a Sacred Fire and both Joe and I were

encouraged by that. They are the Firekeepers of tomorrow."

One of the truly historic moments in recent powwow history was the presentation of the newly-created SCIT eagle staff by Mide' Elder Brian Corbiere.

Mide' Elder and Head Veteran George Martin danced the staff into the arena during an honor song then presented it to Tribal Chief Steven Pego with his wife Mae standing by his side.

"An eagle staff is always given the lead position as we do our ceremonies and this special gift will be honored and remembered in the spirit of our teachings," Chief Pego said. "I could feel the energy that this eagle staff has and that power is now given to all the people of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. This is a good day for all of us."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Elder George Martin (right) humbly presents the new SCIT eagle staff to Chief Pego as his wife Mae proudly watches.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

U.S.M.C. Veteran and SCIT Tribal Member Craig Perez came home from Arizona and proudly carried the Saginaw Chippewa eagle staff.

2015 Results

* 5th place sponsored by Head Dancers Joe and Heather Syrette

Jr. Boys Grass

- 1st: Quincey Jackson
- 2nd: Kaimare' Eaglestar
- 3rd: Zaidis Deleary
- 4th: Christopher Spencer-Ruiz

Jr. Girls Traditional

- 1st: Kaylen Top Sky
- 2nd: Taliyah Eaglestar
- 3rd: Darlyn Fiddler
- 4th: Neena Robinson

Jr. Boys Fancy

- 1st: Deo Top Sky
- 2nd: Geno Whitecloud
- 3rd: Khylan Isaac
- 4th: Joaquin Jackson

Teen Boys Grass

- 1st: James Eaglestar
- 2nd: Wakinyan Fiddler
- 3rd: CJ Lasley
- 4th: Ja'cobi Littleturtle

Jr. Boys Traditional

- 1st: Creed Big Mountain
- 2nd: River Buck
- 3rd: Gegek Webkamigad
- 4th: Gene Yellowbird

Teen Boys Fancy

- 1st: Quentin Cleveland
- 2nd: Colton Burrige
- 3rd: Nodin Jackson
- 4th: Kane Funmaker

Jr. Girls Jingle

- 1st: Kitahna Silas
- 2nd: Debwaywin Deleary
- 3rd: Juniper Deleary
- 4th: Riley Diehman

Teen Boys Traditional

- 1st: Zackary Jackson
- 2nd: Jaden Parker
- 3rd: Joseph Leviner
- 4th: Marlin Dickinson Jr.

Jr. Girls Fancy

- 1st: Micayla Silas
- 2nd: Kaliyah Bear
- 3rd: Angelina Buck
- 4th: Makayla Stevens

Teen Girls Jingle

- 1st: Tiana Schocko
- 2nd: Dajia Shinos
- 3rd: Maya Schuyler
- 4th: Raena Whiteye

Teen Girls Fancy

- 1st: Tavian Whiteye
- 2nd: Malia Jacobs
- 3rd: Hozhoni Whitecloud
- 4th: Shelby Snyder

Teen Girls Traditional

- 1st: Zamantha Funmaker
- 2nd: Kendra Eaglestar
- 3rd: Cicilee Chivis
- 4th: Onyleen Zapata

Jr. Adult Men Grass

- 1st: Wabli Charging Eagle
- 2nd: Rooster Top Sky
- 3rd: Chad Browneagle
- 4th: Josh Richardson

Jr. Adult Men Fancy

- 1st: Dennison Brown
- 2nd: Eric Bird
- 3rd: Albert King Jr.
- 4th: Sean Snyder

Jr. Adult Men Traditional

- 1st: Adrian Klein Sr.
- 2nd: Brando Jack
- 3rd: Lee Goodman Jr.
- 4th: Joe Bigmountain
- 5th: Atsa Zah*

Jr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Alyss Buck
- 2nd: Rena Belle Nevaquaya
- 3rd: Iliana Bennett
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Jr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Star Whiteye
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- 3rd: Rose Track
- 4th: Valerie Parker
- 5th: Shandiin Jack*

Jr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Alva Fiddler
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- 1st: Dennis Tate Nevaquaya
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Sr. Adult Men Traditional

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- 3rd: Paul Syrette
- 4th: Alex Ross

Sr. Adult Women Jingle

- 1st: Sharon Eagleman
- 2nd: Dionne Jacobs
- 3rd: Tara Lee Swallow
- 4th: April Field

Sr. Adult Women Fancy

- 1st: Shelley Bointy
- 2nd: Crystal Cleveland
- 3rd: Lisa Hill

Sr. Adult Women Traditional

- 1st: Gena Top Sky
- 2nd: Quahna Mars
- 3rd: Marcy Fiddler
- 4th: Kristol Abel

Golden Age Men

- 1st: Terry Fiddler
- 2nd: Charles Hindsley
- 3rd: Joe Bointy
- 4th: Ken Funmaker Jr.

Golden Age Women

- 1st: Dana Davenport
- 2nd: Debbie Plain
- 3rd: Becky Taylor
- 4th: Faith Carmona Pego

Platinum Age Men

- 1st: Frank Eagle Speaker
- 2nd: Raymond Cadotte
- 3rd: Gary Medicine
- 4th: Ted White Sr.

Platinum Age Women

- 1st: Elaine Medicine
- 2nd: Patricia Eagleman
- 3rd: Deborah Klein
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Summertime fun was had by all during the Niibing Program's two-day visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension Coordinator

On July 21-22, SCTC hosted its second annual Tribal College Experience. SCTC invited the Niibing Program on campus in order to give the elementary students a taste of college life and to get them acquainted with the SCTC faculty and staff.

On the first day of the SCTC college experience, students attended workshops on math, science, and black ash basketry.

Leading the math workshop was Mr. Loonsfoot, from Shepherd Elementary. He is a favorite among students and was present again this year



SCTC STEM Club led the science workshop where students made "flubber."



Students made black ash baskets, taught by artist Kelly Church.

to do math games and to play math kickball.

The SCTC STEM Club stepped in and led the science workshop where students made "flubber." The students really loved the gooey mess.

Kelly Church, well-known black ash basket artist, was on hand to weave black ash baskets with the students. Church was excited for the students to handle the black ash splints used for weaving because she said "this tactile sensation helps activate their Anishnaabe blood memory for basket making."

All students were proud of their baskets and some students displayed a natural talent for the splint weaving,



Niibing Program students pose in the Saginaw Covenant Hospital helicopter.



Courtesy of SCTC

Nevaeh Badger shares her thoughts on her favorite part of the SCTC experience.



MMR Ambulance employees show students how to properly strap patients to a backboard.



Michigan State Police Trooper Michael White informed the students on his role as a police officer.



Loonsfoot, Shepherd Elementary teacher, taught students math games.

not surprising, as many of the Niibing students come from basket-making families.

Safety was the focus during the second day.

A helicopter from Saginaw Covenant Hospital landed on campus about 10:30 a.m. and stayed with the program during the morning to give the students a close-up look at their emergency vehicle.

Covenant Health uses the helicopter to help patients approximately 10 times each week.

Trooper White from the Mount Pleasant State Police Post stayed the whole day to talk about his job and formed a relationship with the students.

White also led a workshop on bullying.

The Tribal Fire Department was on hand to help the helicopter land. They also brought over their fire truck and students were able to climb through the vehicle, and even sit in the driver's seat.

Tribal Police were present with their Hummer vehicle, and brought police dog, Osco.

Osco gave the students a demonstration of his excellent searching abilities.

MMR ambulance service attended and gave demonstrations on how to they load patients on a back board and other emergency procedures.

The Tribal librarian talked to students about Internet safety.

Bear Raphael from Nimkee Fitness held a work-out boot camp for the students.

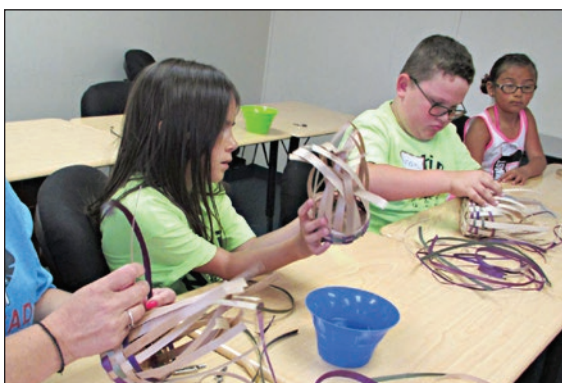


The Saginaw Covenant Hospital takes off to head back to the clinic.

At the end of the experience, Niibing students were asked to write down their favorite activity from the two days on campus.

Many students could not pick just one activity, so their votes included two or three workshops.

Miigwech to all presenters who shared their expertise with the Tribal youth. Together we are all one family.



Students make the black ash baskets during a workshop.



Math can also be solved in teamwork, as the Niibing Program students display.



Phoebe assembles the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College family tree.



Osco, police dog for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, performs jumping skills.



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Two SCIT Members complete summer Youth Police Academy

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

This year, two Saginaw Chippewa Tribal youth participated in the Youth Services Unit's 15th annual summer Youth Police Academy July 13-30 in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Isabella Benzinger, 11, and Aaron Graveratte Jr., 10, were two of the 29 Isabella County youth participating in the three-week program.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Fire Fighter Roger Fuller gives the cadets a fire truck tour during the July 28 Fire Service Day.

To be eligible for the academy, students must be entering sixth through eighth grade in the fall. Students also needed to fill out an application and write an essay on why they were interested in attending.

"This is a free program that is designed to provide youth in our communities the opportunity to gain insight into the everyday functions and training of the variety of law enforcement agencies and emergency services in our government," said Jeff Browne, public information officer for Mount Pleasant police.

Officers run the academy similar to a real police academy, focusing on teamwork, integrity and discipline.

"The academy is not a boot camp for troubled youth," said Browne, who has been involved with the training for about eight years. "It is a program offered to students who have an interest in law enforcement."

Cadets were required to participate in daily physical training and agility testing.

The curriculum included hands-on learning, and demonstrations from the SWAT Team, K-9 and DNR.

Classroom topics involved crime scene investigations, traffic stops,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Graveratte, Benzinger and cadets watch on as Dave Sabuda, detective for the Mount Pleasant Police, instructed self-defense methods.

marine patrol activities, tours, firearms safety and much more.

July 20 contained Defensive Tactics training at the First Baptist Church on High Street.

"At the training, the cadets learned the proper use of a baton, cuffing and practice 'take down' drills to show a small snippet of some training police officers are required to do," Browne said. "Controlled, calculated tactics were taught as a way to minimize risk."

The cadets learned different strikes, the difference between using force and not using force, and proper handcuffing to preventing cutting off circulation, Browne said.

The cadets participated in Fire Service Day on July 28 at the Department of Public Safety.

Cadets learned the physical requirements to be a fire person, how the equipment operates and how to control the hose.

Browne said Benzinger and Graveratte did very well in the program. "Both of them have been very responsive to the program," Browne said. "Both of them seem to enjoy it and are having fun. We've been very happy with both of them."

Benzinger said she sees this as a possible job when she is older.

"I have learned to have responsibility and integrity, to be honest and not harmful," Benzinger said. "The hardest part in the class was the physical agility test."

Graveratte said his favorite part was visiting the Isabella County jail. He got a chance to witness how inmates live and will never forget how they would stare and even "bark" at him during the tour.

His future plans involve joining the Marines, becoming a police officer,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Isabella Benzinger (right) stands still so her partner can perform proper handcuffing.

and eventually becoming a detective.

"It's fun to watch the kids come in nervous on day one and at the end of the third week, the young men and women, who were individuals, are now a group," Browne said. "Some were very meek and would hardly say two words. We teach public speaking – not being forceful – but having a presence... It's nice to see them grow as an individual."

The cadets' experience concluded with a July 30 graduation at the Mount Pleasant High School.



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Aaron Graveratte Jr. practices using the fire hose during the youth police academy training.

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Information you should know about bacteria in the river

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA
Water Resource Technician

It is that time of year again. People are looking to cool down and relax by tubing down the Chippewa River. We all look forward to coasting down the Chippewa without a care, but wait, what is that sign over there?

“WARNING, this public access is not safe for swimming, bacteria exceeds limits for safe swimming.”

Well, now we have a choice to make. Should we continue on with our plans, ignoring the sign? Or turn around and wait for another day when the water is cleaner?

More often than not, people ignore the sign and continue on with the plan to tube down the river.

What are the real risks of going in the water? Why do we only see these signs on certain days?

The warnings are about coliform bacteria, specifically, *Escherichia coli* or *E.coli*. Coliform bacteria are found living in the intestines of people and animals.

When *E.coli* is found in surface waters such as, streams, rivers, or lakes, it is

most likely a result of animal or human waste being washed into the water.

In Isabella County, primary sources of *E.coli* may be antiquated septic systems that overflow or leak, livestock or pet waste, and manure spread on fields, all of these are washed away into surface waters when it rains.

E.coli and other fecal coliform bacteria can cause serious illness. We measure *E. coli* as an indicator to of fecal contamination in surface water.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Water Quality Team uses a test approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to look for *E.coli* in water samples. These samples are collected weekly. The results are distributed to several agencies and Tribal departments.

Two numbers are used to compare data, a daily average of 300 or a monthly, average of more than 130.

Throughout the past month, if the *E.coli* levels exceeded 130, meaning full body contact with water should be avoided. If the *E.coli* numbers reached more than 300 on our sampling day full body contact

should be avoided regardless of the past month’s data.

Central Michigan District Health Department works in correlation with the Water Quality Team to post signs around the community warning the public if the levels are too high, or the standards have been exceeded. The people most at risk are children, elderly, and people with weakened immune systems, and those who have been recently injured, have open sores or wounds should also avoid any contact with the water.

E.coli levels on the Chippewa River and the north branch of the Chippewa River have continued to exceed standards for several summers. Typically, levels will go up if it rains because it washes fecal matter on land into our area surface water because the rain that washes off agricultural land and urban surfaces, carry these bacteria with it, and then drain into the river, lakes, ponds, and other surface water.

The Water Quality Team is investigating the cause of the high levels of *E.coli* in the Chippewa River. One project that the team is working on involves the use of highly-trained dogs that will sniff out human waste versus animal waste.

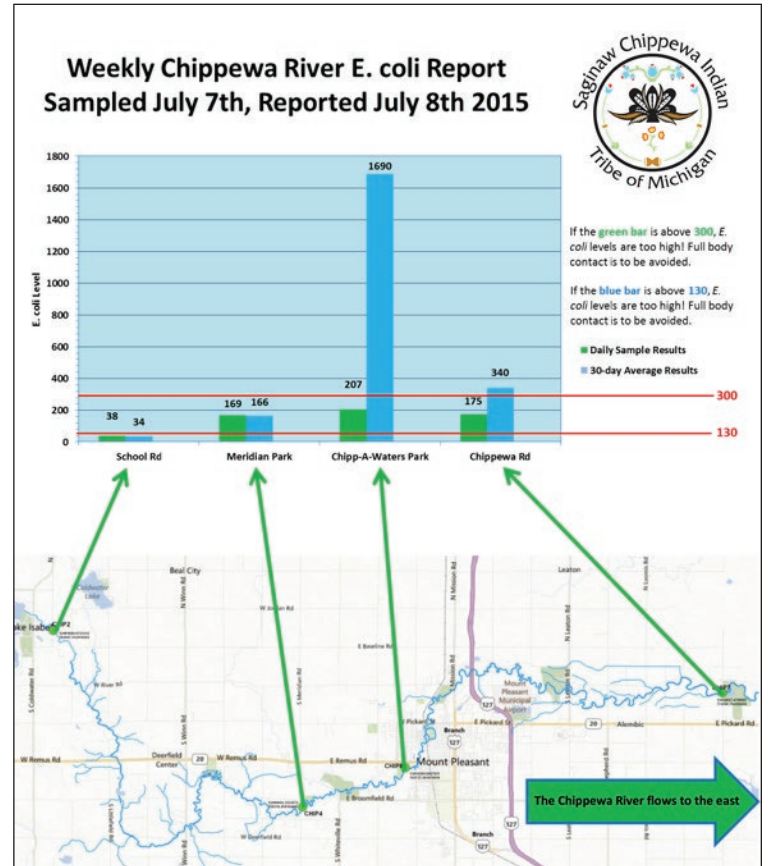
Saginaw Valley State University will be doing a DNA extraction on samples that tested positive for human waste to verify the results.

This will help us understand if the potential source of *E.coli* is coming from septic systems that leech out and discharge into surface waters or if there is something else that is causing it.

The Water Quality Team is also working with the CMDHD to create a map of all the septic systems in Isabella County to help locate potential sources of discharge.

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On his anniversary night, Keith Urban gifts his fans with stellar show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was the fans who received a gift for Keith Urban and wife Nicole Kidman's ninth wedding anniversary. Urban celebrated the day with one stellar sold-out June 25 Soaring Eagle show.

Fans were not only eager to watch Urban's show, but to also wish him a happy anniversary. Signs throughout the venue congratulated him and Kidman.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dan Smyers and Shay Mooney, of country duo Dan & Shay, opened for Urban during the sold-out June 25 Soaring Eagle show.

After his show, a sentimental video was posted on social media from the two, thanking the fans for their best wishes.

"You have no idea how touching that is," Urban said. "I mean literally, I was trying to hold tears back. It was so beautiful."

Urban said fans made the night "magical, celestial and so romantic."

"We should come back here every anniversary," he said with a laugh.

American country music duo

Dan & Shay opened for Urban. In October 2013, they released their debut single "19 You + Me". Their second single "Show You Off" was released in May 2014.

The duo performed many popular cover songs including Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud", Journey's "Any Way You Want It", Maroon 5's "Moves Like Jagger", and a medley of Def Leppard's "Pour Some Sugar On Me" with Diamond Rio's "Meet in the Middle".

With his gifted guitar skills and harmonious voice, Urban proved he's no celebrity just for his looks alone.

Urban began his set with "Long Hot Summer" (2010), followed by "Put You in a Song" (2010), "Somewhere in My Car" (2014) and Kidman made an appearance and stood on the side stage during "Without You" (2010).

Urban showed he excels in showmanship. He shredded on his guitar during "Sweet Thing", "Til Summer Comes Around" and "Raise 'Em Up".

He played a full, two-hour set which involved some of his most well-known hits such as, "Cop Car", "Making Memories of Us", "Little Bit of Everything" and "Where the Blacktop Ends," from his 1999 self-titled American debut album.

His latest single, "John Cougar, John Deere, John 3:16", impressed the audience.

The "You Look Good in My Shirt" performance led Urban to walk through the audience, and perform on a platform in the center of the venue.

At the end of the song, he signed and gave away his guitar to one lucky fan.

The ballad "Tonight I Wanna Cry" was performed with Dan & Shay.

Urban shined his vocals and emotions during "Stupid Boy".

When scanning the audience and reading signs, Urban brought fan "Courtney" on stage when he read her sign: "Bet my dad money you'd bring me on stage."

Courtney sang "Kiss A Girl" with Urban, and when asked how much she bet her dad, Courtney responded with "20 bucks."

"Twenty bucks???" Urban said. "I think \$100 is more like it."

In the midst of "Kiss A Girl", Urban broke into a bluegrass ad-lib that impressed the locals: "I was born in Saginaw... Dad was a hardworking Saginaw fisherman. I loved a girl in Saginaw, Michigan; the daughter of a weather family... Her dad called me that son of a Saginaw fisherman, not good enough to claim his daughter's hand."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Urban takes his hands off his guitar and holds the microphone to sing his hit single "Put You in a Song".

When the lights dimmed and stage emptied, the crowd wanted more.

Urban entered the stage once more and said, "You're still here. I love ya for that. It's been magical out here tonight. I want to thank everyone at the casino and everyone that drove here tonight."

An energetic "Somebody Like You" performance served as the encore.

July Fourth holiday brings in SECR Dirts, Spurs and Thrills event

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For the July Fourth holiday weekend, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort kept the events rolling. The Dirts, Spurs, and Thrills events occurred July 1-5 in the outdoor hill area.

Throughout the week, Carnival by Playworld Amusements hosted the most popular rides featuring: Bumper cars, cliffhanger, himalaya, tilt-a-whirl, sizzler, rainbow rock, and rides for small children.

SCIT Tribal Members and employees received a carnival day, free of charge, on July 5th from noon to 7 p.m.

The Demolition Derby by the USA Demolition Derby



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The Dirt Crew monster truck provides thrills going over the top.

Inc. took place Wednesday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The mostly Michigan-made automobiles and figure eight

drivers had to present speed, concentration and clever timing for the many twists and jumps on the track.

Engines could be heard from miles away during the July 2nd Monster Truck Madness 6.

The event delivered unique motorsport events using top-of-the-line talent with the finest, most fan-friendly and accessible monster truck superstars including Avenger—Jim Koehler, Over Bored—Jamey Garner, Barbarian—Devin Jones, Crushstation—Greg Winchenbach, Wrecking Crew—Steve Koehler, Xtermigator—JR McNeal, Brutus—Brad Allen, Ice Cream Man—Roy Pridgeon, Rage—Cory Rummell and Quad Chaos—Aaron Cain.

Sand drags and monster truck rides, monster truck tricks and backflips ensued.

July 3-4 brought on the Super Kicker Rodeo – the 2015 Walk With Me Summer Tour.

The best regional and local men and women rodeo athletes competed in bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, girls barrel racing, team roping header and team roping heeler.

Robyn Grinzinger, Nimkee public health educator, attended the rodeo Friday night.

"I had a great time," Grinzinger said. "Back in the day, I actually trained to be a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Two cars collide during the USA Demolition Derby Inc. July 1 show.

barrel bender. When I was little, my dad used to raise and break horses, so I have been around them all my life. So, it is always fun going to see the horses."

Tim McCullough, SECR guest service performance development specialist, said the entire weekend was very special this year and a huge success.

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A7X delivers metal onslaught in third Soaring Eagle appearance

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Pulse-pounding bass dueling with power guitar riffs as the Huntington Beach bad boys Avenged Sevenfold (often abbreviated as A7X) delivered a metal onslaught in their third appearance at Soaring Eagle with opening band Breaking Benjamin.

Former A7X members Matt Wendt, Justin Sane, Dameon Ash and the iconic James “The Rev” Sullivan have given way to reincarnation of the “Bat Wings” that now feature lead vocalist M. Shadows, rhythm guitarist and backing vocalist Zacky Vengeance, lead guitarist and backing vocalist Synyster Gates, bass guitarist Johnny Christ and drummer Arin Ilejay.

Since their 1999 debut release “Sounding the Seventh Trumpet,” A7X has demonstrated impressive rock resilience throughout

the years and have released six studio albums, one live album/compilation/DVD, and 18 singles and have sold more than three million albums in the U.S.

Their musical range from a pure metal core act has evolved into a heavy metal sound fused with a hard rock edge.

A7X is internationally known for their diverse rock sound and dramatic imagery in album covers, and they certainly bring that excitement when the lights go down with their trademark red bat wings logo supplemented with flames bursting from the back of the stage.

As front man M. Shadows sauntered to center stage, his bat-mates emerged with supporting pyrotechnics as they launched into “Shepherd of Fire” from their fifth studio release “Hail to the King”.

As A7X continued into their second hit, “Critical Acclaim” from their self-titled album, the crowd was standing throughout the venue and the metal fan frenzy was right up to the front row barriers.

A7X also gave a touching tribute tri-act in memory of “The Rev” as they powered their way through “Buried Alive”, “Nightmare” and “So Far Away”.

Pouring on another power trio of metal standards,



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Avenged Sevenfold lead singer and front man M. Shadows speaks to the crowd pressing the barrier.

A7X played “Gunslinger”, “Almost Easy” and “Bat Country”.

With A7X encores of “Unholy Confessions”, “Acid Rain” and the metal-inspired Broadway tribute to symphonic rock “A Little Piece of Heaven”, the only duty left was to find what other music lovers thought of the sights and sounds of the beautiful summer evening.

Courtney Nelson from Shepherd, Mich. was impressed with the show.

“This is my fifth concert at Soaring Eagle so I was expecting it was going to be another great concert,” Nelson said. “I haven’t seen either of the bands live before, but they are two of my favorite bands and I’ve been looking forward to seeing them perform for a long time. The shows were absolutely amazing! I would go to both shows again in a heartbeat, it was a great time!”

Grand Blanc native Samantha Maynard knew it was going to be

worth the drive to central Michigan.

“I have seen Sevenfold three other times, but this was my first time seeing them at the Eagle, and this was by far the best show of A7X I have been to,” Maynard said. “The set list was amazing and not like any other. I look forward to seeing them again at the Eagle along with Breaking Benjamin who did an awesome job, too!”

Music fans Kristen Hesser and Will Barker from Bradley, Mich. have rocked out at Soaring Eagle numerous times and love the summer outdoor concert venue.

“My uncle is employed at Soaring Eagle and was gracious at giving us this opportunity to see these guys live and attend the backstage meet and greet,” Hesser said. “It was our first time seeing a Breaking Benjamin and Avenged Sevenfold concert live. They put on one of the best shows



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Guitar shredder and Golden God guitar winner Synyster Gates swings his ax to the delight of the metal heads.

I’ve ever seen and we both had such a good time.”

Jessica Gelvin appreciates high-quality rock acts and thought it was awesome that A7X is playing only three shows this year while working on their new studio album and they chose Soaring Eagle as one of them.

“Avenged has been one of my favorite rock bands for years now,” Gelvin said. “They just got off their Asia tour (Indonesia, Japan and Hong Kong) and were nice enough to add us to their very small docket in the States. They literally only did three shows in the U.S. and we were one of them (back to back with Wisconsin’s Rock Fest). I saw them here back in 2011, again in 2013 and now in 2015 and they packed sold-out shows every time... Here’s hoping we bring them back again for their fourth show at the Eagle!”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Lead singer and guitar Benjamin Burley of breaks out some licks.

The confident Rod Stewart may just remain “forever young”

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

At 70 years old, Rod Stewart can still rock. He’s still got plenty of moves, and he’s still confident enough to show them off.

Runaway Saints and John Waite opened for Stewart during the Sunday, July 19 Soaring Eagle show.

The upcoming Nashville-based band Runaway Saints successfully warmed up the

crowd with their upbeat, rugged style. Their entertaining, professional and energetic performance felt as if the band had been experts in the music industry for years.

English musician John Waite was the lead vocalist for groups The Babys and Bad English.

Waite performed The Babys’ songs “Back on my Feet Again”, “Every Time I Think Of You” and “Head First”, and the Bad English hit “Best of What I Got”.

As a solo artist, his biggest hit was the 1984 single “Missing You”. The song peaked at number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

Waite also performed covers of Vince Gill’s “Whenever You Come Around” and ended his set with Led Zeppelin’s “Whole Lotta Love”.

The legendary raspy-voiced singer Rod Stewart appeared on stage with a classy white suit jacket and shirt, black pants and a black and white tie.

Backed by a dozen musicians and three female backup singers, Stewart offered a beaming grin and waved to his broad audience.

Stewart got the party started with “Infatuation”, “Having a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The energetic performer Rod Stewart dances along to his “Having a Party” performance.

Party” (Sam Cooke cover), and “It’s a Heartache”.

“We’ve got 90 minutes here... maybe more,” he said to his screaming fans.

Before performing “Can’t Stop Me Now”, Stewart said the song is “about when I was trying to break into show business. I got

turned down a lot because of my nose, hair and clothes. I guess I showed them, didn’t I?”

“Rhythm of My Heart” was dedicated to soldiers currently serving their country.

“We wouldn’t be here tonight enjoying ourselves if it weren’t for them, now would we?” Stewart said.

That performance included videos of wounded warriors, solos from the back-up singers, and a perfectly harmonized ending.

“Forever Young” included instrumental cowbell and drum solos, during which Stewart left the stage, re-appearing in a metallic gold suit to finish the song.

An exceptional harp solo began “First Cut Is The Deepest”, with “Some Guys Have All The Fun”, “Ooh La La”, and “Have I Told You Lately” following.

“We’re going to do some rock ‘n’ roll stuff now,” Stewart said about “Sweet Little Rock and Roller” and “Proud Mary”, during which he stepped off stage and let a backing vocalist shine.

Stewart recognized and thanked Waite, and he considered him to be “one of the best rock ‘n’ rollers of all time.”

“John Waite was absolutely magnificent tonight,” he said.

Stewart performed “You’re In My Heart”, showed funny video clips on the large screens, and kicked/threw out personally autographed soccer balls during spirited The Faces’ song “Stay With Me”.

“Maggie May”, written and recorded by Stewart in 1971, was performed. In 2004, Rolling Stone magazine ranked the song at number 131 of their “The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time” list.

With his confidence level similar to a self-assured 20-something-year-old, Stewart performed his lively encore, “Do Ya Think I’m Sexy?” as he boogied around on his slender legs.

Following the encore, the audience didn’t budge, wanting more. Stewart proved the saying “time flies when you’re having fun” to be true.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

John Waite energized the crowd with his impressive July 19 show.



Ode to summer produce: Fun facts about warm weather vegetables

(Editor's note: The following article was written by Lisa Surriano, and reprinted with permission by Veggiecation. Sally Van Cise, nutritionist of Public Health Services, submitted the article.)

Summer is the best if you can stand the heat, but you know what they say, "if you can't handle the heat, get out of the kitchen!"

While we won't throw you out of our kitchen, we will try and persuade you into appreciating at least one aspect of summer – the food!

From summer produce to the specific act of summer time cooking, or BBQs, this is the season for delicious food and fun times eating in the sun. So grab some sunscreen and enjoy!

First things first, let's talk about some summer favorites. Here are some fun facts about warm weather veggies:

Beets: We love this veggie because it keeps you on your toes! Can you believe that beets are a summer vegetable? Neither could we... at first. But we soon learned that even though this veggie is usually considered a winter veggie, it peaks during the summer!

Cucumbers: Cucumbers have a very real and much needed power to lower the temperature of your body. Be cool as a cucumber this summer by enjoying more cukes!

Bell Peppers: All peppers start off as green! The different colors of the peppers represent the stage at which the pepper was picked. Green peppers are the first to get picked and therefore the least mature, then comes yellow, orange, and finally, red, which is a fully ripe bell pepper. The scale of sweetness works in the same way with green peppers being the least and red peppers being the most.

Tomatos: When debating whether a tomato is a fruit or a vegetable, most people use the argument that tomatoes have seeds and anything with seeds is technically a fruit. This is true, however, an 1893 U.S. Supreme Court case ruled that tomatoes are legally considered vegetables.

Zucchini: The world record for the largest zucchini ever is 69.5 inches long, clocking in at 65 pounds. But don't worry, you're not missing out because small-medium-sized zucchinis have the most flavor.

Side note: The blossoms on the zucchini plant are edible so don't let the beautiful flowers go to waste.

We'll be the first to admit, we're a little biased. There is also a ton of summer-friendly fruit, but we really do love our veggies.

As far as summer-specific recipes, here is an idea that will add some color to your BBQ.

Sunshine Salad

Yield: 6-8 Servings

Ingredients:

- 1 can of corn
- 4 Radishes, trimmed and diced
- 1/2 medium Cucumber, diced
- 1 small-medium Jicama, peeled and diced
- 2 cups of shelled Edamame
- 1/2 medium Red Onion, diced
- 4 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1/4 tsp Turmeric
- 1/4 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1/2 tsp Mustard Seed (optional)
- Salt and Pepper to taste



Tools & Equipment

- Colander
- Cutting Board
- Knife
- Mixing Bowls
- Whisk
- Measuring Cups and Spoons

Instructions:

1. Add all diced veggies into a large mixing bowl.
2. Whisk the olive oil, vinegar, turmeric, garlic powder, mustard seed, salt, and pepper in another mixing bowl.
3. Pour the dressing onto the salad and toss.
4. Enjoy as a side or on top of greens and grain!

Endometriosis is real and difficult to diagnose

(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Health-e headlines™ Consumer Health News Service and submitted by Jenna Wilcox, RN, BSN; women's health coordinator for Nimkee.)

Endometriosis is difficult to diagnose, with women often being told for years that they are experiencing their "normal period."

According to the Endometriosis Foundation of America, the condition affects one in 10 women.

Endometriosis is a disease of the female reproductive system where the glands that normally grow inside the uterus are also implanted on the outside, causing severe abdominal pain during menstruation. In some cases, it is found on other organs in the abdominal cavity such as the ovaries, bladder and bowel.

Symptoms and their timing vary from patient to patient, but debilitating periods that cause missed work or school and that require pain medication may indicate endometriosis.

Additional symptoms can include pain during intercourse, painful bowel movements or urination during menstruation, excessive bleeding, fatigue, and infertility, according to Dr. Gerald Harkins, gynecological surgeon at Penn State Medical Center.

While there are a few theories as to what may trigger endometriosis, the actual causes are not known. There's also no indicator that explains why some women develop it and others do not. Endometriosis is also difficult to diagnose.

Because of this, many women are not diagnosed for six to 10 years after they've initiated a conversation with their primary care doctor.

There is no cure, but endometriosis is manageable with treatment that can provide a good quality of life.

Remember that having your yearly women's health screening is recommended by your primary health care team.

To schedule with your primary care provider at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, please contact Jenna at 989-775-4604 or your primary care nurse.

Staying motivated with your walking program

JUDY DAVIS

4x4 Grant Coordinator

Starting a walking program takes initiative, sticking with it takes commitment. To help you to stay motivated, the Mayo Clinic recommends the following:

• **Set yourself up for success.** Start with a simple goal, such as taking a 10-minute walk during your lunch break. When your 10-minute walk becomes a habit, set a new goal, such as walking for 20 minutes after work or later in the day. Soon you will

be reaching goals that once seemed impossible!

• **Make walking enjoyable.** If you don't enjoy solitary walks, ask a friend or neighbor to join you. This is also a great incentive to keep going as you don't want to disappoint your walking partner.

• **Vary your routine.** If you walk outdoors, plan several different routes for variety. If you are walking alone, be sure to tell someone which route you are taking.

• **Take missed days in stride.** If you find yourself

skipping your daily walks, don't give up. Remind yourself how good you feel when you include physical activity in your daily routine – and then get back on track.

Once you take that first step, you are on the way to an important destination – better health!

And Remember on nasty days, you can always walk on the treadmill in the Nimkee Fitness Center or at Morey Courts provided by the 4x4 Grant. Just ask for the Tribal sign-in sheet at the reception desk. Happy walking!

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule August 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Women Weight Training Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Warrior Wednesday Jaden	Women Weight Training Jayme	
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		Turbo Kick Beth
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme				
5:30 p.m.			Belly Dance Deanna		

Saganing Health Fair is blown away with flight care visit



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

There was plenty of information to be had at the annual Saganing Health Fair, most of it was at information booths and giveaways.

The St. Mary's of Michigan Flight Care helicopter circled the appreciative crowd and everything was fine before it came in for a landing.

"The helicopter came a little too close for comfort as it hovered in for a landing," Saganing Outreach Center Supervisor Don Nelson said. "The theme of this year's health fair was 'Catch a Wave' and I guess the wave that was caught was all air instead of water. Thank goodness nobody was hurt, but there will be some Tribal departments and other community health care providers requesting new canopies in their next fiscal year budgets!"



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ENTRY FEES

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Protecting your deceased loved ones from identity theft

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

(Editor's note: The following information has been taken from AARP Bulletin, March 6, 2013, and <http://www.idtheftcenter.org/Fact-Sheets/fs-117.html>. This article was submitted by Andahwod Case Manager Julie Pego.)

Each year, more than 2.5 million deceased American identities are used to open credit card accounts, apply for loans and get cellphones or other services, according to the fraud prevention firm ID Analytics.

Many are deliberately targeted, while others are by chance. This is called "ghosting" and because it takes six months for financial institutions, credit-reporting agencies, and the Social Security Administration to receive and register death records these thieves have time to wreak financial havoc in the deceased person's name.

These thieves troll obituaries and once they get a name and birthdate, they can look up the address on the internet to complete the information needed

to purchase the persons Social Security Number on the internet.

In 2011, thieves collected 5.2 billion dollars in income tax refunds, by filing fraudulent income tax claims.

Take the following steps to prevent your deceased family member from identity theft:

- In obituaries, list the age but don't include the birthdate, mother's maiden name or other personal identifiers.

- Obtain at least 12 original copies of the death certificate.

- Report the death to the Social Security by calling 800-772-1213.

- Contact the department of motor vehicles to cancel the deceased person's driver's license.

- Notify the Veterans Affairs if the deceased was a veteran.

- Notify any professional licensing agencies, if applicable, bar associations, medical licenses, cosmetician, etc... or any membership programs-video rental, public library, fitness club, etc.

- Check the deceased person's credit report a few weeks after notifying businesses of cancellations at annualcreditreport.com.

Do this again about six months later to make sure there is no suspicious activity.

- Keep copies of all correspondences sent out noting date sent and any responses that you receive.

- Ask to be notified if a credit application comes through in the deceased loved ones name, only the spouse or executor of the estate will be able to get this information.

Certified mail should be used to send out copies of

Reducing your risk of contracting Lyme Disease

(Editor's note: The following article is from Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon. Visit its website at www.cmdhd.org, LIKE Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook and follow on Twitter @CMiDHD.)

Summertime is a great time for enjoying the beautiful outdoors in Michigan. However, outdoor activities may increase your exposure to ticks that cause Lyme disease, especially in areas of the state that have a higher tick population.

The best advice is to not avoid outdoor activities, but rather learn how to reduce your risk for exposure to the black legged tick, formerly known as the deer tick.

The black legged tick has been found in much of the western Lower Peninsula of Michigan and in the western Upper Peninsula. It's normally found in wooded and grassy areas, sandy soils, and on a variety of small mammals and deer.

The tick has been identified to transmit Lyme disease, and

death certificates to each credit reporting bureau, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

- Ask them to place a deceased alert on the credit report.

- Mail death certificates to banks, insurers, brokerages, credit card and mortgage companies, where the deceased person had accounts.

- If you close the account make sure the institution lists "Closed: Account Holder is deceased" as the reason for the closure.

- If it is a joint account remove the deceased person's name.

This letter is called the Deceased Affidavit of fact and should have: Name and social security number of deceased, last known address, last five years of addresses, date of birth and date of death.

Go to "Identity Theft Resource Center" for more tips on protecting your deceased loved ones identity, and also find information on what to do if your deceased loved one does become a victim of Identity theft, available at www.idtheftcenter.org/Fact-Sheets/fs-117.html

several other tickborne diseases, to humans.

Lyme disease is transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected tick. The tick must be attached to its host for 24-48 hours for the bacteria (*Borrelia burgdorferi*) to be transmitted.

Symptoms of early Lyme disease include: chills, fever, headaches, muscle and joint pain. A characteristic skin rash may be present in about 75 percent of cases. Lyme disease, and other tick-borne diseases, is treated by antibiotics.

Important factors in preventing Lyme disease includes:

1. Knowing where ticks can be encountered.

2. Preventing tick bites.

3. Removing ticks promptly if they do bite.

4. Seeking prompt medical care if illness occurs following a tick bite.

Specific prevention tips for Lyme disease include:

1. Avoiding areas with lots of ticks – try to stay on well-groomed trails and avoid areas with overgrown grass and brush.

2. Keep ticks off your skin – wear light-colored clothing so ticks are easily seen.

3. Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants, and long-sleeved shirt.

4. Check clothes and any exposed skin frequently for ticks.

5. Check clothes for ticks before going indoors.

6. Use Environmental Protection Agency approved repellents registered for ticks that include products containing DEET, picaridin, and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

Don't forget your pets, too! Animals may become sick with the same tick-borne diseases that affect people.

Tickborne disease prevention includes early identification of attached ticks. Run your hands over your animal's body checking for lumps, carefully checking around the ears, chest, belly, legs and feet, and tail.

Tick prevention products, and a Lyme disease vaccination are available for pets. Check with your veterinarian to see which tick prevention options are the best for your pets.

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JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

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2 Victoria Fisher	17 Larry Post
3 Carl Benz, Gary Harris, Laurie Newton	18 Andrea Gonzales, Brenda Nolan, Susan Leksche
4 Kenneth Douglas, Matthew Pamp, Alton Smith, Joseph Anderson, Danny Russell, Toni Swalley	19 Alice Moore-Barton, Ralph Ambs, Diane Garrett, Mark Mitchell, Charles Sharon, Vicki Steffen, Benjamin Willis Sr., David Zocher
5 Brenda McMillin, Rosalie Stevens	20 Kimberly Crandall
6 Kevin Bird, Marcella Hadden, Ricky Snyder	21 James Peters
7 Juan Carranza, Mike Floyd Sr., David Otto, Veronica Bos, Victoria Carini, Dawn Jackson	22 Jacqueline Daniels, Michael Abraham, Ronald Collins Sr., Lynn Stewart
8 Pamela Floyd	23 Brenda Davis, Roger Jackson, Maynard Kahgegab Sr., Gloria Narvais, Lisa Gregurek-Clemens
9 Sandra Stevens, Rosalie Bloom, Michael Hart, Cecelia Wieland	24 Paula Alexander, Louis Leksche, Terri Maki
10 Renee Deman	25 Michael Bennett, Bryan Shuler
11 Phillip Mena, Dorothy Shawano, Theresa White, Debra DeFrens, Diane Jones, Laura Kellogg, Leonard Pontiac	26 Rachel Mandoka, Neuel Denman
12 Michelle Bartow, Rosalie Maloney, Madonna Sanders, Ronald Nelson, Edward Cross, Margaret Jackson, Kenneth Kendall, Beverly Morse	27 Colleen Wagner, Wanda Ellis, Michael Schramm, Aloma Underwood
13 Mark Bailey, James Falcon, Ida Ziehmer, Carol Brame, John Henry, Dolly Halzhausen	28 Mary E. Jackson, Gregory Dean, Donna Hunt
14 Todd Darby	29 Anita Shawboose
16 Marilyn Bailey, Brian Quigno, Sharmaine Brooks,	30 Thomas Bonnau, Luanna Finney, Constance Pashenee
	31 Jamey Garlick, Sharon Skutt, Marc Williams

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August Events

Beading Tuesdays at 5 p.m.	Language Bingo August 6 at 1 p.m.
Euchre Tuesdays at 6 p.m.	Jewelry with Kay August 4 at 1 p.m.
Margy and Therapy Dogs Wednesdays at 1 p.m.	Elders Breakfast August 12 & 26 at 9 a.m.
Knitting August 14, 21, 28 at 1 p.m.	Bingo with Friends Trip to Saganing August 18 at 9 a.m.
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August 1 | Tee off: 10 a.m.

- Location: Waabooz Run Golf Course
- Contact: 989-400-1838 or 989-772-4013
- Entry fee: \$120 per team.
- Fee covers 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch and prizes.
- Raffle: Six tickets for \$5
- Two person scramble with five places, paid by random drawing.

Monday Night "Masters"

August 3, 10, 17

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club in Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-775-4128

Women's Tradition Society

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

August 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-3742
- Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

Tuesday Night Giigohn Fishing

August 4, 11, 18, 25

- Contact: 989-775-4128
- Ages 16 and younger fish for free.

Native Farmers Market

August 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: Housing Pavilion, until new Farmers Market pavilion is complete in mid-August.
- Contact: 989-775-4059

Mama and Baby Stroller Fitness

August 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center
- Contact: 989-775-4696

"Who's Your Caddy" Open Golf Tournament

August 8 | 9 a.m. shotgun start

- Location: PohlCat Golf Course
- Contact: 989-775-4149
- Entry fee: \$85 per person
- Entry fee includes 18 holes with cart, lunch and BBQ style banquet after the tournament.

Men's Meeting

August 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214
- Open communication, talking circle
- For adults and young men (sixth graders and older)

Summer Kickball

August 13 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Broadway Ball Field & Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-4590
- Tribal Police/Fire Dept./community kickball game
- Burgers, hot dogs and chips.

Family Spirit Support Group

August 11 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
- Contact: 989-775-4616
- Honoring Fathers: Fathers represent pride, honor and responsibility.
- Family scavenger hunt

RezBall 2015

August 12 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4149

Women's Support Group

August 18 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4896

Housing Financial Workshop

August 20 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4552

Grandmother Moon Ceremony

August 28 | Ceremony begins at 9 p.m.

- Teachings and preparation from 5 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health Lodge
- Contact: 989-775-4879

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will be delayed until Saturday, Sept. 12 due to Labor Day Holiday.

Talking Circle
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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
3 Jake & Mary Pine 7 th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	4 Jake & Mary Pine 7 th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m.	5 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	6 Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	7 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	1/8 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 2/9 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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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!



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Tribal Operations

Economic Development Director

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration or community planning plus five years of work experience in a relevant and progressive leadership position. Provides key guidance and methodology strategies to determine the feasibility of potential economic development projects for all SCIT interests both locally and abroad.

SCTC Tutor: General Studies

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

SCTC Tutor: Mathematics

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree in mathematics, or significant course work towards a degree emphasizing mathematical skills. A completed degree in mathematics or related field is preferred.

Gift Shop Retail Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus. Must demonstrate/show strong communication skills as it pertains to customer service. Honest, energetic, personality a plus.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

Dietary Cook Aide

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere.

Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in the substance

abuse field highly desired. Must have an interest to increase knowledge in the substance abuse field CAC-I or CADC-I strongly encouraged to apply.

Social Services Supervisor Protective Services

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one year supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable tribal and federal law as they pertain to tribal children and families.

SECR

Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license.

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a Michigan state license in cos-

metology with 1600 training hours, followed by completion of state license with two year renewal required.

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire. Must be able to walk and/or stand for long periods of time, carry up to 30 lbs, and safely climb up and down several flights of stairs.

Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification and 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Server Assistant PT

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED.

Line Cook FT Associate Dining

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills.

Guest Relations Rep PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent. Must have good customer relation's skills and possess strong communication skills. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, emergency shifts, and rotating schedules.

Pastry Line Cook FT

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

Lead Cook FT - Diner

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 with in-

creasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a chauffeur's license.

Lead Cook

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 with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

Laundry Attendant FT&PT

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

Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma (or equivalent). Must be able to obtain/maintain a tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license.

Host/Hostess PT - Aurora

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good guest service skills and work well with others.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Function Service FT Casino Beverage

In-house. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

Line Server PT Aurora

In-house. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

Steward PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Exceptional "people" skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Function Service PT Casino Beverage

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

Casino Housekeeper PT

Open to the Public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required.

Front Desk Agent PT

Open to the public. High school diploma. Hotel experience in front office operations preferred, but not necessary. Experience in front office operations preferred, but not necessary. Typing skills preferred. Must have cash handling experience and one year minimum of customer service experience.

Host/Hostess PT-Diner

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

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Inventory Control Driver PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Requires a chauffeur's license.

Line Cook PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KENNETH KENDALL:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No.: 15-CI-0381 Plaintiff: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan 7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's attorney: Jay W. Fields Senior Associate General Counsel Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan 7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4049 Vs. Defendant: Kenneth Kendall 9800 N. Vandecar Rd. Farwell, MI 48622 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 Dec. 19, 2015**

PETITION FOR PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF JADE MICHAEL HERNANDEZ:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-PC-0419 Plaintiff: Kimberly Ann Waynee 8821 E. Coleman Rd. Coleman, MI 48618 (989) 492-1432 Vs. Jade Michael Hernandez. Notice to Defendant: You are requested to contact the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court at the above address in the matter of the estate of Daniel James Waynee.

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Fifth annual Walleyes for Warriors celebrates U.S. veterans

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Not every American veteran receives a proper welcome home. For the past five years, Nels Larsen has been working diligently to change that for local veterans.

As an avid Saginaw Bay walleye fisherman and a Vietnam veteran (1968-1970), Larsen coordinated an event to give U.S. veterans recognition.

“Walleyes for Warriors” serves as a fun-filled day of fishing for veterans and for others to give thanks to them for serving the country.

The boat launching began at 5:30 a.m. at Bay City’s Veterans Memorial Park on Sunday, June 21.

At 7:30 a.m., the boats, occupied with veterans, boat captains and volunteers, peacefully took off across the Saginaw Bay.

“Each year, we’ve been able to take out about 230 veterans with about 130 boats,” Larsen said. “This is all free to veterans. For many of the veterans, it is the first time they’ve had a welcome home or a ‘thank you’ for serving. It’s pretty humbling to see the looks on their faces.”

After nearly six hours of fishing, each boat captain



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

At 7:30 a.m., boats took off across the Saginaw Bay to begin the fishing competition.

headed back to the park, and each craft joined together for a procession of boats, greeted by cheers of countless spectators.

For Larsen, this is his favorite part of the entire event.

“When the music starts and the boats come in, people start waving flags and that’s when I am going to get tears in my eyes and a lump in my throat,” he said. “I know what it’s like to get a welcome home and I see saluting and hugging; it’s an emotional event.”

All catches but longfish are



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A fire truck raising the American flag greeted the veterans back in to Bay City’s Veterans Memorial Park at about 2 p.m.

then collected and taken to the cleaning station.

“We give away a plaque for first, second, and third place in the largest sheephead,” Larsen said. “All the rest of the fish are cleaned, weighed, put in a plastic bag and taken over to the freezer. By the time the event is wrapped up, each veteran takes home a bag of fish.”

Annual volunteers Ralph Smith, Joe Rodriguez, Tom Ebi, and their families clean and pack more than 1200 walleye each year.

This year, Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, the first Vietnam War veteran to receive a Medal of Honor, traveled from Kansas to attend.

“Col. Donlon saved lives in fierce conditions,” Larsen said. “He was wounded and kept fighting. I was very fortunate to meet him. He gave me one of his commemorative coins and that was a real honor. There are a lot of people that would like to have one. It was nice to see him and show him what goes on at this event.”

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society were major sponsors.

Bay City resident Duffy Duncan has been involved in the planning of WFW since the beginning, and has served as the official event photographer for the past two years.



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A boat full of veterans and volunteers hold up the fish they caught by 9 a.m.

He said WFW would not be possible without the SECR and SELC sponsorship.

SECR Food & Beverage provided boxed lunches for all boating participants, and provided a catered dinner for the veterans and boat captains.

WFW works with Operation Injured Soldiers, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources wounded heroes need to return to productive lives in their communities.

“(The Operation Injured Soldiers helpers) are all volunteers who just have a mindset that they want to give back to veterans and they do it in a big way,” Larsen said. “Ninety-six percent of their donation money goes to veterans.”

Another benefit: Clear weather was present.

“We were supposed to have a big storm coming through that looked like it was going to land right on us in the morning,” Larsen said. “It was just unreal how it went by us and it turned out to be



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Col. Roger H.C. Donlon, the first Vietnam War veteran to receive a Medal of Honor, traveled from Kansas to attend.

perfect weather, and the participants were catching fish like crazy.”

Larsen said he would love to have more Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society members involved each year. To participate in the 2016 event, stay tuned to walleyesforwarriors.com.



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Each year, Walleyes for Warriors brings in about 230 veterans with about 130 boats.



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The fifth annual event is a chance for veterans to be honored, and to make new friendships.



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Three boaters with two U.S. flags peacefully head out on the bay.



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Three men and a Chihuahua show off the fish they caught.



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Countless participants had great luck catching fish during the six hours, and all veterans took home a bag of walleye.



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Event fisher nets in one of her June 21st big catches.