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General Election results: Six incumbents, six challengers selected

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa community elected its newest Tribal Council for the 2017-2019 term on the Nov. 7 General Election voting day.

District One members had the opportunity to select 10 representatives, District Two members selected one representative and District Three also selected one representative.

Incumbents re-elected include top vote-getter Ronald Ekdahl, Lindy Hunt, Diana Quigno-Grundahl, Kenneth Sprague, District Two Representative Ron Nelson and District Three Representative Frank Cloutier.

Challengers elected include Louanna Bruner, Bill Federico, Craig Graveratte, Theresa

Jackson (Peters), Julius Peters and Jennifer Wassegijig (Vasquez).

The newly elected 12 Council members will be sworn in during the Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, General Council meeting beginning at 9 a.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Voter turnout reached a combined 40.1 percent.

"The Tribe is comprised of three districts that account for the total registered voting membership of 2,371 out of a possible 2,756," said Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director.

District One is the Isabella County Reservation and had 1,051 registered voters out of a possible 1,158 who were eligible to register.

District Two is the Saganing Reservation in Arenac County that has 40 registered voters out of the 42 eligible to register.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

2017 General Election Results

District One

- Ronald Ekdahl 246
- Lindy Hunt 216
- Jennifer Wassegijig (Vasquez) 245
- Julius Peters 215
- Kenneth Sprague 238
- Diana Quigno-Grundahl 211
- Louanna Bruner 220
- Bill Federico 210
- Theresa Jackson (Peters) 218
- Craig Graveratte 206

District Two

- Ronald Nelson 21

District Three

- Frank J. Cloutier 219

District Three is reflective of the remaining Tribal membership that lives outside either of the reservations boundaries. They account for the remaining 1,280 registered voters out of

a possible 1,556 who were eligible to register.

The Election Caucus Committee has reviewed and certified the results of the 2017 General Election.

Tribe allocates nearly \$3 million during semi-annual 2 percent distribution

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Once again, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe held its semi-annual 2 percent distribution, funds derived from Class III gaming at properties Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

Nearly \$3 million total (precisely \$2,935,476.81) was distributed throughout Isabella and Arenac and Northern Bay counties.

For the fall 2017 cycle, the Tribe distributed a total \$2,143,641.25 to Isabella County: \$1,471,055.33 for government and \$672,585.92 for education.

Arenac and Northern Bay County received a total \$791,835.56: \$554,284.89 for government and \$237,550.67 for education.

The Isabella County distribution took place on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations.

Chief Frank Cloutier gave a welcoming address and pointed out the new podium for Tribal events, constructed by the Tribal Woodshop department.

"With the gaming market in Michigan, we have to continue to be creative and inventive," Cloutier said. "The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort is undergoing a

lot of advancement and remodeling, and we are excited for that."

On behalf of Isabella County; George Green, chairperson for the Board of Commissioners, and Margaret McAvoy, administrator in the Isabella County Building, accepted the county's \$338,314.94.

Green said the funds will provide body cameras for police and Commission on Aging's programs and services. McAvoy said the money will aid the recycle program with truck purchases.

On behalf of the City of Mount Pleasant, Mayor Kathy

Ling accepted \$608,097 and said she appreciates the "spirit of collaboration" between the Tribe and City.

The City's funds will go toward several projects including the airport, sidewalk

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Fall 2017 2 Percent Distribution

Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$338,314.94
- City of Mount Pleasant \$608,097
- Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed. \$14,344.66
- Chippewa Township \$10,489.73
- Deerfield Township \$159,261
- Denver Township \$17,000
- Isabella Township \$194,174
- Nottawa Township \$5,000
- Village of Shepherd \$112,324
- Wise Township \$12,050

Total Government: \$1,471,055.33

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$35,316.75
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$26,607.66
- Mount Pleasant Public Schools \$434,827.11
- Shepherd Public Schools \$143,105
- Renaissance Public Schools \$32,729.40

Total Schools: \$672,585.92

Isabella Total: \$2,143,641.25

Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$305,753.03
- City of Au Gres \$35,605
- City of Omer \$9,880
- City of Pinconning \$46,616.32
- City of Standish \$29,950
- Arenac Township \$1,000
- Au Gres Township \$38,449
- Deep River Township \$10,000
- Lincoln Township \$11,000
- Mason Township \$16,431.55
- Pinconning Township \$1,000
- Sims Township \$4,299.99
- Standish Township \$16,400
- Turner Township \$1,000
- Whitney Township \$19,000
- Village of Twining \$7,900

Total Government: \$554,284.89

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$68,733
- Pinconning School District \$70,081.14
- Standish-Sterling School District \$98,736.53

Total Schools: \$237,550.67

Saganing Total: \$791,835.56



Dennis Banks

April 12, 1937 – Oct. 29, 2017

Dennis Banks, a co-founder of the American Indian Movement and a leader of the 1973 Wounded Knee occupation, died Sunday, Oct. 29. He was 80.



Banks was one of several activists who founded the American Indian Movement in Minneapolis in 1968, and he was a leader of AIM's armed takeover of Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in 1973 in a protest against both the tribal and U.S. governments. The village had been the site of a massacre by U.S. soldiers in 1890 that left an estimated 300 Indians dead. The occupiers held federal agents at bay for 71 days.

Banks died Sunday night, Oct. 29. He had developed pneumonia following heart surgery, and his family said they honored his wishes for him not to be put on life support. Daughter Arrow Banks told the Associated Press that the family would have more to say after a family meeting that Monday.

Banks, whose Ojibwe name was Nowacumig, lived near the town of Federal Dam on the Leech Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota. His family said that, as Banks took his last breaths, son Minoh Banks sang him four songs for his journey.

"All the family who were present prayed over him and said our individual goodbyes," said his family. "Then we proudly sang him the AIM song as his final send-off."

Banks and fellow AIM leader Russell Means faced charges stemming from the Wounded Knee occupation, but a judge threw out the case. However, Banks spent 18 months in prison in the '80s after being convicted for rioting and assault for a protest in Custer, S.D., earlier in 1973. He avoided prosecution on those charges for several years because California Gov. Jerry Brown refused to extradite him and the Onondaga Nation in New York gave him sanctuary.

Banks was part of a group of AIM supporters who returned to Wounded Knee in 2003 to mark the 30th anniversary of the standoff, in which two Native Americans died. Banks paid tribute to them as "warriors" and declared it "a national holiday." He was also there in 1998 for the 25th anniversary.

Banks also helped lead a takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices in Washington, D.C., in 1972 as part of a protest dubbed "The Trail of Broken Treaties." And, he was a participant in the 1969-71 occupation by Native Americans of Alcatraz Island, the site of the former prison in San Francisco Bay.

Banks returned to the Leech Lake Reservation in the late '90s and founded a company that sold wild rice and maple syrup, trading on his famous name.

In 2010, Banks joined several other Ojibwe from the Leech Lake and White Earth bands who tested their rights under an 1855 treaty by setting out nets illegally on Lake Bemidji a day before Minnesota's fishing season opener.

The Banks family said Banks would be buried with traditional services in his home community of Leech Lake.

Diana Sue Isham

Jan. 3, 1958 – Oct. 30, 2017

Diana Sue Isham, age 59, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Monday, Oct. 30, 2017, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Diana was born Jan. 3, 1958, in Hayward, Wis., the daughter of Dale and Marlene (Nayquonabe) Isham.

Diana was a proud member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe. She enjoyed cooking for the entire family and going to and participating in powwows. There is nothing that Diana loved more than spending time with her family and friends.

Diana is survived by her son Ronald Isham of Mt. Pleasant; daughter Raini Isham of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Brandon Isham, Aysia Isham and Richie Vaquera; siblings Mary, Richard, Roger, Benny, Karen, Paul, Samuel, Sharon, Rose and Christine; and many nieces and nephews.

Diana was preceded in death by her infant son Baby Gary, parents and siblings Chucky and Terri.

A memorial service was held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Matthew Paul Smith

Jun. 14, 1971 – Oct. 22, 2017

Matthew Paul Smith, 46, of Charlotte, Mich., joined his grandmother Ruth in eternal peace on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017.

Matt worked maintenance at Butternut Creek apartments in Charlotte. He was a huge U of M football fan and enjoyed time in the outdoors driving his corvette, fishing and playing golf.

Matt leaves behind three daughters, extended family and many close friends. He will be always missed and loved.

The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, and a tribute to Matt may be found at www.prayfuneral.com.

The memorial service was held Nov. 2, 2017 in Charlotte.



In Loving Memory of Richard "Snooks" Earl Davis

In loving memory of Richard Davis who went away six years ago, Dec. 20, 2011. December brings sad memories, and the holidays are not the same. I lost Richard the day after my birthday, which was an awful time each year. Our hearts ache with sadness we will feel our whole life through. A million times we needed you, a million times we cried. The hurt, the grief, the "why's" are still with us and, at times, unbearable. When God took you away, part of us went with you. We miss you, love you and think about you with each day that passes.



Love Connie; your children Buzz, Casey, Lil. Man and Lisa; grandchildren Brandy, David, Jonathan, Jasmine, Lil. Richard, Miles, Clayton, Emma, Bella and Christopher; and beautiful great granddaughter Osyka.

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee currently has one vacancy. Open until filled.

Powwow Committee One Vacancy

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Send letters of interest to

Attention: Powwow Committee
7070 E Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858



TRIBAL MEMBERS

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe to SCIT

ATTENTION HUNTERS: Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to Observer@sagchip.org to display your buck in the January 2018 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2017

Public Notice

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members.

Any person who has been court-appointed as the Member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

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

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bearden, David	2/25/2016
Bills, Martin	3/23/2017
Dennis, Joel	10/13/2016
Folts, Carolyn	8/13/2017
Macgregor, Ruth Ann	7/2/2017
Moggo, Gerald	8/15/2016
Orvis, Ronald	8/20/2016
Pashenee, Glenn	4/14/2016
Primavera, Julia	7/10/2017
Reynolds, James	11/16/2016
Schramm, Linda	7/22/2017
Sprague, Gary	4/7/2017
Zocher, David	9/9/2017
Zocher, Virginia	8/23/2017

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Dec. 21

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

Monthly Forums are more of an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.

Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Dec. 7

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room

Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.

For more information, please contact

- Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
- Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003

Notice of public hearing: Liquor license renewal

There will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO of the Migizi Economic Development Company. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

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

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

This License, if renewed, will be for the duration of one full year from Jan. 27, 2018, to Jan. 27, 2019, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

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

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

Regular Council Session Dates

- Dec. 5
- Jan. 2
- Feb. 6
- March 6



Happy 15th Birthday

to Grandpa's baby.

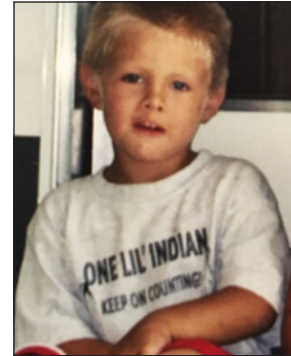
*Love always,
Grandpa Wayne
November 23rd*



Miigwetch

to Alice Jo & Kevin Ricketts

*for your time hosting
Bingo with Friends
at Andahwod.*



Happy 15th Birthday

Devin Sprague

*love Mom, Clint
and Smokey
November 23rd*



Happy 40th Birthday

Gary Bennett

*AKA: Beet
December 20*



Happy Belated Birthday

to
Nevaeh Badger
and her
great grandma Bev!
(November 19th)



Mno dibishkan, Nimaamaa
We love you to the moon and back!



Mno Dibishkan! (Happy Birthday!)

Stella Pamp
*December 13th
Love your family*

The 34th annual SCIT Powwow theme and logo contest

This year the committee is asking for community assistance in picking the annual powwow theme and logo.

- The theme is custom to what is honored that weekend.
- The logo design should compliment theme.
- Entries can be in color (four color max).
- Design can be hand-drawn or created electronically.

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2017

Please include contact information along with entry.

Questions? Please contact

- Craig Gravette: 989.775.4942
- Noelle Wells: 989.775.4000

Mail entries to

Attn: Powwow Committee
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

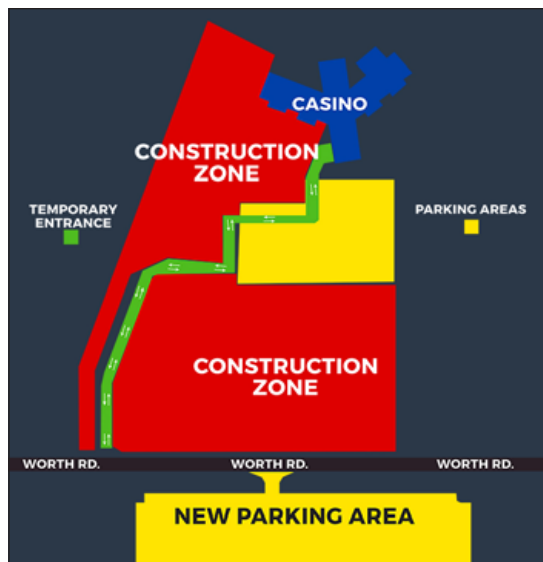
Drop entries off at

- Tribal Operations front desk
C/O Noelle Wells
- Members Services
C/O Craig Graveratte

Email electronic versions

CGraveratte@sagchip.org

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino construction update



On Tuesday, Nov. 28, the Saganing Eagle Landing Casino moved its main entrance and construction fence to begin phase three.

In preparation for this, the previous day, parking lot lines were ground off, and arrows were painted.

Reflective directional signage is present, which helps guide guests into the new lot.

Tribal Operations will be closed:

- **Monday, Dec. 25**
(In observance of Christmas Day)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 26**
(Administrative Closure)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 27**
(Administrative Closure)
- **Thursday, Dec. 28**
(Administrative Closure)
- **Friday, Dec. 29**
(Administrative Closure)
- **Monday, Jan 1**
(In observance of New Year's Day)

24/7 departments will be open as always.



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Happy 1st Birthday

to my sweet girl.

*Mama loves you so
much. (November 30th)*



Tribal Council

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Frank J. Cloutier, District 3

Sub-Chief

Brent D. Jackson, District 1

Treasurer

Gayle Ruhl, District 1

Secretary

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Sergeant At-Arms

Ronald F. Ekdahl, District 1

Tribal Chaplain

Diana Quigno-Grundahl, District 1

Council Member

Candace B. Benzinger, District 1

Council Member

Tim J. Davis, District 1

Council Member

Lindy Hunt, District 1

Council Member

Kenneth Sprague, District 1

Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

FINRA issues enforcement order against Tribe's former investment manager

SCIT PUBLIC RELATIONS

On Oct. 25, 2017, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) issued an enforcement order against former Tribal Investment Manager Gopi Vungarala.

In November 2008, Vungarala was employed by the Tribe as an in-house investment manager responsible for the management and investment of the Tribe's investment portfolio.

In 2011, Vungarala began steering the Tribe's investments to real estate investment trusts (REITs) and business development companies (BDCs). By the time Vungarala's employment ended in 2015, more than 22 percent of the Tribe's portfolio was invested in REITs and BDCs.

REITs and BDCs are considered high-risk investments with a low-liquidity rate, meaning that these investments presented greater risk and locked up funds without access by the Tribe for many years.

FINRA is the regulatory authority over licensed firms and professionals selling securities. A complaint was filed by FINRA's Department of Enforcement against

Vungarala after an investigation showed possible fraud in his handling of the Tribe's investments.

FINRA's order finds Vungarala received more than \$9 million in commissions as a result of his fraudulent representations to the Tribe and that his commissions were not disclosed to the Tribe.

FINRA also found that Vungarala misled the Tribe regarding its eligibility to obtain volume discounts for the REITs with the amount of \$3.3 million owed to the Tribe. (The Tribe was paid the \$3.3 million in a previous settlement between FINRA and the broker responsible for Vungarala's supervision.)

Also discovered by FINRA, from 2011 to near the end of his employment in 2015, Vungarala committed securities fraud under the Securities Exchange Act and FINRA rules.

"The Tribe will continue to cooperate with the proper authorities to address the wrongs perpetrated on the Tribe," said Chief Frank Cloutier. "We directed the Tribe's legal counsel to initiate our own civil litigation against Vungarala and other parties responsible for the fraud perpetrated on the Tribe. We are in the midst of that litigation and are confident that we will prevail and obtain restitution from the parties responsible."

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.



Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program seeking representatives for ABE Advisory Council

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

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

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

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

Monthly meetings will take place in years one and two, then semi-annual meetings in years three and four to support, guide and oversee implementation of activities.

- **Four adult or elder community members**
- **Four employees from SCIT-affiliated service providers/programs**
- **Four Tribal youth representatives**
(Parental consent is required, and forms will be made available by the NC Program staff.)

In the letter of interest please include the following:

Your name, address, phone and email information, what segment of the ABE you represent (community member, employee or youth) and why you are interested in this opportunity.

Send letters of interest

- **By mail:** SCIT Behavioral Health
Native Connections Program
Lisa M. Kennedy
2800 S. Shepherd Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **By email:** likennedy@sagchip.org

Tribal Observer

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



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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



Annual feast honoring veterans and warriors, informative and well-attended

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The annual veterans feast in honor of the Civil War and today's warriors began at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12, with Tribal military veterans ceremonially dancing into the Soaring Eagle ballroom to rhythms created by the Git-ti-gah Migizi (Spotted Eagle) drum group.

The warriors stood solemnly in front of the POW-MIA table that was set in remembrance of prisoners of war and missing-in-action soldiers before they posted the eagle staffs and various tribal, military, federal and state flags.

The gathering, hosted by the Anishnabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society and emceed by Tribal elder Joseph Sowmick, began with a welcome from Okima David Perez Sr. who asked all veterans in attendance to stand and be recognized and honored with a round of applause.

Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided a blessing for the feast.

Before guest speaker Okima Anthony Forrester from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi addressed the crowd, attendees enjoyed dinner and were able to place bids on silent auction items such as beaded earrings and belts, baskets, a winter sun sculpture and a Native American flute.

After wishing the U.S. Marine Corp. a happy birthday, Forrester publically acknowledged the Tribe, mentioning SCIT helped as the Pokagon



Observer photo by Niki Henry

At the 2017 Annual Veterans Feast on Sunday, Nov. 12, in the Soaring Eagle ballroom, the POW-MIA table is set front and center to honor and remember prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action.

Warrior Society was forming in 2007.

"Back then, we looked to the Saginaw Chippewa Ogitchedaw group as our mentors," Forrester said. "We learned from them, and I just want you guys to know that we wouldn't be where we are today if it wasn't for them."

Forrester explained how his society is currently trying to use its legacy as Native American veterans to further the purposes of his tribe and Native Americans as a whole and to represent bands and tribes that do not have similar opportunities.

Forrester continued, sharing with the crowd how significant Native Americans have been in the military throughout U.S. history.

He said no other ethnic group has as high of a percentage of representation in the military as Native Americans do and have



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Event emcee and Tribal elder Joseph Sowmick (left) is gifted honorary membership to the Anishnabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society by representatives Okima David Perez Sr. (middle) and U. S. Army Veteran Larry Verga (right).

consistently had, even before they were given the right to vote by state governments.

"We had 45,000 Native Americans fight in World War II at a time when there were only 350,000 Native Americans," Forrester said, explaining that was close to 13 percent of the population at that time.

"The Pentagon is seeing those numbers," Forrester said. "And they're reaching out to us to ask us what they can do to help us."

Forrester said the government recognizes that Native Americans have a different perspective due to their beliefs and culture and that they have been mistreated.

He said he has even been asked why Native Americans enlist and support the U.S. through the military, and he believes it is because of their connection to their ancestors and the land.

As Forrester finished addressing the crowd, Perez joined him on the stage and presented Forrester with an eagle feather.

"You earned it," Perez said.

Perez also surprised Sowmick, presenting him with a certificate of honorary membership to the Anishnabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warrior Society.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Veterans stand for an honor song after grand entry.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Today's veterans and warriors stand together before posting colors at the beginning of the event.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Okima Anthony Forrester, guest speaker from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, proudly displays the eagle feather he was presented at the feast.

"I am truly humbled to receive such an honor," Sowmick said after the event. "I mentioned to those in attendance that my father, former Chief Arnold Sowmick, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He has instilled in me what a responsibility it is to work and live in our Tribal community and that to serve our people is the highest honor one can aspire to."

Before the evening concluded with the awarding of door prizes and the closing of the silent auction, with all proceeds benefiting the society, Chris Czopek, a historian from Lansing, spoke in detail about the Sharpshooter Company K that was comprised solely of volunteer Native soldiers.

"This is a story that is not well-known," Czopek said, explaining that Native soldiers were desired in the company because they were such good

shots due to their hunting experience and because they were comfortable in nature and could endure inclement weather.

Czopek explained, however, that one out of every three of the 139 Native American soldiers in Company K died in the Civil War and that he has dedicated 20 years to researching and honoring those men.

Czopek concluded his speech, telling the narratives of three different soldier of Company K.

"Every man has a story," he said.

The evening wrapped up on a lighter note with Cynthia and Ken Soney winning \$150 in the 50/50 raffle and the recognition of the following volunteers who helped make the event possible: Janie Varga, Inez Perez, Sandy Peters, Joyce DeVerney, Carol Knowels, Cynthia Soney and Karen Lada.

Veterans then retired the colors, carrying the eagle and flag staffs out.



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Historian Chris Czopek speaks to the crowd, providing details about U.S. Civil War's Sharpshooter Company K, comprised solely of volunteer Native American soldiers.

Ziibiwing Center's collection showing honors veterans and warriors

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

As snow swirled outside on Nov. 9, a flurry of activity also took place in Ziibiwing's Research Center while Anita Heard, coordinator of the Research Center, and her team prepared a display to honor local Native American veterans and warriors.

"We do a collection showing every quarter, and this time it's focused on archival material," Heard said. "We wanted to showcase and honor our community veterans."

Heard was assisted in her efforts by Research Center Specialist Robin Spencer and Megan Finkbeiner, an Alma College intern.

The team worked together to select and prepare the items to be displayed as well as label and arrange them.

The showcases included artifacts such as photographs, newspaper clippings and medals, with the majority of items contributed to the center by community members.

One display was dedicated to Tribal Members from Caro, Mich.

The collection was set to be exhibited Nov. 11-18 but



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Ziibiwing Research Center Specialist Robin Spencer stands in front of a display dedicated to Caro, Mich., Tribal Members.

remained on display throughout the month of November.



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(Left to right) Robin Spencer, research center specialist, intern Megan Finkbeiner and Research Center Coordinator Anita Heard work together to showcase items in the Ziibiwing Research Center on Nov. 9 in preparation of a collections showing that honored Native American veterans and warriors.



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Dennis J. Banks: “Make no mistake, America; we are going to be on your back”

LEVI RICKERT

Native News Online

Dennis J. Banks (Ojibwe), the co-founder of the American Indian Movement who led actions that brought to light the injustices American Indians still endured during the past half-century, walked on Sunday, Oct. 29, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., with his family and friends at his side. He was 80.

His death was the result of complications after undergoing open heart surgery on Oct. 18. During the week after surgery, he developed pneumonia and his condition worsened.

True to the name of his autobiography “Ojibwe Warrior,” Banks was a tireless fighter for American Indian issues, causes and concerns. Banks became one of the most renowned American Indian leaders of the last century.

Born on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation in 1937, Banks’ Indian name was Nowa Cumig, which means “In the Center of the Universe.”

Banks was taken from his family home at the tender age of five and put on a bus to an American Indian boarding school many miles from home. The boarding school experience never left Banks as he championed American Indian causes later in life.

By 1953, he joined the United States Air Force and was sent to Japan for three years.

After his military service, Banks came home to Minnesota where he spent the next years of his life between the Leech Lake Indian Reservation and the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Struggling to find a job and needing to feed his family, Banks was arrested for stealing food and sent to prison where he heard the complaints of many fellow American Indian prisoners who faced police brutality both in and out of prison.

Rise of American Indian Movement: Banks co-founded the American Indian Movement (AIM) with Clyde Bellecourt, George Mitchell and Vernon Bellecourt in 1968 as a result of police abuse against American Indians in the Twin Cities. Banks asked Russell Means, who was the director of the Cleveland Indian Center when AIM was formed, to become part of the movement.

Author Peter Matthiessen described Banks in his national bestseller “In the Spirit of Crazy Horse” as “a handsome man with an intense, brooding expression.”

Matthiessen said, “Banks was quickly established as the most thoughtful and articulate leader in the new Movement.”

The American Indian Movement became one of



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, walked on Sunday, Oct. 29.

the most powerful groups for social change in the U.S. and propelled Banks to be among the most influential American Indian leaders of the past century.

By November 1972, AIM had already become a national platform for American Indian rights. While other organizations existed with the same concerns, AIM was much more vocal and mobilized faster.

Since its inception, AIM always used treaties as a basis of its appeal for justice in the U.S. for American Indians.

Treaties are a legal means most other people of color do not have. Banks and other AIM leaders understood this and utilized these documents to their advantage.

On Nov. 3, 1972, just days before the presidential election, AIM brought the Trial of Broken Treaties caravan to Washington, D.C. Banks traveled by caravan from Seattle and was joined by others from various parts of the country. The purpose was to present the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) a 20-point proposal for improving relations between the federal government and American Indians throughout the country.

AIM ended up taking over the BIA building and occupying it for several days until a peaceful end was negotiated.

Wounded Knee: In early 1973, Banks and other AIM members went to Custer, S.D. to seek justice for Wesley Bad Heart Bull, an American Indian man who was stabbed to death by a white man. Charged with second-degree murder, the killer served only one day in jail.

In a meeting prior to going to Custer, Banks borrowed the phrase from Crazy Horse, “It’s a good day to die,” to mobilize AIM members to action. A riot ensued, and Banks and several other AIM members were arrested.

Some historians cite the Custer incident as a prelude to the takeover of Wounded Knee, a small hamlet on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Banks and other AIM leaders chose Wounded Knee because of its symbolic significance in history as the location where

the U.S. Seventh Cavalry massacred some 300 men, women and children four days after Christmas in 1890.

On Feb. 27, 1973, Banks led nearly 200 Oglala Lakota and AIM members into Wounded Knee, where they seized and occupied the hamlet for 71 days. While at Wounded Knee, the occupiers faced thousands of rounds of ammunition from the U.S. government.

With the Wounded Knee siege, American Indian concerns were front and center in the minds of Americans who usually only referenced American Indians on Thanksgiving.

Wounded Knee began a resurgence of American Indians. People were starting to move past the Disney and Western-versions of Indian chiefs galloping through the dusty prairies on horse-back wearing long war bonnets.

While the media classified the AIM occupiers as militants, American Indians called them modern-day warriors.

What erupted at Wounded Knee was nothing short of warfare against those Indian warriors. Military helicopters and jets flew overhead, dozens of tanks rolled in and more than 130,000 rounds of ammunition were fired into occupied Wounded Knee. Most nights were filled with gunfire from federal marshals and National Guard members.

After the 71-day siege ended, Banks was indicted on 10 felony counts for his involvement at Custer and Wounded Knee.

After an eight-month trial, Judge Fred Nichol, citing misconduct by the government, dismissed the case, and Banks was free.

However, Banks still faced charges of inciting a riot and assault charges connected to the Custer incident.

In 1975, Banks was convicted of the charges. He fled South Dakota and became a fugitive. One of his attorneys, William Kunstler, presented then California Governor Jerry Brown a petition—in pre-internet days—with more than 1.4 million signatures to grant Banks amnesty.

Brown refused to extradite Banks to South Dakota and granted him amnesty. Banks remained in California throughout Brown’s administration and later found protection with the Onondaga Nation near Syracuse, N.Y., after Brown left office.

Wanting to get the episode behind him, in September 1984, Banks flew to Rapid City, S.D. and turned himself in to authorities.

“I don’t know if you can feel discrimination, Judge. I don’t know if you can feel racism. But, I do,” Banks told the judge who sentenced him to three years in prison.

Longest Walks: After Wounded Knee, Banks stayed in the headlines fighting one cause after another. In 1978, after hearing about pending legislation in the U.S. Congress that would greatly diminish treaty rights and the removal of traditional Navajo citizens from the Big Mountain region of Arizona, Banks and others organized a cross-country 3,000-mile walk from Alcatraz Island to Washington, D.C. called the Longest Walk.

Because Banks could not leave California, he was only able to participate in the Longest Walk from Alcatraz Island to the California-Nevada border.

Though he was not present with the long walkers in Washington, D.C., Banks was proud that some 30,000 people were on-hand as the long walkers made their way into the nation’s capitol. Among those in attendance were Senator Edward Kennedy, actor Marlon Brando and boxer Muhammad Ali.

In the end, the legislation died from lack of support.

Since then, Banks has led several more Longest Walks including one in 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2015. Each one had a different theme. His most recent was this past summer.

Standing Rock: Banks remained relevant to American Indian causes until the end. During the recent Standing Rock resistance of the Dakota Access oil pipeline, Banks made several trips to provide mentorship to a whole new generation called “water protectors” who were willing to once again fight to protect the rights of American Indians.

On the day before the camps were closed in Feb. 2017, standing in front of a military

tent with the sounds of heavy equipment in the background, Banks told the assembled crowd they can be proud they showed the world their resistance against big oil.

“Thirty years from now, your young grandchildren will ask you about Standing Rock. You can tell them with pride, you were here. We were here, being who we are,” Banks said.

He recounted his experiences with Russell Means and other members of the American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee in 1973.

“I feel honored, being here at Standing Rock. Besides being at the birth of my children, one of the most honorable things I have done in my life is being here at Standing Rock,” Banks said.

“We should let it be known. Make no mistake, America; we are going to be on your back,” Banks said as he was concluding his remarks to the water protectors.

Since the 1990s, Banks has acted in the following Hollywood films: “War Party” (1988); “Thunderheart” (1992); “The Last of the Mohicans” (1992); and “Older Than America” (2008).

Also to his credit, Banks was a part of the following documentaries about American Indian lives: PBS’ “We Shall Remain – Part V: Wounded Knee” (2009); “A Good Day to Die” (2010); and “Nowa Cumig: The Drum Will Never Stop” (2011).

Banks co-authored his autobiography, “Ojibwa Warrior: The Rise of the American Indian Movement,” with Richard Erdoes in 2005.

Banks lived on the Leech Lake Indian Reservation, near Walker, Minn.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Employee of the Year awards



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Five bands compete in z93's neXt2rock competition, hosted by Soaring Eagle

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

A high level of energy ensued at Cumulus Media's neXt2rock band competition, accommodated by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, on Thursday, Nov. 16.

The event, held in the entertainment hall, was hosted locally by WXQZ (Z93) and attended by approximately 400 enthusiastic audience members who showed up to support the five local bands that made it to this final competition.

These five bands were determined the best out of a total of more than 80 bands from the area that competed in the contest which began weeks ago. Each band submitted one song to Z93.

The submitted songs, posted to a website, were then rated by listeners to determine which were best and which band would compete at the final event and for the opportunity to earn a national record deal with Big Machine Records/John Varvatos Records.

"We also had people in our building rate the bands to help determine the top five," said Matt Bingham, Z93 program director and "Morning After" show host.



Courtesy of Damned by Dawn

On Nov. 16, Damned by Dawn from Ewart, Mich., performed onstage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, beating out more than 80 bands in the area to become Z93's finalist in Cumulus Media's national neXt2rock competition.

Bingham also said clips of songs from selected bands were featured during his morning show, though none of the songs were played through in its entirety.

The first qualifying band to perform the night of the final competition was Handsome Pete, a five-member band from Lansing, with a high-energy vibe and a sound that combined hard rock with 90's alternative rock.

Handsome Pete was followed by Here After Six, a rocking four-member band from Bridgeport with notable vocals.

Next to take the stage was A Silver Lining, a five-member band from Bay City that impressed the audience with its talent.

Mount Pleasant's Revolution in Progress, a four-man group that

recently earned recognition as Michigan's best unsigned band, then rocked the stage, followed by Ewart's own Damned by Dawn, a five-member band that wooed the judges with musical styling that combines modern hard rock with a classic rock sound.

Each band performed a three-song set in front of three judges who followed assessment procedures set by Cumulus corporate.

Z93 selected Natalie Shattuck, local musical talent and managing editor of the Tribal Observer, to be one of the judges. Tribal Sub-Chief Brent Jackson joined Shattuck on the panel, and Gayle Ruhl, Tribal Council treasurer, volunteered to evaluate the bands when a Z93 judge chose to drop off the panel at the last moment.

"We rated each band in six different categories," Shattuck said. "During each band's performance, we wrote down our reviews and comments. All bands were judged in each of the categories, ranked one to five with five being the best."

Shattuck said the bands were judged on musicianship, originality, stage presence, appearance, song selection and crowd reaction.

The judges were told to write comments for each band during the performance but to wait to assign any number judgments until they heard each one of the bands, Shattuck said.

"After the final band performed," Shattuck said, "the judges then went backstage to individually rate the bands, and the numbers were added to determine the third, second and first place winners."

Shattuck said selecting the winning band was challenging.

"The final result was a difficult decision to make," Shattuck said. "Each band displayed their own strengths and talents, completely distinctive from the last band. As judges, we each had similar opinions, but, at the same time, very different stances on the skills and talent we were looking for."

After painstaking deliberation, Damned by Dawn won the top spot as Z93's neXt2rock finalist.

The band, comprised of guitarists Levi Elder and Chris Martin, bassist Ameer Pore', drummer Mike Sylvester and lead singer Justin Miscikoski,

now has the opportunity to compete at the national level with the 46 other bands that were chosen from more than 1,800 competing bands vying for a record deal and the chance to perform at the legendary Viper Room in Los Angeles on Dec. 12.

Bingham said videos of each of the 47 bands from around the nation will be sent to Cumulus corporate, and a final decision will be made about which five bands will be sent to California for the concluding competition that will be judged by Scott Borchetta, founder and CEO of Big Machine Label Group, and his partner and fashion designer John Varvatos as well as Bush front man Gavin Rossdale, producer and songwriter Desmond Child and Sex Pistols guitarist Steve Jones.

Bingham said the entire promotion went very well from the beginning.

"From the 80-plus bands that submitted their music to the 1,500-plus fans that rated the bands, everything went better than I could have possibly imagined, especially considering this was the first year of the promotion for us," Bingham said. "I look forward to doing it all over again in 2018 and making it even bigger and better."

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Introducing the Environmental Team's new water quality specialist

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Kellie Henige was raised in rural Saginaw County near her grandfather and great uncle's property that had woods and wetland where she developed her passion for nature.

Henige attended Michigan State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife with a concentration in disease and an associate's degree in horticulture.

Henige obtained experience as a research assistant for Michigan State University's Microbiology-Entomology Lab and as a mosquito abatement coordinator for Rose Pest Solutions.

After receiving her degree, Henige worked as a sea lamprey research technician at the Hammond Bay Biological Station with Michigan State University. As a technician, she helped document and monitor pheromone research along

Carp River to create management practices for invasive sea lamprey. She also worked for the Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), where she had multiple roles, including monitoring, managing and surveying aquatic invasive plant species.

Henige also worked as a substitute teacher in her hometown at Chesaning Union High School. She spent time working in agriculture there by taking soil samples for local farmers

to determine appropriate use of fertilizers, reducing nutrient impacts to surface water.

As the new water quality specialist with the Environmental Team in the SCIT Planning Department, Henige hopes to continue the progress of environmental and community health through water quality.

If community members have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Henige at 989-775-4065 or KHenige@sagchip.org



Kellie Henige

2 Percent

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improvement, asphalt overlays and street resurfacing, the PEAK program and Chippewa River riverbank repair.

John Pedjac, supervisor for Denver Township, accepted \$17,000 on the township's behalf.

"The funds will provide flashing lights at intersections," Pedjac said. "As a result of some great work by the Tribe and road commission, a lot of roads affected by this year's floods are going to be fixed as a result of that collaboration."

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools received \$434,827.11. Superintendent Jennifer Verleger accepted with gratitude.

MPPS projects include funds for community-based field trips including Native American field trips and activities, \$50,000 for Makerspace—"learning by doing," \$36,000 for online learning software for the high school, and lower elementary tech updates and the Protect Yourself program for Kinney Elementary.

Lisa Bergman, principal of Renaissance Public School Academy, said the school's \$32,729.40 will go toward "six Lego mindstorm kits," enhancements for the school's new band and reading material.

"There are now 40 students in Band; the band started last year," Bergman said. "The reading grant will also allow new and exciting books because real books in students' hands are still important."

Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, concluded Isabella County's distribution.

"As Thanksgiving approaches, we have a lot to be thankful for," Rodriguez said. "We are working out the kinks in the new online system to request the 2 percent funds. We have identified things we can make better. We will have another roundtable discussion in January that will identify any problems and make sure the process is laid out."

The Standish distribution took place at the Saganing Tribal Center on Friday, Nov. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Rodriguez introduced Cloutier to provide welcoming remarks.

"Continued growth and development in the community is something we can agree on. We will be providing another 200 jobs here in Standish," Cloutier said of the SELC expansion.

"When you ask for what you need in and around the community, we try to match that up for what we feel is an important need," Cloutier said to the crowd about the distribution process. "There will be nothing but positive things for the future as the new Tribal Council takes over."

Arenac County received \$305,753.03. Commissioner Adam Kroczaleski said he is "continually impressed," as the county sends in many requests and the Tribe does not disappoint.

The funds will benefit Arenac County's trial court facilities, road gravel for parks, animal control vehicle replacement and improvements to Sagatoo and Deep River roads.

City Manager John Stanley accepted \$35,605 on behalf of the City of Au Gres for a tractor/mower purchase.

"The Tribe is truly helping mold and shape a new era into this community that I truly see on the rise," Stanley said of the SELC expansion.

Standish City Manager Gerald H. Nelson accepted \$29,950 to "replace a sewer jetter that has been in place since 1971."

Au Gres Township Clerk Michael Oxley appreciated the \$38,449 the township received, which will help improve Jodway Road.

"I'm so pumped to be up here," Oxley said at the podium. "The first time I got up here was in 2010. Thanks to these funds, this is the 10th road we've improved."

Pinconning Township's \$1,000 general allocation will go toward winter hats and gloves for children in need along with a movie night, a representative said.

Village of Twining President Donald Ferguson received \$7,900 for a John



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lisa Bergman, principal of Renaissance Public School Academy, accepts the school's \$32,729.40 portion at the Isabella 2 percent distribution on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, addresses the Standish 2 percent distribution attendees in the Saganing Tribal Center on Friday, Nov. 17.

Deere lawn tractor and fire-fighting equipment.

"The Department of Public Works building took three distributions. It is currently standing, but we are waiting for power," Ferguson said.

On behalf of the Standish-Sterling Community School District, Superintendent Darren

Kroczaleski thankfully accepted \$98,736.53 for Chromebooks, network infrastructure updates, the junior and senior high Media Center lab and a trailer to transport Band equipment.

Pinconning Area Schools received \$70,081.14, and \$3,034 of that will be going toward a timing system for the new track and field. The Tribe was invited to the

groundbreaking, the date yet to be determined.

Again, this occasion, the Tribal Council received numerous submissions, carefully reviewing each one.

"This distribution cycle focused on program-based requests that impact thousands, if not tens of thousands, in our local communities," Cloutier said. "These requests showcase the ability to maximize resources locally and the extended reach they provide throughout our counties."

This distribution cycle saw a combined 342 individual requests submitted between the local governments and local schools.

"Since 1994, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has donated over \$245 million to local schools and governments in Isabella, Arenac and a portion of Northern Bay County," Cloutier said. "The continuous need is there, and we are able to help alleviate many concerns and ensure that the wellbeing of all of our citizens remains a priority."

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National alliance for drug-endangered children offers “A Pathway to Wellness” training

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Coordinator

Participants from throughout the nation – including a delegation from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court and the Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services – attended the two-day drug-endangered children “A Pathway to Wellness” training at the Ziibiwing Center on Nov. 8-9.

Making up a portion of the roughly 30 participants were Magistrate Carol Jackson; Probation Officer Jennifer Wassegijig; Aubree Gross, case manager for Healing to Wellness; Marion Williams, Indian child welfare specialist; Felicia Bross, foster care specialist; and ACFS Supervisor Angela Gonzalez.

Presenters Eric Nation and Stacey Read defined drug-endangered children as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use, possession, manufacturing, cultivation or distribution. They may also be children whose caretaker’s substance misuse interferes with their ability to parent



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The Snowbird (Wabanaisee) Singers offer a welcome song for the national “Pathway to Wellness” training at the Ziibiwing Center on Nov. 8.

and provide a safe, nurturing environment.

Nation, a former lieutenant, held numerous law enforcement positions.

For more than 16 years, Read has worked in the child welfare field, gaining experience in a variety of child welfare issues.

Also in attendance was a delegation from the Akiak Native Community of Alaska, including Akiak Tribal Administrator Sheila Carl.

“We face a lot of the same issues in our small village in Alaska as you all do here in Michigan. The training will help us to take all the information we learned back to our tribe and try to collaborate with other service providers,” Carl said. “This information will not only help us in our village

but also in the entire Yukon-Kuskowim Delta region. We had a great time, and everyone was super nice and welcoming... quyana cakneq (thank you very much)!”

Kevin Brennenstuhl, project coordinator for the National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical Center, joined the presenters.

For 10 years, Brennenstuhl has been employed as the domestic services coordinator for the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin.

Attending on behalf of ACFS, Williams saw the training beneficial to the department’s staff members.

“The kids of our community are 100 percent of our future,” Williams said. “I loved that the different agencies came together to share their solutions



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Presenters Eric Nation (left) and Stacey Read (right) share their experiences in the field working with drug-endangered children.

to how we can help families be healthy, happy and safe.”

“Another goal that came out in the training was the importance of having a stable community to absorb and support families enduring trauma in a loving, caring way,” Williams said. “Stability and support is a key component for healing, and we need to care deeply for each and every child’s future so they can become successful and responsible adults who make good choices for our community.”

Timothy Clolinger, senior U.S. probation officer from the Eastern District of Michigan, attended and said the “primary challenge with illegal substance abuse and drug-endangered children is in coordinating the social and political systems charged with preventing, intervening and treating these cases.”

“The number, complexity, and difficult behavior-change

challenges of these cases burden practitioners and the community alike,” Clolinger said. “The training was an enlightening experience. We were able to explore the role of a domestic violence victim, learn some common cause and effect myths about domestic violence and discuss the victim’s journey.”

“The sessions on drug endangered children really opened my eyes to the missed opportunities to identify those children and moving from awareness to action,” Clolinger said. “The discussions about collaboration and common vision were important in interrupting the cycle of domestic and drug abuse for victims.”

Clolinger said he will use what he learned in his day-to-day activities, interacting with persons under supervision and their families.

“I appreciate the generosity of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in inviting us to the training and helping us to broaden our understanding of abuse victims and enabling us to gain the knowledge to help change occur,” Clolinger said.

Clolinger said he appreciated the learning experience of the Diba Jimooyung permanent exhibit.

“I (also) really liked learning about, and insight into, the eight prophecies, (the) tour of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and lunch at the Faith Indian Nazarene Church,” he said.



What does it take

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The Saginaw Chippewa Interagency Wild Land Division is a division of the Tribal Fire Department and is looking for interested men and women who are seeking seasonal employment on a type two “Initial Attack” hand crew.

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Showers and hot meals are not generally available on a daily basis, and firefighters can be away from their “home forest” for weeks at a time. They are often required to be on call and must leave within two hours of being notified.

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- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must pass a medical physical examination
- Must complete basic wild land fire fighter training

Some training requirements:

- Course is broken into short, one-to-three hour modules, enabling students to complete courses at their own pace.
- Collectively, the two courses offer approximately 40 hours of training.

Spencer-Ruiz receives eagle feather

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

During the educational powwow that took place in the Eagle’s Nest Tribal Gym on Nov. 2, veteran Kent Jackson presented an eagle feather to 13-year-old Christopher Spencer-Ruiz.

Spencer-Ruiz is an eighth grader at Shepherd Middle School.

“I know Kent said he had been watching Christopher for a long time and realized, when he danced, he danced with his whole heart,” said Robin Spencer, Spencer-Ruiz’s grandmother and guardian. “And because of his commitment and strength in and to the culture, he just felt it was something he had to do and it was time.



Courtesy of Renata Borton

Christopher Spencer-Ruiz (left) receives an eagle feather from Kent Jackson.

He told Chris he could use it for his roach or regalia. He admired Christopher.”



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Smudge boxes created for convenient transportation in two-day workshop

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

During the evenings of Nov. 15 and 16, a group of Tribal Members gathered in the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building to learn the art of making smudge boxes from Benedict Hinmon, cultural representative and creator of the smudge box design.

"The smudge box design is an original design I came up with to deal with handling and transporting abalone smudge shells, which are fragile and break easily," Hinmon said, explaining that eagle feathers and sage can also be used for purification prayers along with the abalone shell.

Hinmon said sage smudging is a very widely used sacred



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Smudge box workshop participants work together on Nov. 16 to complete the cedar boxes that will hold and safely transport abalone shells.

medicine employed for personal purification, to bless and purify a room and occasionally to open a traditional gathering or ceremony.

"Cedar boxes are a typical means of storing sacred items like personal pipes, eagle feathers and medicines," Hinmon said, adding that creating an easily transportable cedar box design seemed a natural way to solve the problem of safely transporting the shells along with other components used for smudging while also storing sacred articles.

"Items we build ourselves give cultural objects more value and personalizes them in a way that makes them relevant to our needs," Hinmon said, explaining the importance of hand crafting the items and the significance of the workshop.

Additionally, according to Hinmon, these workshops support the mission of Seventh Generation, which is to increase community knowledge and awareness of traditional lifeways.

Hinmon said, since he created the design, the boxes have become very popular and could increase use of the medicine by making it more convenient.

"We are always looking for ways to engage the Tribal community, and the smudge box, we hope, will be just one more component to help us achieve this goal," Hinmon said.

A list of workshops, including smudge box workshops, was recently posted on the 2018 calendar of events.



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A workshop participant finishes the decorative details on the top of her smudge box.



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Native poet, musician Joy Harjo welcomed as keynote speaker during heritage month

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Native American heritage is frequently celebrated.

In November each year, Native American Heritage Month is recognized throughout the nation.

In collaboration with Central Michigan University and its Native American Programs, the Tribe and its Ziiibwing Center presented several events throughout the month to honor the occasion.

One of the main events brought in keynote speaker Joy Harjo, a Native American poet, musician, storyteller, writer and artist.

Born in Tulsa, Okla. and a member of the Mvkoke Nation, Harjo recently published her memoir "Crazy Brave," which details her journey of becoming a poet.

Her seven poetry books include "The Woman Who Fell from the Sky" and "She Had Some Horses."

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Harjo addressed a large crowd in CMU's Plachta Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Harjo began by playing a song on flute to "honor keepers



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Native poet, musician and storyteller Joy Harjo explains her process of writing poems during a visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College on Thursday, Nov. 16.

of our lands. All these lands are indigenous. So, this is to acknowledge those keepers; ultimately, we all have some responsibility," Harjo said.

Harjo read several poems she has written including "The Woman Hanging from the 13th Floor" and "This Morning I Pray for My Enemies" and explained how they came to be.

She also discussed her time attending an Indian school in Santa Fe, N.M. in the late '60s. Girls would wake up at 5:30 a.m. and get right to work in the kitchen, she said.

"The classroom I took English in was lined with stoves to teach girls 'apartment living' so they could get employment in people's houses," Harjo said.

Harjo said if students were caught speaking in their Native language at the schools, they would be put on restriction, meaning students would have to stay in the hall on Friday and Saturday evenings.

"At 10:00, the bell would ring, and everyone had to go to their rooms," Harjo said. "A teacher would come around with a clipboard with names and ask to smell your breath (to make sure the students were not partying or drinking). Because if you were on restriction, people would feel bad for you and bring you all sorts of things (drugs and alcohol)."

Harjo then read her poem about that experience.

She also sang the poem "Equinox" that she wrote during a previous Michigan visit.

"People who 'know things' usually get up at sun rise; it's a good time to say thank you," Harjo said, reflecting on her poem. "Sundown is a time to let go of all the things we did: pain, hurt, etc."

Harjo concluded her session by answering audience members' questions.

One audience member asked what non-natives can do to keep Native culture and traditions alive.

Harjo answered, "Part of it is being respectful. Be knowledgeable. It's interesting how so many people can study a place and get a PhD without knowing the people in the community."

The following day, Nov. 16, Harjo visited the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

In the intimate SCTC classroom, Harjo explained how to write a poem. At the end of her visit, she had SCTC students write their own poems, following the advice she provided.

"When I sit down to write a poem, I often don't know what I'm going to write," Harjo said. "Maybe I hear birds or think about what someone said. Think of it like a basket, something you put a lot of different things in."

She read her poem "Remember."

"See, every line begins with the word 'remember.' That's one way you can write, using repetition," Harjo said.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Harjo performs a song on flute during her opening keynote address in Central Michigan University's Plachta Auditorium on Nov. 15.

"Don't try to copy anyone else in what you do. Your poem is not going to be like anyone else's; your life is not going to be like anyone else's," Harjo said. "Be yourself. Use your own words. You can't say what's already been said. Sometimes to be yourself is the hardest thing to be."

Harjo has earned several awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas.

She has also released four award-winning CD's of original music and, in 2009, won a Native American Music Award. She performs nationally and internationally with her band, the Arrow Dynamics.

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Child Advocacy Center commemorates new location, awards Advocate of the Year

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Isabella County Child Advocacy Center celebrated its new location during an Oct. 26 ribbon cutting ceremony.

That Thursday evening, ICCAC, law enforcement and City representatives gathered at the 2479 Rosewood North Dr. Suite B location in Mount Pleasant.

Bret Hyble, president and CEO of the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, congratulated Kim Seidel, executive director for ICCAC.

Seidel introduced the staff and said they often work 12 hours a day or more.

"The ICCAC has served 146 children since January in Isabella County alone," Seidel said.

Child advocacy centers provide a child-friendly, safe and neutral facility used in the investigation of child abuse and neglect.

Child forensic interviews are conducted at the centers with necessary team members observing (law enforcement, CPS, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, counselors, etc.) to reduce the amount of times a child has to share their experience.

Along with forensic interviews, ICCAC also provides victim advocacy that includes case management and six months of follow-up care, crisis support services, prevention education, counseling and medical services referrals and trauma-focused information for parents.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On Oct. 26, Isabella County Child Advocacy Center staff members participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the center's new location on Rosewood North Drive in Mount Pleasant.

After serving on the ICCAC Board for more than a year, Jason Luna, director of Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services, was recently elected as chairman of the Board.

"In addition to educational programming, the ICCAC has provided well over 150 forensic interviews to children this year, with some of those being for youth of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe," Luna said.

ICCAC's work toward the vision of eliminating child abuse and neglect through intervention and education directly aligns with ACFS' effort to strengthen and support families, Luna said.

"By working together, we are able to help give a voice to a child who has had none and give strength to a family who might have otherwise felt helpless," Luna said.

Seidel said ICCAC aided more than 1,000 children this year in the Protect Yourself Program.

The curriculum teaches children how to recognize and

respond to various dangerous, disturbing or hurtful situations. Each of the five 30-minute lessons explores topics of safety, feelings, abductions, personal space, tricky people and telling someone.

ICCAC also provides the Darkness to Light (D2L) service, a two-hour training that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and the How to Rock the Talk service, a class for caregivers of elementary-aged children that includes presentations, discussions and a Q-and-A format.

How to Rock the Talk session highlights 10 rules for teaching children about their bodies and how to keep them safe.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, the ICCAC presented the third annual Dan Denslow Advocate of the Year award.

The award is named in honor of the late Det. Sgt. Dan Denslow who served as a board member and advocate for children. He passed away in 2009.

Denslow's legacy continues as the ICCAC recognizes the contributions of others who work to protect children in the community.

Kristie Birchmeier received the 2017 award and was nominated by the inaugural recipient Lt. Kevin F. Dush of the Isabella County Sheriff's Department.

"In the years I have known Kristie, she has been a champion for child sexual abuse survivors," Dush wrote in his nomination letter. "Kristie works with the most vulnerable populations in Isabella County and truly goes above and beyond to advocate for the safety, support, healing and wellbeing of children."

Dush was introduced to Birchmeier several years ago through her position as a therapist with Listening Ear's Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program when she became a member of the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

"Her dedication became even more evident when she was offered a position at Central Michigan University in their Counseling Center," stated Dush's letter. "It would have been easy to leave Listening Ear behind; however, Kristie refused to do so. She dedicates time in her evenings during the school year, her lunch hour, sometimes even weekends, to ensure that children in our community have no gaps in service."

In the summer, Birchmeier also works at the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program where she sees older children

who have experienced significant trauma.

"Kristie is someone I have always known to go above and beyond," Dush's letter stated. "She is not the type of person to leave her office at 5 p.m. just because the work day is over. Her commitment to ensuring children have the help and healing support they so desperately need just won't allow it."

"It is without hesitation that I recommend her for this award, with full belief that Det. Sgt. Denslow would have been proud to call her a champion for children in our community."

Birchmeier was unable to attend due to surgery. Her daughter Sydney Birchmeier and mother Peggy Schambeck accepted the award on her behalf.

Schambeck read a statement Kristie Birchmeier provided prior to the event.

"Congratulations on the new ICCAC location. You will all continue to do great things for our children... I would not be who I am today if not for all of you," Birchmeier wrote. "I was surprised to get the email that came through and told me I was chosen... I promise to continue to work with all of you as a team."

Denslow's family was also present to honor the recipient.

There were six nominees for the award, Seidel said.

For more information about the ICCAC, visit its website www.isabellacac.org or call (989) 317-8787.

Using coal-tar sealant as environmental chemical contaminant

TAYLOR BROOK

Watershed Outreach
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Many paved surfaces, including driveways, parking lots and roads, are periodically resealed to beautify and seal the surface.

There are two types of sealants, asphalt-based and coal-tar-based. Coal-tar sealant is often made from industry byproducts with roughly 50 percent made from ploy-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which is a dramatically higher percentage than the percentage found in other products like tires, motor oil and vehicle emissions.

The concentration of PAHs in the coal-tar sealant is about 1,000 times higher than that in the asphalt sealant.

Manufacturers typically recommend that sealant is reapplied every two-to-four years, but wear on public roads can be visible in just a few months, leading to over-use of the product. Therefore, the coal-tar sealant is a particular concern.

Over time, the sealant breaks down due to vehicle traffic and sunlight. These particles are

washed into local waterways during rain events.

The most runoff of PAHs occurs on surfaces sealed with coal-tar, but there is also increased runoff pollution from the asphalt-based sealant; both pollute the runoff more than unsealed surfaces.

PAHs have been detected in surface waters, including inland waters and the Great Lakes.

This PAH pollution is concerning because it is suspected to be a human carcinogen, it is toxic to fish and aquatic life and sampling results show that concentrations in surface waters are increasing.

The PAHs are persistent in the environment. They bind to soil particles and fall to the bottom of stream, pond and lakebeds. Aquatic animals that live in the sediment or eat from it can ingest PAHs. Fish can be exposed through the consumption of PAH-contaminated prey. Humans can then be exposed by consuming PAH-contaminated fish.

Another concern to human health is through an additional route of PAH exposure: air. Once the sealant dries, it becomes part of the dust on the pavement as it wears away.

PAHs are volatile, meaning they are released into the air where they can be inhaled. The dust can also be picked up on shoes and drug indoors where it combines into dust there.

USGS studies show that residents living near parking lots where coal-tar sealants are applied have 25 times higher PAH concentrations in their indoor dust than residents living near parking lots with alternative surfaces.

Many states and cities have banned the sale and use of coal-tar sealants. Michigan is considering a ban. Additionally, several large retailers (i.e. Home Depot, Ace Hardware and Lowe's) have also discontinued selling these products.

There are several ways individuals can make a difference in their community. Support a ban in the community or through the State of Michigan by commenting on Michigan House Bill 4309 and support discontinued use by choosing a safer alternative for surfaces, including pervious surfaces and other surfaces that do not require sealants.

These pervious surfaces have additional benefits such as

decreased runoff because they promote natural infiltration of storm water.

Those who already own a surface that needs resealing can choose a product with lower PAH concentrations (i.e. asphalt or latex-based sealants).

When unsure about a product, check the ingredient label for the following

ingredients: coal-tar, refined coal-tar pitch, refined coal-tar or refined tar. Requests to use products without tar can also be made to contractors.

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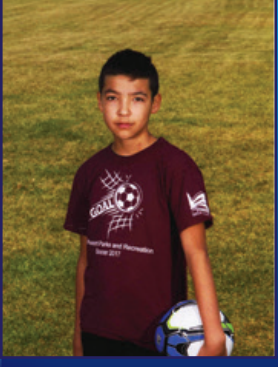
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Ringo Stevens

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 10

Hockey, Motocross



Tommy Wemigwans Jr.

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 6

Motocross, Basketball



Daniel Wemigwans

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 6


Soccer, Fancy Shawl Dancer



Mia Marie Floyd

Mary McGuire | Grade: 4

Soccer, Basketball, Jingle Dress Dancer



Jordan Aaliyah Floyd

Shepherd | Grade: 6

Soccer



Anjelina Smith

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 9

Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Field, Traditional Dancer



Thomas Henry

Renaissance Academy | Grade: 5

Volleyball, Cheerleading, Fancy Shawl Dancer



Kyla Henry

Chestnut Hill School, Midland | Grade: K

Gymnastics



Mariana Vasquez

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 6

Mt. Pleasant Rocket Football



Kiyenn T. Pilar

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 12

Cheerleading



Evelyn House



The scare was in the air for the annual Halloween Haunt on the Hill

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

It was a dark, chilly evening that brought more than 1,000 participants to the Recreation Department's signature event held at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow grounds on Oct. 28.

Luke Sprague, interim recreation director, had all staff members occupied during the annual Trunk or Treat and Halloween Haunt on the Hill events.

The department's youth and family recreation specialists David Merrill Jr. and Kyle Shomin were joined by youth organized sports specialists Jonathan Updegraff, Walter Trepanier, Lindsey Sprague and Betsey Alonzo to coordinate a multitude of family-friendly activities.

"I can say that this year's Halloween Haunt did not disappoint," Alonzo said. "Seeing



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Cruz Perez and his family pose in their 'incredible' matching superhero outfits at the Oct. 27 Trunk or Treat and Halloween Haunt events.

families and friends of the community dressed in their Halloween best for our many costume contests was a treat in itself. We thank the community for the tremendous amount of candy donated and given away during the Trunk or Treat portion of the event."

The night was full of tricks and treats as food vendors – Kabob Stop, New Wind Café, Jackson Food Stand and Red Arrow Pizza – were lined up and ready to appease the ghouls, ghosts and goblins.

Sarah Deaton, recreation intern from Central Michigan University, said the event was a major part of her internship experience.

Deaton said there was a "Fear Factor" contest. Categories were called Caramel Onions, Hot Dog H20, Kitty Claws and the Dirty Diaper.

"This was my first time being the person who facilitated an event like this from start to



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Ghostbusters Darryl (far right) and Theresa Jackson's family win the dance competition.

finish. For my first experience, this was a blast all around," Deaton said. "I felt a lot of pride and excitement seeing all the parents cheering on their children and taking pictures."

SpiritWorks Entertainment provided the music and turned the microphone over to Deaton.

"I was the emcee for the event, which was the part that I loved the most. Being able to cheer on the contestants in the microphone and being able to laugh and cheer along with the crowd was great," Deaton said. "I think the Hot Dog H20 and the Caramel Onion were two of the hardest challenges for the adults and children alike. I was impressed with how fast the youth and the adults were able to get through the contests, and this event is definitely one to talk about for the Halloweens to come."

Deaton wished to thank fellow CMU volunteer Alex McIntire for his assistance.

"He was a blast to work with and reflected the CMU standard of excellence when volunteering," Deaton said.

More than 30 CMU students, representing the men's and

women's lacrosse and track and field teams, volunteered.

Lindsey Sprague said she believes the event keeps getting better.

"It was such a blessing to see all of the volunteers and the people who supplied the goodies for the Trunk or Treaters. Everyone went all out with their costumes," Lindsey Sprague said.

"We would like to thank Housing for building such an amazing Haunted Tunnel, Colleen and her crew for handling the registration with grace, Sarah for setting up an awesome Fear Factor, Pradeesh for the great art caricatures and Niibing Giizis (Summer Moon Photography) for setting up a wonderful photo booth," Lindsey Sprague said.

Merrill said the event was a success due to Tribal departments and families collaborating.

"(The event) is a great way for our elders and community members to meet our

youth," Merrill said. "Laughing, dancing and eating are the many activities involved, along with getting dirty in the Fear Factor challenge. The coolest thing was seeing all our youth with parents who all matched. I really liked the Housing Department's haunted tunnel."

Marie Kequom won the Best Trunk contest and the Ghostbusters (Darryl and Theresa Jackson and family) won the Thriller dance off in the family-themed contest. The event also featured a best pet costume contest.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Central Michigan University's lacrosse and track and field teams show volunteer spirit at the Halloween Haunt.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Aydrian James Day is ready to ride as one of the "Sons of Anishnaabe" bikers during the Recreation Department's Trunk or Treat event.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Showing off their witchcraft, Heather Kalil and Brooke Schuster, of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, participate in the Trunk or Treat event.

"Bookface" contest brings in more patrons to Tribal Libraries

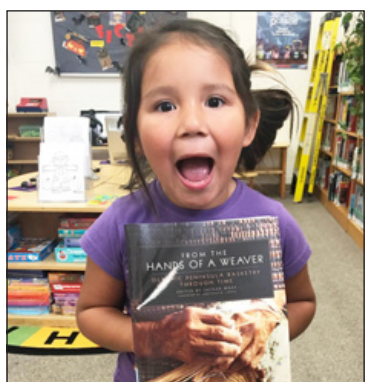
NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Library patrons have been getting caught with their faces in books. Literally.

Once again, the library hosted its "Bookface" program throughout October.

"We had such a high demand to bring the Bookface contest back this year after receiving such a wonderful response last year," said Kimberly Condon, library assistant. "People were eager to join in on the fun, and we had lots of laughs along the way as people came in to get their pictures taken."



Courtesy of Kimberly Condon

Ellianna Skenandore

For Tribal employees who wanted to participate but did not have the flexibility to leave their offices during work hours, the library staff came to them



Courtesy of Kimberly Condon

Brandy Smith

with diverse book options.

"It's so much fun to see folks get excited about how much fun books can be," said Anne Heidemann, Tribal librarian.

"Not only did we see more traffic at the Tribal Libraries (one near the Tribal Gym and one at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College) in October this year, we saw a 46 percent increase in check-outs over last year."

Participants came up with creative ways to make the characters on the book covers come to life in photographs.

This year, the best Bookface photos were judged by Tribal Members and employees willing to cast their vote.

"We numbered each picture, and people were able to look through all of them displayed on our bulletin boards to pick their

favorite," Condon said. "We also sent out an email showcasing all of the pictures for those to vote that way as well."

The two people at the library with the highest number of votes received prizes, as did the participant at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Library with the most votes, Condon said.

This year's winners were Brandy Smith, Ellianna Skenandore and Bobbie Jo Redmond.

"One participant said that this is her favorite program the library offers and she looks forward to it," Condon said.

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 12

Basketball, Baseball

Phillip G Peters

Sacred Heart Academy | Grade: 2

Softball, Volleyball, Basketball, Dance, Gymnastics

Ella B. Fox

Creative Beginnings West | Grade: Pre-K

T-Ball, Four Wheeling

Emerson Fox

Mary McGuire | Grade: 4

Dodgeball, Hunting, Basketball

Nikodin Davis

Mt. Pleasant | Grade: 7

Baseball, Basketball, Dodgeball, Hunting

Tayden Davis



George Roy: Celebrating 15 Years as an educator at the Tribal College

MARIE COLBERG AND
TRISHA TRASKY

George Roy is celebrating his 15 year anniversary as an educator at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Roy is Odawa from Manitoulin Island, Ont., and Buzwah is his community name.

Roy attended a boarding school as a child and Indian day school on the reservation but still became self-taught in the Ojibwe language.

Roy began his career as a cultural advocate for Native

American students in the Lansing Public School District. He believed his passion was in social work, so he attended Ferris State University then Lansing Community College.

He soon realized social work was not his passion because he would rather assist people when they need immediate help.

In 1998, Roy began as an adjunct instructor; he would teach in the morning and then go to his General Motors job in the evening. He continued to do this for 40 years until he retired in June 2008. Roy has been an Ojibwe language instructor

at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for 15 years.

When asked about his teaching experience, he said, "The joy in teaching is when I see a student get it; that makes me happy, and I see the light in their eyes."

Roy wonders sometimes if he is getting through to the students, but then he sees the students empower themselves with the language that becomes a part of their own self growth.

When asked what his hopes are for the future of the Ojibwe language, Roy replied, "When you see the young and old achieving and empowering themselves

with language; everyone plays a part in this. We are doing something good here!"

In his courses, Roy does notice students come into class with a Western way of thought.

"When you are closer to the city, we tend to lose the culture much quicker, and people often moved off reservations for jobs. However, the reservation is where we need to maintain our language and culture and go to the programs being offered," Roy said. "Language tells you a lot about your culture; it's intergraded so you can learn about your own culture."



Courtesy of SCTC

George Roy

The faculty, staff and students at SCTC are so grateful to have Roy as a faculty member and continue to learn from him both inside and outside the classroom.

SCTC student's story "1,000 Pound Bomb" published in The Tribal College Journal

Congratulations to SCTC student Chase Stevens. His story, "1,000 Pound Bomb," has been published in the latest edition of The Tribal College Journal.

Extra copies are available at SCTC or available for purchase: Volume 29 No. 2-Honoring Veterans at www.tribalcollegejournal.org

Stevens was born in Carson City, Mich., on Sept. 23, 1984.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served three tours in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan.

Chase earned a Purple Heart, two Navy and Marine Corps commendation medals, two Navy and Marine Corps achievement medals, two Combat Action ribbons and a Certificate of Commendation while in the Marines.

Chase is currently attending the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. He is majoring in Native American Studies.

He has five children: Thomas, Kyla, Hunter, Emma and Gunner. Chase is married to Cecilia Stevens.

"1,000 Pound Bomb" by Chase Stevens

The cracks and pops of gunfire broke the silence of the afternoon.

"Who the hell is out right now," I asked my teammate, Z.

"No idea," he responded.

Our team leader, Staff Sergeant Smith, went to the command center to find out exactly what was going on. In the meantime, Z and I climbed the walls of the hooch to see if we could catch a glimpse of what was going on outside the wire.

It was a hot summer day in August in Afghan and I was there on my fourth combat deployment. However, this was my first deployment as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technician and it was also my first deployment to Afghanistan.

I was part of a three-man EOD team supporting Fox Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chase Stevens

The town we were in had been abandoned of all civilians for the last two years. The battle area here consisted of conventional friendly and enemy lines. This made the area unique compared to the typical asymmetric battle spaces that were the norm of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Instead of going on normal patrols to interact with the local population, anytime we left the wire, it was for the purpose of engaging the Taliban. This was done with either small eight man teams sneaking behind enemy lines and trying to ambush Taliban fighters, or through large operations where we drove the Taliban from their safe havens.

When Smith returned, he informed us that one of the squads out on ambush was compromised and being engaged by 30 or more enemy fighters. Air support had been requested and was inbound.

Smith joined Z and I on the roof of the hooch to watch the fight unfold.

After air arrived, they proceeded to drop three 1,000-pound bombs, on the Taliban positions. The Taliban fighters immediately broke contact and withdrew. The squad in the fight reported they were also going to take the opportunity to withdraw and return to base.

As the squad returned, Z overheard them laughing and talking about the fire fight. One of the Marines told Z that

one of the bombs skipped off target without detonating.

Now we had a problem. There was a 1,000-pound bomb sitting behind enemy lines. We knew that we had to get a plan together to recover it and prevent it from falling into Taliban hands. After informing the company commander of what had happened, an operation was planned for the following morning.

Z and I got the nomenclature for the fusing used on the bomb and immediately went into researching what bombs that type of fuse is used with. We discovered it is only used with a certain series of U.S. bombs, and we looked up the disposal procedures for those bombs.

We used those disposal procedures to formulate our plan for once we got on scene. We used the rest of the evening to get everything around for the upcoming op.

The company stepped off for the op right at 0400 as planned. Within 15 minutes, the lead vehicle was approaching a wadi crossing.

As the lead vehicle approached the wadi, Taliban chatter came over the ICOM radios. The Taliban used radios to communicate back and forth; we would set the same type of radio to scan, and when they started talking we could pick up their

communications. The chatter on the ICOM said that they were going to attack us once we crossed the wadi.

As soon as the second vehicle made it across, all hell broke loose.

For the next half an hour, no progress was made on either side as both sides just sat in place and shot at each other. "This is (expletive), we're going to be out here all (expletive) day if we don't take some initiative and start closing on these (expletive)," I said.

Smith relayed that to Fox Company, and the Marines dismounted their vehicles and started to maneuver by squads on the enemy positions. After about 10 minutes of bounding forward, the call came over the radio from one of the squads, "I think we found the bomb."

Our EOD team maneuvered up to the location of the squad who had located the bomb. "What the hell is that?" Smith asked.

"Well, it's a bomb. It's just not a U.S. one. It's British," I replied.

We quickly formulated a new plan because this type of bomb required a different disposal procedure from what we had planned for. After preparing new charges, we bounded up to the bomb. Using the bomb as cover from the

Taliban fighters, we went into placing the charges to destroy the bomb.

Through all of this, the Taliban had never broken contact. While we went about placing the charges, bullets from Taliban fighters were ricocheting off the bomb.

After finally getting the charges set, we got the go ahead to pop smoke on our charges. We had made four, 30-minute delay setups, to set the charges off with. Initially, we thought that was too much time and the Taliban would be able to just walk up and remove our charges and still have control of the bomb. However, 20 minutes after popping smoke, we found ourselves still on sight with the bomb.

After relaying to Fox Company the gravity of the situation, we finally started to pull back. We had set a safe area a half mile away. Just as we pulled into the safe area the bomb detonated.

"(Expletive), that was almost a bad day," Z said.

Smith and I both agreed. Things didn't go as planned. In combat they never do; however, we accomplished our mission.

We kept the bomb out of Taliban hands. Despite a few of the Marines being wounded, every one of us made it out alive that day.

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Chris Rock presents "Total Blackout," his first tour in nine years

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Actor and comedian Chris Rock appeared at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Nov. 10 during "Total Blackout," his first tour in nine years.

Entering the stage in black jeans and a T-shirt under a leather jacket, Rock performed in front of a screen displaying a substantial red statement that read "COMFORT IS POISON."

Rock presented racial material and his stance on religion, police brutality, gun control and his recent divorce.

"I think anyone allowed to have a gun should have a mortgage," Rock said. "A mortgage is a real background check."

Rock discussed the finalization of his divorce last



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Actor and stand-up comedian Chris Rock performs during his "Total Blackout" tour stop on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

August from longtime wife Malaak Compton-Rock. He

admitted to infidelity, which was delivered more as an on-stage confession than a punch line.

"Yeah, I cheated... with three different women. I'm not proud of it," Rock said. "And all the women in the audience hate me right now, and the men are saying, 'Only three?'"

For the first time at Soaring Eagle, audience members' cell phones were locked for this performance.

"The company Yondr placed cell phones in a neoprene pouch that locked them," said Henry

Kubin, production manager. "The item could be unlocked at any time by an agent of Yondr or ushers if a guest needed to check their phone during the show."

Otherwise, while guests exited the Entertainment Hall, attendants unlocked their bags and returned their phones.

This process eliminated any recording of the event.

Rock's batch of material will reportedly be aired on Netflix with an alleged payout of \$40 million.

Rock closed his show with a mic drop when hip-hop music simultaneously began blasting. He took a few moments to shake hands with fans at the front of the stage.

Opening the show, actor and comedian Mario Joyner presented a 20-minute routine.

Joyner is best known for hosting MTV's Half

Hour Comedy Hour from 1988-1992.

He has also been longtime friends with Rock and Jerry Seinfeld, has had recurring roles on "Everybody Hates Chris" and "The Chris Rock Show" and has guest starred in "Seinfeld" episodes.

Joyner said he recently turned 56.

"Women tell me, 'You look good for your age.' That's not a compliment!" Joyner said. "A compliment would be 'You look good.' Period."

Joyner said he has never been married and has no children.

"People ask me, 'Mario, how come you never got married?' I don't know... because I want to stay happy."

Immediately following the after-show meet and greet, Rock and his crew took off to Toronto for a show the next evening.

Fantasticon celebrates comic book culture at two-day event

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Fantasticon, a two-day celebration of comic book culture, was held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Nov. 11-12.

The mid-sized convention featured an abundance of vendors throughout the Entertainment Hall.

Fans and collectors were able to browse comic books, clothing and collectibles from a variety of pop culture sources, including cartoons, superheroes, science fiction, movies, TV shows, anime and video games.

Panels held included a discussion about creating comic

books with book creators Arvell Jones (Iron Man, Superboy, Misty Knight), Scott Rosema (Thor, X-Men) and Jason Moore (Batman, Spider-Man). Audience members were given the chance to ask the content creators how they made it into the industry and about their experiences working for the major comic book companies.

A Q-and-A panel was also held with special effects makeup artist Daniel Phillips. The Michigan native appeared on the hit TV series "Face-Off" and also worked on the "The Hobbit" feature film.

Local magician Joe Cooley, from Bay City, entertained guests



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A variety of vendors set up shop during Fantasticon at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Nov. 11-12.

with tricks and illusions during a family-friendly magic show.

Cash and prizes were up for grabs for participants of all ages during the fun-filled games played throughout the event. This included multiple rounds

of Musical Chairs for Geeks and Nerd Trivia.

The trivia games challenged contestants' knowledge about a broad range of subjects, including superheroes, comic books and pop culture.

Separate costume contests were also held for adults and children.

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



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The event featured many cosplayers, such as this pair dressed as "Back to the Future" characters Doc Brown and Marty McFly.

Ring of Honor wrestlers compete for the inaugural Soaring Eagle Cup on Oct. 28

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the over-the-top theatrics and spectacular, high-flying action of professional wrestling on Oct. 28.

For the first time in history, Ring of Honor Wrestling

visited Mount Pleasant for the inaugural Soaring Eagle Cup.

The zealous fans in the crowd cheered and jeered the competitors in the ring.

The eight-man tournament featured current world champion wrestler Cody, as well as Jay Lethal, Cheeseburger, Silas Young, Flip Gordon, Christopher Daniels and

Motor City Machine Guns.

In the finals, fan-favorite wrestler Dalton Castle took the cup after eliminating Silas Young, Frankie Kazarian and Matt Taven.

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



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Jay Lethal (right) leaps of the high ropes towards Matt Taven.



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Flip Gordon (left) delivers a high flying kick to the head of Dalton Castle.



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Jay Briscoe (center) interrupted the opening match at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Oct. 28.

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Mount Pleasant ‘belonged to the drinking class’ with Lee Brice in town

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Mount Pleasant belonged to the drinking class on Friday, Nov. 17 while country music artist Lee Brice commanded the Soaring Eagle stage.

The “Drinking Class” singer began his set with that hit, and the audience was immediately captivated.

Brice, in his semi-casual attire – jeans, a black T-shirt under a suit vest and fedora with a feather – then played “Little Things” and “That Don’t Sound Like You.”

“Ya’ll are by far the best casino crowd I’ve ever played for,” Brice said. “You’re awesome.”

Brice then performed his recent single “Boy” followed by “Love Like Crazy,” which was the top country song of 2010, according to Billboard Year-End charts. It also broke a 62-year-old record for the longest run on the country chart.

“Give it up for my band, my brothers, my best friends,” Brice said, pointing to his fellow musicians.

“We’re so thankful to be here. This is the first number one song we ever had. If you know it, sing along,” he said of “A Woman Like You.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music performer Lee Brice shows a moment of appreciation after performing “That Don’t Sound Like You” to the sold-out Friday, Nov. 17 Soaring Eagle audience.

Brice’s younger brother Lewis Brice, who opened the show with a 30-minute acoustic set, returned to the stage to sing “Alabama” with him.

The band then exited, leaving Lee Brice solo with his electric guitar. He began to perform “Ain’t No Sunshine.”

Brice discussed his brand-new album, recently released. He began performing a new song, “Songs in the Kitchen,” but the audience caught him off-guard.

“Ya’ll know it already?” Brice said, pausing and amazed the audience was singing along.

“I wrote this one for my college girlfriend,” Brice said. “I was going to put it on the radio myself, and some friends called... and they recorded it. It’s an honor (they chose to record it).”

“Crazy Girl” was recorded by Eli Young Band. Brice’s band returned to join him onstage during the second chorus repeat.

During “Hard to Love,” Brice ran into the audience but did not last long there because ladies immediately rushed over and began reaching for him.

Changing his fedora hat to a trucker hat, he then performed “Good Man” and “I Drive

Your Truck” as he asked the audience to get out their cell phones and lights.

At the song’s ending, a “U.S.A.” chant broke out from the audience.

The drummer shined during an incredibly skilled solo during Fatboy Slim’s “Funk Show Brother.”

Next, the band played Queen’s “Fat Bottomed Girls,” sung by the keyboard player, and then “Parking Lot Party” with Lewis Brice again joining in.

For the encore, video footage from Lee’s wedding to Sara Reeveley in 2013 was shown. He began “I Don’t Dance,” with a dedication to his wife, beginning the song solely on piano and vocals. He eventually moved to the microphone center-stage, on guitar.

Band members joined at the front of the stage for a final bow, but Brice was not yet ready to leave the stage. What seemed like a surprise to the rest of the band and an unplanned second encore, the musicians played one last song, a cover of Lynard Skynard’s “Simple Man.” The band member on steel guitar took a solo.

The audience was on their feet, shrieking with admiration.

Lewis Brice opened the show by performing an acoustic set with one other guitarist.

Lewis performed “Messin’ with My Mind” and “Best Ex Ever.”

“I’m so blessed to do what I do,” Lewis said. “More blessed when I get to open up for my brother every once in a while.”

He then performed “Love Don’t Fool Me Again.”

“This next song reminds me of bartending. I used to back in the day. Any bartenders out there? This song goes out to you,” Lewis said of “Whiskey Nights.”

Lewis appeared on CMT’s first season of “Can You Duet,” coming in eighth place out of thousands.

His sound of country, R&B and southern rock set the tone for a lively night of music.



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Brice’s younger brother, Lewis Brice, opens the show with a 30-minute acoustic set.



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Saginaw Chippewa Academy teachers support reading, get a pie-in-the-face

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Excitement, along with a little dread, filled the hallways of Saginaw Chippewa Academy on Nov. 1, the day that three teachers were scheduled to have pies thrown in their faces.

The Pie-a-Palooza was the culminating event of a penny war that took place in October to help raise money for the "All for Books" book fair that took place Oct. 25-Nov. 7 at the school.

The teachers of the classrooms that raised the most money in the war were the ones to receive a face full of pie.

Fourth grade teacher Mike Ireland, kindergarten teacher Susan Jeffrey

and first grade teacher Charisse Yarch were the "lucky" teachers of the winning classes.

Because Yarch's classroom raised the most money, three students from her class were randomly selected to throw the pies.

Students and teachers assembled on the playground for the event where Principal Kara Hotchkiss settled the spectators and announced that a total of \$452.52 was raised to purchase books at the fair.

Ireland, Jeffrey and Yarch took the pies in good spirit, with grace and as much dignity as the situation afforded.

The students were delighted and in an uproar of glee as whipped cream covered and dripped from the faces of their teachers.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Nov. 1, the faces of fourth grade teacher Mike Ireland, kindergarten teacher Susan Jeffereys and first grade teacher Charisse Yarch drip with whipped cream after they receive pies in their faces.



Courtesy of Kelly Woodworth

Saginaw Chippewa Academy first grade students hold up their selected books at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy's "All for Books" book fair that took place Oct. 25-Nov. 7.

Waabanaisee Singers presentation



Courtesy of Kari Klouse

KARI KLOUSE

Youth Achievement Advisor

On Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Mary McGuire Elementary, the Waabanaisee (Snowbird) Singers presented to the school, sharing songs and their meanings with the students.

Afterward, Tonya Jackson made fry bread, and Indian tacos were prepared for the school.



Courtesy of Kari Klouse

On Nov. 15, Jackson shared a regalia presentation with Sheahan Stahl's fourth grade class at Mary McGuire. Jackson spoke about the different dance styles and the different pieces of regalia for each style.

A couple of students wore their regalia and shared knowledge.

Trick or Treating at Tribal Operations



Observer photos by Niki Henry

Students from Sasiwaans Immersion School and Saginaw Chippewa Academy briefly haunt the Tribal Gym the morning of Oct. 31. The trick-or-treaters left with big smiles and bags full of candy.

Youth Empowerment Aide Kerry Byberg receives Educator of the Month

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

Kerry Byberg, youth empowerment aide for the K-12 Education Department, has been selected as Educator of the Month.

The following is a questionnaire completed by Byberg:

How long have you worked for the Education Department? This is my 11th school year.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Working with the kids and my co-workers.

Do you have any pets? No.

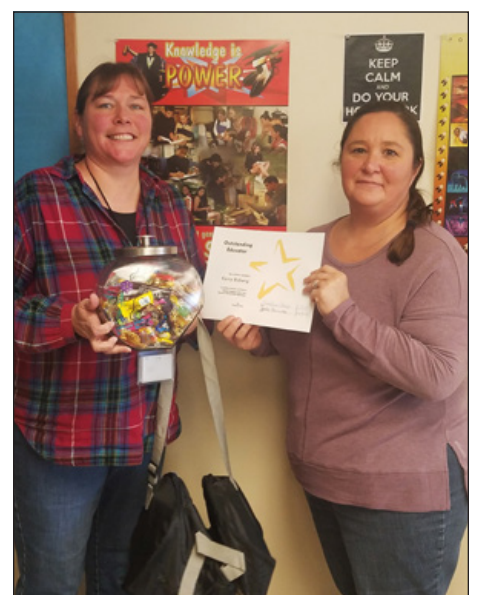
What is your favorite Disney movie? "The Little Mermaid."

What is one of your favorite quotes? "Treat others the way that you would like to be treated."

What is your favorite snack? Popcorn.

What is the one thing that you love doing? Why? Golf or bowling because I get to spend time with friends while having some fun.

What is your favorite vacation spot and why? Anywhere warm and sunny with a golf course.



Courtesy of Tribal Education

Kerry Byberg (left), youth empowerment aide is presented Educator of the Month by Deb Smith (right), youth leadership manager.

Beal City

The following students earned perfect attendance for October: Calaya Leonard, Gidget Stevens, Dakarii Graveratte, Skylur Graveratte, Zachary Meyers, Samantha Seger, Jacob Stevens, Andrea Stevens and Hunner Seger.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for October: Jordan Floyd, Trevor Isham, Ellie Patterson, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Azrae Wemigwans, Ryan Flaughter, Auriiah Hunter, Jasmine Davis, Bailey Burger and Whisper Mandoka.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for October: Logan Bird, Aviana Gomez, Andrea Hawkins, Konner Hilleger, Ian Martin, Nadia Mills, Tehya Morales, Natasia Noe, Miah Perez, Dylan Bennett, Gabriela Escobedo, Metao Harris, Anthony King, Mia McCreery, Tiara Osawabine, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Ringo Stevens and LahRae Wilson.

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New runner, Tribal Member finishes 100-mile marathon in good time

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Tim Nelson, Tribal Member and wastewater operator for the Saganing Water/Wastewater plant, ran the Tunnel Hill 100-mile race on Saturday, Nov. 11, placing 60th out of 348 total runners and 179 finishers.

Nelson, 47 from Omer, Mich., began the race at 7 a.m. on Nov. 11 and finished the 100 miles on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 5:46 a.m.

"This was 22 hours and 46 minutes after I had started," Nelson said.

The race, which takes place each year on the Shawnee National Forrest Tunnel Hill State Trails in Vienna, Ill., must be completed within 30 hours.

"Runners start out at Vienna Park and run south for 13 miles before turning around and returning to the start line, having completed 26 miles," Nelson said. "From there, you make your way 12 miles to the north, passing through the iconic Tunnel Hill twice on this 24-mile out and back."

Not all participants run 100 miles; some run 50.

"At this point, if you had signed up for the 50-mile distance, your race would be complete," Nelson said.

Runners completing all 100 miles repeated the course a second time.



Courtesy of Tim Nelson

On Nov. 11 and 12, Tim Nelson placed 60th out of 348 total runners at the Tunnel Hill 100-mile race in Vienna, Ill., finishing in 22 hours and 46 minutes.

"I finished the first 50 miles in 10 hours and 11 minutes and arrived back at Vienna Park just as night had fallen," Nelson said. "I changed my shoes and socks, put on warmer clothes and a headlamp, grabbed some food from an aid station and headed back out."

Nelson then did the first 26 mile section the second time, running the terrain of that first 13 miles and back again.

"After coming back from that 26 mile leg, I again changed socks and shoes and grabbed some soup and a grilled cheese that were in a warming tent," Nelson said. "While I was eating, I called

my wife Peggy back in Michigan to let her know how I was holding up."

Nelson said this break took longer than he was expecting, so he faced the difficult challenge of getting his legs to start running again, which he was able to overcome to continue on.

"By mile 91, my pace had dropped to a crawl, and every step seemed harder than the last," Nelson said. "Staying awake at this point was a struggle."

Nelson said he made it to an aid station at mile 97 and was told by the volunteers there that 12 people had dropped out of the race at that location within the last hour. This information seemed to inspire Nelson.

"I somehow rallied myself after leaving and ran three of my fastest miles to arrive at the finish line," he said.

Only having begun to run two and a half years ago, Nelson's perseverance is evident, not only by his finishing the race, by placing 60th.

"On Jan. 1, 2015, I made the resolution to lose the weight I had accumulated over the years by counting my calories and tracking my steps," Nelson said. "I lost 60 pounds in three months."

Nelson said he had a friend who was participating in the

Bay City St. Patrick's Day 8K that spring, and he decided to enter it with him.

"I had only run a handful of times before the race and went in with the goal of not finishing last," Nelson said. "I somehow ended up in the top 200 out of over 900 runners. I was instantly hooked and signed up for my next race that day."

Throughout the following two years, Nelson said he completed two marathons, 15 half marathons and "countless other shorter races," even qualifying for the Boston Marathon when he ran the Glass City marathon, his second marathon, in Toledo in March of 2017, which he finished in 3:22:45.

"Due to an abundance of qualifiers, this time eventually ended up being 68 seconds too slow to compete at Boston in 2018," Nelson said, adding that he then formed his goal for the summer of

"ultra-marathoning," which resulted in his completion of three 50K's, two 50-mile races and the Tunnel Hill 100.

"I truly love running and the life my new passion has gained me," he said. "Next year's goals include re-qualifying for Boston with a time that will hold up and running the Grand Canyon Rim to Rim Run."

Nelson said that race is an unorganized 47-mile run where participants begin at either the north or south rim of the canyon and "run down, across, up the other side and then return."

After he meets those goals, which he fully intends to do, who knows what courses Nelson will conquer next.

For much more information on Tunnel Hill State Trail, please visit the Illinois Department of Resources at www.dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgmt/parks/r5/tunnel.htm

Second annual Benefits and Wellness Fair

TONI SMITH

Wellness Coordinator

This year, 642 Tribal employees attended the Benefits and Wellness Fair on Monday, Oct. 16 at the Soaring Eagle Casino

& Resort on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Saganing Tribal Center.

The fair provides an opportunity for employees to learn about the benefits they may not know they have access to.

Many local vendors showcased resources to help aid

employees to live a healthy lifestyle. Several vendors said they were impressed at the positivity and enthusiasm displayed by those who attended.

Numerous Tribal departments also participated and made the event possible.



Courtesy of Toni Smith

The annual Benefits and Wellness Fair was a two-day event held in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall on Oct. 17 and in Saganing on Oct. 18.



Courtesy of Toni Smith

The fair focused on key areas of wellbeing including physical, social/emotional, financial, career and community.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule December 2017

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



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Contact information:

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Jayme Green | BS, Fitness Coordinator, ACE Health Coach

• **Phone:** 989.775.4696 • **Email:** jgreen@sagchip.org



Young kings and queens reign at Baby Prom dance party

NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Seventh Generation's ceremonial building was decorated in balloons, banners and a disco ball for the Nov. 4 Binoojiinhs Zhaab-shkaa-gaab-wi Baby Prom, but the loveliest adornments at the event were the young participants who were dressed in their finest, with some ornamented in crowns and sparkles.

Toddlers and young children, all recognized as prom kings and queens, moved and grooved to a variety of music provided by DJ Lupe (Guadalupe Gonzalez, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health) and

enjoyed light refreshments with their family escorts.

Attendees could pose for photos taken by Lee Ann Ruffino, event coordinator assistant and cultural manager for Seventh Generation, and participate in songs led by Isabelle Osawamick, outreach language specialist.

"I just couldn't stop smiling," said Ruffino. "I was scared that no one was going to show up, but I was anxious for nothing because over 130 people gathered at the Seventh Generation cultural center to show off their best dance moves."

Ruffino said the prom was a night to remember.

"It was amazing and extremely fun to see the children

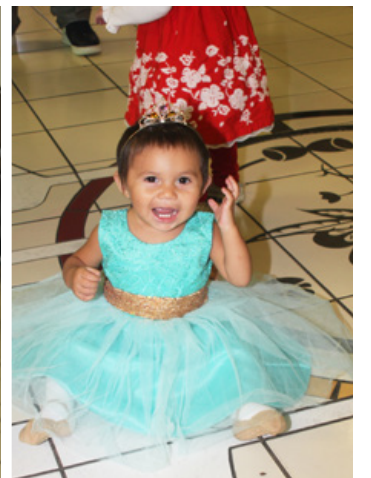
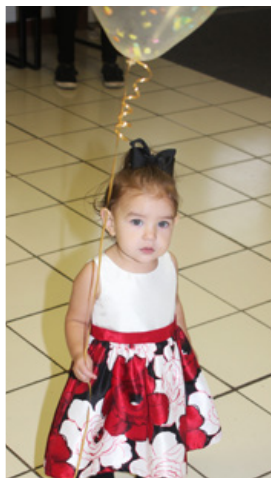
dancing with each other and with their parents," she said.

The Healthy Start Program hosted the event, with Nurse Anna Hon coordinating with the help of Ruffino and Judy Davis and Jenna Winchel from Nimkee Public Health.

Healthy Start wished to thank all the people who made the fanciest dress dance party such a fabulous occasion, helping it meet its goal of incorporating culture along with fun and learning.

"Sorry for those who could not attend the fancy dress dance party event of the year," said Ruffino, adding that it is sure to take place again in 2018.

Observer photos by Niki Henry



Editorial: Preparing for winter weather conditions

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Now that winter is upon us, it is a good idea to start some emergency preparations.

With Michigan's ever-changing weather, the state can have blizzards, freezing rain and ice, heavy snow fall, severe

thunderstorms, heavy rain, lightning, hail, damaging winds, tornados or straight-line winds. Heat, drought and weather-related fires are also a possibility.

All of these risks can result in the potential loss of power, which is followed by loss of technology, heating or cooling and loss of food in freezers or refrigerators.

Without power, medical equipment does not function such as oxygen machines, ventilators and other electronic devices. Gas station pumps do not work if the power is out, so one would not be able to get the gas needed to run a generator or for a vehicle needed for evacuation.

All of these risks can have the potential to cause damage to homes, property and the

environment. You may find yourself with the inability to travel (Are you prepared to shelter in place?) or the need to evacuate (Do you have enough gas in your car to get out of town? Where will you go?).

With every disaster, you may find yourself with a need for supplies. Those who do not plan may be forced to go without. It is simple supply-and-demand. If there is a demand for batteries

and a limited supply, the chances are high that you will not get the batteries you need.

If weather has caused road closures due to flooding, snow, ice or environmental damage, you will need to know alternate roads to use to evacuate or to go for supplies.

Next month we will provide tips on how to be prepared for whatever weather Mother Nature brings.

Health for the holidays

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Public Health is excited to, once again, have received the 4x4 Walking Grant for this fiscal year. Because of this grant, Nimkee is again able to offer the "Health for the Holidays" challenge.

Back by popular demand, this fun winter challenge will begin Dec. 4 and end Dec. 31. Anyone who was part of the challenge last year will remember how much fun it was building winter scenes with each accomplishment.

Any Tribal Operations employee who would like to "play

in the snow" this year, should contact Judy in Public Health (989-775-4629) to register.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees are to register with Wellness Coordinator Toni Smith at 989-775-5624.

Registration will begin Nov. 27.

Please note: Employees must be registered to take part in this activity as each participant is paid for individually. Please only sign up if you are able to complete all four weeks of the challenge.

Website directions will be sent out, and once interested individuals are registered, they may sign up as an individual or as part of a team they put together.

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

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

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

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

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
2591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

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



Traditions create fond memories as elders visit Frankenmuth

ROSALIE MALONEY

Interim Andahwod Administrator

It was over the river and through the woods to the Bavarian Inn we go!

On Tuesday, Nov. 14, a small crowd of happy faces gathered in the Andahwod foyer, ready to load into the van for the annual trip to the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth to partake in a family-style chicken dinner.

Elders were given the choice to ride in the program van or to ride with family and friends.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Andahwod resident Dolly Rueckert (left) and Assistant Elders Advocate Sheligh Jackson (right) pose for a photo at Bronner's Christmas store on Nov. 14.

There were a total of 42 participants, some repeat fans and a few new ones, too. This trip is one of the most popular and most anticipated annual



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

A family-style chicken dinner at the Bavarian Inn is a highlight of the annual elders trip to Frankenmuth.

excursions Elder Services provides each year.

After their meal, some elders browsed the castle shops in the lower level of the inn.

One elder said, "After seven years living at Andahwod, this is my first time going."

Sheligh Jackson, elders advocate and day trip transporter, said she wanted to make sure the elders got there safely and that everything was all set for an enjoyable dinner.

Everyone loved the chicken dinner, and they were ready to walk off some of those calories inside Bronner's Christmas Store.

Another year has come and soon will pass, but we will have these happy memories to share.

Happy holidays from the elders and the Elder Services program!



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

(Left to right) Kim Elliott, Barb Sprague, Betty Ashmun and Tweedie Vancise.



Courtesy of Andahwod

(Left to right) Linda Willard, Sue Durfee and Bill Durfee pose for a photo at Bronner's.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Andahwod resident Guy Fallis (left) and Elder Activities Assistant Tomarrah Green (right).

Andahwod Turkey Bingo



Photos courtesy of Andahwod

Players gather at Andahwod on Nov. 11 to try their luck at the Turkey Bingo games. The Thanksgiving-themed event featured drawings for turkeys, door prizes and 50/50 raffle prizes.



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Editorial: Andahwod residents and staff celebrated Halloween

ROSALIE MALONEY

Interim Andahwod Administrator

Summer was over, and Andahwod's little shop of horrors was ready for some Halloween fun! We decorate the building each holiday because our residents enjoy seeing the changes, and they even join in on the fun when they are able.

This is the fourth year the residents have had a door decorating contest. The competition was all in good fun, and those participating were eligible to win a gift card.

On Oct. 31, members of the Elders Advisory Board judged



Courtesy of Andahwod

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students line up for trick or treating on Oct. 31.

residents' doors according to the following categories: scariest, cutest and funniest.

The winners were announced at the residents party.

Andahwod staff really exhibited their talents by joining the

decorating fun this year.

Our residents judged the staff's decorating efforts and awarded the coveted prize of "bragging rights." Direct care staff decorated the nurse's office



Courtesy of Andahwod

Andahwod residents and staff hand out candy to trick or treaters as part of the Andahwod Halloween celebration.

door in Birch Lodge with a 3-D ghost train and the door in Maple Lodge with a gaping mouth reminiscent of Audrey Jr., the carnivorous plant in the movie "Little Shop of Horrors."

Not to be outdone, Support Services staff turned their hallway into a tunnel of horrific humor by posting pumpkin pictures of themselves wearing Halloween hats.

Activities Assistant Katie Reid assembled a haunted walk through displaying a spider's nest complete with two unfortunate souls entombed as the arachnid's encapsulated prey.

Our goal was to entertain our residents and their visitors and to let the staff show off its creativity.

I am so impressed by our staff's artistic talents. They really know how to make ghoulish delights that give 'em a fright.

Steps to help prepare for the winter weather ahead

(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.)

Now is the time to prepare for winter weather. Consider the following tips to get your home weatherized.

- Clean out the gutters, disconnect and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Insulate walls and attics,

and caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

- Repair roof leaks and remove tree branches that could get weighed down with ice or snow and fall on your house – or your neighbor's. (Avoid liability for the latter.)
- Wrap water pipes in your basement or crawl spaces with insulation sleeves to slow heat transfer.
- Consider an insulated blanket for your hot water heater.

- If you have a fireplace, keep the flue closed when you are not using it.
- Have a contractor check your roof to see if it can sustain the weight of a heavy snowfall.
- Make sure your furniture is not blocking your home's heating vents.
- During cold spells, keep cabinet doors open to allow warm air to circulate around pipes, particularly those in the kitchen and bathrooms.

- Keep a slow trickle of water flowing through faucets connected to pipes that run through unheated or unprotected spaces.
- If your house will be unattended during cold periods, consider draining the water system.
- Avoid ice dams – where water from melted snow refreezes in the gutters and seeps in under the roof, soaking interior walls. Here is how to do this:

1. Ventilate your attic.
2. Insulate the attic floor well to minimize the amount of heat

rising through the attic from within the house.

3. Consider having a water-repellent membrane installed under your roof covering.

(Source: 2017 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company)

There are numerous videos on YouTube that are helpful in showing you what to do to winterize your home. Here are two that were found to be helpful:

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=3k02sPd8nk
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=Id5AN6XDP3E

Andahwod October Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Andahwod's October Employee of the Month is Chris Florey.

Florey is Andahwod's lead cook; he has worked there for about 11 years.

Prior to Andahwod, he worked at Behavioral Health for two years as a cook.

Florey enjoys going for walks and rides in the truck with his dog.

His favorite childhood memory is when his grandma would come to stay for a couple weeks. They would watch "Little House on the Prairie" together.

Florey enjoys working with the elders. He enjoys cooking for them like they used to cook for their families.

He sees the elders and kitchen staff as his own family and has become very close to all of them. He says that the kitchen staff is very helpful in

making sure the kitchen runs like a well-oiled machine.

Florey said he could not do his job without the elder's support.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Chris Florey

December 2017 Andahwod events

Language Bingo

Dec. 7 | 1 p.m.

Elders Breakfast

Dec. 13 | 9 a.m.

Name That Tune

Dec. 19 | 3 p.m.

Christmas Brunch

Dec. 20 | 11 a.m - 1 p.m.

Elders Christmas Party

Dec. 20 | 1:30 p.m.

Birthday Bingo

Dec. 30 | 12 p.m.

Elders New Year's Eve

Balloon Drop

Dec. 31 | 5 - 7 p.m.

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

For more information, please call 989.775.4300.

Attention all cooks!

- ★ Are you always asked to bring your salad to the family cookout?
- ★ Are your cookies gone immediately at functions?
- ★ Does your chili sell out at fundraisers?
- ★ What is your favorite recipe to make?

Here is your chance to showcase the recipe that everyone is always asking you to make or you just enjoy cooking and eating!

Elder Services is asking community members/employees to lend us recipes for a cookbook we are creating. This cookbook will also be sold as a fundraiser for elder activities and events. Sorry, no royalties for your recipes, just bragging rights!

Please help us create the SCIT Community Cookbook! Elder Services will have a drawing only for those who submit a recipe. Also a drawing will be held to name the cookbook.

To submit recipes, photos and cookbook name suggestions, please contact:

Sheligh Jackson • Phone: 989.775.4307
Assistant Elders Advocate • Email: shjackson@sagchip.org



DECEMBER 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 William Leksche | 17 Peters, Deborah Colley, Donna DeLap |
| 3 Alvin Chamberlain, Alfreda Jenkins, Brenda Schlegel, James Bailey, Nancy Rossbach, Patricia Sprague | 18 Alfred Dennis, Eleanor Hawk, Vivian Meredith, Cynthia Sprague |
| 4 Saundra Charles, Cynthia Cisneros, Dawn Meredith, Brenda Rubin | 19 Carol Jackson, Pamela Shawboose |
| 5 Julie King, Tony Stevens | 20 Clinton Pelcher Jr., Richard Davis, Deborah Jackson, Jason Slater |
| 6 Teri Bennett, Lorraine Dumas, Margaret Worsham | 21 David Bonnau, Faith Davis, Carrie Leaux, Jacqueline Roach, Sherri Vezina, Janice Walker |
| 7 Tracy Chamberlain, Le Etta Hansen, James Osawabine Sr. | 22 Lori Rickie |
| 8 Mary Floyd, Wayne Johnson Sr., Norman Synder | 23 Jim Davis |
| 10 Suzanne Cross, James Maki, Douglas Zocher | 24 Brenda Miller, Michael Poolaw |
| 11 Paul Jackson, Sandra Smith | 25 Terry Bonnau, Steven Pelcher, Mary Rosebrock |
| 12 Bradford Mandoka, Ruth Moses, Beverly Pamp-Ettinger, Kenneth Sprague, Albert Wayne, John Brown | 26 John Bennett, Bernice Hendrickson, LuAnn Phillips, Patricia Wemigwans, Helen Black, Frank Cloutier, Earlene Jackson, Timothy Smith Jr. |
| 13 Randall Bennett, Stella Pamp, Timothy Stevens | 27 Yolanda Gonzalez, Paul Stevens, Carol White-Pigeon |
| 14 Marlene Collins, Ronald Johansen, Ida Lenhart, Marjorie Gordon, Ruth Mullins, Cheryl Roy, John Trepanier | 29 Renee` Abuja, Judy Bryant, Thomas Kequom, William Castle |
| 16 Ronald Douglas, Darlene Munro, Lanette Zaleski, Virginia Hoon, Gilbert Williams, Sylvia Zelinski | 30 Jerome Whitepigeon Sr. |
| 17 Shirley Burch, Stephanie | 31 Marie Saboo |



DECEMBER 2017 EVENT PLANNER

Menopause & Beyond

Dec. 1 | 12 - 3 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989.775.4654
- Topics: Stretching with Jayme Green and salve making with Debbie Peterson
- Auricular acupuncture provided by Behavioral Health
- Lunch provided

The Reason for the Season

Dec. 4 | 5:45 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989.775.4121
- Photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause
- Full dinner provided
- Fun games
- Bring a dessert to be entered into a prize drawing.

SCA Winter Program: Gichi Grinch 2

Dec. 6 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: SECR Entertainment Hall

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Dec. 7 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Location: Tribal Operations Seniors Room
- Contact: 989.775.4880

Baby Celebration

Dec. 7 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989.775.4780
- Guest speaker: Ronnie Ekdhahl
- Baby blanket giveaway made by Sandy Smith
- Holiday craft tables, storytime with Mrs. Clause.
- Photobooth for newborns
- Sing-a-long in Anishinaabemowin with Isabelle Osawamick, Language Outreach

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation Blue House
- Contact: 989.775.4780
- Sharing of knowledge around the drum
- All are welcome, from beginners to experienced

Seventh Generation Talking Circle

Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989.775.4780

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989.775.4895

Dec. 20 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810

Anishinaabemowin & Sacred Fire Lunches

Dec. 14 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989.775.4110
- Learn the basics of Ojibwe language with Anishinabe Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick

Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

Dec. 14 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850
- For more information: 989.775.4879

Traditional Sweat Lodge

Dec. 15 | Teachings and fire lighting at 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989.775.4879

Family Movie Night: Star Wars

Dec. 15 | 7:30 p.m. movie time

- Location: Celebration Cinema, Mt. Pleasant
- Contact: 989.775.4121
- Ticket sales begin Monday, Dec. 11 at 7:45 a.m. in the Tribal Operations main entrance.
- \$5 per pair of tickets, limit two per Tribal ID
- Only parent/guardian may pick up tickets.
- Meet and greet with Star Wars characters at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Family Bingo

Dec. 18 | 6 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989.775.4115

Andahwod Christmas Brunch

Dec. 20 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod
- Contact: 989.775.4300

Saganing Talking Circle

Dec. 20 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989.775.4879

Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Dec. 21 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989.775.4880

Detroit Pistons Game Trip

Jan. 6 | 7 p.m. game time

- Contact: 989.775.4121 or recreation@sagchip.org
- \$70 per ticket, no hold on tickets
- Tribal Members only,
- Two tickets per Tribal ID
- Tickets go on sale: TBD

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | DECEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <i>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m. Curbside collection will be delayed one day for the holiday.</i> 		Holiday Curbside Collection Delay The weeks of the Christmas and the New Year's holidays will have a delay of one day. Christmas curbside collection will be Saturday, Dec. 30 instead of Friday, Dec. 29. New Year's curbside collection will be Saturday, Jan. 6 instead of Friday, Jan. 5.		1 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	2 Festival of Trees SEWPH 4:30 - 8 p.m. 3 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
4 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	5 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 5 - 7 p.m. Performance Circle Class Ziibiwing 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.	6 Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m. SCA Winter Program SECR 6 - 8 p.m.	7 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Baby Celebration 7th Generation 5:30 - 8 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.	8 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	9 10 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
11 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	12 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 5 - 7 p.m. Performance Circle Graduation TBD 6 - 8 p.m.	13 Tribal Observer Deadline 5 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Elder Breakfast Andahwod 9 a.m.	14 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 12 - 1 p.m.	15 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	16 Community Cultural Teaching Ziibiwing 1 - 4 p.m. 17 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.
18 Drop-in Group B. Health 5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	19 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 5 - 7 p.m. SCA Family Christmas SCA 5 - 8 p.m.	20 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m. Elders Christmas Brunch Andahwod 9 a.m. Tribal Education Advisory Meeting 9 a.m.	21 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. FAN Board Meeting Ziibiwing 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. FAN Forum Ziibiwing 7-9 p.m.	22 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	23 24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day Tribal Ops Closed	26 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge 5 - 7 p.m.	27 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure	28 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.	29 Tribal Ops Closed Administrative Closure Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	30 Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m. 31 New Years Eve



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old.

Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associate degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age-appropriate teaching techniques, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition and five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin.

LPN-Assisted Living PT

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long-term care experience preferred.

Teacher Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent and must have passed a formal state or local academic assessment

as approved by the Michigan State Board of Education; or successfully completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or must have an associate degree.

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.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Must be a licensed Registered Nurse (BSN preferred), with at least two years of long-term care experience. Two years of health care supervisory experience in a long-term care setting preferred.

Dental Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Graduate of an accredited Dental Assisting Program or two years of dental assisting experience.

General Labor Pool

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

SECR

Lead Cook - Slice

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

be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture upholstery and carpet.

Host/Hostess PT

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

Concierge PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have minimum of one year experience in front office operations and three years of customer service experience.

Guestroom FF&E Technician

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Technical school training is highly desirable. One to three years work experience.

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

Line Server FT

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

Housekeeper PT

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

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation accredited school or five years direct experience in food production.

Line Server PT

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

Line Server FT

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

Line Cook FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One year of restaurant cooking experience or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have one to three years experience in operating loaders, backhoe, street sweeper, Kubota tractors, etc.

Finance Cashier

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

Security Officer PT

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

Kitchen Equipment Worker

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have three years experience in commercial food equipment repair.

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment. Must be able to operate computerized equipment and devices.

Waitstaff PT

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

Steward PT

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

SELC & Saganing

Line Cook PT

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

Food & Beverage Attendant PT

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

Support Services Tech I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or a four-year IT-related degree. Must pass competency exam.

Waitstaff PT

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

Executive Hospitality Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, hospitality or related field. Five years of progressive experience in hotel operations. Five years supervisory experience.

Security Officer PT

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

Count Team Associate PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency.

Police Officer FT

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associate degree preferred.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF JUDITH MAYS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0532. Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505. Plaintiff's attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Judith Mays 1506 W. Broadway Rd., Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or 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 Feb. 10, 2018.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF AARON GRICE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0420. Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505. Plaintiff's attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Aaron Grice 1017 Arthur Ave. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or 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. 30, 2017.**

NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF AUGUSTINE LEE FLOYD 05-20-1989:

The Tribal Court for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians 2605 North West Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown, Mich., (231) 534-7050: Case no. 2017-2820-CV-CV. Petitioner: Kaylyn Rose Raphael & Zachariah Augestine Raphael 2202 Nishnabwah Mikun, Peshawbestown, Mich., 49682. Attorney: Cameron A. Fraser (P71403) 814 South Garfield Avenue, Suite A Traverse City, Mich., 49686 (231) 947-0122. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, including but not limited to Augustine Lee Floyd and Santana Perez, whose last address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **Feb. 5, 2018 at 9 a.m.** in the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Court located at 2605 North West Bay Shore Drive in Peshawbestown, Mich., 49682 trial will be heard to establish the location of the accident or disaster, the cause of death, date of the presumed decedent's death and, if possible, the time of death.

AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR TO NORMAN JOAQUIN CYR:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 16-JCW-0429 TO: Norman Joaquin Cyr IN THE MATTER OF MINOR CHILDREN: You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reason: PETITION FOR TERMINATION. The court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A petition for termination will be conducted by the court on **Tuesday Jan. 16, 2018, at 11 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Mich., before the Honorable Patrick Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Norman Joaquin Cyr appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.

NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY A. WADE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 17-CI-0314 Plaintiff: Briana C. Banks 709 Suncrest Dr. Flint, Mich., 48504 Plaintiff's Attorney: Genesee County Friend of the Court Haley Slade (P71263) 1101 Beach St. Flint, Mich., 48502 (810) 257-3300 Vs. Defendant: Jeffrey A. Wade 6705 Fleetwood Dr. Flint, Mich., 48504. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Jan. 31, 2018.**

NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF JEFFREY A. WADE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 17-CI-0315 Plaintiff: Terrilynn T. Brown 4502 Huckleberry Ln. Flint, Mich. 48507 Plaintiff's Attorney: Genesee County Friend of the Court Haley Slade (P71263) 1101 Beach St. Flint, Mich., 48502 (810) 257-3300 Vs. Defendant: Jeffrey A. Wade 6705 Fleetwood Dr. Flint, Mich., 48504. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Jan. 31, 2018.**



Local youth learn SCIT culture and traditions at annual educational powwow

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Photographer Journalist

The hallways of Tribal Operations were full of the delicious smell of fry bread and the sound of jingle dresses on Wednesday, Nov. 1 and Thursday, Nov. 2.

The Education Department's K-12 Services was hosting its educational powwow.

Approximately 1500 students and staff from 13 area schools participated in the event to learn about SCIT culture and tradition. Tenth graders from Mt. Pleasant High School and Shepherd High School; seventh graders from Mt. Pleasant Middle School, Shepherd Middle School, Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Odyssey; fifth graders from Fancher and Mary McGuire; and third graders from Shepherd Elementary, Vowles, Ganiard, Pullen and

Beal City Elementary were all in attendance.

Christina Sharp, assistant director of Tribal Education, was busy each day in the kitchen, cooking fry bread for the visitors. Each morning group was offered this traditional treat, while each group to visit in the afternoon was served Indian Tacos by local Tribal youth and adults.

All visits began in the Eagles Nest Tribal gymnasium with a welcome song and dancing exhibitions that included a traditional dance, a men's grass and women's jingle dance, a men's fancy bustle and women's shawl dance, an intertribal dance and a round dance for solidarity.

Tribal youth danced for the visitors to rhythms produced by drum group Mino Ode, comprised of SCA staff and students, as well as by Southern Straight and 5 Mile Creek.

Ben Hinmon emceed the event, and the following veterans were in attendance: Head Veteran Darryl Jackson, David Perez Sr., Tony Carmona and Mike Perez.

Each day, Steve Pego was present to provide lodge teachings to the guests, Judy Pamp offered a story telling workshop and Tonya Jackson provided information about Tribal regalia.

On Wednesday, guests could also learn about traditional games from Dan Jackson, while Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez and PR Manager Sandy McCreery offered a workshop entitled "Everything You Want to Know about the Tribe" on Thursday.

The powwow occurs annually to educate area youth about the tribe. It was informative and a success yet again this fall.

Observer photos by Niki Henry

