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Surveying the past: Michigan Department of Transportation collaboration helps preserve Sanilac Petroglyphs

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Office of Communications

Dec. 5, 2018 – Using some futuristic technology, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has helped document cultural heritage from the distant past.

In collaboration with other state agencies and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, MDOT used laser measuring techniques to create digital models of the Sanilac Petroglyphs, the largest known group of ancient rock carvings in the state.

The digital models of more than 100 rock carvings will create opportunities for study and historic preservation.

Shannon Martin and William Johnson of the Ziiibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways said the digital preservation of the rock has been a goal of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office since 2006.

In 2014, a focus group of Great Lakes Anishinabe

spiritual leaders and elders convened at the Sanilac Petroglyphs site where they offered their support for Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) mapping.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is grateful for the opportunity to partner with multiple state agencies on the enhancement and long-term preservation strategy for the Sanilac Petroglyphs," Martin said.

Stacy Tchorzynski, an archaeologist at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who managed the Sanilac Petroglyphs project, said this "community-based project is important because it demonstrates the power of respectful tribal-state partnerships."

Stone tools and pottery found on the petroglyph site on the Cass River floodplain show native groups have occupied the area periodically throughout the last 8,000 years.

The petroglyphs were likely carved within the last 1400 years, with some possibly created in more recent centuries.



MDOT photo, courtesy of Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
The MDOT team at work surveying the Sanilac Petroglyphs using two LiDAR scanners simultaneously.

The petroglyphs are carved in relatively soft sandstone. After centuries of natural weathering and decades of recent human activity, some carvings have faded or disappeared.

Archaeologists have been studying these petroglyphs since the 1920s and made various attempts to record and preserve them. This year, tribal and state partners renewed preservation efforts using the latest methods.

In April, MDOT specialists used terrestrial LiDAR along with detailed close-up photographs to build digital models that will document the site and can be used to track changes in the petroglyphs over time.

MDOT's partners in the project included the SHPO (Michigan State Housing Development Authority), the Ziiibiwing Center, the Tribe's Historic Preservation Office, and the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Michigan History Center and Parks and Recreation Division.

LiDAR instruments collect 3-D information by reflecting laser light off objects. Instruments can be mounted on a static tripod or on a vehicle such as a truck, manned or unmanned aircraft, or boat.

MDOT typically uses LiDAR to map existing roads and bridges prior to construction. The 3-D maps and models of the existing conditions serve as a base for design. MDOT can also use the technology after construction to record as-built information or to collect and manage information about assets like signs, guardrails, and power and light poles.

In these kinds of standard applications, with a well-calibrated instrument using surveyed ground control, LiDAR can achieve sub-centimeter accuracy. For the Sanilac Petroglyphs project, crews could get very close to the subject. Using about a dozen

Petroglyphs | 5



Photo courtesy of Michigan State Historic Preservation Office
Tribal partners led MDOT specialists in blessing the LiDAR units with sage smoke and a smudging ceremony to begin the fieldwork in a respectful way.

Notice: A date change has been made



State of the Tribe

— Annual Meeting —

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 • SECR Entertainment Hall

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

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



Betty J. Gould (Moggo)

July 26, 1938 – Nov. 15, 2018

Betty J. Gould (Moggo), 80, passed away Nov. 15, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was the daughter of William and Myrtle Moggo, born and raised in Saginaw, Mich.

Betty moved to Arizona in 1969 with her husband Bob and four children.

Betty was a hairdresser and had her own beauty shop for many years. She was a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and loved to travel with her family and friends.



She is survived by her children: Janine Anderson (Swede Pettersen), Jeff Gould, Julie Grube (Don), Jill Brady (Jim), 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters: Rose Greenwald, MaryAnn Reis and Jody Wojcik, and brother Richard Moggo.

She was preceded in death by her brothers: Fred Moggo, Lewis Moggo and Gerald Moggo.

She leaves behind her Sailor Man Dave Senecal whom she loved dearly.

Cremation has already taken place, and her Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at Resthaven/Carr-Tenney Mortuary and Memorial Gardens in Phoenix.

Richard Davis

Dec. 20, 1936 – Dec. 3, 2018

Richard Davis, 81, of Flint Township, died Dec. 3, 2018.

Richard was born Dec. 20, 1936, the son of James Davis Sr. and Lucille (Chatfield) Davis.

Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He retired in 1987 with 30 years of service from GM Chevrolet.



Richard was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was an honor guard for Ogitchedaw Warriors. He loved to travel.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Robin Martin and boys Nick, David, Cameron and Jeremy, Patricia Coons and family; Betty Ashmun and family, Kelly Buggs and family, several great nieces and nephews.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patricia; siblings, Arlene Mae Allen, Clara Hutchinson, Mary Jane Ashmun, Rose Oller, Rachel Watson, Eddie Davis, James Davis Jr., Leo Davis, Ernie Davis.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Sharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 6063 Fenton Rd., Flint. Interment followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc.

Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Thank You from the Trepanier Family

I'm sorry for taking so long to respond; many times I've started this. You all have never been out of my heart or prayers. I want to thank everyone for the money, household items and offers of help after my house fire.

The kind words and prayers, the time spent with our family after the loss of our loved one Taylor M. Trepanier. I thank God for blessing us with kind and giving family, friends, neighbors and community.

Thank you so very much,
Diana Trepanier and Family

Phillip Glenn Peters

May 1, 1939 – Dec. 8, 2018

Phillip Glenn Peters, age 79, of Mount Pleasant passed away Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, at the Andahwod Senior Living under the care of Heartland Hospice.

Phillip was born on May 1, 1939, in Wayland, Mich., the son of James and Helen (Bennett) Peters.

Phillip was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and served his country in the United States Navy. He married Autumn L. Holley on Sept. 23, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant and enjoyed nearly 44 years of marriage with her.

Phillip worked as a boilermaker for Dow Chemical for 29 years and also served several terms as Tribal chief.

He loved going on long road trips, hunting, and fishing. He was a devoted Detroit Tiger's fan and loved baseball.

Phillip is survived by his children, Angela (Allen) Peters, Phillip (Sara) Peters Jr., and Noel (Natalie) Peters; grandchildren, Anna Mae, Ellie, Samuel, Erica, Phillip III, Taylor, Paige, Jamie, and Merrick; life partner, Jayne LoPiccolo, her children, and her grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Phillip was preceded in death by his wife, Autumn on Feb. 11, 2006; parents; and siblings, Selkirk Peters, Christine Graverette, Emma Slater, Floyd Peters, Theresa Falcon, Betsy Hall, Gerald Peters, and Juliann Floyd.

Funeral services were held in the Tribal Gym on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment followed in Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Eagles.



Happy Heavenly 30th Birthday



1/7/89

**Taylor Jordan
"Kook" Vasquez**

Forever loved and missed beyond measure.

*Love,
Miles, Mom, Bella & Jay*

In memory and honor of

Chief Phillip G. Peters Sr.

May 1, 1939 – Dec. 8, 2018

Phillip Peters Sr. served the Tribe as chief from 1995-1996 and 1999-2001. Peters served the Tribe at its most challenging times. He was trustworthy and his life reflected the dedication and loyalty when he was called to the challenge. He governed by vision and integrity always looking ahead of how the tribe would be impacted; at present and in the future. He was a humble and compassionate man.

Statement from Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier:

"I have worked several years under the leadership of Chief Peters. He was always a kind and thoughtful leader who was steadfast in his commitment to our community and its members. Phil was always careful to deliberate before replying and considerate of his peers and their thoughts and beliefs. He will truly be missed."

Statement from Healing to Wellness Court Coordinator Joseph V. Sowmick:

"It was a high honor to work for the Peters Administration during his time as Tribal chief and he cared deeply about our Tribal community and the friends he made over the years. Phil and his wife Autumn demonstrated a legacy of humble leadership and service that I see has transferred over to his children and grandchildren. They are together again and we are truly blessed to have had them be a part of our lives."

Conservation Committee Seats

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

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

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

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



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Jan. 17, Feb. 21

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

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

Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

Upcoming dates: Jan. 3, Feb. 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.

New career opportunity

Native American Pipe-Fitter Apprenticeship

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

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

Requirements/qualifications:

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

Interested Tribal Members may contact:

Chip Neyome,

Interim Anishnabe Workforce Developer

• **Phone:** 989.775.0053

• **Email:** chneyome@sagchip.org



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

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

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

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

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

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

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

Regular Council Session Dates

- Jan. 8
- Feb. 5
- March 5



Happy Blessed Birthday

Eddie B.
Love, Your wife



Happy Blessed Birthday
Vanessa

Love, Mom



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

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

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

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

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

Four Tribal youth representatives

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

Please call to express your interest:

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

Or Email to: likennedy@sagchip.org



Happy 16th Anniversary!

Fred and Denise Cantu

January 23rd

Love, your children

Give that Special Someone



In the Tribal Observer

Email to Observer@sagchip.org

Deadline: Jan. 16, 2019 - \$10 each

One Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

- 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 (if eligible). Will need Tribal Council approval.

Deadline: Jan. 31, 2019

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

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

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

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.



Seeking SCIT Members

who are interested in acquiring their **Residential Builders License**

- ▶ Do you do home repairs?
- ▶ Are you interested in construction and skilled trade work?
- ▶ Do family members rely on you for home repairs?
- ▶ Have you ever considered starting a construction company?

Please call Chip Neyome at the Human Resources Department: 989.775.0053

For help navigating the requirements and process of acquiring a Residential Builders License.

Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

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

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

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

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



Tribal Council

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Council Member

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Live music Tuesdays at the Ziibiwing Center all winter

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

All winter long on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Ziibiwing Center will be hosting jam sessions with live music in the front entrance lobby.

Community members are invited to listen and enjoy or sit in with the band Brothers in Music.

The Ziibiwing Center has enjoyed the music and presence of Brothers in Music – currently a three-piece acoustic band – at a variety of events.

Delmar Jackson Jr. said the band “first started out as the Sweet Grass Band and was formed for the Rez Jam at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in 2004.”

The group played together for four years and included Delmar Jackson Jr. (current lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist), Samuel Jackson, Matthew Ruffino (current lead guitarist and backing vocalist), Quinn Pelcher (current guitarist and backing vocalist) and James Green.

The band specializes in ‘60s and ‘70s rock ‘n’ roll, and classic country music, as well as original songs and music developed by all three members.

Jackson Jr. and Pelcher are Tribal Members, and Ruffino is married to Pelcher’s sister, Lee Ann Ruffino.



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Every Tuesday, all winter long from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ziibiwing Center lobby, Brothers in Music members perform and community members are welcome to listen or join the band. (Left to right: Matt Ruffino, Delmar Jackson Jr. and Quinn Pelcher)

The community is welcomed to stop in the Ziibiwing Center to hear some quality music or even sit in with the band for a memorable experience. Some who have recently sat in with the group and are well known in the Tribal community are Dave Shananaquet, Gordon Henry and William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center.

This is free and open to the public.

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide’ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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

Order Establishing SCIT 2019 Fishing Season

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 107 subdivision 2(B), the 2019 Fishing Season shall begin Jan. 1, 2019, and will close Dec. 31, 2019, unless ordered otherwise.

Licenses and Permits are available at the Tribal Planning Department starting Jan. 2.

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

SCIT Ordinance 11 Fishing Seasons and Daily Bag Limits

Species	Seasons	Location	Limit	Min. Length
Trout	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	10 inch
Salmon	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	10 inch
Largemouth Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	12 inch
Smallmouth Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	12 inch
Northern Pike	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	20 inch
Muskellunge	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day	42 inch
Sauger	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	14 inch
Tiger Muskellunge	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day	42 inch
Walleye	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	20 per day	12 inch
Bluegill	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Sunfish	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Crappie	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Rock Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Perch	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	100 per day	No min.
Lake Whitefish	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	No min.
Menominee	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	No min.
Catfish	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	No min.
Sturgeon	No open	Inland streams and rivers	0 per day	N/A

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month.

To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 or email observer@sagchip.org.

To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk’s office at 989-775-4055.

Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

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Petroglyphs

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tripod setups, they were able to collect nearly three billion information points and map the site to accuracies in the millimeter range – revealing details that would not be apparent to the unaided human eye.

In addition to using LiDAR, specialists also made a close-up photogrammetric survey of the petroglyphs using 155 overlapping photos. Software can use these images to create a second type of 3-D model of the petroglyphs.

The new digital models could have several important uses. Foremost is preservation. The current models can be compared with older

drawings and castings of the petroglyphs going back to the 1920s to reveal changes in the fragile sandstone surfaces over time.

“Part of the reason for collecting this data at this time is to create a digital representation of the carvings in case of further degradation by natural or manmade forces,” said Frank Boston of MDOT’s Survey Support Unit. “This representation will be available for future generations regardless of the condition of the actual site. We plan to do a similar data collection in five years so the data can be compared and measured.”

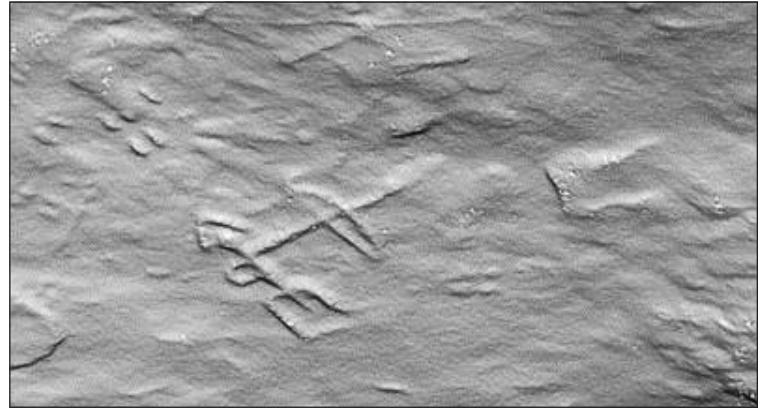
The LiDAR data set is also being used to create a digital 3-D mesh of the carvings that

can then be transformed via software into a realistic rendering. The digital model can be used for tribal-led distance learning projects.

The collaboration on the LiDAR survey started back in 2017 when Tchorzynski began researching LiDAR specialists in Michigan, specifically looking for potential state partners with the capability.

Tchorzynski contacted MDOT about their equipment and asked if they would be willing to cooperate on the project.

“We had verbal approval from management quickly,” Boston said. “We all felt that it would be a great partnership, providing valuable products and data, and providing MDOT with experience and



MDOT photo, courtesy of State Historic Preservation Office
A LiDAR image detailing a small portion of the Sanilac Petroglyphs

exposure for this wonderfully useful technology.”

Donated to the State of Michigan by the Michigan Archaeological Society and managed by the DNR since 1971, the petroglyphs are

listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park covers 240 acres along the Cass River near Cass City. Guided tours are available in the summer months.

Tribes, organizations publicize support for contemporary American Indian artists

ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Association on American Indian Affairs has partnered with 16 organizations and Tribes to urge art collectors and auction-goers interested in purchasing American Indian “artifacts” and “antiquities” to exercise cautious due diligence.

Rather, the organizations are urging collectors interested in American Indian art should instead support contemporary American Indian artists and their creations made for the art market.

There is a long history of looting and stealing American Indian burials and important American Indian cultural and sacred patrimony. These items often end up in private collections and ultimately auction houses and institutions all over the world.

In many cases possession of these items outside their communities of origin contravene

Tribal laws, and in some cases federal and state laws. For instance, federal law provides that certain types of objects are inalienable from their Tribal Nations as they are held as national or religious patrimony that have an “ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central” to the Tribe.

The Association on American Indian Affairs is standing together with the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians; Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums; Bernstein & Associates; Delaware Tribe of Indians; First Peoples Fund; Gray & Pape Heritage Management; International Indian Treaty Council; Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law; Institute of American Indian Arts; Klahoose First Nation; National Congress of American Indians; Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology; Southwestern

Association for Indian Arts; Tonkawa Tribe; United Tribes of Michigan; and the White Earth Nation.

Auctioneers, consignors, and dealers have professional and ethical responsibilities to deal honestly with the public and validate the ownership of any item for sale. Yet, it is currently not standard practice to reach out to potentially affiliated Tribal Nations to determine whether Native American ancestral remains, burial belongings, and objects of sacred and cultural patrimony are rightfully in the market.

For Tribal Nations, these communally nation-held items are not “art” and should not be displayed or sold, but rather are living and breathing entities that are essential to the continuation of diverse American Indian cultures, traditions and religious practices today.

Buyers and collectors interested in Tribal antiquities and artifacts should do their own careful due diligence and consideration as to whether

ancestors and burial belongings, and cultural and sacred patrimony are a proper investment.

Perceptions on collecting items of tribal cultural heritage are changing quickly, along with laws that seek to protect them.

The 17 organizations and Tribes reported finally, as stated above, buyers and collectors should focus their

investment on contemporary American Indian artists whose stories and creations are accessible and created to share.

The organizations and Tribes have partnered with the Association on American Indian Affairs to release this statement in unity, representing indigenous peoples, academia and experts all over North America

ACFS’ Christmas Bazaar raises funds for Foster Care Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Community members who were still looking for that perfect Christmas gift for their relatives or friends had the opportunity to stop in and shop at Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services’ Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 15.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Christmas Bazaar was held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

“With a little over 40 booths to choose from, ranging from Native crafts to Christmas items, florals, baked goods and many others, (event attendees

could) find the gifts they needed this holiday season,” said Lovel Lewis, prevention specialist for ACFS.

The event benefitted ACFS’ Foster Care Program. Vendors paid \$25 for an 8-by-8 space and one table.

ACFS also sold food and drinks – breakfast burritos, soups and frybread and Indian tacos.

Christmas Bazaar customers received \$10 in Premium Play from the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and had the opportunity to register for door prizes which included an overnight stay at Soaring Eagle, an overnight stay at the



Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel with waterpark passes, and a Christmas basket.



Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

Committee Vacancies

Would you like to be a voice for those who can no longer speak for themselves? Now is your chance!

Committee Meetings

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Ziibiwing

Meetings are held every other Wednesday.



Mail, email or drop off letters by Feb. 28, 2019:

Mail: MIIBS Committee
c/o Sarah Jones (Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)
6650 E Broadway Rd
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Email: SJones@sagchip.org

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The MIIBS Committee is dedicated to SCIT’s efforts to transform, preserve and finance the development of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School to become a place for healing, education, wellness and empowerment at a local, national and global level.

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- Meet every other week on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Implement strategic plan and vision of Tribal Council.
- Ensure properties are managed safely and effectively.
- Work collaboratively with Project Manager to accomplish goals.
- Share information with community and partners on project.



Chief Ekdahl lights up the holiday season at Waterpark's third annual Festival of Trees

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On Dec. 1, Christmas spirit was in full swing at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel as Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl ushered in the holiday season at the third annual Festival of Trees charity event.

Chief Ekdahl was joined by Bonnie Sprague, general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, as they had a countdown with a full lobby of patrons in attendance to continue the tradition of lighting the 20-foot Christmas tree.

"I was happy to light the trees and give a few words at the Festival of Trees event," Ekdahl said. "My family enjoyed the music, the food, and meeting Santa. We got a nice family photo from the event and my family offers a big thank you to Migizi and the Waterpark staff who put this on."

Sprague said the event "is truly a gift back to the community and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel would



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Bonnie Sprague (left), general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl (right) provide a welcome during the third annual Festival of Trees on Dec. 1 in the Waterpark's lobby.

like to thank all who participated in both the decorating and the silent auction."

The event, also for a good cause, raised \$755 in funds for Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services.

"Our elders have contributed so much to our community. We have learned from them, gained knowledge from their wisdom,

and have respect for their morals and values," Sprague said. "It's very important to Migizi to contribute back to our elders by volunteering at their events or supporting their program. Giving back is important to us and it brings satisfaction to our team."

Sprague continued, "No matter how great or small the need is, making a donation of any kind puts us in the position to continue our acts of kindness."

Janice Hubbard, food and beverage manager for Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, said her staff offered a chocolate fountain with strawberries to dip with the traditional assortment of cookies, candies and cheeses for the holiday event.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

The evening brought in entertainment and live music by local band, The Etceteras.

Gayle Ruhl, assisted living administrator for Andahwod, explained why the outreach by Migizi is important to the elders.

"This fundraiser contributes to the elders and residents of Andahwod in several different ways; mainly by allowing three additional outings that residents and elders would not be able to do if it were not for this fundraising effort," Ruhl said. "Without outings, elders can feel isolated and lonely... negative health factors contributing to poor health outcomes."

Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess joined in the celebration with Migizi Marketing Manager Frederick Kuhlman and saw the generosity of all the Tribal employees and departments who contributed their time and effort in decorating the creative artwork found within each tree.

"Migizi participates in numerous charitable events every year," Juckniess said. "We are delighted to have earmarked the proceeds from the third annual Festival of Trees for the benefit of Andahwod."



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Patrons helped themselves to a selection of hors d'oeuvres provided by the Waterpark's Food and Beverage staff.

This worthwhile cause is especially important to Migizi because it is a facility that benefits members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."

Other events surrounding the Festival of Trees included a visit from Santa Claus, an appearance of live reindeer in the courtyard, a craft station for children and Christmas music from The Etceteras.

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Tribal court making room for new programs

CAROL JACKSON

Magistrate

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The Healing to Wellness departments will now be located

in the magistrate's hearing room starting Jan. 2, 2019, which will include the new Family Healing to Wellness (FTHW), the new Juvenile Healing to Wellness (JHTW), along with the Healing to Wellness (HTW) programs.

The additional resources through the Tribal Court will assist the community whom struggle with substance misuse and the opioid pandemic.

This was all made possible with the support of Tribal Council, along with funding provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and the Department of Justice grants.

Please stop by after Jan 2 and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning the new programs.

SEWPH raises \$1,435 for ACFS Star Tree Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Dec. 5-6, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel hosted its annual Giving & Swimming event. Waterpark day passes could be purchased for \$7 each with all proceeds benefiting the Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services Star Tree Program.

A total of \$1,435 was raised throughout the two days.

"We will be serving 135 children this year through the program," said Jason Luna, director for ACFS. "Once again, the community showed its generosity and kindness and we are humbled and grateful to be able to continue serving the community."



Courtesy of Migizi EDC

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel raised \$1,435 through its annual Giving & Swimming event. All proceeds went to the Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services Star Tree Program. (Photographed left to right: Migizi Economic Development Company CEO Robert Juckniess; Bonnie Sprague, general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel; Jason Luna, director for ACFS; Lovel Lewis, prevention specialist for ACFS and Angela Gonzalez, social services supervisor for ACFS)



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Annual Report (October 2017 - September 2018)

The Board of Directors for the Ziibiwing Cultural Society/ Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways is proud to recognize the organization's many accomplishments and its staff within this Annual Report.

From guided tours for school children, Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School remembrance gatherings, ancestral repatriations and Artist-in-Residence Programs to fun family events like NativeFest, the Ziibiwing Cultural Society continues to be a vital and progressive organization for the Tribe.

Raymond Cadotte, Visitor Services Representative received a letter of appreciation from CMU. He also

received a letter of commendation from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi with gifts offered to him for the excellent and "most informative" service they received. These are just two of the several commendations that were given to him by various patrons during this fiscal year.

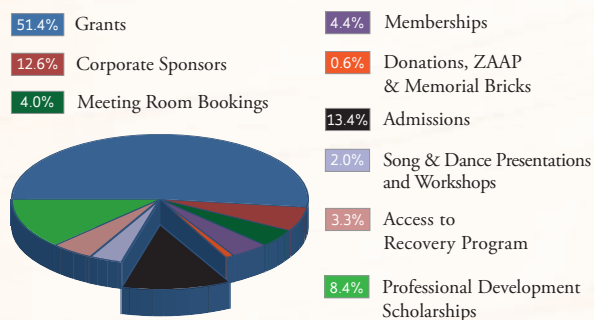
We hope that you find in this Annual Report a clear demonstration of the dedication and respect exemplified by our entire organization for the mission, work and growth of the Ziibiwing Cultural Society. We are extremely grateful for your continued support and trust in our very important work.

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Financials

External Revenue Total: \$206,905



Accomplishments

- 15,609 visitors experienced all the Center has to offer - an additional 6,177 were provided educational services at 23 offsite bookings by the Ziibiwing Center staff
- Implemented 257 special events and cultural programs for the Tribal community and general public
- Research Center served 2,213 patrons
- Provided 138 tours for 3,486 guests, 50 K-12 tours and 88 adult tours, including complimentary SCIT, Migizi, SECR and Retail Employees' Orientation tours
- Continued to provide cultural and educational services weekly to clients of the Tribe's Residential Treatment Center and Access to Recovery Program
- Awarded 3 of 3 Federal grants submitted: Institute of Museum and Library Services, Historic Preservation Fund & NAGPRA Repatriation Grant for a total of \$106,349
- Maintained 8 Tribal cemeteries, in addition to the Ziibiwing Center's 3-acre lawn (14.41 acres per week)
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of 20 Native American individuals and 106 associated funerary objects from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA) in Ann Arbor, MI on November 30, 2017
- Repatriated and reburied the physical remains of 1 Native American individual from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA) from the Garry site of Arenac County, MI; and not subject to NAGPRA, the Arenac County Historical Society repatriated 15 associated funerary objects to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan on September 6, 2018
- 1,061,455 individual contacts were logged by our team, including physical visits, phone calls, E-Noodaagan newsletters, email and social media interaction via Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Completed the Archival Conservation Planning Project, funded by a \$37,200 grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, that allowed the Nindakenjigewinoong (the place where you find things out at) Research Center staff to explore digitization best practice and policies, perform a collection evaluation, participate in archival (digitization) training(s) and site visits, and develop a multi-year Strategic Plan to facilitate the creation of an archival conservation plan

Your Support

Your continued support is vital to us as it provides essential funding for:

- Free admission to Ziibiwing Center exhibits for members of all North American Indian Tribes.
- Discounted admission to military personnel, school children, college students, and educators.
- Funding for outreach programs which take our teachings and collections into schools throughout Michigan.
- Preservation of our artifacts and collections, ensuring that our culture will be preserved for future generations.
- Maintenance and promotion of our exhibits so that our heritage and culture can be enjoyed by everyone.
- Repatriation and reverential reinterment of Anishinabek ancestors and their belongings.

- Ziibiwing Commercial Services (ZCS) E-Commerce sales were over 1.4 million dollars in Fiscal Year 2018
- ZCS began setting goals for Fiscal Year 2019 with the new structure for the Ziibiwing Gift Shop and E-Commerce Channels
- ZCS completed a new 10,000 sq. foot warehouse which became operational in January, 2018
- ZCS generated \$4.294 million in total revenues for Fiscal Year 2018
- The Collection Committee and Board of Directors accepted 60 items into the Permanent Collection consisting of photos, books, stone tools, moccasins, black ash and birch bark baskets, DVDs, brochures, pamphlets, newspaper articles, certified documents, including genealogy information on Tribal families and 3 original land grants
- The Ziibiwing Center hosted and mentored 1 Summer Youth Worker and 2 permanent part-time Youth Workers as part of our Visitor Services Team
- Cultural Resource Management team completed 369 cultural resource reviews - these reviews are required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and protect the cultural resources/traditional cultural properties of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
- NativeFest, our annual 2-day celebration of North American Indian culture, attracted 690 people
- A graphic novel about ancestral repatriation was written by Sonya Atalay, Jen Shannon, and John G. Swogger with the support and collaboration of the Ziibiwing Center, members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Anishinabe Community Tribal Elders. Its first printing was in November, 2017. Depicted on the cover is the artist's rendition of Dennis Banks (4/12/1937-10/29/2017) at the front of the line during the Walk Them Home event in 2010. During this event, the human remains of 20 Native American ancestors and 106 of their funerary belongings were repatriated from CMU and carried by the community the nearly 4 miles to the Ziibiwing Center for ceremonies and the Nibokaan Cemetery for burial.
- ZCS went live with Walmart.com in November 2018. Fiscal Year 2018 total sales were \$58,986.83. This was done without extra software and very little added expense
- ZCS worked on streamlining all processes now that all software is implemented
- ZCS transitioned the gift shops in the casinos to now be controlled in Fiscal Year 2019 by Soaring Eagle Casino's Food & Beverage (F&B) Department

2019 Event Calendar

January

- 1/22 | Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until May 7 except Spring Break.)
- 1/31 | Storytelling (at 7th Generation)

February

- 2/2 - 2/9 | Collection Showing
- 2/23 | Anishinabe Authors' Gathering & Book Fair
- 2/25 - 3/1 | Artist-in-Residence Star Quilt Making

March

- 3/8 | International Women's Day
- 3/11 - 3/15 | Baby Swing & Moss Bag Workshop
- 3/14 | Spring Feast (at 7th Generation)
- 3/26 - 3/28 | Spring Break Cultural Day Camp

Performance Circle Spring Break: No Classes March 25-29

April

- 4/19 | New Changing Exhibit Opens
- 4/20 | Sacred Mother Earth Symposium
- 4/22 - 4/26 | Mother Earth Week

May

- 5/2 & 5/3 | Ziibiwing's 15th Birthday Sale
- 5/7 | Performance Circle Graduation
- 5/11 | Bird Day Celebration
- 5/11 - 5/18 | Collection Showing
- 5/28 - 8/31 | Blue Star Museum

June

- 6/6 | "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" (at the MIIBS*)
- 6/20 | Summer Feast (at 7th Generation)
- 6/22 | Community Cultural Teaching (at Sanilac Petroglyphs)

July

- 7/6, 7/13 & 7/20 | American Indian Dance
- 7/8 - 7/11 | Fun & Culture Day Camp (at 7th Generation)
- 7/22 - 7/27 | NativeFest - Collection Showing
- 7/23 | NativeFest - Car Bingo
- 7/24 | NativeFest - Music & Comedy Night

August

- 8/5 - 8/30 | Art Walk
- 8/9 | World Indigenous People's Day
- 8/19 - 8/23 | Cradleboard Workshop

September

- 9/7 | Grandparent's Day
- 9/10 | Performance Circle Sign-Up & Class (Classes every Tuesday until Dec. 10)
- 9/14 | Monarch Butterfly Celebration/Kids & Culture
- 9/21 | Museum Day Live!

Heritage Special: September - November (Call for Details)

October

- 10/5 | Changing Exhibit Closes
- 10/10 | Fall Feast (at 7th Generation)
- 10/14 | Indigenous People's Day (Free admission for all)
- 10/16 | Eagle Feather Cleansing
- 10/17 & 10/18 | Eagle Feather Honoring
- 10/18 | Eagle Feather Feast

November

- 11/1 | Artists' Business Training
- 11/2 - 11/3 | Circle of Indigenous Arts Competition & Market
- 11/7 | Spirit Feast (at 7th Generation)
- 11/9 - 11/16 | Collection Showing
- 11/11 | Veteran's Day (Free Admission for Veterans & Family)

December

- 12/10 | Performance Circle Graduation
- 12/12 | Annual Appreciation Dinner (by invitation)
- 12/14 | Community Cultural Teaching/Kid's & Culture

* Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

- All events subject to change or cancellation.
- Visit www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing or call 989.775.4750 for current information.

Ziibiwing Cultural Society Mission

The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified, and culturally relevant educational experience, which promotes the Society's belief that the culture, diversity, and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.



Editorial: Winter Community Teachings and Feast spanned two days

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

The 2018 Winter Community Teachings and Feasts spanned two dates and two locations this year. The first took place on Friday, Dec. 14 at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

The second date was Saturday, Dec. 15 and was held at the Ziibiwing Center, in conjunction with Art Reach's Kids and Culture.

Gerard Sagassige from the Curve Lake First Nation served as guest speaker. Sagassige is a teacher of the language, culture and spirit of the Anishinaabek and has led cultural camps and workshops for more than 30 years.

The community was previously blessed with his teachings

at the Anishinaabemowin Symposium put on by the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department that was held at the Ziibiwing Center in September.

On this visit, Sagassige shared a wide variety of information with the full house of attendees.

He spoke about topics that included the importance of the Anishinaabemowin language. He said even though it may seem intimidating for some, it is important to make time to learn the language for both our own benefit and for those who come after us. The fact that the Anishinaabek ceremonies and prayers are spoken in the language shows its highest importance.

Sagassige also spoke of the seasons and how they were gifts that were answers to our prayers.

He spoke of harvest time and of food as not just food, but as medicine. He spoke of nurturing the spirit also, starting from infancy.

He shared how the shaker is a sacred item that can be used to help calm the baby, and how songs can be remembered from infancy, offering his own experience as proof. Sing to the babies.

Sagassige spoke about how so many of the holidays that we share are rooted in the Anishinaabek culture, but that those "aboriginal links are not recognized."

He spent a good deal of time focusing on this season of gift giving, gift receiving and love. He discussed how both giving and receiving should be done with respect for each other's gifts.

There is no way to reconstruct, in any measurable way, the information, enlightenment

and entertainment value of what Sagassige shared.

After his presentation, Sagassige was gifted with a beautiful Pendleton blanket from the Ziibiwing Center in appreciation. We thanked him for his visit and look forward to having him in the community again soon.

The feast was a catered meal with a variety of traditional dishes prepared by Sam Anglin, chef at Andahwod. He received many compliments and questions about the ingredients and preparation of the meal.

Anglin was one of those recognized at the Ziibiwing Center's annual Appreciation Dinner this year where he was gifted with an appliquéed chef coat.

In addition, Nbakade was honored at the Appreciation Dinner for their catering services at Ziibiwing Center's events.

Cookie decorating was on the agenda and was well enjoyed. The cookies were prepared by Darlene Basner who was also one of the three recognized at the Appreciation Dinner this year. She was gifted with a wooden spoon with beading on the handle by George Martin.

There were also Christmas ornaments – with an Anishinaabemowin option – to be made and taken home.

There was an agenda for the day prepared by Ziibiwing Center's Assistant Director Judy Pamp that included an Anishinaabemowin word match up. It was a fun learning day with medicine food for the mind, the body and the spirit.

Miigwetch to everyone who participated. Look for pictures of this event on the Ziibiwing Center's Facebook page.

Art Reach receives grant from the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant for Kids and Culture

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Art Reach of Mid Michigan has been awarded a grant from the Rotary Club of Mount Pleasant for \$1,116.

The funding will be used to offset administrative and promotional expenses associated with Kids and Culture 2019.

Kids and Culture is a collaboration between local cultural organizations in the local area, focused on bringing free cultural activities to kids, on a monthly basis.

The 2019 partners are: the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Art Reach, 95.3 WCFX, WCMU Public Media, the Chippewa

River District Library, Central Michigan University's Museum of Cultural and Natural History, RedBloom Yoga Studio, Off Broadway Performing Arts Studio and the Mount Pleasant Discovery Museum.

The program will be sponsored by Migizi Economic Development Corporation.

"Since beginning in 2016

this program has served over 2,600 individuals, primarily kids. This is an example of a true collaboration between organizations, working to make our community stronger through programming and opportunities," said Amy Powell, executive director for Art Reach. "The funding from Rotary will help us promote the

event, and hopefully increase our reach even further in 2019."

For more information, call Art Reach at (989) 773-3689, located at 111 E. Broadway.

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Ziibwing's collection showing honors Native artists through photographs, books, documents

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

From Nov. 10-17, the Ziibwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways displayed "The Ways We Celebrate Our Artists" collection showing.

The collection of selected images, books and documents highlighted some of the many ways art has enriched the lives of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community.

"Art is naturally a form of expression and a celebration of valued cultural skills," the event flyer read. "Many of these talents have provided both a way of earning money

to supplement the families' daily lives and a way of passing knowledge through inter-generational teaching."

The collection showing launched on Saturday, Nov. 10 with Anita Heard, research center coordinator for the Ziibwing Center, introducing the exhibit. The event was held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and it was free and opened to the public.

Objects including past photographs from the Tribal Observer including a photo of Walt Chamberlain trimming splints, and a photo by Steve Jessmore at the 1980's Photo Collection Art Show within the Tribal Planning Department.



Tribal Observer file photo

Walt Chamberlain trimming splints

The objects were on display through Saturday, Nov. 17 until 6 p.m.



Photo by Steve Jessmore

Planning Department art show in the 1980s.

Editorial: New 16-week program will celebrate, strengthen families

SANDI STEVENS

Prevention Specialist

As the New Year is approaching and I reflect upon this past year; a repeating question keeps pulling at me for an answer, what makes a family strong?

In my experience with families, family members deeply care for one another and they show it daily. They openly express their love for each member of their family.

Family members show appreciation and affection with: caring for each other, respect for individuality, playfulness, humor, trust, honesty, dependability, faithfulness, sharing, giving compliments, sharing feelings, being able to compromise, agreeing to disagree,

enjoying time together, supporting each other and lifting each other up.

Family members also show appreciation by staying culturally and spiritually connected to their family, community and their traditions.

Strong families show a strong commitment to one another; investing time and energy into their family. Strong families do not let their work or other priorities take too much time away from their own family. They have good communication with each other; identifying problems and discussing how to solve them together.

Strong families spend time talking and listening to one another just to stay connected. They enjoy spending time with each other and

doing things together.

Love: Where does love fit in? Love is intertwined, highly related and essentially the inseparable core of the family. Love is both a feeling and action that we demonstrate toward each other. It is the center of the family circle that allows for the caring feelings that flow throughout the family and is shown through our loving actions with each other.

Strong families are not immune to stress, problems, crisis, addictions and the influences of the world but they are not as crisis prone as families that don't have positive strength qualities within their family. Strong families know how to prevent troubles before it happens and how to work together to meet challenges when they

inevitably occur in life. Strong families possess the ability to manage both daily stressors and difficult life crisis creatively and effectively by working together.

With so many negative factors that influence how families function daily, it's no wonder families struggle. Negative factors: drug/alcohol abuse, domestic violence, social media, lack of cultural identity, generational trauma, trauma, negative family environments, physical and psychological health concerns, economy, world violence, poverty, homelessness, lack of skills and resources and more.

If "Working Together for Our Future" is our mantra, then we all need to work hard to reach those individuals and families that are in need of

resources to help strengthen their family.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has a vast number of resources that will help to strengthen families and our community. Help is one phone call away at 989-775-4901 to reach Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services.

Our community is fortunate to have a great opportunity to participate in one of the resources that are available to strengthen families and to help decrease the abuse of drugs and alcohol.

Beginning Jan. 22, 2019 the Behavioral Health Prevention Team along with the collaboration of other personnel from Tribal departments is offering, Celebrating Families, a 16-week program. See the flyer below for more details.




Celebrating Families™ Group

Tuesday Nights, 6-8 p.m.
Starting Jan. 22, 2019

Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy

What is Celebrating Families!™

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Works with **every member of the family**, from ages 3 through adult, to **strengthen recovery** from alcohol and/or other drugs, break the cycle of addiction and increase successful family reunification.

Integrates traditional Native teachings and cultural practices, including the **Healing Forest Model**, as a framework allowing each community to include traditional practices.

Utilizes materials developed for **Children of Alcoholics** with the teaching and reinforcing of life skills.

Session Agenda:

- Family Meal - about 30 minutes
- Small groups (by age group) - about 60-80 minutes
- Family Activity - about 20-30 minutes

**This program is brought to you by Behavioral Health through funding from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.*




Schedule for Winter/Spring 2019

- **Jan. 29 - Session 1:** Orientation and Getting Started
- **Feb. 5 - Session 2:** Healthy Living
- **Feb. 12 - Session 3:** Nutrition
- **Feb. 19 - Session 4:** Communication
- **Feb. 26 - Session 5:** Feelings and Defenses
- **March 5 - Session 6:** Anger Management
- **March 12 - Session 7:** Facts About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- **March 19 - Session 8:** Chemical Dependency Is a Disease
- **March 26 - No Session this week, spring break!**
- **April 2 - Session 9:** Chemical Dependency Affects the Whole Family
- **April 9 - Session 10:** Goal Setting
- **April 16 - Session 11:** Making Healthy Choices
- **April 23 - Session 12:** Healthy Boundaries
- **April 30 - Session 13:** Healthy Friendships and Relationships
- **May 7 - Session 14:** How We Learn
- **May 14 - Session 15:** Our Uniqueness
- **May 21 - Session 16:** Celebration!

Intake and Registration Required.

Contact Shuna Stevens, Prevention Coordinator at Behavioral Health for more information,
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Tribal Council honors Isabella County Commissioner David Ling with Pendleton blanket

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Contributing Writer

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Isabella County Commission chambers were filled with scores of well wishes for David Ling as he enters retirement.

Ling has served the community as the District Six Commissioner as a member of the Democratic Party representing the residents of that district in Isabella County for more than 22 years. He was accompanied by his wife, former mayor of Mount Pleasant and current City Commissioner, Kathy Ling.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez was present at the retirement celebration along with Brian Smith, director of SCIT Economic Development, and brought a Tribal logo Pendleton blanket to mark the momentous occasion.

“Tribal Council wanted to show their sincere appreciation for what David and his wife Kathy have meant to all the residents of Isabella County,” Rodriguez said. “David has had



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

David Ling (right) and his wife Kathy (left) receive a Tribal logo Pendleton blanket from Tribal Council on Dec. 18 in honor of David Ling's retirement.

an unwavering respect for our Tribal leaders over the years and has been at the forefront of issues that affect our community. It is fitting to be here this day to offer a gift of warmth that symbolizes what this couple has meant to our people and I am honored to do so today.”

The Lings were visibly moved by the gift from Council, and David Ling

reflected on what the relationship has meant to him throughout the years.

“I think over the years of being on the County Commission, I have had the opportunity to interact with many members of the Tribe in a way that hasn't existed before me. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience,” David Ling said. “I've gotten to know people I would have not encountered before and to get a better sense of what the culture of the Tribe was. I have been able to forge lasting friendship with many Tribal officials and members of the community.”

David Ling said he has enjoyed the professional interaction with the Tribal leaders and recalled working on a Tribal lawsuit.

“The lawsuit recognized the traditional boundaries of the Tribe and I consider that, in retrospect, a very fulfilling experience for me. It was a part of breaking-down historic tensions that existed between the two groups and it did assert Tribal sovereignty,”

David Ling said. “I'm hoping that we can continue to build on moments like that in the future. I believe it truly is two groups of people who really need to get to know each other as neighbors and to feel comfortable with each other.”

Former chief and current Tribal Council Secretary Frank Cloutier offered congratulatory remarks regarding Ling's stewardship to the community.

“David has always maintained a genuine, honest relationship with the Tribal community over his many years of public service as an elected official,” Cloutier said. “He has served the residents of Isabella County and our Tribal Members who reside within those boundaries with mutual respect and reverence. He embodies the qualities of a great friend and he has always been respectful during my many years as a Tribal leader and during my service to many community boards.”

Isabella Commission Chairman George Green has served as a Republican during

David Ling's tenure and said he has come to “appreciate how much they were able to accomplish by working in a bipartisan way” and “finding common ground” in their political service.

Green presided over Ling's last evening meeting as a County Commissioner on Dec. 18 and read Resolution 18-12-02 honoring and recognizing his decades of service.

Ling was also instrumental with Green in supporting the Sub-Acute Detox Facility now run by 1016 and also worked as an advocate on substance use disorder with the Michigan Department of Health and Social Services and the Mid-State Health Network.

Among Ling's further achievements, his groundwork in helping establish the Isabella County Human Rights Commission with fellow member Laura Gonzalez – also in attendance during the celebration – and his storied career of service to Central Michigan University.

Yale University searching for young Native storytellers for fourth annual contest

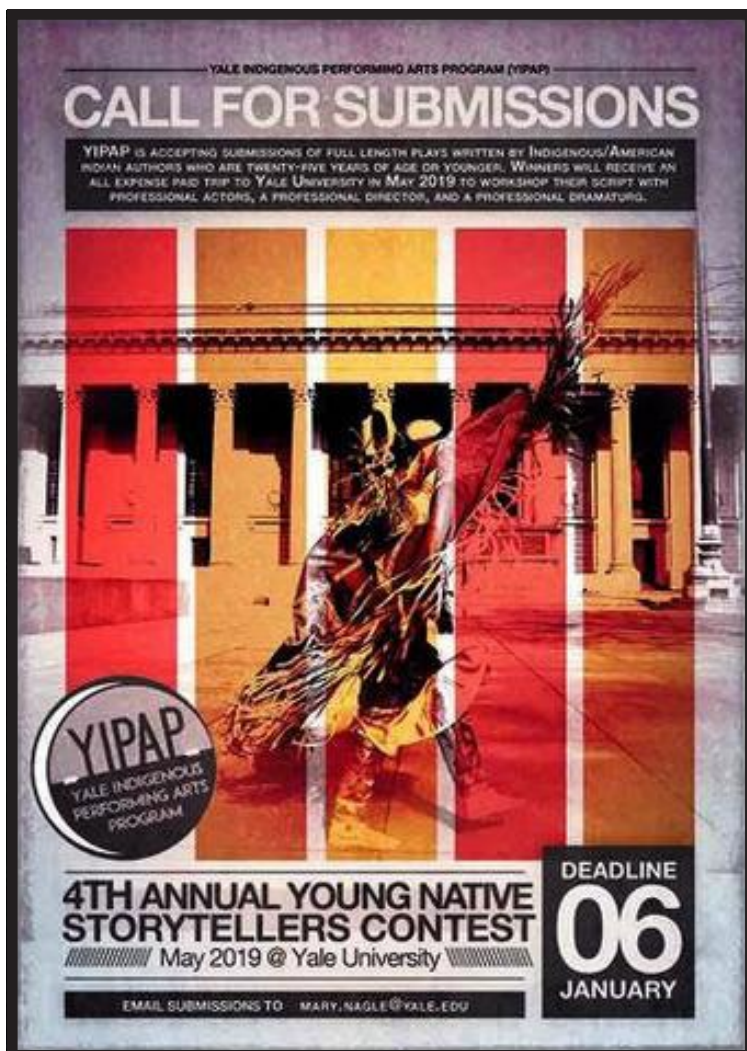
(Editor's note: The following information is from Yale University's website.)

Yale University is now accepting applications for Native youth storytellers.

The fourth annual Yale Young Native Storytellers Contest is sponsored by the Yale Indigenous Performing Arts Program to showcase the breadth of storytelling by emerging young Native writers.

To support the next generation of storytellers, Yale University is inviting indigenous writers aged 25 years and younger to submit written versions of their plays for consideration.

Winners of the contest (and one parent/guardian for winners under the age of 18) will receive an all-expense paid trip to Yale University as a part of the Young Native Storytellers Festival on May 1, 2019, where the winning play will be performed as a staged reading with community and professional actors.



For all applicants:

- Applications are due: Jan. 6
- All submissions must be emailed to: mary.nagle@yale.edu.
- The Playwright must be between the ages of 15 and 25 and identify as indigenous.
- Plays must be original scripts (no more than 120 pages and no less than 50 pages) and written in standard play-script format with one-inch margins, 12-point Times or Courier font, all pages numbered. Play scripts must be in either word or PDF format.

Front page of script must list:

- Title of play
- Home Address
- Full Name
- Email
- Tribal Affiliation
- Phone Number
- Date of Birth

Note: Putting on a play is a collective effort and, as such, the winning playwright will be partnered with a professional Native playwright and/or director to workshop their piece before its staged reading in May.



Mentoring Program Information

The Zaagaate' Mentoring Program aims to pair college mentors with our Native American youth in grades 5-8 in a 1-on-1 mentorship in a group setting within the local public schools.

Mentees will receive a wide array of knowledge to help enhance their mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual selves allowing them to grow and prosper.

Schools included:

- ▶ Shepherd Elementary & Middle School
- ▶ Renaissance Elementary
- ▶ Mt. Pleasant Middle School
- ▶ Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- ▶ Fancher Elementary
- ▶ Mary McGuire Elementary

Benefits of Mentoring:

- Healthy decisions and lifestyle choices
- Help with academics
- Strong support systems & exposure to resources available to Native American youth
- Community service experience & involvement
- Exposure to the college experience
- Cultural education

Mentors and Mentees will meet afterschool once a week for 1.5 hours in a group setting

- Light snack provided

Weekly activities designed to enhance:

- Healthy decisions and lifestyle choices
- Help with academics
- Healthy relationship development with peers & adults
- Support systems & exposure to resources available to Native American youth
- Community service experience & involvement
- Exposure to the college experience

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Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

oshki	new
wayeshkad	beginning
awibaa	calm
ozhi	build
ondaadizhiike	birth
goshkozi	awake
akawaabi	expect
nitamoozhaan	first born
gikendasso	educated
gii'igoshimo	fast
maadaadizi	journey
maamakaadenim	wonder
gaagiizom	apologize
babaamizi	business
odaapin	accept
oskagoojin	new moon
zaagichigaade	loved
ninaabem	husband
niweedigemaagan	wife
jibayag niimi'idiwag	northern lights

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

Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Word Bank

- mdaa-san
- maanda biis-ko-waa-gan
- maanda N'bew-yaan
- biis-kan G'boot-si-nan
- biis-kan gwiw-kwan
- maaba naab-ko-waa-gan
- mki-zi-nan
- wiik-wan
- zhii-tan
- gii-zhook-i-ni-wen
- biis-ko-waa-gan
- gwiw-i-nan

Words by Isabelle Osawamick, outreach language specialist, titled "Gwiwinan Clothing"

Across

- 1. Word for "here is the coat"
- 5. Word for "get ready"
- 6. Word for coat
- 8. What keeps your feet warm?
- 9. Word for clothes/clothing
- 11. Phrase for "put on your hat"

Down

- 1. Word for "shoes"
- 2. Word for "here is the scarf"
- 3. Word for "put your boots on"
- 4. Word for "Here is your pajamas"
- 7. Word for "dress warm"
- 10. What keeps your head warm?



- Down**
- 1. mki-zi-nan (Word for "shoes")
 - 2. maaba naab-ko-waa-gan (Word for "here is the scarf")
 - 3. biis-kan G'boot-si-nan (Word for "put your boots on")
 - 4. maanda N'bew-yaan (Word for "Here is your pajamas")
 - 7. gii-zhook-i-ni-wen (Word for "dress warm")
 - 10. wiik-wan (What keeps your head warm?)

- Across**
- 1. maanda biis-ko-waa-gan (Word for "here is the coat")
 - 5. zhii-tan (Word for "get ready")
 - 6. biis-ko-waa-gan (Word for coat)
 - 8. mdaa-san (What keeps your feet warm?)
 - 9. gwiw-i-nan (Word for clothes/clothing)
 - 11. biis-kan gwiw-kwan (Phrase for "put on your hat")

Answer Key

Answer Key



Winter 2018 Anishinabe Performance Circle graduation held Dec. 11

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 2018 winter Anishinabe Performance Circle saw one new graduate complete the program.

Mezziniis Wassegijig – joined by past graduates and volunteers – graduated on Dec. 11 during the 6 to 8 p.m. ceremony held at Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services.

The event began with a biindigen/welcome, followed by dances including grand entry, boys intertribal, girls intertribal, hoop dance and intertribal.

Participants also performed the exercise song for children “Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes” in Anishinaabemowin.

An awards presentation concluding the ceremony before the reception began.

The Ziibiwing Center presents the Performance Circle courses leading up to the graduation. Ziibiwing’s Assistant Director Judy Pamp and Visitor Service Representative Raymond Cadotte lead the program.

Ty Defoe and Ambrosia Stevens assisted as guest instructors, and helpers included Anthony Janke, Gavin Janke and Ambrosia Stevens.

The mission of the Performance Circle is aimed at promoting and enhancing self-images of Anishinabe children through the use of traditional Anishinabe arts (storytelling, dance, music and language) and preparing youth as Anishinabe leaders in a multicultural society.

“Chi-miigwetch parents, grandparents and community members who assisted with the Anishinabe Performance Circle. Your dedication to our culture, history, language and children helps our great nation remain strong,” the event program read.

Anyone interested in adult and youth Performance Circle classes may sign up now through Jan. 22 when the first class begins at 5:30 p.m.

The 12-week course includes a \$30 fee which includes lessons from professional dance instructors.



Photos courtesy of Esther Helms

In preparation for the Dec. 11 Anishinabe Performance Circle, dancers and volunteers rehearse at the Ziibiwing Center.

Project Venture – Tribal youth program begins February 2019

DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator

After months of planning and collaborating with local agencies and Tribal departments, Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator through the Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services Department, has laid the foundation for Project Venture – a yearlong program.

Project Venture is free for all Tribal Member youth ages 12-17.

The project focuses on outdoor education, afterschool sessions, monthly adventure trips around the state of Michigan, experiential learning, team building, culture and tradition, and connection building with family, community and culture.

Participants will be actively involved in every season, going on outdoor hikes, canoeing, kayaking, exploring State wilderness parks, mountain biking, camping and much more.

The youth program coordinator has partnered with Central Michigan University and recruited college students as volunteers to help assist in the afterschool Project Venture sessions and weekend adventure trips. She has also partnered

with CMU’s School of Social Work to bring social work volunteers to help in activities.

The coordinator has also secured partnerships with Chippewa Watershed Conservancy and Chippewa Nature Center to coordinate cultural outdoor outings such as guided snowshoe hikes, nature service projects including clearing trails, learning about invasive species and fun events like maple tree tapping in March.

Students will have free access to hiking trails at the Chippewa Nature Center any time, and free access to some of the trails owned by Chippewa Watershed Conservancy. The project is excited to be partnering with these agencies, and will continue to work together to bring fun summer outdoor learning events and cultural experiences to the Project Venture students.

Participants will be hiking up to Bundy Hill – the highest geological point in Michigan – in the first few months of the program. Chippewa Watershed Conservancy will be leading this event.

The project will also work closely with Seventh Generation and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture

& Lifeways for cultural skill building workshops.

The exciting year involves: CMU’s rock climbing wall and an adventure course seminar, visiting Sanilac Petroglyphs, a zip line and ropes course in Frankenmuth, hiking and backpacking in Northern Michigan, visiting the Great Lakes during the summer, camping near the Great Lakes, a week-long summer adventure camp held in Tawas, Mich.

During the summer adventure camp, students will experience parasailing in Traverse City, and a guided kayaking trip around the beautiful area surrounding Pictured Rocks.

With all of the beauty surrounding Michigan, and right here in the local mid-Michigan area, students are sure to enjoy a rich cultural experience and adventure filled year.


The youth program coordinator and Jason Luna, director for ACFS, will be setting up a Project Venture Family/Parent Night early January in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. This event is free and food will be provided for families to enjoy.

The evening will be an opportunity to share more information with parents and families about Project Venture and activities, and this is where parents can enroll their children into the program. The evening will also include games, activities and a booth set up for parents can sign up their children.

Tribal community members are also needed to help assist as volunteers in the Project Venture program! Interested Tribal community members may contact Dolores Winn at dwinn@sagchip.org or (989) 775-4920.

A huge thank you to Taylor Brook, Lisa Kennedy, Carol Emmendorfer, Seventh Generation, ACFS, the K-12 Tribal Education Department,

Deb Smith, Marta Heslip, the Ziibiwing Center, Behavioral Health, Andahwod, and all of the volunteers for all of the help in planning for Project Venture!



VOLUNTEERS Needed!

PROJECT VENTURE

Indigenous youth embracing their potential through outdoor adventure & service

- ✓ Get involved
- ✓ Make a positive impact
- ✓ Empower Native Youth
- ✓ Give back to your community
- ✓ Be a part of something that changes the world

Volunteers will:

- Be a part of a year-long Tribal Youth development program based on outdoor wilderness adventure, experiential learning and Anishinaabe cultural traditions.
- Assist in 1-2 hour afterschool sessions at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, beginning in January 2019. Sessions focus on Cultural skill building, experiential learning, team building and outdoor adventure exercises.
- Help set up and break down all afterschool programming sessions with the help of Youth Program Coordinator.
- Attend weekend adventure outings with Project Venture students and staff. Assist students with activities.
- Learn how to facilitate Project Venture afterschool sessions with the Youth Program Coordinator.
- Work on special events and service projects with Tribal Youth.
- Set up events that promote Project Venture – help educate the community.

Who can be a Project Venture volunteer?

- Anyone 16 years or older can apply.
- Must pass a background check.
- Must be willing to work with Tribal Youth – engaging, communicating, being actively involved in cultural activities, games and all skill building exercises.
- Must be able to play, move and be in good physical health.

To apply please contact Dolores Winn.

- Phone: 989.775.4920
- Email: DWinn@sagchip.org



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January is Stalking Awareness Month

(Editor's note: The following information was provided by Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan's December newsletter. Information was used from loveisrespect.org. NMN Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Services may be reached at 989-775-4400.)

January is Stalking Awareness Month. Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

Stalking can include:

- Repeated, unwanted, intrusive, and frightening communications from the perpetrator by phone, mail, and/or email
- Repeatedly leaving or sending the victim unwanted items, presents or flowers
- Following or waiting for the victim at places such as, home, school, work, or a recreational place
- Making direct or indirect threats to harm the victim, the victim's children, relatives, friends, or pets
- Damaging or threatening to damage the victim's property
- Harassing the victim through the internet
- Posting information or spreading rumors about the victim on the internet, in a public place, or by word of mouth
- Obtaining personal information about the victim by

accessing public records, using internet search services, hiring private investigators, going through the victim's garbage, following the victim, contacting victims friends, family, work, neighbors, etc

Stalking victimization:

- Precisely 7.5 million people are stalked in one year in the United States.
- More than 85 percent of stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- Sixty-one percent of female victims and 44 percent of male victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- Twenty-five percent of female victims and 32 percent of male victims are stalked by an acquaintance.
- About one in five stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- Ages 18-24 experience the highest rate of stalking.
- Eleven percent of stalking victims have been stalked for five years or more.
- Forty-six percent of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
- American Indian women are stalked at a rate at least twice that of any other race.
- Seventeen percent of American Indian women are stalked in their lifetime, compared to 8.2 percent of white women, 6.5 percent of African American women, and 4.5 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander women.



989-775-4400

What do you do if you are being stalked?

- Trust your instincts. Victims of stalking often feel pressured by friends or family to downplay the stalkers behavior, but stalking poses a real threat of harm. Your safety is paramount.
- Call the police if you feel you are in any immediate danger. Explain why even some actions that seem harmless – like leaving you a gift – are causing you fear.
- Keep a record log of each contact with the stalker. Be sure to also document any police reports.
- Stalkers often use technology to contact their victims. Save all emails, text messages, photos, and postings on social networking sites as evidence of the stalking behavior.
- Get connected with a local victim advocate to talk through your options and discuss safety planning.
- Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-800-799-SAFE**.

The importance of documentation: Harassment log

If you are a victim of stalking, it can be critical to maintain a log of stalking-related incidents and behavior, especially if you choose to engage with the justice system. Recording this information will help to document the behavior for protection order applications, divorce and child custody cases, or criminal prosecution. It can also help preserve your memory of individual incidents about which you might later report or testify.

The stalking log should be used to record and document all stalking-related behavior, including harassing phone calls, text messages, letters, emails, acts of vandalism and threats communicated through third parties.

When reporting the incidents to law enforcement, always write down the officer's name and badge number for your own records. Even if the officers do not make an arrest, you can ask them to make a written report and request a copy for your records.

Important note: Since this information could potentially be introduced as evidence or inadvertently shared with the stalker at a future time, do not include any information that you do not want the offender to see.

Attach a photograph of the stalker, photocopies of restraining orders, police reports, and other relevant documents.

Keep the log in a safe place

and tell only someone you trust where you keep your log.

Documenting stalking behavior can be a difficult and emotionally exhausting task. A local advocate in your community can provide support, information about the options available to you and assistance with safety planning.

The Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan staff are trained to assist victims in completing harassment logs, if you or someone you love is being stalked, contact us for assistance in assuring your safety at: **(989) 775-4400**.

Source: www.loveisrespect.org

If you or someone you love has been a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence or stalking, you know how much they have been hurt, as a loved one, you suffer too.

Help is available for victims and their families. Please call:

- Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan: **(989) 775-4400**
- Behavioral Health Programs: **(989) 775-4850**
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: **1-800-656-4673**
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: **1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)**

Regular office hours are Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our on-call worker can be reached 24/7 by contacting Tribal Dispatch at **(989) 775-4700**. Calling this number will NOT dispatch police; it will simply connect you to our on-call worker.

Call for Indigenous artists: Seeking six to participate in Kansas City exhibition

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Travois, a business focused exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities – is seeking North American Indigenous artists.

Up to six Indigenous artists will be chosen for the next round of Travois First Fridays, a juried visual art exhibition series at its headquarters in Kansas City, Mo.

Indigenous artists working in 2D and 3D are encouraged to apply through Friday, Jan. 31, 2019 at: https://artist.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=6131

“Our Travois First Fridays jury picked nine amazing Indigenous artists who shared their art at Kansas City's First Fridays, and we're excited to see which artists are featured next,” said Travois CEO Elizabeth Glynn in a media release. “Our goal with this exhibition series is to highlight the strength and modern-day vitality of Indigenous artists. We want to expose Kansas City to new artists and their work, along with

the rich culture of Indigenous people and Indian Country.”

The exhibition call is open to North American Indigenous artists — from the United States (American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians); Canada (First Nations people, Inuit, Métis or citizens of a Canadian-recognized tribe); and Mexico (Indigenous people of Mexico).

Established and emerging artists are encouraged to participate, the media release said.

Artists working in 2D and 3D works are eligible.

Each applying artist is asked to submit between 12 and 20 artworks for the jury's consideration. The fee to apply is \$15.

Travois will provide a \$2,500 honorarium for each artist selected by the Travois First Friday jury and does not take any commission from artists' sales.

A March 1, 2019 exhibition opening reception will feature Holly Wilson (Delaware Nation/Cherokee), a contemporary multimedia artist who works in bronzes, encaustic, photography, glass and clay.

The 2019 First Friday reception opening dates at Travois are: May 3, 2019; June 7, 2019;

Aug. 2, 2019; Sept. 6, 2019; Oct. 4, 2019; and Nov. 1, 2019.

Each selected artist will be invited to give a short presentation about their work during the opening reception.

More information will be published this spring at <https://travois.com/news-events/first-fridays/>.

The founding launch artist in 2017 was photographer

and social documentarian Matika Wilbur (Swinomish and Tulalip) with her “Seeds of Culture: The Portraits and Stories of Native American Women” exhibition.

Adopt a Pet



Brogan
Brogan a 2-year-old male who loves his canine friends. Brogan is outgoing and wants to be everyone's friend. He especially loves chin scratches. He is FIV positive. He is hoping to be adopted into a home with his orange tabby friend, Gazpacho, and their “two fur one” adoption fee is \$60 total.



Ears
Ears is a 2-year-old female Pit Bull mix. Ears' name says it all. Those ears are always up and listening for that next human to give her belly rubs. She loves affection and attention and has no problem returning the favor. Ears loves life and is looking for that special someone to share it with.

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Fungal disease that attacks popular landscape shrub detected in Michigan

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LANSING, Mich. – Boxwood blight, a serious fungal disease that attacks boxwood (a popular landscape shrub), has been detected for the first time in Michigan. The disease was found in Oakland County in three separate locations: a landscape firm, a homeowner’s yard and in holiday wreaths being sold at a retail store.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) was also notified by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection that infected boxwood may

have been sold at other retail locations in Michigan.

Boxwood blight produces dark brown leaf spots and causes rapid defoliation that sometimes kills young boxwoods.

“Boxwood blight is a devastating disease that has caused significant losses to homeowners and the nursery industry in states that already have the disease,” said Gina Alessandri, director of MDARD’s Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division. “In Connecticut alone, the first year after detection, boxwood losses in field-grown and container nurseries exceeded \$3 million and we could see a similar effect in Michigan should it become widespread.”

Boxwood blight affects all

species of boxwood; however, some species and cultivars are more susceptible than others. American boxwood and English boxwood are highly susceptible. This disease also affects the related shrub, sweetbox, and Pachysandra, a common ground cover.

Boxwood and Pachysandra are commonly used in commercial and residential plantings throughout Michigan.

Wreaths displayed outdoors are a potential concern if they are exposed to the elements. The biggest risk comes when people dispose of the infected wreaths after the holidays.

MDARD recommends that anyone who has a wreath containing boxwood plant parts should consider it infected and

dispose of it by burning or, even better, double-bagging it and including it with their trash for deposit in a landfill.

Boxwood blight first appeared in the 1990s in the United Kingdom and is now widely distributed in Europe. In the United States, the disease was first found in 2011 in Connecticut, North Carolina and Virginia and has since spread to more than 24 states.

Alessandri advised that anyone who suspects that they have plants infected with boxwood blight should contact their local MSU Extension office.

To prevent introducing or spreading boxwood blight, MDARD recommends that nurseries, landscapers and property owners implement the

following preventative actions:

- Buy boxwood plants from reputable suppliers, nurseries or garden centers, and carefully inspect them. If possible, purchase plants produced under the Boxwood Cleanliness Program.
- Buy less susceptible boxwood varieties.
- Isolate new boxwood plants from existing plantings for at least a month.
- Space plants enough for air to circulate around them.
- Avoid overhead watering and avoid working with plants when they are wet.
- Do not use boxwood holiday decorations near boxwood in your landscape.
- Dispose of boxwood holiday decorations by sealing in plastic bags and landfilling.

Tips for keeping pets safe during the brutally cold winter months

(Editor’s note: The following tips have been provided by Outdoor Power Equipment Institute’s [OPEI] Research and Education Foundation.)

Manage outdoor activities. The safest, most comfortable place for your pets is where you are. When temperatures dip below freezing or during severe weather, it’s imperative you keep pets indoors

with you and make trips outside shorter.

Offer a warm place for your pet to rest inside. A pet bed works perfectly, just make sure it stays clean and dry.

Don’t cut your dog’s fur in the wintertime. Your pet’s winter coat is a natural barrier from the harsh, cold elements.

Consider a canine coat. Dogs with lots of fur probably don’t need an extra layer to go on

walks in the winter. But smaller dogs and those with shorter coats may be more comfortable in a dog sweater or jacket.

Check for frostbite. After bathroom breaks and walks, check your pet’s ears, paws and tail for any sign of frostbite or ice and snow build up in the paw pads.

Wipe down after walks. Keep a dry, clean towel handy to wipe down your pet’s legs,

belly and paws after each outdoor excursion. Ice-melt chemicals can irritate their skin and cause serious illness if ingested.

Be careful with chemicals. Antifreeze smells and tastes sweet to pets, but it’s toxic to them. Quickly clean up any spills, and consider using a brand made from non-toxic propylene glycol instead.

Keep your pet hydrated. Ensure your pet has plenty of

fresh, clean water to drink. Winter air is dry!

Clear a path. Use a snow thrower to make quick work of snow removal and create a path to your pet’s bathroom area. Always keep kids and pets away from the equipment.

Don’t leave your pet in a cold car. It’s just as dangerous to leave a pet in a cold car during winter as it is to leave them in a hot car in the summertime.

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SCA Winter Program provides an evening of storytelling in Anishinaabemowin

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a night full of winter storytelling of several traditional Anishinaabe stories, presented in both Anishinaabemowin and English languages.

It was once again the season for the annual Saginaw Chippewa Academy Winter Program, held in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Dec. 12 after 6 p.m.

“About 98 percent (of this performance) will be done in the language,” said Melissa Isaac, director of Tribal Education, during her welcome and introduction that evening.

The lights then dimmed, music began playing and an image appeared on the large screens within the Entertainment Hall.

“One cold, winter day at the home of Mishoomis and Nokomis,” the big screens read. “Mom dropped the kids off for a visit while she does some holiday shopping. Shortly after Mom left, a storm hit and the kids soon realize there isn’t much to do at the house. That is where our story begins...”

Four storytellers then appeared on stage in a scene in front of a cozy fireplace. The set was created by the Anishinaabe Culture and Language staff.

Corey Jones, physical education teacher; SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss; fourth grader Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher and fifth grader Quinn Pelcher remained on stage throughout the program as voiceovers played throughout the sound system.

Language teacher Nathan Isaac recorded the voices, provided the adult male storyteller voice and created all audio and video for the program.

The female storyteller’s voice was provided by Cecilia Stevens, Anishinaabe culture and language teacher.

“Mishoomis and Nokomis only spoke Anishnaabemowin,” Nathan Isaac said. “Subtitles were flashed on monitors so the audience could read translations. Before them, seated on the floor of their living room, sat their two grandchildren... They spoke only English but understood what their grandparents would say.”

“I will tell you a story,” said Mishoomis in Anishinaabemowin with the translation on the screens. “The Earth is said to be a woman. In this way, it is understand that woman preceded man on the Earth. Water is her life. It flows through her, nourishes her and purifies her.”

“On the surface of Earth, all is given four sacred directions: north, south, east and west,”

Mishoomis continued. “Each of these directions contributes to a vital part of wholeness of the Earth. Each has physical powers as well as spiritual powers – as do all things.”

The third graders performed the “Creator” song with the Creation Story skit and the kindergarten class performed the “Milky Way” skit and “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” in Anishinaabemowin.

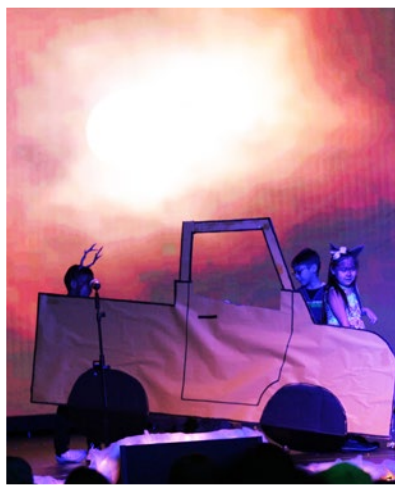
The pre-K class performed an “Animals Promise” skit and the deer/hunting song.

“When she was young, the Earth was beautiful,” Mishoomis said, continuing his storytelling. “Creator sent his singers in the form of birds to Earth. They carry seeds of life to the four directions. Life was spread across the Earth. On the Earth, the Creator placed the swimming creators of the water. All of these parts of life lived in harmony with each other.”

First graders performed a hunting skit and the “Thanking Deer Spirits” song, second graders performed a wild rice skit, fourth graders performed “The Great Flood” skit and fifth graders performed a clan system skit and song about the clans.

All language translations were provided by Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe outreach specialist of ALRD.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck





Tribal Libraries continue the 'no late fee' policy

ANNE HEIDEMANN

Tribal Librarian

A number of libraries have recently started to announce they are going fine-free, but the Tribal Libraries are way ahead of them!

The Tribal Libraries do not charge overdue fines and have not for years.

Libraries across the United States, from Albany, N.Y. to Denver, announced in December that they will stop charging overdue fines, joining the Tribal Libraries in removing this colonialist practice from library operations.

Libraries are, generally speaking, philosophically opposed to barriers to access; a library wants communities to have free and easy access to its collections, spaces and services.

Overdue fines are a barrier that many libraries have willingly imposed, though, without regard for the fact that these fines are effectively a form of discrimination. It is

only recently that many libraries have started to realize this.

What organization would choose to punish the people who need that organization's services the most? This is exactly what libraries do by charging overdue fines.

These fines disproportionately penalize people who already face barriers to access and are an extension of a colonialist, racist, classist, ageist, and ableist mindset. Those living in poverty, who are un- or under-employed or have limited discretionary income are hit harder by overdue fines than those who have more resources.

People who cannot get to the library as easily, like children, the elderly, and those with other transportation obstacles are also hit harder. The people who are most likely to need the library are the same people being discriminated against by overdue fines.

But how will people be convinced to return their checked-out items on time if there isn't a punishment for keeping them late? They do it because they



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries

understand that is how libraries work.

According to the Colorado Department of Education website, research has shown that overdue fines are not effective: they do not deter the late return of library materials, and instead just discourage people who need the library from using it.

In a typical year, more than 8,000 items are checked out and returned to

the Tribal Libraries, all without any punishment needed.

The staff at the Tribal Libraries is happiest when materials from the collections are off the shelves and in patrons' hands, being used, and the Tribal Libraries will continue to not charge for any overdue fines.

Source: www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/removingbarrierstoaccess

Renaissance Academy holds Dec. 5 first trimester learning celebration



Courtesy of Mark Ojeda-Vasquez

Renaissance

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for November: Alyssa Flores, Roman Hart, Jaxon Rodriguez, Coen Helms, Richard McClain, Kenisynn Shaw, Jacob Wilson, Jennifer Delacruz, Novaly Hinmon, Jadrian Jackson, David McClain, Emma Henry, Erica Hinmon, Josclynn Shaw, Tyler Snyder, JJ Hendrickson, Thomas Pelcher, Glendon Bennett, Brysen Chamberlain-Fish and Kenneth Wemigwans.

Pullen

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for November: Liam Altiman, Ella Altiman, Miguel Chippeway, Azhuwauk David, Mnookmi Pego, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Gage Sprague, Leah Garber, Zoey Goffnett, Aria Drain, Mayson Jackson-Isham, Abbie Patterson, Evan Patterson, Aubrey Pelcher-Bonstelle, Tru Quigno-Vaighn, Helena Sargent, Inez Christy, Selena Garber and Aubriana Shomin-Detzler.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for November: Benjamin Tatro, Isaac Taylor, Liam DeFeyter, Sariah Farrell, Ellery Lawson, Jacoby Trepanier, Jayden Jackson-Taylor, Lyric Owl, Aiden Raphael, Chayton Chatfield, Lillian Loonsfoot, Isaiah Taylor, Levi Wakemup, Eyhana Feliciano, Daniel Mena, Aubreyanna Stevens, Sandra Slater, Alex Taylor and Kerra Whitepigeon. **Middle School:** Alayna Disel, Ashani Pelcher, Madalynn Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey, Sarah Osawabine, Angelina Smith, Alexis Taylor, LaAnna Trudeau, Hunter Johnson and Brandon Seegraves. **High School:** Olivia Lawson, Nathaniel Nielson, Andee Raphael, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Makayla Stevens, Sienna Chatfield, Camron Pelcher, Emma VanHorn, Christina Benz and Aiyanah Borton. **Odyssey:** Guadalupe Pelcher

Mt. Pleasant High School

The following students earned perfect attendance for November: Mason Peterson, Alexis Fox-Kimewon, Shenanrose Pontiac, John Stevens, Phoebe DeFeyter, James Montoya-Pego, Isaiah Teswood, Azaaryah Dye, Carmen Fox-Kimewon, Walker Jackson-Pelcher, Courtney Swink, Kaylee Bigford and Paul Pablito. The following students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the first trimester: Justin Alexander, Gloria Altiman, Dakota Anglin, Esme Bailey, Madison Bartol, Christopher Bartow, Kaylee Bigford, Quinnlan Burger, Taylor Burton, Connor Champlin, Phoebe DeFeyter, Azaryah Dye, Lucas Dye, Julian Flory, Elijah Fosmore, Hunter Genia, Elisha Hoorman, Gabriel Jackson, Quincey Jackson, Treasure Jones, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Caleb Kequom, Dylan Klein, Jesse Mandoka, Zak Mandoka, Anthony Mark, Mnookmi Massey, Cordelia McDaniel, Mattea Merrill, Mihaiah Montoya-Pego, Emmalee Morrow, Elijah Otto, Paul Pablito, Aleeya Peters, Mason Peterson, Katheryn Pierce, Shenanrose Pontiac, Mastella Quaderer, Matthew Quaderer, Joe Quintero, Jenna Rios, Alina Ruffino, Aaron Schlegel, Destiny Shawano, Hazen Shinos, Shaylyn Sprau, Jaden Thomas, Lindsay Watters, Carlee Williams and Dawnseh Wilson.

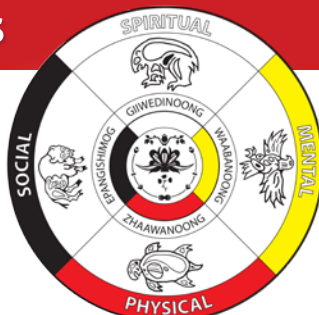
Mary McGuire

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for November: Clara Begay, Abraham Graveratte, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Gnaajwi Pego, Lindsey Reed, Braeden Bennett, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Angelo Leareaux, Erius Mena, Donovan Morrow, Kinkade Quezada, Armando Quiroz, Caleb Burger, Gracie David, Nikodin Davis, Jordan Floyd, Aaron Hendrickson, Trevor Isham, Tylor Linville, Zhaawan Martell, Journey Mena, Elle Patterson, Javanni Perry, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens and Cruz Vaquera.

Higher Education Dates

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

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



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



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SCTC, CMU recognize Native American Heritage Month throughout November

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In recognizing Native American Heritage month throughout November, on Thursday, Nov. 29, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College welcomed guest speaker Dr. Dylan A.T. Miner, a Native American, artist, activist and art historian.

Over a complimentary Subway® catered lunch hour, Miner spoke to a classroom of SCTC students, faculty and community members in the college's West Building.

That same evening, Miner spoke at Central Michigan University in the Bovee University Center Rotunda from 6 to 7 p.m.

Miner is from Michigan and is of Métis descent, also referred as Wiisaakodewinini.

Miner is currently the director of American Indian and Indigenous Studies, as well as associate professor in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dylan A.T. Miner, an Native American artist, activist and art historian, speaks in a SCTC classroom on Nov. 29.

He has been featured in more than two dozen solo art exhibitions and has authored several books.

Beginning in October 2018, Miner's "Water is Sacred // Trees are Relatives" installment was on view at the Grand Rapids Art Museum. His work

will be on view at the museum through March 3, 2019.

Miner said that particular work focuses on the "natural world, particularly of the Great Lakes region." He said he investigated the important historical and current issues surrounding four primary natural elements: trees, water, minerals and sky.

He said he created the paintings – crafted from bitumen, commercial felt and pine panels.

He also creates images for T-shirt screen printing.

He said he "makes an image and posts it onto social media responding to political or Indigenous issues."

The issues he has focused on include the missing or murdered Indigenous women in Canada, and Tina Fontaine, an Anishinabe kwe, who was murdered by a man who ended up confessing on camera but the justice system ruled the man not guilty.

"The (not guilty) decision was announced... within an hour or two, I created images," Miner said, as he displayed his



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On the large classroom screens, Miner displays images he created which respond to political and/or Indigenous issues.

T-shirt design on the screens in the SCTC classroom.

The event was sponsored in collaboration with CMU and its Office for Institutional Diversity's Native American Programs.

Throughout November, CMU also promoted 12 additional events in honor of Native American Heritage Month, including many held at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

Other events included

"Rock Your Mocs" all month long: Wear 'mocs' on campus to bring awareness to the Indigenous culture in North America.

Indigenous films were shown on Mondays throughout the month, SCTC's Leadership Apprentice Carrie Carabell hosted a beading hour at CMU on Wednesdays throughout November and Dave Shananaquet hosted a birch bark etching course on Nov. 14 at the university's Center for Inclusion and Diversity.

SCTC students research who killed JFK, present findings and opinions

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Conspiracy theorists may ask, "Who killed Kennedy?"

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students in the JFK course researched that topic and reported their findings and opinions during their final exam presentations on Dec. 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the college's East building.

The course was offered to students by SCTC's English faculty member Nina Knight.

"Over 600 books have been written on JFK's assassination," Knight said to those in attendance, as the public was welcome to attend the presentations. "The students are super nervous but only because the government is out to get us because we are on to something!"

Four students – Faith Osawabine, Mikayla Cyphert, Wayne Young and Irene Lopez-Casillas – individually presented John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy's biography, history of the alleged suspects of his



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SCTC English teacher Nina Knight introduces her students to present their final exams on JFK's assassination. The presentations were delivered on Dec. 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the college's East building.

assassination and finally, who they believe murdered JFK.

In office from Jan. 20, 1961 until Nov. 22, 1963 – the day he was assassinated – JFK served as the 35th President of the United States.

The students reported on Lee Harvey Oswald, an American Marxist and former U.S. Marine sharpshooter who was charged in Kennedy's assassination. All students agreed Oswald did not murder JFK or at least he did not act alone.

"Doing so alone with three shots from the Texas Book Depository's sixth floor window with an Italian Mannlicher-Carcano bolt-action rifle, Oswald was employed at the depository and had worked that day," Young said in his presentation. "With no gun powder residue on his face or hands, and how many shots fired in succession with such accuracy, the chances are

slim to none that Oswald could have pulled it off."

Young continued, "With a group of two or three highly-trained operatives having all the data and schematics of the route and any other information they may need, the CIA could pull off what is probably the (vastest) assassination to ever happen in the United States and keep the details and truth in the dark forever."

Cyphert focused on the suspects: Oswald; Allen Dulles, "head of the CIA and was obsessed with killing Castro"; Lyndon B. Johnson, vice president at the time, "not very happy being left in the dark with JFK's decisions and leadership and had ties with the CIA."

"The CIA, Mob and vice president were working together... They didn't have as many people for security... (JFK) was in an open top convertible," Cyphert said.

To the students' delight and as promised, Knight then also gave a presentation.

"There were two questions from that era," Knight said. "Who killed JFK? And how many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop? Answer: The world may never know."

Knight said the students were anxious with so many in attendance, but "they gathered their nerves and did a great job."

"Next time we run this course, I will advise them not to spend so much time on the history, but I think they made

it clear that they do not agree with the Warren Report," Knight said.

This spring, Knight will be teaching Young Adult Literature and has additional future plans, she said.

"In the fall of 2020, I will be running an Addiction Literature course where we will be reading things from the viewpoints of addicts and their families and some recovery literature," Knight said.

Knight said and finally, by popular demand, the Star Wars class will return in the spring of 2021.



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Cheech and Chong bring more than 45 years of classic comedy to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The stoner-hippie comedic duo Cheech and Chong performed at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to celebrate more than 45 years of classic contemporary comedy during



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Comedienne Shelby Chong, Tommy Chong's wife, opened the show delivering joke after joke for the first 10 minutes and she reappeared on stage throughout the evening with the two comedians.

their Saturday, Dec. 1 show in the Entertainment Hall.

Richard "Cheech" Marin and Tommy Chong performed precisely 90 minutes covering numerous topics and skits in their repertoire.

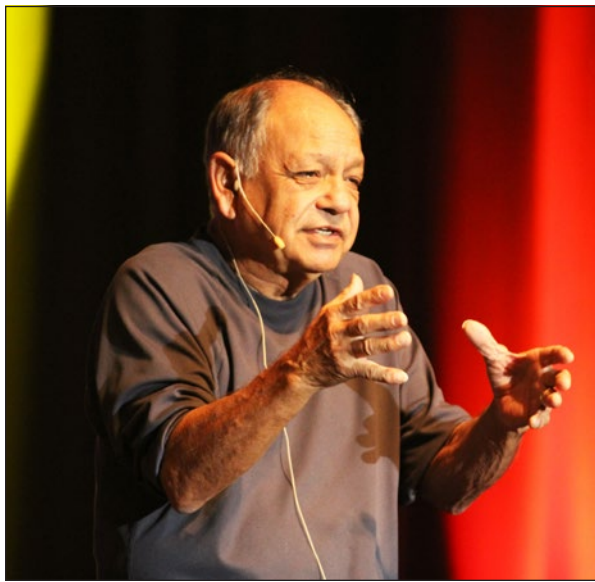
But first, to open the show, Chong's wife comedienne Shelby Chong began the first 10 minutes or so of the evening with jokes about marijuana, relationships and her 30-plus year marriage to Chong.

Shelby Chong then introduced the iconic duo Cheech and Chong as they joined her on stage, stirring a standing ovation and thunderous applause from the audience.

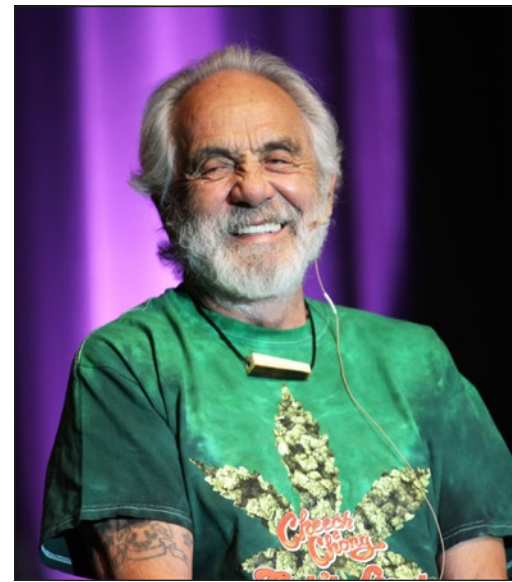
Shelby remained on stage to joke with the comedians about stories on how they had all met.

Cheech and Chong both continued to reminisce and laughs with the crowd as they performed skits that included "Dave's Not Here," and one of the most iconic driving scenes, "Cruising," as Shelby entitled it, reenacting the scene where the duo meet for the first time in their breakout movie "Up in Smoke."

As a police officer approaches the duo's vehicle and taps on the



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Richard "Cheech" Marin (left) and Tommy Chong (right) of the hippie comedic duo Cheech and Chong perform a stand-up routine during their Saturday, Dec. 1 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

car window, a giggly Cheech – in the driver's seat – responds with, "Keep on knockin' but you can't come in!"

With an outburst of giggles, Cheech continued by hysterically laughing and said, "Just thought of something funny – your mama!"

The duo – who had hit songs on the radio – then presented the musical portion of the evening. Chong played guitar and both Cheech and Chong provided vocals.

"We didn't just do funny songs. We did all kinds of songs," Cheech said.

They then performed some classic songs including "Basketball Jones," "Save the Whales" and "Does Your Mama Know About Me?" a hit song Chong wrote about an interracial couple.

Next, Cheech's "cousin" Red Hickey made an appearance to tell a few jokes and perform "Homesick Blues." With Blind Melon Chitlin

(Chong) performing "Down Home Blues" next.

Cheech then appeared on stage as Alice Bowie in a pink tutu rocking with "Earache My Eye."

The duo had the audience roaring and ended their show with Cheech's solo hit single "Born in East L.A." and "Mexican Americans" from the "Up in Smoke" soundtrack.

The final song included "Get It Legal," as they were once again joined by Shelby to close the evening.

Donny and Marie Osmond share Christmas spirit, laughs with Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Even though it was only Nov. 25, it felt like Christmas inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall. Siblings Donny and Marie Osmond spread the Christmas spirit with their strong harmonies, warm personalities and energetic dancing.

The stage was decorated with holiday décor, including presents under the lit, decorated trees and a large metal staircase center stage.

Donny and Marie emerged on stage, walking down the on-stage staircase to sing the classics "Need a Little Christmas" and "All I Want for Christmas Is You."

The two continued with a mash-up of "Christmas (Baby, Please Come Home)," "Little Saint Nick" and "Run, Run Rudolph."

Marie pulled an audience member, Scott, on stage for the next segment. Looking back out into the audience, Marie asked Scott's wife "if she could borrow him for a minute."

"You can keep him," his wife jested, as the audience erupted into laughter.

After a bit of playful banter, the two sang a hilarious duet of "Blue Christmas," with Marie leading the way.

Donny treated audience members to his hit 1972 song "Puppy Love."

"This one's not a Christmas

song," Donny said. "But, I have to perform it anyway."

Playing up their sibling rivalry, the pair worked light-hearted teasing in to their show. Audience members were given many laughs.

"Every Christmas tour with Marie, I always look forward to the last show because I'm in high anticipation to see what she got me for Christmas," Donny said. "Every year she gives me the same present... nothing."

Marie dedicated the song "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" to the armed forces.

"Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but not everyone can be home," Marie said. "... I'm talking about the men and women who served for us on behalf of our country."

One running joke had Donny presenting several different wrapped gifts to Marie throughout the night. The gifts were autographed memorabilia, which Marie jokingly played off as unwanted. They, instead, were given away to eager audience members.

"I think Marie and I touch upon every single classic Christmas song there is in our show," Donny said.

The classic songs covered that night included "Deck the Halls," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland."

To end the night, the duo gave spirited renditions of "Jingle Bells," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "Let There Be Peace On Earth."



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Donny and Marie Osmond (center) perform the holiday song "Need A Little Christmas" to begin their Nov. 25 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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Donny and Marie spread the holiday spirit with the classic song "All I Want for Christmas Is You."

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The Beach Boys' harmonies highlight their Reason for the Season Christmas Tour

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Original members of The Beach Boys Mike Love (vocalist) and Bruce Johnston (keyboardist) brought their Reason for the Season Christmas Tour to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Friday, Dec. 7.

Love and Johnston's melodic harmonies were joined by a backing band of Jeffrey Foskett (guitarist), Christian Love (guitarist)

and Mike Love's son), Tim Bonhomme (keyboardist), John Cowsill (drummer), Keith Hubacher (bassist) and Scott Totten (guitarist) to continue the legacy of the iconic American band.

The show was a delightful mix of The Beach Boys original songs and Christmas classics.

The band began with "Finally It's Christmas," "Surfin' Safari," "Catch a Wave" and "Surfin' U.S.A."

"What nice weather we are having," Love said to the

audience, stirring laughter as it was a chilly 20 degrees that evening.

"(Next is a) slow dance dedicated to all the ladies in attendance..." Love said.

Love then asked the audience to light up the Entertainment Hall with their flashlights on their cell phones.

"If you can't find your flash light on your phone, I suggest asking someone younger than you," Love said, making the audience laugh once more.

Between a little promotion for Love's new Christmas album, "Celestial Celebration," the band performed classics including "Surfer Girl" and "Getcha Back."

That evening Love's son and guitarist on tour the band, Christian Love, took lead vocals on "God Only Knows."

Totten took on lead vocals during the tender ballad "Don't Worry Baby," and the song was followed with "Little Deuce Coup," which got the audience moving and standing on their feet after Johnston motioned for everyone to stand.

"(Here are some next songs off) The Beach Boys Christmas



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The two original members of The Beach Boys on stage that evening, Bruce Johnston (left) and Mike Love (right) perform "Finally It's Christmas" during their Friday, Dec. 7 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Beach Boys keyboardist and backing vocalist Bruce Johnston performs "Surfin' Safari" in the Entertainment Hall.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Beach Boys lead vocalist Mike Love sings during the band's Reason for the Season Christmas Tour.

Album that came out in 1864, I'm sorry, I mean 1964," Love said before the band performed a medley of seasonal hits including "Frosty the Snowman" and "White Christmas."

To the audience's excitement, the talented musicians then performed hits "California Girls," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," "Help Me, Rhonda," "Kokomo" and "Barbara Ann," during which a few selected audience

members joined the band on stage to dance.

Prior to the encore, the band performed "Good Vibrations," which in 2016, The Beach Boys celebrated the 50th anniversary of the hit which is widely considered one of the greatest masterpieces in the history of rock and roll.

With an up-tempo encore and thanking the audience, The Beach Boys ended their concert with "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Fun, Fun, Fun."

ASCEND sports bar and nightclub hosts variety of live entertainment

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

There's a new bar in town and it has been a hit thus far with much more in store. ASCEND, the sports bar and nightclub, has been bringing late-night – and mid-afternoon – entertainment to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort since its grand opening in early September.

Located off the gaming floor, ASCEND offers dining, sports and live performances with upscale décor, a high definition video wall, a triangle-shaped bar with slot machines and dramatic LED lighting to highlight its ambiance.

ASCEND brings entertaining events including live DJs, karaoke night, comedians, national musical acts, watch parties for live sporting events, themed parties and much more.

Every Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. is Stand-Up Comedy Night with comedians from television channel Comedy Central. The public is welcome to sit-back,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

ASCEND presents a private event for Soaring Eagle's VIP/ Gold Player's Club members with country music singer Josh Gracin on Friday, Nov. 30.

enjoy some laughs, great company and drink specials.

Comedian headliners in January include Jay Larson, Rob Little and Don Friesen.

Upcoming, open-to-the-public January shows include: The Rock Show, a Jan. 4 Journey tribute at 9 p.m.; a celebration of Elvis' birthday with a King of Pop tribute band on Jan. 8 at 9 p.m.; and The System, a Bob Seger tribute band will perform Jan. 25 at 9 p.m.

"We will also be having watch parties all through the month of January for select college bowl games, as well as NFL playoff games," said Shad Snowden, talent buyer for Soaring Eagle. "We also have a karaoke night scheduled for Friday, Jan. 18 from 8 to 10 p.m. with a DJ performing after karaoke until 1:30 a.m."

The Casino Hosts hold private events once a month for the Soaring Eagle's VIP Gold

Player's Club members.

"In November, we had (American country music singer) Josh Gracin; Dec. 15 we had (rock musician) John Waite; and on Jan. 19, we have a classic country event with Billy Dean scheduled," Snowden said.

During Josh Gracin's Friday, Nov. 30 private show for VIP members, the musician performed a 75-minute set beginning at 9 p.m.

Gracin first gained stardom as a contestant and fourth-place finalist on the second season of "American Idol."

Gracin performed a variety of his hits including "Nothin' to Lose," "(Stay With Me) Brass Bed," "Cover Girl," "Get Back To Us" and much more including well-known cover songs and singles from his latest EP "Nothin' Like Us, Part 1."

The nightclub also hosted a New Year's Eve party. The cover charge was \$50, with formal attire required. From 9 p.m. to 4 a.m., patrons could enjoy a champagne toast, entertainment from multiple DJs, party favors and appetizers.

On the big screens, the sports bar will be live streaming the Feb. 9 UFC fight with main event Robert Whittaker vs. Kelvin Gastelum and co-main event Israel Adesanya vs. Anderson Silva at 10 p.m.

ASCEND's many daily specials include:

Monday, 11 a.m. until close, is Margarita Monday's with Margarita specials, and an "all-you-can-eat" mini taco and nacho bar.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Josh Gracin performs a 75-minute set during the 9 p.m. VIP event.

Tuesday, 11 a.m. until close, is Singles Mingle and Date Night with 25 percent off food discounts and 25 percent off well drinks or bottled beer.

Wednesday, 5 p.m. until close, is Service Industry Appreciation with "Build your own burger" and beer specials.

Thursday, 11 a.m. until close, is Tap Head Thursday with 25 percent off any tap or flight testing and 25 percent off any wing order of 50 or more pieces.

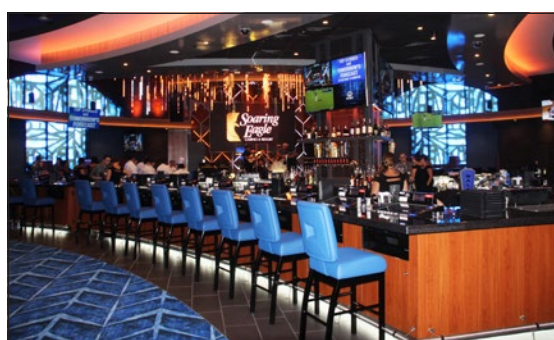
ASCEND's menu includes a variety of starters from beef brisket nachos and loaded fries to mini beef tacos and buffalo-style mozzarella sticks. There is a wide selection of soups, burgers and sandwiches.

Restaurant hours are Sunday thru Thursday 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

To view ASCEND's weekly list of events, please visit www.soaringeaglecasino.com/dining/ascend.html



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ASCEND offers dining, sports and live performances with upscale décor, a high-definition video wall, a triangle-shaped bar with slot machines and dramatic LED lighting which emphasizes its ambiance. (Photos taken prior to the sports bar and nightclub's September ribbon cutting ceremony.)



The cost of Medicare and information on 40 earned credits

AT-LARGE/MEMBER SERVICES

Social Security can be defined as: The monetary benefits received by retired workers who have paid in to the Social Security system during their working years.

Social Security benefits are paid out on a monthly basis to

retired workers and their surviving spouses. They are also paid to those who are permanently and totally disabled according to the strict criteria set forth by the Social Security Administration.

How do you earn 40 credits?

You qualify for Social Security benefits by earning Social Security credits when you work in a job and pay Social Security taxes.

- Work history is used to determine eligibility for retirement, disability or for family eligibility for survivor's benefits in the event of death.

- Credits are based on the amount of your earnings. In 2019, the required earnings to receive a credit is \$1,360, and up to the maximum of four credits per year – or \$5440 – for the year.

What do 40 credits mean to me for Medicare?

The Social Security (work credits) credits count toward qualifying for free Medicare Part A, at the age of retirement (65).

2019 cost for Part A (hospital)

- 30 or less work credits: \$437 per month
- 30-39 work credits: \$240 per month

Everyone pays for Part B in 2019 (medical/doctor)

- Less than \$85,000: \$135.50
- More than \$85,000: \$189.50

Source: www.ssa.gov

Editorial: The health benefits of shared meals

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(Editor's note: The following has been provided by the November 2018 Environmental Nutrition issue.)

Dining with others can have a positive impact on health and well-being.

There's a popular book called "The Blue Zones" (National Geographic Society, 2012) that examines the diets of people around the world who live the longest. It is an excellent dive into the role of food and nutrition for longevity and disease prevention and it provides even more evidence

on the importance of legume and vegetable consumption.

The author, in his research, came across other common practices between the population groups living in the 'blue zones' that may also influence long-term health: social engagement. And it's not surprising that a long, healthy life is, at least partly, attributed to being part of a community.

The background. Many factors affect our food preferences, in part because food is and always has been socially and culturally impacted.

One does not need to be an anthropologist studying ancient cultures to appreciate the ritualistic aspects surrounding food, from planting

and harvesting to eating and celebrating. Humans today still practice these rituals, though some more than others as traditional family groups are more likely to be spread across great distances.

When discussing major holidays, it's common to hear responses about the importance of having the entire family together at the dining table and the love of sharing food.

The benefits. This practice of sharing meals and eating together does not, and should not, be limited to holidays because it can have a direct impact on mental health.

When working with a cohort of about 8,000 participants aged 60 and older, researchers

in China found an inverse association between the number of companions at mealtime and geriatric depressive symptoms. In other words, those who ate in groups were less likely to have symptoms of depression.

Researches also analyzed the habits of people who, although they lived with others, ate alone and this subgroup had an increased odds of depressive symptoms. According to their results, companionship during meals may have even greater health benefits than general non-meal companionship.

Start changing habits now by involving children, as well as all other household members, in the shopping and cooking processes. Plus, children are more likely to eat healthy and new foods when they are involved.

Aim to make most dinners at home a sit-down, must-attend affair with no phones or tablets allowed at the table.

The families in the blue zones, two of which are unsurprisingly in the Mediterranean, take meal time very seriously and it is a long, family affair.

Eating slower, in good company, may also help people to eat less which may have implications for weight management.

The bottom line. The food choices made impact not only physiological health but mental health too. We should pay attention not only to the foods we eat, but also who we eat them with.

There's no need to wait until a holiday to share a good meal; invite some friends and family over for a home-cooked dinner that is best enjoyed with good company

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Emergency Room Policy

All bills from the Emergency Room (ER) must be deemed a true emergency. If Insurance does not deem it an emergency based on diagnosis code, Purchased Referred Care (PRC) will not process the bill for payment. PRC is the payer of last resort; it is not guaranteed. The patient will be responsible for the amount of the ER visit.

Listed below are the IHS guidelines:

Priority 1A: All medical emergencies, eye (acute, painful or visually threatening conditions), dental (control bleeding, airway compromise, severe pain, fractures), mental health (immediate danger to self or others regardless of "voluntary or involuntary status," physical neglect/abuse, sexual assault).

Priority 1B: Acute illness, pre-natal/obstetrics, diagnostic and screening testing (contract lab, bone marrow biopsy, EEG, endoscopy, colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy, radiologic testing – MRI, CT, ultrasound – health promotion/disease prevention, immunizations, diagnostic mammography, pap smears, GYN-colonoscopy, area of program specific objectives, non-emergency surgery for "high-risk categories," post-partum and high-risk tubal ligation, high-risk vasectomy).

Procedure

1. The claim will be reviewed by a PRC Clerk.
2. The PRC Clerk will verify the patient is eligible and followed policy.
3. If Insurance paid based on the diagnosis code, the bill will be submitted for payment.
4. If Insurance did not pay due to the diagnosis code:
 - The bill will be denied.
 - The PRC Clerk will send a denial letter in the mail.
 - The patient will be able to appeal the decision to the Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule January 2019

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



Beginning Monday, Jan. 7, 2019

The purpose of this program is to encourage you to set a goal you can maintain during a four-week period. There are three categories to choose from according to your fitness level and desires:

- **Good start:** Between 60 and 179 minutes per week.
- **Fitness maniac:** Between 180 and 299 minutes per week.
- **Overachiever:** Over 300 minutes per week.

Exercise can be performed in the Nimkee Fitness Center, and two days of activity can be performed outside the fitness center.

How do you win?

You must achieve your goal three out of four weeks to be placed in a drawing to win a Fitness Rezolutions prize. Prizes include:

- Three \$20 SECR gift cards
- Three Nimkee Fitness T-shirts
- Four water bottles and fitness bags

** Bonus opportunities to obtain minutes of exercise also available!*

** Be eligible to win prizes for accomplishing your goal!*

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January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Coordinator

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Cervical cancer is a disease where abnormal cells grow on the female cervix.

What can women do to help prevent cervical cancer?

Get vaccinated: The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine is recommended for everyone aged 9 to 26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to nine out

of 10 cervical cancers.

Practice safe intercourse: Use protection and talk with your partner.

Quit smoking: Smoking weakens the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight against the HPV infection.

Get screened: Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early. Get your Pap smear screenings as recommended.

Pap smears look for cell changes on the cervix during a

pelvic exam and a Pap smear is the only effective way to find cancer early.

When should I get screened?

Always follow your health care providers' recommendations on screening.

The screening guidelines for the average female recommends that if you are ages 21 to 29 to have a Pap smear at least every three years; ages 30 to 65 to have a Pap smear every three years or Pap smear and HPV screening every five years; age 65+, talk to

your health care provider on recommended guidelines.

What if I have abnormal Pap results?

Don't panic! An abnormal Pap test is not a diagnosis of cervical cancer. Follow up with your health care provider to discuss your screening results and recommendations.

According to the American Indian Cancer Foundation, "Cervical cancer disproportionately affects Native communities. American Indian and Alaska

Native women have much higher incidence rates of cervical cancer than white women and are often diagnosed at later stages of the disease. Cervical cancer can be prevented and is highly curable when detected early. No woman should suffer from cervical cancer - regular cervical cancer screening saves lives."

For more information, please visit www.americanindiancancer.org/cervical.

Source: American Indian Cancer Foundation

Cervical cancer awareness day, Turquoise Tuesday, set for Jan. 22

JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Coordinator

Turquoise Tuesday, on Tuesday, Jan. 22, is a cervical cancer awareness day for all American Indians and Alaska Natives. The American Indian Cancer Foundation encourages everyone to wear turquoise clothing and jewelry to raise awareness for cervical cancer.



#TurquoiseTuesday

Share photos of yourself on social media using the hashtag

#TurquoiseTuesday and encourage the women in your life to schedule their next Pap test.

American Indian and Alaska Native women in the Northern Plains are nearly twice as likely to develop cervical cancer compared to White women and four times as likely to die from it.

Regular cervical cancer screening can save lives. No woman has to suffer from cervical cancer.

To celebrate Turquoise Tuesday on Jan. 22:

- **Get screened:** Talk to your health care provider to schedule your next Pap test and to learn more about cervical cancer screenings and routine care.

- **Get the HPV vaccine:** Boys and girls ages 9-26 can prevent HPV-related cancers by getting the HPV vaccine. Learn more

about the HPV vaccine at AmericanIndianCancer.org/HPV.

- **Wear turquoise:** Wear turquoise clothing and jewelry on Jan. 22 to raise awareness for cervical cancer. Encourage the women in your life to schedule their cervical cancer screening appointment.

Source: www.americanindiancancer.org/cervical/turquoise

Romaine lettuce E. coli outbreak update

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Director of Food and Beverage

As noted last month, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort voluntarily pulled any and all products containing romaine lettuce, and stopped purchasing these products, after the U.S. Food

& Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a food safety alert while investigating a multistate E. coli infection linked to romaine lettuce.

It appears the problem was traced to six specific regions in California. As of Tribal Observer press time, romaine

lettuce cultivated from other areas is being cleared for consumption and Soaring Eagle's vendors will again be able to provide these products.

According to the FDA, "There is no recommendation for consumers or retailers to avoid using romaine lettuce that is certain to have been harvested

from areas outside of the Central Coast (Calif.) growing regions," as noted in a release last month which is available in its entirety at this FDA portal: www.fda.gov/Food/RecallsOutbreaksEmergencies/Outbreaks/ucm626330.htm

The Purchasing Team is working with Soaring Eagle's

vendors to secure a supply chain of this produce from unaffected areas ASAP.

The Food and Beverage department will begin to offer romaine lettuce, and mixes which contain romaine lettuce, to internal and external guests as quickly as the product is available for preparation.





Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE)
"The standard we are to live, our good way of life."

The Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik Advisory Circle has been established through Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan.

The purpose of the ABE is to help grantee project coordinators to facilitate the process of developing a strategic plan to reduce suicidal behavior, substance abuse and misuse, and trauma in the community. With the help of the ABE, Native Connections and Tribal Action Plan will fulfill the purpose, mission, vision, and goals to benefit our Tribal community.

Our Purpose

The purpose of Native Connections is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health among American Indian and Alaska Native young people up to and including age 24.

The goals of this program fall within two of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration strategic initiatives: Prevention of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness, and Trauma and Justice.

Our Mission

Assess organizational capacity to prevent, monitor and address issues of suicide, substance abuse and misuse, historical and intergenerational transference of trauma, resulting in a comprehensive, integrated, and unified approach that is effective, culturally competent, and sustainable.

Our Vision

A unified approach where connectivity thrives, and youth, family, and community feel supported, safe, and valued according to our shared way of life, Mino-Bimaadiziwin.

Our Goals

- To support youth as they transition into adulthood
- To ease the impacts of substance use, mental illness, and trauma in tribal communities
- To reduce suicidal behavior and substance use and misuse among Native youth up to age 24 Action Steps
- Disseminate best practices to enhance the quality of Tribal services
- Lead efforts to improve coordination among related services for tribal young people and their families
- Involve community members, including young people, in all grant activities
- Assess community needs and strengths related to the purpose of the grant
- Identify and connect Behavioral Health service organizations that exist in the community Community Benefits
- Increase community knowledge of suicide, substance use and misuse, and trauma.
- Reduce suicide
- Improve health outcomes

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Editorial: Stepping in to the New Year

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

January is the time we step into a brand new year and think about the possibilities that New Year may hold.

Have you often wondered what you can do to embrace the New Year? Most New Year's resolutions are difficult to stick to, even with the best intentions.

If you have always planned on downsizing; going through what you own and weeding out what you don't need, this article is for you. Ask yourself this question: How do I want to live next? Keep your eye on that inner goal (sixtyandme.com). This will make it easier to begin the process of simplifying your life.

De-cluttering our home spaces is a task that no one

likes to think of, but can be uplifting and it can also make room for the new: new people, new hobbies, all that the New Year may bring. It is a process – acquiring things did not happen overnight and going through them and deciding what to do with them does not happen overnight.

Keep the following in mind when you begin the process:

- Make a home inventory list by asking yourself, "What would I replace if I lost everything?" Work on your list away from home, maybe in a coffee shop. What you have on your list will be the start of your simplifying process. This will be your base list.

- Declutter in small focused bursts and divide your space

into sections. Work on one section at a time. Think of this process as a sprint not a marathon.

- Make a plan of what section you are going to work on over a period of time and then stick to it so you don't tire yourself out.

- The goal is to avoid high running emotion and frustration that comes with deciding what to keep and what to donate, throw away, or store.

- Think of your things in terms of utility first and sentimental value second.

- Ask yourself, "Does this item do for me what nothing else does?"

- Then ask yourself, "Do I have anything else that does this better, or at least just as good?"

- Finally ask, "Does this have sentimental meaning to me?" Don't overlook it, but

don't get bogged down in how an item makes you feel vs. how much space it takes up.

- Use the four box method. Keep, sell, donate, or trash.

- Digitize important photos and documents.

- Digitize your favorite movies and music.

- Take a picture of your sentimental items and then let them go.

- Give items to family members or friends that will value them.

- Sell things online

- It is okay to ask permission from the other person or persons if it is okay to get rid of something that they also have ties too. This may make the decision easier.

Once you have done the hard work to clear the clutter, how do

you keep your space free from clutter? According to Lorie Marrero, author of "The Clutter Diet Blog," simply touching an object and spending time with it, greatly increases the likelihood that a typical consumer will buy a product.

To avoid getting attached to a product that you may not need, make a list before you go to the store or shop online. Doing this will help you to continue to keep your space free of clutter, and give you more time to enjoy the people and things that you really love (Marrero, 2018).

Sources:

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- *lifehacker.com*
- *The Clutter Diet*, Marrero, 2018

Kendra Cyr awarded MIEA Scholarship

GAYLE RUHL

Assisted Living Administrator

A congratulations goes out to Tribal Member Kendra Cyr for her recent scholarship award from the Michigan Indian Elder

Association of Michigan!

Each year the MIEA awards college scholarships and K-12 student incentives to qualifying students from the 11 participating tribes of Michigan.

Cyr received a \$500 scholarship for the 2018-2019

school year. She is the first member of SCIT to receive the funds for this school year.

The application for the 2018/2019 Student Incentives has been uploaded to MIEA website at www.michiganindianelders.org/students.php

Andahwod Sewing Extravaganza held Dec. 18



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green

Andahwod hosted the Sewing Extravaganza and potluck on Dec. 18 in the Andahwod Craft room.

More than 10 participants made stockings, Christmas table runners, pot holders and oven towels.

The sewing club is meeting at Andahwod every other Tuesday. The cost for attendance is \$5 per session.

(Pictured are Kelly Hartwell, Colleen Wagner, Becky Ettinger-Pamp, Themla Henry-Shipman, Ellie VanHorn, Elisa Schlegel, Susan Kequom, Ade Davis, Flossie Sprague, Susan Netmop.)



January Andahwod events

Euchre
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
Jan. 3 | 1 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
Jan. 7 | 1 p.m.

Elvis Birthday & Name That Tune
Jan. 8 | 2:30 p.m.

Elders Breakfast
Jan. 9 & 23 | 9-10 a.m.

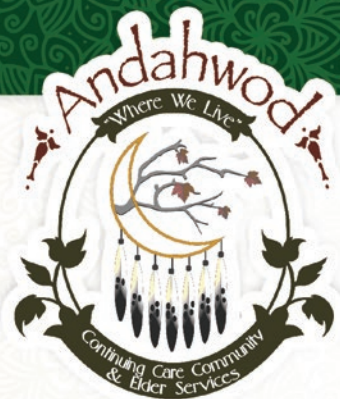
Fried Fish Buffet
Jan. 11 | 4:30-6 p.m.

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

White Elephant Bingo
Dec. 16 | 12 p.m.

• Bring a new "don't want, don't like, don't need" Christmas gift to be a prize for bingo! This could be someone else's treasure.

**Activities and events are subject to change.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

January 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Wendy McGregor
James Smith
William Smith Jr. | 18 Audrey Falcon
Anthony Jackson
Richard Ritter
Iva Chimoski |
| 2 Meletta Trepanier
Robyn Henry
James Pashenee | 19 Sue Durfee
Scott Moses |
| 3 Angela Trofatter | 20 Robin Bonnau
Nicki Perez |
| 5 Lorne Jackson | 22 Barbara Arzola
Orin Fallis
Richard Nahgahgwon Jr.
Traci Town-Smith |
| 6 Alan Henry | 23 Michelle George
Renee Peters
Vicki Brown
Joseph Kequom
Michael Ziehmer |
| 7 Paula Chippewa
Samuel Pego
Warren Stone | 24 Eva Jackson
Norma Rapp
Tweedie Vancise
Jacqueline Cyr
Christopher Johnson |
| 8 Ronda Jones
Alstyn Peters | 25 Scott McLellan
Tonia Town |
| 9 Charmaine Shawana
Ronald Defoy | 26 Darlene Highley
Jeffrey Reed |
| 10 Susan Kequom
Barbara McMullen
Ronald Battice
Brenda Brouder
Martin Francis
Mary Green
Donald Slavik
Susan Sturock | 27 Jeffrey Jackson
Renee Anderson
Paul Robinson
Ricki Shawano |
| 11 Philemon Bird
Esther Helms
Kathy Martin | 28 David Merrill Sr.
Alex Ritter Sr.
Gloria King
Sheena Swanigan |
| 12 Norman Davenport | 29 Jacquelyne Meir Jr.
Vincent Gallegos
Robin High
Becky McLennon |
| 13 Sandra Barron
Lyle Collins
Paul Hawk
Pamela Slifco | 31 Nancy Funnell
Jessica Brannon
Gerald Cloutier
Vicki Sandlin
Mary Walker
Delores Watson |
| 14 Lillian Olson
Zachary Sawmick | |
| 15 Jayne Keating
Lisa Slattery
Michael Zygmunt | |
| 16 Joann Clark
Jodi Friend | |
| 17 Ramon Alaniz
Teri Darling | |
| 18 Byron Bird | |



JANUARY 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Saganing Talking Circle

Jan. 2, 16 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4879

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Jan. 2, 16 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Jan. 3 | 7 - 9 p.m.
 • Tribal Operations Seniors Room
 • 989.775.4880

Community Sewing Night

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • 989.775.4780

Parenting the Love and Logic Way®

Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 18 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
 • Contact: 989.775.4616
 • For caregivers of children from 6 years old and younger.

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

Jan. 10, 24 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4110

Friday Night Fried Fish Buffet

Jan. 11 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.
 • Andahwod
 • 989.775.4300
 • Adults: \$12
 • SCIT Tribal Elders: \$10
 • 12 and under: \$6
 • 5 and under: free
 • Drawing and prizes

Baby Celebration

Jan. 10 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Men's Basketball Rez League

Jan. 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5 - 9 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.4121
 • Eight team maximum, 10 man rosters
 • \$220 per team, must pay at least half by week one (Jan. 13)
 • Full payment due by week 3
 • Six weeks of double play
 • Double elimination tournament on week seven

Snow Shoe Making

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

Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Jan. 17 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4880

State of the Tribe Annual Meeting

Jan. 19 | Doors open at 9 a.m., breakfast served at 10 a.m.
 • SECR Entertainment Hall
 • 989.775.4000

Project Venture Family Night

Jan. 23 | 5:30 p.m., food served at 5:45 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.5804
 • Games, food, giveaways, door prizes and activities.
 • Parents will be able to enroll their students in Project Venture.

Feast Plate Workshop

Jan. 23, 24 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • Registration: 989.775.4780
 • Meal provided
 • 15 spots available
 • Cost: \$10, must be paid by Jan. 18

Tribal Operations Employee Banquet

Jan. 25 | 7 - 11 p.m.
 • SECR Ballroom
 • 989.775.5600

Storytelling in the Lodge

Jan. 31 | 3 - 5 p.m.
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • 989.775.4780

K-12 Trip to Snow Snake

Feb. 9 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Snow Snake Ski & Golf (Harrison, Mich.)
 • To register: 989.775.4506 or TJeffrey@sagchip.org
 • Registration begins: Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.
 • Open to families that are eligible for K-12 services.
 • Open to the first 80 participants registered.

JANUARY 2019 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Lunch Bunch ALRD 12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Healthy New Year Luncheon Saganing 12 - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Blood Drive Saganing 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Healing Energy Circle B. Health 4 p.m.</p> <p>Name That Tune Andahwod 3 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches 7th Generation 12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p> <p>Soup Day Saganing 12 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Saganing 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Sewing Club Andahwod 1 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting Saganing 9 a.m.</p> <p>Traditional Workshop Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>STEAM Presentation SCTC 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Bingo 7th Generation 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>State of the Tribe Annual Meeting SECR Entertainment Hall 10 a.m.</p> <p>20</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Healing Energy Circle B. Health 4 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Feast Plate Workshop 7th Generation 5 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches 7th Generation 12 - 1 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Feast Plate Workshop 7th Generation 5 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>27</p> <p>New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 6 p.m.</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD 6 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Sewing Club Andahwod 1 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Environmental Presentation SCTC 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Storytelling in the Lodge 7th Generation 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Sober Super Bowl TAILGATE PARTY Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019 3-5 p.m. Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. For more information, contact: Prevention at 989.775.4850 or Prevention@sagchip.org</p> 	



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

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. Level of knowledge and skills required varies by placement.

General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. May also be required to have a valid Michigan Driver License. Will be required to meet other minimum qualifications based on temporary job placement.

Police Chief

Open to the public. Associate degree or higher in criminal justice, police science or related field. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Experience with planning, organizing, prioritizing, coordinating and evaluating department. Demonstrated success in building successful work teams and organizing, motivating and leading employees to desired results. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must have proven integrity and reputation above reproach. Must possess the ability to resolve problems and conflict, and maintain a high morale and professionalism with the Tribal Police force. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to pass drug screening. MCOLES certified.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age-appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition. Five years teaching Anishinaabemowin, with one year in an early childhood setting.

Paraprofessional

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. basic skills test of Michigan

for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment) or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours) or associate degree. Two years experience working with children in a school setting preferred.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience. Experience with older adults preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills. State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant.

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, Federal and State standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking Ojibwe. Experience working with Native students and communities preferred. Excellent oral and written communications skills.

Fiscal Compliance Auditor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Must have completed and passed a governmental accounting class as part of college curriculum. Five years experience in governmental accounting and grants and contracts. Tribal Government experience preferred. Proficient with Microsoft Office and accounting software. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Under the supervision of Accounting manager, act as the senior fiscal compliance auditor for all the grants and contracts received by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Licensed Practical Nurse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year long term care experience preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. State of Michigan Licensed Practical Nurse license required.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Journeyman lineman license. Two years lineman experience preferred. Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Proficient computer skills required. Backhoe operation experience preferred. Must be able to pass background

check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Support Home Tech

Open to the public. Associate degree in social services, human services or related field. Two years social services or human services experience preferred. Experience with Native American communities preferred. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Court Case Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, administration or related field. CADC certification preferred or must obtain within two years. Two years case management experience. Experience with substance abuse treatment protocols, the judicial and legal system. Experience related to the appropriate recipient population required. Experience with and knowledge of Native American traditions and culture preferred. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Grant writing experience preferred. Proficient in Microsoft Office programs.

Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Two years help desk experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite. Experience with busy and stressful situations. Strong communication skills. Must be able to work various shifts. Must pass IT related competency exam.

Fitness Attendant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Fitness or customer service experience preferred. Possess strong interpersonal, computer and organizational skills. Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite.

Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work or counseling with focus on mental health. State of Michigan licensed counselor or social worker. Will consider limited license. Two years of experience in counseling. Must have knowledge of, or experience with, Native American communities. Must have reliable transportation.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree preferred. Must be a fluent Anishinaabe speaker. Two years teaching Anishinaabemowin. Early childhood

teaching experience preferred. Excellent communication and group leadership skills. Proficient with Microsoft Office programs preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Dietary Cook Aide

Open to the public. Experience in a kitchen atmosphere preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. License, certification, or special requirements: Successful completion of ServSafe. Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire.

Wildlife Biologist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in biology. Master's degree in biology preferred. Three years' work experience in wildlife biology. Grants management, grant writing and reporting experience. Computer skills including Microsoft Office. Experience in wildlife, natural resources policy, knowledge of GPS equipment, wildlife management practices, zoology, forestry, ecology, and grants management preferred. Technical writing, accurate verbal and non-verbal communication skills necessary. Program management experience preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Manager of College Advancement

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree. Demonstrated experience with a comprehensive capital campaign. Eight years of development experience in a leadership or managerial role with increasing responsibility. Ability to successfully lead and motivate professional

staff. Ability to create fund raising strategies tied to the broader institutional vision and educational objectives. Knowledge of strategies employed in all major development functions. Proven record of fund-raising success. Demonstrated record of major gift cultivation. Familiarity and/or experience with alumni relations programs. Demonstrated commitment to diversity. Ability to promote collaboration and build positive relationships with others. Strong written and verbal communication skills. Team player who is highly motivated, a self-starter, and a dedicated professional. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Ability to perform the essential functions and requirements of the job

Police Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Associate degree preferred. MCOLES certified or MCOLES certifiable. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Current Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs or ability to obtain and maintain. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required. Must have proven integrity and reputation above reproach. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. Must be able to pass drug screening.

Community Data, Planning & Special Projects Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in social science, social work, public policy, community planning or related field. Minimum of five years' experience working within a Tribal community. Minimum one year experience pursuing grant funding. Experience identifying,

compiling and analyzing data to develop reports and make recommendations. Demonstrated analytical skills. Excellent communication, writing, and presentation skills. Excellent organizational skills. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Soaring Eagle

Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Member only. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines. Must have good communication skills, good computer skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Saganing

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Technical Services Technician I

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field. Two years help desk experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite. Experience with busy and stressful situations. Strong communication skills. Must pass IT related competency exam.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR SUNSHINE SHAWNOO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Notice to Appear Case no. 18-PC-0217 TO: Sunshine Shawnoo 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 hearing will be conducted by the court on **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 10 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Sunshine Shawnoo 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.

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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Notice to Appear Case no. 18-PC-0212 TO: Sunshine Shawnoo 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 hearing will be conducted by the court on **Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Sunshine Shawnoo 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.



Recreation Department gets festive with Reason for the Season, Christmas Bingo events

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Recreation Department spread a little holiday cheer during its two Christmas events: The Reason for the Season on Dec. 10 and Christmas Family Bingo on Dec. 18.

Both events were held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

The Monday evening annual Reason for the Season saw a gym filled with attendees as the event began at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 5:45 p.m. and games beginning after 6:30 p.m.

Prizes were given away throughout the evening,

including anyone who brought a dessert to pass was entered into a door prize drawing.

Summer Moon Photography was onsite to take photographs of event attendees.

The Nimkee Clinic's Healthy Start Program provided a cookie decorating station.

The Tuesday evening Christmas Bingo event served food at 5:45 p.m. and games and games began after 6:30 p.m.

Participants who brought a dessert or hot dish to pass were entered into a door prize drawing to win a set of four tickets to the Detroit Pistons vs. Utah Jazz game on Jan. 5.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck and Matthew Wright

