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Second annual Tribal Opioid Summit set for June 12-13

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness
Court Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will be taking the lead once more as preparations are ongoing to host the second annual Tribal Opioid Summit at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on June 12-13, 2019.

Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon said this year's theme is "Building Solutions, Healing Communities."

"For the second year, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe will host regional tribes and many other health care and law enforcement professionals to discuss our response to the opioid crisis. The summit will feature national speakers and regional experts," Shannon said. "The summit only happens with the continued support of Tribal leadership and the well received outreach to Tribal Members through our Healing to Wellness programs."

While the first summit focused on education, information and knowledge building, the second summit will advance action steps for new and innovative methods of

grass roots community based treatment, development of new access points, community participation in native healing therapies, and emphasize early prevention and interventions for youth.

At the first summit on June 14, 2018, Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl commended all in attendance for their efforts to help save lives and heal families.

"Like the teaching of our Sacred Fire, the Tribal Opioid Summit started as a spark, and, as you can see, the fire grew to become a regional event featuring national speakers," Ekdahl said. "Thank you for your courage and optimism as we identify the challenges regarding the opioid epidemic and we embrace solutions that can work for the benefit for all of us."

National presenters have been identified for the upcoming summit, Ron Shaw, immediate past president, Association of American Indian Physicians and Diplomate of the American Boards of Internal and Addiction Medicine; and Jeanette Betancourt, senior vice president for U.S. Social Impact at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Ronald F. Ekdahl is photographed during his welcoming address to more than 400 event attendees during last year's Tribal Opioid Summit in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall.

Shaw said the title of his presentation is entitled "Opiate Use Disorder in Indian Country."

"The issues being addressed on the medical illness of opiate use disorder, it is focused on recognition and treatment based on experiences from the front line in primary care in Indian Country," Shaw said. "There is a need because many of those professionals dealing with the treatment of those on medication treatment for opiate use disorder do not understand the beneficial effects of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)."

Shaw asserts it represents much more than "substituting one drug for another" and his presentation will address that knowledge gap.

Shaw's presentation will allow attendees the following: 1) To become knowledgeable in the neurobiological basis for opiate use disorder, 2) To become familiar with the prevalence of this disorder in Indian Country, 3) understand the basis for MAT of opiate use disorder and 4) Become aware of how MAT is used and what to expect from those clients using this therapy to treat their illness.

Tribal Council Secretary Frank J. Cloutier attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting on Feb. 21, and promoted the event to the 12 federally-recognized tribes of Michigan and their special guest, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

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Sober Super Bowl Party

Prevention Department hosts Sober Super Bowl LIII tailgating party.



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Sculptures in collection showing

Tribal elder Al Waynee's wooden sculptures featured Feb. 2-16.



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Storytelling event

Ojibwe storytellers educate students at Seventh Generation event.



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Elders' Valentine's Day Social

Andahwod hosts Feb. 9 event featuring holiday basket auction.

Indian Country mourns the loss of Grandmother Water Walker Josephine Mandamin

ANISHINABEK NEWS STAFF

(Editor's note: This article was first published by Anishinabek News and reprinted on Native News Online. The wake for Grandmother Josephine began Sunday, Feb. 24 at Pontiac school in Wikwemikong First Nation. Her funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at Pontiac School.)

ANISHINABEK NATION — The Anishinabek Nation mourns the passing of our Grandmother, our water commissioner, our kind and gentle Water Protector, Biidaasige — Josephine Mandamin.

"It is a very sad day. We have lost a great advocate, teacher and role model. She will be so deeply missed by all and will be fondly remembered for all of what she did to protect the water. Our prayers are with Josephine as she begins her journey home into the Spirit World and back to her ancestors," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. "Our thoughts of comfort are with Josephine's family and community as they prepare for her journey."

Josephine Mandamin, originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and affectionately called Grandmother Water Walker or Grandmother Josephine, dedicated her life to protecting the water and



Photo by Ayse Gursoz, courtesy of Indigenous Rising

Grandmother Water Walker, Josephine Mandamin, water activist who walked 17,000 km around the Great Lakes, dies at age 77.

giving it a voice. She made it her life's mission to raise consciousness about the fragility of water and emphasize that water is precious, sacred,

and one of the basic elements required for all life to exist. Water is life.

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Attention Tribal Members

On Dec. 12, the Tribal Council passed a motion to offer all Tribal Members one **free copy of their personal enrollment file**, upon request, in an effort to alleviate the cost to the Membership.

Michaela Rochelle Jackson

June 20, 1990 – Feb. 16, 2019

Michaela Rochelle Jackson, age 28, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019.

Michaela was born June 20, 1990, in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Michael Jackson and Rachel Francis. She graduated from Oasis High School in 2008.

Michaela was a wonderful mom and adored her kids. She liked to bowl, play volleyball, travel, and spend time with her kids, family, and her many friends.

Michaela is survived by her mother Rachel Francis; father Michael (Lena) Jackson; her children Violet Louise Jackson Green, Emile Joaquin Jackson, and Billie Jo Peterson; brother Mason Ray Jackson; sister Rebecca Lynn Jackson; paternal grandmother Catherine Jackson; nephews and niece Mark Joe Cantu II, David Ray Jackson, and Alayna Rae Jackson; aunts LeAna Sams, Reba Navejar, Nina Francis, and Michelle Jackson; great-aunts Lorna Kahgegab Call and Diana Trepanier; and many cousins.

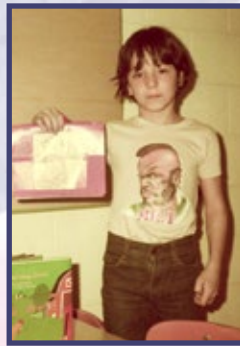
Michaela was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother Nelxine Avis Kahgegab Francis; maternal great-grandparents Emily and Nelson Kahgegab; uncle Pete Compo; great-aunts Yvonne Davis and Roxene Kahgegab Judson; great-uncles Willard and Douglas Kahgegab; and cousins Taylor Trepanier, Catherine "Cat" Sprague, and Tommy Lee Kahgegab.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 22, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michaela's family via A Helping Hand <https://www.gofundme.com/6wdg9j4>



In Memory of Eric Lee Hunt



We would like to wish Eric Lee Hunt a heavenly Happy Birthday

We love you, we miss you,

Mom, Montana, Anthony

Virgil Roy James

June 22, 1931 – Feb. 13, 2019

Virgil Roy "Red" James went to meet his Savior on Feb. 13, 2019. Born on June 22, 1931 to Abner and Jessie (Williams) James, he was raised on the shores of Lake Huron in Pinconning, Mich.

He lived a very simple life, full of hunting and fishing. He went to a small Indian school on the lakeshore. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

In 1951 he joined the U.S. Army and was trained to operate tanks. When on the train to Seattle to board a ship to Korea, the troop orders changed and the men went to Alaska instead. This began his love story with The Last Frontier.

On Jan. 3, 1953, he married Wanda Lowe, and they had three children, John Wesley, Julie Ann and Jennifer Lee.

Red's love for Alaska led him to many adventures. He used his GI Bill to become a pilot. After the Army, he worked laying carpet for Brady's Carpet, but soon applied to work for the Anchorage Police Department, and worked there until 1963.

The family later moved to Seward, Ark., where he worked as a deep sea fisherman. He was then hired by the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Department, running the patrol boat, The Shark.

He was transferred to Glennallen, Ark., and was there during the great earthquake of 1964. While still working for Fish & Game, he was transferred to Tok and to Juneau. In Juneau, he delighted in setting out crab pots so he could catch and eat King Crab on a regular basis.

After he left Fish & Wildlife, he returned to Tok and was a partner in the Probert's grocery store. In 1967 he again worked for the Anchorage Police Department as the first drug enforcement officer for the city.

Red had a long time desire to own a lodge and in 1968, he bought the historical roadhouse, Chistochina Lodge. During this time, he developed his flying to the level of a true bush pilot, and transported goods to villages and hunters out to remote areas of the state.

After leasing the Lodge, he took a job in Fairbanks as a special agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and his territory was the northern half of Alaska. This gave him the opportunity to spend his days flying and visiting numerous remote areas of the state. During this time he rescued an orphaned polar bear, and transported it to Fairbanks in his plane. The bear, Binky, lived a long and healthy life in the Anchorage Zoo after a short time living at Red's house. But there was a high price to pay for his working life, as his marriage failed, and he and Wanda divorced.

While in Fairbanks, he rescued a lady from a horrible date, and friendship with Sandie Niven was soon followed by courtship. He returned to Chistochina Lodge in 1979, and he and Sandie were married there on March 15, 1980. They moved to Kansas for Sandie's schooling, and he was a sergeant for the Andover Police Department and a Wabaunsee County Deputy Sheriff.

In 1985, he adopted Sandie's boys, Jeffrey Ryan and Christopher Neil. They moved to Kettle Falls and he worked for the National Park Service.

In 1989, he was in charge of protecting the grizzly bears during the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill cleanup. In 1990, he returned as head of the cleanup project.

In 1992, Red and Sandie were blessed with the birth of a daughter, Jessica Margret.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Orville, Emory and Cliff, and sisters Ethel and Naggy, as well as son Johnny, daughter Jennie, and granddaughters Jamie Allred and Ashlyn James.

He is survived by his wife Sandie James, daughters Julie (Joe) Allred and Jessie (Robby) Burkhart, sons Jeff James and Chris (Becky) James and sister-in-law Florence James of Pinconning. His grandchildren are Janaan (James) VanZante, Jason (Lisa) Kindelberger, Amy (Darius) Thomas, Cammy James, Dalton, Tristan (Jaira) and Trevor James, Acacia, Daylee, Ella and Ezra James, and Brayden, Ryker, Journey, and 15 week baby-to-be Burkhart. He leaves 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews in Michigan.

Red's Memorial Service will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Hope Vineyard Church, 184 DeGrief Rd., Colville, WA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Spokane, P.O. Box 2215, Spokane, WA 99210-2215.

2019 SCIT GOLF Membership

On sale now

- 100 memberships available
- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families
- Includes Green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses

Memberships cost \$250 each

- 10 percent discount for first 20 memberships purchased and paid in full
- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase at the Accounting Department in Tribal Operations
- Payment plans available

Participating courses:
Pleasant Hills Golf Club, The Pines Golf Course, Maple Creek Golf Club, Waabooz Run Golf Course and Pohlcat Golf Course.

Cart Membership Raffle (optional)
Drawing on Friday, April 12 in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room at 3 p.m.

- Win a cart at your favorite course
- One cart membership available at each course
- Tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council passed Resolution numbers 18-132 (educational provisions) and 18-133 (criminal provisions) that amend the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan.

For a copy of the resolutions or for more information, please:

- ▶ **Log on:** to the "Tribal Member Only" area of www.sagchip.org
- ▶ **Or contact the Public Relations department:** at 989.775.4004

Spring/Summer General Laborers Opportunities

Seventh Generation Seeking Seasonal Garden Workers

- **Timeframe:** March through September
- **20 hours a week** – Flexible scheduling

We are creating sister garden pathways to grow traditional foods and medicinal plants and provide Indigenous science teachings. We will reintroduce planting and harvesting songs in our traditional language. Community members will learn to make and use traditional farming tools. One pathway will connect the Seventh Generation Program and Behavioral Health.

SCIT Members may apply at:

- Online at www.sagchip.org
- Or in person at Human Resources

For more information, please contact:

Chip Neyome, Interim Anishinabe Workforce Developer at 989.775.0053

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS



MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. | Contact: 989.775.4175

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 math 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 Anishinabe 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

- March 5 • April 2 • May 7 • June 4



Happy 12th Birthday
Riana Chippewa

*Love always,
Mom, Dad and Sissy*

Public Notice

Unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds.

All monies must be claimed within 2 years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bills Jr., John	10/8/2018
Bordeau, Tina	7/10/2018
Chamberlain, Alvin	7/12/2018
Chapoton, Ross	12/5/2018
Collins, Larry	11/25/2018
Drews, Delores	8/25/2018
Gould, Betty	11/15/2018
Jackson, Earlene	8/22/2018
Jackson, Garth	10/5/2017
McDonald, Eva	9/9/2018
Peters Sr., Phillip	12/8/2018
Quayle, Dennis	7/21/2018
Sanders, Madonna	8/15/2018
Smith, Loretta	1/5/2018
Sprague, Dary	4/7/2017
Stanton, Goldie	1/3/2018
Ziehmer, Ida	7/24/2018



Housing Services Offered



- Free and confidential financial assessment
- Setting up a budget
- Assistance in working out payment agreements with creditors
- Discuss financial/budgeting options
- Work with you to develop a plan
- Assess your current situation and work solely on your behalf
- Support with obtaining a mortgage



Sherrill Kennedy

Credit Homebuyer Counselor/Loan Specialist

• Phone: 989.775.4552

• Fax: 989.775.4030

• Email: SKennedy@sagchip.org

• Website: www.Sagchip.org/housing

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult SCIT members to fill one vacant seat 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.

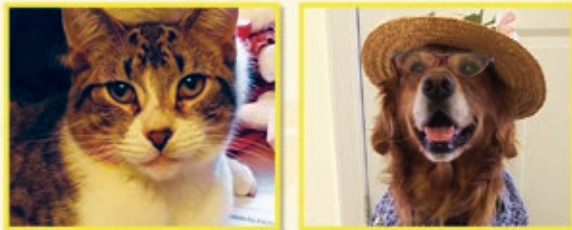
Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:

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.

Rez Pets

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs!"



Attention Tribal Members and employees, please submit a photo of your pet to show them off in the April Tribal Observer. Households with two or more pets, please submit one group photo!

Email your photos to observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Tribal Operations building.

Please include:
Owner's name, pet's name, age and breed
Deadline: Friday, March 15

Attention Tribal Members

We have created a hotline as it relates to Tribal Member healthcare and we are looking for suggestions, recommendations or ideas.

Please call 989-775-4404 to leave a message or share your thoughts.

If you would like to discuss in further detail, please feel free to contact Public Relations at 989-775-4076.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

One vacancy only

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989.775.4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Force-placed insurance

Force-placed insurance is an insurance policy placed by a lender, bank or loan servicer on a home when the property owners' own insurance is cancelled, has lapsed or is deemed insufficient and the borrower does not secure a replacement.

If you have force-placed insurance, please call for assistance in finding insurance. This will lower your monthly mortgage payment and save you money.

It is important to know that force-placed insurance does not cover you or the contents of your home, this only covers the lender and their investment.

Call Sherrill Kennedy at 989-775-4552

PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

to the Saginaw Chippewa
Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
Tip Line: 989.775.4775



Tribal Council

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Council Member

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Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Information on submitting letters to the editor, guest columns to the Tribal Observer

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Members, employees, departments and community members are always welcome to submit articles or letters to the Tribal Observer.

The Tribal Observer staff suggests any submissions remain 600 words or less and must be appropriate for the publication and its audience.

The managing editor bears the right to refuse the publishing of any articles or letters that are irrelevant or inappropriate.

Feel free to send any submissions to **Observer@sagchip.org**. Any questions may also be answered by calling **989-775-4010**.

Along with departmental and Members' articles, the Tribal Observer also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns.

What is a letter to the editor?

Letters to the editor must be relevant to our coverage. They should be in response to an article that has already been published in a recent Tribal Observer. They must address subject matters that in some way affect the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, its members or local community. Letters can be authored by more than one person but must have a name attributed to them. They are subjected to be edited into proper Associated Press (AP) Style of writing for newspaper print.

What is a guest column?

Guest columns can be a topic of the author's choosing. They should be relevant to the Tribal Observer's audience. They are also subject to a thorough editing process. If the guest column is approved for publishing, authors are welcome to

submit a headshot or stop in the Tribal Observer offices for a photograph.

How long can article submissions be?

Articles submitted should be a maximum of 600 words. The editor has the right to shorten submissions. Articles that are longer than 600 words are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and published at the discretion of the editor.

Does the Tribal Observer edit the submissions?

We reserve the right to edit all submissions for clarity and AP Style, as well as to fact-check or shorten them to fit available space for print.

How does the Tribal Observer choose which submissions to publish?

We make our best effort to publish all submissions that come through before the deadline, sometimes even making arrangements to print those that have been received past the deadline. Any submission received does not guarantee its immediate publication.

How do I make a submission to the Tribal Observer?

Again, any submissions may be sent to **Observer@sagchip.org** and the staff is available to answer any questions at **989-775-4010**.

The deadline is typically around the 15th of each month, so please turn in submissions around that day each month by 5 p.m. for the upcoming publication (e.g., deadline for April issue, is March 15).

If you are requesting a photo to be ran with your submission, please include a suggested caption for the photo which provides enough detail of what is occurring in the photo. (Names, job titles if applicable, location, the date the photo was taken, etc.)

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.

National Chili Day: ACFS presents chili fundraiser for foster program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In honor of National Chili Day, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services held a chili fundraiser on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tribal

Kitchen, located next to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

The fundraiser benefited ACFS' foster care program.

A chili and frybread meal with a drink was offered for \$8. Customers could also buy a bowl of chili for \$5 or frybread for \$3.



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.

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Please mail form to:

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Attn: Subscriptions
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



The vision of the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Aanii Tribal Members, a vision for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Conservation Committee is to move forward with growth in the area of education and leadership.

Did you know most tribes had to fight for Federal recognition to continue to fish, hunt and gather? Our treaty rights need to be used (active participation) so it will not be lost.

Much like our culture and language, our treaty-protected rights need to be exercised by our Members.

It is during the four seasons of the year that we would harvest and gather using the old ways using modern technology.

The Committee is honored and blessed to shape the future of hunting, fishing, and gathering for the Tribe.

The following are short introductions from 2019-2020 Conservation Committee members:

Kelly Benally

"Aanii, my name is Kelly Benally. I'd like to say chi-miigwetch to Tribal Council for the opportunity to serve on the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee; it is a privilege and honor to do so.

In years past, I have exercised our treaty rights with wild ricing, net fishing, spear fishing, gathering and hunting.

Thirteen years ago, I served on a natural resources committee, CORA (Chippewa, Ottawa Resource Authority), and GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission).

I'm very passionate in the retention and full usage of our Tribal rights, and through these experiences, I feel I've gained a strong working knowledge to be an asset to our membership.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee members with any of your questions. We look forward to serving you."

Shirley Houle

"Aanii Boozhoo, I am a Tribal elder from the Saginaw Reservation. I am involved in the Tribal community through cultural workshops and community gatherings. Most recently, I worked for the Tribe as an elders' advocate.

I enjoy practicing the traditional ways through fishing, foraging and wild ricing.

I often gift others with medicinal tinctures, salves and cultural knowledge.

I'm looking forward to learning and growing with the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee. Chi-miigwetch for giving me the opportunity to serve."

Michael P. McCreery

"I have 20 years of service in Tribal law enforcement, conservation enforcement, Great Lakes Commercial Fish Patrol (1836 Treaty, snowmobile and ATV patrol on inland lakes), and police emergency response team as well as narcotics team.

Currently, I am compliance officer at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. In this position, there are a number of responsibilities, which included but are not limited to, fair play for all the patrons



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Conservation Committee members (left to right): Eddie Benally, advisor, retired conservation officer of 28 years; Kelly Benally; Shirley Houle, Michael McCreery; James Smith Jr. and Casey Smith.

inside the Casino. Currently, I am chair of the Conservation Committee and coordinator of Power of Dad program for fatherless boys.

I am one year away from graduating from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in integrated leadership and a certificate in Native American studies.

I have demonstrated the ability to establish excellent work relationships with my counter parts within the Tribe's and local departments.

More recently, I served as Healing to Wellness Drug Court/ probation officer and as well as Youth LEAD tutor at Oasis and Odyssey school."

James Smith Jr.

"Hello, my name is James Smith Jr. and I am one of the members on the 2019-2020 Conservation (hunting) Committee.

Being a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, I feel we cannot exercise our rights enough when it comes to hunting and fishing. There are a lot of things SCIT members - I feel - don't know or exercise and we have every right to!

I come from a family fortunate enough to grow up in God's creation and the great outdoors.

I've lived in Mount Pleasant almost my whole life and just fell in love with hunting when I picked up a small bow when I was 7 or 8 years old.

Not only is hunting and fishing something we should partake in as a Tribe; our ancestors' only way of survival was gathering and harvesting game and fish generations ago. Now, it's a dying generation.

My passion is the outdoors; not only did it teach me patience, but kept me out of trouble growing up.

One of the things I look forward to every year is deer season and deer camp with family and friends; special moments and the fellowship with each other each year you can't replace. It's a tradition and addiction.

The awesome stories of harvesting deer; eating 100 percent lean venison all year round or some deep-fried walleye - 100 percent natural and organic, nothing beats it.

I graduated from Shepherd High School and work for the Tribe.

I'm pretty conservative and easy going.

The Conservation Committee members are here and willing to take you hunting and fishing through organized events, teach you the ways and let you know your rights. We are here with freedom of choice to exercise our rights. We need to come together and stand for what we have in our community: our great outdoors, not only for this generation, but the next."

Casey Smith

"I have been hunting and fishing for 35 years. I

am a river fishing guide for Steelhead and Salmon.

I have been hunting our ceded territory (National Huron Forest) since I was a young kid, and to this day, my passion is still to chase big woods bucks.

I'm all about conserving our treaty rights and exercising them.

I enjoy teaching young, and of all ages, how to hunt, fish and educating on our natural resources available to us.

My favorite two things to do - outside of God and family - is shooting my bow, bow hunting, and chasing Michigan Steelhead fly fishing with two-handed fly rod (spey fishing)."

(Editor's note: Eddie Benally - photographed far left - is not currently serving as a Conservation Committee member, but often joins the Committee as an advisor. Benally is a retired conservation officer of 28 years.)



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



Bay Mills member, former SCIT employee receives community leadership fellowship

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Bay Mills Indian Community member Joshua Hudson has been selected as a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network fellow, a fellowship for local leaders to connect, grow and lead transformational change toward a more equitable society.

Hudson grew up in the Saginaw Chippewa community and was previously employed at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Andahwod and Behavioral Health. Before leaving for the Bay Mills community, he was working at SCIT's Residential Treatment Center.

Hudson currently serves as an elected judge for Bay Mills Indian Community, and

National Native Network program manager at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

He is a graduate of Central Michigan University.

The 18-month fellowship will provide hands-on training, personalized coaching and practical experience.

The first gathering takes place this month.

"I'm looking forward to deepening my knowledge and skills to advance racial equity and racial healing in our community and create sustainable solutions to our most pressing problems," Hudson said.

More than 800 people applied to the WKKF Community Leadership Network program. From that pool, 80 people were selected to be part of Class Two.

"I will be a part of a dynamic and diverse group of

individuals who are dedicated to working within our communities to build brighter futures for children and families," Hudson said.

The fellows come from all walks of life, drawing upon a diversity of experiences. Hudson is one of 17 fellows from Michigan.

The class includes tribal leaders, elected officials, health practitioners, youth advocates, educators, attorneys, civil rights attorneys, conservationists and faith leaders.

"I seek to learn more about the ways in which racial equity can be leveraged to improve health, safety, and happiness for families across demographic and geographic boundaries," Hudson said.

"I want to be sure that I help voice some of the needs and concerns of Indian Country

when discussing racial equity and improve health for families."

The Foundation supports work through the United States and with sovereign tribes, and in Mexico and Haiti, concentrating up to two-thirds of grant making in priority places: Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico and New Orleans in the U.S., Chiapas and the Yucatán Peninsula in Mexico, and in central and south Haiti.

Since 1970, the Center for Creative Leadership – which manages the Network – has helped transform more than 500,000 leaders and 3,000



Courtesy photo

Bay Mills Indian Community member Joshua Hudson, former SCIT employee, is selected as a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network fellow.

organizations in 160 countries. (wkkfcln.org).

More information about the fellowship and Hudson's full story is available at wkkfcln.org

Summit

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"All the elected officials I talked to are happy that our Tribe is continuing with the summit and we got a great list of presenters," Cloutier said. "I like the approach Dr. Shaw is taking and I would personally desire an interactive summit with some boots on the ground expectations and measurable solutions."

Betancourt is slated to be the June 13 keynote speaker and will mark the first presentation for Sesame Street in Communities on a federal Indian reserve.

Betancourt directs the development and implementation of

community and family engagement initiatives for Sesame Street in Communities, making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

Research-based initiatives are designed to impact children's early learning, health and well-being, and provide strategies and resources to counteract the effects of trauma while fostering the critical connections that adults have on children's lives.

Prior to joining Sesame Workshop, Betancourt created programs in adult learning and early childhood education at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is

a licensed bilingual speech and language pathologist and educational therapist.

Lisa Hadden, executive director for the Mid-Central Area Health Education Center, welcomes the opportunity to support such a large scale conference to almost 500 people, primarily from native populations, is unprecedented.

"We are excited to play a part in this journey with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe," Hadden said. "The Mid Central AHEC is a non-profit organization housed in the (Central Michigan University) College of Medicine. AHEC has partnered with the college for seven years on initiatives

that support the college's mission of increasing medical student and ultimately physician placements in medically underserved areas.

Hadden informs the successful AHEC grant funding will assist in supporting seven key points for the summit: 1) Increase knowledge of correlation between opioid use and infectious diseases particularly since Michigan has highest rate of Hepatitis C in the nation, 2) Establish youth early intervention strategies for native communities, 3) Establish new entry points other than court systems for tribal community members to seek into

treatment and recovery, 4) Identify grass roots strategies to address intergenerational trauma in native communities, 5) Articulate and utilize new grass roots approaches to address the opioid crisis in their own communities with both traditional health resources and non-traditional native resources, 6) Identify best practices and state-of-the-art SAMHSA tele-health methodologies and 7) Identify the impact on the pharmaceutical component in terms of cost of addiction.

Please stay tuned for the April Tribal Observer for a full summit agenda and details on how to register for this year's event.

Mandamin

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"Through all of the years of Josephine's determination and dedication to raise awareness through her legendary Great Lakes Water Walks, it is my hope that the world hears her message – that water is life!" said Grand Council Chief Hare. "Our world is a better place because of Josephine's efforts and those of us who will continue her work to protect our life-giving Nibi, not only to honor her legacy, but to ensure water, the world over, is protected. What a remarkable

Anishinaabkwe we have had the absolute pleasure of knowing and learning from."

Grandmother Josephine founded Mother Earth Water Walks – an initiative that brings awareness to the risks and threats to the health and sustainability of our waterways. Through that initiative, she has walked the shorelines of the five Great Lakes as well as in all four directions of Turtle Island – bringing water from all oceans together.

She has walked the equivalent of half of the earth's

circumference while building awareness about pollution, laws, fracking and the selling of water.

As part of her advocacy role, she conducted community ceremonies where she would unite communities with water and empower them to start their own water walks to bring awareness to local lakes and watersheds.

Grandmother Josephine has touched the lives of many and inspired a whole new generation of water walkers and warriors.

In her capacity as the chief commissioner of the Anishinabek Nation Women's Water Commission, she was a predominant contributor and leader of the Great Lakes Guardians' Council, established under the Great Lakes Protection Act.

She was also previously on the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada in 2006.

She was also honored with a Anishinabek Nation Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and the Lieutenant



Courtesy of Anishinabek News

The Anishinabek Nation mourns the passing of Grandmother Josephine Mandamin (left) – Water Walker and advocate.

Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Excellence in Conservation in 2016 for Excellence in Conservation for Water Walks, and received distinctions and honors from the Assembly of First Nations National Chief Sean Atleo, Native Women's Association of Canada, Ontario Native Women's Association and from the Mayor of Duluth Minnesota.

The Anishinabek Nation is the political advocate for 40 member communities across Ontario, representing approximately 60,000 people. The Anishinabek Nation is the oldest political organization in Ontario and can trace its roots back to the Confederacy of Three Fires, which existed long before European contact.



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Editorial: To the mentors that didn't know they were mentors

SARAH DEATON

Zaagaate' Mentoring Program Specialist

To the mentors that didn't know they were mentors:

Thank you. My name is Sarah, and I was a mentor with the Nijjeweihn Mentoring Program while attending Central Michigan University. Before I started the program, these were the facts: I was a transfer student that did not have a lot of experience on campus, I had no friends that attended CMU, and I commuted to class where I had to quickly learn the ins and outs of campus parking.

I can still remember my first time getting a parking ticket in the fall of 2013 for parking at a meter in front of Finch Fieldhouse. I remember going to the campus police

station and asking, "Why did I get a ticket if I have a parking pass?"

Fifteen minutes later, I left \$10 poorer, and feeling like a moron for assuming that the meters were just for "show" on campus. To me, it seemed like I was not going to get the hang of being at a major university.

That feeling became worse when I received an email that told me I had to go to an academic audit because I could not register for my spring classes without a major declared. Up until this point, I had thought I wanted to go into the medical profession; however, I was failing all my medical classes, couldn't grasp any of the material, and was finding that I don't like being around sick people.

After a good 30-minute arguing match about my future, I left with a lump in

my throat, on the verge of tears, and headed to Finch Fieldhouse because the advisor suggested, "that place was the last place she could think of that might take me to sign a major."

When you are used to having a plan and everything in order, having chaos like not knowing what you want to do with your life is enraging, unnerving, and scary all at the same time.

So when I walked into the main office at Finch, and was asked what I could be helped with, I broke down and started sobbing. Not the pretty girl tears that Kim Kardashian cries when she's upset; this was the hysterical tears that come with loud sobs, snot coming out of your nose, and you are crying so hard you start to sweat.

I told her how my last 30 minutes went with the academic advisor, how I couldn't sign up for spring classes because I was undecided for a major, and how I was going to fail out of college (in dramatic fashion). I could tell by the look on this lady's face, she had never encountered someone who was very emotional like I was.

Then an academic advisor and teacher for the recreation program walked into the office, took one look at me and said, "Hi, my name is JP, do you want some cake?"

It was one of those dumbfounded moments that people say are the point where everything started falling into place.

I went into his office, had a piece of cake – because who turns down cake – and explained my whole ordeal to him with fewer tears.

An hour later, I walked out of Finch Fieldhouse with a signed intent to major in the Recreation and Event Management program, a belly full of cake, and a sense of comfort that everything was back on track.

This was the turning point that brought me to the Nijjeweihn Mentoring Program.

While starting in the recreation program, one of the qualifications to graduate is to have 500 volunteer hours logged from the time you start the program to the time you graduate.

I remember going into the Office of Inclusion and Diversity looking to ask for an application to join NAISO (Native American Indigenous Student Organization) and instead the coordinator for the Nijjeweihn Mentoring Program was there and asked if I wanted to join the mentoring program instead.

Being a mentor was something that I did not think that I would be good at. I didn't feel very comfortable around kids, and was very timid around my college peers.

However, the first day at program, I was placed at Mt. Pleasant Middle School and was surprised at how naturally I seemed to fit in. Most of the other mentors had laid back personalities that reflected well with the kids, and when we started to interact more, it became easier to follow the lead of the other mentors.

My nijj (friend) I was paired with was also a bit shy and had dreams to work with animals.

The cool thing was that when I was in program, I

never felt like I was mentoring. Most of the time we would have crazy conversations about dinosaurs, cooking, school, being in trouble, grades, and most of the normal things that are racing through any 6th grader's mind. All I had to do was just listen and laugh at all the jokes we made. The only expectation I had was to be present, both physically and mentally.

It wasn't a burden to go to program and the longer I stayed, the more I started looking forward to my Tuesday afternoons.

I will never forget the trip to Tahquamenon Falls in the U.P. It was a full weekend of camping with all the mentors and mentees where we all got sand flees from Lake Superior, made S'mores on the campfire, and had a dance off contest between the mentees and the mentors. It was a weekend where everyone laughed, joked, and didn't care that we were all so itchy from the mosquitos and the constant rain.

Learning with my nijj how to shoot a bow and arrow, then seeing the bears at Oswald's Bear Ranch are the experiences that showed me it doesn't take someone who is specializing in child development or has years of experience working with kids to be a mentor.

All it takes to be a mentor is two things: the ability to listen and the ability to have fun.

It is the memories that will last forever, and if you're lucky like me, you will even make a career out of being a mentor.

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Schools included:

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

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

- Light snack provided

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- 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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Prevention Department hosts Sober Super Bowl LIII tailgating party



NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Run, pass, score! The Prevention Department of Behavioral Health hosted a Sober Super Bowl LIII tailgating party prior to the big game on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The event was free and opened to the public in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Several contests were held including: Best Team Spirit, Best Family Team Spirit, End Zone Dance-off Contest, Best Photo Booth Selfie, a tug-o-war and many more tailgate games.

Throughout the event, many door prizes were given out. Participants could bring their best tailgate appetizer to be entered into a drawing for a door prize giveaway.

Chili and refreshments were served.

Sarah Deaton, mentoring program specialist for Behavioral Health, was one of the Tribal employees assisting with the games including a ring toss game with 2-liter pop bottles.

Several other event sponsors included: the Recreation Department, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Celebration! Cinema, and Morey Courts Recreation Center.



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The Behavioral Health Prevention Department hosted a Sober Super Bowl tailgating party before the big game on Feb. 3. The free event, held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, featured fun games, prizes and food.



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Michigan tribes gain official recognition in the Michigan Democratic Party

ANISHINAABEK CAUCUS OF THE MDP

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 19 — Andrea Pierce, member of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; Julie Dye, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi; Tom Shomin, Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Desmond Berry, Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, have founded the Anishinaabek Caucus within the Michigan Democratic Party to bring forward issues of concern to the Native community in Michigan.

The Native American community includes many strong advocates for the environment and for the preservation of our water systems. However, Native Americans experience challenges in the context of the wider culture that still harbors racism against them.

Among the issues the Caucus will be addressing are low high school graduation rates and high rates of imprisonment, suicide and domestic violence.

Native women, in statistically high numbers, have been abducted or murdered, often at the hands of non-Native perpetrators. This threat, missing and

murdered Indigenous women has been poorly investigated.

At the MDP 2019 Spring Convention, Lavora Barnes, newly-elected chair of Michigan Democratic Party, spoke at an Anishinaabek meeting in support of the Caucus' formation and to acknowledge the necessity for inclusion of Michigan's Native community in Michigan's political process.

In coordination with several county and a district Democratic parties, the Native community brought forth their first Resolution to address stereotyping and prejudicial treatment of their heritage and race.

The resolution condemning



Courtesy of MDP

Lavora Barnes addresses Anishinaabek Caucus Members during 2019 MDP Spring Convention.

the use of the term Redskins was passed unanimously on the floor of the MDP Convention.

The Anishinaabek Caucus membership is open to any

Michigan Democratic Party member. Chair positions are reserved for registered Anishinaabek of Michigan's federally recognized tribes.

Events in 24 tribal communities deliver thousands of dollars to tribal veterans

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

This time last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs was getting ready to launch a nationwide campaign to roll out veteran disability enrollment claim events with 24 tribal communities.

The campaign, Your Service. Our Mission: Bringing Benefits Home, kicked off March 2018 and wrapped up with a total of 32 events spanning 11 states.

One of the most significant highlights was the amount of VA benefits approved for tribal veterans who may not have otherwise received VA benefits due to the rural geographical location of the tribal community.

More than 1,100 veterans participated and submitted 730 claims.

One tribal veteran's compensation tripled while another received a check for \$20,000 in back pay.

"Our main focus was to work with tribal governments to encourage and assist veterans across Indian Country to come and apply for the benefits they earned through their military service," said Stephanie Birdwell, director of VA's Office of Tribal

Government Relations. "This helps VA enhance and improve the experience for all veterans and their families."

Birdwell is quick to point out that the presumptive condition campaign would not have been successful without the support of VA's Benefits Assistance Service, VBA Regional Office leadership and staff, State Departments of Veterans Affairs, and national Veteran Service Organizations.

VA benefits staff, service officers and health care personnel were on hand at each event to review claims on the spot, with the goal of completing the claim same day.

"VA's benefits assistance service worked closely with tribal government leaders to roll out these claims events," said Mike Frueh, executive director for VA's benefits assistance service. "We focused on veterans and their widows with presumptive disabilities, in addition to those who are pension eligible."

"Many tribal veterans and families may not realize VA presumes that certain medical conditions are related to military service, although these conditions may first appear after discharge," Frueh said. "In addition, a spouse may be



Courtesy of Department of Veterans Affairs

On March 20-21, 2018, in the communities of Many Farms and Cottonwood/Tselani in Arizona, the Department of Veterans Affairs and Navajo Nation hosted the first VA Claims Event. With a theme of Your Service. Our Mission: Bringing VA Benefits Home, the claims events rolled out nationwide last year at 24 American Indian and Alaska Native Reservations.

eligible for certain benefits when a veteran dies as a result of what VA calls presumptive disabilities."

VA reached out to more than 500 tribes with announcements about the campaign and an offer to host an event.

"While we initially had interest from 20 tribes, word spread and tribes saw the tremendous benefit of the events," Birdwell said. "In the end, we were able to reach 24 tribal communities, with some requesting multiple events in different locations to reach more people."

Hosted by VA and the Navajo Nation, Indian Country's first presumptive claims event took place last March at the communities of Many Farms and Cottonwood/Tselani in Arizona. During this two-day outreach event, 88 participants were assisted and 49 claims for benefits were processed by VA employees.

"As an outreach specialist, I always enjoy getting out of the office and working directly with the veterans we serve," said Monica Cabrera, public affairs officer for the Phoenix VA Regional Office. "Having the opportunity at Many Farms and Cottonwood was rewarding for me emotionally and professionally. Veterans have contributed significantly to the economic sustainability of Indian Country, and I hope they left the event knowing how appreciative we are for their service."

VA worked alongside the following tribal communities to host Presumptive Condition events: Copper River Native Association (Alaska); Native Village of White Mountain (Alaska); Tule River Tribe (California); Walker River Paiute Tribe (Nevada); Siletz Tribe (Oregon); Nooksack Indian Tribe (Washington); Bay Mills Indian Community

(Michigan); White Earth Nation (Minnesota); Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (Wisconsin); Osage Nation (Oklahoma); Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (Oklahoma); Eastern Shawnee Tribe (Oklahoma); Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (Oklahoma); Kiowa Tribe (Oklahoma); Kewa Pueblo (New Mexico); Pasqui Yaqui Tribe (Arizona); Tohono O'odham Nation (Arizona); San Carlos Apache (Arizona); Navajo Nation (Arizona); White Mountain Apache Tribe (Arizona); Pueblo of Pojoaque (New Mexico); and Taos Pueblo (New Mexico).

Planning is underway to hold more claims events across Indian Country in 2019.

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bemisemagak	airplane

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

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Word Bank

- Aa-bi-ji-Gi-ji-took
- Paam-gwa-zhwen
- Zhii-biik-ta-da
- Mweb-zhki-gek
- Ge-bi-zan
- Ba-gwash-knin
- Niim-i-da
- Mip-too-da
- Maa-se-da
- Wiij-sem-shin

Words by Isabelle Osawamick, outreach language specialist, titled "Let's Be Healthy"

Across

- 4. Go canoeing
- 5. Let's stretch
- 7. Walk with me
- 9. Let's run
- 10. Let's walk

Down

- 1. Jump
- 2. Keep trying
- 3. Swim
- 6. Let's dance
- 8. Bike

Down	1. Ba-gwash-knin (Jump) 2. Aa-bi-ji-Gi-ji-took (Keep trying) 3. Ge-bi-zan (Swim)	Across	4. Paam-gwa-zhwen (Go canoeing) 5. Zhii-biik-ta-da (Let's stretch) 7. Wiij-sem-shin (Walk with me)
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Answer Key



Haskell Indian Nations University's cultural center to close due to expiring grant

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Haskell Indian Nations University's Cultural Center and Museum will close indefinitely due to its operating grant expired last Friday, according to an announcement by a university official.

It has not been released which grant was funding the cultural center and museum.

"We have been working diligently to secure more funding in order to reopen it later this semester," said Julie Good Fox, dean of College of Natural and Social Sciences for the University, in a press release.

The cultural center and museum in Lawrence, Kan. celebrates the strength and

resilience of the students and their contribution to what Haskell Indian Nations University has grown to become today, www.haskell.edu states.

"Punctuating the re-emergence of Indigenous expression, Haskell strides to incorporate the elements of tribal pride and self-determination into its academics and University spirit," reads the University's website.

According to Lawrence Journal-World (ljworld.com), Good Fox said the center has three employees and is confident the center will reopen later this year.

The museum's collections date back to 1884, according to its website.

A permanent exhibition within the museum includes

"Honoring Our Native Veterans," which documents the military history of Haskell.

The exhibit "Honoring Our Children Through Seasons of Sacrifice, Survival, Change and Celebration" shows the evolution Haskell has gone through. As the website lists, "from an institute school teaching basic skills like domestic cooking, cleaning, sewing and farming; to elementary level classes; to incorporating high school level classes; to developing into vocational-technical school; evolving a junior college; and later progressing into the present day four-year university for tribal students." (haskell.edu)

Haskell Indian Nations University is a premiere tribal university in the U.S., offering quality education to Native



Courtesy photo, photo by Mike Yoder

A display in Haskell Indian Nations University's Cultural Center and Museum, 2411 Barker Ave., in Lawrence, Kan. is photographed.

American students, according to its website.

"Haskell Indian Nations University student population averages about 1,000 per semester and all students

are members of federally-recognized tribes," its website states. "Haskell's faculty and staff are predominantly native. Haskell offers associate and bachelor's degrees."

Sweetgrass wreath making at Andahwod



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green

On Monday, Feb. 25 in the afternoon, Andahwod residents including elder Thelma Henry-Shipman crafted sweetgrass wreaths.



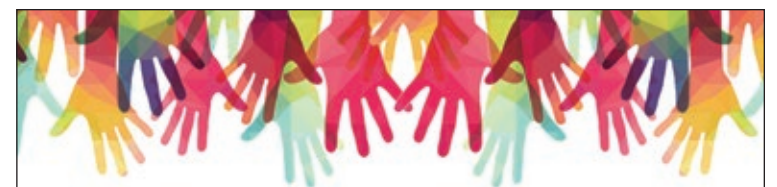
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Al Waynee's wood sculptures displayed in the Ziibiwing Center lobby Feb. 2-16

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosts several collection showings throughout the year in which the artwork is displayed in the lobby for a specific amount of time.

Beginning Saturday, Feb. 2, Tribal elder Al Waynee's wood sculptures were on display until Feb. 16.

On that Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Ziibiwing Center held a 'meet the artist' event as Waynee was introduced and joined by William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center. Johnson hosted the opening of this collection showing.

Waynee started carving in 2008 when a friend in Florida

asked him if he wanted a hobby – and he has been carving ever since, the Ziibiwing Center reported.

Waynee said he enjoys transforming an ordinary piece of wood into something fun and unique. He continues to improve; learning new techniques on how to paint his creations.

He has also experimented with other carving mediums, including stone, but wood is his medium of choice, according to the Ziibiwing Center.

Waynee often gifts his family and friends with his artwork.

The Ziibiwing Center's collection showing displayed Waynee's remarkable wood-carving and painting skills as well as the artistic expression he has developed and the love for this hobby.

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Ojibwe storytellers entertain, educate students at Seventh Generation event

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On Feb. 5, more than 40 Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Afterschool Program students attended a winter storytelling event hosted by Seventh Generation at the Elijah Elk Ceremonial Building.

Storyteller Dylan Jennings, council member from the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa and director of the Public Information Office from the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, shared his indigenous knowledge with Storyteller Jason Schlender, vice chairman for Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Governing Council.

Jennings shared his Spirit Name “Bizhikiins” (young buffalo in Ojibwe) and began with offering semaa to the students and instructed them to place their prayers in the Sacred Fire.

“Traditionally back at home in Wisconsin, anytime we are going to talk about the manidoog (spirits) or tell these sacred stories, we offer our asemaa (tobacco) out of respect,” Jennings said. “We also sometimes offer a little dish of food to acknowledge



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Storyteller Dylan Jennings, of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa, brings laughter as he shares the “Rez dog” teaching.

them and where our traditional knowledge comes from.”

One of the SCA students asked, “Why is storytelling connected with the winter months?”

“Winter is the time that we are told to share our sacred stories,” Jennings said. “The snow blankets the earth and many manidoogs (spirits) rest this time of the year and it’s OK to talk about these things. It’s also a time when we spend a little more time indoors with our relatives and children.”

Jennings has heard many Ojibwe Nanaboozhu stories across the Midwest and said he does see some similarities in the messages, whether they are

told in Bad River or Saginaw Chippewa.

“I’m not very old but listening to storytellers from all over Ojibwe country, I’ve heard many different versions of the stories,” Jennings said. “They might be different versions, but many times the meanings and the lessons are very similar.”

Jennings clearly had his audience laughing as he told some “Rez dog” stories.

“I think that, in general, the kids really respond well to humor. Kids can relate to the Rez dog humor because they have seen the stories happen,” Jennings said. “When they realize that our stories are full

of life and humor and that they aren’t all completely serious stories, they are able to relate and listen to them a lot better.”

Schlender, chairman of the Waadookodaading Ojibwe Language Institute, shared some of his indigenous knowledge.

Schlender graduated from Hayward High School and holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

“Many elders teach the language and the medicine are one. The key concept of the importance of Waadookodaading is their ability to regenerate Ojibwe language speakers,” Schlender said. “It’s what we find in the cultural value of the language that builds esteem and pride with our people.”

Schlender has devoted much of his career in Tribal leadership to bring attention to indigenous historical trauma and has included that in storytelling.

“I think they can bring awareness to many issues, but the dilemma that storytellers have is making our sacred stories current,” Schlender said. “Many of them are ancestral stories and some communities frown on trying to make them more contemporary.”

Schlender said he believes there is a trust responsibility to keep storytelling alive for future generations.

“I think the responsibility is with our elders to transfer that knowledge to the younger generation,” Schlender said.

Nathan Isaac, Ojibwe language teacher at SCA, said it was “great to hear the students laugh at the stories.”

“One of the things I have noticed at SCA, is kids these days are very screen dependent for entertainment,” Isaac said. “The art of traditional



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students offer their semaa in a good way.

storytelling has been practiced by Anishinaabeg for centuries. I always enjoy hearing the stories we have left, as well as the new stories created by individual storytellers, but I also wonder about the many stories we have lost throughout history.”

Isaac refers back to the traditional teachings of “Mino Bimaadiziwin” on how we shared living “the good life.”

“I wonder about the stories that travelled on with ancestors,” Isaac said. “I bet those stories had many great teachings and good laughs too!”

Lindsey Sprague, organized sports specialist for the Recreation Department, transported several eager afterschool students to hear the storytellers.

“Along with the physical education we do with the kids at the Eagles Nest (Tribal Gym), they really enjoy it when we take them on short field trips like Seventh Generation,” said Recreation Manager Lucas Sprague said. “The kids like listening to the stories and we appreciate working with other departments who provide cultural teachings to the afterschool program.”



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

SCA and the Afterschool Program students enjoy the storytellers at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

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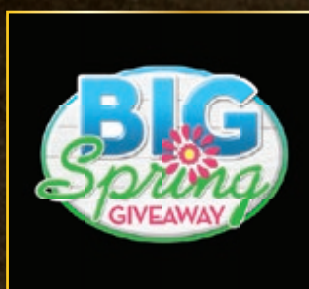


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Internet safety for teens in a few easy steps

MAKAYLA STEVENS

14, Shepherd High School student

Teenagers interact with the internet on their cell phones and computers every day, that's why it is important to know how to be safe on the internet.

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When creating an online account, always ask an adult for permission. Ask the adult for help with creating a safe account. Create a complex password and make sure to only share it with a parent or guardian.

When connecting to unsecured Wi-Fi, make sure you know the danger you are putting you and your accounts in. Anyone can hack the connection at any time.

When posting on social media, make sure to keep personal information private.

Be sure to turn off your location before posting or texting. Turning off

your location can help verify your safety and the safety of your online accounts.

When downloading any app, read the conditions and verify you're not putting yourself in danger. Before downloading an app, always ask an adult for permission.

Remember the internet is a tool; whatever you post is posted forever, even if you don't post it's still in a cloud and anyone can view it at any time.

Always listen to advice given from adults about online safety. You are the only person who can keep yourself safe online.

Social media can be used in a positive way. Help promote online safety. Always think before you post, respect other people online, at all costs, avoid gossip and don't join cyberbullies. Always ask permission from your parent before meeting up with online friends.

With these few simple steps, you can keep yourself safe online; it's easy and effective.

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Education Department thanks Day and Syrette

MELISSA ISAAC

Director of Education

The Education Department would like to say Chi-Miigwetch for all of the beautiful Anishinaabe teachings both Mr. Day and Mr. Syrette (pictured middle) shared with the students, staff and community of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Their life journeys are taking them elsewhere. We are confident, the Anishinaabe Bimadiziwin they modeled and instilled in our students and their families will be felt for a lifetime.



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5:00pm - Prayer & Feast
7:00pm - Round Dance
9:30pm - Giveaway Ceremony
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12:00am - Midnight Lunch & Teachings by Harvey
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Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Liam Altiman, Ella Altiman, Miguel Chippeway, Darius Kahgegab-Raphael, Isaiah Perrin-Hawkins, Leah Garber, Selena Garber, Nishomii Perry, Aakodewin Prout, Zachary Flaughter, Abbie Patterson, Evan Patterson, Aubrey Pelcher-Bonstelle, Helena Sargent, Inez Christy and Lex Frost.

Mary McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova, Clara Begay, Ajah Dodd, AhLannah Dodd, Abraham Graveratte, Heath Jackson-Hofer, Natalia Martin, Brock Reed, Ethan Reed, Lindsey Reed, Leticia Hawkins, Madison Isham, Trevor Isham, Erius Mena, Gracin Montoya, Donovan Morrow, Nathalia Benavidez, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Andrea Hawkins, Zhaawan Martell, Ellie Patterson, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens and Oginiihns Zerbe.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Alyssa Flores, Gracie Flores, Roman Hart, Thomas Pelcher, Jaxon Rodriguez, Selese Syrette, Bryson Roth, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Jacob Wilson, Donovan Harris, Novaly Hinmon, Erica Hinmon, Troy Richardson, Emma Henry, Kyla Henry, Josclynn Shaw, Nixie Snyder, Tyler Snyder and Anissa Quiroga.

Round Dance Honorees

The following students will be honored at the annual Round Dance: Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova, Caleb Burger, Aria Drain, Zachary Flaughter, Aiyana Jackson, David McClain, Anissa Quiroga and Brysen Chamberlain.



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SCTC student Mikayla Cyphert selected to present research paper at national level

NINA KNIGHT

SCTC English Faculty

On Jan. 28, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College received news that student Mikayla Cyphert was accepted to present her research paper at the National Council of Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

NCUR wrote to Cyphert, “Your oral abstract submission, ‘Traditional Anishinaabe Teachings in Modern Day Classrooms’ was selected for presentation at NCUR 2019 at Kennesaw State University. Chosen from more than 4,000 submissions, your abstract demonstrates a unique contribution



to your field of study, and we are glad to offer you the opportunity to present your work to your peers, faculty, and staff from all over the nation.”

Cyphert is the first SCTC student to be selected to present at NCUR and will be presenting in April 2019.

Cyphert wrote the original paper as an assignment for English 101AP with Lindsay Drumm. After that, she received guidance on her paper from Native American Studies professor, Adam Haviland.

“Being selected to NCUR is both exciting and nerve-racking as I have never been selected for something of this level in all of my educational experience,” Cyphert said.

In addition to presenting at NCUR, student research will be published in the NCUR proceedings book.

The Proceedings of the 33rd National Conference on Undergraduate Research will be published by the University of North Carolina at Asheville

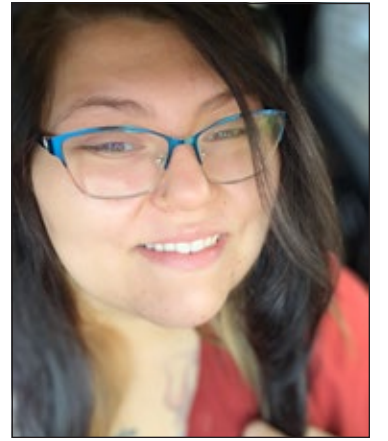
(UNCA) and will be available in November 2019.

The Proceedings will include more than 3,500 research papers presented at NCUR, including the research by Cyphert.

NCUR receives paper submissions from the natural sciences, professional programs, social science, humanities, the arts, engineering, math, and technology.

The NCUR Proceedings not only features archived research findings but also serves as a testimony to the value of the undergraduate research enterprise.

“Mikayla is an excellent role model for our students and we are extremely proud that she has been chosen to represent our Tribal College at NCUR. She has a bright future



Courtesy photo

SCTC student Mikayla Cyphert is selected to present her research paper at the National Council of Undergraduate Research in April 2019 at Kennesaw State University in Georgia.

ahead of her,” said Cheryl Hassen-Swarthout, dean of academics for SCTC.

Lunch fundraiser brings in funds for STEAM student organization

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College’s STEAM student organization held a soup and salad lunch fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Tribal Kitchen.

A \$7 lunch bought soup (chicken noodle, chili or a vegetarian option), a garden salad, drink and dessert.

“The proceeds go to help with the cost of events, activities, donations and travel for students,” said Kathy Hart, STEM recruiter/USDA Equity Project coordinator for SCTC.

Along with a raffle for an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with a dinner voucher, two concert tickets of the winner’s choice, and a painting; the occasion raised about \$200.



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SCTC Student Organization

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Deadline: Friday, March 29 by 5 p.m.

- Contest winner will get a free hoodie or T-shirt with the winning design on it.
- Winner will be announced on Feb. 11 at the STEAM Luncheon (12-1:15 p.m.)

Contest rules

- Open to everyone
- Designs can be hand drawn or digital and use up to four colors.

Designs may be emailed or dropped off to:
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3 Doors Down 'Back Porch Jam Tour' showcases evening of acoustic rock songs

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The multiplatinum alternative rock band 3 Doors Down kicked off their 2019 Acoustic Back Porch Jam Tour at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Feb. 1.

The stage, adorned as a back porch, reminded fans of summer – it sported wooden porch chairs and a fence, fake garden torches, plants, coolers, trees decorated with lights and an American flag.

The Tennessee-based rock quintet currently contains singer Brad Arnold, bassist Justin Biltonen, guitarist Chet Roberts and drummer Greg Upchurch.

The band began a 90-minute set shortly after 8 p.m. The first few songs included “Time of My Life,” “It’s Not My Time,” “Away From the Sun” and “Let Me Go.”

Arnold announced he “had the jitters” because this was his return to performing after a brief pause in the tour.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Alternative rock band 3 Doors Down kicks off their 2019 Acoustic Back Porch Jam Tour at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Feb. 1.

The band also performed “Duck and Run” and “The Real Life.”

“Next year, it will be 20 years since this song came out,” Arnold said about “Loser.”

The band formed in 1996 and rose to international success with their first single “Kryptonite.”

The group also performed some of their most well-known hits including “When I’m Gone,” “Here Without You,” “Be Like That” and “Behind Those Eyes.”

Arnold said the tour grew out of an acoustic show the band performed several years ago, where they received a lot of positive feedback from the audience.

This tour, their fans could purchase a special VIP seat. A limited number of fans who bought the “Sit on the Back Porch with 3DD Experience” were permitted to watch the concert from the stage on a comfortable couch with in-ear audio.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

3 Doors Down lead singer Brad Arnold performs in Soaring Eagle’s Entertainment Hall.

The band’s website has an entire section dedicated to The Better Life Foundation, the 15th annual concert that was held Oct. 28, 2018 at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C.

3 Doors Down established The Better Life Foundation in March 2004 with the mission to make a positive change in the lives of children and young adults, according to their website (3doorsdown.com). The Foundation provides food, shelter and medical assistance

to children and young adults in need.

To date, the Foundation has raised and distributed more than \$3 million to reputable children’s charities, local municipalities and faith-based groups to help communities and children in need (*3doorsdown.com*).

The acoustic show had the band up close and personal with their fans. Throughout most of the evening, audience members sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the show.

Vodka Pasta event: Patrons sample pasta dishes, vodka cocktails as Grand Funk Railroad, The Guess Who perform

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As the classic rock sounds of both Grand Funk Railroad and The Guess Who echoed throughout the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall, a variety of vodka cocktails and pasta dishes were being taste-tested.

It was the evening of the sold-out Vodka Pasta event on Saturday, Feb. 16, which began at 7 p.m. and 6 p.m. for VIP ticketholders.

Vodka Pasta offered tastes of Italian and pasta-themed dishes from 15 area restaurants along with 5 oz. specialty Tito’s Handmade Vodka drinks.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Classic rock band Grand Funk Railroad headlines Vodka Pasta, a sampling event, in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Attendees were welcomed at the door with a commemorative tasting glass with drink options including a White Russian, Dirty Martini, Cranberry Fizz, Bloody Mary, and Moscow Mule and a French Martini option for VIP guests.

Top area restaurants and their dishes were: Isabella’s Italian restaurant- *vodka steamed clams*;

Siniikaung Steak & Chop House- *Colossal chocolate ravioli*; Italia! Italian Cuisine- *sausage penne medley and fettuccine alfredo*; Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom- *Oh My! Spaghetti Pie*; Carrabba’s Italian Grill- *Chicken Marsala and Shrimp Spiedino*; Nino’s Family Restaurant- *baked Ziti Sicilia, Caprese Salad and garlic bread*; Roma Bakery & Deli- *éclairs and cannoli*; Olive Garden- *spaghetti and*

chicken gnocchi soup; Italian Oven- *penne with marinara*; Villa D’Alessandro- *roasted tomato bruschetta and ravioli*; Mancino’s Italian Eatery- *baked chicken alfredo and baked penne*; The New Pompeii- *cheese ravioli in meat sauce*; Osteria Rossa- *Insalata Stracci di Pasta*; and Licari’s Sicilian pizza kitchen – *Pasta a la Chef*.

The Guess Who began performing at roughly 7:45 p.m. and Grand Funk Railroad began about 9:30 p.m.

For both VIP and general admission tickets, the seating was first-come, first served within those sections.

Canadian rock band The Guess Who formed in 1965. The group found international success through the late ‘60s to the mid ‘70s.

The high-energy, riff-based group performed their hit songs

including “Shakin’ All Over,” “Hand Me Down World,” “American Woman,” “In America,” “These Eyes” and “No Time.”

Current members include keyboardist Leonard Shaw, vocalist/guitarist Derek Sharp, bassist Rudy Sarzo, drummer Garry Peterson and guitarist Will Evankovich.

About a half hour after The Guess Who exited the stage, Grand Funk Railroad entered.

Grand Funk Railroad is a play-on-words of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, a line that runs through the band’s hometown of Flint, Mich.

The American rock band became popular in the ‘70s and packed arenas worldwide.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Guess Who’s current lead singer and guitarist, Derek Sharp, performs a solo during the event where a variety of vodka cocktails and pasta dishes were tasted.

Grand Funk Railroad performed several of their hit songs including “We’re An American Band,” “I’m Your Captain (Closer to Home),” “The Loco-Motion,” “Some Kind of Wonderful” and “Inside Looking Out.”

The Entertainment Hall was transformed into a delicious sampling fest during the live rock concert. Patrons were seen walking booth to booth and then many moved toward the stage awaiting the live music to begin.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Roughly 15 area restaurants offer tastes of Italian and pasta-themed dishes; Villa D’Alessandro presents Ravioli di Aragosta.



Thrills and speed on full display during two-day Soaring Eagle Snocross National

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the AMSOIL Championship Snocross series for the sixth straight year on Feb. 1-2.

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel was also a sponsor.

A total of eight events across the country make up the 2018-2019 circuit, with the Soaring Eagle being the fifth stop on the national tour. The grand finale for the tour will be held on March 15-17 in Lake Geneva, Wis.

In past years, a lack of snow and unseasonably warm weather led to less than ideal track conditions. This was not the case this year, as the sub-zero temperatures in the days leading up to the race made for what race coordinators described as near perfect conditions for the weekend.

The massive track featured uphill and downhill sections, tight corners and plenty of airtime from massive jumps.

Fans of all ages were able to get an up-close look at the athletes who are regularly featured on CBS Sports and the ESPN Winter X Games.



Competing in the Pro class for the first year, rookie racer Daniel Benham took first place in the Pro class finals on Saturday night. He won the Pro Lite Championship the previous season.

Second place was secured by the current series point's leader, Elias Ishoel, with Logan Christian taking third.

The Pro Lite final was won by Marcus Ogemar, with Zach Pattyn winning the Pro Am Plus 30 final.

On the women's side, Malene Andersen took first in the Pro Am Women final.

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

Photos courtesy of ISOC Racing





National Native organizations respond to reply briefs in *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND

(PORTLAND, Ore.) — In reply briefs filed Feb. 19 with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in the case *Brackeen v. Bernhardt*, the United States and defendant tribal nations reaffirm the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The briefs also underscore why ICWA's protections continue to be vital for Native children and families.

For more than 40 years, ICWA has acknowledged the inherent right of tribal governments and the critical role they play to protect their member children and maintain the stability of families.

Brackeen v. Bernhardt is the lawsuit brought by Texas, Indiana, Louisiana, and individual plaintiffs, who allege ICWA — a federal statute that has been in effect for more than 40 years and has helped thousands of Native children maintain ties to their families and their tribes — is unconstitutional. It is the first time that a state has sued the federal government over ICWA's constitutionality.

The lawsuit names various federal agencies and officials as defendants, and five tribal nations (Cherokee Nation, Morongo

Band of Mission Indians, Navajo Nation, Oneida Nation, and Quinault Indian Nation) also have intervened as defendants.

Amicus briefs in support of ICWA were filed on behalf of 325 tribal nations, 21 states, several members of Congress, and dozens of Native organizations, child welfare organizations and other allies.

ICWA is constitutional. The U.S. Constitution specifically gives Congress the power to legislate for the benefit of Native people and tribal nations.

ICWA falls within that constitutional authority because it applies only to children who are either citizens (referred to as "members" in ICWA) of a federally-recognized tribe, or who are both eligible for citizenship and the biological child of a tribal citizen parent.

In addition, Congress has enacted laws concerning Native children from the earliest days of the United States government.

ICWA provides a productive framework for states and tribal nations to partner in protecting the health and well-being of Native children.

ICWA ensures that Native children and families receive the services they deserve.

There is a long history of Native children being removed

from their families and communities without sufficient reason and often with little consideration of the rights of either the Native children or their families.

Before ICWA was enacted in 1978, as many as one out of every three Native children were removed from their home. ICWA has helped to reduce these alarming removal rates and helped more Native families stay together.

Child welfare research clearly shows that children are

best served by preserving connections with their birth family and community.

Child welfare experts across the country are working together with tribes, states, and allies to continue implementing and protecting ICWA as the "gold standard" in child welfare law and ensuring Native children and families receive the services they deserve.

Striking down ICWA would not only be wrong as a matter of law; it also would have

devastating real-world effects by harming Native children and undermining the ability of child welfare agencies and courts to serve their best interest.

Evidence shows that ICWA's framework achieves better outcomes for children. National Native organizations stand with tribal nations and non-tribal ICWA allies to take action to protect ICWA and end the unnecessary removal of Native children from their families, tribes and communities.

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Nimkee Clinic's Maternal Child and Healthy Start programs

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

The Nimkee Clinic's Maternal Child Program also encompasses its Healthy Start Program – a Federal grant funded through the office of Health and Human Services for pregnant moms and infants up to 2 years of age.

The Nimkee Clinic has two registered nurses who case manage all new pregnancies and infants along with maternal child clients as needed.

Referrals to the Healthy Start Program are received from the medical department at the Nimkee Clinic, from family members in the community, and from local medical providers.

Upon receiving a referral, the patient is assigned to one of the Healthy Start/Maternal Child nurses for case management. The case manager/nurse will follow the client throughout the pregnancy and the child, if Nimkee eligible, for two years.

Throughout the program, we have incentives available

for both mom and infant and special family gatherings such as the Baby Prom, Blossoming Tea, Painting for Toddlers, and Fathers' Picnic.

The programs additionally collaborate with other departments on their family events.

Free classes for all eligible Nimkee patients include Baby Basics, Love and Logic Parenting

classes, Ages and Stages for growth and development screening, breastfeeding, (Nimkee Clinic has four certified lactation consultants on staff) and labor and delivery support including both home and office visits.

For more information on the program, call **989-775-4621**, **989-775-4616** or **989-775-4629**.

Benefits of having a family physician recognized during Family Medicine Week

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – Research shows adults and children with a family physician as their regular source of care have lower annual costs of care, visit the doctor less, are prescribed fewer medications and report less difficulty accessing care.

To highlight family physicians' dedication to providing high quality, patient-centered primary care to Michiganders, Feb. 24-March 2 is being recognized as Family Medicine Week by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

"Family physicians are dedicated to treating the whole person by providing personal, comprehensive healthcare to people of all ages, from newborns to seniors," said Robert Gordon, MDHHS director. "Having an ongoing relationship with a family physician for routine check-ups can help you stay healthy and prevent illness. If you do get sick, your family doctor can diagnose and

treat the illness or coordinate care if a specialist is needed."

The Michigan Academy of Family Physicians and Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians collectively represent more than 5,000 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students statewide. Together, hosted Michigan Family Medicine Advocacy Day in Lansing on Feb. 26 to provide

an opportunity for family medicine advocates to discuss legislative and policy issues impacting the delivery of and access to healthcare in Michigan with their elected officials.

To learn more about the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, visit mafp.com. To learn more about the Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians, visit maofp.org.

National Youth Preparedness Council now accepting applications

FEMA

CHICAGO – On Feb. 19, FEMA announced the application period is now open for the 2019 National Youth Preparedness Council. The program brings teens together from across the country who are interested in community preparedness.

The youth council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference

in their communities and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness.

Students in eighth through 11th grade are eligible to apply.

"Young people engaged in our nation's disaster preparedness today will be the emergency management leaders of tomorrow," said James K. Joseph, FEMA Region V administrator. "The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique way to cultivate that

interest early and develop the potential of our young people in this growing field."

The Youth Preparedness Council, formed in 2012, offers an opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a distinguished national council and participate in the Youth Preparedness Council Summit in Washington, D.C.

During their two-year term, the youth leaders will complete both a local and national-level project and

share their ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness with FEMA leadership and national organizations.

Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form, provide two letters of recommendation, and academic records.

All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Pacific, March 31.

New council members will be announced in May.

To access the application materials, read about the current Council members, and for more general information about the Youth Preparedness Council, visit www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council.

FEMA Region V — which includes Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin — has been represented on past national councils with participants from Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.



Celebrating Families™ Group

**Tuesday Nights, 6-8 p.m.
Starting Feb. 12, 2019**

Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy

What is Celebrating Families!™

It's an **evidence based** cognitive behavioral, support group model written for families in which one or both parents have a serious problem with alcohol or other drugs and in which there is a high risk for domestic violence, child abuse, or neglect.

16 week curriculum that addresses the needs of children and parents in families that have serious problems with alcohol and other drugs.

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

- **Feb. 12 - Session 1:** Orientation and Getting Started
- **Feb. 19 - Session 2:** Healthy Living
- **Feb. 26 - Session 3:** Nutrition
- **March 5 - Session 4:** Communication
- **March 12 - Session 5:** Feelings and Defenses
- **March 19 - Session 6:** Anger Management
- **March 26 - No Session this week, spring break!**
- **April 2 - Session 7:** Facts About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs
- **April 9 - Session 8:** Chemical Dependency Is a Disease
- **April 16 - Session 9:** Chemical Dependency Affects the Whole Family
- **April 23 - Session 10:** Goal Setting
- **April 30 - Session 11:** Making Healthy Choices
- **May 7 - Session 12:** Healthy Boundaries
- **May 14 - Session 13:** Healthy Friendships and Relationships
- **May 21 - Session 14:** How We Learn
- **May 28 - Session 15:** Our Uniqueness
- **June 4 - Session 16:** Celebration!

Intake and Registration Required.

Contact Shuna Stevens, prevention coordinator at Behavioral Health, for more information, **989.775.4850** or shstevens@sagchip.org.



How diabetes is affecting Native American tribes

NATIVE NEWS
ONLINE STAFF

Native Americans are facing a health crisis. Throughout the recent years, more and more Native Americans are finding themselves at risk for diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure.

It has been observed that non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, or NIDDM, is the only type of diabetes that occurs among Native Americans.

High levels of glucose in the body can lead to complications that affect the overall health and well-being of an individual. These include, but are not limited to: renal failure, vascular damage, visual impairment,

nerve damage, reduced mobility, as well as a compromised immune system. Such major effects to the body can reduce the life expectancy of a Native American with diabetes.

However, such health issues do not only affect the individual; it can even affect the next generation.

A 2018 study by Jeff Dennis examined the prevalence of low birth weights among American Indian and Alaskan Native mothers, following the 'weathering hypothesis' posited by Palacios and Portillo in a separate study in 2009.

The weathering hypothesis was first presented by Arline Geronimus in 1992 which suggests that exposure to cumulative incidences of stress, trauma and socioeconomic disadvantages can lead to the

deterioration of the health of African American mothers in their early adulthood.

Using data from the 2014-2016 U.S. Birth File, the study found that relative to white mothers, incidences of low birth weights were more common as American Indian and Alaskan Native mothers aged.

Birth outcomes become increasingly unfavorable with age, which can lead to a host of problems that are not just limited to the health of the child or mother.

Coupled with the numerous health risks that come with older age, some American Indian and Alaskan Native mothers are not entirely opposed to surrogacy. In a bid to seek more information, searches for surrogacy have increased in the past three years.

Other studies have also explored the impact of health issues on pregnancy among Native Americans. In 2017, a study was made to examine the relationships between race, maternal risk factors, and infant birth weight.

Using data from the South Dakota Department of Health, it was found that Native American infants had greater birth weights on average than non-Native American infants. The study confirmed that the high infant birth weights were due to the prevalence of diabetes and obesity among Native Americans, a health concern that has since been observed in multiple studies.

There is very limited knowledge as to why diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure is becoming more

and more prevalent among Native American tribes. But in an effort to reduce the risk of stroke among Native Americans, numerous institutions have made concerted efforts to curb these health risks.

The Urban Indian Health Institute, for one, has awarded grants to organizations for the development of diabetes prevention programs and other similar seminars and services.

Educational programs have been launched among multiple tribes to teach Native American tribes and encourage them to adopt healthier lifestyles to help reduce the risk of diabetes and lower the prevalence of obesity, especially among the younger Native American population.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

JENNA WINCHEL

Women's Health Coordinator

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The primary medical care team at Nimkee Clinic want to help spread community awareness and education on this very important topic.

According to cancer.org, colon cancer affects men and women equally and 90 percent of new cases will occur in people who are age 50 and older.



The signs and symptoms of colorectal cancer include: a change in bowel habits, rectal bleeding or having blood in stool, persistent abdominal discomfort, nausea and/

or vomiting, and unexplained weight loss. No noticeable symptoms may also occur.

Anyone experiencing any of the above listed signs or symptoms should schedule an appointment with a primary care provider.

Some risk factors in developing colorectal cancer include: individual with personal and/or family history of polyps or cancer, people over the age of 50, those with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease, and being Native American and African American.

Here is what you can do: get a screening if you are between the ages of 50 to 75 and/or have a family history of colorectal cancer, maintain a healthy weight, adopt a physically active lifestyle, eat a healthy diet, do not use tobacco and limit alcohol intake.

If you are a Nimkee eligible patient and would like

more information about Nimkee Clinic's effort to help with colorectal cancer screening, please call Twila at 989-775-4681 or Jamie at 989-775-4638.

To help raise awareness, please join us and wear blue on Friday, March 1, 2019 for the national Wear Blue Day for colorectal cancer awareness.

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 threat conditions), dental (control bleeding, airway compromise, severe pain, fractures), mental health (immediate danger to self or others, regardless of "voluntary or involuntary status," includes 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, mammography (diagnostic), pap smears, GYN-colonoscopy, area of program specific objectives, non-emergency surgery for "high risk categories", tubal ligation (post-partum and high risk), vasectomy (high risk).

Procedure

1. The claim will be reviewed by 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 the Insurance did not pay due to the diagnosis code:
 - The bill will be denied.
 - The PRC Clerk will send a denial in the mail.
 - The patient will be able to appeal the decision to the Managed Care team, Health Board and Tribal Council.

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Dress in Blue
Friday, March 1, 2019

Who is at most risk:

- Individuals with a personal and/or family history of polyps or cancer
- People over the age of 50
- Those with ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease
- Certain ethnic groups: African American, Native American and Alaskan Natives

Symptoms:

- A change in bowel habits
- Rectal bleeding or blood in your stool
- Persistent abdominal discomfort
- Nausea or vomiting
- Unexplained weight loss
- No noticeable symptoms
- Chronic fatigue

What you can do:

- Get screened if you are between 50 and 75 years of age, or sooner if you are at higher risk
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Adopt a physically active lifestyle
- Eat a healthy diet
- Do not use tobacco products
- Limit alcohol intake

What you need to know about Colon Cancer:

- Colon Cancer affects men and women equally.
- 90 percent of new cases occur in people age 50 or older.
- On average, your risk is about one in 20, although this varies widely according to individual risk factors for developing colon cancer.
- People with a first-degree relative (parent, sibling or child) who has colon cancer have two to three times the risk of developing the disease.

For more information, please contact your primary care provider or visit www.cancer.org

For more information about Nimkee Clinic's Colorectal Screening Program, please contact

Twila at 989.775.4681 | Jamie at 989.775.4638





MDHHS hosting Problem Gambling Symposium March 1 in Novi

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month and to increase awareness of best practices and prevention and treatment services, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is hosting the 11th annual Problem Gambling Symposium on March 1 at Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The symposium will provide professional training, recovery stories and information on community resources.

The event titled, “Gambling... How Do You See It?” will focus on the perception of gambling versus the reality and development of problem gambling.

Attendees will have the opportunity to experience a Gamblers’ Anonymous meeting, attend workshops addressing the impact of gambling on various communities and learn about problem gambling treatment and

prevention services offered statewide.

This symposium is open to professional and recovering members of the problem gambling community, as well as anyone interested in learning more about this growing concern to Michigan residents.

While social gambling isn’t a problem for most, for those facing a gambling addiction, it provides a sense of control and escape which, over time, can affect other areas of life.

To safeguard yourself or a loved one from problem gambling, MDHHS recommends:

- Don’t view gambling as a way to make money. Gambling should not be used as a way to supplement holiday spending.

- Make gambling a social activity - don’t gamble alone.

- Don’t wager more than you can afford to lose. Establish spending limits and stick to them.

- If you find that you’re gambling to escape stress, consider an alternative form of entertainment such as a movie, dinner or sporting event.

If your gambling is getting out of control, call the Michigan Problem Gambling

Helpline at 800-270-7117.

The Helpline offers 24-hour support and calls are answered by trained, professional staff who work with a statewide network of qualified treatment providers and have access to community resources to which callers can be referred. All calls are confidential.

Those who suspect their loved ones may have a problem with gambling are also encouraged to call the Helpline for support.

Online registration is available for the symposium. The cost to attend is \$35.

Beyond weight loss: other measures of progress

CARRIE DENNETT MPH, RDN

(Editor’s note: The following information is provided from the January 2019 Environmental Nutrition edition, and was submitted by Nimkee Public Health Nutritionist Sally Van Cise.)

When you embark on food and lifestyle changes with health in mind, what defines “success”?

For many people, weight loss is the primary marker of change they focus on. But weight change is only one possible outcome of improvements to nutrition, physical activity and self-care—whole-body health is another.

Eating foods that provide balanced nutrition, taste good, and leave you feeling good has inherent value. So does moving your body regularly in ways you enjoy, getting enough sleep and managing stress.

These are some of the small-but-significant victories you may experience as you work towards your goals:

Better biomarkers. Positive changes in blood sugar and cholesterol levels can be a sign that your healthy nutrition and exercise habits are having an effect. However, keep in mind that genetics also play a role, so some people will see more changes due to diet and lifestyle than others.

More energy. Regularly spaced meals composed of nutritious food will give your body the fuel it needs to run optimally, which you may notice as improved energy levels. Similarly, expending energy through regular physical activity may yield you even more energy.

Improved sleep. Regular exercise can help promote more restful sleep, and so can shifting more of your food intake to earlier in the day. This means eating three meals a day—plus nutritious snacks, if you need them—and making lunch a bigger meal than dinner if you can.

Better digestion. Changes like reducing meal skipping, including more fiber-rich

plant foods, stopping eating when you are satisfied but not stuffed and reducing late-night eating, can all improve digestion.

More strength and endurance. Regular exercise doesn’t always lead to weight loss, but it does improve your strength and endurance. Not only are lean muscle and cardiovascular fitness important for health—and healthy aging—but you’ll find that many daily activities become easier as you become fitter.

Healthier skin. One side benefit of increasing intake

of fruits and vegetables, and reducing sugar and highly refined carbohydrates, is healthier skin. The carotenoids and antioxidants in produce can improve skin tone while helping to prevent sun-related signs of aging.

Another benefit of celebrating non-scale victories—even if you hope to see the number on the scale shift—is that focusing on your new habits make you feel every day can help you maintain those habits long term, or return to them if you find yourself off-track along the way.

Starting and maintaining healthy eating

SALLY VAN CISE Nutritionist, Nimkee Public Health

There are so many questions and opinions related to the best way to eat, about what foods to include.

There is frustration, too, regarding how to maintain the eating behavior changes.

Why not call for an appointment with me, your

- ▶ Help yourself be healthy
- ▶ Feel knowledgeable with your food plan
- ▶ Sort through the advice you have heard or read
- ▶ Understand how to include your favorite “normal” foods
- ▶ Learn everyday easy menus and recipes
- ▶ Explore your eating behaviors

Nutritionist? (Must be to be eligible) You could get a small gift! enrolled at the Nimkee Clinic

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule March 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	

Trifecta IMPACT!

WIN in your wellness journey this year!

Beginning March 18 at Nimkee Fitness

A six-week challenge to schedule all seven sessions with our professionals.

- 1 Get a Wellness Coach!**
Schedule two sessions with Jayme our Well Coach.
Jayme Green | 989.775.4696 | JGreen@sagchip.org
• Develop your wellness vision and create goals.
- 2 Get a Nutritionist!**
Schedule two sessions with Sally our Nutritionist.
Sally Van Cise | 989.775.4615 | SVancise@sagchip.org
• Make nutritional goals and follow-up on progress.
- 3 Get a Personal Trainer!**
Schedule three sessions with Jaden our Personal Trainer.
Jaden Harman | 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org
• Learn foundational functional fitness exercises and begin conditioning to optimize results.

Win Prizes!

- ▶ Complete the program to win a “Nimkee Strong” T-shirt
- ▶ Also be placed in a drawing to win these great prizes: Yeti tumblers, Beats Wireless Ear Buds, a Fitbit, and a massage at the Soaring Eagle Spa & Salon.

Soaring Eagle
BINGO



SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**SUPER
SATURDAY**

BINGO

Warm Ups - 12PM | Early Bird - 1:30PM
Main Session - 3PM | Late Owl - 7:30PM

**MAIN SESSION PAYS OUT
OVER \$30,000!**



With our new Bingo Millions
Add-on you could win
\$1,000,000!

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

1:30PM SESSION

**10 BINGO PLAYERS WILL
WIN A POT OF GOLD WITH
\$100 IN GOLD COINS INSIDE!**
MUST PURCHASE SESSION TO RECEIVE RAFFLE TICKET!

PLUS, FREE ST. PADDY'S DAY DAUBER!
*While supplies last



SATURDAY, MARCH 23



**3:00PM MAIN SESSION
WE'RE GIVING AWAY
\$10,000 IN CASH
DOOR PRIZES!**

With our new Bingo Millions
Add-on you could win
\$1,000,000!



Must purchase session to receive a raffle
ticket for your chance to win.



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Valentine's Day baskets auctioned off during Andahwod's Feb. 9 event

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Andahwod Continuing Care & Elders Services held a Valentine's social and auction on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m.

During the event, elders and community members socialized, were served refreshments, and a live auction was held to provide opportunities to bid on Valentine's Day baskets, donated by Tribal departments and Members.

"The fundraiser was a success," said Sheligh Jackson, assistant elders' advocate. "All of the funds will go to a special event for the elders coming soon...!"

Basket items included: a Soaring Eagle Spa package with a spa and overnight stay package, robe, lotion, candles and chocolate; an overnight stay with treats from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel; goodies from Mitchell's Gourmet Deli provided by the Housing Department; 'his and hers' baskets with men's leather mittens, beaded earrings and medicine pouches from the Tribal Clerk's Office; two baskets from Tribal Council; a traditional black ash basket with chocolate covered strawberries from Tribal Court; movie night themed basket with "The Notebook," a blanket, popcorn and candy donated by Saganing; a purse, earring and necklace set and gas card from Barb Sprague; and Gayle Ruhl donated a golf cooler with golf accessories.

The Soaring Eagle Spa was the department with the highest bid and won a pizza party, sponsored by Nbakade Family Restaurant and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.



Photos courtesy of Tomarrah Green



March 2019 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1 James Schneider | 14 Linda Davis
Barbara Roy |
| 2 Randall Jackson
Janice Hill
Arthur Miller Jr. | 15 Alice Ricketts
Coy McCollum
Michael Watson |
| 3 Angela Bennett
Winona Hancock
David Joseph
Susan Pretzer
Terri Verga-Nassif
Barbara Walraven
William Walraven | 17 Merton Flory
Joseph Kowalski
Patrick Smith |
| 4 Elizabeth Cabay
James Gingerich
Phillip Nelson | 18 Marion Williams
Thomas Bates
Rhonda Dutton
Wanda Wallace |
| 5 Wanda Brodie
Nancy Chippewa
Gerald Slater
Kenneth Vasquez
Teresa Bailey
Terri Cummings
Herbert Robinson Sr.
Clifford Saboo Jr.
Sandra Tabako | 19 Rita Redman
Janice Roach |
| 6 Jessie Glover
J. D. Snowden
Diane Morley
William Burnham
Roland Jackson Jr. | 20 Etta Ayling
Oliver Leauteaux Sr.
Lawrence Verga Sr. |
| 7 Daniel Cloutier
Danny Stevens | 21 Marlene Jackson
Elaine Kraska |
| 8 Michelle Eddy
Timothy Stevens
Lorraine Walker | 22 Kim Aasved
Kim Amb
Paige Vanderlooven |
| 9 Marsha Gibson
Theodore Kowalski
Robert Stanton
Russell Stevens | 23 Rickie Burnham
Harry Jackson
Lisa Zangara |
| 11 Michael Jackson
Jolene Quinlan
Clifton Chippewa II
Bernadette Reyes
Steven Walraven
Darwin Ziehmer | 24 Larry Bearden
Joyce Sandell |
| 12 Lorna Kahgegab Call
Julia Wixson | 25 Naomi Staggs
Joseph Chamberlain
Stella Falsetta
Constance Pallett |
| 13 Bernadine Gross
Sherry Bame | 26 Timothy Bennett
Clifford Chamberlain |
| | 27 John Miller Sr. |
| | 28 Thelma Henry-Shipman
Dawn Hunt
Kelly Huyser |
| | 29 Brain Wray
Steven Moore
Craig Waynee |
| | 30 Janet Barnhart
Esther Chatfield |
| | 31 John Rhodes |

January 2019 Andahwod Employee of the Month

ANDAHWOD STAFF

Andahwod's January Employee of the Month is Judith "Jodi" Sysak.

Jodi, dietary line cook, works in all areas of the kitchen and primarily makes the baked goods and treats served at Andahwod.

Jodi has worked at Andahwod since the opening

of its doors, 11 years ago. She is a hard worker and cares for the residents.

Jodi would like to share her recognition with volunteer worker, Phillip "Willie" Mena. Willie volunteers in the Andahwod kitchen and enjoys helping out as much as he can. They are both an asset to Andahwod!

Miigwetch Jodi and Willie for your dedication and hard work.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Judith Sysak (right) receives Employee of the Month and wishes to share the title with Phillip Mena (left).

March Andahwod events

Euchre & Potluck
Mondays | 6 p.m.

Language Bingo
March 7 | 1 p.m.

Bingo with Friends
March 11 | 1 p.m.

Sewing Club
March 12 & 26 | 1 p.m.
• Bring a snack to share

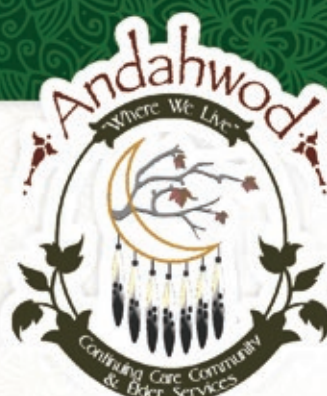
Elders Breakfast
March 13 & 27 | 9-10 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Party
March 15 | 1 p.m.

Fish Fry
March 15 & 29 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
• \$10 per person

Saganing Daytrip
March 18 | 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
• Limited seating, must sign up.
• Can drive self too
• Weather pending

Name That Tune
March 26 | 2:30 p.m.



For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change.



MARCH 2019 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Parenting the Love and Logic Way®

March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
 • 989.775.4616
 • For caregivers of children 6 years old and younger

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

March 6, 20 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850
 March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Anishinaabemowin and Sacred Fire lunches

March 7, 21 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Community Sewing Night

March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation

Ngodewaangiziwin "Helping Our Families" Healthy Relationships Event

March 7 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 • Andahwod CCC & ES
 • 989.775.4908
 • Healthy foundations for relationships
 • How to model positive attitudes and actions in relationships with one's self, family, peers and partners
 • How to communicate effectively with others
 • Discussion of the Seven Grandfather Teachings in relation to relationships
 • Food will be served
 • Family craft: Special occasion card-making

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House

Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

March 8, 9
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.4453

Powwow Conditioning

March 10, 17 | 1 - 3 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780
 • Get in shape for powwow season!

Corn Soup Cookoff

March 13 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • \$5 to enter soup into the competition
 • A \$2 donation is suggested to sample the soups and vote in the People's Choice category
 • Proceeds will go towards Healing to Wellness graduations

Painting with Families

March 14 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Registration: 989.775.4300
 • Open to first 100 people who register
 • Bring a dish to pass to be entered into a giveaway
 • All supplies will be provided
 • This is a family event; a parent must be present
 • Pizza will be provided

Spring Feast

March 14 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780
 • Guest speaker: Barbara Nolan

"Rolling for the Green" Bowling Tournament

March 17 | Check-in: 12 p.m., bowling begins: 1 p.m.
 • Riverwood Resort
 • 989.775.4149
 • Two adults categories (two person teams)
 • Cash paying division: Must have an established league average
 • Trophy/door prize division
 • Youth divisions

Recreation Luau

March 19 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Email: recreation@sagchip.org
 • Limbo contest, luau-themed dinner and hot coconut game

Traditional Shaker Workshop

March 20 & 21 | 5 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • Registration: 989.775.4780
 • Cost: \$15

CMU Celebrating Life Powwow

March 23 | Grand entry: 1 & 7 p.m.
 March 24 | Grand entry: 12 p.m.
 • McGuirk Arena
 • 989.775.2508
 • General entry: (11 years old and above) - \$7
 • Children (10 years and under) - free
 • SCIT Members (with I.D.) - free
 • CMU students (with I.D.) - free

Healing to Wellness Ribbon Cutting

April 29 | 1 - 2 p.m.
 • Tribal Court Lobby
 • Celebrating new location
 • Please join us for cake and refreshments.

MARCH 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 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p> <p>Fashion Show Ziibiwing 12 - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>4 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>Blood Drive Saganing 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Lunch and Learn Saganing 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>6 Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m.</p> <p>SCA Family Night SCA 5 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>FAN Support Group Seniors Room 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healer B. Health 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sweat Lodge B. Health 5 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>11 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>Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing Circle B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Sewing with Friends Andahwod 1 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.</p>	<p>14 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>K-12 Painting with Families B. Health 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>SCTC STEAM Pi Day SCTC 12 - 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>17 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>18 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>Bingo with Friends Saganing 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.</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. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Tribal Education Advisory Meeting 9 a.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Saganing Spring Feast Saganing 1 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>FAN Monthly Forum Ziibiwing 7 - 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cedar Smudge Box Workshop Saganing 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>24 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>25 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>Maple Sugar Making Andahwod 5 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Open Gym Tribal Gym 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tobacco Ceremony B. Health 8 a.m.</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m.</p> <p>Energy Healing Circle Ziibiwing 1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Name that Tune Andahwod 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Ops 5 p.m.</p> <p>Cultural Day Camp Ziibiwing 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Women Supporting Women B. Health 5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Cultural Day Camp Ziibiwing 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m.</p> <p>Spirit Bear AA Meeting Andahwod 7 p.m.</p>	<p>30 Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>31 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.</p>



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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.

Support Home Tech

Open to the public. Under the supervision of Family Resource and Support Center coordinator, assists Tribal community families with the skills necessary to access services and programs to strengthen the family and assist ACFS in providing services that promote safety and well-being. All ACFS staff must adhere to mandated reporting laws. This is a grant-funded position. 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.

Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the ACFS director, provide trauma-informed counseling services to children within Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) system. All ACFS staff must adhere to mandated reporting laws. This is a grant funded position. 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' experience in counseling. Must have knowledge of, or experience with, Native American communities. Must have reliable transportation.

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.

SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. Tutor for students attending Tribal College with an emphasis on tutoring college writing skills, mathematics strategies and practices. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Strong mathematics and/or English background ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC's MTH 230, MTH 120, ENG 101, ENG 102, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

Elementary Counselor - AWARE

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the Education director, serve as a strong critical link between students, parents and teachers to provide individual and group counseling services to students. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Under the supervision of the Education director, serve as a strong critical link between students, parents and teachers to provide individual and group counseling services to students.

School Based Consulting Clinician - AWARE

Open to the public. Under supervision of AWARE Project coordinator/SCIT community project manager, responsible for overall implementation of Behavioral Health school-based consulting program. Oversee daily operations of School Based Consulting program including management of all funding sources. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Clinical Services Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is required. CAADC experience and license. Five years' clinical experience with co-occurring disorders. Three years supervisory experience. Must meet state required supervisor credential and certification. Experience with Three Fires Anishinabek norms, values and culture preferred. Experience with Native American traditions and culture preferred. Must have flexibility in daily routine and be available for after-hours consults with various tribal agencies and

local hospitals. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

Licensed Practical Nurse

Open to the public. Under the supervision of Resident Care manager, provide care for resident who can no longer live independently. 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. License, Certification, or Special Requirements: Successful completion of an accredited program for Licensed Practical Nurses.

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. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. License, certification, or special requirements: State of Michigan Certified Nursing Assistant. Must be able to obtain HIPAA certification within five business days from date of hire.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Under the supervision of Grants and Contracts manager, research and develop strategically aligned proposals for funding new and existing tribal programs and projects. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Proficient and effective communication skills, computer experience, analytical, writing, organizational, interpersonal skills and Microsoft Office. 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 Members 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 computer skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment. Must be able to ob-

tain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Database Marketing Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, journalism or related field. Three years of experience in database marketing. Experience with direct mail specifications, print production and postal regulations. Experience with managing multiple campaigns, channels and timelines in high pace environment.

Digital Marketing Strategist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, journalism or related field. Three years of experience in database. Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, journalism or related field. Three years of digital marketing communications experience including search marketing. Hands-on experience in managing and tracking Google AdWords, Bing, and Facebook campaigns. Proficient in Google Analytics monitoring and goal-tracking.

Journeyman Plumber

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the Central Plant Supervisor, maintain the plumbing infrastructure and related equipment on domestic, mechanical, sanitary and drainage systems. Must possess sufficient stamina to work under all types of weather conditions including extreme hot/cold and to lift, carry, push, or pull a variety of tools, equipment and materials. Work can be in confined, awkward or cramped spaces. Frequent work on ladders and in confined locations. Extended hours and irregular shifts may be required. Evening, overnight, holiday and/or weekend work may be required. Travel may be required.

Transit Driver

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Current and valid Commercial driver's license or chauffeur's license. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40 vision in each eye with or without corrective lenses. Must be able to work all shifts such as weekends, graveyard, and holidays.

Booth Attendant FT

Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience. Must be able to work all shifts including weekends. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Booth Attendant PT

Open to the public. One year hospitality or customer service experience. Must be able to work all shifts including weekends. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employ-

ment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Department Chef

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the SECR executive sous chef, assure that guests of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort receive the highest quality levels of food when dining anywhere on the property. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement. Must have ability to comprehend house training and pass by 70 percent standardized written culinary competency test and by percent product I.D. and cooking practical test.

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience preferred. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Bingo Floorworker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Previous cash handling and/or point of sale, with casino and/or bingo exposure preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, included weekends and holidays. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Under the supervision of the SECR Food & Beverage shift supervisor, assure that the guests of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort have a world-class standard of excellence experience when dining at designated outlet by properly setting up dining room operations.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Under the supervision of the SECR Food & Beverage shift supervisor, serve guests in a timely and courteous manner. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Entertainment Security Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience preferred. Must be able to work any shift assigned, including weekends and holidays. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position. CPR and First Aid certification preferred.

Saganing

Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Possess and maintain a current State of Michigan Journeyman electrician license. Six years of experience working as a journeyman electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprentice program. Permit to operate sky tracker, scissor lift, boom lift and forklift truck for installation jobs. Must be able to interpret electrical schematics, one-line diagrams and blueprints, and be able to operate basic electrical diagnostic tools. Under the supervision of the Saganing Facilities supervisor, plan, layout, install, and repair wiring, electrical fixtures, apparatus, and control equipment.

Finance Cashier

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience. Must have basic math skills with the ability to pass a written math test with 80 percent accuracy and ability to handle large amounts of currency. Experience operating a computer and 10-key calculator.

Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of casual dining, high volume, hotel culinary experience or comparable restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school preferred. ServSafe certification or the ability to obtain one.

Front Desk Manager

Open to the public. Associate degree in hospitality, business administration or related field. Three years hotel front office experience. Two years hotel supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree in hospitality, business administration or related field preferred.

Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Associate's degree in hospitality, business administration or related field. Bachelor's degree in hospitality, business administration or related field preferred. Five years' experience in hospitality. Hotel experience preferred. Three years of supervisory experience.

130 Services

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30TH ANNUAL

POW WOW

March 23 & 24, 2019

John G. Kulhavi Events Center

McGuirk Arena

300 E Broomfield Rd.

Mt Pleasant, MI 48859

GRAND ENTRIES:

Saturday at 1:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Sunday at 12:00 P.M.

Doors open to public at 11:00 A.M.

ADMISSION

General Entry (11 years old and above) - \$7

Children (10 years and under) - Free

SCIT members (with I.D.) - Free

CMU students (with I.D.) - Free



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FOR MORE INFO: Contact Native American Programs
at 989-774-2508 or at cmich.edu search Pow Wow.

DIGNITARIES:

Host Drum
Dusty Bear

Head Male Judge
Dale Roberts

Head Female Judge
Rowena Roberts

Emcee

Jason Whitehouse

Arena Director
Dave Shananaquet

Head Veteran
George Martin

PRIZES:

Drum Contest

1st- \$4,000

2nd- \$3,000

3rd- \$2,000

4th- \$1,000

Hand Drum Contest

1st- \$500

2nd- \$300

3rd- \$100

Adult Dance Contest (18-49)

1st- \$500

2nd- \$400

3rd- \$300

\$10 REGISTRATION FOR
ALL DANCERS \$100 REGISTRATION
FOR EACH DRUM GROUP

COMMITTEE SPECIALS:

Change-up Song Special-
All Men's Categories

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