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General Election: Nov. 7 | Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the Public Safety Building

## All Tribal Council incumbents advance to the Nov. 7 General Election

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, Tribal Members headed to the voting polls to select the Tribal Council candidates who are to advance to the Nov. 7 General Election.

District One voters had the opportunity to select 20 candidates from a list of 58.

Challenger Jennifer Wassegijig (Vasquez) received the top number of votes.

For the first time since 1979, all current Tribal Council incumbents advanced. The current District One Tribal Council members include Ronald Ekdahl, Kenneth Sprague, Timothy Davis, Lindy Hunt, Diana Quigno-Grundahl, Candace Benzinger (Chippewa), Gayle Ruhl, Michelle Jackson (Colwell) and Brent D. Jackson.

Further challengers moving on to the Nov. 7 election include Theresa Jackson (Peters), Mary Quigno, Julius Peters, Bernard Sprague, Craig Graveratte, Karmen Fox (Chippeway), Sandra McCreery, Louanna Bruner, Bill Federico, and Shelly Bailey and Damian Fisher who were tied.

District Two had two eligible candidates (current Councilman Ronald Nelson and challenger Jonas Wilcox) with both moving on to the General Election.

District Three had six candidates with two advancing, including current Chief Frank J. Cloutier and challenger Summer Peters.

The Election Caucus Committee reviewed and certified the 2017 Primary Election results.

"We have just over 85 percent of our Membership registered and eligible to vote," said Erik Rodriguez, public relations director. "It is important to get out and vote on Nov. 7, as this will decide our leadership for the next two years. We need the voice of all of our Members, and this is an opportunity for you to make a difference. Every vote matters, and your vote could be a deciding factor in determining who will be representing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. We, as members, want the ability to make sure that we have a leadership that is represented by the voice of our entire Membership."

## The history, current standing of 2 percent payments awarded

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa gaming compact of 1993 came about as the result of a lawsuit by seven tribes, including the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, against the State of Michigan in 1990 over the State's refusal to negotiate the terms of a gaming compact in good faith.

In order to settle the lawsuit, the State asked the tribes to pay 10 percent of net gaming revenues to the State in exchange for gaming exclusivity in the State.

The tribes insisted on paying 2 percent to local units of government near the casino and 8 percent to the State.

The settlement was accepted and included in a federal court order which requires that the seven tribes operating under

the 1993 compact make semi-annual payments of 8 percent of net gaming revenues to the State and 2 percent to local units of government within the vicinity of the tribes' casinos.

The 8 percent payment obligation was conditioned to

the tribes' exclusive right to conduct electronic games of chance in the State.

The obligation of the seven 1993 compacted tribes to pay 8 percent to the State ended when the State entered gaming compacts with the Little River

Tribe and the Little Traverse Bay Band.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has not made any payments to the State since it lost the right of exclusivity.

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### District 1 Primary Election: Top 21 Candidates

- Jennifer Wassegijig (Vasquez) 176
- Ronald Ekdahl 171
- Theresa Jackson (Peters) 158
- Kenneth Sprague 155
- Mary Quigno 153
- Julius Peters 151
- Timothy Davis 145
- Lindy Hunt 143
- Diana Quigno-Grundahl 143
- Bernard Sprague 142
- Candace Benzinger (Chippewa) 141
- Gayle Ruhl 141
- Craig Graveratte 139
- Karmen Fox (Chippeway) 133
- Michelle Colwell (Jackson) 132
- Brent D. Jackson 130
- Sandra McCreery 129
- Louanna Bruner 128
- Bill Federico 126
- Shelly Bailey 119
- Damian Fisher 119

### District 2 Primary Election: Top Two Candidates

- Ronald Nelson 14
- Jonas Wilcox 0

### District 3 Primary Election: Top Two Candidates

- Frank J. Cloutier 212
- Summer Peters 121

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 7.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is comprised of the three districts that account for the total registered voting membership of 2,332 out of a possible 2,752 members who had the ability to register to vote.

District One, the Isabella County reservation, has 1,028 registered voters out of a

possible 1,159.

District Two, the Saganing Reservation in Arenac County, has 39 registered voters out of its 43 members.

District Three, the At-Large district, has members who reflect the remaining Tribal Membership and live outside either reservation boundary, accounting for the remaining 1,265 registered voters out of a possible 1,551.

## Attention Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Members

There are approximately 600 Tribal Members and descendants who are eligible for Cobell settlement distributions or may be an heir to the estate of someone listed.

To find out if you are eligible, please use the contact information below

- Website: [www.indiantrust.com/](http://www.indiantrust.com/)
- Phone: 1-800-961-6109
- Email: [Info@IndianTrust.com](mailto:Info@IndianTrust.com)

Deadline :  
Monday, Nov. 27, 2017

To acquire an IIM number, please call 1-715-682-9788.

You may also contact Public Relations at (989) 775-4076 or (989) 775-4096 for more information or check the database posted on the [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) members-only section.

For more information, please see page 4.



## William "Pat" Davis

Sept. 13, 1960 – Oct. 5, 2017

William "Pat" Davis of Caro, Mich., age 57, passed away Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017, at his home.

Pat was born Sept. 13, 1960, in Caro, the son of Dorothy (Weiler) Davis and the late William Davis Jr.

Pat was a 1979 graduate of Mayville High School, and on March 12, 1992, he was united in marriage with the former Ronda Berlin in Caro.

Pat was employed with Michigan Peat Co. as a hi-lo driver for 21 years and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and pool, watching football and wrestling and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Ronda; eight children and their spouses, Joyce Davis of Kingston, Racheal and Bobby Thompson of Florida, Kimberly and Chad Jones of Snover, Patricia Jo Davis of Massachusetts, Tim and Melissa Berlin of Watrousville, Shannon and Nate Shoup of Sparta, Mark "Tony" Fisher of Grand Rapids and Angie Spencer of Caro; several grandchildren; his mother Dorothy Davis; seven siblings and their spouses, Cheryl Berlin of Vassar, Connie and Larry Truett of Clio, Sam and Roger Tabako of Caro, Jim and Joy Davis of Kingston, Loralee and Bill Worth, Keith Davis and Marc and Karen Cantlin; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, Pat was preceded in death by one sister, Lorali Berlin.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Davis Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Ronda Davis, 205 W. Sherman St., Caro, MI 48723.

The family was assisted with arrangements by the Ransford Collon Funeral Home of Caro.



## Elaine Lynn Pego-Shawnoo

May 12, 1957 – Oct. 6, 2017

Elaine Lynn Pego-Shawnoo, age 60, of Shepherd, Mich., passed away Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, at McLaren-Bay Region.

Elaine was born May 12, 1957, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of James "Buddy" Pego and Grace Rapp.

She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in the class of 1975 and attended Central Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College. She married Reynold Kevin Shawnoo in April, 1994.

Elaine was a homemaker and had also worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a social worker.

Elaine was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church. Elaine was skilled in beadwork and taught beading classes. She actively attended powwows.

She enjoyed playing bingo and slots and antiques. She was an actress in the Suitcase Theater. She traveled worldwide, and one of her highlights was being called down by Bob Barker on the Price is Right.

Most of all, Elaine loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Elaine is survived by her husband Kevin Shawnoo of Mt. Pleasant; her children Shawana (Ramon Negrete-Ledesma) Chippeway, Mary Waboose (Lorenzo Claudio) Lunham, Segwen (John) Traver and Sunshine-Rose Shawnoo, all of Mt. Pleasant; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Steve (Mae) Pego, Allen (Diane) Pego, Robert (June) Pego, Scott Pego and Sam Pego, all of Mt. Pleasant; and sister Faith (Tony Carmona) Carmona-Pego of Mt. Pleasant.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents and nephews, Isaac Pego and Allen Pego Jr.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Interment took place at Woodland Cemetery in Rosebush. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Garth Leroy Jackson Sr.

Feb. 2, 1938 – Oct. 5, 2017

Garth Leroy Jackson Sr., age 79, of Luther, Mich. and formerly of Saginaw, passed away Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017 at his home.

Garth was born Feb. 2, 1938, in Burt, Mich., to Balmer (Pauline) Jackson and Lucille (Frank) Bolf. He married Dorathea Houlihan on Jan. 24, 1959.

Garth served in the United States Navy from Feb. 16, 1955, until Jan. 30, 1959. He worked for General Motors and retired after 30 years.

Garth was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; a lifetime member of AmVets Post 1988; a member of the St. Ann Senior Center in Baldwin; and a member of the Saginaw Alano Club for many years.

Garth was an avid bowler. He loved Michigan Wolverine football. He greatly loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Garth is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorthea; his children Garth (Connie) Jackson Jr., Charles (Tammy) Jackson, Tracy (Joe) Jackson, Kimberly Jackson and Kevin (Kristie) Jackson; his brother Charles Jackson; sisters Bonnie Jackson and Teri (Frank) Bennett; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren (with one on the way); and 10 nieces and nephews.

Garth was preceded in death by his parents and one sister-in-law Mary Jackson.

Per his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service took place Oct. 9 at Verdun Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to AmVets Post 1988.



## Miranda "Irene" Stockel

July 18, 1928 – Sept. 30, 2017

Miranda "Irene" Stockel of Saginaw, Mich., beloved mother and grandmother, passed away Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at her home at age 89.

The daughter of the late Chester and Geraldine (Jones) Cabay, Irene was born July 18, 1928, in Bay City, Mich. She married Ronald Stockel, who predeceased her.

Irene was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She was an avid golfer and played on a league at Maple Hills Golf Club. Irene enjoyed going to the casino and loved spending time with her family.

Surviving are two daughters; two sons and their spouses; Lauren Lopez of Bay City; Mark and Shirley Griske of Mt. Pleasant; Marjorie and Charlie Wehner of Saginaw; Ronald and Christy Stockel of Bethlehem, Ga.; Irene's grandchildren Donald Lopez, Gavin Wehner, Spencer Ann Wehner and Taylor Stockel.

Irene was preceded in death by son-in-law Terry Lopez.

Honoring Irene's wishes, cremation has taken place. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Michigan Lutheran Seminary.



## Tribal Children Welfare Program Deadline:

**Nov. 3, 2017 by 5 p.m.**

(No postdates accepted.)

**The Clerk's office will be open**  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Nov. 3, 2017

## Public Notice

### Unclaimed Per Capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

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

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

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

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

## Natasha (Tasha) Marie House

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you for all your cards, food, prayers and hugs during this most difficult time. A special "Thank You" goes out to the Tribal Council, Tribal Court staff, Judge Patrick Shannon, Judge Prentiss Brown, Nimkee, Kent Jackson, Lilly Olson, Candace, Bella and Jay Benzinger, Glenna Halliwill, the Snowbirds and the F.A.N. Board. We cannot begin to express how much all your support has meant to our family.

*The Family of Natasha (Tasha) Marie House*

## Livingston Jeffrey "Hodgie" Colwell

The family of Livingston Jeffrey "Hodgie" Colwell would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, thoughts, prayers, food, wood, paper products, beverages and so much more at the time of our loss. We would also like to thank those who have supported us through the many years in which Jeff's health declined by showing us love and concern. There are way too many of you to possibly name, but you know who you are. We send you love and many, many thanks, as we are so blessed to have you in our lives!!

*~The Family of Jeff Colwell*

## SCIT Youth Council Elections

### Elections timeline

- **Nov. 1, 2017:** Meet the Candidate Night (*tentative*)
- **Nov. 8, & 9, 2017:** Elections  
(Polls located in Native American office at MPHS, West Intermediate and Shepherd Middle School & High School)
- **Dec. 11, 2017:** Newly elected youth council sworn in  
(Tribal Operations Seniors Room)

### For questions, please contact

Tonya Jackson: 989.621.9375 or David Merrill: 989.775.4115.

## Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center



**Nov. 7** | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Tribal Police Dept. lobby  
• Open to adults

**Nov. 14** | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby  
• Open to ages 6 months and older

For more information, please contact Sue Sowmick at 989.775.4699



## TRIBAL MEMBERS

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



## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

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

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

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

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

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

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

### Regular Council Session Dates

- Nov. 7
- Dec. 5
- Jan. 2
- Feb. 6



**Happy Birthday**  
Brother

Marclay



Getting to be a "senior" a second time...gotta love the circle of life!!!

**Happy Birthday**

Candace Brooke!!!

## 2017 General Elections Timeline

**Nov. 6** | Certification of Voting Machines | 5:15 p.m.

**Nov. 7** | General Election | Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Nov. 8** | General Election Results Posted

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

### ATTENTION HUNTERS Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org) to display your buck in the January 2018 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

**Deadline: Dec. 15, 2017**

### Attention Families of Active Service Members:

Send a picture of your loved one who is serving the country to be included in the December issue of the Tribal Observer. Include their name, branch of the military, rank/title and where they are stationed. Please submit to [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)

**Deadline: Nov. 16, 2017**

### Active Native Youth



**Deadline: Nov. 16, 2017**

Send in a photo of your students to be featured in the December 2017 issue of the Tribal Observer.

Email your photo and information to [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)

Please include the following:

- Name
- School
- Grade
- Sport/activity

### Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



### Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

**Upcoming dates:** Nov. 16, Dec. 21

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

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

### Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

**Upcoming dates:** Nov. 2, Dec. 7

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

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

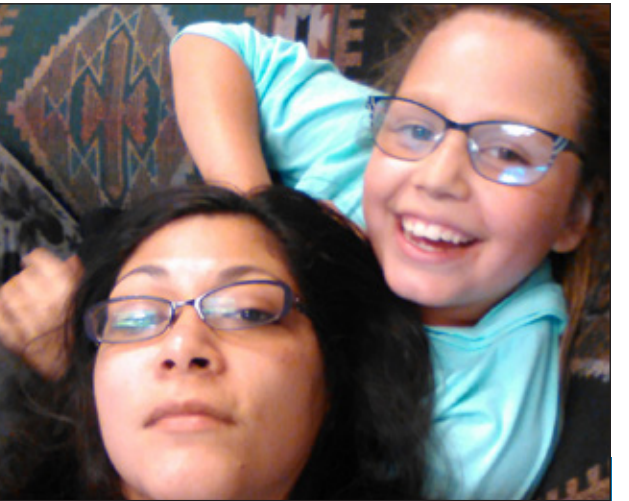
For more information, please contact

- Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
- Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003



Check out the Tribal Observer **ONLINE**

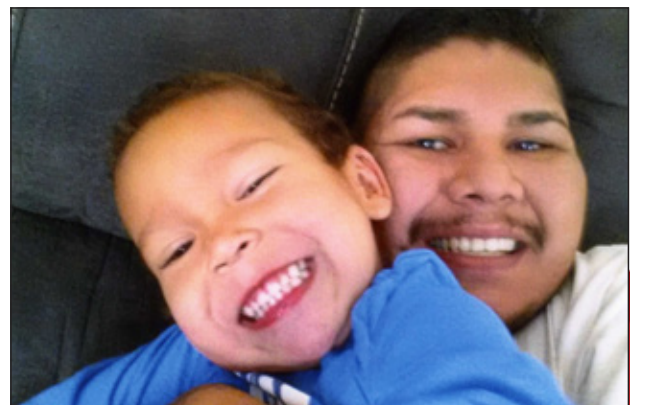
[www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver](http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver)



**Happy Birthday Vaeh!**  
November 19th  
Love, Mom and 7 other siblings



**Sheila,**  
don't be sad because you forgot your birthday last year; here's your reminder!  
Don't have too much fun!  
**Happy 50<sup>th</sup>!!!**



**Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**  
Haiden James Chippeway  
11-25-17  
Love, Daddy



**Happy Birthday**  
Tomarrah  
and  
Emmanuel



## Tribal Council

### Chief

Frank J. Cloutier, District 3

### Sub-Chief

Brent D. Jackson, District 1

### Treasurer

Gayle Ruhl, District 1

### Secretary

Michelle R. Colwell, District 1

### Sergeant At-Arms

Ronald F. Ekdahl, District 1

### Tribal Chaplain

Diana Quigno-Grundahl, District 1

### Council Member

Candace B. Benzinger, District 1

### Council Member

Tim J. Davis, District 1

### Council Member

Lindy Hunt, District 1

### Council Member

Kenneth Sprague, District 1

### Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

## Historic Cobell Settlement deadline: Just 30 more days to send documents

The following statement is being issued by Garden City Group, LLC ("GCG") regarding the Cobell Settlement.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has ordered Nov. 27, 2017, as the final deadline for Class Members in the Cobell Settlement or their heirs to submit documentation to GCG, the claims administrator, so that payments can be made.

All documentation must be received or postmarked by Nov. 27, 2017. If you do not claim your settlement payment or provide documentation as an heir before the deadline, GCG will not be able to pay you after the deadline passes.

The Court made one exception to this deadline, and that is for estates of deceased Class Members which are still pending at that time with the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Hearing and Appeals (OHA) as determined by the Department of Interior. Only those estates will have funds held to be distributed once the probate process at OHA is complete.

The determination of a final deadline marks the end of a successful and exhaustive effort by Class Counsel and GCG to find and pay hundreds of thousands of Native American Class Members and their heirs. Those efforts have been incredibly effective, and, to date, almost \$1.2 billion of the funds have been distributed.

While Class Counsel and GCG have researched or received updated address and contact information for many of the missing Class Members, there are still others who have not been able to be paid or have had checks returned as undeliverable or that remain uncashed.

After the deadline and as provided for in the settlement agreement, unclaimed funds will be paid to the Cobell Scholarship Fund for use in further advancing the education of Native Americans.

Class Members or their heirs wishing to submit documentation to GCG for review need to do so no later than Nov. 27, 2017.

Documentation or questions may be sent via email at [Info@IndianTrust.com](mailto:Info@IndianTrust.com) or U.S. mail to The Indian Trust Settlement c/o GCG, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more information about the Settlement and to read the Court's order, please visit [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com). You may also call (800) 961-6109 if you are an heir and have questions regarding acceptable documentation.

**ATTENTION**  
Anishinabe Ogitchedaw  
Veteran & Warrior Society Members  
**Now Recruiting New Members**



**Meetings Will be Held**  
The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room  
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

## Seven Grandfather Teachings

### Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

### Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

### Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

### Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

### Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

### Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

### Debwewin ~ Truth

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



## The 34th annual SCIT Powwow theme and logo contest

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

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

**Deadline: Dec. 15, 2017.**

Please include contact information along with entry.

### Questions? Please contact

- Craig Gravette: 989.775.4942
- Noelle Wells: 989.775.4000

### Mail entries to

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

### Drop entries off at

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

### Email electronic versions

CGraveratte@sagchip.org

## 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](mailto: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.

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## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please mail form to:

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

### Contact Information:

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Email: [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)  
[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort upgrade progress moving along nicely

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Joe Jordan of I-5 Design provided an Oct. 20 update of the company's progress on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort construction upgrades.

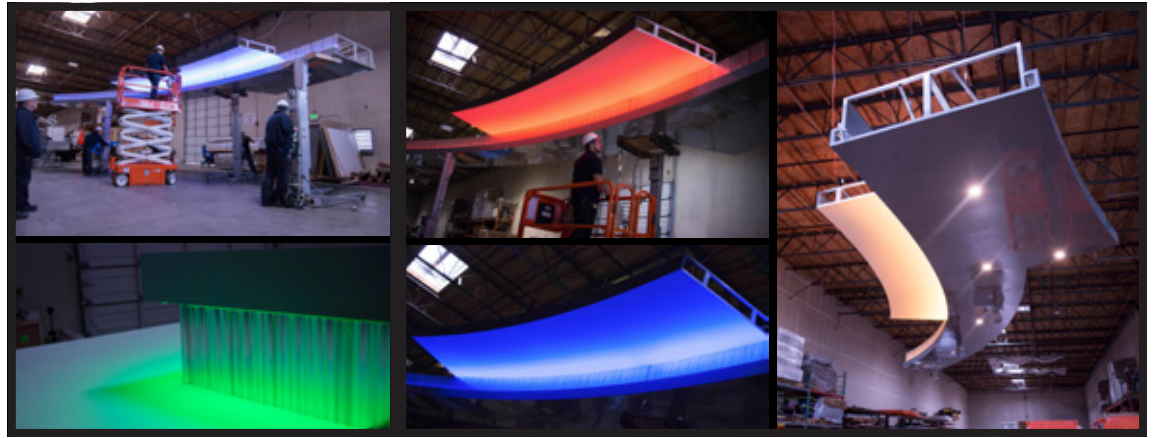
Jordan provided the update via email to Casino CEO Ray Brenny and approved of the Tribal Observer publishing the updates.

"The offsite pre-construction work is moving forward

very well, and provided are photos of the custom elements being constructed in-shop," Jordan said.

In addition to the components shown, I-5 Design has also begun production on the illuminated perimeter and stage valances for Ascend and the wall sconces for poker and non-smoking, Jordan said.

"Everything continues to move forward extremely well," he said.



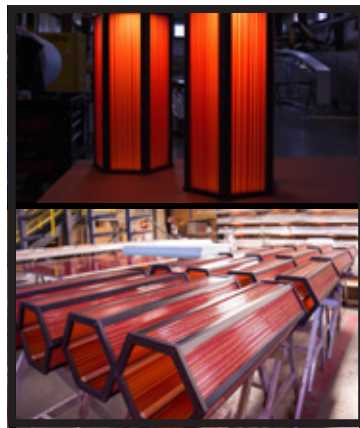
Courtesy of I-5 Design

The upper valance components for the Ascend Bar are shown above. They are currently being preassembled so the color-changing lighting can be tested, tuned and programmed prior to shipping. During this process the lighting angle will be adjusted to ensure the specially etched metal insert and cap are highlighted in the best way.



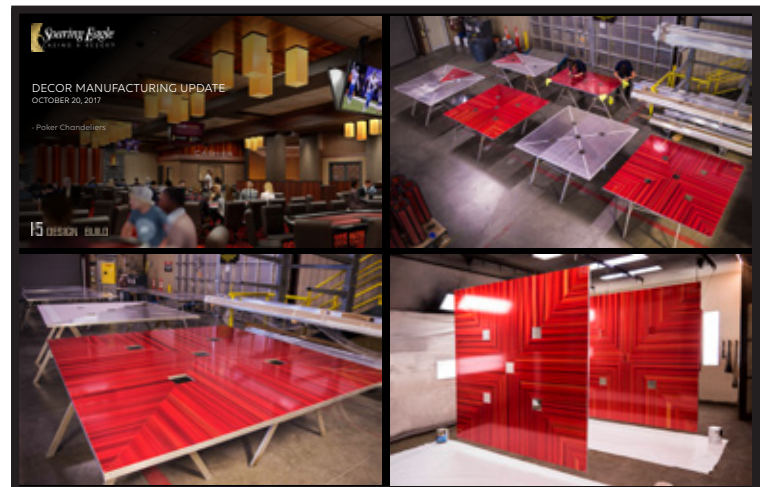
Courtesy of I-5 Design

The aluminum alloy structure for the Kids Quest entry has been welded, sheeted and preassembled in preparation for final finishes. Integrated LED lighting will also be installed into the upper cap, which will then have a diffused acrylic sheeting to produce a soft glow.



Courtesy of I-5 Design

Custom pendant lights for the Ascend entry are shown above. The final assembly and testing will be completed throughout the next few weeks.



Courtesy of I-5 Design

The vibrant coloring and a high-gloss clear coat have been applied to the custom etched metal of the chandelier lid components for the poker and non-smoking sections to provide a beautiful reflection for the suspended acrylic shades.

## Soaring Eagle renovation scheduled to be completed by fall 2018

**KRISTINA GRIFFUS**

Advertising & Public Relations Manager

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's renovation construction dates have been solidified. The \$26.5 million project is now scheduled to commence on Jan. 15, 2018, and is expected to be completed by fall of 2018.

The multi-million dollar investment is concentrated on amenities of the casino such as integrating a brand new sports bar and night club on the west end of the gaming floor, updating the entertainment hall, enclosing a non-smoking area, re-designing the Kid's Quest and Cyber Quest areas, enhancing gaming experiences with a new high limit and VIP lounge area, a relocated poker room and concluding the renovation project with rebranding the current sub shop.

The construction schedule is split into a seven-phase plan.

The first phase of construction is anticipated to begin on Jan. 15 and expected to be completed April 22.

This initial phase entails the development of the new VIP lounge and relocating the high limit gaming.

The current poker room will be temporarily moved to the Slot Palace during this phase. The repositioning of

the high limit area will transform the existing poker room into a luxury high limit gaming space with the full amenities of an integrated VIP lounge which will also include Casino Hosts' offices.

The second phase is also planned to begin on Jan. 15 and expected to be completed by March 11. This phase will include a remodel of Kid's Quest and Cyber Quest. The two areas will have a centralized entryway, with the Cyber Quest arcade in the front, allowing guests to walk through the arcade floor to access Kid's Quest at the back half of the re-design.

The far west end of the gaming floor will go through multiple modifications beginning April 23.

During phases three, four and five, various amenities will be constructed. The spaces will include an enclosed poker room (scheduled for completion on June 17), an enclosed non-smoking gaming area (scheduled for completion on July 29) and a sports bar and night club (scheduled for completion Aug. 12).

The current non-smoking area will have a complete transformation. This space will be the site of the all new ASCEND sports bar and night club.

ASCEND will have a grand entry with 12-foot tall pivoting doors. It will feature a

wing-shaped center bar, a stage for entertainers, a VIP seating area, 59 bar top slot machines, multiple television screens and dramatic lighting effects.

Neighboring each side of the sports bar and night club will be the relocated poker room and the newly enclosed non-smoking area.

Updating the current entertainment hall will encompass phase six and is scheduled to begin on June 18 and expected to be complete by Sept. 23.

Live concert and event experiences will be heightened with the state-of-the-art high-tech programmable lighting elements across the ceiling. There will be upgrades to the acoustics by integrating sound isolation panels around the perimeter from floor to ceiling.

The stage will feature an array of multimedia panels which can produce an unlimited number of scenes.

The final phase involves rebranding the sub shop.

Currently, Soaring Eagle is considering Central Deli & Sub Shop as a new name for the dining outlet. This five-week phase is scheduled to commence on July 30.

The new Central Deli & Sub Shop plan builds around the existing layout and flow, with additional seating and an improved entry area.

This major renovation project will be one of the largest

investments that Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's guests have seen since the grand opening back in 1998.

The last major renovation was in 2011 when the Firefly Buffet was re-branded to Aurora Buffet and remodeled to provide space for the 24-hour Legends Diner.

The design and construction will be performed by I-5 Design Build. The Washington-based company has built a successful track record working with more than 75 Native American gaming properties throughout the country.

I-5's signature renovation process combines inspirational design, innovative planning, specialty in-house fabrication and seamless project implementation to produce impact-rich gaming, food and beverage and entertainment environments.

I-5's unique and innovative off-site construction methods allow for 50 to 70 percent of a project to be built offsite, using state of the art digital manufacturing methods, leading to onsite project timeframes that are radically reduced, creating the maximum impact and benefit for each project.

### SCIT Recreation Department receives donation



Observer photo by Niki Henry

At a luncheon Wednesday, Oct. 4, Bernard Sprague, SECR director of hotel operations, presents a \$1,224.88 check to Lucas Sprague, interim youth activities manager for the Parks and Recreation Department. The money was raised through raffles sales and sponsors at the SECR Open golf tournament that took place at the Waabooz and PohlCat golf courses in mid-September.



## Soaring Eagle hosts United Way's 2017 Community Leaders Conference

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In partnership with the Tribe, the United Way of Isabella and Gratiot counties held its inaugural Community Leaders Conference in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms on Oct. 17.

Shortly after 8:30 a.m., Mino Ode drummers performed a grand entry and flag song as Ogitchedaw members carried and posted their flags.

Chief Frank Cloutier provided a welcome address. Tribal Council Secretary Michelle Colwell was in attendance along with Tribal Administration and a few Tribal employees.

Participants explored the essence of leadership and what it means to be a community leader through powerful presentations and conversations. The leaders examined today's challenges of education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles and worked to foster collaborative partnerships to help improve the quality of life within the community.

"Today is about engaging in genuine interaction," said Tom Olver, president and CEO of United Way of Gratiot and Isabella counties.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Attendees stand for a flag song during United Way's Oct. 17 Community Leaders Conference in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.**

The day's opening session involved "A Conversation That Matters" with Donald G. DiPaolo, a professor, author, consultant and nationally-known speaker in leadership education and training.

DiPaolo has presented to tens of thousands emerging leaders throughout the U.S. and Canada. His personal and highly interactive approach to life and leadership made him an unforgettable facilitator and crowd favorite.

"There are two different kinds of leadership that require different skills," DiPaolo said of The Leadership Jellyfish model. "Horizontal leadership is how you lead within your peers, those who are

on your same level. Vertical leadership is how you lead your own people, your own group... Leaders have to be good at both because there are different skills involved."

DiPaolo discussed the four agreements, written by Don Miguel Ruiz: 1. Be impeccable with your word. 2. Don't take things (too) personally. 3. Don't make assumptions. 4. Always do your best.

"The missing piece in leadership is forgiveness," DiPaolo said. "You cannot effectively lead if you are not a good forgiver."

Charlie Batch, former NFL quarterback turned tech entrepreneur, media personality and community advocate, delivered the "Expect Your Best"

keynote address during the luncheon.

Batch shared his personal and professional story about never giving up on his dreams.

"Being a pro means accepting the responsibility even when you know things are not totally your fault," Batch said.

Batch's NFL career spanned 15 years and two Super Bowl victories. He continues to be a respected strategist in the NFL, providing game-day commentary for Steelers broadcasts and several national media outlets.

He played college football for Eastern Michigan. In 1998, he was drafted by the Detroit Lions. He eventually went on to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Since 1999, his Best of the Batch Foundation has worked to create communities where all kids and families are equipped with the tools they need to build their own best futures.

"I use a draw for basketball in the Foundation. I tell the kids if they want to learn how



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Charlie Batch (left), former NFL quarterback and the luncheon keynote speaker, poses for a photo with Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Ronald Ekdahl (right).**

to play basketball, they need to learn literacy by picking up a book and heading to the study hall," Batch said.

Overall, the program has assisted 3800 children and collected 600 volunteers.

"Last year marked 18,000 hours that the workers have volunteered their time," Batch said. "People believe in what we're doing."

After his address, Batch willingly posed for photos with event attendees.

In the late afternoon, participants broke into panel discussions on education, economic development and health topics.

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## Mount Pleasant city officials honor Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples Day

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As more and more cities throughout the U.S. begin to honor Indigenous Peoples Day, the City of Mount Pleasant continued into its fourth year recognizing the day.

On Oct. 9, city officials marked Indigenous Peoples Day with a special ceremony that Monday evening.

At the start of the City Commission meeting, Mayor Kathy Ling read a proclamation to declare the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day.

Tribal Council members Kenneth Sprague and Ronald Ekdahl and Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez stood behind Ling at the podium.

Joe Syrette, drummer and culture/language teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, explained the cultural significance of the drum.

Community drummers then performed an honor song.

On Oct. 18, Ling, Vice Mayor Allison Quast-Lents and City Manager Nancy Ridley

visited Tribal Council chambers to again, officially, read and hand over the proclamation to the Tribe.

“The City of Mt. Pleasant desires to continue its strong and productive relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe based on mutual respect and trust,” the proclamation reads, in part.

The proclamation also stated the following:

“The idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas and

“Whereas Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to educate about pre-existing Indian cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America...

“The City supports that Indigenous Peoples Day be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land and to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**At the Oct. 9 Mount Pleasant City Commission meeting, with Tribal representatives present, Mayor Kathy Ling reads a proclamation to declare the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day.**

celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Saginaw Chippewa and other indigenous peoples add to our community,

“And further that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission recognizes the value of working collaboratively together with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and looks forward to addressing areas of mutual concern in our community.”



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**In Tribal Council chambers on Oct. 18, Ling, Vice Mayor Allison Quast-Lents and City Manager Nancy Ridley pose with Council members after, again, reading and then handing over the proclamation to the Tribe.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Community drummers perform an Indigenous Peoples Day honor song at the city meeting.**

## Federal litigation brings millions of dollars back to the Tribe

### NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

Last year, the Tribe retained the Varnum firm, a law firm based in Grand Rapids, Mich. to represent the Tribe in litigation against Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. BCBS was the Tribe’s insurance plan administrator for the Tribal Member group and the employee group coverage.

The Tribe filed suit against Blue Cross in Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan on Jan. 29, 2016, for mismanagement of the Tribe’s self-insured employee benefit plan. The Tribe’s complaint sought damages against Blue Cross for charging the Tribe unlawful hidden fees and for their failure to obtain Medicare-like rates for Tribal Member group coverage. According to the Tribe’s complaint, Blue

Cross engaged in this behavior since 2005.

Other self-insured tribes and entities have also been victims of similar actions by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

On July 14, 2017, the Federal District Court issued a judgment on behalf of the Tribe for its claims against Blue Cross regarding hidden access fees in an amount of \$8.4 million. The Court dismissed the Tribe’s remaining

claims against Blue Cross, and the Tribe is currently appealing those remaining claims to the sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Chief Frank Cloutier explained the Tribe’s benefits plan was comprised of a Member group and an employee group.


“The court dismissed the Tribe’s claim for hidden fees charged under the Member group because, according to the Court, the Member group is not governed by a federal statute,” he said in his 2017 Tribal Homecoming Address in July. “We believe this is an error.”

Cloutier recently added to his statement. He said, “The Tribe was harmed by the deplorable actions of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and this Council is committed to continue

our fight at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to do everything we can to recoup the money that we believe was wrongly taken from the Tribe. The Court’s judgment of \$8.4 million compensates the Tribe for the loss suffered for the hidden access fees for the employee group. We will keep fighting for the money owed to the Tribe for our remaining claims at the Sixth Circuit.”

According to the Tribe’s General Counsel, Sean Reed, the Varnum firm will also continue to assist the Tribe through its federal appeal, though Reed said a date has not yet been set for oral argument.

“We are in the briefing phase of the case currently, and all briefs should be filed with the Court on the week of Nov. 20,” Reed said.



### Behavioral Health’s Native Connections Program seeking 12 representatives for ABE Advisory Council

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

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

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

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

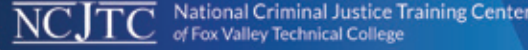
Monthly meetings will take place in years one and two, then semi-annual meetings in years three and four to support, guide and oversee implementation of activities.

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

**In the letter of interest please include the following:** Your name, address, phone and email information, what segment of the ABE you represent (community member, employee or youth) and why you are interested in this opportunity.

**Send letters of interest**

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



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Examine the need for a collaborative response and implementation of multi-disciplinary teams, what all disciplines can look for when collecting information/evidence and examine the steps to establishing a formal drug endangered children alliance, including protocols and MOU’s to sustain on-going efforts.

This training is hosted by Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court and Co-Sponsored by the United States Attorney’s Office Eastern District of Michigan.

The host Tribe, local service providers and other Michigan tribes will have priority status for the class.

**What’s In It For You?**


**Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:**

- Examine the decision-making process for domestic violence victims.
- Describe the impact of substance abuse in domestic violence crimes.
- Identify what to look for when collecting information and evidence in drug-endangered children cases.
- Develop the skills and techniques for building a multidisciplinary teams, protocols and MOU’s.
- Examine the importance of time interventions and local resources for drug-endangered children.

**Is this training for you?**

**The following would benefit from this training:** Community members, correctional officers, court system personnel, educators, law enforcement, prosecutors, social workers, tribes/tribal partners and victim service providers.

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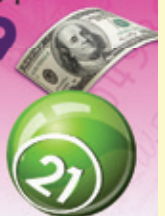
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## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino expansion update

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

On Oct. 24, Bob VanWert, manager for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, reported the casino's expansion project is successfully moving along.

"Construction is continuing at a very productive pace," VanWert said. "Foundation work for the new hotel and casino expansion has begun, and I am pleased with the progress made to this point in the project. We have not been without some challenges, but that is to be expected with a project of this size and complexity."



Courtesy of Christy Weaver

**Construction continues for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino expansion.**

VanWert said a new associate parking lot is located next to the Saganing Tribal Center.

A new patron parking lot that can accommodate more than 700 vehicles is also available. The lot is located

directly across the main entrance on the south side of Worth Road.

The primary "on site" parking lot is currently under construction, but VanWert said he is hopeful portions of it will



Courtesy of Christy Weaver

**The estimated grand opening for the expansion is slated for early 2019.**

be ready for use by early-to mid-December.

"I would like to invite anyone who may be interested in our project to visit the Saganing Eagles Landing website and see the progress

in real time by viewing the live stream feed," he said.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion was held June 30.

The estimated grand opening is slated for early 2019.

## Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone.

Ordinance 4, section 19. Prohibition against interference with elections.

On election day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

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law to be posted, displayed or distributed in a polling place on election day);

(ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election; or

(iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person's own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or

(iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend or promise valuable consideration to or for any person as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question or as a reward for refraining from voting; or

(b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or

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## Migizi EDC collaborates with other departments to reclaim Tribal Lands

### FREDERICK KUHLMAN

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Under direction of the Migizi Economic Development Company Board of Directors and Chief Frank Cloutier, Aking Holding Company LLC, the property management extension of Migizi EDC, was tasked in 2017 with tending to underutilized land and blighted properties owned by the Tribe.

Aking, under the stewardship of Lisa Darnell, project/property manager, and CEO Robert Juckniess worked closely with the Planning and Economic Development director and Environmental Department of the Tribe, to make significant progress in this mission.

In coordination with the USDA, an assessment was conducted on vacant land parcels to complete a conservation plan.

After determining the parcels that were viable for agricultural use, the combined departments

selected two potential options: (1) Employing an excavation company to clear the invasive species on the land and to prepare it for agricultural use as well as determining associated costs. (2) Solicit a request for proposal, related to the land, for farmers interested in clearing the acreage and readying them for agricultural production as a part of their lease term.

It was determined that the cost to hire an excavation company was nearly \$500,000.

Alternately, Aking Holding Company and Migizi EDC received bids from farmers who were willing and able to clear the land, utilizing their equipment. Those submitting the bids were still required to pay a lease rate for the agricultural use of the land.

This effort resulted in 10 parcels totaling 278 acres of Tribal land being returned to production, thus generating long-term Tribal revenues.

Concurrently Migizi EDC, working with the same



Photos courtesy of Lisa Darnell

The “before” photographs from some of the Arenac properties discussed in this article that were in the worst shape.

departments above, embarked on efforts to rid Tribal lands of blighted properties. To date, this initiative has resulted in the elimination of four properties in Arenac County, including the former Stop and Go truck stop and five properties in Isabella County.

Cloutier, during his term, has stressed the importance of proper land stewardship to Migizi leaders and continues to be active in assuring that this part of the Migizi mission is fulfilled.

It is important to note that this was a joint effort

with Aking Holding Company, SCIT Planning and Economic Development and Environmental Management. Together, this team joined forces to both serve Tribal needs and reinforce the commitment to core Tribal teachings and values.

## Ziibiwing Center joins #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving

### ESTHER HELMS

Cultural Art Design Specialist

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide.

What is #GivingTuesday?

#GivingTuesday is a global giving movement built by individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities in all 50 states and in countries throughout the world.

It is held annually to kick off the holiday giving season in the U.S. on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

This year, #GivingTuesday falls on Nov. 28.

This movement was created to inspire people and encourage them to give back in impactful ways to the charities and causes they support. It is one day set aside for giving back, a reminder of the “reason for the season.”

Since opening in 2004, the Ziibiwing Center has drawn visitors from across the U.S. and numerous countries worldwide. In telling the Anishinabe story, Ziibiwing is protecting, preserving and educating others

about the ancient and beautiful Anishinabe way of life.

It is Ziibiwing’s belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

Ziibiwing has become an essential link between the Saginaw Chippewa and the Mount Pleasant communities.

It is without question that Ziibiwing remains successful through the continued sponsorship and encouragement of its supporters – individuals who understand the importance of building bridges and creating harmony and understanding between different cultures and people.

That is why Ziibiwing is asking for support on Nov. 28. Individuals can give back by

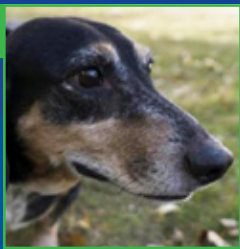


volunteering their time or by making a one-time monetary donation. Ziibiwing memberships are also available. Every act of generosity counts!

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## ACFS celebrates ICWC Committee Member Cynthia Floyd's 90th birthday

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member Cynthia Floyd's 90th birthday with a taco bar and two cakes.

Floyd began her journey as an ICWC member back in 1982, and she remembers trying to take a break from the committee.

She jokingly said she did not get much of a break because the Committee called

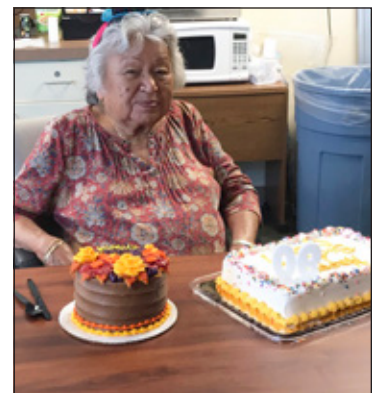
her up and wanted her back after about a two-week hiatus.

For approximately 35 years, the Committee has been honored with her wisdom and compassion for her people.

"I noticed that Cynthia does not speak much, but when she does, everyone is quiet. I love that when she speaks,

everyone wants to listen," said Felicia Chippeway, foster care specialist. "Her stories are irreplaceable. Her wisdom/knowledge is incomparable, and I am filled with so much gratitude for the years I have gotten to work with her. Thank you, Cynthia!"

The staff at ACFS and the rest of the Indian Child Welfare Committee would like to send many miigwech's to Cynthia for her hard work and commitment to the community.



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Indian Child Welfare Committee member Cynthia Floyd celebrates her 90th birthday on Sept. 24.

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## Behavioral Health event observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Behavioral Health hosted an Oct. 24 family dinner in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In an effort to reintroduce the community to Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan and share the services it provides, the Prevention team hosted the homemade 6 p.m. chicken dinner.

In the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, the crowd was larger than predicted, and the event ran out of food. Backup pizzas were ordered.

Guadalupe Gonzalez, prevention specialist for Behavioral Health, welcomed attendees.

Gonzalez introduced Mary Mummaw, victim services coordinator, who began her role in August.

Mummaw introduced herself to the community along with the NMN staff members

Heather Bartlett, counselor, and Erin Gauthier, case manager.

Mummaw discussed how NMN aids the community.

Domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking can affect anyone regardless of race, culture, sex and/or age. NMN provides assistance for anyone who has been affected by violence in their life.

Bartlett said her role includes “education and conducting support groups.”

Gauthier said she “helps with assistance for anyone who qualifies for the program. That may mean housing, day-care, education and a variety of other services.”

“The services do not have to go together; we can work separately or together,” Gauthier said of the services she provides along with what Mummaw and Bartlett can offer individuals.

Services include women’s support group, individual

therapy, case management, cultural sensitivity, confidentiality, transportation, material assistance, education and outreach and the Batterers Intervention program.

The discussion was then opened for questions. Several Tribal Members had questions.

The case manager and support service staff are there to assist Members with finding the appropriate resources to meet their changing needs.

Referrals are taken for emergency shelter, housing, clothing, employment assistance, education, child care, parenting education, nutrition counseling, substance abuse help, mental health services, victim advocacy, legal advocacy and cultural healing.

Individual and/or group counseling is available for native and non-native victims to help cope with the abuse they are facing. Support groups are offered



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Heather Bartlett (right), counselor, discusses her role within Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan as Erin Gauthier (left), case manager, and Mary Mummaw (center), victim services coordinator, look on during Behavioral Health’s Oct. 24 event in the Tribal Gym.**

monthly, and all counseling is voluntary and confidential.

NMN had brochures available that provided domestic violence safety planning tips such as what items to have available if a victim decides to leave the violent situation, how to prepare to leave and how to stay safe during an explosive incident.

The Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan main office may be reached at (989) 775-4400.

Other Mount Pleasant resources include the Tribal Police Department (989) 775-4700, ACFS (989) 775-4025, the Nimkee Clinic (989) 775-4600, Women’s Aid Services (844) 349-6177 and EightCAP (989) 772-0110.

## Museum and cultural center representatives gather at Ziibiwing to collaborate

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Members of the Great Lakes Culture Keepers Regional Institute convened at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishnabe Culture and Lifeways on Oct. 24-26 to discuss the ongoing planning of “We Are Still Here,” a traveling exhibition project, as well as share ideas and inspirations for their tribal museums, archives, libraries and language programs.

Grant and Conference Coordinator Omar Poler from University of Wisconsin in Madison explained the convention was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

“We’ve been doing this since 2010, and this is our 16th gathering... and our third time at Ziibiwing,” Poler said before explaining that representatives from the Western Great Lake states of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**On Oct. 24, Omar Poler, grant and conference coordinator, introduces the Great Lakes Culture Keepers Regional Institute conference’s keynote speaker.**

assemble both to develop the traveling exhibition and also to participate in project-based classes and workshops.

This year’s keynote speaker for the event was Janine Ledford, executive director of the Makah Cultural and Research Center in Neah Bay, Wash., the center that SCIT representatives



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Makah Cultural and Research Center’s Executive Director Janine Ledford shares her Tribe’s story of discovery.**

visited in the late ‘90s during the development of the Ziibiwing Center.

Ledford, who has been the director of the Makah Cultural Center since 1995, began her

presentation the afternoon of Oct. 24 by introducing her territory to the assembled group.

“We’re about a four-hour drive from Seattle,” she said. “We are a pretty remote location... We are just across from B.C., from British Columbia... at the northwest tip of Washington state.”

Ledford explained a natural disaster that occurred in Ozette, Wash., was the catalyst that helped create the world-renowned Makah Cultural Center in 1975.

“Ozette was covered by a mudslide sometime around 1700 or before, and, in 1970, a winter storm exposed some artifacts,” Ledford said. “Some artifacts were sticking out of the bank from some of the storm activity that washed away the outer portion of the bank.”

After this discovery, Ledford explained, the Makah Tribal Council collaborated with Washington State University on a project that eventually recovered 55,000 artifacts from portions of five houses.

“Most of which are pre-contact,” Ledford said, explaining that 500 pieces are 300-500 years old. “So, it is a very old, very well-preserved collection.”

Ledford continued, sharing how the collection is managed, documented and preserved as well as displayed. She also provided practical advice about how her board and staff collaborate with the community and closed her presentation by entertaining questions from conference attendees.

Conference participants then split into smaller groups to attend various workshops presented throughout the afternoon.

## Flachs family benefit to be held Nov. 18

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Federal prosecutors are reviewing the accident report for a crash that occurred early last month that killed 4-year-old Kaylee Flachs and seriously injured her mother Mandy Flachs, who is still in recovery.

Following the Oct. 4 accident, Mandy Flachs, a Tribal Member, was airlifted to MidMichigan Health in Midland and then transferred to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

A benefit will be held for the Flachs family on Saturday, Nov. 18 from noon to 11 p.m.

The benefit, to be held at the Weidman Eagles Club at 6275 W. Weidman Rd., will host a dart tournament, spaghetti dinner and silent auction.



The Flachs family



Kaylee Flachs

The dart tournament sign-up will be from noon to 1 p.m. The registration fee is \$10 per person.

The spaghetti dinner, hosted by US Marble, will begin at noon and continue until 5 p.m. The suggested minimum donation is \$10 per person.

The silent auction bidding will occur from noon until 5 p.m.

A baked good auction will begin at noon and last until all goods are sold.

Live music will begin at 3 p.m. with the band It’s About Time playing until 5 p.m.

The band Coyote Creek will begin their set at 7 p.m.

The Weidman Eagles Club will be open to the public.



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## CMU hosts regional forum with SCIT participation about Michigan's opioid epidemic

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness  
Coordinator



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

### Tribal Senior Judge Patrick Shannon participates on a panel about Michigan's opioid epidemic at Central Michigan University's College of Medicine on Sept. 8.

Central Michigan University's College of Medicine, the Herbert H. & Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions and the College of Education and Human Services hosted a Sept. 8 regional forum with SCIT participation about Michigan's opioid epidemic.

On behalf of the Tribe, Tribal Court Senior Judge Patrick Shannon, who serves on the Michigan Opioid Task Force by appointment from Gov. Rick Snyder, presented a well-received overview of Michigan's opioid epidemic to a full audience.

"Approximately 200 people attended the day-long forum featuring medical, legal, behavioral health and law enforcement experts," Shannon said. "One always learns from these opportunities regardless of your role as a presenter or attendee."

Shannon said there is a great and growing academic relationship with the three CMU hosting programs.

"The epidemic is massive in scope, but, with partners like CMU, we can narrow the effects," Shannon said. "The

Tribal Council has been an ardent supporter of our efforts in the Court and the Healing to Wellness Program to work with Tribal Members who are victims of this epidemic. In order to combat this nationwide threat, we will need to mobilize professionals from medical, legal and academic areas along with grassroots effort like Families against Narcotics (FAN) chapters."

CMU Adjunct Professor Larry Ashley coordinated the keynote speakers and introduced Shannon, and CMU President George Ross was in attendance.

"Judge Shannon gave an excellent overview of Opioid Epidemic in Michigan to open the forum. He also provided very good input on the issues facing the Tribal Recovery

Court," Ashley said. "As an institution who welcomes beneficial collaborative efforts and academic partnerships, we are hopeful, from the forum's success, that we can realize a push toward much-needed addiction research at CMU. Opioid addiction is an equal opportunity destroyer, and CMU wants to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for its continuing support with addressing the current issues facing our communities."

Thomas Masterson, dean of Health Professions, said the forum was the first venture for the newly-created CMU Interdisciplinary Center for Community Health and Wellness.

"The timing of the forum was perfect, and, with the growing concern in Michigan and across the country, CMU was able to

take a lead role with the help of generous sponsors," Masterson said. "We appreciate the support given from the Michigan Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling, the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals and Alkermes."

Another forum keynote speaker was 41B District Court Judge Linda Davis, chair of the Michigan Opioid Task Force.

Davis was instrumental in developing the first chapter of FAN in the city of Fraser.

"It is important to put a face on what is happening to families in our communities, and, by people sharing their stories, they can find they are not alone," Davis said. "I firmly believe that drug courts like Judge Shannon and the SCIT Healing to Wellness need to be connected to families, and I am glad to see the Tribe being a part of FAN with their own chapter."

Davis shared a message from author C.S. Lewis who said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience but shouts in our pain. Pain is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

Davis is an advocate of school prevention efforts like "Operation Rx" and innovative programs like the FAN program,

"Hope Not Handcuffs" and the Boston Medical Center "Project Assert."

Spectrum Health physician Dr. Cara Poland was trained in internal medicine at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor prior to going to the Boston Medical Center as an Addiction Medicine fellow.

Poland's clinical interests include safe opioid prescribing, medication-assisted treatment of substance use disorders and treatment of females with substance use disorders, and he has presented programs for Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center on medically-assisted treatment.

"With the science of addiction, the biggest obstacles in our lives are the barriers our mind creates. Those obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes of the goal," Poland said. "With opioid addiction, statistics show there are almost 20 percent of substance abuse counselors who do not support medically-assisted treatment, despite the overwhelming research that confirms it as evidence-based best practices."

Poland said having compassion toward addiction is key and that "something will grow from all you are going through, and that something will be you."

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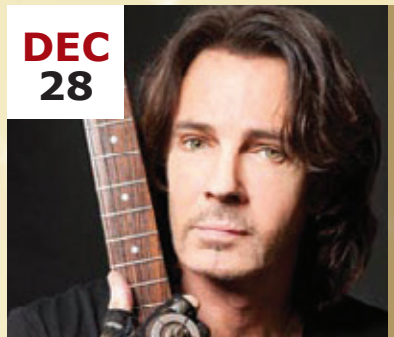
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## Winter auto emergency preparedness information presented during community event

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Just as rapidly as summer turned into fall, fall will quickly turn into winter. In preparation for the weather ahead, Nimkee Public Health and Seventh Generation presented a community emergency planning event about winter auto emergency preparedness.

Tribal Police Officer Joe Maxey presented road safety tips at the Oct. 26 event that was held in Seventh Generation's ceremonial building.

"Watch weather reports prior to a long-distance drive



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Police Officer Joe Maxey presents road safety tips to the community members attending the Oct. 26 emergency planning event.**

or before driving in isolated areas," Maxey said. "Delay trips when especially bad

weather is expected. If you must leave, let others know your route, destination and estimated time of arrival."

Maxey, who has been with the Tribal Police for 20 years, recently completed the emergency winter training with the Michigan State Police.

"If you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you," Maxey said. "Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost."

Helen Williams, emergency planning coordinator, and Lacey Mandoka, maintenance worker at Seventh Generation, showed the roughly 50 participants different items for winter survival.

One item included a sleeping bag which also turns into a coat. That item was the grand prize, given away in a drawing and won by Susan Kequom.

Attendees ended the event by playing the cultural game "Bones," provided by Daniel Jackson.

Williams, Mandoka, Bonnie Scott, Clinton Pelcher, Roland Jackson and Susan Sowmick



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**Helen Williams (left), emergency planning coordinator and Lacey Mandoka (right), maintenance worker at Seventh Generation, explained and displayed several items helpful for winter emergencies.**

prepared the turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash and stuffing meal for attendees.

## Court expresses importance of Membership's responsibility to appear for jury duty

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Tribal Court is a critical component of the Saginaw Chippewa government.

Throughout the past 38 years, an expansion of Tribal self-governance has occurred. There has been growth in the Tribe's ability to establish its own codes of conduct, criminal codes and civil codes within its tribal codes, to self-regulate and settle disputes that arise on the Reservation.

Within the constitution, the Tribal Court exists, where those

who have been reprieved will seek the right, under the Tribal code, to have a jury trial.

"Part of this whole concept of self-regulation and being a citizen of a nation is the responsibility to serve on juries," said Senior Judge Patrick Shannon. "Individuals not showing up for jury duty have been an issue. The code has been amended to reflect falls within the contempt power of the court to fine and potentially jail."

Listed within the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Law Title III, the Tribal Code states the following:

**3.1001 Basis for Contempt:** A Judge may punish for contempt persons guilty of the following acts:

(f) Failure to appear for jury duty when properly notified.

**3.1004 Punishment:** A Judge may punish for contempt by fine or imprisonment, or both. Such fine shall not exceed \$500 plus court costs, and such imprisonment shall not exceed 90 days.

"The last time we had a jury in September 2017, about 45 percent failed to appear for the last jury trial, and 17 of 39 failed to appear without permission," Shannon said. "The Tribal Code

does allow for contempt powers for non-appearance."

Jurors serve three months of jury duty, occurring on a quarterly basis. Jurors are randomly selected electronically via the computer.

"Not only is it the citizens' duty to show up for jury duty, but it is the whole basis of Tribal regulation and sovereignty," Shannon said. "It goes to the very heart of Tribal sovereignty where Tribal Members can make decisions on very important matters that confront their community."

Elders Advisory Board and

Caucus Committee member Joseph Sowmick also shared the importance of serving.

"Individuals who fail to fulfill their jury duty responsibilities are in many ways giving up on our community and the justice system as a whole," Sowmick said. "People within a community represent a set of society norms which are then reflected in the laws of our land, and we, as members of this community, must recognize jury duty as a right, privilege and a responsibility to our families and the community."

## Guidelines for Soaring Eagle associates partaking in FANTASTICON costumes

**RAY BRENNY**

CEO

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort associates may wear FANTASTICON costumes on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Sunday, Nov. 12.

With the exception of Security and Food & Beverage

personnel; Security and Food & Beverage personnel should check with their departments for separate rules.

Employees may wear costumes, under the following guidelines:

• Costumes can only be worn during the associate's shift that begins at 12:01 A.M. on

Saturday, Nov. 11 and ends at 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, Nov. 12.

• All costumes must have prior approval by the department director.

• No toy or real weapons of any sort (swords, guns, etc).

• Employees must wear their badges at all times.

• No police, security, law

enforcement or military/militia costumes.

• Costumes must be in good shape.

• Costumes must be in good taste and may not show or portray nudity.

• No costumes with inappropriate footwear. Shoes must be worn at all times.

• No masks or face paint that make associates unrecognizable.

• No big bulky sleeves.

• Pockets on costumes must be sewn if required for your present uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation, and please enjoy FANTASTICON!

## 2 Percent

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The only payment obligation remaining for the Tribe is the 2 percent payment to local units of government. Unlike

the 8 percent payment, the 2 percent payment is not conditioned upon gaming exclusivity in the state and continues as long as the tribes operate casinos under the 1993 gaming compacts.

All tribes operating under the 1993 compacts continue to make semi-annual 2 percent payments to local units of government, as required by the federal court order.

The Saginaw Chippewa

Indian Tribe retains the control over the payment of its 2 percent monies as allowed under the federal court order, even though some other tribes have relinquished their authority over the payment to a county

board or other local government body.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will continue to exercise its right to determine which local units of government receive the 2 percent payments.

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## Natasha House shared addiction story during FAN Recovery forum

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Willing to publicly reveal their recovery stories, four speakers shared their words during the Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County Families Against Narcotics Celebration of Recovery on Thursday, Sept. 21.

In the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, Natasha House, John Gerhard, Mason Jackson and Janis Ash bravely shared their recovery stories and struggles.

Unfortunately and unexpectedly, Natasha House, 36, passed away the following evening, Sept. 22, 2017.

The Tribal Observer honors House's bravery and memory and is publishing the speech she courageously shared during the FAN monthly forum.

*"Hello. I would like to share a little about myself and the struggles I've went through with my own drug addiction.*

*Growing up, never did I ever think I would become addicted to drugs. I graduated from high school, started my family and have five wonderful kids, ages 16, 15, 12, 11 and 6.*

*I decided, before I had my 6-year-old, that it was time to*



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**On the eve before she unfortunately and unexpectedly passed away, Natasha House shared her recovery story during the Families Against Narcotics Sept. 21 event in the Tribal Gym.**

*finish up college. So after 10 years of being out of school, I went back and graduated from Mid-Michigan (Community College) with my associate degree in accounting and then transferred to Northwood University, finishing my bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in accounting.*

*I had the life I had always dreamed of having. I had my family, house, car, owned my own business; just living the*

*life. Little did I know I would lose it all!*

*What started out as a prescription of Tylenol 3 for migraines turned into an addiction of Vicodin and whatever else I could get my hands on to feel normal.*

*Four and a half years of my life battling addiction, I lost everything I had worked so hard to get in life, including custody of my children. Everything that mattered so much to me (was) gone because I needed to have drugs to survive. Or so I thought.*

*After a couple attempts to overdose and end my life, I finally had enough!*

*On March 4, 2016, the birthday of my best friend of 20 years who also had an addiction – but her story ended in losing her life – I decided it's time to get my life back.*

*I went into a detox facility and have been clean and sober ever since.*

*Christmas Eve, this past year, I lost my other half in life. My younger sister had lost her battle with life and the multiple side effects addiction had caused in her life. She did not pass away from narcotics or street drugs, it was from a medication she had to take for*

*bipolar (disorder, which) addiction brought out in her.*

*Addiction causes multiple other issues with your health; it's not the only drug you have to battle.*

*From my drug addiction, I started having seizures and am still on seizure medication until my brain was healed enough to stop taking it.*

*Like I said, addiction isn't the only thing a person battles. Addiction causes a spiral effect of health issues.*

*I am one of the lucky ones that have beat the devil. Some days are still a struggle, but, as the days go by, it is easier to deal with.*

*It has been 18 months – or 566 days – clean as of today!*

*Although I had chosen the beaten-up path in life, it has directed me in a path I have a passion for: helping addicts. I've been through the good, the bad and the ugly.*

*Since the death of my sister almost nine months ago, I have made a promise to her that I will stay clean and do the best that I can do help others. I have joined FAN as a board member.*

*I would like to also give a very big thank you to my mother and my family for helping me overcome this addiction. Without the*

*support and love from them, this process would have been a lot harder for me.*

*I do also want to say that in the beginning of my addiction, my mom would always tell me to just quit the drugs, which is really hard to do.*

*She then became educated on addiction and understood it a lot more and became more understanding of the way the body works in addicts. So, she became more supportive and learned a lot to be there and give support in my recovery! So, thank you, Mom.*

*If anyone would like someone to talk to or anything at all, I would be happy to help or gather resources you may need. I am not the person that judges anyone. I have been through it and understand how an addict feels. I want to be able to help. I have a couple business cards here if anyone would like one, so you can get in contact with me.*

*Miigwetch."*

*(Editor's note: In memory of Tasha sharing her story and bravery, we honor her. I will not forget conversing with her and hearing her speech. I am hopeful Tasha's journey and struggles shared will help others facing addiction. –NS)*

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### Brent D. Jackson District One

Hello, my name is Brent D. Jackson. I am honored and humbled to make the top twenty. I want to thank those who supported and voted for me in the primary. I am asking for your continued support on November 7th. I believe I am an excellent candidate for Council because of my experience working for our Tribe including three terms on Tribal Council, various positions in Table Games and as a Gaming Commissioner over the past 27 years.

I was hired into Table Games in 1989 as a dealer and worked my way up to Director. My duties as director include creating and working within budgets, forecasting revenue, creating policies and procedures and working with a staffing of over three hundred. This experience has taught me how to work with people of different backgrounds, with different beliefs and goals and that as a leader, it is imperative to listen to all sides before making a decision, not just dictating based on my beliefs. I also served as a Gaming Commissioner for four years which allowed me to gain insight in the regulatory aspect of casino operations.

I believe in giving back to society and those less fortunate. I founded Middle of the Mitt Music Festival, which over the years has raised funds and awareness for charities like the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, Toys for Tots, Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, and American Cancer Society.

Council's decisions require diligent thought out solutions. Great care must always be given throughout the decision making process. It's more than a popularity contest; the consideration should be about the well-being and future of the Tribe, not to garner votes, for personal gain or to benefit friends or relatives. Council must abstain from the process whenever it involves them. When creating and administering policy, it must be for the betterment of the Tribe and applied on a consistent basis.

Our Tribal Sovereignty is consistently under attack from the government, corporations, and other tribes. We must assert our inherent rights and ensure the protection of our members. It's our responsibility to honor and rigorously defend our Grandfathers' and Grandmothers' hard work and perseverance in making us what we are today by ensuring the generations to come have a strong future.

We need to actively pursue political and economic dominance and put the Tribe at the forefront. We as a people must continue to seize the opportunities for positive change and growth. These things will happen if we make them our priority. I've been fortunate enough to be a part of the positive progress that is currently underway with the expansion of Saganing and the renovation of the Soaring Eagle Casino. If reelected I will continue to do my part to ensure positive change and growth for the Tribe and membership for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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### Vote Summer Peters District 3 Representative

Boozhoo! I am Summer Peters, a proud descendent of Saginaw Chippewa Chiefs Nottoway & Cobmosay. I am the proud descendent of Thomas Yahbay and Frank Peters, who served on the 1934 Tribal Council. My roots run deep and my family tree is well verified for seven generations before me. I was born in Alma, Michigan and raised from birth until age 22 on the Isabella Indian Reservation. I was one of several children who lived their formative years on the reservation along Anishnabeanon Road & Ojibway Drive. We would play for hours out in the woods, the "stumps" and Horseshoe Hill. As an adult, I look back on this experience as highly treasured. I am a home grown Rez Girl who walks in two worlds; the world of my culture & heritage of being a Saginaw Chippewa woman and also out into the unfamiliar lands of the world.

I began working for our Tribe at the age of 13 with afterschool jobs before transitioning to our gaming & Tribal Operations at age 18. I have worked in several departments of our Tribe & credit this experience to my further attained experience and success outside of Michigan. My public servant experience started when I was a teenager as the first Miss Saginaw Ojibwe in 1994-1995. I have years of higher education on my resume, in addition to being a well established artist and licensed Financial Advisor who has a keen knowledge of financial literacy.

I offer zero breakable promises in this election because I am one voice. However, I can promise undoubtedly that I bring honesty, humility, empathy, compassion, values and morals in alignment with my lifestyle. I bring strong, drug & alcohol free leadership in order to make clear, well thought out decisions for our membership. I bring an unjudging and open ear to our membership along with an energetic work ethic. I bring resiliency &

a thick skin in order to prevail through stressful situations. I bring respect for our elders, our military veterans and respect for both our church going & Traditional



members. I believe in TRANSPARENCY between our elected officials & the membership. Transparency promotes trust & accountability and should be a strong value within our Tribe. I believe it's time to move beyond the quiet censorship and let members talk at Community Meetings once again. As a business owner, my main focus for our Tribe is promoting business diversification as a supplement to gaming in order to benefit members of all Districts through boosted profitability and added employment opportunities. My dream for District Three is to boost communication, advocate for additional meetings that have been lost due to budget cuts & bring back a lost sense of importance. I hope to be a voice for those who feel disenfranchised & forgotten.

I have devoted my life to the advancement & empowerment of all Native American people and am ready to bring my work back to our Tribe. I clearly remember what life was like before our gaming operations flourished into prosperity. We were happy even though we were poor in the socioeconomic sense but rich in love, family, and friendship. Vote for me to bring a deep understanding of the past in harmony with the present and an eye on the future.

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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Student Senate election 2017

### ANTONIO GOMEZ

SCTC Student Senate  
Sergeant-at-Arms

In fall 2017, many Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students were involved with the Student Senate election campaign.

Student Senate candidates were elected to posted positions, including four new ones. Some of the elections came down to the wire, and the candidates encouraged fellow students to cast votes during the last week of voting.

Christian Jackson, Jared Hovick, Antonio Gomez, Rebecca Perlik, Mikayla Cyphert and Shane Graves were



Courtesy of SCTC

The newly elected 2017 SCTC Student Senate.

all elected for the first time to Student Senate.

Antonio Gomez was elected sergeant-at-arms, Jared Hovick became treasurer and Christian Jackson was voted in as representative.

The new historian position

was filled by Rebecca Perlik while Mikayla Cyphert was elected public relations representative and Shane Graves was selected to fill the community service representative position.

Trisha Trasky was voted in as SCTC Student Senate president

for her second term, Liz Trasky was also re-elected as vice president and Maggie Jackson was re-elected as Secretary.

Trisha Trasky returned to SCTC this semester to complete her Native American Studies degree and said she hopes to model the senate after other successful tribal colleges.

"I plan to work closely with Student Senate Government to make positive changes for students," said Trisha Trasky.

Trisha Trasky would like to incorporate more Native Traditions at SCTC as well as help preserve the language with the help of elders. Also, Trisha Trasky believes community service is important for students to

be engaged in and that it will benefit the community as well.

Finally, the Student Senate acquired a new advisor, Adam Haviland, instructor of Native American Studies.

"I am excited to work the Student Senate and help them achieve their goals," Haviland said.

The Student Senate will also be looking for one additional advisor to assist with all it would like to accomplish this semester.

The above list of names will be forwarded to the SCTC Board of Regents for confirmation at the October Board meeting. Once confirmed, the Student Senate will begin meeting as an official body of SCTC.

## Tribal Members learn how to harvest and process wild rice

### NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College collaborated with Seventh Generation to present the third annual Mahnoomin Camp, which took place Oct. 19 and 20 at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

The camp, operated and funded through the SCTC Extension program, provides Tribal Members the opportunity to learn about wild rice harvesting and processing.

After camp began 10 a.m. Thursday, a gathering took place midday for lunch and a presentation by Bonnie Ekdahl and Kathy Hart who provided the story of the Tribe's connection with wild rice and described the steps involved in harvesting and processing it.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

Bonnie Ekdahl (left) demonstrates the final phase of cleaning rice during the Oct. 19 Mahnoomin Camp. The two-day cultural education camp was a collaboration between the Tribal College and Seventh Generation.

"First, you have to go out and gather it out on the lake," Ekdahl said. "You have to find it; identify it."

Ekdahl emphasized the need to harvest at the right time.

"You can't harvest it too soon," she said before adding that you can also miss the season by waiting too long.

After the fresh rice is brought back to land in canoes, Ekdahl said processing it can begin.

The first step she described is drying it, which can take up to a week.

"It depends on the weather, and it depends on how much you have," Ekdahl said.

According to Ekdahl, it is important that the moisture is out before the rice is stored to avoid spoilage. Parching, she said, helps ensure that it is.

Parching occurs in a large pan over a flame where the rice is stirred until it is warm and completely dry.

"After it's parched, it goes into that dancing pit," she said. "It has hulls on it, and, when you're dancing on it, it rolls (the hulls) off."

The seed is revealed when the hull rolls off.

"That is the rice you cook and eat," Ekdahl said before explaining that rice can be safely stored at this stage for five years.

"It is a stable food," she said. "That's why our people

would have used it and carried it with them."

The next step is winnowing the rice in baskets. This stage consists of gently tossing the rice in a shallow basket so the wind can carry the hulls away on the breeze.

The final stage, called cleaning, is a painstaking process during which the remaining hulls are removed from the seeds by hand.

The Mahnoomin Camp was made possible through a United States Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture "Connecting with the Community" grant.



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Lacey Mandoka (left) shows how to properly parch the wild rice.



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Maria Colberg (right) and Kent Jackson participate in the winnowing process.



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Tyler Winters dances on the wild rice.

## ASL Family Nights (American Sign Language)



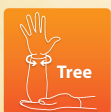
### Wednesday, Nov. 1 | Clan Animals

- Learn sign language for the clan animals: bear, beaver, lynx, loon, eagle, moose, catfish, marten, turtle and wolf.



### Wednesday, Nov. 8 | Family Members

- Learn sign language for family members: mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, cousin, brother, sister, son and daughter.



### Wednesday, Nov. 15 | Nature

- Learn sign language for nature terms: tree, river, lake, farm, grass, sun, clouds, rain, snow, changing colors, soil, pumpkin and wild rice.

SCTC East Building, Classroom 6

Dinner: 5 p.m. | Event start: 5:30 pm.

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Space is limited to the first 20 participants. Those interested are asked to please commit to attending all three dates.



### SCTC Board of Regents

## One Vacancy

If you are interested in serving, please submit a resume and a letter of interest explaining how you meet the criteria to

Ms. Colleen Green  
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2274 Enterprise Drive  
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### Qualifications of Regents:

1. An enrolled member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT) or another federally-recognized tribe, band or group. SCIT Members must adhere to the Tribal policy regarding committee membership.
2. Attainment of at least 25 years old
3. Significant education or work experience related to the process of higher education or vocational training or the administration of education or vocational training institutions and programs
4. Any specific requirements of organizations providing financial or other benefits to SCTC or providing accreditation of SCTC programs



## Foreigner presents 40th anniversary television and recording event at Soaring Eagle

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

When Foreigner fans entered the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort entertainment hall, they were in for a special surprise during the sold-out Oct. 6 and 7 shows.

The band Foreigner was filming its 40th anniversary television and recording event, and audience members got to witness and play a major role in the special occasion.

The band members arrived in Mount Pleasant on Monday, Oct. 2 to rehearse all week for the two shows and filming.

Shortly after 8 p.m. on Friday evening, the lights dimmed, and the crowd went wild. Then appeared Foreigner's current lineup: lead guitarist and founder Mick Jones; vocalist Kelly Hansen; Jeff Pilson on bass; Tom Gimbel on guitar, sax and flute; Michael Bluestein on keyboards; Bruce Watson on guitar; and drummer Chris Frazier.

Foreigner immediately rocked right into "Cold as Ice," and, during "Head Games," Hansen was already running off the stage, throughout the venue and into the crowd.

When beginning "Waiting for a Girl Like You," the audience was reminded they were participating in an exclusive event. Hansen stopped the band when they were noticeably not ready to transition into the song.

"Did we not want spotlights on this song?" Hansen asked the stage and recording crew.

"See, ladies and gentlemen, this is what you get when we are recording a live special," Hansen said before the band restarted the song.

Next, the band performed the hit "Headknocker."

"Everybody doing great?" Hansen asked the crowd.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Foreigner founder and lead guitarist Mick Jones performs during the band's 40th anniversary television and recording event at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Oct. 6.**

"You sound great, but you look even better."

A changeover occurred on-stage to prepare for an acoustic set featuring a rare version of "Say You Will," arranged by Pilson.

"I wrote this next song for a movie 40 years ago," Jones said of "Flame Still Burns." "It was a British movie called 'Still Crazy.' They chose this as the song to represent the whole movie, and we are doing it for you tonight."

The band then announced original member Lou Gramm, causing a standing ovation, and he joined for an acoustic version of the bluesy "Fool for You Anyway," from their first album.

The audience devotedly shouted "Lou," which could have puzzled some onlookers as it nearly sounded as if they were booing the band.

As if it were a show live on Broadway, another set change ensued. After a few moments, the band reappeared for "Urgent."

"I'm going to give the mic to the man who made this band possible," Hansen said of Mick

Jones. "He is the man, the guitar player, leader and founder."

"We're having fun," Jones said. "Are you having fun yet? This next song is on our first album... I am up here with two incredible singers, and I have to sing this one."

Jones sang "Starrider" as a psychedelic video played in the background.

"This goes out to our original founding member Al Greenwood who wrote this with Jones," Hansen said of the notable "Jukebox Hero."

The band members left the stage for an intermission. After 9:30 p.m., the original and founding band members Lou Gramm, Al Greenwood, Ian McDonald, Rick Wills and Dennis Elliott entered the stage, stirring a standing ovation.

The band played "Feels Like the First Time," paying tribute to original bassist Ed Gagliardi, who died of cancer in 2014. The band earned an enormous response of applause.

"It feels very nice to be up here with these guys," Gramm said as the audience was, again, yelling, "Lou!"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Current Foreigner lead singer Kelly Hansen belts out "Cold as Ice" during the first sold-out night.**

The bandmates launched into "Double Vision," "Blue Morning," "Long Long Way from Home" and "Dirty White Boy."

The gentlemen met front and center stage for a bow then exited the stage.

The fans went wild, hoping for an encore.

The musicians emerged again. This time both the original and current members entered the stage.

"We decided we were going to put the old and new together tonight. Why not?" Hansen asked.

Hansen took the first verse, and Gramm took the second verse on "I Wanna Know What Love Is." An incredibly powerful choir joined the stage after the first chorus. The crowd was on their feet, applauding.

"There have been a lot of things said," Hansen said. "What I and the rest of this band encountered is beautiful, talented people, and we've had a blast this week putting this show together for you."

The members ended the historic night with "Hot Blooded."

"The Soaring Eagle was proud to present a unique

moment in rock and roll history. It was the first time that both original and current line-ups of any rock band have ever performed together on stage," said Raul Venegas, director of marketing and entertainment of Soaring Eagle. "This historic event was recorded for both television and album release."

Along with T-shirts and merchandise, fans could purchase a \$100 signed hardcover book written by Jones.

Jones wrote the story of Foreigner and his life, which includes performing with the Beatles in 1964, with Jimi Hendrix and Otis Redding in 1967, with Johnny Hallyday, Spooky Tooth and George Harrison, and of creating one of rock music's biggest bands. Illustrated throughout with classic and previously unseen photos from Mick's own collection, the lavish book was published for the band's anniversary.

For \$250, fans could purchase a signed lithograph (only 100 available), signed by all Foreigner members appearing at the show.

For \$1,000, one could buy the ultimate collector's item, a limited edition Foreigner "4" official Recording Industry Association of America platinum album signed by all four band members who recorded that album.

Foreigner's "4" spent several weeks at number one on the Billboard Chart.

"Playing alongside Lou, Dennis, Al, Ian and Rick again certainly brought back some special memories, and we decided it would be the ultimate celebration to join together on one stage and give the fans the best possible farewell tour to our 40th anniversary," Jones said, according to the program handed out at the show.

## Comedian Ron White brings unapologetically crude, rowdy humor to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Stand-up comedian Ron White brought his hilarious antics to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Oct. 14.

White's career accomplishments include two Grammy nominations, a novel on the New York Best Seller list and

six comedy albums including the 2013 release "A Little Unprofessional."

White described his journey to fame, alongside his longtime friend and fellow comedian Jeff Foxworthy.

"It was his goal for a lot of years to make me a famous comedian," White said. "He truly sucks at it because it took him forever."

His career took off after joining the wildly-popular Blue Collar Comedy Tour, alongside Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy in 2000.

"He always believed in my talent but not my work ethic," White said of Foxworthy.

White used his rambunctious comedic style while sharing many observations from his married life.

"I don't sleep very well. I have sleep apnea, which keeps my wife awake," he said. "I think if it didn't keep my wife awake, I wouldn't know I had it."

He also shared the time his wife brought home two French bulldogs to use as watch dogs.

"What are they going to watch?" he asked, "Television?"

White shared a question he received while calling a London radio station to promote an upcoming show.

"Ron, every time a celebrity calls this radio station, we always ask the same question," the DJ said. "If you could have a conversation with anyone, living

or dead, who would it be?"

White responded with "Living."

Comedian and actor Alex Raymond opened the show.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**With a cigar in hand, Ron White delivers laughs aplenty during his Oct. 14 comedy show at the Soaring Eagle.**

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## R&B artists Keith Sweat and Freddie Jackson heat up the indoor concert hall

### NIKI HENRY

Photographer Journalist

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort indoor concert crowd was hot for Keith Sweat on Saturday, Oct. 21. The R&B singer, entering the stage with a passion for his music and fans, immediately got the crowd perspiring with his 1990 hit “Make You Sweat.”

The singer-songwriter, who opened his show dressed in black tuxedo pants, a black silk shirt and black jacket, talked intimately to the crowd, gently teasing them between songs such as “Get Up on It,” “My Body” and “Good Love.”

“You thought I couldn’t sing like that anymore,” Sweat said, showcasing his prowess by improvising a few vocal runs.

“I learned from the best, baby,” he said as he joked that no one could disrespect him on social media and say he lip-synched this concert.

Sweat went on to perform “It Feels So Good,” getting the audience up on their feet to move to his groove and inviting a few ladies from the crowd onto the stage to dance with the Sweat Set, his backup dancers.

The night continued with Sweat wooing the audience with songs like “Make It Last Forever,” “Merry Go Round,” “In the Rain” and his 1996 hit “Twisted.”

Sweat ended the show by choosing three couples from the audience to join him on the stage, sitting two of them on the love seat that was part of his set. He also chose a few single concert goers to gather at his bar on the stage before closing the night with audience favorites that included “I’ll Give All My Love to Her,” his hot single “Nobody” and his 1988 hit “I Want Her.”

Legendary R&B crooner, Freddie Jackson opened the night, tantalizing the crowd with his sultry songs and steamy banter.

Jackson opened his set with “Friends Before Lovers” before moving into “Have You Ever Loved Somebody” and “Tasty Love.”

Throughout the evening, Jackson solicited feedback.

“Is it good?” he asked on several occasions, making sure audience members were enjoying themselves.

Jackson felt the heat he was generating and removed his jacket between singing “Do Me Again” and “Don’t You Want to Jam Tonight?”



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Keith Sweat stirred up his audience with energy and innuendo during the Oct. 21 concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Freddie Jackson courted the crowd as the opening act.**

Before giving “A Little Bit More” to the audience, Jackson reminded the crowd that he has 11 number one hits and that there might not be enough time for him to share all of them.

“It’s impossible,” he said, “But I’ll do the best I can.”

Jackson continued with “Love Me Down” and “Love is Just a Touch Away.”

“Can you feel me, you all?” he asked.

Jackson closed the night with “You Are My Lady” to the delight of his female

fans who rushed the stage. Jackson rewarded their enthusiasm before he took his leave by shaking hands with those closest to him and distributing roses he had in a vase onstage to outstretched arms.



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## Education Department carves Halloween fun into a rainy evening

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym was filled to the brim with pizza, pumpkins and creativity Monday evening, Oct. 23.

The Education Department hosted the well-attended pumpkin carving event, supplying pumpkins, carving tools and paint as well as pizza and providing a fun, family event on a rainy, fall night.

Door prizes for both children and adults were also distributed, adding to the excitement inside the gymnasium.

Observer photos by Niki Henry



## SCA Teacher Assistant Shaila Sentes receives Educator of the Month

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

Shaila Sentes, teacher assistant for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, has been selected as Educator of the Month.

The following is a questionnaire completed by Sentes:

**How long have you worked for the Education Department?** Since April 2001.

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** Working with our youth by supporting tradition, language and culture.

**What is your favorite Disney movie?** "Moana." It reminds me of our culture and traditions.

**What is one of your favorite quotes?** "Sweet efforts are better than sweet words."

**Do you have any pets?** Two Applehead Chihuahuas.

**What is your favorite snack?** Reese's peanut butter cups.

**What is the one thing that you love doing? Why?** Putting little powwows on because I enjoy entertaining/teaching.

**What is your favorite vacation spot and why?** Florida because of spending time with family.



Courtesy of Tribal Education

**Shaila Sentes, teacher assistant for SCA, receives the Outstanding Educator of the Month award.**

### Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Logan Bird, Andrea Hawkins, Maisie Mena, Tehya Morales, Natasia Noe, Michael Otto, Miah Perez, Dylan Bennett, Gabriela Escobedo, Anthony King, Ringo Stevens, Elijah Teller, Jardina White-Eye and LahRae Wilson.

### Beal City

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Braden Chippewa, Dakarii Graveratte, Justin Graveratte, Skylur Graveratte, Hunner Seger and Samantha Seger.

### McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Nathalia Benavidez, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Jordan Floyd, Trevor Isham, Zhaawan Martell, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens, Cruz Vaquera, Damey'n Weldon, Azrae Wemigwans, Oginiihns Zerbe, Bailey Burger, Ryan Flaugher, Auriiah Hunter, Jessie Jackson and Jonathan Martinez.

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## Trainees to increase auricular acupuncture opportunities in the community

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The amount of peace and tranquility on the Reservation may have increased a bit in early October as Tribal Members and employees volunteered for free auricular acupuncture during two training sessions – at Housing the afternoon of Oct. 5 and at Behavioral Health on Oct. 6.

During the practice sessions, Bob Storrer, residential treatment counselor at Behavioral Health, was observing students perform the art of auricular acupuncture with the help of School-Based Consulting Clinician Sarah Winchell-Gurski, who is preparing to become a trainer.

Storrer has nine years' experience in auricular acupuncture and has trained others in the art for six years since becoming a certified trainer of the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) protocol by NADA founders Dr. Michael



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Bob Storrer, certified NADA trainer, assists one of his students as she performs auricular acupuncture on a volunteer during a training session that took place at Housing the afternoon of Oct. 5.**

Smith and Carlos Alvarez who developed the technique to help people with addiction and detoxification.

Winchell-Gurski, who has been performing auricular acupuncture for five years, explained how the protocol is used. She said, "The first way that we used it was in the Residential Treatment Center because it really does help with cravings."

Winchell-Gurski said the protocol helps people get "back on track as far as getting those toxins out, getting back to healthy sleep."

She also said acupuncture can help people who suffer from depression and anxiety to avoid self-medicating with drugs and alcohol, and it helps with digestion and cravings as well as releases toxins.

"It's part of a full treatment that we can offer," Winchell-Gurski said.

Eleven trainees were learning and practicing the NADA protocol the beginning of October. Several Behavioral Health employees will use the technique there, and a few are K-12 staff who will be using the protocol with students.

One trainee volunteers her time at Behavioral Health, and two trainees from the

Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi will share the protocol with their tribe when training is complete.

Trainees practiced the protocol, carefully placing five small, sterile needles in each ear of participants. After practicing on 40 volunteers, local trainees will use their skills at schools and to provide free auricular acupuncture at the walk-in Behavioral Health clinic. The clinic, which is open to the community as well as the Tribe, takes place in the healing room that offers a quiet and relaxing atmosphere with low lighting, aroma therapy and flute music.

According to Winchell-Gurski, school-based trainees will be able to use the protocol with students after obtaining permission from parents.

"It's kind of a natural way of helping with anxiety, with ADHD behaviors, and the kids that we've tried it with have reported a really big improvement in how they feel,"

Winchell-Gurski said.

Winchell-Gurski also said that ear seeds, which provide acupressure, are available to Tribal and community members as well as students. She explained that the seeds help with clients who are hesitant about needles and can also be purchased without an acupuncture license, so parents can use them with their students at home.

"It works really well for maintaining that feeling of balance in between acupuncture sessions," Winchell-Gurski said of the seeds.

"Our community is really open to all different forms of medicine. So, we kind of embrace the idea that there are alternative ways," Winchell-Gurski said, explaining that acupuncture is a holistic method that is rooted in ancient civilizations.

Anyone interested in the benefits of auricular acupuncture should visit the free clinic at Behavioral Health every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

## Hepatitis A cases increase, outbreak in southeast Michigan

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

LANSING, Mich. – Local and state public health officials continue to investigate a large hepatitis A outbreak in southeastern Michigan.

As part of the ongoing investigation, residents are encouraged to be aware of the associated risk factors and the importance of handwashing and vaccination to prevent hepatitis A infection.

Since Aug. 1, 2016, there have been 457 confirmed cases of hepatitis A in the city of Detroit and Ingham, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties reported to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Primary outbreak cases range from ages 20 to 87 years with a median age of 42 years. The majority are male (63 percent) and have been hospitalized (85.6 percent).

Eighteen deaths are associated with the outbreak.

Forty-eight percent of cases reported illicit drug use, 27.5 percent were co-infected with hepatitis C and three percent were co-infected with hepatitis B.

Six percent report recent incarceration, and 7.7 percent of men reported having sex with men. Transmission has primarily been person-to-person with no single source identified.

The Hepatitis A vaccine is available at local pharmacies, through healthcare providers or at local health departments. One dose of hepatitis A vaccine is at least 90 percent effective at preventing

infection if given before any exposure to hepatitis A.

The vaccine is inactivated and safe for all individuals, including those with liver disease or weakened immune systems.

MDHHS and local public health officials are working to quickly investigate cases as they are identified as well as notify the healthcare community and encourage providers to speak with their patients about hepatitis A, increase vaccinations and test for hepatitis A when appropriate. These activities include:

- On Sept. 18, the state Medicaid program issued a letter to healthcare providers about the outbreak, including prevention, testing and treatment information. This letter was sent to 5,069 Medicaid-enrolled providers and another 11,758 providers and interested parties signed up for Medicaid updates.

- There are ongoing vaccination campaigns in Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair jails, substance use treatment centers and homeless centers, as well as discussions with the Michigan Department of Corrections about implementing a vaccination campaign in the Detroit Receiving Center and Detroit Detention Center.

- MDHHS is working with Detroit Health Department and regional Emergency Departments to implement a vaccination campaign

targeting at-risk patients.

- Supported by contracted nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association, MI Volunteer Registry volunteers and MDHHS, local health departments are partnering with community organizations to provide hepatitis A vaccine to at-risk individuals.

More information about hepatitis A, the ongoing outbreak in Michigan and current recommendations are available at [www.mi.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak](http://www.mi.gov/hepatitisAoutbreak) and [www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav)

### Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

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

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

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

#### If interested:

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

#### Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

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Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

\*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

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

### Indigenous Pink Day



Observer photos by Niki Henry

Nimkee employees wearing pink gather in the lobby on Tuesday, Oct. 19 to recognize Indigenous Pink Day and raise breast cancer awareness in the Tribal community.



## Annual Feather Link Tea breast cancer awareness event is well-attended

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

In celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center's 22nd annual Feather Link Tea and silent auction took place this year on Oct. 10 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

More than 115 participants filled a ballroom.

The event was organized by Judy Davis, grant coordinator, and emceed by Jenna (Wilcox) Winchel, women's health coordinator.

The luncheon began with Winchel thanking the donors of the auction items and reviewing the breast and cervical cancer screening guidelines and exam schedule printed on the back of the event program.

"It is important that we have our screenings done yearly, and important to support and encourage our family, friends and community members to have them done also," Winchel said.

Winchel also publicly thanked Davis for her



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**Eleven cancer survivors are recognized (15 total, with four not pictured) at the annual Feather Link Tea in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom on Oct. 10.**

dedication to and passion for the yearly event.

Next, Winchel recognized the Tribal Council members in attendance.

"Thank you for your support," Winchel said, as Council members stood for a round of applause.

Winchel closed her welcome by mentioning the free mammograms MidMichigan Health Programs offered in October to uninsured woman 40 years and older who had not received a mammogram in the last year.

Then, Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl

provided a prayer before event participants partook in a luncheon that consisted of potato, pasta and garden salads; corn; mashed potatoes; turkey; smothered chicken; beef and noodles with mushrooms; and a variety of fruit and desserts.

Alma College and University of New England graduate Dr. Robin O'Dell, DO, addressed the crowd as the event's guest speaker.

O'Dell provided a presentation that debunked myths and old wives' tales and addressed women's issues such as anatomy, menstruation, sexually

transmitted infections, birth control, pregnancy and menopause as well as uterine, ovarian, cervical and breast cancers.

O'Dell emphasized the risk factors of each type of cancer and mentioned a family connection.

"Usually if you have first-degree relatives with breast cancer, that poses a risk," she said before mentioning that she recommends genetic screening for women who have mothers or sisters who have had breast cancer.

O'Dell also said not having relatives with breast cancer is not an indicator of a lack of risk.

Toward the end of her presentation, O'Dell said there is currently no screening available for uterine or ovarian cancer.

"We just need more money for research in women's health," she said before mentioning that, in the future, there could be a blood test to screen for the cancers that is similar to the PSA test that screens men for prostate cancer.

Before Winchel closed the event, she provided one last

opportunity for participants to bid silently on 28 auction items that included hand-crafted pieces such as blankets, a wreath, paintings, a carved stone buffalo, earrings, a skirt, a bird house, a scarf and a dream catcher. Attendees could also bid on purses, bags, a wallet, tea and a teacup, a basket filled with beauty products, two Soaring Eagle spa packages, artificial plants and kitchen items.

The auction was made possible by donations from Bernard Sprague with Soaring Eagle Resort, Anne Heidemann with the Tribal Library, Janice Wilcox, Mark and Cher Schafer of Migizi Creations, Sharon Peters from Nimkee Fitness, Kim Otto-McCoy from the Planning Department, Patricia John and Tammy House from Nimkee and Sandy Smith from Behavioral Health.

All event participants received a swag bag containing information, colored pencils, a coloring book, a pink ribbon pin and a small, hand-crafted, felt zippered pouch.

## Editorial: Meritain allows members to create personalized website

**MIKKI MARCOTTE**

Case Manager/Social Worker  
At- Large Department

Did you know that with your new medical insurance, Meritain, you can create your own personalized member website? It is called Meritain Connect. When you log in, you will find everything you

need to know about your benefits, from eligibility to enrollment to what is covered.

Registration for Meritain Connect is an easy three-step process.

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2. Next, select Member under "I am a," and enter your group ID. You can find

your group ID on the front of your member ID Card. (If you do not have your card, please call At-Large/Member Services at **800-884-6271**.) Then, click Continue.

Please note: You may set up a login for yourself as well as any children under age 18 who are covered through your plan. For privacy purposes, your spouse and dependents

over the age of 18 who are covered by the plan must each establish logins to access their individual information.

3. You will need to fill in the following:

- Group ID (located on your member ID Card)
- Member ID (located on your member ID Card)
- Date of birth, name, zip code and email address

A username will be given to you. After you create a password and confirm your email address, you are done. You will automatically be logged into your new Meritain Connect account.

The next time you log in, go to [www.meritain.com](http://www.meritain.com) and use the same username and password you creating in step 3.

## Don't fear the humble potato, which is a nutrient powerhouse.

**ANDREA N GIANCOLI**

MPH, RD

*(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the July 2017 Environmental Nutrition. The article has been submitted by Sally Van Cise, MPH, RDN, nutritionist for Nimkee Public Health.)*

Maligned for years by dieters and the popular press, white potatoes have been blamed for increasing overweight, obesity and Type 2 diabetes risks.

Could the world's third largest food crop, after rice and wheat, truly be the culprit of ill health? Environmental Nutrition takes a closer look at the science.

**Nutrition:** Potatoes have been criticized for having little nutritional value, despite providing many essential nutrients (see Potatoes' Hot Nutrients), most notably potassium and fiber, which were identified as nutrients of public health concern per the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Potatoes also contribute vitamin C, magnesium, vitamin B6, niacin and thiamin, as well as carotenoids and polyphenols.

**Glycemic Index (GI):** The starchy vegetable's reported high GI has been tapped as the perpetrator of weight gain and diabetes. Foremost, GI alone is not a sole predictor of weight gain or diabetes. Several

influencers are at work in the progression of weight gain and diabetes, including overall diet, total caloric intake and expenditure and genetics.

The GI of potatoes varies broadly and is dependent on many factors, such as cooking method (baked has lower GI than boiled) and how it is consumed (eating with skin lowers GI). Cooking and reheating or consuming them when cooled also lowers GI. This is attributed to higher presence of resistant starch.

Consuming potatoes with other foods, such as cheese, also alters the GI. Finally, potatoes' high satiety index may help with appetite control.

### Potatoes' Hot Nutrients

Nutrients	Baked Potato, Flesh & Skin	Baked Potato, Flesh only
Calories	93	93
Protein	2.5 g (5% DV)	2 g (4% DV)
Total Carbs	21 g (7% DV)	21.5 g (7% DV)
Total Fat	<0.5 g (0% DV)	0.5 g (0% DV)
Fiber	2.2 g (8% DV)	1.5 g (5% DV)
Potassium	535 mg (11% DV)	391 mg (8% DV)
Magnesium	28 mg (7% DV)	25 mg (6% DV)
Vitamin C	10 mg (11% DV)	13 mg (14% DV)
Iron	1.08 mg (6% DV)	0.35 mg (2% DV)
Folate	28 mcg (7% DV)	9 mcg (2% DV)
Vitamin B6	0.311 mg (18% DV)	0.3 (18% DV)

Source: USDA; Note: g=gram, oz=ounce, mg=milligram, mcg=microgram, DV=Daily Value

**Resistant starch** is a complex carbohydrate found in potatoes. It passes through the small intestine undigested and then moves into the large intestine where it is fermented by gut bacteria. Resistant starch is linked with benefits for body weight, gut health and blood lipid and glucose levels.

**The Bottom Line:** Pay less heed to potatoes' GI, and instead consume satisfying

fresh potatoes with the skin for more fiber, potassium and other nutrients.

Minimize high-calorie accompaniments, such as butter, cheese and sour cream. Try low-fat Greek yogurt or low-fat cottage cheese toppings.

Enjoy processed potato products with added calories and fat (i.e., French fries and potato chips) in moderation.

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule November 2017

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



## Mount Pleasant Man vs. Mountain challenge registration now open

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Late last month, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation announced that registration is now open for the Man vs. Mountain obstacle challenge scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018.

The Man vs. Mountain unique winter 5K dares

participants to embrace the winter cold while running, climbing, jumping and crawling their way to the finish line.

The race is electronically timed, and wave times begin at 9:30 a.m.

Individuals may sign up early to receive the best registration rates.

Event pricing starts at \$50 and will gradually increase to \$80 as

race day approaches. A \$35 student rate is also available.

The course, set through Mt. Pleasant parks, is filled with more than 15 strategically placed human-made obstacles that complement the natural elements of Michigan winters such as snow, ice, slush and cold temperatures.

Each obstacle is designed to accommodate multiple skill levels.

“Man vs. Mountain is challenging, exhilarating and overall a lot of fun,” said Recreation Coordinator Steve Hofer. “This race was created to provide an additional recreational opportunity during the winter months. If you like to be active and you have a sense of adventure, this one-of-a-kind event is perfect for you.”

Following the event, competitors are welcome to visit

Mountain Town Station for a warm beverage, hearty meal and the chance to exchange stories of their own experiences.

Challengers take home memories, bragging rights and race swag.

For additional information and to register, go to [www.mt-pleasant.org/mvm](http://www.mt-pleasant.org/mvm) or call the Parks and Recreation Office at (989) 779-5331.

## Keeping food safety in mind this holiday season

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Keep food safety in mind this holiday season. Keep cold foods cold and hot foods hot.

Tis’ the season for holiday gatherings of friends and family. Our dear friends and family may include people who are especially vulnerable to foodborne illness – older people, young children, pregnant women and anyone with a compromised immune system.

Keep the season joyous and protect your guests from foodborne illness by following a few simple food safety steps.

“The four basic steps of separate, cook, chill and clean will go a long way to keep your guests safe from an unwelcome foodborne illness,” said Steve King, director of Environmental Health Services for Central Michigan District Health Department.

**Separate:** Keep raw meats separate from cooked foods and vegetables in the refrigerator. It is recommended to store or thaw raw meats in a container on the bottom refrigerator shelf to prevent juices from contaminating foods that will not be cooked. When preparing, keep raw meats separated and use different cutting boards for meats and vegetables.

**Cook:** Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are properly

cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful microbes that cause foodborne illness. Follow temperature guidelines provided with the food packaging.

**Chill:** Refrigerate promptly. Public health officials urge people to refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep most harmful microbes from growing. Place leftovers in shallow containers, leaving the cover loose to vent steam.

Do not stack the cooling food containers so there is plenty of air circulation. Refrigerators should be set at 40 degrees F and the freezer at 0 degrees F to keep stored food at safe temperatures. Whatever you do, do not

rely on the natural outdoor temperature on the porch to keep foods at proper temperature.

**Clean:** Keep utensils and hands clean. Wash pans, utensils and cutting boards with hot soapy water after every use and when switching between raw meats and other foods.

Clean counter tops and sinks with hot soapy water before and after food preparation. Wash your hands frequently, especially after handling raw meats, using the bathroom and before starting food preparation.

Frequent hand washing will help protect you and your guests from getting a foodborne illness.

“Keep your friends and family safe by following these

food safety steps, and have a happy holiday season,” says Director King.

This article was provided by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon.

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## Tribal, local community participants take to the streets for the Run on the Rez

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

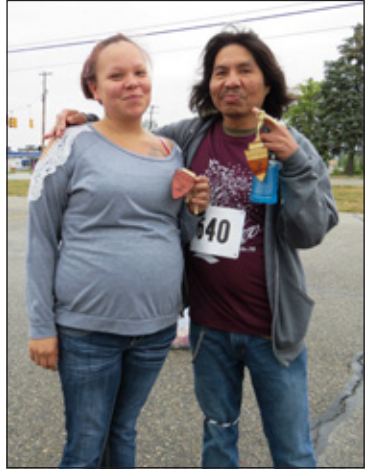
Contributing Writer

On Oct. 7, an overcast and rainy morning turned into a wonderful day to have the annual Run on the Rez, hosted by the Nimkee Fitness Center.

As the runners lined up to the familiar sound of Survivor's 1982 hit "Eye of the Tiger," Team Niibin (summer) and Team Biboon (winter) took to the streets.

A total of 98 participants assembled in the Tribal Operations parking lot for the 10 a.m. race start.

Prior to the race, children aged two to five could compete in a 30-meter dash. Each



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Elder James Osawabine Sr. (right) displays his race medal with Alisha Franco (left) at the Oct. 7 Run on the Rez.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**(Left to right) Stefanie Smith and the Gloria family – Marissa, Josh and Asher (in the stroller) pose for a photo.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Several 5K runners take off at the starting line in the Tribal Operations parking lot.**

"The story of the change of season is one of the oldest stories shared in our Native culture. There are other versions of the story from others tribes, but I told the one my grandmother taught me, the changing of the seasons," Henry said. "The story highlights an unending race of the seasons that goes on year after year. It was interesting there were more runners who chose the spirit of summer, but winter will come our way soon enough."

Green recognized the carpenters at Tribal Woodshop Department who provided a simulated cedar arrowhead medal for each runner who finished the race.

Runners and the families who cheered them on were treated to chili, potato and

chicken noodle soup along with fry bread in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

As participants enjoyed lunch, door prizes were awarded including Soaring Eagle Waterpark passes, golf packages, a night stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and various gift cards.

Green thanked the volunteers and sponsors who made this year another success.

"Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Soaring Eagle Waterpark are always there, pledging their support along with Sagamok Express and Nimkee Public Health," Green said. "Other sponsors included Runners, Herbs Etc., Central Michigan University Recreation, Creative Hair Design, Green Tree and Sawade Drilling Company."

child participant received a miniature trophy.

"This year, Nimkee Fitness Center's Run on the Rez commemorates the race between niibin and biboon (summer and winter). Our logo features a tree rooted between the worlds of niibin and biboon," said Jayme Green, event director and fitness coordinator. "This year's T-shirt features a tree with half of it in summer and half in winter, and the tree symbolizes the point where the two seasons meet."

The left-side design of the shirt shows the tree in full bloom, basking in the warmth of summer, and, on the right side, the bare branches are surrounded by swirling snowflakes carried on a winter wind.

Robin Henry, elder and Anishinaabe storyteller, told the story of the race between summer and winter at the beginning of the 5K/one-mile race.

"This is my first time at Run on the Rez, but it's fantastic, and I'll be back next year. I was really impressed by the spirit of community and to see everybody working together," Henry said. "This was my first experience with the running community, and I didn't know if it was going to be real competitive. I completed my one-mile walk, and everyone was so supportive."

Henry said she was heartened to see how Green embraced Native storytelling with the run.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Proud mom and event coordinator Jayme Green (right) congratulates her son Cooper at the finish line.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Kaitlin Kahgegab (left) and Maurice Francis (center) prepare to walk down Broadway Road with their daughter Jaycee Kahgegab.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**Nevaeh Badger (left) and Jennifer Wassegijig (right) go for a leisurely stroll with Ava and Carter Leaux.**



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

**There is a little fun competition for everyone as these participants begin their one-mile run or walk.**

## Editorial: Tribe's insurance offers prescriptions for acute symptoms via phone call

### KARMEN FOX

Executive Health Director

Public Service Announcement: Did you know if you have acute symptoms, including the flu, a cold or cough, you can use the "Teladoc" option listed on your Tribal Member or employee insurance card? The service is available at **1-800-Teladoc**.

#### Pros for using Teladoc:

- It is easy and very simple.

- You register through Teladoc (**Teladoc.com**).

- Prescriptions can be filled at Nimkee Pharmacy or sent to Cardinal Pharmacy.

- Teladoc is a service provided through our insurance provider Meritain Health at zero cost to you.

#### Cons for not using Teledoc:

- If you go to an urgent care, our Tribal Member or employee insurance is billed about \$150 for a visit. Remember, we are self-funded, meaning the Tribe pays it.

- If you go to urgent care without a referral, you pay the co-pays for your visit and prescriptions, and the Tribe is still billed through insurance.

- You will wait at urgent care just as long as you would at the Nimkee Clinic, if not longer.

At-Large/Member Services can help anyone who needs assistance registering through Teladoc.

The Nimkee Clinic is working on obtaining a kiosk to better serve Tribal members.

## Attention All Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members and Employees

It is that time of year again, and, with that said, now is the time to make some major decisions concerning your health care coverage that is offered through the Tribe.

From now until Dec. 1, 2017, Tribal associates will need to make sure to complete paperwork for any needed dependent changes that have to be made for 2018.

Please remember the new plan year starts on Jan. 1, 2018, and ends on Dec. 31, 2018. This is the only time of the year that you are able to add eligible dependents or remove those no longer needing coverage.

I would also like to remind all covered associates that all dependents who have turned 26 years of age during 2017 will also lose coverage on Dec. 31, 2017. These dependents will be offered Cobra, and this will be the only way to continue coverage for these dependents.

This is the one time a year to enroll in the Flex and Dependent Care program; remember these are tax deferred deductions from your payroll earnings you are able to be used to cover child care costs, medical deductibles and copays, as well as assist with optical and dental costs not covered by insurances.

The deadline is Dec. 1, 2017, so make sure to come to the Benefits Department to complete your paperwork.





## Tomarrah Green returns as elder community activity assistant

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

Tomarrah Green has returned to Andahwod as an elder community activity assistant.

Green is a 2013 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College alumna.

In 2016, she received a Bachelor of Applied Arts from Central Michigan University, where she studied family studies and anthropology.

Green formerly worked at Andahwod as an activity assistant before she took a leave of absence to care for

her newborn son and finish her degree. During that time, she also completed her family studies internship at Andahwod.

She takes an active role in the community, and, on her own time, has been trained by the Ziibiwing Center staff to give Diba Jimooyung guided tours.

She enjoys spending time with her 2-year-old son Emmanuel. She loves event planning and making crafts.

She said she is excited to be working with the elders again and that she is looking forward to making new memories with them.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Tomarrah Green

## Editorial: Beginning as Andahwod's new administrative assistant I

### SANDRA PELCHER

Administrative Assistant I

Boozhu!

As most of you know, I am Sandra Pelcher, the new administrative assistant I at Andahwod.

I am 21 years old. I have lived on the Reservation all my life. I do not have any plans to move away, although the thought sometimes sounds intriguing.

In 2010-2013, I worked at Andahwod as a summer youth worker, and I really enjoyed it. I am glad to be back here, as I missed many of the residents as well as the staff.

What I like most about working with the elders is their ability to change a bad day to better, whether with a simple joke, a gesture or just a smile and a hello.

I want to work here because I enjoy seeing the elders every morning. They always have stories to tell, most of which can be entertaining.

## Andahwod's September Employee of the Month

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

Bruno Wemigwans has worked at Andahwod as a security guard for eight years. Before working at Andahwod, he worked for the Tribe as a dealer and bartender.

Being around the elders at Andahwod is Bruno's favorite part of the job. He likes talking with them and hearing about their lives.

One of Bruno's favorite memories with his grandparents is going on car rides with them.



Courtesy of Andahwod

Bruno Wemigwans, security

## November Andahwod events

### Euchre

Mondays | 6 p.m.

### Language Bingo

Nov. 2 | 1 p.m.

### Elders Breakfast

Nov. 8 & 22 | 9 a.m.

### Turkey Bingo

Nov. 11 | 2 p.m.

• Packet sales begin at 1 p.m.

• Must be at least 13 years of age to play.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 20 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Saganing Day Trip

Nov. 21 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Bingo and lunch at the Saganing Tribal Center. One hour at SELC with \$20 Premium Play.

• Limited seating.

• Call 989.775.4300. Deadline: Nov. 17

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change. For more information, please call 989.775.4300

## Attention all cooks!

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday, Nov. 20 at Andahwod

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Please call 989.775.4300 to make reservations.

• Elders: Free • 13 & older: \$9 • 12 & under \$5

Menu: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes and turkey gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, steamed broccoli, cranberry sauce, tossed salad with assorted dressings, bread and butter, assorted pies and drink station.

## Miigwetch!



Photos courtesy of Andahwod

Andahwod Elder Services would like to say miigwetch to all the departments who have served during Elders Breakfast and those who have signed up to serve for the upcoming year.

We appreciate your support and kindness.

## NOVEMBER 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Maurice DeMeyere                                                                                                                                | 17 Phillip Peters Jr., Laurie Pease, Penny Rapp                                                |
| 2 Delores Drews, Tempie Snyder, Robin Grippi, Robert Henry, Thomas Russell                                                                        | 18 Terri Bonnema, Brenda Stanton, Mark Stigger                                                 |
| 3 Barbara Chapoton, Joni DeLaCruz                                                                                                                 | 19 Faith Carmona-Pego, Beverly Vasquez, Christopher Williams, Bernice Nelson, Henrietta Malone |
| 4 Bernard Sprague, Rose Clouse, Minnie Periard, Valerie Zocher                                                                                    | 20 Jo Ann Bowen, Kathryn Moran                                                                 |
| 5 David Detzler, Karen Sanford                                                                                                                    | 21 Allen Pego Sr., Viola Nahgahgwon                                                            |
| 6 David Anderson, Kathleen Hart, Richard Rodriguez, Lawrent Cabay, Paul Johnson, Marcia Lewis, Susan Smielewski, Kenneth Watson III, Naomi Waynee | 22 Joseph Kulik Jr., Clayton Nedwash Sr.                                                       |
| 7 Donald Bordeau, Judith Ramirez, James Ritter                                                                                                    | 23 Bertha Collins                                                                              |
| 8 Clara Jackson                                                                                                                                   | 24 Corrinna O'Leary                                                                            |
| 9 Lisa Elamin, Marshall Jackson, Pamela Kropp, Lawrence Mena, Frank Synder                                                                        | 25 Robert Burnham, Laura Meffert                                                               |
| 10 Irving Graveratte                                                                                                                              | 26 Jo Kathleen Sprague, Valorie Semmens, Sidney Stone                                          |
| 12 Marclay Crampton, Michael Cyr, Lenore Davis, Jack Ice, Kenneth Maloney                                                                         | 27 William Snowden, Amanda Nahgahgwon, Stephen Randall                                         |
| 13 Stuart Jackson, Barbara Johnson                                                                                                                | 28 Wayne Watson Sr., Norman Cyr Jr., Carolyn Fisher, Daniel Kirby                              |
| 14 Raymond Pelcher Sr.                                                                                                                            | 29 Valerie Querback                                                                            |
| 15 Peggy Vlieg, Robert Bates                                                                                                                      | 30 Darlene Chippewa, Daisy Kendall, Chris Pego, William Cross, Barbara Garcia                  |
| 16 Sherry Jackson, Kathy Barber, Randy Dutton, Michael Finney, Jody Wojcik                                                                        |                                                                                                |



## NOVEMBER 2017 EVENT PLANNER

### Youth Council Meet the Candidates Night

- Nov. 1 | 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - Contact: 989.775.4506
  - A chance to hear about youth candidates running for this year's elected seats
  - Light refreshments will be served.

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

- Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4895

- Nov. 15 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
  - Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

- Nov. 2 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Tribal Operations Seniors Room
  - Contact: 989.775.4880

### Walk-In Flu Clinics

- Nov. 7 | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Location: Tribal Police Department lobby
- Nov. 14 | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee lobby

### Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

- Nov. 9 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850
  - For more information: 989.775.4879

### Traditional Sweat Lodge

- Nov. 10 | Teachings and fire lighting at 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989.775.4879

### Spirit Feast

- Nov. 9 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- Location: 7th Generation
  - Contact: 989.775.4786

### Turkey Bingo

- Nov. 11 | Bingo: 2 p.m., packet sales begin: 1 p.m.
- Location: Andahwod
  - Must be 13 or older to play
  - 50/50, turkey and door prize drawings

### Foster Care Mandatory Training

- Nov. 14 | 12 - 5 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
  - For ACFS licensed foster homes

### Smudge Box Workshop

- Nov. 15, 16 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Location: 7th Generation
  - Contact: 989.775.4786

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

- Nov. 16 | 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - Contact: 989.775.4880

### Housing "Asset Building" Workshop

- Nov. 16 | 12 - 1 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
  - Contact: 989.775.4552

### Anishinaabemowin & Sacred Fire Lunches

- Nov. 16, 30 | 12 - 1 p.m.
- Location: 7th Generation
  - Contact: 989.775.4110
  - Learn the basics of Ojibwe language with Anishinabe Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick

### Ziibiwing Vendor Training

- Nov. 16 | 6 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Ziibiwing Center
  - Registration: 989.775.4745
  - Registration deadline: Nov. 13
  - Topics covered: required vendor paperwork and tax forms, types of items currently needed, product packaging and descriptions

### Youth & Family Hunting Camp

- Nov. 17-19 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Location: 1 Kunze Rd., E. Tawas, MI 48730
  - Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org
  - Cost: \$25 per person
  - Tribal Members only. Space is limited.
  - Registration deadline: Nov. 11 at 1 p.m.
  - Must attend range day and hunters meeting on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Black Creek Conservation Club (2643 S. Chippewa Rd Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)
  - Mentored hunters (12 and under) and anyone under 16 years of age must be accompanied in the field at all times by a hunter who is at least 21 years of age who has taken a hunters safety course.

### ACFS Christmas Bazaar

- Nov. 18 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
  - Contact: 989.775.4906
  - All proceeds go towards the ACFS Foster Care Program.
  - Purchase a booth for \$25.

### Andahwod Thanksgiving Dinner

- Nov. 20 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Andahwod
  - Contact: 989.775.4300
  - SCIT Elders: Free
  - Guests 13 and older: \$9
  - Guests 12 and younger: \$5

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <i>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Curbside collection will be delayed one day for the holiday.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● K-12 Powwow Tribal Ops   8 a.m. - 3 p.m.</li> <li>● Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m.</li> <li>● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● K-12 Powwow Tribal Ops   9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</li> <li>● Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</li> <li>● 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● K-12 Powwow Tribal Ops   9 a.m. - 2 p.m.</li> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m.</li> <li>● Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Performance Circle Class Ziibiwing   4:30 - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 a.m.</li> <li>● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.</li> <li>● Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</li> <li>● 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Spirit Feast 7th Generation   5:30 - 8 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tribal Ops Closed Veterans Day</li> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Turkey Bingo Andahwod   1 - 4 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>
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<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Thanksgiving Dinner Andahwod   4:30 - 6:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bingo with Friends Saganing   10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.</li> <li>● Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Performance Circle Class Ziibiwing   4:30 - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elders Breakfast Andahwod   9 a.m.</li> <li>● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m.</li> <li>● Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tribal Ops Closed Thanksgiving</li> <li>● Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</li> <li>● 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tribal Ops Closed Day after Thanksgiving</li> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Active Parenting Now ACFS   10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Birthday Bingo Andahwod   12 - 3 p.m.</li> </ul> <p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.</li> </ul>
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Euchre and Potluck Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m.</li> <li>● Performance Circle Class Ziibiwing   4:30 - 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   12 - 1 p.m.</li> <li>● Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</li> <li>● 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.</li> <li>● Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thanksgiving Curbside Collection Delay</b></p> <p>Curbside recycling will be on Monday, Nov. 6 instead of Tuesday, Nov. 7 for the Veterans Day holiday.</p> <p>Curbside collection will be delayed one day the week of Thanksgiving. Curbside recycling will be on Saturday, Nov. 18 instead of Nov. 21 for the Thanksgiving holiday.</p>	



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associate degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

##### Primary Language

##### Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition and five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A bachelor's degree in education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred. If not taken immediately, the language that was spoken for hundreds of years will be lost forever. The position of the Primary Language Immersion Specialist will be to teach while immersing the children in the language.

##### General Labor Pool

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. May also be required to have a valid Michigan driver's license.

##### LPN-Assisted Living PT

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long-term care experience preferred. Must consent to a criminal background check. Will be required to work other shifts, weekends, holidays and during emergency situations as necessary to meet program staffing needs. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community required.

##### Gift Shop Retail Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus. Must demonstrate strong communication skills as it pertains to customer service.

##### Operator Lab Tech #2

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical,

lab and electrical equipment. Must have working knowledge of mechanical and building trades. Requires a minimum of one-year experience in the wastewater field.

##### Certified Aide PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid nurse aide certification. Previous experience assisting older adults preferred. Basic computer literacy required. Will be required to work different shifts, weekends and holidays as necessary to meet the staffing needs of the program. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community required.

##### SCTC Tutor - Mathematics

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

##### Dietary Cook Aide

Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere, with quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred. Physical examination and recent negative TB test required. Must consent to a criminal background check and meet all other pre-employment screening standards.

### SECR

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Concierge PT

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

##### Waitstaff PT

##### Casino Beverage

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

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner

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

##### Host/Hostess PT

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

##### Inventory Control

##### Warehouser PT

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

or warehousing. Computer experiences should include Microsoft Office or related programs. Must have experience on stand-up or sit-down fork lift or be able to be certified prior to the completion of the 90 day probationary period.

##### Line Server FT

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

##### Housekeeper PT

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

##### Housekeeper FT

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

##### Sous Chef

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

##### Steward PT

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

##### Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Total of 600 total hours required for certification.

##### Line Server PT

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

##### Line Cook FT

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

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##### Line Cook PT

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

##### Food & Beverage Attendant PT

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

##### Support Services Tech I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or a four-year IT-related degree. Needs to have a basic understanding of computer and server hardware and network connectivity. Must pass IT-related competency exam.

##### Waitstaff PT

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

### 115 For Sale

#### House for sale

House for sale: 3409 Sweetgrass Drive, new windows, furnace \$130,000, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath. 989-948-0711

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR TO NORMAN JOAQUIN CYR:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 16-JCW-0429 TO: Norman Joaquin Cyr IN THE MATTER OF, MINOR CHILDREN: You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reason: PETITION FOR TERMINATION. The court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A petition for termination will be conducted by the court on **Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, Mich., before the Honorable Patrick Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Norman Joaquin Cyr appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR TO SEGWEN TRAVER AND JOHN TRAVER:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 14-JCW-0381 IN THE MATTER OF MINOR CHILDREN: To Segwen Traver and John Traver: You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reason, TERMINATION HEARING: The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A termination hearing will be conducted by the court on **Friday, Nov. 17, 2017, at 9 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Segwen Traver and John Traver appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF AARON MARKS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0442. Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505. Plaintiff's attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Aaron Marks 6394 E. Broadway Road Apt. 1, Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land, you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 30, 2017.**

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

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

### SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF PATRICIA HUNT-RUSILOWSKI:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0430. Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505. Plaintiff's attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Patricia Hunt-Rusilowski 506 West Edgerton Street Howard City, Mich., 49329. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land, you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 30, 2017.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF TAYLOR HELKA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 17-CI-0448. Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505. Plaintiff's attorney: Scott Schisler (P48832) P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, Mich., 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Taylor Helka 5594 Mission Rd. Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land, you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 30, 2017.**



## “Paint the Rez Purple” annual color run raises domestic violence awareness

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

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Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan domestic violence department hosted its annual “Paint the Rez Purple” color run on Oct. 21 at Behavioral Health.

The fourth annual 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness walk/run had 163 participants, with more than 200 people turning out for the event.

Participants received white T-shirts, water bottles and sunglasses. Their shirts did not remain white for long, however, as volunteers at the numerous color stations playfully splashed them with purple powder along the route.

The event coordination was a collaborative effort among Behavioral Health staff that included Mary Mummaw, Erin Gauthier, Heather Bartlett, Shelby McCliggott and Amy Campbell.

“The goal of the event was to raise awareness about domestic violence,” said Mummaw, victim services coordinator. “October is representative of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the run is one event that reaches a good number of people. However, domestic violence happens every single day, and our hope is with the

T-shirt giveaways, people will be reminded every day they recognize one of our shirts.”

Mummaw stressed the importance of raising domestic violence awareness while sharing some figures illustrating just how much it affects the Tribal community.

“Twenty-two percent of 760 female Tribal Members 18 years of age and over have been directly affected by more than 900 reported incidents of domestic violence and sexual assault,” she said.

The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women indicates in a 2006 study that only one in five women report adult rape to police or other authorities. Less than half in the study ever reported the assault to medical providers even if they sought treatment.

“Fear of reprisal and secondary victimization can occur from various community services including police, prosecutors, doctors and nurses who respond in a way that leaves the victim feeling blamed or doubted,” she said.

Steve Pego, helping healer for Behavioral Health, shared a traditional teaching.

Anishinaabe Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick offered the blessing and opening prayer.

After completing the course, all participants were treated to a healthy lunch. DJ Lupe Gonzalez kept the fun going while pumping up the crowd throughout the afternoon.

Volunteers for the event included the Behavioral Health staff, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Women’s Aid Service, CMU National Honor Society and CMU Phenomenal Brown Girls.

Donations for the event were received from the Tribal Police Department, Nimkee Clinic, Seventh Generation, Public Works Department, Jayden Harman, Lupe Gonzalez and Starbucks.

For more information on domestic violence resources in the area and community outreach materials, please contact Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan at **989-775-4400**.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

