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## Changes in effect for Title II Children's Code

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In an effort to ensure codes and ordinances representing family services are in line with its culture and traditional values, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has made changes to the Title II Children's Code.

The newly-formed Indian Child Welfare Committee, or ICWC, is helping ensure children stay with relatives. When Tribal community children were removed from their parents' homes, the option was not available to stay with extended families; the children were put in foster homes.

The children's code changes involve issues concerning

adoption, foster care, child care licensing, shelter care facilities and child abuse. (All changes are available for viewing on [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org) with the original document available to compare with recent-changed code.)

"It is a hope of the Tribal Council and the ICWC that these changes will be the model that other Native American communities use as their template for causing positive change in their communities and for their membership," SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said.

A federal law enacted by Congress in 1978, "The Indian Child Welfare Act" was passed to remedy the problem of

disproportionately large numbers of Indian children being placed out of their homes.

"The law recognizes 'that there is no resource... more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Indian Tribes than their children' and that there had been a failure by non-Indian agencies 'to recognize the essential tribal relations of Indian people and the culture and social standards prevailing in Indian communities and families.' The ICWC recognizes the importance



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck  
**The Indian Child Welfare Committee joined for the grand entry at SCIT's 30th annual Powwow on Saturday, July 26.**

of this Act," ICWC Chairperson Faith Pego-Carmona said.

Again, the ordinances and codes detailing these changes are available on the Tribal website at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org).

## Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center receives AAAHC accreditation

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On July 1, the barometer of excellent health care delivery came to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Health Board and the entire staff of Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center (NMWC). Nimkee Accreditation and Quality Assurance Specialist Don MacDonald confirmed through Nimkee Administration they received their official notification from the Accreditation

Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC). Of the 5,000 accredited organizations, Nimkee is one of approximately 135 health organizations accredited by AAAHC in Indian Country.

"Our term of accreditation runs from May 23, 2014 through May 23, 2017," MacDonald said. "With newly-accredited organizations, AAAHC conducts a follow-up survey within one year of the initial survey to make sure that we are making progress. Presuming that we will pass that survey (prior to

May 2015), we are good until 2017. From 2017 on, the survey will be conducted every three years with no follow-up surveys anticipated."

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier serves on the MacLaren Board of Directors for the Mount Pleasant area hospital and is well aware of what this means to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its members.

"There is so much work that goes on behind the scenes to even apply for accreditation and to receive this honor is a demonstration to all that the

NMWC is providing quality health care for our membership and other Native people who live within our service area," Cloutier said. "Our sincere congratulations goes out to all those who put in the countless hours that makes this rewarding outcome a reality."

MacDonald mentions he will be sharing more information once Nimkee Administration and Tribal Health Board and Council leadership has had an opportunity to review and plan next steps.

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## USDA awards SCIT \$200,000 for farmers market pavilion

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The federal government has awarded grants to several Native American communities in 18 different states in an effort to strengthen Tribal businesses and generate jobs.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan received a \$200,000 "Rural Business Enterprise" grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, or USDA, Rural Development to construct a farmers market pavilion.

"USDA continues to create ladders of opportunity in Native American communities by investing in the tools needed to create good-paying jobs and raise



the quality of life for residents," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a press release. "These strategic investments will help deliver more products and services to local customers, boost residents' earnings and improve the economic vitality of these tribal communities."

The grant was requested through SCIT's Grants and

Contracts Manager Sylvia Murray, and the idea is for the farmers market to remain on the corner of Broadway and Leaton roads on the Reservation.

"This is a wonderful addition to our Tribal community, and a great avenue to put healthy foods on the table," SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden said. "A trend has started in Indian Country to go back to our traditional foods for a healthier lifestyle; foods such as wild rice, fresh fish, corn, maple syrup, honey, eggs and fresh fruits and vegetables."

Hadden plans to contact coordinators of the farmers market at Island Park in Mount Pleasant, Mich. for input and vendor information.

"In addition, we are hoping to provide another venue to our guests at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort," she said.

Since the beginning of the Obama Administration, the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program has assisted in creating or saving more than 73,000 rural jobs, expanded or helped establish more than 41,000 rural businesses and community advances, and provided more than \$170 million in economic development aiding.

The Tribal farmers market coordinators are set to meet at the beginning of this month to finalize construction plans for the pavilion.

To be a 2015 vendor, contact Hadden at 989-775-4059 or [mahadden@sagchip.org](mailto:mahadden@sagchip.org).



## April Marie Leauteaux

April 9, 1981 - Aug. 3, 2014

April Leauteaux, 33, of Grand Rapids, Mich. passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014. She was preceded in death by her father Brian, grandparents Chet (Diane) Leauteaux, John (Gloria) Rincones and great-grandparents Vivian Foster and Tina Barron.



Surviving are her daughter Alannah, her mother Grace Negron, brother Andrew, sister Jessica, her nephews Jurrari and Andrew Jr., her niece Nyelie, Aunt Bonnie, Aunt Crystal, a special cousin/sister Tenaya and also a long time special friend Donald Reynolds.

The family would like to thank everyone she touched. She was a cards member of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Spectrum Health and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

A funeral service was conducted Thursday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. at Arsulowicz Brothers West Chapel. Interment took place at Bradley Cemetery. A special thanks to Joe Thunder and the fire keepers.

## Robert Lone Eagle Waynee

July 8, 1938 - July 21, 2014

Robert Lone Eagle Waynee passed away July 21, 2014, at age 75. Robert was known for his love and loyalty to his family, his sense of humor and ability to make those around him laugh. He was a talented woodworker, sculptor and jeweler.



Robert is survived by the love of his life and wife of 52 years; Margie Waynee, his children; Robert Waynee Jr., Corrinna O'Leary, Tom Waynee, Dean Waynee, Mike Waynee, Robin Waynee and Ursula Gibbons, 30 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

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May 14, 1939 - Sept 13, 2013

A year has come and gone and we still expect to see you walk through the door.

A Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Friend, Mentor, a True Warrior!

You're missed, thought of daily and will always be loved. R.I.P.

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**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe** | Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

## Order Establishing Deer Season 2014

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the **2014 Deer Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 and will close on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 unless ordered otherwise.**

**The 2014 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of five deer as follows:**

- Three antlerless\*
- Two restricted (antlered or antlerless\*).
  - One any sized antlered
  - One restricted to four or more one inch minimum points on one side.

*\*Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length.*

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Aug. 25, 2014 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$10 per harvest tag, only five tags allowed per license. *Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

## Order Establishing Small Game Season 2014

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the **2014 Small Game Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 and will close on Sunday, April 5, 2015 unless ordered otherwise.**

**The 2014 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limit as listed.**

- Pheasants shall be limited to male Pheasants ONLY with a limited of five per day.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink, Pine Marten, Fisher and Otter are ALL CLOSED to Small Game Hunting.
- Badger, Beaver, Muskrat, Mink and Otter will be OPEN for TRAPPING season. Bag limits per Trapping Season Order.
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or a combination of seasons.

Small game species are defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 66. Licenses will be available starting Aug. 25, 2014 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. *Please refer to Tribal Ordinate 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

## Order Establishing Fall Wild Turkey Season 2014

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the **2014 Fall Wild Turkey Season** shall begin **Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 and will close on Friday, Nov. 14, 2014 unless ordered otherwise.** The 2014 Fall Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two turkeys, either sex, per license.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting Sept. 22, 2014 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$10 per harvest tag, only two tags allowed per license. Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B) all big game animals are to be registered no later than 4:30 p.m. of the third business day after the animal has been taken. *Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

## Order Establishing Trapping Season 2014

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 108 subdivision 2 the **2014 Trapping Season** shall begin **Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 and will close Sunday, April 5, 2015 unless ordered otherwise.**

- Badger and Otter limit two/season (tags included with license)
- Bobcat is limited to two tags only whether hunting, trapping or combination of seasons.
- Muskrat, Mink, Beaver, Raccoon, Fox, Coyote, Skunk, Weasel and Opossum will not have a bag limit for the Trapping Season.
- No conibare style traps larger than 220 size (7"x7" jaw) may be used on land unless made inaccessible to cats and dogs at ground level.

Licenses will be available starting Sept. 22, 2014 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. Small Game License required to hunt Bobcat, Coyote and Fox. *Please refer to Tribal Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

## Order Establishing Migratory Waterfowl Season 2014

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 3 the **2014 Migratory Waterfowl Season** shall begin **Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014 (contingent upon the USFWS Final Rule Publication by Sept. 1 2014) and will close Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 unless ordered otherwise.**

**The 2014 Migratory Waterfowl Season will allow for the bag limit as listed.**

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Ducks*: 20     | • Woodcock: 10     | • Sora & Virginia Rails: 20 | • Coots & Gallinules: 20 |
| • Canada**: 20   | • Common Snipe: 16 | • Mourning Dove: 25         | • Sandhill Cranes: 1     |
| • Mergansers: 10 |                    |                             |                          |

\*Ducks-20/day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, hooded merganser, wood duck, red head, scaup, black duck, pintail and canvas-back. Possession limit not to exceed two times the bag limit. \*\*20/day any geese in aggregate. \*\*\* Individuals are responsible for accurate and timely harvest reporting.

A small game license is also required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 subdivision 2. Licenses will be available starting Sept. 2, 2014 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is \$10 per license. *Please refer to Tribal Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.*

## Notice

Tree stands/blinds are permitted on Tribal Property two weeks before deer season start date and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date; remaining items will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc... except bow/gun hooks. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in visible area. Hunter Orange is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(b). Tribal lands designated for hunting as provided by the map located at the Planning Department.



## Nimkee continued from front page

“Nimkee will be working with our Public Relations department to get the word out on our success and to help the community understand what accreditation means to an already great patient care organization,” MacDonald said. “I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work on this effort. Your patience with me, willingness to go the extra mile and your input on this project is greatly appreciated!”

Nimkee Assistant Health Administrator Diana Quigno-Grundahl was very excited to hear about the accreditation and attributes the successful application to having a great team.

“As we go through our policies and procedures, our Nimkee staff works very hard to give the best possible care to the families we serve and that personal attention to detail was noticed in the evaluation,” Quigno-Grundahl said. “We work very hard to provide an environment where teamwork is valued and this effort of receiving accreditation is a testament to that.”

Nimkee Medical Director Margaret Steslicki also received notice that in addition to the building wide AAAHC Accreditation, NMWC was honored to also receive Accreditation as a Patient Centered Medical Home. In January 2014, NMWC became involved in the Indian Health Services, Patient Centered Medical

Home “Improving Patient Care” National Initiative.

“Participation in the IPC5 model of health care has assisted the Nimkee staff to deliver comprehensive care through innovative health care teams, improved coordination and continuity of care, enhanced access to care, and to provide health care that is patient/family centered, compassionate, and delivered in a culturally effective manner,” Steslicki said. “Through the IPC5 initiative, Nimkee staff has adapted best practices and complies with nationally-recognized standards of care. By becoming an accredited Patient Centered Medical Home, the Tribal community can be reassured that they will receive high quality of care when they receive services at NMWC.”

In the acknowledgement letter obtained by the “Tribal Observer” dated June 26, 2014, AAAHC states, “granting accreditation reflects confidence, based on evidence from this recent survey that you continue to demonstrate throughout the accreditation term, the attributes of an accreditable organization in the standards found in the ‘Accreditation Handbook for Ambulatory Health Care’. The dedication necessary for an organization to be accredited is substantial and the compliance with those standards is a commitment to continual self-evaluation and continuous improvement.”

## “Turtle Island” project finds home at Tribal Operations

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations Maintenance Department employees celebrate their latest landscape addition to the 7070 E. Broadway offices. Tribal Maintenance workers began the “Turtle Island” project last summer and thanks to the support of Tribal Council and Administration, they were able to complete their year-long project.

“We did experience some vandalism to the fountain liner and landscaping area and it does get frustrating when Tribal property gets broken,” Kyser said. “We now have 24-hour surveillance around the Tribal Operations building and it shows the kind of work we can do when we have the community support behind it.”



Tribal Maintenance workers (pictured left to right) Gilbert Williams, Jesse Helms, Robert Walker, Store Room Clerk Cynthia Kyser, David Anderson and Willie Bailey Jr. began the “Turtle Island” project last summer.



**Ariana Barbara Sheahan**

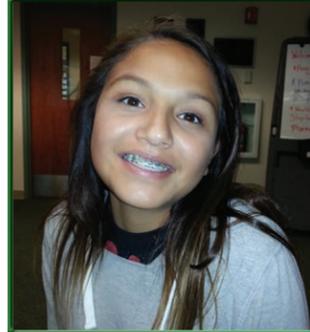
Born July 23rd, 2014  
7lbs 7oz 20.5 inches  
Parents: Robert Sheahan Jr. and Adriana Anger  
Siblings: Duane, Aiyana and Alexis Sheahan



**Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday**

**Alexis Rose Sheahan**

love the Green family



**Happy Birthday**

**Mattea**

Love Mom & kids  
Sept. 19



**Happy Birthday**

**Alex Leureaux and Aiden Raphael**



**Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Belated Birthday!**

**Alexandria Sprague**

Love Mom

Tribal Observer

# COMIC CONTEST

Cartoonist needed for the Tribal Observer. Submit your cartoons by Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m., the best will be published in the Observer.

## Public Notice

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police provide law enforcement services under 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Included within said contract; The Bureau of Indian Affairs reserve the right for "First Right of Refusal" pertaining to any complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's.

As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's must first be directed to :

**BIA Interal Affairs SSA Justin Wendland**  
justin.wendland@bia.gov | 701-250-4545

## Ziibiwing Vendor Training

September 25th 2014, 6-8pm at Ziibiwing Center

Ever think about selling your products to Ziibiwing Commercial Services, not sure where to start? Well, this training is perfect for you!

During the training a ZCS team member will discuss:

- The required paperwork and tax forms needed to become a vendor.
- The types of items we are currently looking for.
- Product packaging and descriptions.

This training is geared toward anyone making handmade and handcrafted items they would like to sell in the Ziibiwing Commercial Services' gift shops and online at NativeDirect.com.

Please call Brenda Schlegel at 775-4741 for questions and to register.  
Registration will conclude on Sept 22nd at 5pm.

### Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult members to serve on the Conservation committee for 2 year terms per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2.

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

Jessica DeVerney-McLaughlin  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
Planning Department  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
jdmclaughlin@sagchip.org

**All letters of interests must be received no later than Wednesday, Oct. 15th at 4 p.m.**

## Issuing Hours of Operation are:

**9:30 - 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

Please plan according in order to get your deer, fishing, small game, waterfowl and fall wild turkey licenses.



## Tribal Council

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- Council Member**  
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## Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

### DON SEAL

Planning Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, in conjunction with Indian Health Services (IHS), is seeking Tribal members to inventory their Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems, or POWTS, Project.

Phase one is an inventory, pumping and inspection of the POWTS systems and once all data is gathered, the repairs will be completed as a subsequent phase two, known as the POWTS Repair Project.

SCIT and the IHS are encouraging Tribal members to participate in the project as a benefit to the Tribal homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal members' homes throughout the Isabella

Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella counties in Michigan.

Septic systems will be pumped and inspected at no expense to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. Homeowners must be willing to allow pumpers and inspectors on site for this work. This work will be scheduled with the homeowners.

**Please contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:**

Don Seal  
Planning Director/Community Engineer  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

## 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.



## Baby Celebration



Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Seventh Generation's Baby Celebration welcomed the newest members of the community on Aug. 13. The new parents gathered to socialize and feast, as well as receive some guidance down the path of parenthood.

A gift giveaway was held and each newborn received a baby blanket, crafted by Sandy Smith. A meal was also provided for everyone in attendance.

Guest speaker Misty Pelcher shared insight with the parents. A photo booth allowed the parents to have their infant photographed along with a complimentary cedar feather photo frame.

## Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To change your mailing address or contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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c/o Tribal Observer  
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
You may also e-mail us at [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org).

Subscription rates are \$30 per year for non-Tribal members and \$15 for Tribal Members 49 years and younger. Tribal Elders continue to receive complimentary mailed copy but are still required to fill out a subscription form.

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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## Council stands with Michigan newspapers to allow voters to settle wolf hunt debate

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On Aug. 11, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council offered their continued support against wolf hunting in Michigan. SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier informs the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, or KMWP, initiatives maintain Tribal support given from the Kequom Administration to Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his Council.

“The cultural significance of our wolves here in Michigan and the mid-west region is of great importance to our Native communities,” Chief Pego said. “They are a part of our creation stories and our traditional teachings. We are keenly aware of the struggles with the human population and the wolf population, but we strongly believe these interactions can be limited and managed.”

Cloutier was encouraged three major newspaper groups; the Lansing State Journal, Battle Creek Enquirer and the statewide MLive Media Group have urged the legislature to allow voters to determine the fate of wolf hunting in Michigan. Cloutier mentions in recent editorials, all three asked the legislature to send to the Nov. 4 ballot an initiative giving the Natural Resources Commission authority to designate wolves and other protected species as game.

The initiative would join two other referendums already on the ballot to overturn laws allowing wolf hunting. Conversely,

there has been no editorial support for the initiative, which was put forth by a group called “Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management.”

KMWP Director Jill Fritz attended a candlelight vigil hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Nov. 14 and gathered community signatures against wolf hunting.

“When lawmakers return to Lansing on Wednesday, they’ll have an opportunity to restore respect for the democratic process by rejecting an initiative put forth by the pro-wolf hunting group Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management,” Fritz said. “This initiative is a thinly-veiled attempt to circumvent nearly one-half million Michigan residents who signed petitions during two referendum campaigns to stop wolf hunting.”

Aug. 10 The Lansing State Journal published: “The constitution allows the Legislature to act, but in this case it would be wise for lawmakers to send the question directly to the ballot. Both sides have demonstrated formidable public support; both sides have worked the petition powers in the constitution to advantage. That’s not uncommon. It happened in 2012 with six ballot proposals, several funded by special interest groups, all of which got defeated. But the current Legislature, abetted by special interests, has been particularly quick to pass laws to prevent voters from having a say. They did it with Michigan’s minimum wage, boosting it to \$9.25 for 2018,

in part to block a ballot proposal that would have taken it above \$10. By blocking not one but two efforts to refer legislation to voters, lawmakers would send a bad signal. Let voters spend the next three months considering the merits of the proposals. In 2012, voters were discerning. Given the chance, they will be so again.”

An Aug. 4 MLive editorial stated: “Michigan citizens have been deprived once of voting on wolf hunting. Now, state legislators are poised again to make an end run around voters. MLive Media Group is calling on elected officials to resist hijacking the public process a second time and allow voters in November to decide whether wolf hunting should be controlled by the Legislature or by a commission appointed by the governor...” “...If lawmakers do not act, all three proposals, two against, one for a wolf hunt, would appear on the ballot, allowing voters to have the final say. For once, we are asking lawmakers to do nothing. At this time, we’re not arguing for or against a wolf hunt. What we are calling for is an ethical, democratic process. The process that led to the 2013 wolf hunt was neither.”

The Battle Creek Enquirer stated July 26: “There is no

imperative, no pressing public interest, to establish a wolf hunt, certainly not against the will of the majority of Michigan voters, all of whom share an equal stake in the preservation of our natural resources. If lawmakers give a lick about the rights of its citizens and the democratic process, they will let voters decide this issue.”

Last year, the NRC ignored testimony from wildlife experts and deleted thousands of emails from the public before designating the wolf as a game species and establishing Michigan’s first wolf hunt in more than four decades. In their rationale for the wolf hunt, NRC members used wolf-cattle depredation figures to justify their decision, even though two-thirds of the incidents occurred on one poorly managed Upper Peninsula farm.

In March 2013, KMWP submitted more than 255,000 signatures to overturn a wolf-hunting law (Public Act 520 of 2012) that was approved during the 2012 lame duck session and based on fabricated stories about wolf incidents in the U.P.

Public Act 520 will be on the November 2014 ballot, and



Photo courtesy of KMWP

should be rejected with a “no” vote. The Legislature, ignoring the people, then passed a second law (Public Act 21 of 2013) to give the political appointees on the Natural Resources Commission the power to designate game species. In March 2014, KMWP submitted more than 225,000 signatures to place Public Act 21 on the November 2014 ballot, and should also be rejected with a “no” vote.

KMWP is supported by humane organizations, more than 100 Michigan veterinarians and veterinary hospitals, Native American tribes, conservation groups, faith-based organizations, the Detroit Zoological Society, leading wolf biologists including Michigan Tech professors Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich, rank-and-file hunters and many other concerned Michiganders.

## Three Tees Skins Game results

**BERNIE SPRAGUE**

Contributing Writer

The Three Tees Skins match was played at Waabooz Run Golf Course on Saturday, Aug. 2 under warm and clear conditions. There were 28 players shooting for the \$700 pot.

Lucas Sprague and Travis Kendall got the most skins for the day; they were paid for holes three and six.

Michael Jackson and Brad Bennett got a skin on hole 17. Dave Williams and Les Riley got paid for their skin on hole four. Bean Sprague and Mike Dayson recorded a skin on hole 10 while Tommy Wemigwans

and Chris got paid for their skin on hole three.

There were six proximity on the course, each paying \$20.

Michael Jackson (hole seven) and Bernie Sprague (hole 11) won the long drives.

Bill Tooshkenig (hole three) and Michael Jackson (hole 17) won the longest putts. George Sprague (hole eight) and Bernie Sprague (hole 13) won the closest to the pins.

Scores ranged from 52 to 64 with this group, showing a wide range in the level of players participating.

I would like to thank all of the players for their participation and the staff at Waabooz Run for their assistance.

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## SELC hosts its first "Rockin' Rides Car and Bike Show"

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saganing Eagles Landing Casino took a risk when it became the new location for the Standish, Mich. "Rockin' Rides Car and Bike Show" held Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The 'Standish Car and Bike Show and Sidewalk Sales' was an annual event held in downtown Standish for 26 years," SELC Shift Manager Rachel Rhines said. "Due to declining involvement from the community and a lack of volunteers, the Standish Chamber of Commerce reached out to the casino...to see if we would be interested in transitioning the event to the casino property."

When SELC was approached in April, it was decided to host the event with the assistance from the Chamber and event organizer Curt Hillman.

The event brought in more than 200 cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more than 25 booths full of vendors.

"We decided the grassy area between the parking lots would be an ideal location to display all the cars, and the adjacent gravel lots would be a great location for the motorcycles, vendors, beer tent and other items," Rhines said.

Rhines, along with Costumer Service Supervisor JoAnn Bowen worked tirelessly preparing for the event.

In addition to the unique cars, trucks and motorcycles,



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

The SELC "Rockin' Rides Car and Bike Show" brought in more than 200 cars, trucks and motorcycles.

Can-Am Spyder test drives and Jeff Gordon simulator race-to-win promotions were also available.

"Standish had set the bar high with their many years of a successful show," Rhines said. "We wanted to provide the auto owners and spectators with an

event that would surpass their expectations. I feel we achieved that goal."

Since the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort did not hold its classic car show this year, Rhines and Bowen sent invitations to past SECR and Standish Car Show participants.

"We wanted to take what Standish had done with the show to the next level by adding the vendors and entertainment," Rhines said.

Rhines is hopeful the event was successful enough to become an annual event.

"We've heard resounding positive feedback from those that attended and

many comments about looking forward to next year," she said. "We look forward to gathering feedback from attendees, and if it is decided that this will become an annual event here at Saganing, we're anxious to start the planning."



Guests voted for the best in categories including "Motorcycle Stock Antique," "Motorcycle Stock Sport", Motorcycle Custom Sport."

## Sixteenth annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk" coming to Mount Pleasant

**ZORA WALSH**

Contributing Writer

Family, friends and caregivers, bring your cancer survivor to Island Park in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on Saturday, Sept. 27 for Community Cancer Services' 16th annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk."

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Honoring October 16-17  
Feast October 17



## September SCIT At-Large Program Tribal Member spotlight

### DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

*(Editor's note: The At-Large Program spotlights an At-Large member who is an employee of the Tribe, owns a business or has an interesting pastime. If you know any At-Large member that fits this bill, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.)*

George Slater is the son of George II and Emma Peters Slater, and the grandson

of George and Cora Slater. He grew up in Mount Pleasant, Mich. and graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1973.

George met his wife Debra and married her 19 years ago. He said she is the woman who makes his life complete, and it didn't take long for him to ask her to marry him because he knew that she was the one. Together they have five children; Desteny, Ericka, Jamie, Joe, and Sacha, and grandchildren; Eternity, Sway, Nathaniel, Samara, Gillian, Willow and River.

George has worked for the Tribe for 26 years and has held many different positions including the school custodian, and cook, security and supervisor at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. He now works for the mailroom.

Each day, George makes his way through each department in the casino, Tribal Operations, the schools, Behavioral Health, Ziibiwing, Andahwod and Seventh Generation; 57 different departments total. Mail deliverers are very busy people who must show up every day, rain or shine.

George said the thing he likes most about his job is seeing everyone each day and trying to remember everyone's names. (This is just my own opinion, but I think he does a really good job with that.)

George was given the nickname "Uncle Buck" by his good friend Larry Pelcher years ago and George cannot even remember why, but it has stuck with him all throughout the years.

George's hobby is bowling and he is proud to say he has a high score of 299 but is always working for that 300 game. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

I asked George to give me one interesting fact about himself that people may not know, and he told me that he is kind and has a big heart and has a great time at work. Most anyone that knows George already knows that is no secret.

I asked George if he won the Mega Millions tomorrow what would he do with the money, and to no surprise he



Photo courtesy of Denise Pelcher

**George Slater has worked for the Tribe for 26 years. He currently works in the mailroom.**

said he would most likely give some to his family.

I also asked him one final question: If you were taken from this earth tomorrow what is the one thing that you would want people to remember about you? His response was (and I'm not surprised), "For people to know that I did the best I could to help people, my family, and members of the community, and that I'm proud to be a Tribal member, even as we face many challenges ahead."

## At-Large Adult/Elder Cultural Picnic

### DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

On July 24, the At-Large Department hosted an Adult/Elder Cultural Picnic for the At-Large members that were home for the SCIT Powwow. It was held in the pavilion of the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

The weather could not have been more perfect for this outside event and made for a beautiful evening alongside the water.

An amazing meal was provided by Central Michigan Catering, which included BBQ chicken and ribs, corn on the cob, corn soup and strawberry shortcake. I think everyone had to loosen their belts a little after that meal.

The Ziibiwing Performance Circle dancers were on hand to do a dance demonstration and described each type of dance. After the demonstration, they even did a round dance for the guests to get up and participate in.

To close out the evening, Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier spoke about the history of the Tribe to its current day.



**SCIT Public Relations Director and At-Large Member Frank Cloutier gives a history lesson on the Tribe.**

At-Large also hosted an ice cream social at Andahwod earlier that day, and a community picnic was held the next day in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym.

Each year, the At-Large Program tries to incorporate events that keep the At-Large members and community busy during the Homecoming Powwow celebration. If you were not able to attend this year, we hope you will be able to join us next year.



Photos courtesy of Denise Pelcher

**Performance Circle dancers join together with guests in a round dance.**

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### For questions call

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# Wilma Henry retires after serving 27 dedicated years to SCIT

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

After 27 dedicated years of serving the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Seventh Generation's Cultural Representative Wilma Henry retired in July.

In her 27 years, Henry's additional work experience with the Tribe includes experience in the Education Department as a student advocate for junior and senior high school students. Henry has been the Training Manager for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and helped the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Council members Julius Peters, Michele Stanley, Chief Steven Pego, Jennifer Wassegijig, Lindy Hunt and Chip Neyome honor Wilma Henry (middle) for her hard work and dedication to the Tribe.**

College get its start. She also worked at Bay Mills Community College as a coordinator.

Her daughter Kelli Henry said she has truly been an inspiration to everyone.

"She and my dad (Gordon) have taught me so much about being a good person, having good work ethics, being proud of who I am and not being afraid to stand up for what I believe in," Kelli said. "I am forever grateful for all they have done for me. After having 10 kids, my mom showed what being a good mom meant. She wasn't just a mom to me; she was a second mom to many of the kids in this community and now has become a granny to them and many more..."

Several Tribal Council members attended Henry's retirement party and wished her well at her gathering at Seventh Generation.



**After 27 dedicated years of working for the Tribe, Seventh Generation's Wilma Henry, cultural representative, retired in July.**

# At-Large Program sails members on a two-day cruise to Tribal locales

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Long-running TV sitcoms like "The Love Boat" and "Gilligan's Island" offered many laughs for unsuspecting castaways looking for love and romance on that three-hour tour. At-Large Director Craig Graveratte and his staff took District Three At-Large members on a whirlwind two-day excursion to Tribal locales that highlighted many services offered on site to Tribal members who live on the Reservation.

"The staff discussed creative ways we could bring At-Large members to the Reservation to enjoy a two-day program that would provide departments a showcase on what they do and how they provide services to members," Graveratte said. "Many At-Large members

have moved closer to the Tribe to better access services available to them, so our staff decided to include Saginaw Chippewa Housing, Human Resources, Seventh Generation, Andahwod Senior Center and Ziibiwing Center as ports of call for our tourists to explore."

The Aug. 14-15 At-Large event catered to adults aged 25-49 and Elders 50 and older, and the first night began in the Saginaw Ballroom. At-Large staff members Denise Pelcher, Lisa Peters and Mikki Marcotte converted a convention center environment into an exotic cruise ship experience with themed music, decorations and a plated dinner with a cruise ship theme.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

**At-Large cruise members take a moment together at the Ziibiwing Center museum exhibit.**

"It's always fun to be able to do something a little different and the response from the membership was very positive," Pelcher said. "We would like to say a special thank you to Marcella Hadden and Summer Moon Photography for coming out and providing keepsake portraits for our castaways and their families. To see the genuine interest the At-Large members had to learn about the services providing by the different departments was an important part of the event."

Graveratte mentions his staff will continue to provide

as many opportunities to bring the District Three membership home to the Reservation.

"We realize our challenge is to deliver services to a population that lives miles away from where many services are and we have health fairs and meet and greets in different locations across the state to connect with the members," he said. "Events like this may provide the possibility where District



**At-Large castaways Valerie (left) and Robert Querback enjoy a moment at the semi-formal cruise ship party with Contract Health Clerk Denise Pelcher.**

Three members may consider moving closer to the services the Tribe offers."

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# SCIT sponsors 2014 Le Tour de Mont Pleasant

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Mount Pleasant was the place to be on June 6-8 as the sixth annual Le Tour de Mont Pleasant bicycle race sped its way down reservation roads once more.

The 2014 version of Le Tour had the start and finish line at Mid Michigan Community College as bicyclists raced by Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations.

The Le Tour de Mont Pleasant was again sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier confirmed there were 732 registrations and 400 racers who competed in the event.

"Youth LEAD and Tribal Education vans helped out



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Cyclists race down Broadway Street during the 2014 Le Tour de Mont Pleasant. A total of 400 racers competed in the event.**

with the race by transporting drivers and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Fire Departments assisted other agencies in making sure in was a safe experience for riders and spectators alike." Cloutier said. "It

really has turned into a signature event for the community and I know it brings people who come stay at our properties and come enjoy all the amenities we have to offer. It's truly a win-win sponsorship for our Tribe."



## Easter Seals representatives visit Tribal departments in spirit of collaboration

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Easter Seals representatives from corporate headquarters in Washington, D.C., Chicago and their local affiliate, Easter Seals Michigan offices met July 29 with several Tribal departments to open doors in the spirit of collaboration.

The visit provided a message of hope, optimism and enthusiasm as Easter Seals, or ES, personnel received a personal site exploration of the Behavioral Health Programs and the Residential Treatment Center, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center offices and Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services.

Saginaw Chippewa Grants/Contracts Manager Sylvia Murray felt a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to finally have the ES on site after numerous conference calls that highlighted the strengths of services the nationally-known nonprofit organization offers through its network of affiliates and how the Tribe can benefit from collaborative grant efforts.

"I heard about the first visit (ES Assistant Vice President of Affiliate Services) Ellen Harrington-Kane made from the ES Chicago headquarters during the Michigan Department of Civil Rights meeting in March, and I believe the genuineness and passion that she and her Easter Seals team collaborators can make a difference that is inspiring to all

our community," Murray said. "During their visit, we identified some key goals; identifying areas to partner, identify some 'quick wins' and identifying longer-term projects. Building relationships too, was viewed as key. In my heart, I believe we've made a terrific start to all of these."

Murray informs with the Tribe's history of funding through SAMHSA, the Department of Justice Sexual Assault Response Team and Healing to Wellness Court grants, funding through the Michigan Department of Public Health, HRSA Maternal and Child Health programs, and the Kellogg Foundation, it was clear that there is a capacity to open new doors to funding for each other.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is no stranger in working with organizations on a national scale and Tribal involvement with the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Gaming Association and Indian Health Service are a testament of SCIT efforts.

"Having our SCIT Grants department working directly with the Easter Seals Washington, D.C. and Chicago based grants writing teams is encouraging," SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. "The Tribal Council encourages outreach where we can find funding that can mutually benefit the Tribal membership and if collaboration with Easter Seals can bring those services to Michigan, that is an

effort that is encouraged in our strategic plan."

ES President and CEO James E. Williams Jr. offered his gratitude to all participants for their vision and for looking for ways to bring innovative solutions to fulfillment.

"I am very excited about the opportunity for Easter Seals and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to collaborate on programs and services," Williams said. "Learning from and supporting one another, we can make a difference for individuals and families who need assistance in achieving their goals and dreams. Working together, we can develop new solutions and leverage our collective strengths."

Harrington-Kane remarked she can confidently say a partnership is approaching.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to begin building the relationship between the HQ grant writers and Sylvia," Harrington-Kane said. "There were a number of themes including working with the Department of Justice, Drug Court, community asset mapping, youth mentoring to stop the cycle of trauma which contributes to so many other issues that result in health disparities."

Both grant departments agreed they would like to find an innovative, eye-catching "signature project." If they are able to identify such a project and to pilot it in Michigan, then, if successful, an opportunity would arise to present this



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Nimkee Public Health Director Walt Kennedy and Nimkee Diabetic Public Health Nurse Tamera House inform the Easter Seals delegation on services and programs offered to the Tribal membership.**

to other ES affiliates and Tribes across the United States.

One area of interest that has been identified is integrated health care.

"In the case of the Reservation, it would look more like Cherokee Health Services where their Mississippi clients receive an integrated behavioral health care model," ES Grants Writer Susan Vernon said. "It was agreed that Easter Seals Michigan could work with Behavioral Health Business Services Coordinator Elizabeth Evans and Nimkee Medical Director Margaret Steslicki to develop processes and a model of care.

One idea already shared is, considering the lack of psychiatrists in the Mount Pleasant area, for the Tribe to consider hiring nurse practitioners to help. Another area of discussion was telepsychiatry, in other words, the use to telecommunications to assist with the staffing shortage and to reach individuals in rural areas."

ES representatives also joined Tribal representatives at Andahwod for a roundtable discussion on collaborative efforts. One fascinating conversation addressed the use of eye movement desensitization and reprocessing with children who have suffered trauma.

Many additional areas of interest were identified including Elder employment, Elder abuse and exploitation, cardiovascular disease and peer recovery coaching.

With the Tribe's history of funding through SAMHSA, a Sexual Assault Response Team grant, funding through the Maternal and Child Health Agency, Head Start, and the Kellogg Foundation, it was clear that there is a capacity to open new doors to funding for each other.

As this relationship grows, the coordinators all feel confident whatever "the big idea" is, it will reveal itself. In the meantime, the grant writers will schedule routine calls to stay in touch.

**Meeting outcomes shared from the roundtable discussion included:**

- 1) Additional people from the Tribe will visit ES by Sept. 30.
- 2) ES and SCIT will work together on integration of behavioral health into primary care at the Nimkee Clinic.
- 3) Andahwod Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl will be networking with ES Carol Salter for employment of Elders through the SCSEP program (already completed).
- 4) ES offered to provide guidance on use of quality models.
- 5) Grant writers to set up regular calls.

The SCIT Grants department looks forward to working with the SCIT Tribal Administration in coordinating an informational meeting with the SCIT Tribal Council and ES representatives slated for October.

## SCIT welcomes new Water Resource Technician

**AIMAN SHAHPURWALA**

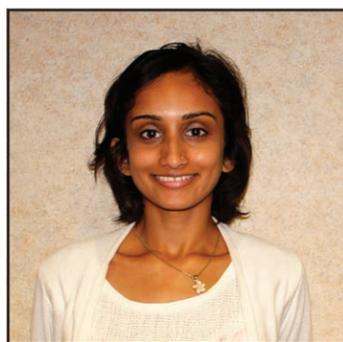
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with a Bachelor's of Science in geological sciences, I gained further experience in the natural sciences at various MSU labs. My work in a horticulture lab and a forest entomology lab at MSU broadened my horizons and deepened my understanding of nature.

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**New SCIT Water Resources Technician Aiman Shahpurwala.**

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**Pii Getin Gego Gjitoowin Miisa Gzhkiw'eziiyin**  
When you make an effort to do something, you succeed

Nichols, John, D, & Nyholm, Earl. A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe. University of Minnesota Press. Minneapolis. 1995.

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*\*(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

**Dear WW:** I hate my step kids! All three of them. Why should I waste my time when nothing I say matters. They are rude, laugh at me behind my back, don't pick up after themselves and eat like hogs when they come over. I see it ruining my marriage and don't know how much more I can take. I only wanted to marry my husband who, by the way, is no help. My kids don't deserve to see me being treated this way and end up getting picked on when I'm not there to defend them. There are times when they are angels but not very often. I called their mother but she said, "deal with it!" How do other blended families survive? **Last Nerve**

**Dear Last Nerve:** First of all, never attempt to be a parent to children that are not yours. This is a perfect example of what typically happens. Your husband's children are his and their mothers to deal with. Do not attempt to correct them, punish them or parent them in any way. The most you should do is be polite and leave the rest to their real parents. I strongly discourage any relationship while children are still young. Commitments should be made to young children first before going out and having other children or "blended" families. Is there a possibility that you could leave while the children are visiting their father? You might end up doing it permanently anyways, so if you can plan that now, it might be to your benefit.

**Dear WW:** Good news and bad news! I've been proposed to and have been waiting to get married since I was a little girl! I can't wait to pick out my dress, hire a photographer and tell my best friends that I want them to be my bridesmaids. The diamond ring was as big as the moon so, of course, I said "YES!" I think he said our honeymoon will be in Italy. So what's the bad news? The bad news is I spoke too soon. I was so caught up in the romance of everything, the only thing I could think to say was "yes." Now that I've had time to think about it, I did it because I didn't want to hurt his feelings. He put so much time and thought into all of it, I was flattered to say the least. How do I get out of it now? Truth be known, he has issues and I feel like a fraud. **When Yes Means No**

**Dear No:** Don't worry dear, this is a easy fix and only requires truth and honesty on your part. Now is the best time to have the realization that there are issues to be resolved and not after you are married and raising babies! Sit down and tell him exactly what you have written to me but write down the issues that you see in the relationship that won't work for you. Let him know that you are more than willing to get married, after all of your concerns have been cleared up and not a minute sooner! I wish most woman have the foresight that you do. If so, there wouldn't be half the divorces out there now!

**Dear WW:** I think my girlfriend of 10 years is mentally abusive, to say the least. Lately, our fighting has gotten out of control with the name calling and cutting me down. She says such horrible things to me when she gets mad and turns around the next day and acts like nothing is wrong. Our relationship has totally been a dependent one where she brings home the bacon because I am unable to work. However, does that mean I have to be treated like a second-class citizen? Of course we love each other so please don't tell me to leave, and besides, I have no where to go. **Deserve Better**

**Dear Deserve Better:** You teach people how to treat you! She's doing it because YOU are allowing it. Get a backbone and some self respect. You can do that by getting into counseling and learn how to fight fair. You can also learn to be assertive which, in turn, will raise your self-esteem. People often think that abuse is only physical. I see your situation as mental abuse. Please don't waste another minute without professional help!

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## Who will be the 2014 Eagle Challenge Champions?

### BERNIE SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

Listed are the Eagle Challenge 2014 rosters for the Sept. 13 match held at Hidden Oaks in St. Louis, Mich. The winning team will hold the Eagles Sportsmanship Trophy and the Eagle Challenger Champions title for the next 365 days. Rosters are incomplete and subject to change. Who do you predict will be the 2014 Eagle Challenge Champions?

**Hospitality Team:** Bernie Sprague, Chad Keyworth, Kelly Chamberlin, Samantha Chippeway and Molly Burhans.

**Tribal Members Team:** Bean Sprague, Larry Sprague, Leo Bennett, Vincent Kequom Sr., Tony Jackson, Alvin Chamberlin, Al Wassagijig and Derrick Owl.

**Tribal Operations Team:** Ken Sprague, Lucas Sprague, Michael Jackson, Brad Bennett, Ronnie Ek Dahl, Gayle Ruhl, Robert Pego and Tommy Wemigwans.

**Soaring Eagle Casino Team:** Raul Venegas, Kristina Griffus, Consuelo Gonzales, Steve Wassagijig and Hanko Sprague.

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## “Water Warriors” ride in to Eagle Bay Marina for Special Olympics of Michigan

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

This year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino aided with funding for the Area 9 Special Olympics of Michigan.

A group of “Water Warriors” raise money for the Special Olympics of Michigan by riding personal watercrafts on a five-day, 450-mile endurance ride the entire length of Lake Huron, from Mackinaw Island to Harsens Island. Each rider commits to raising a \$1,500 minimum donation.

The Water Warriors have been riding for the Special Olympics since 1991, and this year was the second consecutive year the Eagle Bay Marina in Standish, Mich. was a stop for the Warriors on July 30.

“Today is a good day,” Ann Plegue, Water Warriors chairwomen, said after the ride in to Eagle Bay Marina. “It’s not raining, the water wasn’t bad, there was a little bit of chop out there. We had one machine break down, which isn’t bad for the number of machines we have. Everyone is having fun and we were really looking forward to coming in here.”

This was Plegue’s 20th year riding as a Water Warrior. The ride begins at Mackinac Island, to Alpena, Tawas, Standish, Port Austin, Port Huron and ends at Harsens Island.

Last year, the Water Warriors reached their goal of raising \$110,000. This year, their goal is raising \$125,000. More than \$92,000 was collected at the time of the Eagle Bay Marina stop. The Water Warriors’ fundraising fiscal year continues until Sept. 30 and they have raised more than \$111,000, getting closer to their goal.

“From the money raised in this (Bay/Arenac) area, they (Area 9 athletes) will receive 25 percent back,” Barb Gourd,

Special Olympics of Michigan area director for Area 9 Bay and Arenac counties said. “We are a sponsor of the (Special Olympics Michigan State Poly) Hockey Tournament in Lansing and do a grant program for all areas of Michigan.”

Plegue added, “The support and money raised is so important and helps to maintain quality sports programs to over 20,000 Special Olympics athletes in Michigan! The benefits to the athletes are so much more than just playing a game, including health benefits, increased self-esteem and expanding friend circles.”

About 20 Area 9 athletes attended to greet the Water Warriors, and many loaded the pontoon to greet and guide the riders in.

“The athletes were excited to ride the pontoon, a lot of them do not get that opportunity,” Gourd said.

John Gorm, co-owner of Linwood Beach Marina & Campground, volunteered to bring the boat and pontoon to guide in the riders.

“Without John supporting us across the bay, and doing what he did, this wouldn’t have been possible,” Water Warriors Vice-Chairman Tom Chauvin said.

After arriving, the Water Warriors are welcomed to eat lunch and play various games with the athletes, provided by SELC, the Tribal Center and the Standish Sagamok Shell Gas Station. The dunk tank was also popular among the athletes.

Participating in the ride for nine years now, Chauvin said this year was the toughest.

“Coming out of Mackinac was the worst (conditions) we’ve ever had in nine years,” he said. “In Cheboygan, the waves turned to seven-footers, it was brutal. That was 135 miles. Our longest day was the worst day.”

Even the risky weather conditions will not halt the riders’ passion of raising funds for the Special Olympics.



Special Olympics of Michigan Area 9 athletes, staff and SELC staff welcomed the Water Warriors.

“Seeing the Water Warriors come in and seeing how dedicated they are... and seeing their reactions of how excited they are when they see the athletes greeting them is my favorite part,” Gina Borushko, Migizi Corporate sales and marketing specialist said. “It is definitely a great cause.”

Support Services Supervisor and mother of Area 9 athlete Joey Genow, Rita Champine assisted in promoting the event by word-of-mouth and on the Area 9 Facebook page.

Champine shared a heartwarming moment she witnessed during the Water Warriors’ visit.

“One of the athletes last year, Jeff Thompson, gave the shirt he was wearing to one of the Water Warrior riders; he was wearing an Area 9 Special Olympics shirt,” Champine said. “She asked where she could get one and he took it off his back to give to her. She, in return this year, brought him a



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

The Water Warriors rode in from Tawas, Mich. just a portion of their 450-mile journey.

Water Warriors shirt. I thought this was very thoughtful that he was willing to give the shirt off his back to one of the riders and that she remembered him enough to bring him one back this year... He, as well as many of the other athletes, has the biggest heart ever!”

To donate to the Water Warriors for Special Olympics of Michigan, visit [www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org). Information is also available on the website to join Water Warriors.

“I want to thank the Tribe, the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Area 9, we really appreciate all they do,” Chauvin said.

Water Warriors presented plaques to Migizi Economic Development, the Saganing Tribal Center, SELC and Linwood Marina for their contributions, dedication and support to Special Olympics of Michigan. After the plaques were distributed, SELC presented a \$1,000 donation check to Water Warriors.

## SELC July Employees of the Month

**CHRISTY FEDAK**

Administrative Assistant II

Congratulations to Linvel “Lenny” Banks and Christina Fitzpatrick, our July Employees of the Month!

Lenny was originally hired into our Security Department when we opened and has recently transferred over to our Inventory Control Department. He was nominated for the phenomenal job he did with the transition. Not only did he learn the position quickly, he also trained our newest IC team members.

Business is Lenny’s first priority and he always has a positive attitude. Attention to detail and ensuring all tasks are completed are also part of Lenny’s



Linvel Banks

great work ethics. We are grateful to have Lenny on our IC team! Thank you, Lenny, for all your hard work!

Christina is a slot supervisor who has also been with us since we opened. She was hired as a slot ambassador and quickly worked her way to supervisor. Going above and beyond is what Christina does on a daily basis.



Christina Fitzpatrick

An executive supervisor nominated her for her management skills and outstanding guest service.

You can always catch Christina on the gaming floor with a warm smile for the guests and her fellow associates. The Slot Department is very proud to have Christina on their team. Thank you, Christina, for everything you do!



SELC donates \$1,000 to Water Warriors.

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# Together We Honor OUR CHILDREN



## Thirty years and still going strong for the annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It has been a tradition for 30 years, and it keeps growing. This year, the Gamaamwi Mnajaanaanik Gda Binoojiinhminaanik "Together We Honor Our Children" 30th annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow was held July 25-27.

Even though the dates changed this year, the turnout was immense. An estimated 411 dancers registered Saturday, and with 49 food and craft vendors and seven departmental booths, the powwow had a lot to offer.

Head veteran George Martin and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society led grand entry beginning 7 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. Saturday and at noon Sunday. Dancers followed head male dancer Wesley Cleland, junior male head dancer Calvin Ballew Jr., head female dancer Tracy Recollet and junior female dancer Margie Gonzalez.

Punkin Shananaquet took on the role as head female dance judge, and Ray Cadotte was head male dance judge.

Returning 2013 drum contest winners "The Boyz" were the host drum this year. Head drum judge was Ken Funmaker Jr.

Gaming Commissioner Angel Jackson helps organize the powwow and served as Powwow Committee chairperson.

"This year, the SCIT Powwow Committee contacted some well-known



**Radiant colors surround Teen Boys Fancy second place winner Quintin Cleveland.**

dignitaries to serve as our head staff," Jackson said. "They put their knowledge and experience to work as they worked around some difficult issues such as time frames, weather, dancer and drummer needs, as well as thinking about their own regalia and feathers."

Emcees Derek Bailey and Vince Beyl informed the audience on cultural aspects, with the assistance of Rezonance Productions providing the sound system. Dave Shananaquet and RJ Smith kept the powwow running



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

**Beautiful dancers unite for grand entry at the 30th annual SCIT Powwow .**

smoothly as they served as arena directors.

"The head staff made some really tough decisions based on what was needed to get the job done," Jackson said. "They took their knowledge and experience throughout Indian Country and put it to work. I would have to say they did a marvelous job working together."

One challenge included the decision to close early Saturday. With the heat intensifying, the dignitaries got through the full agenda earlier than expected.

"There were a few concerns about closing early on Saturday, but we did that so our guests could go relax and spend some time and money in the (Soaring Eagle) casino," Jackson said. "It's a hard life



**Indian Child Welfare Committee Chairperson Faith Carmona-Pego received third place in Golden Age Women.**

of a powwow (participant), traveling all the time. When the weather is hot, we need to think about safety too."



**Craig Hosier won third place in Senior Adult Men's Traditional at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow grounds.**



**Mariah Peters and Lily Loonsfoot were among the estimated 411 dancers on Saturday.**



**Many youth danced to show off their fancy footwork and colorful regalia.**



**Head male dancer Wesley Cleland leads in the arena.**

Along with Jackson, the Powwow Committee includes Vice Chairperson Mary Perez Shomin, Treasurer Craig Graveratte, Secretary Joelle Peters, Sheridan Pelcher, Barb Sprague, Consuelo Gonzalez, Melanie Burger, Bobby Hart, Mike David and Jean Flamand.

Beautiful, vibrant regalia surrounded the powwow, and the dancers' fancy footwork could

win them prize money. This year, more than \$90,000 was given away in the dance contests.

Dance specials included Men's All Around, Women's All Around, Youth Hand Drum, Drummer Disco, Spectator Dance, a special for tiny tots 0-5, kids 6-9, teens 10-14, siblings 17 and younger and women dancing men's fancy bustles. An additional \$2,000 was awarded for mystery spot dances.

The drum contest paid the first five placements, and a drum split. First place received \$8,000; \$6,000 was awarded to second place; \$5,000 for third place; \$4,000 for fourth place and \$3,000 for fifth place. The drum split was \$2,000.

"Over the years, things have become much easier in planning this event when we have such a great support group," Jackson said. "Once again, this event was a success... This year, our agenda was run by our seasoned veterans, known as our head staff, hired for their expertise."



**Three Fires Midewiwin Grand Chief Eddie Benton-Banai smiles for the camera.**



**Tribal Princesses Miigwans Smith, Anyleen Zapata and Jenna Whitepigeon dance together.**

Each year, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Water Park and Tribal Campgrounds on Tomah Road are available lodging locations for guests.

"On behalf of the Powwow Committee, we would like to take the time to thank all of the Tribal departments for their continued support with the annual Powwow," Jackson said.

The annual SCIT Powwow has previously been held the first weekend of August, but the frequent visitors were not affected by this year's date change.



**Madison Bartol proved friends that dance together, stay together.**



**The heat doesn't stop Marin Webster Denning from wanting to dance.**



**Sisters Judy Pamp and Gloria Mulbrecht enjoy the beautiful weather during Saturday's powwow.**

## POWWOW RESULTS

### Jr. Boys Grass

**1st:** Talance Fairbanks  
**2nd:** Lennox Lasley  
**3rd:** Quincey Jackson  
**4th:** Kaimare Eagle Star

### Jr. Boys Fancy

**1st:** Adlai Cleveland  
**2nd:** Jameson Hill  
**3rd:** Tommy Wemigwans Jr.  
**4th:** Little Boy Baker

### Jr. Boys Traditional

**1st:** Gracin Montoya  
**2nd:** Thomas Stevens  
**3rd:** Hunter Stevens

### Jr. Girls Jingle

**1st:** Danielle Baker  
**2nd:** Juniper Kewayosh-Deleary  
**3rd:** Riley Diehlman  
**4th:** Neena Robinson

### Jr. Girls Fancy

**1st:** Kaliyah Bear  
**2nd:** Alva Snow  
**3rd:** Makayla Stevens  
**4th:** LaTanyia Castillo

### Jr. Girls Traditional

**1st:** Taliyah Eagle Star  
**2nd:** Neena Lasley  
**3rd:** Aryane Robinson  
**4th:** Emily Stevens

### Teen Boys Grass

**1st:** Tyrin Lasley  
**2nd:** James Ray Eagle Star  
**3rd:** Omashoonce Santos  
**4th:** Sednick Hindsley

### Teen Boys Fancy

**1st:** Wayne Silas, III  
**2nd:** Quintin Cleveland  
**3rd:** Gegek Pamp  
**4th:** Wassnoden Recollet

### Teen Boys Fancy

**1st:** Zack Jackson  
**2nd:** Nodin Aquash  
**3rd:** Mavrick Fortune  
**4th:** Jaden Parker

### Teen Girls Jingle

**1st:** Waskwane Stonefish  
**2nd:** Dajia Shinos  
**3rd:** Maya Schuler  
**4th:** Tiana Schoko

### Teen Girls Fancy

**1st:** Beedoska Stonefish  
**2nd:** Shelby Snyder  
**3rd:** Miigwans Smith  
**4th:** Jasmyne Jackson

### Teen Girls Traditional

**1st:** Kendra Eagle Star  
**2nd:** Anyleen Zapata  
**3rd:** Cicilee Chivis  
**4th:** Tristin Jackson

### Jr. Adult Men Grass

**1st:** Darwin Charley  
**2nd:** James Day  
**3rd:** Alfred Seaboy  
**4th:** Travis Schuler

### Jr. Adult Men Fancy

**1st:** Darrell Hill  
**2nd:** Nigel Schuler  
**3rd:** Marquel Crawford  
**4th:** Sean Snyder

### Jr. Adult Men Traditional

**1st:** Lee Goodman, Jr  
**2nd:** Eli Snow  
**3rd:** James Wrightman  
**4th:** Will Richardson

### Jr. Adult Women Jingle

**1st:** Grace Pushetonequa  
**2nd:** Alexa Rae Funmaker  
**3rd:** Cassie Lasley  
**4th:** Tahnee Baker

### Jr. Adult Women Fancy

**1st:** Verna Street  
**2nd:** Valerie Parker  
**3rd:** Teresa Melendez  
**4th:** Pamela Boivin

### Jr. Adult Women Traditional

**1st:** Kristol Abul  
**2nd:** Elizabeth Nevaquaya  
**3rd:** Tierra Labelle  
**4th:** Chelsey Recollet

### Sr. Adult Men Grass

**1st:** Quannah LaRose  
**2nd:** Dennis DeBungie  
**3rd:** Russ Blackbird  
**4th:** Jefferson Ballew, IV

### Sr. Adult Men Fancy

**1st:** Jason Whitehouse  
**2nd:** Tyler Lasley  
**3rd:** Wayne Silas Jr.  
**4th:** Nate Ante

### Sr. Adult Men Traditional

**1st:** Lonny Street  
**2nd:** Kelly Logan  
**3rd:** Craig Hosier  
**4th:** Alex Ross

### Sr. Adult Women Jingle

**1st:** Crystal Cleveland  
**2nd:** Shelly Eagleman Bointy  
**3rd:** Lisa Hill

### Sr. Adult Women Fancy

**1st:** Sharon Eagleman  
**2nd:** Maureen Perkins  
**3rd:** Antoinette McGreggor  
**4th:** Elizabeth Ballew

### Sr. Adult Women Traditional

**1st:** Angie Hindsley  
**2nd:** Melissa Montoya  
**3rd:** Cheryl Funmaker  
**4th:** Marlene Syrette

### Golden Age Men

**1st:** Marin Denning  
**2nd:** Albert King  
**3rd:** Joe Bointy  
**4th:** Steven Peltier

### Golden Age Women

**1st:** Dana Davenport  
**2nd:** Julie Whitepigeon  
**3rd:** Faith Carmona-Pego  
**4th:** Sharon Partin

### Platinum Age Men

**1st:** Gerald Gleveland  
**2nd:** Royce Kingbird  
**3rd:** Eddie Benton-Banai  
**4th:** Vinve George

### Platinum Age Women

**1st:** AnnaMae Pushetonequa  
**2nd:** Debbie Klein  
**3rd:** Nelda Goodman  
**4th:** Angie Francisco

### Men's All Around

**1st:** Darrell Hill  
**2nd:** James "Bud" Day  
**3rd:** Wayne Silas Jr.

### Women's All Around

**1st:** Grace Pushetonequa  
**2nd:** Verna Street  
**3rd:** Teresa Melendez

### Drum Contest

**1st:** Charging Horse  
**2nd:** Battle River  
**3rd:** Crazy Spirit  
**4th:** Smokey Town Singers  
**5th:** Elk Spirit

### Fry Bread Contest

**1st:** Glenna Generoux  
**2nd:** Paulette Wrightman  
**3rd:** Gail Pinnance

### Age 0-5 Tablet Winners

**1st:** Bryson Quintero  
**2nd:** Jameson Hill  
**3rd:** Angelina Teller  
**4th:** Aspen Kindness  
**5th:** Alyssa Perkins  
**6th:** Addison Begay

### Age 6-9 Tablet Winners

**1st:** Annie Lada  
**2nd:** Alva Snow  
**3rd:** Talliah Eagle Star  
**4th:** Addai Cleveland  
**5th:** Gracin Montoya  
**6th:** Kaimare Eagle Star

### Age 10-14 Tablet Winners

**1st:** Aiyannah Borton  
**2nd:** Wasse Lightning  
**3rd:** Tyrin Lasley  
**4th:** Marshall Baker  
**5th:** Tobias Pamp  
**6th:** Jasmyne Jackson

### Drummers Disco

**1st:** Smokey Town Singers  
**2nd:** Elk Spirit  
**3rd:** Battle River

### Women Dancing Men's Fancy Bustles

**1st:** Valerie Parker  
**2nd:** Verna Street  
**3rd:** Grace Pushetonequa



## NMN presents domestic violence statistics followed by discussion

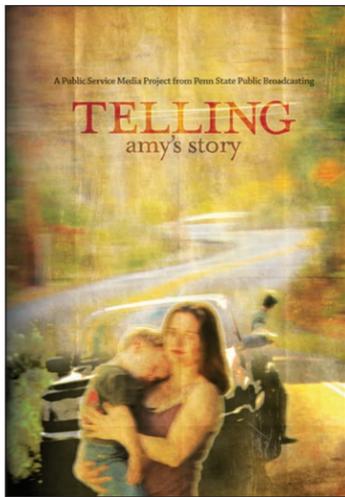
**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Statistics show that when domestic violence occurs, the crime is reported only 10 percent of the time. In 2013, the Tribal Police responded to 147 domestic violence calls. If the statistics prove to be true, the 147 cases were only 10 percent of those that occurred and were only the acts of physical violence.

On Wednesday, July 30, Nami Migizi Nangwihgan (Under the Eagle Wing) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) presented dinner and a showing of the documentary "Telling Amy's Story" in the Housing Conference Room, followed by a discussion and session of domestic violence education.

"Telling Amy's Story" follows a timeline of the Nov. 8,



2001 domestic violence homicide of Amy Homan-McGee. Those close to Amy share their perceptions on what occurred during the years, months, weeks and days leading up to her death committed by her controlling, violent husband.

Domestic violence affects people at home, in the work place and within the Tribal community. According to Future Without Violence, American Indian women residing on Indian reservations suffer domestic violence and physical assault at rates far exceeding women of other ethnicities.

According to SART Lead Brooke Huber, one of the first steps to end domestic violence is to talk about it, and she felt the showing of the documentary was the way to begin discussions.

"Nami Migizi Nangwihgan has been sharing 'Telling Amy's Story' with various Tribal departments as an educational tool for a few months now, and with each presentation, we are amazed how many people are deeply touched by the film," Huber said. "We want to initiate long-lasting

discussion within our community to strengthen our community's response to domestic violence, while helping individuals understand even subtle changes in persona; loss of friendships, changes in wardrobe, etc. can potentially be power and control tactics indicating a greater issue."

A big factor of domestic violence is isolation, Huber said.

"The (abuser) will isolate the victim from their friends and families," she said. "So, sometimes when we think 'oh, she's been a bad friend lately and hasn't been around', that is often a sign there is a larger problem occurring."

Hoping for a turnout of about 10 to 12 participants, the NMN team was pleased to find a jam-packed conference room.

"I want to thank everyone who came to our 'Telling Amy's Story' presentation,"

Huber said. "We were overwhelmingly happy to see so many faces. Domestic violence is a difficult topic to discuss, so it was humbling to see so many people were willing to do just that. (The event) proved both men and women in our community have immense support for victims of domestic violence. With excitement, we feel that we are moving forward as a community."

According to Huber, data shows abused women have a 75 percent greater risk of being killed when they leave their partner.

The NMN Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Services direct line is **989-775-4400**. The National Domestic Violence Hotline is **1-800-799-7233**. More information on "Telling Amy's Story" is available at [www.telling.psu.edu](http://www.telling.psu.edu).

**Celebration of Healing, Recovery & Hope**

Sept. 24 • 5-9 p.m. • Tribal Gym

- Open discussion on the impact drugs and alcohol have on our families and community.
- Warrior Ceremony, calling all warriors to fight the war on drugs.
- Meal will be provided.

## Addiction prompts Tribal state of emergency

**GUADALUPE GONZALEZ & MELISSA MONTOYA**

Contributing Writers

Yes, that's right! Our Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is in a state of emergency! Our Rez has a serious issue with heroin and prescription drug addiction. How do we know?

Look back at all of the young lives we have lost from this growing epidemic. We've lost too many lives, too soon. How many more tragedies does our community have to go through before we realize how big the problem really is?

Why should you help? Simply put, "If you are not a part of the solution, then you are part of the problem!" If you are a part of the community, you are responsible to help. Sitting around, watching our young people die doesn't help anyone.

What can you do to help? Let's begin by starting with ourselves and thinking about how we can make a difference...

1. Be an example! Live a healthy, drug abuse-free life!

Your family, children and the community are watching you, whether you know it or not. Let them see a clean, healthy person. Stay away from this dangerous lifestyle.

2. Set high expectations for your children and family. Do not enable them to use drugs or any substances in your home. Do not give them money or a ride to purchase or do drugs.

3. Seek help if you need support. The Tribe offers many support programs to help people struggling with addiction. They also have programs that offer support, guidance, and help if you have a loved one struggling with an addiction. (Contact Behavioral Health at **989-775-4850**.)

4. Take a stand and get involved in the community.

The Celebration of Healing, Recovery and Hope will be held Wednesday, Sept. 24 in the Tribal Gym. We invite you to come together as a community to take a stand against drugs on our Rez.

We are calling you to take charge of the safety of our



community. We need you to save the lives of our young people! Let's stop going to funerals. Let's quit saying, "Something needs to be done," "I can't believe this happened again," "This is getting out of hand" and start taking action. This event is the opportunity to take the first step.

Take the first step with us. If you live in this community, this invitation is for you. This event is for all ages, families, backgrounds, beliefs, and orientations. Drugs don't discriminate; they will take the life of any body. Stand with us!

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# ArtWalk Central adds night of Anishinabe Culture to this year's agenda

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Again this year, Executive Director for Art Reach of Mid Michigan Kathy Hill pitched the idea of "ArtWalk Central" to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. Tribal Council has supported "ArtWalk Central" since it was first initiated, where local artists' work was displayed throughout Mount

Pleasant businesses, including within the Ziibiwing Center.

When Hill spoke with Tribal Council on different levels of sponsorship, the discussion led to Tribal Chief Steven Pego coming up with the idea to create an evening dedicated to Anishinabe art and culture.

Art Reach then reached out to Ziibiwing Center staff to help organize the Anishinabe event. On Monday, Aug. 28, downtown Mount Pleasant



**Landon Rowlett wasn't too shy to perform a solo dance.**

hosted "An Evening of Anishinabe Art, Culture & Food" from 4 to 8 p.m. on Broadway Street.

Indian tacos, beadwork, Native photographs and cultural items were available at booths. Ziibiwing supported youth by providing an opportunity for them to dance.

"(Ziibiwing Assistant Director) Judy Pamp and her team of Ray (Cadotte) and Renata (Borton) called different local vendors to set up," Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin said. "We didn't want to reach too far outside of Mount Pleasant vendors. We didn't want people to travel great distances."



**Renata Borton and Ray Cadotte help prep the dancers for their performance at "An Evening of Anishinabe Art, Culture & Food".**

Vendors were able to set up at no cost.

Tribal Members Marcella Hadden (photographs) and Gage Colwell (sculpture) both had their art featured in this year's ArtWalk Central.

ArtWalk Central voting closed Wednesday, Aug. 20, with Art Reach hosting "A Taste of Mount Pleasant" event at Sacred Heart's Parish Hall, where the winners were announced.



**Layla Pigeon dances for the crowd on Broadway Street.**



**Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague looks over silent auction items at the Art Reach "Taste of Mount Pleasant" event at Sacred Heart on Aug. 20. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was a lead corporate sponsor for this year's ArtWalk Central and Festival of Banners events.**

# Fifth Third Bank financial advisors offer suggestions on how to "Empower U"

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Insurance planning for the future is an important aspect of investing and planning for the future and on Aug. 11 and 18, Fifth Third Bank financial advisors offered Tribal members and employees suggestions on how to "Empower U" on the road to financial freedom.

The four 90-minute seminars were given as a free educational service to the community at the Black Elk Training Facility and were supported through both the SCIT Human Resources Training and Development Department and the Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services.

Fifth Third Affiliate Director of Membership Banking David Olsen mentions "our

commitment to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is based on providing financial education first and foremost."

SCIT Human Resources Training and Development Manager Jason George confirmed both the Tribe and departments including Saginaw Chippewa Housing and Andahwod have financial planning education as part of their strategic planning goals.

"Fifth Third Bank has graciously offered this to our Tribe as a free service and their

representatives have worked with the Gun Lake Tribe and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on similar educational initiatives," George said. "We have seen the success of the first installment that Fifth Third offered and they have 12 courses within their 'Empower U' curriculum."

Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl informs the education component is a part of ongoing services for Tribal Elders.

"We have been seeking ways to inform and educate membership on investment income, planning for the future and retirement," Ruhl said. "Retirement planning ideally needs to start when people start working but many of us are not well informed about planning for something so far away."

Fifth Third Bank Investment Executive Assistant Vice President Ross Price was the featured presenter at the four sessions and was excited to work with SCIT.

"On behalf of the team at Fifth Third Bank, we'd like to thank the Tribe for giving us the opportunity to begin what we hope is a long and fruitful partnership," Price said. "We enjoyed our time with you and plan to continue to exhibit the value and commitment Fifth Third has to offer. We also hope that the sessions presented provided a good foundation for Tribal members and employees as they seek to become more financially savvy and to get a better understanding of the investing world."

Membership Advantage Relationship Manager and

Assistant Vice President Teddi McEachern were also on hand to assist during the Aug. 18 seminar.

"I always tell people that I truly have the best job at the bank," McEachern said. "I get to meet so many fantastic individuals and perhaps make their lives a bit better with the financial education we provide. I've had the opportunity to build strong partnerships with other casinos and Tribes throughout Michigan and am excited about the partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of the Tribe and employees of the casino and am looking forward to building deep relationships in your community."

At press time, the next installment of the Fifth Third Bank "Empower U" has not yet been scheduled.



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## 2014 Summer Youth Workers honored for their effort in Tribal departments

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The 2014 Summer Youth Workers are on their way to doing great things in the Tribal community. After their hard work and dedication to the Tribe, the youth workers were honored during a banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Friday, Aug. 15.

"I would like to thank everyone for attending today to honor our summer youth workers," Tonya Jackson of the Youth LEAD department said at the event. "Congratulations to all of the workers that successfully completed the program. You sacrificed your most important time of the year that most people take advantage of at your age. Your commitment to the program is absolutely inspiring and believe it or not, you have accomplished a goal."

The Summer Youth Workers complete 20 hours per week in various Tribal departments from May to mid-August,



Beginning his summer youth experience at 14 years old, Tanner Williams shined in the IT department, and was awarded four certificates.

through the direction of the Youth LEAD department. The youth were awarded in various categories including perfect attendance, "outstanding" honors, recognition certificates and "employees of the summer."

This year's Summer Youth Coordinator Teresa VanAlstine recognized those that helped make her job a bit easier.

"I had an outstanding crew leader this year," VanAlstine said. "Breanna Colwell has been with me through thick and thin. This last week she's been doing the work of two people and I don't know where I would be without her or (College Vocational Recruit and Support Specialist) Rosie (Romero)."

Colwell was recognized for excelling in her position. She discussed her past experience as a Summer Youth Worker and how that experience helped her prepare for Central Michigan University college courses she began Aug. 25.

"This program gave me the opportunity to work in different departments to prepare me for (my) classes," Colwell said. "The Higher Education/Youth LEAD department that I'm working in helped me begin my college experience in 8th grade; 8th grade is when I took my first course at CMU – it was chemistry, which led me to pursue wanting to be a veterinarian. Really without them, I wouldn't have gotten an early start... This program has helped me beyond belief."

Tanner Williams, 14, worked in the Information Technology department. VanAlstine was impressed with him ever since his interview when she noticed how advanced his resume was.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Marketing and Entertainment Director Raul Venegas shares his experience mentoring the youth as Anita Hall, Breanna Colwell, Teresa VanAlstine, Rosie Romero and Tonya Jackson listen.

Williams outdid what was expected in the department, he received four awards, including "Tribal Operations Employee of the Summer," and is welcome to continue his experience in the IT department each year.

Marketing and Entertainment Director Raul Venegas also received an award for his dedication and time to mentoring the youth.

"As a gift back to Youth LEAD program, (Marketing) put on a golf outing Aug. 29 where we sold corporate sponsorship packages and public packages," Venegas said. "So far for corporate packages, we've sold 10 of them, worth \$3,000 each and we've raised over \$30,000. Youth LEAD is one of the benefactors of that golf outing program. So, over \$15,000 will be donated to the Youth LEAD program on behalf of RCH (Racing) and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort."

Departmental supervisors had the opportunity to express their gratitude to the youth workers for their commitment. Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Lifeguard Supervisor Monica Gonzalez shared her experience working with Kyle Rueckert and Margie Merrill.

"Kyle, you were awesome in the waterpark for doing everything you did," Gonzalez said. "I know at times it was really hot in there and you just ran laps around that park. That's all my lifeguards talked about. Margie also did awesome. Everyone liked her and Kyle."

The youth workers wouldn't be able to shine without the support from VanAlstine. She also received a plaque.

"She really listens to all of our youth workers and I admire that about her," Romero said of VanAlstine. "I actually worked her position last year, and it's quite different this year. I'm really proud of all the work Teresa has done. Youth Council wanted to recognize and acknowledge her for all of her hard work."

Romero also mentioned a financial and scholarship program available for high school juniors and seniors, based on student satisfactory and attendance in college course enrollment.

"Students in the program are compensated \$25 per credit hour," Romero said. "The program reimburses students for textbooks, mandatory class materials or any student fees. For reimbursements, we require you submit a receipt. To be eligible, you must be a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe member enrolled at a college or university."

Letter of recommendations and higher education applications also need to be completed. Anyone interested in this opportunity, contact Romero at 989-775-4505 or RoRomero@sagchip.org.

Congratulations and great job 2014 Summer Youth Workers who completed the program!

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### Attention Youth Ages 12-17

Are you interested in helping your community? Would you like to be part of a youth group to help your peers? Do you want to plan or have ideas for youth and community events? You're in luck! Youth Council elections will be taking place soon.

**Come be part of a Youth Council and Youth Leadership!**  
 Youth Council is involved with other youth across the nation. Come have fun, make new friends and be a part of change.

**2014-2015 SCIT Youth Council Elections**

<b>Oct. 6:</b> Petitions Available	<b>Nov. 10:</b> Elections (Polls located in K-12 Advisor's office)
<b>Oct. 31:</b> Petitions Due	<b>Dec. 5:</b> New Youth Council Seating (Senior's Room)

**Petition Requirements**

- Interested candidates must be ANY federally recognized member of a Tribe
- Each candidate must have 10 signatures in order to be placed on the ballots.
- All signatures must be signed by a Native American youth between 12 to 17 years old.
- Signatures must be signed by a Native American youth from any federally recognized tribe.
- Completed petitions must be turned in to formal advisors before or on the petition due date, no exceptions.

**Petition Locations**  
 Mt. Pleasant High School, West Intermediate, Shepherd Middle/High School, Mary McGuire, Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Odyssey, Fancher, Way Program and the Tribal Library.

**For Further information, please visit: [www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil](http://www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil)**

### Higher Education DATES

All schedules, grade reports and original receipts can be mailed to:  
 Higher Education Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe  
 7070 E. Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Fall 2014 Schedules / Original Receipts Postmark Date for Reimbursements: October 15, 2014
- Spring 2015 Schedules / Fall 2014 Grade Reports Due/ Original Receipts Postmark Date for Reimbursements: February 15, 2015
- Summer 2015 Schedules & Original Receipts Postmark Date for Reimbursements: June 15, 2015



## SCTC's commitment to higher education within the Tribal community

**AMANDA GEORGE  
& KATHY HART**

Contributing Writers

On July 23, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its second annual Alumni Brunch in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Three Fires Room. SCTC staff attended, as did representatives Tom Kaywood and Matt Van Sweden from Integrated Architecture, to introduce to the alumni the new campus facility plans.

Currently in its 16th year of operation, SCTC has produced 109 graduates with 79 SCIT members, eight SCIT descendants, 12 members from other Tribes, and 10 non-Indians. Of these graduates, approximately 78 percent have worked or currently work for SCIT and/or its enterprises. This clearly states the institution is meeting its goal of providing higher educational opportunities.

Thirty-eight alumni attended the brunch with a majority of the attendees being SCIT employees. Upon welcoming the alumni and updating on current SCTC programs, alumni were provided a brunch buffet and a presentation from Integrated Architecture. As the schematic design phase was at 100 percent complete, SCTC felt alumni should be introduced the concept prior to launching publicly. This was met with applause as SCTC acknowledges that the alumni will play an important role to the future of the institution.

SCTC would like to thank all alumni who attended as well as SECR and the Tribal Public Relations department for



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**SCTC Alumni Nicole Nedwash, Tracey Pigeon, Cathy Fisher, Michelle George and Jessica Roney listen to SCTC updates to the alumni.**

continued support to the institution as well as to SCIT Tribal Council for allowing administrative leave for alumni who are employees of the operations.

*"As a 2006 SCTC alumnus, I personally acknowledge the role SCTC played in my life and allowed me the opportunity to utilize my degree to make a change within our Tribal community. It is always great to see fellow SCTC alumni hold various leadership roles within our operations."* – Amanda George, grants and special projects coordinator at SCTC.

Below are quotes from fellow alumni:

Phillip Medina, 2008 graduate, said: *"SCTC was a gift from the Creator. I was not ready for a 'white' university yet, I needed that cultural teaching that came with SCTC. It gave me some knowledge of my Native identity. If I had gone to a white university, I would have partied and failed. I did the same thing when I graduated high school. Miigwech SCTC!"* – Phil is currently in Africa for six months on an internship through Central Michigan University and also a PhD candidate.

Glenna Genereaux, 2002 graduate, could not attend due to her job duties, however, provided a statement to the alumni. Glenna said: *"As I look at the graduates in the Tribal Observer year after year, I always tell myself that the Tribal College has come a long way from when I attended. It is hard to believe I started back in 1999, maybe 2000. I am proud to see more graduates each year."*

*Now, as I drive down Leaton and Broadway roads, I see the signs posted that say the future site of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. It will be so awesome to finally see a place the college can permanently call home and maybe someday the college will be a four-year institution instead of two years! I am excited and can't wait to see the completed project."*

– Glenna currently works for the Ziibiwing Center as the Sales and Events coordinator.

Kathy Hart, 2007 graduate, said: *"I can definitely say that SCTC has helped me get to where I am today. The small class size gave me the opportunity to receive more one-on-one. The support and encouragement from faculty helped me pursue my associate degree. I gained confidence and have the persistence to continue on to a four-year university to get my bachelor's degree. I have also gained the knowledge, skills and ability to gain employment. For SCTC to have its own campus would be a dream come true for many. I believe education is an essential part for the future of our Tribe and what better way to do this but at our own Tribal college on our own campus, not in some leased buildings."* – Kathy currently works at SCTC as the STEM recruiter.

Denise Cantu, 2008 graduate, said: *"Attending SCTC has given me confidence and challenged me to pursue opportunities I had not considered before. Miigwech SCTC, your guidance has made learning and personal development obtainable with an expression of Anishinaabek."* Denise currently works as administrative assistant for the Tribal Observer.

Gena Qualls, 2010 graduate, said: *"SCTC helped me gain the confidence I needed to transfer to CMU."* Gena is currently in the Leadership Program working with the Tribal College.

Angel Jackson, 2006 graduate, said: *"It's not what SCTC has helped me with; it is what they continue to help me with. Although, I am not currently going to SCTC, they have helped with registration for CMU, classes needed to transfer to CMU and they continue to support me with questions in the areas of tutoring and mentoring. Due to convenience of the SCTC location, I have continued up until this semester to take courses that will transfer to CMU for my bachelor's degree. I love the convenience of being able to just run over and get some assistance with things that will make my transition to CMU go so much smoother."* Angel currently works as a gaming commissioner for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Marilee Fleming, 2011 graduate, said: *"The instructors at SCTC are great for working with the Tribal community, showing interest in and respecting our culture and also being understanding of each and every student's different circumstances. They were, and I'm sure still are, always willing to take time to meet with you and listen to any problem you may be dealing with and find a way to help you with your classwork through whatever you are dealing with. For example, I had my baby girl during the fall semester one year and the instructors for the classes I had that semester were very understanding when I had to miss class the week she was born. One of the instructors even met with me outside of his own office hours to help me learn some of the material I missed. Had I*



**Alumni Betsey Alonzo, Craig Graveratte and Sheridan Pelcher admiring Angel Jackson's prize drawing. SCTC would like to thank SECR, SCIT Public Relations and SCTC for the generous raffle donations.**

*been in a different school, I don't think it would have mattered what I was going through, I can almost be sure those absences would have counted against me heavily and had a negative impact on my grades. That is probably the thing I miss the most about attending SCTC, the warm, friendly atmosphere. The instructors and staff were always willing to take the extra step to help with whatever it was that I needed help with. To anyone considering going to the SCTC, I'd say that is one great place to start your college career."* Marilee currently works as a leadership apprentice in the Housing Department.

Sheridan Pelcher, 2013 graduate, said: *"Attending the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College has given me satisfaction of accomplishment. I received my Associate in Liberal Arts 2013. I don't think that I would have ever attempted to further my education if Tribal College wasn't here. So, for that I'm thankful to SCTC for existing."* Sheridan currently works as background investigator for SECR.



**Alumnus Nicole Nedwash viewing new campus plans. These plans were unveiled to SCTC alumni at the second annual event held July 23.**



**SCTC alumni listen to Integrated Architecture representatives on the new campus plans.**

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## Country trios Rascal Flatts and Gloriana rewind their greatest hits

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

America's favorite country trio returned to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to put on one entertaining, high-energy show. Rascal Flatts made their SECR return, this time to Outdoor Summer Concert Series, on Thursday, July 31.

American country music group Gloriana kicked off the night as the opening band.

Brothers Tom and Mike Gossin, along with Rachel Reinert released their debut single "Wild at Heart" February 2009.

Their energetic single "Trouble" prepared the crowd for a lively night. Gloriana performed "Can't Shake You", "Wanna Take You Home", "Sunset Lovin'", "You Said", "Best Night Ever" and their top 10 country hit and first top 40 pop hit, "(Kissed You) Good Night".

Gloriana also performed cover songs that have inspired their musical careers including Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams", John Mellencamp's "Jack & Diane" and closed with The Beatles' "Come Together".

When it was time for Rascal Flatts to enter the stage, a text screen appeared with the words to "Payback". As the screen lowered, Rascal Flatts became visible to the audience, standing on an elevated platform.

In 1999, Rascal Flatts formed in Columbus, Ohio. The band is composed of lead vocalist Gary LeVox, electric guitarist and backing vocalist Joe Don Rooney and bassist, keyboardist and backing vocalist Jay DeMarcus.

With their abundance of hit singles, fans cheered as they recognized their favorites. "Why Wait", "Here Comes Goodbye", "Rewind", "Fast Cars & Freedom" and the number one country and adult

contemporary hit "What Hurts The Most" were performed.

Not holding back his vocal ability, LeVox added gospel and soul stylings to "Bless the Broken Road".

The entire band stepped away from their instruments to beat box. "Love You Out Loud" and Pharrell Williams' "Happy" were performed a cappella.

"For all the ones that gambled and lost, this is for you," LeVox said then began singing "My Wish".

If fans were anticipating to hear the biggest Rascal Flatts hits, they got them. "Summer Nights" and "Life is a Highway" rocked the venue, with an encore of "Me and My Gang".

According to the band's Facebook biography, the band has won more awards than any other country group in the past decade. Judging by their live performance, it would be no surprise if Rascal Flatts continues to take home awards for many more years to come.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Rascal Flatts take a moment to pose for their fans after performing their hit "Why Wait".



American Country group Gloriana perform their song "Trouble".

## Alice in Chains, Buckcherry showcase the power of rock at SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort showcased the power of rock on Aug. 20. Fans gathered as the bands Monster Truck, Buckcherry and Alice in Chains put on a hit-filled show as part of the Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Canadian hard rockers Monster Truck began the night. Their performance included the original songs "Sworded Beast", "Old Train" and "Sweet Mountain River".

Next up, were hard rockers Buckcherry. Formed in Anaheim, Calif. in 1995, the group has released six studio albums. This includes their first

self-titled album "Buckcherry" in 1999, and their most recent album "Confessions", released in 2013.

Their music brings a distinct attitude, rife with raunchy and racy entertainment. To kick off the fun, Buckcherry treated the audience to their hit song "Lit Up", which topped out at No. 1 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart.

Next up were hit songs "Broken Glass", "All Night Long" and "Everything".

The band changed up the pace, performing their biggest hit, the melodic self-reflective ballad "Sorry". The song peaked at No. 9 on Billboard's Hot 100 Chart. It is songs like these which showcased lead singer Josh Todd's ability to change from hoarse wailing and guttural growls, to buttery, smooth vocals.

The band played a parody of the hit single "I Love It" by Icona Pop, putting their own raucous twist on the song's lyrics.

To finish off the set, the band played "The Truth" and "Crazy B".

The main attraction for the night proved to be Seattle, Wash. based rockers Alice in Chains. The band has

charted 15 songs within the top 10 of Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart, including five songs which earned the top spot. They have gone on to release five studio albums.

Rock fans were treated to their unique blend of grunge, acoustic and heavy metal musical stylings. Alice in Chains brought the energy right out of the gate with the songs "Again", "Check My Brain" and "Them Bones".

The chugging guitar riffs of the hit single "Hollow" brought the audience out of their seats, followed by "Got Me Wrong", "Nutshell" and "Last of My Kind".

The concert proved to be an exciting mix of new and old material which kept fans of all generations singing along. This was never more evident than when the band went back to their roots playing their first hit released as a promotional EP, "We Die Young". Following this was their first hit single, "Man in the Box", off their first studio album "Facelift". These two songs coupled to launch Alice in Chains into prominence in the early '90s.

Following this trip back in time, the group performed "Stone", "It Ain't Like That", "Junkhead" and "No Excuses".

Fans that loyally stayed, even after the band exited the stage, were treated to three separate encores. The first encore was the smoothly evocative single, "Your Decision".



Buckcherry lead singer Josh Todd pumps up the crowd, raising a fist to the sky.

After another exit from the stage, the band reappeared to play the hit song "Would?"

For the final encore, the band played the song "Rooster", the hauntingly dreamy ode to lead guitarist Jerry Cantrell's father.

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit their website at [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com), "Like" their Facebook page or add their Twitter handle Soaringeagle777.



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Jerry Cantrell, guitarist and vocalist for Alice in Chains, plays the opening riffs of the fan-favorite song "Them Bones".



Alice in Chains vocalist and guitarist William DuVall looks out into the crowd during the hit single "Check My Brain".



## American Idol season 13 contestants shine in the SECR limelight

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was one of the many tour destinations for the American Idol season 13 nine contestants. On Thursday, Aug. 7, the SECR crowd saw numerous costume changes and witnessed talented, powerhouse vocals.

Season 13 winner Caleb Johnson, along with C.J.

Harris, Jessica Meuse, MK Nobilette, Alex Preston, Majesty Rose, Sam Woolf, and two Michigan residents Malaya Watson and Jena Irene were the lucky ones to succeed far into the competition.

The night entailed group duets and solo performances from the former contestants. The show began with a group performance of "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic.

Many solo performances involved other Idols providing backing vocals.

The audience went wild when 16-year-old Southfield, Mich. resident Malaya entered the stage alone. Singing Bruno Mars' "When I Was Your Man", Malaya showcased her powerful, soulful vocals.

"It feels good to be home, somewhat," Malaya said triggering applause.

Split into two acts with a 20-minute intermission, Act One also included performances of "Cruise" by Florida Georgia Line, "Let Her Go" by Passenger, "Pompeii" by Bastille, "Gravity" by John Mayer, "Gimme Shelter"

by the Rolling Stones and the Act One finale included "Happy" by Pharell Williams.

Act Two commenced with all nine performers singing "Best Day Of My Life" by American Authors and "Story Of My Life" by One Direction.

From Farmington Hills, Mich. and with majority of her family residing in Bay City, Mich., 17-year-old Jena felt at home; both in Michigan and on the stage.

Jena performed a song she wrote "We Are One", "I Can't Help Falling In Love With You" by Elvis Presley and "My Body" by Young The Giant.

Other Act Two performances included "Pumped Up Kicks" by Foster the People, "You and I" by Lady Gaga, and Alex Preston performing "Fairytale", an original song

with his vocal and guitar ability shining.

With all former contestants performing solo songs, one had yet to perform. It was time for season 13 winner Caleb Johnson to take the stage. Rocker and 23-year-old Caleb performed "Family Tree" by Kings of Leon, "Maybe I'm Amazed" by Paul McCartney, an original entitled "As Love As You Love Me" and "Dazed & Confused" by Led Zeppelin.

The Idols connected on the SECR stage once more to perform the finale of "Radioactive" by Imagine Dragons.

According to americanidol.com, the search for a superstar continues with season 14 premiering on FOX in January 2015.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



The top nine American Idol season 13 contestants open with a group performance of "Counting Stars" by OneRepublic.



American Idol contestant Majesty Rose performs Janelle Monáe's "Tightrope" with finalist Jessica Meuse providing backup vocals.



Michigan resident Jena Irene performs The Rolling Stones' "Gimme Shelter" with season 13 winner Caleb Johnson.

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## Canning class at Andahwod leaves Elders in a "pickle"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Laughter and comedy takes place on a regular basis on the Reservation, but if you really want an activity that will make you smile for hours, join our friendly, neighborhood Andahwod staff and our Tribal Elders as they present a canning class.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Once properly prepared after 24 hours, these refrigerator pickles will be ready for you and your family.

The Aug. 8 installment on what will prove to be a popular series as harvest time approaches, left many seniors "in a pickle" as Elder Community Activities Assistant Elisa Schlelder demonstrated the magic that turns cucumbers into that American favorite.

"Everybody had so much fun cutting up the cucumbers and sharing stories of how they would pick the vegetables on the Reservation back in the day," Schlelder said. "Making refrigerator pickles is a pretty easy process when you have a lot of people doing the peeling and slicing. It's so much more fun when we have the youth come and join in at our Andahwod events."



Tribal youth Neaveh Badger (left) is all smiles as she helps Great Grandma Beverly Vasquez (middle) and instructor Elisa Schlelder.

Tribal Elder and Andahwod resident Guy Fallis helped out as the official cucumber quality control officer. The ladies did have to get after him a little bit by taking the healthy aspect out of the vegetable experience.

"These aren't too bad at all with a little salt." Fallis said.

### Kosher Dill Pickles

(Editor's note: The following Kosher Dill Pickle recipe comes from Mrs. Wages.)

#### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. pickling cucumbers (about 10- 3 to 4 inches)
- ¾ cups White Distilled Vinegar • (5% acidity)
- 2 cups water
- 1 packet Mrs. Wages Kosher Dill Pickle Mix

#### Instructions:

1. Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.
2. Wash cucumbers and remove blossoms, drain. Leave whole, cut into spears or slice.
3. Combine Kosher Dill Mix, vinegar and water into a large non-reactive pot (do not use aluminum). Bring mixture just to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture dissolves.
4. Pack cucumbers into sterilized jars, leaving ½ inch of headspace. Evenly divide hot pickling liquid among the packed jars, leaving ½ inch of headspace. Remove air bubbles and cap each jar as it is filled. If more liquid is needed for proper headspace, add a mix of 1 part vinegar and 2 parts water. If shelf stable pickles are preferred, use the hot water bath method, processing pints 20 minutes and quarts 30 minutes.
5. Cool to room temperature, label and store in refrigerator. Product is ready to eat after 24 hours.

## Making sure your children are up-to-date with their immunizations

(Editor's note: The following article is brought to you by Central Michigan District Health Department "Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities" with permission to publish in the Tribal Observer. Visit their website at [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org) and "Like" Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook.)

Immunizations are just one of the many things to think about when a new school year rolls around, especially if your child is entering kindergarten, 7th grade or changing school districts.

Requirements have changed for the 2014-2015 school year. Beginning this school year, all

seventh grade students will have their immunization records reviewed. Schools are required to report the immunization status of students to the local health department each year.

School-aged children need to be protected against Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough), Diphtheria, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal and Chickenpox (Varicella). The number of doses needed varies by age. To view the immunization requirements for school-aged children, visit [www.mcir.org/forms/SS\\_School\\_Requirements.pdf](http://www.mcir.org/forms/SS_School_Requirements.pdf).

Please contact your physician or local health department to make sure your child

is ready for school. The Central Michigan District Health Department provides immunizations by appointment (we offer immunizations to those with and without medical/insurance coverage). A small fee may apply for immunizations received; however, no child is turned away for immunizations based on income or an inability to pay.

If you would like an opportunity to get involved in improving access to health services, consider joining Together We Can, a community project aimed at improving health status in central Michigan. For more information, "Like" Together We Can Health Improvement Council

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## Free one-day pass for Michigan state parks available

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Just a reminder that Nimkee Public Health 4x4 Grant still has forms to obtain a free one-day pass to any of the 102 state parks and hundreds of state forest pathways and campgrounds.

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4:15 p.m.					Fat Blast Jayme
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Delicious, crispy, crunchy and salty beet chips recipe

**SALLY VAN CISE**  
Nutritionist

(Editor's Note: The following article and recipe was adapted from *Crunchy Crispy Beet Chips* "Cooking Light" magazine July 28, 2014.)



Wash, slice and bake! It's as easy as that to make crispy, crunchy and salty beet chips. You've never tasted beets like this before:

Beets are really having their day in the sun. A once unglamorous, inexpensive root vegetable is now popping up on trendy restaurant menus and being used in everything from smoothies to hummus.

If you are a lover of all things crispy and salty, you'll

love these beet chips. They're so easy to make and have a great natural flavor from earthy, sweet beets.

Since beets are a root vegetable, like potatoes, they are pretty "meaty" and hold

up well to being sliced thin and baked – ideal for making chips. If you don't have a mandolin slicer, you can slice the beets very thinly with a sharp, sharp knife. No dull blades allowed here if you like your fingertips intact.

Nutritionally: Beets serve as a good source of folate, a B vitamin, manganese and fiber; they also contain potassium, magnesium and other vitamins and minerals.

Beet greens: Did you know – you can also enjoy the beet greens – which are another powerhouse of nutrients and flavor! Prepare as you would spinach or kale – just wash and drain, dry and then chop; then sauté in a bit of olive oil, salt and pepper! Maybe sprinkle with a bit of parmesan cheese!

Delicious Beet Chips

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 medium beets (golden or red)
- 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Preheat non-stick baking sheet.
2. Stem beets, don't peel, but rub away all the dirt off of the outside with a coarse brush or kitchen towel.
3. Thinly slice beets using a mandolin slicer set on one of the thinnest settings.
4. In a large bowl, toss with olive oil, salt and pepper. Then arrange on baking sheet (or two if needed).
5. Bake for 10 minutes, then flip beet chips over. Bake for an additional 5-10 minutes. You'll know then are done when the edges are lightly brown and the beets no longer "bend", meaning when you pick one up, it's stiff and no longer flexible. (This may take some practice; thicker-slices may need a lower temperature oven and a longer baking time.)
6. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes until crunchy.

Note: All chips do not cook evenly, so monitoring your chips toward the end, and removing them in batches will yield the best results. Some chips may not ever be crispy, but all are delicious. Audience response was very favorable, even among those who said, "I don't like beets, but I will try these... oh these are good!"

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**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

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## Basic facts you should know about the Indian Trust Settlement

**JULIE PEGO**

Case Manager

The Indian Trust Settlement is the result of a class action lawsuit filed and won on behalf of Native American Tribal Members who had money in an Indian Trust fund, between the years 1985-2009.

In a class action lawsuit, one or more people called "class representatives" sue on behalf of themselves and other people who have similar claims and allegations. All of these people are plaintiffs. ([www.indiantrust.com/faq](http://www.indiantrust.com/faq))

The suit was filed by Louise Cobell and several other Indian Institutes of Management, or IIM, account holders on behalf of 300 Indian people in similar situations.

The federal government was founded by a higher court to have mismanaged Indian land trust monies and that the total of money in the funds should be far greater than what was shown to be, with no accounting on

where the money went. The federal government negotiated a settlement, and Cobell and other IIM account holders settled with them because many Indians affected by the suit were elderly and dying. They also wanted to see that the Elders were able to receive from this suit to be able to enjoy the money that was fought for on their behalf.

The settlement will provide \$1.4 billion accounting/trust administration funds, a \$100 million trust administration adjustment fund, plus any earned interest to pay historical accounting and trust administration claims. Many Indians qualify for historical accounting payments and trust administration payments.

Those eligible have IIM accounts primarily containing money collected by the federal government from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, oil and gas production, and other activities on trust land, as well as certain per capita distributions.

The funds in IIM accounts are held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians ([www.indiantrust.com/faq](http://www.indiantrust.com/faq)).

Tribal members whom had open IIM accounts and received quarterly statements from the Department of the Interior were automatically registered to receive the payment. Others that were eligible had to register to receive the payments.

There was a payment made to eligible members in November 2013 and another payment may be coming in the fall 2014 to eligible members if everything goes as expected according to [www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com).

Read more about the Indian Trust Settlement at [www.indiantrust.com](http://www.indiantrust.com). If you have questions about The Indian Trust Settlement, contact the Indian Trust Administrators at

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## Andahwod newest aviary addition is for the birds

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

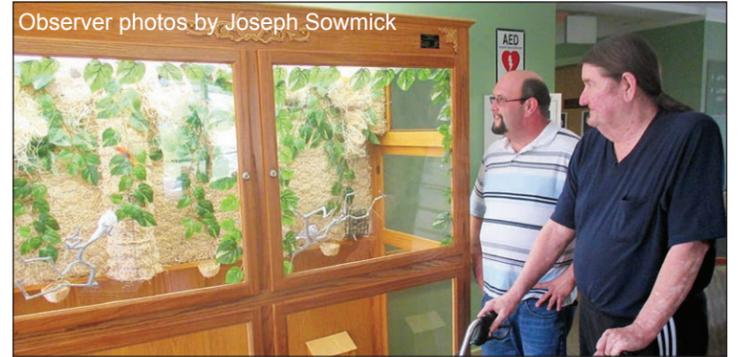
The newest addition to the Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services building is strictly for the birds. The Andahwod Aviary made its Aug. 13 debut in the Maple Lodge wing during the semi-monthly Elders Breakfast and the residents and onlookers are very pleased seeing the labor of love completed.

Andahwod Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl said more than \$6,000 was raised through various fundraising efforts and the amount was supplemented by a large donation from the estate of Tribal Elder Hagar Fallis.

"Hagar was beloved and loved her family dearly, it was great to see a large donation in her honor,"



This blue cap waxbill finch is one of the many that flew in from Africa to be a part of the Andahwod Aviary.



Andahwod Support Services Manager Sam Anglin (left) shares a moment with Andahwod resident Jerry Douglas at the Andahwod Aviary located in the Maple Lodge wing of the facility.

Ruhl said. "We will continue to support the aviary with fundraisers and we have contracted with Living Design to provide technical support and maintenance to assure the community the aviary will be here for years to come."

Since 1980, Living Design has studied the health, welfare and breeding of passerines (finches) in captivity. Living Design is widely recognized as the largest breeder of finches in America. Living Design has gained a respected reputation for its work in avian research, genetics and disease control. On staff are consulting veterinarians, biologists, vet techs and vet attendants.

Living Design is a company that services aviaries in nursing homes and Elder facilities across the country. Simply put, like some companies do fish

tanks, they do birds. They supply food at three months intervals and check the aviary for the health and safety of the birds.

The Andahwod Aviary features an active display of canaries, diamond doves, blue cap waxbills, star finches, saffron finches and orange weavers. The small birds took quite a flight as all the residents in the aviary are from either Australia or Africa.

The Aviary comes with a guidebook developed by Living Design especially for the Andahwod visitors complete with a visitor guest book for comments.

With so many different locations and things to see when one makes a trip to the Reservation, please make sure to not miss the newest addition on the Rez... the Andahwod Aviary!

### SEPTEMBER 2014

## Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 Timothy Pete	16 Joseph Smith Sr.
2 Jamie VanDerSteen	17 Roger High, Clifford Collins, Darcy Crampton, Barbara Huffine, David Otto, Lela Walker
3 Joyce Ervin, Diane Leksche, Mark Ojeda-Vasquez, Nancy Coleman, Bonnie Jackson, Alma Smith	18 Delmar Jackson Sr.
4 Garland Moses, Laura Schaad	19 Michelle Garvey
5 Genevieve Chippeway, Ronald Jackson, Jacqueline Baker, Jean Lang, Sherry Obrecht, Marion Roth	20 Raymond Fisher, Charles Jackson
6 Bert Hunt II, Christopher Fallis	21 Perry Bailey Jr., Lester Chippeway Sr., Michael Bearden, Brian Peters, Delores Smith
7 Mark Chapoton, Elizabeth Hughes, Dianne Goodwin, Forrest Jackson, Robert Wayne Jr.	22 Frances Fisher, Cora Leureaux, Lori Nahdee, Robert Netmop, Angela Peters, Mildred Allen
8 Barbara Bennett-Fleming, Sharon Cole, Florence White, Ramona Shawa	23 Janet Hodges, Ruth MacGregor, Judith Mays, Henry Rubin III, Louise Smith, Clarence Squanda
9 Dolly Rueckert Sr., Wilma Bennett, David Chatfield, Celeste Hamner, Janet Neilson	24 Jerry Douglas, Selene Moore, Maurice Pego Jr., Theodore Stevens Sr., Gary Douglas, Jeanette Shambo
10 Judith Hunt, Kimberly Lewis, Patricia Tarkowski	25 Cynthia Floyd, Feliz Perez, L.E. Reed Jr., Rita Bills, Mark Godbey, Kevin O'Brien, Rose Raslich, Richard Starkey
11 Darlene Watkins	26 Matthew Seger, Keith Davis, Lucinda Graverette-Smith, Janet Kerns, Alexander Walraven
12 Myria Carr, Wayne Dutton, Cecil Issac	27 Tonia Bleuer, Sheridan Pelcher, Carol Wheaton
13 William Davis, Darci Tucker, Loralee Werth	28 Theresa Rubin
14 Doreen Eggleston, Eugene Ives Jr.	29 Agnes Flynn, Nancy Cisneros, Marcella Wing
15 Andrew Byce Sr., Kimberly Fisher, Helen Reed, Gary Rueckert Sr.	30 Donald Chippewa, Sonja Sowmick
16 Tonya Crudup, Richard Nahgahgwon, Karen Gibson, Evelyn Grills, Sharll Hudson,	

## Andahwod September Events

<p><b>Jewelry Craft with Kay</b> Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>	<p><b>Saganing Day Trip</b> Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.   Contact: 775-4302 Limited Seating, must sign up</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Night Euchre</b> Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 &amp; 30 at 6 p.m.   Contact: 775-4300</p>	<p><b>Bingo with Friends</b> Sept. 17 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4307</p>
<p><b>Language Bingo</b> Sept. 4 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4307</p>	<p><b>Bath Bombs Craft</b> Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>
<p><b>Sunday Socials</b> Sept. 7, 14, 21 &amp; 28 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>	<p><b>Tin Can Windchimes</b> Sept. 20 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>
<p><b>Lace Dream Catcher Craft</b> Sept. 6 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>	<p><b>Seed Bead Safety Pin Bracelet Craft</b> Sept. 26 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>
<p><b>Elders Breakfast</b> Sept. 10 &amp; 24 from 9 - 10 a.m.   Contact: 775-4300</p>	<p><b>Oil Lamps Craft</b> Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>
<p><b>T-Shirt Scarf Craft</b> Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.   Contact: 775-4302</p>	

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## SEPTEMBER 2014 EVENT PLANNER

### Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

September 3 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

### Anishinaabemowin Bingo

September 11 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
 • Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym  
 • Sponsored by ARLD & SCTC Extension

### Women's Support Group

September 16 | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4896

### Housing Financial Workshop

September 18 | 12 p.m.  
 • Location: Housing Conference Room  
 • Contact: 989-775-4552

### Taste of the Rez

September 23 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 • Location: Andahwod  
 • Contact: 989-775-4600  
 • Enter as a cooking contestant: \$10  
 • Enter as a taster: \$4  
 • Half of proceeds will go to the Bird Aviary Fund, with the other half going to the overall winner.

### Celebration of Healing, Recovery and Hope

September 24 | 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 • Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym  
 • Contact: 989-775-4208

### New Parents Support Group

September 26 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 • Location: Nimkee Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4302

### Self-Defense Class

October 2 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 • Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym  
 • Contact: 989-775-4400 to reserve your spot  
 • Hands-on educational course

### NMNC Clothesline Project

October 6 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4400  
 • Design a shirt to honor a victim or survivor of domestic violence or sexual assault.  
 • Learn more by visiting: [www.clotheslineproject.org](http://www.clotheslineproject.org)

### Paint the Rez Purple Run/Walk

October 11 | 11 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4858  
 • 1.5 Mile Domestic Violence Run/Walk  
 • This untimed event is for people of all ages, fitness levels and backgrounds.  
 • Healthy lunch served after event.

### A Lunch and Learn In Her Shoes

October 23 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 • Location: Seventh Generation  
 • Contact: 989-775-4400  
 • An interactive simulation to help understand the ups and downs a battered woman experiences.

### Empowerment Night

October 28 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 • Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym  
 • Contact: 989-775-4400  
 • Manicures, door prizes, hair stylists, dinner, makeup application, photos/photobooths, DJ and dancefloor.  
 • Please, no children under the age of 15.

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### September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

Come in and sign-up for a card and receive a fabulous gift bag. If you already have a card, use it in September to get a bonus prize.



To get a card, bring your State ID, Driver's License, or Tribal ID. Those under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian show ID to get a card

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<b>1</b> Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA   6 p.m.	<b>2</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room   6 p.m. SCA First Day of School Euchre Andahwod   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>3</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>4</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>5</b> Traditions 101 B. Health   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>6</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. Big Book Meeting B. Health   10 a.m. <b>7</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>8</b> Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA   6 p.m.	<b>9</b> Euchre Andahwod   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>10</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>11</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Healers 7th Generation   8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>12</b> Traditions 101 B. Health   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. Traditional Healers 7th Generation   8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. Big Book Meeting B. Health   10 a.m. <b>14</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>15</b> Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA   6 p.m. Grandmother Moon B. Health   9 p.m.	<b>16</b> Tribal Observer Deadline   3 p.m. Women's Support Group B. Health   5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Euchre Andahwod   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>17</b> Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Education Advisory Board Meeting   9 a.m.	<b>18</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Housing Financial Workshop Housing   12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>19</b> Traditions 101 B. Health   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>20</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. Big Book Meeting B. Health   10 a.m. <b>21</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>22</b> Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA   6 p.m.	<b>23</b> Healing Lodge B. Health   5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Euchre Andahwod   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>24</b> Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	<b>25</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>26</b> Tribal Ops Closed Michigan Indian Day Traditions 101 B. Health   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>27</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. Big Book Meeting B. Health   10 a.m. <b>28</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>29</b> Women's Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA   6 p.m.	<b>30</b> Euchre Andahwod   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem. Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St.	<b>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</b> <b>Tuesdays:</b> 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant <b>Thursdays:</b> 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant <b>Saturdays:</b> 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</p>	

Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



## 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)**

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Social Services Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one-year supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable Tribal and Federal law as they pertain to Tribal children and families. The Social Services Supervisor concentration will be in the area of protective services, along with acting as the lead to the supervisor management team.

##### Tribal Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certi-

fied/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

##### Indian Child Welfare Specialist

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an associates degree in human services field. Assists Tribal families to access services and programs that strengthen the family. Act as a liaison and advocate to SCIT members, SCIT eligible for membership and SCIT descendants residing within the state of Michigan to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the ICWA agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

##### Tribal Operations Grounds Maintenance

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or

a maintenance-related job environment as described in the essential job duties.

##### Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education or education, valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate with special education endorsement. Must be willing to attend training. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

##### Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an associates degree or professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience preferably in a law office or legal department or must have a high school education or GED. Must have a minimum of four years of office experience preferably in a law office or legal department.

##### Leadership Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours.

Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process. This position is to create opportunities for Tribal members to acquire the necessary education, experience and skills to perform positions of leadership and responsibility for the Tribe.

##### Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent is required. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties. Must be able to operate computerized equipment and devices. Maintains and operates electrical, mechanical and pneumatic equipment throughout SECR buildings.

##### Water Operator Intern

Only SCIT members may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills is helpful. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science or related field will help in learning this field. Should have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

##### Teacher Assistant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have passed a formal state or local academic assessment as approved by the Michigan State Board of Education; or successfully completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours); or must have an associates degree. Must have two years experience working with children in a school setting. Knowledge of and/or experience with Ojibwe language preferred.

### SECR

#### Comptroller

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#### Massage Therapist

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

#### Steward Part-Time

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

#### Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred.

#### Building Maintenance Worker Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good organizational skills, basic knowledge of electricity, plumbing and carpentry. Some knowledge of small engines.

#### Lead Cook Isabella's

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#### Inventory Control

Open to the public. High school diploma (or equivalent). Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal driver's and an Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

#### Table Games Dealer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Native American preferred. Training fee: Applicants must pay a \$400 fee for training. This fee can be payroll deducted at \$50 per week. If successful completion of training has been met, the fee will not be required for additional games. (Fee is waived for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Members only.)

#### Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred.

#### Bell Person

Open to the public. Previous work experience that included customer service responsibilities. Qualified applicants should possess a friendly and outgoing personality, enjoy dealing with and be willing to provide a positive experience to the hotel guests, fellow associates and visitors.

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CORRINA HARRIS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0374 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions, P.O. box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Corrina Harris 2385 Ojibway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 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 Nov. 6, 2014.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SHERRY HAWKINS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0359 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Sherry Hawkins 402 Larry Pl. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 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 Nov. 2, 2014.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF PATSY HOUGHTON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0409 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant Patsy Houghton 7256 N. Summerton Rd. Clare, MI 48617 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 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 Nov. 2, 2014.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SARA ROMERO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0408 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant Sara Romero 8485 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 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 Nov. 20, 2014.**

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## Youth LEAD "Back to School Block Party" a huge success

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

There's nothing quite like a successful community "Back to School Block Party" to cap off American Indian Sobriety Month on the Reservation. Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford said there were approximately 500 people in attendance and commended all the corporate sponsors and departments who contributed to the event.

Corporate sponsors for the effort included Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, SCIT Public Relations, Youth Council, Ziibiwing Cultural Society, Planning Department, Nimkee Public Health, Nimkee Fitness and Covenant Healthcare Systems.

Booth participants and event stations included a Nimkee obstacle course, a Covenant safety course, a SEWPH putting challenge, a sobriety walk, ACFS carnival toss game and a Native craft area co-sponsored by Ziibiwing and Sasiwaans.

SCIT Fire and Police were also on scene along with Behavioral Health, Domestic Violence Program, Andahwod, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Tribal Education and SECR Marketing.

Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez mentioned even the weather was cooperative although event organizers worried it would rain.



**Native singer/songwriter Joe Reilly performed songs dedicated to the Anishinabe culture.**

"The food was great and a big chi-miigwetch to Saginaw Chippewa Housing for providing it," Gonzalez said.

Youth Diversion Support Coach Kevin Ricketts and Tribal Chief Steven Pego made a special presentation to honor the academic achievement of two youth (West Intermediate student Mastella Quaderer and Mount Pleasant High School student Simone Bigford) who both received a 4.0 GPA for the last school year.

"It is important for the other youth and community to see when we honor Native students who are making the best grades possible in the whole school," Chief Pego said. "These are going to be our future leaders and it shows others that studying hard and getting a good education is valuable for all of us."

Gonzalez remarked the four acts of live entertainment were also a hit.

"We had Native singer and songwriter Joe Reilly start the night off with some fun tunes for the kids and Tribal Member Alden Andy did his rap performance of a very moving and inspirational song and we're so proud of him," Gonzalez said. "We also had Natalie and The Gem Tones rockin' the pavilion with some great blues and rock later in the evening."

"To wrap the night up, we had professional dancer Bird Clarkson and his dance troupe, 'The Pursuit of Ahhwasomeness' do a performance that everyone loved to watch as they 'pop-locked' the Rez," she said "You can best believe they will be invited to return to do some dance workshops with our youth... they sure loved it. Even some of our own community members got up and danced with them at the end, it was really awesome to see our youth so brave and excited about dancing!"

Andy busted some rhymes in his debut performance and earned high marks and much applause.

"I want to open doors for our community and we can live a better lifestyle... we can do that by giving back," Andy said. "A message in your music can be positive or negative, depending on what you listen to and what you're feeling. There's a lot of stereotypes out there with rap music but you can send those positive vibes out there and there are a lot of artists that give back to their community with a positive message."

The Back to School Block Party had 20 vendors and



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**Talented dancers from "The Pursuit of Ahhwasomeness" made a large crowd gather in the pavilion.**



**Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Youth Support Coach Kevin Ricketts stand with Mastella Quaderer, a 4.0 GPA West Intermediate student.**

booths bringing information and school supplies to the people and featured two food vendors, "Sisters Grubb" and "The Stache".

On behalf of the LEAD program, Event Coordinator Youth Outreach Worker/LEAD Diversion Debbie Peterson wanted to say "miigwetch" to all of the departments, programs and individuals who made the wildly successful event possible.

"We would like to give special thanks to the following

people who worked especially hard to make this event come off without a hitch: Deb Showalter and the Housing Staff, Jeni Grove and the AP staff, Kevin Chamberlain and Sweetgrass Productions, Jerry Wiefierich from Tribal Fire, Judy Davis, Rosie Romero and the Youth Council, Glenna Halliwill, The Stache, and Tribal Council," Peterson said. "Hopefully the kids are all loaded down with school supplies and are excited to get back to school."



**Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services offered a carnival toss game for children.**



**More than 500 people attended the Back to School Block Party.**



**Tomarra Green and Estella Halliwill represented Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services.**



**SCTC Graphic Artist Mary Pelcher and her granddaughter Morgan Pelcher to Native Direct's mascot.**



**A young dancer from "The Pursuit of Ahhwasomeness" dance group shows off her moves.**



**Chief Pego awards Simone Bigford for her 4.0 GPA at Mount Pleasant High School.**