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War declared on substance abuse at Celebration of Healing, Recovery & Hope event

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

History was made Sept. 24, 2014 as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego signed a birch bark document of community standards declaring war on drugs and alcohol at the Celebration of Healing, Recovery & Hope held in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym on the Reservation.

Chief Pego was lovingly surrounded on stage with supporters that included the current Tribal Council, former Tribal Chiefs and many Tribal members in traditional regalia.

"Our community stood together as warriors ready to fight the good fight of stopping the pain that drugs and alcohol caused on the Reservation for too many years," Chief Pego said. "According to Research Center Coordinator Anita Heard at Ziibiwing Center,

a Declaration of War has not been done by our Tribe since the All Tribes Confederacy years dating back to 1763. The warrior ceremony was a beautiful moment for many where the community was bold to show their commitment to fighting this war together by crossing over the ceremonial line, one-by-one, to show we are together on this."

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin Team created the birch bark community standard document in a good way incorporating a copper frame with red willow accents for the frame.

"The birch bark scroll was crafted and completed yesterday by myself, Aaron Chivis, James Day and Nathan Isaac in my garage at my house on the Reservation," Joe Syrette, Anishnaabe culture and language teacher said. "As we read the document, we saw these good words needed to be surrounded by good medicine, and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Chief Steven Pego signs the historic "Declaration of War" on a birch bark scroll as his fellow Tribal Council members and community members look on.

the creative spirit moved from there. I must say it was a good turn out and I hope we can see all the people who attended come together again to start planning creative ideas to help towards the war on drugs and alcohol."

The SCA AB Team also provided the Sacred Fire just

outside the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym for the community to offer up their prayers.

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Behavioral health tribal-state consultation unites leaders

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

To benefit Tribal behavioral health needs, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, or SAMHSA, Tribal Training and Technical Center, and Michigan Tribal Behavioral Health Communication Network invited leaders to participate in the development of a tribal/state consultation process.

During Sept. 3-5, 2014, Tribal leaders met in the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel conference room to develop a vision and framework plan for the process.

Tribal substance abuse, wellness, prevention, behavioral health administrators or providers and tribal leadership met 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day with Theda Newbreast and Caroline Cruz facilitating.

Many Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe directors attended all or a few sessions including Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia, Business Services Coordinator Elizabeth Evans, Tribal Council Members Michele Stanley,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Michigan Tribal leaders, Tribal behavioral health experts and SAMSHA team members pose on a break during their Sept. 4 meeting outside Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

Ron Nelson and Tim J. Davis, Assistant Tribal Administrators Tonia Leasureaux and Ruben Mosqueda, and Grants/Contracts Manager Sylvia Murray.

Genia attended each day and shared the meeting's importance.

"For several years now, the United States, from treaty era, has a trust obligation to the tribes to provide adequate health to our Tribal citizens," Genia said. "Michigan is in a region as defined by the Indian Health Services that has the lowest funding level of need of any IHS region in the United States. A recent study

of the Michigan Tribes and amount of funding received from the State of Michigan budget demonstrated that some Michigan Tribes receive very little funding and others received none at all."

"The importance of bringing Michigan Tribal leaders together, Tribal behavioral health experts and the technical advisory team from SAMSHA was crucial and probably the first time it's been done in Michigan," Genia said.

"Sadly, the funding disparity has really been the case in Michigan history since

long before I began prevention/social work over 24 years ago," he said. "We needed to take a step to address this and we now have and will continue to forge forward to address the health needs our people have and have a right to what is promised through trust obligations. Tribes also need to continue to balance that by holding the State of Michigan and the United States accountable and responsible to those obligations. This was a step toward doing that."

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Beatrice Davis Peters

June 15, 1917 - Sept. 11, 2014

Beatrice Davis Peters, 97, the oldest living member in District One of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. born June 15, 1917, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at Andahwood Senior Care with family by her side.



Funeral Services for Beatrice were held Saturday, Sept. 13, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doyle Perry of Faith Indian Nazarene Church officiating. Interment followed at the Chippewa Township Cemetery.

Jaxon Glen Saum

May 16, 2013 - Aug. 29, 2014

Jaxon Glen Saum, 15 months old, of Midland, Mich. passed away unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 29, 2014.



Funeral Services for Jaxon were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014. Interment followed in the Chippewa Township Cemetery. A luncheon was held in the Tribal Gym following interment.

Jaxon was born May 16, 2013 in Pontiac, Mich., the son of Nicholas and Nicole (Foster) Saum. Jaxon was an adventurous child, always exploring. He loved going to the zoo and watching Detroit Tigers baseball. For being so young, Jaxon had many friends and had traveled many places. Jaxon loved his bomb pops, swimming, and being naked more than anything. He had the most captivating eyes and brought joy to anyone that he met.

Jaxon is survived by parents; sibling to be; paternal grandparents, Michael (Julie) Saum of Big Rapids Mich. and Jackie (Chad) SanCartier of St. Simons Island, Ga.; maternal grandparents, Donald (Angel) Foster of San Antonio, Texas, and Shelly (Joie Reihl) Bailey of Rosebush, Mich.; great-grandmothers, Barb Vining of Big Rapids, Mich. and Mary Bachelder of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; aunts and uncles, SSGT. Jeffrey (Emilee) Saum of Stuttgart, Germany, SGT. Eric (Meghan) Saum of Fort Bragg, N.C., Quentin SanCartier of St. Simons Island, Ga., SGT. Dan (Amanda) Cook of Fort Bragg, N.C., Kerri Cook of Houston, Texas, Maryrose Cook of Big Rapids, Kelly (Andrew) Woodworth of Mount Pleasant, Heather Foster of Rosebush, Thomas Foster of Rosebush, Caitie Reihl of Mount Pleasant, Thomas John Reihl of Rosebush, Wesley (Jamie) Marshall of Jackson, Greg (Danielle) Marshall of Post, Texas, Andrea Dunnam of Okeechobee, Fla., and Derrick Belcher of San Antonio, Texas; cousins, Hunter, Hallie, Josephine, Alex, Lily, Violet, Bradley, Castiel, Bradlee, Chloe, Shyanne, Lily, Hailey, Max, Kendell and Audrey; great-step-grandparents, great-aunts and uncles, second cousins and many friends.

Jaxon was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Donald (Josephine) Saum of Big Rapids, Frank Vining of Big Rapids, Raymond (Sally) Foster of Mount Pleasant, and Thomas (Arlene) Arnott of Mount Pleasant; and cousins, Keagon Dunnam in 2011, Andres Pelcher in 2012, and Zane Jewell in 2013.

John R. Martin

Nov. 27, 1942 - Sept. 11, 2014

John R. Martin of Mount Pleasant, Mich., 71, passed away Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014 at Andahwood Assisted Living Facility, following a lingering illness. He was born Nov. 27, 1942 in Caro, Mich. The son of the late Leo and Madeline (Freeman) Martin. John was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and enjoyed watching sports and going to the casino.



John is survived by one sister and her husband, Virginia (Robert) LaMere of Bay City, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Viola Martin of Caro, Mich.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by one brother, William Martin; and one niece, Julie Ann Marie Martin. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Billie Jo and Ryan Davies for all their help with "Uncle John".

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 15, 2014 at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with Pastor Arnold Burger officiating. Burial followed Indianfields Township Cemetery in Caro.

William Delbert Martin

Oct. 23, 1940 - Aug. 19, 2014

William Delbert Martin of Caro, Mich., 73, passed away suddenly Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014 at St. Mary's of Michigan in Saginaw, Mich. He was born Oct. 23, 1940 in Caro, the son of the late Leo Delbert and Madeline (Freeman) Martin. Bill was a 1960 graduate of Caro High School, and on Sept. 10, 1960 he was united in marriage with the former Viola Nagy in Caro, and she survives him.



He was employed with Eaton Foundry and Grede Foundry in Vassar as a supervisor, retiring in 1993 after more than 30 years of service. Bill was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, a Boy Scout assistant leader in Caro, a Caro Jaycees Little League manager, and was very active at Wahjamega Country Church where he served as Boys Brigade Leader and Sunday School teacher. Bill was an avid hunter, fisherman and model train collector, and enjoyed traveling the country and world with his wife. He trained German Shorthaired Pointers and Beagle hunting dogs and owned Pleasant Hill Kennels in Caro for 25 years. Bill and his wife wintered in Florida for 20 years where he was a DJ for his Florida senior park community.

Bill is survived by his wife of 53 years, Viola Martin of Caro; two daughters, Wendy Martin of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Billie Jo Davies and her husband, Ryan, of Caro; seven grandchildren; Megan, William, Brittany and Kelsey Jenkins, Mitchell and Lindsey Davies, Chad Brady; five great-grandchildren, Logan and Paige Carpenter, Hunter and Cheyenne Craft, Aiden Bryson; siblings, John Martin of Mount Pleasant, Virginia & Robert LaMere of Bay City, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Julie Ann Marie Martin in 2011.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 22, 2014 at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro with Pastor Robert Farison officiating. Burial followed at Indianfields Township Cemetery in Caro.

2015 Powwow

Date Change

The 2015 Powwow will be held on
July 24, 25 & 26

ATTENTION

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HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 20 & 21, 2015

Public Notice

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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

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

Dispatch: 989-775-4700
Tip Line: 989-775-4775

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Tip Line: 989-779-9697
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Conservation Committee Seats

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult Tribal members to serve on the Conservation Committee for two-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.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

6954 E BROADWAY, MT PLEASANT, MI
TEL: 989-775-4700

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Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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North East Corner of Broadway and Leaton

For Questions and Registration Forms, Please Contact: Market Master Tony Perry at 248-980-1513

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ONLINE

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Tribal Observer

COMIC CONTEST

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



October 1st
Happy 16th Birthday
 Margie,
 Love Mom,
 Dave Jr, Mattea



Happy 18th Birthday
 Sully
 Schlegel



Happy 15th Birthday
 to our princess
 Lauryn
 Leaux!



Happy Birthday!
 to the most
 amazing & beautiful
 Mother Nana!
 We love you so much!



October 20th
Happy 3rd Birthday
 Baby Shad!



Happy Birthday
 Sean & Waabi
 Love, from your Family

Tribal Member Life Insurance coverage discontinued as of Oct. 1

(Editor's note: At the request of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, SCIT Human Resources Benefits/Compensation Manager Connie Sprague offers the following article on Tribal Life Insurance coverage ending Oct. 1. Please direct any questions to Sprague at 989-775-5284.)

The Tribal Life Insurance coverage ended Oct. 1, 2014. The program started Jan. 1, 2010, and the carrier at that time was Mutual of Omaha. This coverage was known as "Group Term" insurance; a type of life insurance policy that provided coverage for a certain period of time (in this case, a month-to-month coverage). If the insured dies during the time period specified in the policy and the policy is active, then a death benefit will be paid.

The second part of the program was that the Tribe had to guarantee all Tribal Members would be covered by this, and was the reason that there was no testing and every member was eligible for coverage.

At the present time, there is a 25 percent participation rate, meaning the Tribe is responsible for 75 percent of the total premium.

Term insurance is initially much less expensive, compared to other types of life insurance, and unlike most types of permanent insurance, term insurance has no cash value. Premiums for these term policies remain level for a set number of years. After the time period, the premium increases significantly, making the policy cost prohibitive. This was the case with the cost of the coverage starting Jan. 1, 2013 and the reason for switching carriers from Mutual of Omaha to the Cigna Company.

We are currently checking with other carriers to find out if any would be interested in providing this to the Tribal Members, but at this time we've had no luck finding an interested company. We would like to remind the Membership that life insurance coverage is purchased for many different personal reasons, and is something that should be discussed with a financial advisor.

Team Zane Birthday Celebration Aug. 9, 2014

Love & Hugs to Zane Mikal Jewell



Happy Birthday,
 Nondah



Happy Birthday
 Mom,
 We love you!!



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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 (POWTS) Project.

Phase one is just 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 IHS are encouraging Tribal Members to participate in the project as a benefit to Tribal Member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal Member 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 MI

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.

Monarch Butterfly



Celebration



The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways hosted a Monarch Butterfly Celebration on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The event featured children's butterfly craft activities, cookie decorating and face painting. Guests also had a chance to win one of the many door prizes drawn. To end the celebration, Fancy Shawl dancers demonstrated the butterfly dance.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Tribal Observer

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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.

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

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

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War declared on substance abuse continued from front page

“It was moving to see so many concerned community members at the event,” Gonzalez said. “We all have a lot to be thankful for. We also have a lot of work ahead of us. The Celebration of Healing, Recovery & Hope was a great start to this important movement. The afterglow of the healing that took place can only inspire us to do more good work like this and encourage more people to step up and fight with us. I’d like to thank everyone who helped plan, organize, volunteer, cook or did anything to help. We couldn’t have done it without all the support and help from the community.”

The Youth LEAD Diversion Team was an integral driver of the effort as they work directly with the schools, courts and law enforcement community, and Youth LEAD Diversion Support Coach Kevin Ricketts couldn’t be happier.

“The movement has begun, there were some people that attended for the hope of a drug-free community,” Ricketts said. “There were some people that attended because they needed healing in their spirit. And there were also people that attended to strengthen the



Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his wife Migizi Dodem Mide' Kwe Mae Pego lead the community through the warrior ceremony. Many community members made the commitment to cross over the line to be a warrior against drugs and alcohol abuse in the Tribal community.

walk in their recovery. Now it’s time for those who jumped over the rope to freedom to exercise the love, and caring for our community. War has been declared. I stand strong as a warrior... silent and non-engaging no more, acting out in bravery and love for every member of our community.”

The event was supported by law enforcement personnel from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, Michigan State Police, Central Michigan University Police and the Isabella

County Sheriff Department.

Participating in the ceremony from the SCTPD were Police Sergeants Luke Dixon, Harry Ambs, Craig Wilson, Scott Bailey, Officer Donielle Bannon, Officer Levi Barton and Investigators Phil Mata and Jason VanConant.

Representing the Michigan State Police were Lt. Troy Allen and Trooper Michael White. Police Chief Bill Yeagley from CMU and Isabella County Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski also joined

in the Grand Entry and other aspects of the event.

Chief Pego, Eagle Clan Mide’ Kwe Mae Pego, Rev. Robert Pego and Faith Carmona-Pego led the Grand Entry into the Eagle’s Nest Tribal Gym followed by the Tribal Eagle Staff carried by AOVWS Okima II David Perez (U. S. Army). Other Eagle Staffs joining Grand Entry included the Company K Sharpshooters Staff, carried by Darwin Sanada (U.S. Army), Eagle Warrior Staff carried by Tony Davis (U.S. Army), and the Eagle Healing Staff carried by Butch Deverny (U.S. Marine Corps).

The colors of other flags were also brought in during the Grand Entry processional. Leading the flag ceremony was the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Flag carried by Tony Perry (U.S. Army), United States Stars & Stripes carried by Ricketts (U.S. Air Force), the Missing in Action/Prisoner of War Flag carried by Tony Carmona (U.S. Army) and the State of Michigan Flag carried by Scott Koorch (U.S. Army). The Christian Flag was also present and carried in by Potters House “Celebrate Recovery” member Nathan Quigno.

The Mino Ode Singers (Joe Syrette, Nathan Isaac, James Day, Aaron Chivis, Raymond Shenoskey, Christopher Spencer, Caden Pego, Hunter Genia, Brayden Chivis, Gracin Montoya) offered a Grand Entry and Flag Song to start the celebration and drummed through the warrior ceremony.

The Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council read vital statistics during the dinner that underlined the need for community action. The potluck meal was prepared by the ladies of our Native churches with assistance of community members who brought in side dishes and desserts.

The moving portion of the event was delivered by the personal experiences shared by Kenson Taylor, Melissa Montoya, Christina Osawabine, Marian Williams and Christina Otto.

SCIT Media was on hand to live web stream the telecast via the Tribal website and the SCIT Public Relations Department mentions it will be available for people to watch in its entirety at www.sagchip.org.

Mino Ode Singers also did a Victory Song and a Traveling Song as the AOVWS retired the Eagle Staffs and colors.

Tribal Fire Department hosts seventh annual Vehicle Extrication School

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist



The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Fire Department hosted its seventh annual Vehicle Extrication School Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014.

“We had a number of different fire departments from across the state of Michigan that were in attendance,” SCIT Fire Chief Fred Cantu said. “All participants learned the latest techniques in vehicle stabilizations, patient packaging, new techniques for cutting cars with the latest technologies and the use of air tools in the fire service. The

information shared by Rescue Resources LLC instructors Kevin Sehlmeier and David Noorman keeps our department and others well trained in situations we may encounter while in the field.”

Departments from the Michigan cities of Standish, Edinville, Sterling, Shepherd,

Clare, Benton Township, Flint, Mount Morris, Albany, Homer, Alma, Auburn Hills, Plainfield, Port Huron, Denton Township and Ada Township participated in the training exercises.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Fire Department currently has the longest running extrication school of its kind in the state of Michigan,” SCIT Fire Sgt. Brian Kelly said. “Our firefighters know we need to be ready for these critical load and go situations and to continue to train on the latest equipment and stay current with the technology is important for our department.”



Rescue Resources LLC Instructor David Noorman (right) provides insight to firefighters on how to properly extricate a driver from a newer model vehicle.

Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board. We are in need of one health board member.

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

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible).

Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval.

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

Mail or bring to the clinic:
Attention: Michelle George
2591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

**Please include your phone number or a contact person. *When the letters are received at the end of the time period they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.*

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

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

There is currently one vacancy

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by Oct. 31st, 2014. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Send letter of interest to:

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

For more information, please contact:

Felicia Bross at
989.775.4906



Eagle Valley Outfitters ushers in changes with grand re-opening

GINA BORUSHKO

Sales & Marketing Specialist

September not only brought cooler weather to the area, it also brought some changes to Eagle Valley Outfitters as they hosted their grand re-opening Sept. 2.

New products, a new store layout and a clearance sale were waiting for customers when the doors opened.

"It was great to see the familiar faces of our customers that morning and hear them comment on how nice the store looked," Thomas McKay, interim store supervisor for Eagle Valley Outfitters said. "All of our hard work really paid off."

Preparing the store for the grand re-opening was no easy task. The last week in August consisted of a full-operational shut



Photo courtesy of Gina Borushko
Eagle Valley Outfitter hosted a grand re-opening on Sept 2., with new products and a new store layout.

down for Eagle Valley Outfitters as staff from a variety of Migizi operations pulled together to box and move product, tear down, rearrange and reinstall shelving and display units and reset the entire store.

"Without the help and support of this team, there is no way we could have accomplished

this in the short time we had available to us," McKay said.

The process of preparing Eagle Valley Outfitters for the restructure began in June when it hosted a customer appreciation weekend to start selling through inventory items that had been slow movers.

"In order to begin our restructuring process, we had to make

room for both new products and a new store layout," Migizi Interim CEO Lisa Darnell said. "After the sale, we were able to gauge how much space was needed for the products that were left as well as the room needed for the products we were bringing in."

Throughout the course of the planning process, it was determined the store would need to close for a short time in order to move and reset. The entrance to Eagle Valley was blocked off to keep customers from accessing the store as well as to hide the changes being made.

"We wanted to keep a bit of suspense and mystery on what we were doing," Darnell said. "Our goal was to present the community with a new Eagle Valley Outfitters and we didn't want to spoil any of our surprises. We knew our goal was accomplished

when the feedback from the community started rolling in. Many customers were very pleased with the layout and really enjoyed the easier shopping experience and brighter atmosphere."

Hunting, fishing and general outdoor recreation have been important to not just the Saganing and surrounding communities, but to the state of Michigan as well.

Eagle Valley Outfitters honors the variety of family outings, deer camp traditions, "big fish" stories and campfire tales, as well as supports outdoor education by providing the tools needed to develop new outdoor enthusiasts.

Eagle Valley Outfitters is located on the corner of Worth Road and M-13 between Standish and Pinconning, Mich. and online at EagleValleyOutfitters.com. For more information, please call **989-846-1809**.

Tribal funding supports new Pinconning, Mich. Bandshell

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Each year, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan receives numerous requests for funding from local units of government and public schools and many of these projects impact the community in a substantial way. Community members and families saw a dream come true as the new Pinconning Bandshell made its debut grand opening performance Saturday, Sept. 6.

SCIT Public Relations Manager and Mount Pleasant Rotary Club Member Marcella Hadden was on site with her camera to take photos of the inaugural festivities.

"The Tribe continues to give generous contributions to local

communities in many ways and the Pinconning Bandshell is an example of what can be achieved by working together," Hadden said. "The Pinconning Arts Council working with local community officials implemented a great plan to get it done and our Tribe welcomes efforts where our dollars are matched by other organizations."

Pinconning-Linwood Area Chamber of Commerce Member Ellen Charlebois informs the true spirit of a community-based effort came through the roots of the project.

"The City of Pinconning supported it and provided the land," Charlebois said. "No tax dollars were used in the construction. It's nice a community can do something to improve the quality of life in the area, and we did it all on our own."

Those dollars totaled \$9,200. Individuals and organizations chipped in as well and about \$60,000 was raised that included the Tribal contribution.

Charlebois mentions the band shell was designed by Jean Uwizeye and Walt's Trucking excavated the site allowing R&R Construction, Nickel Electric and Pinconning Metals, all of Pinconning, Mich., along with Tri Valley Builders from Bay City, Mich., Sequin Lumber in Bay City and Standish, Mich. and many volunteers.

In a joint statement released from the Pinconning Arts Council, they affirm "the Pinconning Bandshell will be a community destination for outdoor performance activities that will enhance and enrich



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The new Pinconning Bandshell hosted its inaugural performance Saturday, Sept. 6.

the lives of people of all ages in Northern Bay County for many years."

Bob Fisher and his Out of the Past Orchestra, a 15-piece swing band featuring music from

greats like Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Arte Shaw, performed at the grand opening. The new Pinconning Bandshell is located at Doc Letchfield Park, 200 N. Mable St.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant

Congratulations to Erin Krzysik and Melissa Szyperski, the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino August Employees of the Month!

Erin is part of the SELC management staff as the senior accountant/analyst. Erin was nominated by a casino shift manager for her

professionalism, efficiency and her excellent attendance record. She is polite with everyone she comes in contact with and is eager to assist when needed.

In Erin's spare time, she enjoys shopping, traveling, fishing, four wheeling and camping with family and friends. Also this month Erin will be celebrating her eighth-year anniversary with her husband Dana. Thank you,

Erin, for your positive attitude and work ethics!

Melissa is part of our Maintenance Department and was nominated by one of her supervisors and department executive, for the terrific job she does every day!

In the past six years, Melissa has become an expert in reupholstering, patching and sewing the slot machine chairs. She has



Erin Krzysik



Melissa Szyperski

also been working outdoors this year helping to maintain the trees, bushes and flowerbeds.

Melissa never complains and makes friends easily no matter

what area she is working in. In her spare time, Melissa enjoys kayaking with her daughter Brittany. Thank you, Melissa, for giving your best every day!

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October 2014 SCIT At-Large Program Tribal Member spotlight

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

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.

Clarence Squanda was born Sept. 23, 1928 to Lois and Olly Squanda. He has one brother and two sisters;

Robert, Marlene and Mary Lou. He was born in the house that he currently lives next to in Indiantown, which is about four miles east of Saginaw, Mich.

Clarence said the house he was born in was part of 40 acres that was allotted to his dad by the government in 1865. After his father's passing, he said that property was divided into four 10-acre plots between the kids, one of which he lives on.

Clarence attended K-8 grades in Indiantown, almost across the road from his house. He later graduated

from Central High school in Saginaw.

He was married for 50 years to the love of his life Louise; together they had three boys, Mike, Gregory, and James and from them came seven beautiful grandchildren he is very proud of.

Throughout the years, Clarence has had many jobs; he worked at Garber Buick in Saginaw as a frame straightener, and then later for Consumers Power in the engineering department. He said what he enjoyed most about his job with Consumers was traveling to different parts of the state and getting to see Michigan.

It was while working at Garber Buick his love for old cars began. He said a man that used to deliver to Garber Buick told him about an old 1956 Model A that he had for sale, and then he bought it. That was the beginning of a love affair with old cars that would last for the rest of his life.

At-Large Elders Advocate Lisa Peters and I went to spend some time with Clarence for a home visit last month and we were delighted to be treated to lunch and a ride to the Johnson's Pumpkin Farm, which is just down from his



Clarence Squanda poses with his 1930 Model A Ford Coupe.

house on Portsmouth Road, in his 1931 Ford Town Sedan. What a treat!

Clarence has two old Model A's; the four-door 1931 model, and the 1930 Model A Ford Coupe which sports a rumble seat. Clarence takes great pride in his old cars and loves to show them off to visitors. He is especially proud that his oldest granddaughter wants to

use his car to ride in when she gets married someday.

Clarence spent many years in a 4-H club and became a 4-H leader for youth. Clarence had a pilot's license at one time and still enjoys flying to this day. He also enjoys hanging out at the airport for coffee with the guys. He enjoys hunting, fishing and traveling with the Tribe on the different Tribal Elder trips.



Photos courtesy of Denise Pelcher

A 1931 Model A Ford Touring Sedan. Clarence takes great pride in his classic cars, and loves to show them to visitors.

At-Large Members attend Elder Conference

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

The At-Large Elders recently attended an Elder Conference at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Conference attendees were able to watch the hot air balloon show at the Midland Balloon Festival.

The highlight of the conference was the Saturday evening trip to the Midland Balloon Festival to watch the evening glow launch of the hot air balloons. There were more than 50 hot air balloons that participated, along with more than 20,000 spectators in attendance.

Elder's Advocate Lisa Peters and the At-Large Elders had an amazing time watching the balloons as they filled with hot



Photos courtesy of Lisa Peters

More than 50 hot air balloons filled the sky.

air right in front of them and then lifted off right over top of their heads.

UPCOMING VACANCIES

At-Large Benefit Advisory Board

Vacancies will be posted for at least 30 days from Oct. 1, 2014. The areas of vacancy are for Region 2 and 4.



These positions are only open to Tribal Members who are currently registered with the Tribal Clerks office as At-Large Members of District 3. These are volunteer positions and not a paid positions.

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If you are interested in filling one of these positions please send a letter of interest to:



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Behavioral health continued from front page

Facilitator Newbreast, MPH, is a Montana-born Blackfoot Indian, and an original committee member of the Men's and Women's Wellness gatherings. She is the co-founder and co-writer of the GONA (Gathering of Native Americans) curriculum. She has more than 30 years of professional experience in providing healing and training workshops centered on historical traumas, mental health issues related to alcohol and drug use.

Cruz, BS, CPS, CPM, is a member of the Confederated

Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon and is a national trainer and facilitator. She has provided expert consultations to numerous tribes across the country with tribal/state consultation development.

"Both facilitators are highly respected and well-known trainers and facilitators in Indian Country," Don Lyons, Tribal Tech training technical assistance coordinator and Leech Lake Ojibway of Minnesota member said. "Newbreast has worked with California and Montana tribes' development process. Cruz has worked with Washington and Oregon tribes, being a liaison between tribes there."

The federally-recognized tribes, Indian serving agencies and committees submit a request to Tribal Tech which provides technical assistance to help support the areas of work, Lyons said. Tribal Tech's scope of work focuses on mental health, behavioral health, wellness and prevention.

"This (meeting) is helping Michigan tribes develop consultation processes with the state, focused on behavioral health needs" Lyons said. "This is the first attempt to get everyone on the same page of developing a broad vision of what a consultation process would look like, with majority of Michigan Tribes represented."

Various representatives from Michigan Tribes came together to make a difference for the future. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Council Chair Homer A. Mandoka, Eva Petoskey, director of Anishnaabek Healing Circle for Inter-Tribal Council and Grand Traverse Band member, and Keweenaw Bay Administrator Jerry Lee Curtis were some of the administrators in attendance.

"I think it's really exciting the tribes are coming together," Lyons said. "I was able to go in ceremonies and hear people talk about relations and Three Fires Confederacy, and the rebirth of that idea of how can we work together as tribal nations, communities and leverage the resources we have to develop something while reemerging old ways of doing things... Structures and



Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia and his group get the afternoon dialogues started in a good way.

systems are different, but the mentality is similar to how our ancestors did things way back then."

The meeting objectives involved developing a common vision to improve, a framework for a one-to-three year strategic plan and a developing a process for the Michigan tribal and urban communities to effectively advocate for prevention and behavioral health resources.

"My hope is that the request that the committee submitted is honored and moving forward any way we can to leverage resources on our end and get with our scope of work,"

Lyons said. "My hope for this is to develop safe and effective structure for them to have this conversation in a way to move onward."

This meeting was only the beginning of progresses. The developing process has been at least four years, according to the Tribal leaders I have spoken with, Lyons said.

"It's gotten to a point now they are ready to put words into action and see how that will actually play out," Lyons said.

The week represented the start of a continuing process. A series of meetings must still occur to make future improvements.



Theda Newbreast, facilitator, kicks off the Michigan Tribes-State Relationships Program Planning discussion.

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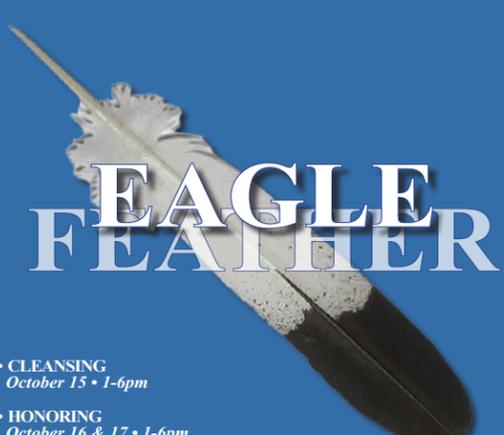
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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police hunter safety program educates and informs

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Many years ago, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department offered a hunter safety program for community youth and their families. Tribal Police Officer Neil Schiefer started the program back up with help from the Black Creek Conservation Club in 2011.

The Sept. 18 three-part safety course offered a Tribal Police joint effort between Schiefer, Police Sergeant Harry Ambs and Officer Kendal Kobel, with assistance from Black Creek Instructor Max Strong.

The course concluded Sept. 20 with a demonstration of shooting .22 caliber long rifle and 20 gauge shotguns safely in a field hunting environment.

“Our goal is not only to produce safe hunters but safe, knowledgeable and responsible hunters who go out and take care of the environment and they leave the field better



Lead Instructor and Tribal Police Officer Neil Schiefer does a field check on the safety mechanism and trigger assembly of a firearm.

when they finish,” Schiefer said. “We want them to be safe and have a good harvest successfully and to have fun and enjoy the outdoors because that’s what it is all about.”

Ambs welcomed the opportunity where his colleagues on the force can interact with the public. The hunter safety program, however, did give him pause to reflect on his childhood memories.

“Learning to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and respectful way started for me when I was a young child hunting with my father and my grandfather Jack Neyome,” Ambs said. “Not all of our Tribal youth have family members that hunt so they may not know how to be safe while enjoying our traditional hunting and gathering practices. Hunter safety is a great way for those youth or adults to learn how they can get started in the outdoors and have the knowledge to be safe and respectful at the same time. We not only teach the students about state-game laws but also are able to teach our Tribal members about the Tribal game laws.”

Using a team approach, Ambs believes teaching hunter safety is a very rewarding experience and a great way the Tribal Police department can have many positive interactions with the community.

Kobel applauded the interest the youth showed in wanting to learn the basics of hunter safety.



Officer Kendal Kobel goes through a mechanical firearm checklist with an eager youth hunter.

“Our goal as instructors is to properly educate the youth on the safety, ethics and proper elements of harvesting an animal,” Kobel said. “Our number one goal is to ensure once they leave our class they are safe, and have fun and enjoy what so many people know.”

Range Director Strong has worked with the Tribal Police for the last two years with the hunter safety program.

“We cover the ethical part where the animal doesn’t suffer and the hunter is trained to



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Police Sgt. Harry Ambs demonstrates to a youth the proper procedure of loading a shell into a firearm.

make a strategic, safe shot and becomes effective at it through practice at the range like we have here at Black Creek.”

The annual Michigan Liberty Hunt for youth and hunters with disabilities took place on Sept. 20-21 and the archery deer season commences Oct. 1-Nov. 14 with firearm deer season scheduled from Nov. 15-30.

Daniel Wildcat discusses impacts of climate changes

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Sept. 12, Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Planning Department presented a climate change discussion with Daniel Wildcat, the director of Haskell Environmental Research Studies and dean of the College of Natural Social Sciences at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan.

Wildcat discussed how Tribal environments will be impacted by climate change.

“What can we do to foster our community,” Wildcat said. “Acknowledge the importance of diversity and look within your own Tribal diversity.”

Wildcat suggested creating institutions for the next generation to learn something different than they would typically learn in public education classes. He suggested biology, geology, ecology, etc. classes

should give the students relevant topics.

Too often, students learn material that they believe they will never use in real life situations, Wildcat said.

He discussed the possibility of the Tribe having its own power generators; solar panels, wind turbines and even microturbines created for the next generation.

“We should be thinking practically,” he said. “We think too small. Our ancestors were big thinkers... they never thought in a box.”

From the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, Wildcat received both his bachelor’s and master’s degree in sociology from the University of Kansas and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Wildcat is a part of the American Indian and Alaska Native Climate Change Group, recently named the Indigenous Peoples’ Climate Change Working Group, a tribal college-centered network working on climate change issues.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Daniel Wildcat discusses climate change affecting Tribal communities to an audience at Seventh Generation.

Hidden Oaks in St. Louis, Mich. hosts the 2014 SECR Challenge

BERNIE SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

With 29 players ready to tee it up and win the title

and trophy, the 2014 SECR Challenge at Hidden Oaks in St. Louis, Mich. on Sept. 14 was competitive and well-attended.

This year was the first year we had four Tribal departments competing.

The Tribal Operations team had the best day with two of four teams finishing two under par as they won the 2014 SECR Challenge. The team recorded two scores of 70 and a 75 to beat the Tribal Members team 215 to 237.

Hospitality came in at 253 and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort had a 257 total.

The format was a scramble and each department submitted their top three scores to determine the winner.



Photo courtesy of Bernie Sprague

Back row: (pictured left to right) Chris Schoenborn, Brad Bennett, team captain Lucas Sprague and Jim Colonna. Front row: Tommy Wemigwans, Robert Pego, Gayle Ruhl and Ken Sprague.

Results | 2014 SECR Challenge

2014 Champions: Tribal Operations Team

1. Lucas Sprague/Tommy Wemigwans 82
2. Ken Sprague/Gayle Ruhl 75
3. Brad Bennett/Robert Pego 70
4. Chris Schoenborn/Jim Colonna 70

Tribal Members Team Results

1. Bean Sprague/Vincent Kequom Sr. 77
2. Larry Sprague/George Sprague 85
3. Al Wassegijig/Robert Hart 82
4. Tony Jackson 78

Hospitality Team Results

1. Bernie Sprague/Mike Dayson 89
2. Steven Hoffman/Brian Cain 80
3. Samantha Chippewa/Molly Burhans 97
4. Mike Floyd/Jim O’Neil 82

Casino Team Results

1. Consuelo Gonzalez/Brian Corbiere 91
2. Bill Durfee/Doug Sineway 76
3. Beef Quintero/Little Man Quintero 90

Longest drive winners:

Chris Schoenborn (Hole 2) and Steve Hoffman (Hole 11).

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Chief Pego extends welcome to new Discovery Museum Director

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego extended a warm welcome on behalf of the Tribal Council to the newly-appointed Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum, or MPDM, Director Heather Prout-Frisch on Aug. 27.

Prout-Frisch was born in Mount Pleasant, Mich. and grew up in Rosebush, Mich. She has more than 15 years of experience in multiple areas of child development, including operating her own family childcare business. She has served as a director on several nonprofit boards and helped as a co-founder of

MPDM. As the former creative director of MPDM, she originated the “explore, learn, create, grow” philosophy. She resides in Farwell, Mich. with her husband and four children.

“It was an honor to have Tribal Chief Steven Pego come to our ‘Meet the Executive Director Day,’” Prout-Frisch said. “I enjoyed his stories and we are brainstorming ways to bring that gift to the museum for future generations to enjoy. After a nice visit, we are looking forward to working together to enrich the lives of the young people in our community.”

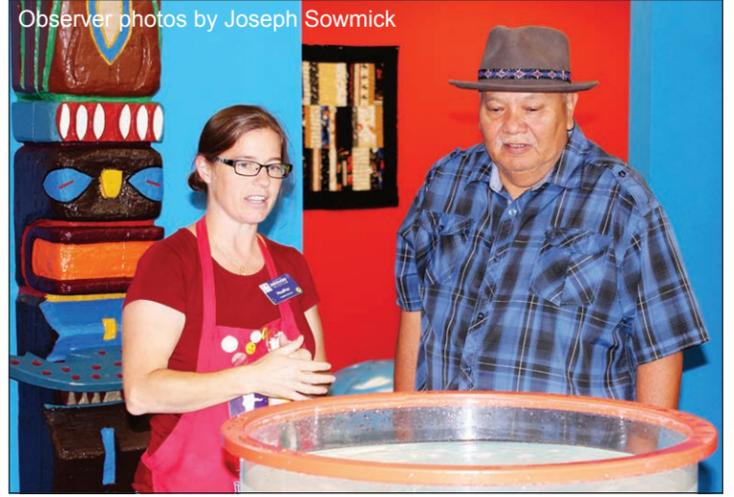
MPDM Board Member Jennifer Fields teaches at

Mid Michigan Community College and is an advocate for hands-on education and well-equipped educators. She helped start an award-winning school in Holland, Mich. and was inspired to create a groundswell for the Discovery Museum as a result of her own young children. Her husband, Jay Fields, is employed as an attorney with the SCIT Legal team.

“My husband and I are impressed how the Tribe opens its doors for the community and we want people to feel that same welcoming spirit as Heather and our staff move the Discovery Museum forward,” Fields said. “I realize how busy the Chief and Council are on a daily basis and I am impressed that a leader like Chief Pego takes the time to be with us on a special day.”

Chief Pego toured the facility including a bee exhibit that Fields constructed for the property. The Chief took a personal moment to share stories with Prout-Frisch on how teachings are handed down from the Elders to the little ones.”

“I have been thinking about offering the Tribe a storytelling opportunity and I would like to entertain the possibility of having Chief Pego come to the museum at a later date,” Prout-Frisch said. “Just hearing him



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Director Heather Prout-Frisch explains to Chief Pego how they used water as a teaching exercise for the SCIT Afterschool Program last year.



Chief Pego feels at home in the storytelling chair as Director Heather Prout-Frisch explains their reading volunteer outreach program.

share stories on how children listen to the grandparents in the lodge, I know he would be a captivating guest storyteller for the kids.”

The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum is located near Morey Courts on 5093 E. Remus

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WIGWAM WISDOM

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Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

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Dear WW: There is a rumor that one of my wife's brothers is a child molester. My concern is when my wife leaves our child with her mother and the brother is there visiting. I don't feel comfortable but at the same time, how do I go about a "rumor?" My source is pretty reliable and lived around the family as a friend for many years. We are planning an out-of-town trip and my wife wants our child to stay with her mother for the weekend. I don't know how to deal with this sensitive issue and at the same time protect my family. What should I do? **Rumor Has It**

Dear Rumor: Talk to your wife about the rumor and get her response. If she admits it, then you will no longer be able to leave the child with her mother if you cannot guarantee that her brother will not be present. Insist that her mother watch your child at your house only. It is your duty as a responsible parent to protect your children no matter what. If your wife denies the rumor, do a background check as proof. If you are going to make a mistake, make it in favor of the child.

Dear WW: I am starting to date a new man but am having trouble with something that has happened every time I go to his apartment. There always happens to be a piece of women's lingerie lying around. When I ask him this, he says that it's from an old girlfriend and puts it away. I would think that if he is serious that he would make sure anything left from a previous relationship would be tossed out or given back to the owner. Am I fooling myself into believing he is being honest with me? I don't think he would approve if I had my old boyfriend's undies lying around! **Doubtful**

Dear Doubtful: You are finding lingerie because he WANTS you to find it. This is manipulation at its best. He wants you to know you are not the first and he is planting a subtle hint at what is going on. That must be very hurtful to see and how gullible are you to believe there is no one else. You will never have a serious relationship with a man who does this. If you want a casual friendship, then know you are not the only one. If you want a serious relationship, find someone else.

Dear WW: I so desperately want a child with my husband and we have recently begun to talk about it. We are financially stable, in good health and happy. The issue we are stuck with is spiritually! We both come from different religious backgrounds and have the utmost respect for each other. We are very independent about our religion and do our own thing. I always knew this would someday be a problem and here we are today with one of the most important decisions of our lives. How do we raise a healthy, well-balanced child in the middle of two different religions? **Something to Believe In**

Dear Something: I commend you on your financial, emotional and physical wellbeing! I only wish all parents would do the same and realize how much it takes to raise a healthy, well-balanced child. If you both believe in different religions and can independently respect each other's beliefs, I would recommend you expose your child to both religions. There is no right or wrong way to go about religion and a child will only prosper with any form of religion in their life.

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Local motocross riders Lucas Sprague and Matt Alexander take top honors

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Local motocross fans were rooting their hometown riders as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member Lucas Sprague and Mount Pleasant's own Matt Alexander and revved their way into a one-two finish in the "25+ category," for the Edge of Summer Motocross Event.

"It was a great weekend of racing in front of my family and the rest of the community," Sprague said. "Taking a moto one win and a second in moto two (in race five) exceeded my expectations. A lot of the community knew I raced since I was a teenager, but not many actually got the chance to see me in action. It was great to see everyone there, and I am very excited for next year's event.

All of the racers from around Michigan said it was a very fun track. This was a great event put on by the RCH Soaring Eagle team and Tribe. It was a great feeling knowing our race got put on the map, bringing in racers from all over the country."

Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague was there along with many family members to cheer on her son and other local MX athletes.

Youth LEAD Administrative Assistant Sara Alexander attended with her family to root her husband Matt into the winners' circle.

"This was an amazing event to have in my home community," Matt said. "It was a chance for my entire family to come watch me take part in something that I am very passionate about. This event was important for our community because it brings people from all over the country to see how nice the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Mount Pleasant is. This also allows for community pride where people come together



MX rider Lucas Sprague takes a checker in the first moto as he touches the sky off the high jump.

to cheer for the local riders competing against top MX competitors from all over the country."

In other action, Mount Pleasant resident Jesse Wezensky took his Honda across the finish line in his two moto races in the "30+ novice division", besting Shepherd, Mich. MX Kawasaki rider D. J. MacGillivray.

Clare, Mich. resident Chris Halliday won both races in the "45+ division", taking his Kawasaki past David Yerko of Wheatfield, Ind. and Canadian Rob Van De Capelle of Princeton, Ont.

"I've been racing competitively for about eight years and this facility they can put together is awesome," Halliday said. "The weather didn't cooperate this morning, but you had the professionals in place that got this track ready to go. The name of the game with this sport is basically survival where you try to stay on two wheels and ride it with as little mistakes as possible."

RedBud Team Race Coordinator Amy Ritchie marvels

at the commitment SECR has to the sport and sees the operation where people are talking about the Soaring Eagle RCH Racing Team on a national scale.

"This is a unique track for our RedBud race officials because we have a pro-only section, an amateur-only section and a hybrid section that everyone rides," Ritchie said. "The amateurs do have the longest track out here and we wanted to have more bikes on the track, more competition and longer motos. The pro event is vet-friendly and provides a 500-by-500 lighted track for the excitement of riders and fans alike. The central Michigan community has a lot of dirt bike racing fans and they are loyal and faithful to the sort and their riders. The amazing thing about this track is it was created where people were posting the developments on Facebook and the excitement was there before the first race started."

The night belonged to the pros with thousands of fans packing the hillside for the Aug. 31 inaugural \$50,000 Edge of Summer MX event. Brandon, Fla. MX superstar Ricky Renner excited the crowd by overcoming a feverish pursuit by two top veteran pros – Kyle Chisholm and Nick Wey – to capture top honors in the most stacked pro starting class gate in Michigan since the running of the RedBud MX National.

"I knew the holeshot would be important," Renner said, donning the throwback first place helmet trophy atop of the podium. "Built a good lead, but Kyle (Chisholm) was able to reel me in and make the pass for the lead. I tucked in right behind him, but we ran into a lapper and Kyle took the high



Mount Pleasant's own Matt Alexander takes his #716 KTM dirt bike over the top in his first place finish in the second moto.



The Vet Pro Edge of Summer MX winners share the Soaring Eagle RCH Racing podium (pictured left to right: John Grewe, Jeff Gibson, Miss Soaring Eagle Sierra Merchant and Kelly Smith.)

line, got some wheel spin and went down... pretty hard."

When asked what he was going to do with the \$10,000 in cash for first place, Renner beamed: "I'm going right over to Soaring Eagle and putting \$5,000 on 32 black and \$5,000 on 27 red!" (Thirty-two in reference to Renner's bike number, 27 being Wey's number.)

Dewitt, Mich. MX Pro Nick Wey garnered \$8,000 for his second place finish while Mitchell Oldenburg of Browerville, Minn. placed third. Oldenburg also posted the fastest lap time around the pro track at one minute and 12 seconds.

In Vet Pro action, it was a battle of longtime AMA Arenacross greats as Jeff Gibson (Blacklick, Ohio) started strong early and kept his momentum going through the hard fought 12-lap contest to top Kelly Smith (Ludington, Mich.) and third place finisher John Grewe (Rockford, Mich.). And in Super Mini action a couple of former Michigan-made Cobra Moto mini cycle riders – Chase Sexton (Lamoille, Ill.) and Joey Crown (Metamora, Ill.) – distanced themselves from the rest of the pack in a great duel that saw Sexton hold on versus a hard-charging Crown. Canadian Tanner Ward (Bright, Ont.) placed third in that competitive division.

The athletes loved racing on the Carmichael-designed, Mark Barnett "Bomberbuilt" and RedBud (Mich.) MX-built track on the Soaring Eagle grounds, the Edge of Summer MX event will rocked the central Michigan action sports scene to its core with an entire



LEAD Organized Sports Specialist Sprague has his #537 two stroke Yamaha ready to compete.

day – and night, under the lights – of motocross racing action.

Throughout the day, fans were able meet and greet with Ricky Carmichael and Carey Hart, as well as RCH Racing's Broc Tickle, Weston Peick and Ivan Tedesco, posing for photos and getting autographs from some of the most well-known action sports stars in the world.

Partnering with Soaring Eagle, RCH team owners Carmichael and Hart – along with RedBud MX, the world's premier MX track – combined on what would prove to be an incredible and most memorable weekend of motorsports action right in the heart of the state!

RedBud Public Relations Director Pat Schutte mentioned the riders loved the fast track and commended the grounds crew for all their hard work.

"This was a great event put on by the RCH Soaring Eagle Racing team, the SECR Marketing Department and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe," Schutte said. "The excitement was there with our riders and appreciative fans. It was a great feeling knowing the Soaring Eagle Edge of Summer MX got put on the map, bringing in racers from all over the country."



Super mini cycle riders greet the crowd as they accept their trophies (pictured left to right: Tanner Ward, Soaring Eagle model Jordan Kester, Chase Sexton and Joey Crown.)

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The tradition continues with Colwell, a CMU Marching Chippewa

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

For anyone watching the band take the Kelly Shorts Stadium field at the Sept. 13 football game versus Syracuse, it is evident the tradition continues between a university and a nation. Tribal Member Breanna Colwell relishes the opportunity to represent her Tribe on the autumn weekend as a musician in the Central Michigan University Marching Chippewas.

"It feels amazing to be a Marching Chip," Colwell said. "I absolutely love it. It was the best decision I've made, other than choosing CMU as my college. I loved the Mount Pleasant High School marching band, and I was devastated at the end of my senior year, due to the fact that I could only continue my marching career if I was going to be in a collegiate marching band or Drum Corps. International."

Colwell knew there were going to be challenges, but the support of a loving family and perseverance served her well.

"Before my first day of band camp I was extremely nervous," she said. "I wasn't sure if I'd make it in the band. The more I read the syllabus and the summer newsletter, the more my nerves rose. But when I showed up on that Monday, I fell in love with the sport all over again. It was amazing at the first game to feel so connected with a stadium full of people. I love the thought that my family, from out of town and in town, is going to come to every home game to support the band. Meanwhile, the band is supporting the team. After all, it's all about supporting the team. Without the team, there'd be no reason for a band."

Her mother, Tribal Administrative Assistant Michelle Colwell, mentions Breanna's choice of college was affected by her love of music and performing.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Member and CMU Marching Chips Band member Breanna Colwell takes her position with her clarinet at the CMU/Syracuse game Sept. 13.

"At the time Breanna started applying to universities that interested her, I don't think she based a lot of importance on the marching bands until later," Michelle said. "She had her sights on attending Michigan State University until she learned there are no clarinets in their marching band. While she had been accepted by other colleges and universities, I think she made her final decision based on the marching band and music programs that she would be able to participate in without having music as major or minor, which brought her to Central Michigan University."

"On her own, back in June, she auditioned for a spot in CMU's marching band and got it right then and there," Michelle said. "I thought making the marching band was the highlight but little did I know that the band consists of some 300 students but only about 150 get to march. And here as a (college) freshman...she earned a spot in the band and earned the privilege to march on the field for the first two games..."

Michelle is expecting to see Breanna march every home game and perhaps an away game or two if they get the chance to travel with the team.

The love of music was apparent at an early age for

Breanna as Michelle reflects on those formative years.

"Breanna has loved playing music since she began playing the violin through The Strings Program at West Intermediate while attending Mary McGuire in 5th and 6th grades," Michelle said. "She began playing the clarinet when she chose band as her elective at West Intermediate in 7th and 8th grade and continued to play through her high school years until graduation this past June. She's pursuing her passion while furthering her education and I couldn't be more proud or happier for her."

Breanna's father Jeff Colwell has been there to support her every high step on game day.

"I'm real proud of her and behind her on what she's doing," Jeff said. "I think she'll accomplish anything she wants to do. I'm proud of her for playing the instruments



CMU Marching Chippewas Band Director James Batcheller takes a sideline moment during the first quarter with Colwell.

she's played and has stuck with them and hasn't quit."

As a member of the CMU Marching Chippewas, Breanna took some inspiration from one of her favorite cartoons on how she started the clarinet.

"...When I found out that my mother and Squidward from "SpongeBob Squarepants" played clarinet, I was determined to learn the instrument," Colwell said. "I stuck with the clarinet from 7th grade until now. It was hard playing the clarinet as is, but it was even harder to march around a field while playing."

Colwell is deeply moved by the love from her family and she can feel that kind of support resonating through her fellow band members.

"Feeling the love in a band like the CMU Marching Chips is just so amazing because you have another family," Colwell said. "A family where you all come from different places but are all connected for the love of this sport. And that's why I am and will always be a Marching Chippewa at every

opportunity. I would just like to say that if it wasn't for my family, friends and my high school band director, I'm not sure where I'd be. My family and friends are currently helping me balance being a Marching Chip and schoolwork. They have always supported me on my decisions and have come to every high school band competition and are now following me as a Marching Chip. They always have unconditional support and love for me and I am truly grateful for their support and the support from my Tribe."

CMU Marching Band Director James Batcheller confirms Breanna is the first female Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member to don the uniform. The first male Saginaw Chippewa Marching Chip was Sam Mitchell who played trombone from 2010 to 2012. Mitchell continues his CMU education working toward a performance degree from the School of Music with a minor in business and aspirations for graduate school in the same areas.

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SCIT's Seventh Generation hosts 10th annual People's Traditional Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center presented the 10th annual People's Traditional Powwow Sept. 12-14, 2014.

Families, friends and guests gathered at the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds at 7957 E. Remus Rd. in Mount Pleasant, Mich., on the corner of Remus and Shepherd Roads.

Friday, Sept. 12 kicked off the powwow celebration with dinner and entertainment by Healing Lodge Singers and Brothers in Music.

On Saturday, Sept. 13 Grand Entry began at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14 with a closing ceremony at 4 p.m.

Emcee Bucko Teeple kept guests informed of events occurring in the arena. Head Veteran Ruben Blackcloud led in the arena, followed by the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society, Head Male Dancer Darryl Jackson and Head Female Dancer Darcy Sprague-Pilar.

"Being head morning dancer was an honor; I enjoyed being in the circle with our people," Sprague-Pilar said. "It was my first year dancing at the People's Powwow. Out of the 10 years, I think I missed two of them. Other than that, I was participating through planning and assisting with my daughter and son as they were dancing."

The Host Drum was Red Creek and the Co-Host Drum was Sons of the Three Fires.

"My favorite part of the powwow was seeing all the young kids in the circle, laughing and learning the ways of the powwow," Sprague-Pilar said.

Sprague-Pilar reflects on dancing during a powwow at a young age.

"My first experience dancing at a powwow was with my grandpa 'Lil Elk' Eli Thomas," she said. "I can remember being young, opening the powwow with a morning ceremony and also doing presentations through the schools while showing and sharing our heritage."

The 10th annual People's Traditional Powwow was the opportunity for families and friends to unite and enjoy Anishinabe culture and dances. According to Seventh Generation Director Milton "Beaver" Pelcher, it may take an extraordinary amount of unity to finance an 11th annual People's Powwow.

"I know that many of our Tribal departments have been asked to cut back on their budget for the 2015 fiscal year," Pelcher said. "Because of that process, it looks like we will



A young dancer shows off her beautiful regalia, detailed with Mickey Mouse images.

not have the money to finance the People's Powwow for the next year. We have so many people who enjoy a traditional powwow, and with the help of the Seventh Generation staff and the support of the community, we have truly turned back the clock of when powwows were about the people."

The People's Traditional Powwow located near Seventh Generation created a relaxed environment in the wooded area that guests continuously looked forward to.



Veterans Jonathan Cabrel, David Perez Sr. and Ruben Blackcloud dance during the Veterans Song.



Colorful regalia surrounds Derek D'Artagnan.



Dancers Sterling Big Bear (Front) and Arthur Zaputa.



Seventh Generation Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon, Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Emcee Bucko Teeple share a moment in the emcee stand.



Tribal Elder Maria Meyers dances at the Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds.



Traditional Beaver Clan Dancer Eric Sowmick.



Head Dancers Darcy Sprague-Pilar and Darryl Jackson lead the arena.



Mary Heintzelman and Christa Gomez show off their fancy footwork during Grand Entry.



James Falcon dances during the 10th annual People's Traditional Powwow.



Hope Stevens (left) and Abbie Nahdee share a powwow moment.



Deborah Peterson and her son Mason share a dance in the arena.

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“Taste of the Rez” competition supports Andahwod bird aviary

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In an effort to provide funding for the new bird aviary addition, Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services hosted the “Taste of the Rez” fundraiser on

Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants could enter as a cooking contestant for \$10, and taste testers could enter for \$4 to sample the dishes and rate the best.

As five dishes were entered, 25 taste testers came to review the dishes.

Tribal Gaming Commissioner Angel Jackson won first place for the entrée entry of salmon with cilantro, onions and tomatoes.

At-Large Program Supervisor Craig Graveratte won first place for the soup entry for his venison chili.

Both winners received a \$40 gift certificate to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort entities. Jackson won overall winner and received half of the entry and

taster fees totaling to \$75, half of the \$150 raised.

“Thank you to all the contestants and especially the brave taste testers who risked life and limb to help us raise funds for the bird aviary,” Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl said. “This concludes the fiscal year 2014 fundraising efforts for the bird aviary project. If you would like to check out the birds, their humble home is in the Maple Lodge of Andahwod.”

Andahwod continues to host creative events to raise funds.

“We look forward to thinking up new and exciting fundraising events for fiscal year 2015,” Ruhl said. “Once we get those planned, approved and (the) paperwork complete, we will bring you more events in 2015.”

Other dishes entered in the “Taste of the Rez” competition included cauliflower soup, enchilada casserole and corn soup.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier and Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden support Andahwod’s fundraising efforts and rate the dishes.



Former Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom sneaks a peak at Tribal Court Magistrate Stephanie Peters’ rank of the dishes.



Domestic Violence Case Manager Christa Gomez, Administrative Assistant Julie Thomason and Clinical Therapist Dianna Chipp taste test the “Taste of the Rez” samples.

SEWPH gives back to Humane Animal Treatment Society of Isabella County

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Anyone who visited the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel on Tuesday, Aug. 26 may have seen a four-legged visitor in the lobby. Throughout the day, two Humane Animal Treatment Society adoptable dogs visited the SEWPH lobby with HATS Director of Marketing and Fund Development Marcus Brown.

For that day only, waterpark guests could bring in donated items or a \$5 donation for HATS in exchange for waterpark entry. Donated items accepted were dog and cat food, towels, toys, bedding, grooming supplies and on. A total of \$1,630 was donated to HATS.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sassy has been with HATS for more than a year now, waiting for her forever home.

“It means so much to our team to help those in need and we enjoy contributing back to our local community,” SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague said. “By hosting events for non profit organizations, we are also getting our guests involved in making a positive impact in Isabella County.”

Funds raised provided medical care for the shelter animals.

“This includes routine medical items such as vaccinations, antibiotics and other supplies needed for sick or injured animals in our care,” Brown said.

Both visiting dogs, Sassy and Gary, are still waiting for their forever, loving homes at press time.

Sassy is a female Hound and Rottweiler mix and one of the longest term residents at

HATS. She came to HATS last October with her sister Mandy when her family could no longer keep her.

“Upon arrival, it was discovered that both Mandy and Sassy were heartworm positive and required treatment,” Brown said. “Sassy is a gentle soul who loves everyone she meets.”

Gary, a senior Australian Cattle Dog mix, was found as a stray.

“This sweet old boy still has a lot of life left to live and love to give,” Brown said. “He gets along well with kids, cats and other dogs. Gary is living proof that senior dogs make great pets.”

Anyone that missed the event, but would still like to donate to HATS, contributions are always needed.

“Our number one need at the shelter is always food donations;

litter, rawhides, ‘KONG’ toys and cleaning supplies.”

The SEWPH has given back to many other non profit organizations including more than 1,000 items to Stuff the

Bus, United Way of Isabella County, \$1 pink gizi’s for the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Awareness, Toys for Tots, and the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve.



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Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel guests brought donation items or a contribution of \$5 for the Humane Animal Treatment Society for waterpark entry. A total of \$1,630 was raised.



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HATS dog Gary is a sweet senior mixed breed still available for adoption.

Adopt a Pet

Gimli



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2014 RezBall reload and rebounds in 16 team competition

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The excitement that is competitive three-on-three RezBall action came back to the Tribal Operations parking lot Aug. 13 as 16 teams took the rock to the rim.

Youth LEAD Activity Event Coordinators Lindsey Sprague and Lucas Sprague monitored the afternoon action on four separate courts.

“With the music pumping up the jams and the crowd cheering the RezBallers, it makes for some fast-paced, street ball

action,” Lucas said. “The best thing about RezBall is you need to stay focused out there because one bad move would mean an up-close visit to the pavement.”

Youth LEAD Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl strapped on the high tops and decided to compete in the 19 and older division with fellow RezBallers Steve Saboo, Bear Raphael and Tony Twyman.

“The Youth LEAD team believes in leading by example and we can be the face of teaching the youth how to be competitive and respectful at the same time,” Ekdahl said. “It is one

thing to be gracious in defeat but very few people in sports can be a gracious winner... that’s where good sportsmanship begins.”

Coach Kevin Ricketts and his wife Alice Jo provided the hamburgers and hot dogs with the help of Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford.

“The team likes to do an event that brings our staff out into the community and RezBall at Tribal Operations drives curious people outside to see and hear what’s going on,” Crawford said. “Besides, every year without exception, the RezBall shirts are in high demand with the youth and they like the logo.”

The overall winners in the 19 years and older pro division were Team UConn (Kyle Ready, John Edwards and Chuck McClavrin) from Saginaw, Mich. who took the best two out of three from Coach Kyle Shomin and his Get Money Krew (Trey Kahgegab, Walter Trepanier and Jory Meloncon) in the double elimination contest.

“The Girlz” were tops in their division with trophies awarded to Aleigha Owl, Nicole Grant and Monica Gonzalez while “The Eagles” took the aged 9 to 12 year old division with Tyrone Rios, Alec Mills and Demetri Griffin receiving first place honors.



John "Pete" Trepanier rolls to the hoop against solid defense.



Age 9-12 division champions "Team Eagles."



Team "Nishnobmob" took the 16-18 division championsip.



Women's division champions "The Girlz."

SEWPH August Employee of the Month

CYNTHIA FUGIEL

Housekeeping Manager

Congratulation to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel August Employee of the Month Thomas White. Thomas is an opening team member and is a very strong, enthusiastic employee. He is often overlooked for the work he does as he is a back of the house employee stationed in laundry. He is very quick to multi-task, helping out others whenever needed and strives to meet personal goals within his area that he sets for himself.

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as machinery going down, running low on product or just keeping up with demand.

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SCIT/CMU matching funds allow “Nijikewehn Mentoring Program” to continue

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The collaborative efforts of matching funds allow the CMU-Tribal community mentorship connecting Native youth with Native college students to continue.

On Sept. 4, Central Michigan University President George Ross and CMU Provost Michael Gealth announced they are providing half of the necessary funding to keep the program running through the 2014-2015 academic year. At about the same time, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia announced with funds allocated to Behavioral Health, he could provide support for the other half of the needed funding.

The funding is critical to keep the program going this year. Efforts are ongoing to apply for long-term funding from private foundations and the federal government.

CMU Sociology Professor David Kinney submitted a large grant proposal in September to keep the “Nijikewehn Mentoring Program” going for six years.

“Nijikewehn” is an Ojibwe phrase meaning “the one that I walk on my path with.”

Kinney said this innovative positive youth development mentoring program has three major goals. First, it is designed to address the historically low rates of high school graduation and college attendance among Native Americans. Second, the program is developed to lower the current high

rates of involvement in high-risk behaviors (substance use and abuse, teen pregnancy, suicide) among Native Americans. Third, the program is designed to strengthen and sustain Native American cultural identity for the children and college students.

“By participating in these mentoring activities, all participants will strengthen their cultural identity, which has been found to bolster academic success and degree completion among young people along with increasing engagement in healthy behaviors,” Kinney said.

The Nijikewehn Mentoring Program began as a small pilot program in 2002 and consisted of 14 Native American college students mentoring 14 Saginaw Chippewa 8th graders from January through May. This program was developed and implemented by Kinney with assistance from CMU Native American Programs Director Lisa Tiger and her Assistant Director Todd Williamson at that time. This program was supported by a President’s Research Incentive Fund grant awarded to Kinney by then CMU President Michael Rao.

In late 2011, SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier contacted CMU Director of Native American Programs



CMU Nijikewehn Mentoring Program Faculty Advisor Dr. David Kinney (far left), Leadership Intern Gena Qualls and Mentoring Coordinator Nicole McLachlan (far right) stand with their 2014 class of mentors at their end of the year banquet in June.

Colleen Green and requested that CMU revisit the program. Green contacted Kinney and the two of them, in collaboration with SCIT Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia reinvented the program to focus on college students mentoring 5th and 6th graders.

“The Nijikewehn Mentoring Program is essentially an academic pipeline to and through college to increase the numbers of Native American college graduates who will become professionals and contribute to the cultural, economic and physical health of their home Tribal communities,” Green said. “...Both Native American youth and Native American college students will strengthen their cultural identities, graduate from school and become leaders in their Tribal communities and beyond.”

Nijikewehn Mentoring Program Coordinator Nichole L. McLachlan, BSW, works with the SCIT Behavioral Health Programs as a graduate assistant through the CMU Office of Native American Programs.

“This past 2013-2014 academic year, the program had 20 college students mentoring 20 Saginaw Chippewa children in three different local schools,” McLachlan said. “The mentoring activities occurred once a week and typically lasted between 90-120 minutes...The meetings occurred at the children’s school but sometimes there are field trips and special events at the university or at other locations in the community.”

McLachlan said cultural and educational mentoring activities include

making medicine pouches and the medicine wheel, visiting cultural museums, including the Ziibiwing Center, learning about Native American history, attending events sponsored by the Tribe and the University, participating in Round Dances, visiting SCIT’s Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center to learn how to make woodland arts and crafts and learn about Anishinabe life ways.

Other educational mentoring activities have an emphasis on health such as having a dietician speak about healthy eating habits and recipes.

“We hope to continue to expand the program so it reaches at least 100 CMU Native American students mentoring 100 Saginaw Chippewa children and youth,” McLachlan said. “...Academically, we know of no other program like this in the nation.”

The program plans to share the idea with other Tribes and colleges around the country as they may want to implement certain components of the CMU/SCIT collaborative program and devise new features to meet their specific cultural traditions and needs of their local children and youth.

The schools participating in the program include Shepherd Elementary and Middle School, West Intermediate, Renaissance Academy and Mary McGuire Elementary with discussions ongoing to bring the program to Saginaw Chippewa Academy. The program hopes its efforts will spread to more Native American college mentors and youth.

SCA Flag Raising Ceremony



Photos courtesy of Marcella Mosqueda

MARCELLA MOSQUEDA

SCA Principal

Saginaw Chippewa Academy staff and students gathered by the flag pole for a Flag Raising Ceremony on the first day of school.

The morning began with words of welcome, a smudge, tobacco offering and flag song shared by the SCA Singing Group. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Flag was raised as the singing group performed.

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Nov. 10: Elections (*Polls located in K-12 Advisor’s office*)

Oct. 31: Petitions Due

Dec. 5: 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

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SCTC hosts Nbakinaage Anishnaabemowin: “I won the Anishnaabe Language”

MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension
Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Anishnaabe Language Revitalization Department, or ALRD, collaborated to offer the community a night of free family fun at the “Nbakinaage” Sept. 11 bingo event.

The Anishnaabemowin word Nbakinaage means, “I won” (pronounced: nah-buck-a-naah-geh).

This bingo event is designed to promote Anishnaabemowin (the Anishnaabe language). The numbers one through 75 were called out in the language. For example, the letter/number combination “I-21” was called as “I-Niizhtana-shi-bezhik”. When a player daubed a straight line bingo they would holler, “Nbakinaage!” Of course there was a little help; corresponding letter/number cards were held up so participants could see the letter/number being called.

That way, all members of the family with language proficiency from zero to fluent could easily play. Participants were encouraged to take home the “cheat sheets” that listed the numbers, one through 75 and the corresponding Anishnaabemowin word. The game is designed for participants to hear, see, and interact with Anishnaabemowin, specifically numbers.



Alicia Genia participates in SCTC language bingo night.

More than 70 participants came out to play Nbakinaage and were treated to free popcorn and lemonade as they vied for the 10 family prizes for the games. The prizes were reusable bags stuffed with an assortment of household and personal goods such as towels, snacks, markers, shampoo and conditioner, socks and more.

In between the bingo games, there were also drawings for prizes. These prizes were donations from SCTC and from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. Camping chairs, umbrellas, waterpark passes, even an overnight stay at the waterpark were among the prize drawings given away. Chi-Miigwech SEWPH for the donations!

Parents that have students in the Sasiwaans program are required to participate in Anishnaabemowin language classes and this event was counted as a language class.

Both SCTC and ARLD would like to say “chi-miigwech” to the many people that volunteered to help make this event a success, from popcorn making, to setting up, to cleaning it up, if you helped it is very much appreciated. Chi-miigwech to volunteer caller Ellie Mitchell she pronounced the numbers flawlessly.

SCTC and ARLD are busy planning the next Nbakinaage community event for December 2014; watch November’s Tribal Observer for details. We challenge you to come out to the next event to learn, win prizes and support Anishnaabemowin revitalization, and it is free.

Because the promotion of the Anishnaabe language is important to both SCTC and ARLD, we have also collaborated this year to offer Nbakinaage to the Tribal Elders at the Andahwod Elder’s complex. Tribal Elders are welcome to join the games on the first Thursday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m. Elder’s Bingo will be held Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4

For more information on other ARLD activities, please



Christina Otto and her son Isaiah practice Anishnaabemowin while playing a game of bingo.

call Isabelle Osawamick, SCTC Extension Outreach outreach language specialist, at **989-775-4110**. For more information about activities, call Mary Pelcher, extension coordinator, at **989-775-4123**.



Vanyork, Amy and Allysa Shawboose stepped out for a family-fun night of Anishnaabe bingo.

Romero sworn in to SCTC Board of Regents

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Thursday morning, Sept. 4, 2014, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego swore in Rosanna Romero, the new member to the Board of Regents for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

“It is a blessing to be part of the board,” Romero said. “The Tribal College is a great place to start your college career in our community, so my goal is to familiarize every aspect in

the hopes that as a board member I am able to assist with identifying any minor missing gaps in need of improvement. Higher educational learning within our tribe is important because we are in need of paving a better path to encourage our growing generations to refrain from irregular lifestyles. It is a great



SCTC Tribal Chief Steven Pego swore in Rosanna Romero on Sept. 4.

honor and opportunity to have been selected and I look forward to coming aboard.”



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SCTC Extension Coordinator Mary Pelcher holds up the English letters and numbers after volunteer caller Ellie Mitchell pronounces them in Anishnaabemowin.



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Florida Georgia Line “cruise” on over to SECR for epic show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

They are a prime example of a “rags to riches” story. It was just a few years ago they were performing in empty bars night after night. Now, since releasing consecutive, multi-week number one hits in the U.S. and Canada, Florida Georgia Line plays venues full of thousands of screaming fans.

Florida Georgia Line and opener Tyler Farr, an American country music singer, put on one epic show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s

jam-packed outdoor music venue on Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Signed to Columbia Records, Tyler Farr has released four singles. In early 2012, Farr released his debut single “Hot Mess”, his second single became “Hello Goodbye” and his third single “Redneck Crazy” (2013) became his first Top 10 hit.

Farr’s dynamic performance included his latest single “Whiskey in My Water”, and a cover of AWOLNATION’s “Sail”.

According to cmt.com, Farr is a classically-trained opera singer. He received a scholarship to study vocal performance at Missouri State University, but when his mother married George Jones’ lead guitarist, Farr began his admiration for country music.

Compromised of Brian Kelley from Florida and Tyler Hubbard from Georgia, Florida Georgia Line has been breaking venue sales records nationwide with sold-out shows on all stops to date, according to flordia-georgialine.com.

With the broad mixture of country music, with rock, rap and pop, the audience proved to admire the duo’s unique style.

Party songs “It’s Just What We Do”, “Tip It Back”, “Party People” and “Round Here” set the tone for the revelry-themed concert.

“This song right here means a lot to us,” Hubbard said. “We’re just a bunch of crazy rednecks... we’ve learned over time this life that we live can become too short... live every day to its fullest... I want you all to leave here saying, ‘I will never forget the night I partied with Florida Georgia Line and had the time of my life.’”

“Dirt” is the first single from FGL’s upcoming album “Anything Goes”, due for release Oct. 14. After the song, “Let’s change some lives. Visit dirtcampaign.com” appeared on screen. The website allows fans to sign up to win a cruise to a private island with FGL, with every entry benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

FGL also performed their fifth single “This Is How We Roll” and “Stay”. “As songwriters, we like to write about our lives and who we are,” Hubbard said. With all of our traveling and although we love what we do, we miss our family and friends back home, Hubbard said dedicating “People Back Home” to them.

The audience went wild for “Get Your Shine On” and the longest number one song on Billboard’s Hot Country Songs chart, “Cruise”. “Cruise” has sold more than 6.3 million downloads in the U.S. alone and is the second best-selling country single ever, according to SoundScan.

According to their website, FGL is the only artist in history to join country group Brooks & Dunn in having their first three singles hit number one for multiple weeks each.

Both FGL and Tyler Farr threw one big party on the outdoor SECR stage leaving fans on an ultimate music high.



Florida Georgia Line has been breaking venue sales records nationwide with sold-out shows including the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert on Aug. 27.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

American country music artist Tyler Farr starts the night off right with his high-energy show.

Fall Out Boy brings hardcore pyrotechnics to summer concert sell-out crowd

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Some bands just bring a sense of anticipation as they prepare to take the stage. Through all the fog and intense pyrotechnics, it’s the hardcore visuals and pulse pounding rock through your heart that lets you know you’re at a Fall Out Boy concert.

As part of the wildly popular Soaring Eagle Outdoor Summer Concert Series, the Wilmette, Ill. boys from the Chicago suburbs grinded out a wall of sound for another sold-out crowd.

Powered by frontman extraordinaire Patrick Stump

(lead singer/guitarist), Fall Out Boy is musically solid with Pete Wentz (bass), Joe Trohman (guitars) and Andy Hurley (drums) working together like a well-oiled machine.

Like many other musicians, finding the right name for your band can be a challenge in itself. After creating a short list of names that included Fall Out Boy, a one-time character from The Simpsons, friends voted on the name.

The band cuts its reputation on the strength of its live shows and the group was complemented by a solid opening act performance by New Politics. Fall Out Boy is one of the headliners for the 2014 Jägermeister’s Ultimate



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Bassist Pete Wentz stands tall downstage as he delights fanatics by strutting over to the front row.



Fall Out Boy frontman Patrick Stump cuts through the fog with power chords and raw energetic vocals.



Guitarist Soren Hansen of the Copenhagen, Denmark dance band New Politics riffs a lick for the appreciative crowd.

Summer of Music that kicked off on May 16 and included more than 30 concerts nationwide through September.

While the premium spirits brand Jägermeister has a deeply-rooted history in music, this is the first time Jägermeister sponsored three separate acts on three nationwide tours headlined by Fall Out Boy, Eli Young Band, and Paul Oakenfold. The boys have been spending the summer touring with Paramore during the past months.

As the drum kit platform moved skyward with Stump and Hurley in tow, as the fog cleared, the band got down to business by opening the

show with the 2013 anthem that won the “Kerrang!” Award for best single of the year, “The Phoenix”. The onslaught continuing as Fall Out Boy went through “The Take Over, The Breaks Over”, “This Ain’t a Scene, It’s an Arms Race” and the raucous “Sugar, We’re Goin’ Down” from the 2006 EP release “Under the Cork Tree”.

Fall Out Boy received a “Best New Artist” nomination at the 2006 Grammy Awards. Their 2007 follow-up, “Infinity on High”, landed at number one on the Billboard 200 with 260,000 first-week sales.

The crowd, who stood through most of the show,

got a chance to move as they cranked out their 2006 hit single “Dance, Dance”. Things moved a little festive as large beach balls started raining down on the faithful during “Just One Yesterday” and “Where Is Your Boy”.

Stump’s voice started to go a little after the non-stop vocal gymnastics, but he soldiered through their signature encores “Save Rock and Roll” and “My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark (Light Em Up)”.

If you like your shows at Soaring Eagle with flash, flair and lots of sound, Fall Out Boy would be just what the doctor ordered. Just like Arnold said, “They’ll be back!”



Journey brings iconic musical hits to SECR outdoor concert stage

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Although their music spans throughout five decades of time, the American rock band Journey has recently seen their popularity rise to an all-time high. The band brought their beloved catalog of songs to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert stage on Saturday, Sept. 6.

Formed in San Francisco in the early '70s by former members of Santana, the group has released a slew of hits. This includes 18 top 40 singles in the U.S. and 25 studio albums, all of which have been certified gold or platinum.

Although their strongest commercial success happened

decades ago, the band has since become a staple in current pop culture. In 2009, the single "Don't Stop Believin'" (1981), became the top-selling catalog track in iTunes history.

Excited fans packed into the outdoor concert venue, ready to hear their favorite songs live. The air filled with cheers and applause as the band took to the stage, and the opening riffs of the hit song "Be Good to Yourself", boomed from the speakers.

Lead singer Arnel Pineda, brought an incredible amount of energy to his stage presence. He ran and leaped around the stage, while belting out the lyrics to "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)" and "Anyway You Want It".

As the final notes of the single "Only the Young" faded out, lead guitarist Neal Schon, broke out into a screaming guitar solo. He channeled Hendrix, as he tore through a rock 'n' roll rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Audience members sang along, many lifting their arms in the air as images of the American flag were shown on the big screens surrounding the stage.

The rest of the band joined back in to perform the songs "Stone in Love", "Mother, Father" and "Faith in the Heartland". The group slowed it down, playing the classic singles "Lights" and "Open Arms".



Lead vocalist Arnel Pineda points his mic out to the audience during the chorus of the hit song "Anyway You Want It".



The members of Journey come together during the single "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)".

Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Journey kept the hits coming with the songs "Escape", "Ritual" and "Wheel in the Sky". The band slowed it down once again for the power ballad "Faithfully".

To close off the night the band played the song everyone had been waiting for, the timeless classic "Don't Stop Believin'". As keyboardist Johnathan Cain's opening riffs filled the night, fans jumped to their feet screaming with excitement. The feel-good anthem had everyone singing along to the lyrics.

After a short hiatus off stage, the band returned to the stage for an encore of "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'". Journey put on a show to remember, reminding fans why their timeless classics will live on for many years to come.

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

Bill Cosby treats SECR to a nostalgic dose of classic comedy

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Legendary entertainer Bill Cosby brought his timeless comedy to the Entertainment Hall stage of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Aug. 23

Although he started his career as a stand-up comedian, Cosby has also achieved an incredible amount of success as an actor, author, television producer, musician and activist.

Throughout his five decade-long career, his accomplishments include nine Grammy Awards, four Emmy Awards,

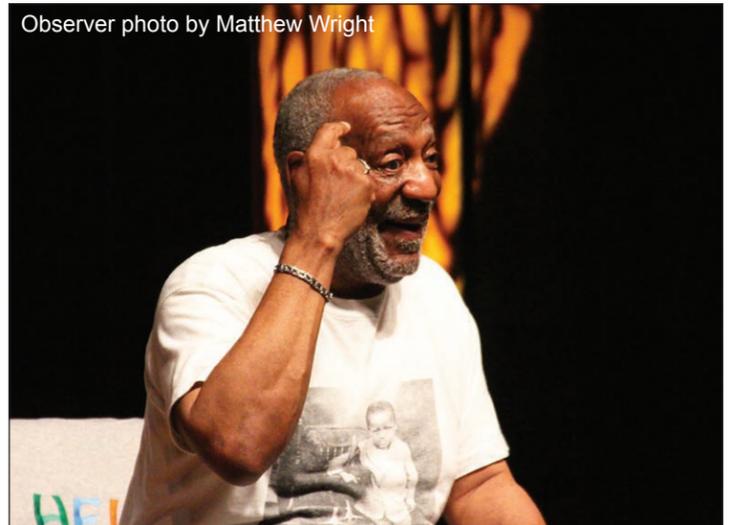
the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the release of 35 comedy albums. According to the biography on his website, billcosby.com, he has also been awarded 17 different honorary degrees from colleges and universities across the country.

Cosby became a household staple during the '80s, with the hit television series "The Cosby Show". His other forays into television included the shows "Kids Say the Darndest Things", "The Electric Company" and "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids".

With a relaxed, conversational style, Cosby kept the

audience listening intently as he shared experiences and observations with a comical twist. His expressive face, complimented with exaggerated eye rolls, goofy facial expressions and a few "Fat Albert" vocal riffs had the audience constantly rolling out of their seats with laughter.

A master story teller, Cosby kept the laughs coming as he covered a broad range of topics including love, marriage, family, children and growing older. SECR guests were treated to a nostalgic night of comedy, courtesy of one of the greatest comics to ever take the stage.



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Bill Cosby delivers a perfectly-timed punch line to the Entertainment Hall audience.

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(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon. Visit its website at www.cmdhd.org and "LIKE" Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook. Sources provided by U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Ready Campaign and FEMA's America's PrepareAthon Campaign.)

Four simple steps, recommended by the "Ready" campaign, can help you, your family and your community in the event of an emergency. America's PrepareAthon™, builds upon this campaign, encouraging Americans to choose one activity to do that promotes preparedness.

Stay Informed: Many websites offer information on a wide variety of topics surrounding emergencies or disasters. Helpful websites include: Ready Campaign (www.ready.gov), The Michigan Department of Community Health preparedness

site (www.michigan.gov/prepares), American Red Cross (www.redcross.org), FEMA (www.community.fema.gov) and Central Michigan District Health Department (www.cmdhd.org). Sign up for local emergency alerts through Emergency Management and text PREPARE to 43362 (4FEMA) to receive monthly preparedness tips. (Message/data rates apply).

Make a Plan: What is your family emergency plan? Have enough items to last for three days without power, if necessary. Make a plan for your pets and those with special medical needs. Businesses should also have a plan. Have you practiced any drills in the last year both at home and at work?

Build a Kit: When creating an emergency supply kit, begin by stocking enough items in your kit to last for three days. Items to place in your emergency supply kit may include: a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery powered radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit, a map of the area that indicates roadways and rivers, which may aid in evacuation,

a compass, a whistle to signal for help, cash (ATM and banks may not work), a utility knife (no exposed blades), matches in a waterproof container, a change of clothes for each person, a sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person, food (canned food and a can opener, dry food that will not expire), a gallon of water per person per day, pet food, prescription medications, copies of birth certificates, passports, licenses, and wills, and a list of phone numbers of relatives or emergency contacts.

It is suggested you create an emergency supply kit for your house, one that you can easily take with you if you have to evacuate and go to a shelter or a safe location; and one for your place of business.

Get Involved: Being involved is the last step to being prepared. Become involved in local efforts in your community by becoming a member of your local Citizens Corps (www.citizenscorps.gov). In Michigan, you can also become a registered volunteer through the Michigan Volunteer Registry (www.mivolunteerregistry.org).

Easy Pizza Crust

(Editor's note: The following recipe was submitted by Nutritionist Sally Van Cise and is adapted from Cooking with Kids by Holly Mahaffey, Morning Sun, Friday, Aug. 31, 2012.)



Quick and easy pizza is a fun way to get kids involved in the kitchen and making smart choices about what they consume. Vegetables not normally eaten by children are deemed worth a try after they get their hands dirty for the preparation.

Ingredients:

- 1 (.25 ounce) package active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 1 cup warm water (110 degrees F)
- 2 1/2 cups bread flour
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt

This recipe is for a super easy pizza crust. The nice thing about it is you don't have to wait for the dough to rest or 'proof' for a significant amount of time. You can substitute whole wheat bread flour too for a denser more fiber-filled crust.

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
2. In a medium bowl, dissolve yeast and sugar in warm water. Let stand until creamy and slightly frothy, about 10 minutes.
3. Stir in flour, salt and oil. Beat until smooth.
4. Let rest for 5 minutes.
5. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; pat or roll into a flattened round shape.
6. Transfer crust to a lightly greased pan. Spread with whatever your heart desires as toppings and bake in preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. The smell alone will tell you when it's ready to go.

SCIT dental lab fees limit set to begin Oct. 1

NIMKEE DENTAL

All Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe members will have a maximum \$500 benefit provided for dental lab fees per fiscal year (Oct. 1 to Sept. 30), beginning Oct. 1, 2014 until Sept. 30, 2015.

Dental lab fees are funds paid to a dental lab to fabricate dental appliances such as crowns,

dentures, space maintainers, bite guards, etc. Dental procedures that do not utilize a dental lab (e.g. cleanings, fillings, extractions) are not affected by this change, and are unlimited.

If a SCIT patient's lab fees are anticipated to exceed the \$500 yearly cap, the patient will be informed in writing of the anticipated overage. SCIT patients will

be responsible for any lab fees that exceed the \$500 cap, and must pay the balance prior to delivery of the appliance.

Any unused lab fees benefit not utilized in the fiscal year cannot be rolled over into the next fiscal year and are non-transferable.

Best cost estimates: Although the Nimkee Dental

Clinic does its best to estimate costs, SCIT patients will be responsible for all lab fee costs that exceed their \$500 yearly benefit. Appliances will not be delivered until payment is made in full. Half of the anticipated amount due will be collected at the start of the procedure, and the remaining balance collected at delivery.

Orthodontic retainers, prosthetics made for esthetics only and/or appliances already made at Nimkee Dental within five years are not eligible procedures, and patients must pay the full lab fees for these procedures.

If there are questions about this new policy, please call the Nimkee Dental Clinic at 989-775-4657 or ask a dental staff member.

Nimkee Indian Health Service: Improving Patient Care Initiative

MARGARET STESLICKI

Medical Clinic Director

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has changed its phone system to make it easier to reach the department and or the staff member you need to reach. When you call the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center primary switch board number 989-775-4600, please listen

closely to the prompts, as they have changed. The prompts will direct you to the department you need to reach. You may also call the department you are trying to reach directly, by using the phone numbers listed.

Nimkee Medical Clinic is now accredited as a patient centered medical home. To reach your primary care provider (PCP), and or to schedule an appointment, please

call your PCP's nurse. The name of each provider is listed with their primary nurse. If your nurse is on the phone or with another patient, you will be asked to leave a message on voicemail. Please leave your name, phone number and a brief statement of why you are calling. Your primary care nurse or health care team member will call you back as soon as possible.

If you need a same-day appointment for an acute illness, please let your PCP nurse know. She will try to get you

or your family member scheduled on that day or as soon as possible with your PCP or your care team.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center



2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Switch Board/ Business Office	989-775-4600
Toll Free 1-800-225-8172	Ext. 54600
Medical Clinic	989-775-4679
Dental Clinic	989-775-4657
Pharmacy	989-775-4608
CHS	989-775-4601
Medical Records	989-775-4937
Public Health/Optical	989-775-4695
Fitness	989-775-4690
Administration	989-775-4631
Behavioral Health	989-775-4850

Primary Care Providers

Dr. Deborah Eisenmann, M.D./Leah	989-775-4606
Joan LaPointe-Kelto, P.A./Janice	989-775-4926
Dr. Barry Kissoondial, M.D./Jan	989-775-4938
Dr. Jeff Striebel, D.O./Amy	989-775-4935
Kimberly Anderson, FNP/Twila	989-775-4693

After Hours On-Call

Medical Clinic Provider	989-772-8227
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Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule October 2014

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.		All Core All the Time/Suspension Strength Jayme	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden
4:15 p.m.					Fat Blast Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme			Step & Sculpt Leah	



Take measures to protect your family during flu season

SUE SOWMICK

Public Health Nurse, BSN

Did your mom ever tell you that prevention is the best medicine? With school and fall colors come flu and cold seasons. This year we have a less common virus spreading called “enterovirus.” The flu and colds are usually spread through droplets released when someone sneezes or coughs. They also can be spread through the fecal – oral route.

The current strain of enterovirus is one of many cold viruses. It can cause mild symptoms, including a fever and a runny nose, or more severe respiratory symptoms that may require hospitalization. The danger is especially high for children who already have asthma. Most viruses cause mild to moderate illness and can be treated with rest and cold medication. Watch for more severe problems like difficulty breathing, wheezing and decreased activity to seek medical assistance.

The first thing you should do is use common sense. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly – any soap and warm water are normally sufficient if you wash them for at least 20 seconds and rinse well.

If anyone in your family is coughing, have them cover their mouth with a tissue or cough into their elbow. If you don’t have running water available, use hand sanitizer once in a while, especially before and after you eat and anytime they might become contaminated.

If you can, avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups and utensils with people who are sick. Disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door-knobs, especially if someone is sick. Students who are ill should stay home until 24 hours after symptoms are gone.

Most people with a cold or the flu get mild illnesses, are fine 24 hours to a couple weeks and don’t require a physician. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, body aches, sore throat and fatigue. Some people can get nausea and vomiting though this is more likely to occur in children. Some people are at greater risk.

To help stimulate your immune system to fight the influenza virus, we offer the flu vaccine. It helps protect you as well as your family, especially if you have small children or Elders at home you might give the flu to. It comes as a shot and helps protect against three strains of the flu. It is made

with killed proteins of the flu so it can not give you the virus. The shot can cause some local tenderness and can cause a sore throat or achiness for a couple days but these symptoms are usually short-lived and resolve quickly compared to getting influenza.

Nimkee offers several clinics around the reservation for its clients to get one, free of charge. It is also usually at your physician’s office, local health department and often at pharmacies in your area. It is especially important for

Elders, pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and those with chronic disease such as diabetes, asthma or heart disease.

If you become ill, stay home until your fever is gone for 24 hours, except to go to the doctor or for necessities. For those high risk or very ill, see a physician. Anti-viral medication may help but is more effective if started in the first two days of illness.

Do not use aspirin with a virus. Over the counter cold medications may be used but

read the directions carefully to make sure it is safe for you and your family. If you have any questions, call your doctor’s office.

Above all, take care of yourself – eat well – lots of fruits and veggies for the vitamins. Get plenty of rest and some exercise each day. This will build up your immune system to help protect yourself against infections. If you would like more information, visit **CDC.gov** or call your physician’s office. Nimkee staff may be reached at **989-775-4600**.

Nineteenth annual Feather Link Tea

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Nimkee Women’s Health/BCCCP cordially invites the community to the 19th annual Feather Link Tea and Luncheon in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All community members and employees are invited to the Soaring Eagle Convention Center Saginaw Ball Room on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event this year will again include a silent auction of handmade items to benefit Community Cancer Services. Anyone wishing to donate to the auction may still

do so up to the auction time. To be included in the program, however, items must be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health at least one week prior to the event.

In addition to recognizing cancer survivors, this year’s guest speaker is Dr. Sandra Howell. Dr. Howell is a general surgeon specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of benign and malignant breast diseases. She has been serving the Mount Pleasant and mid-Michigan community for 20 years.

Dr. Howell has also served as chair of the McLaren Central Michigan Cancer Committee



and has also served as the co-medical director of the Isabella Community Cancer Services.

For more information on the silent auction or the Tea event, contact Jenna at **989-775-4604** or Judy at **989-775-4629**.

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Root causes of the growing problem of Elder exploitation

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

The problem of Elder exploitation isn't new, but it does seem to be escalating to epidemic proportions. There are several root causes to explain this:

Cognitive Decline: As people live longer, there is more of the prospect of cognitive decline, because of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Even at their early stages, these impairments lead to vulnerability to exploitation.

Financial Dependence: Current economic realities, as well as financial behavior and expectations of the older generation in comparison to their children and grandchildren can lead to inappropriate handling of the vulnerable older adults' finances. In many families, parents become the source of financial security to their adult children.

Asset Preservation: Elders are concerned with preserving their assets and often fall prey to estate planning seminars. Their

fear and confusion regarding issues surrounding their assets may lead them to engage in financial arrangements that are not in their best interest.

Care Services: As Elders age, they become more reliant on others for assistance. The trusting relationship between Elders and their caregivers are another common source of manipulation and exploitation.

Isolation and Alienation: It is common in financial exploitation for the perpetrator to use the Elder's fears to cause them to be distrustful of others who look out for their best interests.

Pride and Reserved Capacity: Elders are sometimes unwilling to acknowledge their impairments, which often causes them to be targets of exploitation.

If a family member suspects exploitation, they should act quickly, it is often easier to stop exploitation than to recover misappropriated funds, (2014, Chalgian and Tripp Law Offices, PLLC, pp 1,6,7).

Grandparents Day at Andahwod gets social with free ice cream

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the rainy day dampened the first day of autumn, the warmth of Grandparents Day at Andahwod and the promise of a free ice cream social brought many smiles to appreciative families.

Elder Community Activities Assistant Tomarrah Green said 49 participants came to enjoy the free treats and register for the door prizes.

"We had six different flavors of ice cream with 12 different kinds of toppings," Green said. "We also had sugar-free ice cream for anyone who is diabetic or wanted a healthy alternative. We still had the chocolate topping and sugar cones that many of our Elders like."

Many of those in attendance came over to Andahwod with their families right after Sunday church to join in the Sept. 21 Grandparents Day festivities.

"We try to offer as many events as possible where the youth of the community can join with the Elders and they sure will come out for ice cream," Green said.

Andahwod resident Roger High was all smiles as he won the raffle grand prize... a casino package.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Tribal Elder and Andahwod resident Yogi Jackson places an ice cream order with his caregiver as Central Michigan University BSW student intern Felicia McCrary is ready to oblige.

"I played Birthday Bingo and won at that, but this was unexpected," High said. "My birthday was on Sept. 17 and it was like receiving another gift."

How to get student incentives from MIEA

GAYLE RUHL

Senior Assisted Living Administrator

The Michigan Indian Elder Association works on several issues important to Tribal Member Elders in Michigan composed of the 12 federally-recognized Tribal Nations in Michigan. One area of focus is the education of future Tribal Members and leaders.

The MIEA would like to recognize the efforts of member grandchildren by offering the student incentive program. The student

incentive program awards K-12 students who achieve all A's for a marking period and/or student who receive perfect attendance for the marking period.

The school year has started and many students are already on track for another successful year.

The Elder Service programs would like to encourage all Tribal Member and descendant students to work hard this school year. Two goals to work on is achieving all A's and/or getting perfect attendance for one or more marking periods.

When a student achieves one or more of the above they may be eligible for student incentive awards offered by the Michigan Indian Elder Association. Each award is \$25 with a maximum of \$100 for the year.

When the application opens for student incentives the Elder Services program will make an announcement in the Tribal Observer and notify local schools. Last year, just a couple students received the incentives, we are hoping many more will qualify this school year.

OCTOBER 2014

Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 Joanne Butzin, Rebecca Gallery, Sandra Johnson, Lou Martinez	17 Marjorie Dubay, George Francis, Eva McDonald
2 Beatrice Seger, Oren Brown, Valerie Quinn	18 Robert Federico, Lindy Hunt, David Jacobs, Kelley Stevens
3 Trudy Ralston, Mark Rueckert, Aaron Camburn, Lavern Pelcher	19 Rose Anderson, Jackie Gibbs, Gordon Hart, Yvonne Keshick, Blanche Kuhn, Paul Pego
5 Debra Cicalo, Elsie Sanders, Joyce Moore, Sandra Chappel, Cheryl McKee	20 Tammy Paul, Lawrence Sprague Sr., Linda Willard, Kevin Wray
6 James Smith Sr., Susan Byrne, Helen Huysler, Nonda Lynn, Daniel Sawmick, Kathleen Yacks	21 Judy Pamp, Krystal Pelcher, Gypsy Angiano, Susan Coon, Spencer Kirby, Donulus Otto
7 Rebecca Bratten, Kathleen Koenig, Colleen Sisco, Kelly Trombley, Robert Weaver	22 Robert Rodriguez Jr., Kimberly Stigger
8 Ellen Kellogg-Bachert	23 Scott Saboo, Jeffrey Smith, Ramona Walker
9 Phyllis Brodie, Sharon Sasse	24 Wayne Sprague, David Brodie, Gerald Gould, Donette Maney, Annette Ott
10 David Perez Jr., Denise Peters, Terri Rueckert, Marylin Sprague	25 Connie Jackson, Sandra Rood, Philemon Sprague Jr., Tom Bailey
11 Kenneth Lee, Dorothy Netmop, Jonie Abella, Samson Sawmick	26 Daniel Rodriguez, Mariann Pelcher-Wright
12 Kim Elliott, Barbara Krause, Lahy Bailey Jr., Tina Montoya	27 Gonzalo Ramirez Jr., Frederick Stevens, Ruthie Pelcher, Theodore Robinson
13 Phyllis O'Neal	28 Julia Hay, Jeanette Mandoka, Michael Randall
14 Daniel Bailey, Carrie Farr, Dennis Kequom, Roger Rusch, Lauren Lopez	29 Kenneth Fallis, Donna Proper
15 Christopher Bailey, Dejay Elk	30 Colleen Chippewa, Dinah Griffus, Gloria Mulbrecht
16 Marvin Davis	31 Brenda Champlin, Ronald Falcon, Antonio Rodriguez
17 Sarah Martin, Minnie Stevens, Linda Chism, Jody Clark, Cynthia Dalton,	

Andahwod Employees of the Month



July 2014
Joe Kequom
Security Officer



August 2014
Trever Fallis
Security Officer



September 2014
Tomarrah Green
Elder Activity Assistant

Andahwod October Events

<p>Bingo with Friends Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302</p> <p>Language Bingo Oct. 2 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302</p> <p>Knitting Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302 • Location: Andahwod Craft Room</p> <p>Sunday Socials Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302</p> <p>Sewing Club Oct. 6, 13, 30 & 27 at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302</p>	<p>Tuesday Night Euchre Oct. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 6 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4300</p> <p>Indoor Craft and Rummage Sale Oct. 18 at 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302 • Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym • Call to reserve table</p> <p>Sasiwaans Trick or Treating Oct. 31, Time: TBD Contact: 989-775-4302</p> <p>Crafts Mon/Tues/Fri at 1 p.m. Contact: 989-775-4302 • Location: Andahwod Craft Room</p>
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OCTOBER 2014 EVENT PLANNER

Walk-in Flu Clinic

October 1 | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Clinic waiting room
- Ages 6 months and up

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

NMN 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

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.

Elders Bingo Supports DV Awareness

October 15 | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC&ES
- Contact: 989-775-4400

Housing Financial Workshop

October 16 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4552

Women's Support Group

October 21 | 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4896

Feather Link Tea & Luncheon

October 21 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: SECR Saginaw Room
- Contact: 989-775-4629

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.

New Parents Support Group

October 24 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Health
- Contact: 989-775-4302

Family Emergency Preparedness

October 27 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4621
- Your family will learn how to survive and thrive during a disaster or pandemic outbreak. How to plan, prepare, react and recover from an emergency.

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 dance floor.
- Please, no children under the age of 15.

TRUNK OR TREAT
Thursday, Oct. 30 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Haunt
Thursday, Oct. 30 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Tribal Operations Parking Lot & Tribal Gym

- Costume Contest
- Hay Ride
- Photo Booth
- Chili and Hotdogs
- Trunk or Treat

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.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU
1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant

Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church
400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant

Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club
1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | OCTOBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.	
<p>Walk-in Flu Clinic — Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014 — Nimkee Clinic Waiting Room 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Ages 6 months and up</p>		<p>1 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>SCA Parent Advisory Meeting SCA Cafeteria 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd Sweat Lodge B. Health 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.</p>	<p>2 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd Sweat Lodge B. Health 9 p.m. - 12 a.m.</p>	<p>3 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>5 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
	<p>6 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Ogitedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Fall Feast 7th Generation 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Grandmother Moon B. Health 8 p.m.</p>	<p>9 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Big Book Meeting B. Health 10 a.m.</p> <p>12 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
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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, 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**

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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 certified/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 SCIT and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

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.

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 ap-

ply. 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.

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.

Health Professionals

Pool (Temporary)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma. Experience required is based on job opening requirements. Applicant must be available on short notice for short term employment.

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 grade point average. 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. Must successfully pass a fingerprint/background check.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application to the temporary clerical pool if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting: working on computers, standard office equipment, and answering telephones (i.e. Administrative Assistant, File Clerk, Tutor.)

Associate Judge

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar. Ten or more years experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience preferred, excellent knowledge of criminal and civil procedure and federal Indian law; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian Tribe. The successful candidate should have a high ethical standards and strong references.

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Residential Support Tech

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Previous experience in the substance abuse field highly desired. Knowledge of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community and its relation to the Three-Fires strongly encouraged. Must have an interest to increase knowledge in the substance abuse field CAC-I or CAD-C-I strongly encouraged to apply.

Garden Worker

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must have experience with all farming equipment including tractor, bush hog, rototiller, cultivator, plow and disk.

Paralegal II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree from accredited institution, formal paralegal education from ABA-approved program required either as part

of or in addition to bachelor's degree. Master's degree in administration or related field preferred. Three to five years of experience as a paralegal. Demonstrated knowledge of legal administration principles and practices required.

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor of arts Degree in related field of study or equivalent experience. Must have grant writing expertise, planning skills and demonstrated ability to work with federal/State agencies. Three years experience in management and/or administration of Federal grants and contracts and demonstrated experience in program development.

English - Faculty

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. The qualifications for the instructor shall be in accordance with the applicable certification/credential requirements specified by the appropriate accrediting agency or organization. The instructor is responsible for the coordination, planning, preparation, presentation and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities.

Academic Skills Specialist - Math

Open to the public. Minimum of two years experience teaching college courses in a multicultural higher education environment. Minimum of two years experience successfully addressing the academic needs of students enrolled in developmental education course work at the college level. Minimum of one-year experience with administrative duties. Master's degree required in adult education or mathematics.

Native American Applicant Pool

All Native Americans that meet the minimum qualifications. Tribal Preference applicants are encouraged to submit application information to the posting. For employment and training opportunities, the following criteria will be utilized where applicable: A member of SCIT. Direct descendants of members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. All others who are members of federally-recognized tribes indigenous to the United States or an indigenous aboriginal tribe of Canada.

Casino

Director Cage & Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of casino cage & count managerial experience. Responsible for supervising the cage & count personnel and the operation of all SECR cage & count locations.

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or business with an accounting minor, or MBA in accounting. CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experi-

ence in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position.

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.

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.

Front Desk Agent

Open to the public. High school diploma. Hotel experience in front office operations preferred, but not necessary. Typing skills preferred. Must have cash-handling experience and one year minimum of customer service experience.

Guest Room Attendant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred.

Saganing Waitstaff

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

Host/Hostess Diner

Open to the public. Must be at least 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.

F&B Shift Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have basic math skills, ability to handle large amounts of currency. Must have Point of Sale (POS) experience. Two years supervisory experience in the hospitality field or three years of SECR Hospitality Division experience or an associates degree in the hospitality field.

130 Services

Fox Home Builders

All types of home improvements. Kitchen and bath remodeling, additions. Experienced and local. 989-773-4665.

Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF JOHN TREPANIER

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0607: Plaintiff Check & Cash USA, LLC 100 S. Mission Unit H., Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-2000 Vs. John Trepanier 3363 Aagimaak St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in this court by the Plaintiff for a show cause hearing. 2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days following the last date of publication of this Order. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded. 3. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, John Trepanier at Defendant's last known address by ordinary mail before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. **This Summons expires Feb. 14, 2015.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KELLY HAWKINS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0407 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: Kelly Hawkins 815 N. Lansing St. Apt. B, 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 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. 19, 2014.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF AMANDA MEDINA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Case no. 14-CI-0561 Plaintiff Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Migizi Economic Development Company 7070 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's attorney: Jay W. Fields Senior Associate General Counsel Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan 7070 East Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-4137 Defendant: Amanda Medina 6129 East Broadway Apt. 4 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or 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 Jan. 29, 2015.**



Labor Day festivities no match for brief summer shower

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The annual Labor Day at the “Hill” has been a staple right after the Chippewa Methodist United Church camp meeting as long as this reporter can remember, and certainly little things like a summer rain shower and a lack of funding are not enough to stop an entire community from having a good time.

“It started off as a fun-filled day that went from cloudy, to a downpour to sunshine and all of what you would expect from Michigan weather,” SCIT Public Relations Manager and event coordinator Marcella Hadden said. “The amazing thing is the rain shower didn’t stop Louanna Bruner from keeping the bingo game going under the south pavilion!”

Public Relations Administrative Assistant Erik Rodriguez knew the event was going to be a community challenge with budget cuts that prevented the Parks and Recreation department (now Youth LEAD) from doing what they considered their signature annual event of the year.

“I think that this event has shown the tremendous level of community support we have,” Rodriguez said. “We had more than enough food and with such a short time frame to get the word out we had a great turnout. The departmental collaboration and donations were over the top and really helped make this event a true success. Miigwetch to everyone involved.”



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

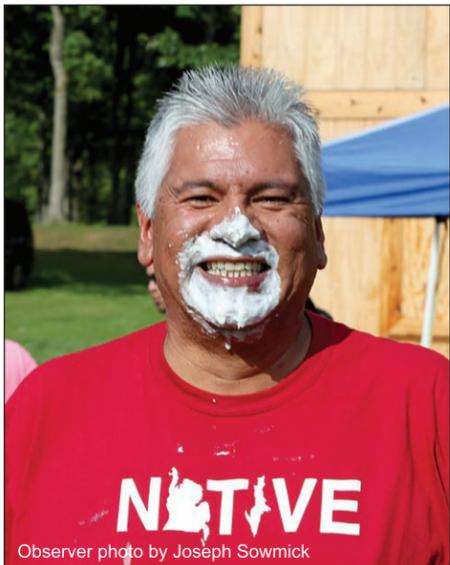
Tribal and community members gather around the SCIT Powwow Grounds for a Round Dance to kick off the Labor Day celebration.

A special miigwetch to Gayle Ruhl and Andahwod staff, April Borton, Louanna Bruner, Mary Quigno, Shannon Martin, Marc Forrest, Bill and Sue Durfee, Sandy Sprague, Jen Wassegijig, Mindy Durfee, Angel Jackson, Audrey Falcon, Raul Venegas and Consuelo Gonzalez, Sheridan

Pelcher, Bernie Sprague, Molly Burhans, Luke Sprague, Bonnie Sprague and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Staff, Chef Chris Nedobny and SECR Staff, Melissa Montoya and Education Department, Tribal Council, Public Relations staff, Tribal Fire Department, Residential

Treatment, Youth LEAD, At-Large, Tribal Operations Maintenance, committee members, and all the people who brought a dish to pass for our wonderful potluck.

Congratulations to all the Labor Day winners at the events and contests!



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson is all smiles after the pie eating contest.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Tribal Elder Elijah “Yogi” Jackson attended the Labor Day Potluck, hosted by the Youth LEAD Department.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Community members give it all they’ve got to win the tug o’war.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Staying positive and hoping it wouldn’t rain all day, Consuelo Gonzalez was caught in Mother Nature’s downpour.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Jason George and Gayle Ruhl find shelter in the pavilion away from the pouring rain.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Food-eating contests with watermelon, beans and pie took place during the picnic.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The competition was fierce during the tug o’ war competition.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Just as shown here, community members were all smiles during the Labor Day celebration.



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Sack races were just a part of the fun to be had at the 2014 Labor Day Potluck.