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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe receiving Governor's Award and grant for Tribal Historic Preservation Office

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Through the effort of its Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan will be honored with a 2015 Governor's Award for historic preservation.

The State Historic Preservation Office in Lansing, Mich. is recognizing SCIT, along with five other Michigan tribes; Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi for the award.

Gov. Rick Snyder and Michigan State Housing Development Authority Acting-Executive Director Wayne Workman announced the award recipients on March 25, 2015.

"I applaud the great work that takes place across the state and recognize the people who preserve these places for all Michiganders," Snyder said in a press release. "The sites contribute to Michigan's uniqueness, teach us about the people who lived here in the past, and are important to a vibrant future."

The award ceremony will occur at the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, May 6 at 9 a.m.

SCIT Chief Steven Pego, Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin, Curator/Interim Tribal Historic Preservation Officer William Johnson, Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier and PR Manager Marcella Hadden are scheduled to attend. Chief Pego plans to accept the award on the Tribe's behalf.

"I am thrilled the Tribe and the work of its THPO have been recognized with a Governor's Award for historic preservation," Martin said. "The Tribe's THPO carries out very important work daily to protect the Tribe's cultural and historic properties and resources."

Furthermore, on March 18, National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis issued a press release announcing \$8.78 million of grants to 154 American Indian tribes to support their historical preservation offices in order to carry out national historic preservation program responsibilities on tribal lands.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's THPO will receive \$61,125 for the next funding cycle.

"The grant award will be used to fund our yearly activities with the primary responsibilities

being the number of properties surveyed and added to the Tribe's inventory, the number of federal undertakings reviewed pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and providing educational activities and programs for the Tribal community and public," Johnson said.

Michigan tribes received a total of \$319, 982 distributed amongst SCIT and five other tribes.

"Engaging American Indian tribes in our national historic preservation program is essential to our nationwide effort to preserve significant tribal places, as well as tribal culture and tradition," Jarvis said in a press release. "For many tribes, languages and traditions are threatened with extinction and sacred places are endangered. This grant program provides much needed funding to protect the culture of America's first people."

Johnson explained how the grant nomination became possible.

"(SCIT) became involved with the US-31/M-231 project



Courtesy of Ziibiwing

SCIT, on behalf of the Ziibiwing Center's Tribal Historic Preservation Office, will be honored with a 2015 Governor's Award. The THPO will also be awarded a \$61,125 grant from the National Park Service for the next funding cycle.

in January of 2011," Johnson said. "We have been consulting on the project since then at the invitation of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The archaeological investigations there were important to us especially in regard to the preservation of late woodland sites."

An extensive application, work plan and budget were submitted by Ziibiwing in March 2012 to become a nationally-recognized THPO.

In March 2013, SCIT was notified by the Secretary of the Interior and the National Park Service that it would become the 142nd tribe in the nation to assume the responsibilities of becoming an official THPO. However, the Tribe, through Ziibiwing, has been fulfilling the responsibilities of this office since 1996.

Third annual Drug Abuse Symposium encourages community to "know the truth"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

While others were busy celebrating St. Patrick's Day festivities on March 17, more than 60 participants were enlightened as the third annual Isabella Substance Abuse Coalition Drug Symposium encouraged our community to know the truth about substance abuse.

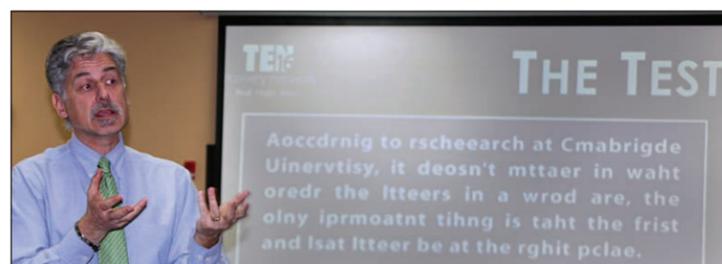
The event took place at the Isabella County Commission on Aging offices from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on South Lincoln Road in Union Township.

Featured guest speakers included Isabella County Prosecutor Risa Scully; Michigan State Police Detective Lt. Mark Uribe of the Bay Area

Narcotics Enforcement Team (BAYANET); City of Mount Pleasant Police Officer Mike Covarrubias; Community Mental Health for Central Michigan Therapist Rachel Tuma; community member Bill Childs; Paul Thill, Pharm. D., BCPS professor of pharmacy practice at Ferris State University and Sam Price, president of the Ten16 Recovery Network.

SCIT Behavioral Health Clinical Therapist Dianna Chipp said attending the third annual event was well worth the effort.

"I was very impressed with the commitment and passion of each of the speakers to do their part in promoting health and wellness for the whole community," Chipp said. "Not



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

President and CEO of Ten16 Recovery Network Sam Price offers a test to Drug Abuse Symposium attendees to demonstrate how addiction works to hinder cognitive thought and adversely affect brain chemistry.

only did they share pertinent information on addiction, but also emphasized the need for everyone to step up, to show up, and do whatever they can to help in this fight to free our communities from drug and alcohol abuse."

Uribe said BAYANET has seen a decrease in the availability of heroin in the area but they are still seeing a large amount of individuals seeking heroin as their choice of drug.



Beverly Joan Chamberlain

Aug. 16, 1936 - March 12, 2015

Beverly Joan Chamberlain, age 78, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Thursday, March 12, 2015, at McLaren Health Care-Bay Region. Funeral services for Beverly were held Sunday, March 15, 2015, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Daniel Siedlecki officiating. Interment followed at Denver Township Cemetery.



Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

Beverly was born Aug. 16, 1936, in Isabella County in Michigan, the daughter of Samuel and Dorothy (VanderVein) Chamberlain. She retired at age 55 from Mount Pleasant Regional Center where she was employed as a resident care aide for 24 years. Previously she had worked at Ferro Manufacturing and the Pixie.

Beverly was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Chippewa Lanes Bowling League. Beverly was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers and the New England Patriots. She was into homeopathic medicine, especially as it related to herbal and celestial oils.

Beverly is survived by her partner of 33 years, Vernon Hacker of Mount Pleasant; her son Clifford (Lisa Hawkins) Chamberlain of Shepherd and step-son Jack Hacker of Mount Pleasant; her grandchildren, Sarah Lee Chamberlain, Brent Lee Chamberlain, and Travis Lee Chamberlain; her brother Joseph (Pamela Laing Woodbury) Chamberlain of St. Johns and sister Tweedie Vancand of Harrison. Beverly was preceded in death by her brother Leland Chamberlain; two step-brothers Samuel Chamberlain and Raymond Chamberlain; and two step-sisters, Judy and Evelyn.

Trinity Debra Stevens

Sept. 2, 2005 - March 15, 2015

Trinity Debra Stevens, age 9, of Weidman, Mich. went on angels' wings to be with her Dad in Heaven on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

Trinity was born on Sept. 2, 2005 to April L. Stevens and Thomas D. Mosher II at Owosso Memorial Hospital. Trinity loved playing football with her sisters, brothers and cousins. Her dog Princess was her favorite pet. Helping others came easy to Trinity.



She was an Aggie in the third grade at Beal City School. Trinity loved sneaking out alone with her Mom to grab a bite to eat, sharing quality time together. Trinity attended Victory Christian Center.

Trinity leaves to cherish her memory her mother: April; sisters and brothers: Shala, Andrea, Jacob, Gidget, and Bryant; Grandparents: Ted and Dianna Stevens and Debra Mosher and also many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Trinity was preceded in passing by her father, Thomas in 2011 and her Grandfather Thomas D. Mosher. The family request memorials in Trinity's honor are made to the family.

Richard Elliot Collins

May 11, 1952 - Feb. 21, 2015

Richard Elliot Collins, 62, lost his fight with liver cancer on Feb. 21, 2015, surrounded by his wife Edith, daughters Nicole (Steve) Hovey, Katie (Ron) Edwards, Rebecca (Chris) Riffle.

He deeply loved his grandchildren Blake, Grace, Joshua, Marcus, Josalynn, James, Emma, Madelyn and Jaxxon. He leaves behind his sisters, many nieces, nephews and good friends that always became family.

Richard was a Marine Corp Veteran that served in Vietnam. He loved hunting, fishing and teaching these loves to his grandsons. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents Matthew and Velma, brother John, and sisters Carolyn and Mary Rebekah.

Leonard Ferriss

July 16, 1954 - March 22, 2015

Leonard "Lenny" Ferriss, 60, of Warren, Mich., died Sunday, March 22, 2015 in Royal Oak, Mich. He was born July 16, 1954 in Detroit.

Survived by wife, Jeannie; son, Joseph; granddaughter, Brittany; mother, Thelma (Adam) Henry-Shipman; siblings, Kevin O'Brien and Bunny (Alfred) Roth; and uncle Phil (Jean) Henry.

A memorial gathering is Saturday, April 4 at 3 p.m. until time of the service at 5:30 p.m. at Spaulding & Curtin Funeral Directors in Ferndale, Mich.

Bonnie Carol Jackson

Sept. 30, 1976 - March 23, 2015

Bonnie "Bobo" Carol Jackson, 38, of Weidman, Mich. passed away Monday, March 23, 2015 at Gratiot Medical Center in Alma, Mich. Bobo was born on Sept. 30, 1976 in Grand Rapids, Mich., the daughter of Gordon Howard and Beverly Ann (Brailey) Jackson Sr. She lived in the area since 1992.



Bonnie was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. She was a homemaker who enjoyed beadwork and concerts. She loved hanging out with her nieces and nephews, enjoyed going out dancing and singing karaoke with her friends, playing games on Facebook, camping, Betty Boop, and loved her family the most. No matter who she talked to, she considered you family, even if she just met you. She would help you out even if it was the shirt off her back.

Survivors include her fiancé Ray Mills of Ithaca, Mich., a step-daughter Theresa Willis of Battle Creek, Mich., her mother, Beverly Jackson of Weidman, three sisters: Janet Jackson (Joe Waldorf) of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Elizabeth Robert (Shane Robert) of Mount Pleasant, Carolyn Gardner (Josh Gardner) of Mount Pleasant; three brothers, Gordon Jackson (Katie Jackson) of Kentucky, Terry Jackson of Weidman and Harry Jackson of Weidman. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles who loved her dearly. Bobo was preceded in death by her father, Gordon Jackson Sr., brother, Arthur Jackson and nephews David Kinney and Shane Robert Jr.

A Service of Celebration was held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at the Rowley Funeral home with Pastor James Starkey officiating. Memorials have been suggested to the family to help with expenses.

John Terrell Sanders

June 14, 1977 - Feb. 19, 2015

John Terrell Sanders, age 37, of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015. Funeral Services for John were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Terrell's sons.



Terrell was born on June 14, 1977 in Mount Pleasant, the son of John Perice and Madonna Sanders. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Terrell loved spending time with his sons.

Terrell is survived by his sons, Terrell Jr., Craigen, and Damien Sanders; mother, sister, Yolonda Sweet; aunt, Elsie Sanders; special friend, Justine; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Terrell was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Georgiana and William Sanders; and brother, Kaleb Sweet.

January 9, 1978
April 26, 2014

In Loving Memory of Jedly Lee House

*The Creator reached down,
cradled you in his loving arms, and
took you home. In the blink of an
eye, everything changed and
nothing will ever be the same.
I can still see your smiling face,
hear your laughter, and feel your
gentle Jedly bear hugs.*

*The circumstances around your death haunts me, but I know in
my heart and soul that you are at peace and in a better place.
Nothing or no one will ever hurt you again!
Now you can breathe!
I Love you my son, forever in my heart....*

Marguerita Rivera Johansen

April 8, 1976 - March 5, 2015

Marguerita "Marti" Rivera Johansen, age 39, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. died unexpectedly Thursday, March 5, 2015. Marti was born on April 8, 1976 in Lansing, Mich., the daughter on Augusto River Cotto and Violet Walinda Green. On May 25, 2007, she married Ronald George Johansen in Mount Pleasant. She was a resident of Mount Pleasant for the past 11 years.



Marti was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She enjoyed beadwork, collecting owls, going to the casino and her puppies and cats.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald, children: Patricia Marie Green and Joseph Allen Hathaway, both of Lansing, Mich., James Lewis Johansen and Dayna Marie Johansen, both of Mount Pleasant. Her mother Violet Green of Mount Pleasant and father Augusto Cotto of Lansing, Mich. Four step grandchildren: Annie, Clara, Addison and Quinton. Her brother, Augusto Green of Lansing and sister Luisa Green of Mount Pleasant. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Marti was preceded in death by her grandparents; James, who was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Anna Green, who was a member of the Little River Band of the Ottawa Indian Tribe.

Funeral services celebrating Marti's life were held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 2 p.m. from the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Burial took place in Delwin Cemetery, Denver Township, Isabella County, Michigan.

Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

Assist Your Local Law Enforcement and Narcotics Enforcement Teams in Protecting the Future of Your Community!

Protecting your children, family, community and future should be a priority!

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
Dispatch: 989-775-4700
Tip Line: 989-775-4775

Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)
Tip Line: 989-779-9697
Anonymous and Confidential

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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

OWN IT? RESPECT IT. SECURE IT.

Project ChildSafe.org

Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program promoting safe firearm handling and storage practices through the distribution of free, cable-style locks. We are doing our part to promote safe storage, but we need your help! Call for details!

LOCKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

April 9 • 12 p.m. • Saganing Tribal Center

April 30 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

May 14 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

May 28 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

June 11 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

June 25 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

** All times and locations subject to change by committee*

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members

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

Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Public Notice

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

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

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



Per Capita Mail Update

JEANETTE MANDOKA

Per Capita Member Specialist

The Per Capita Department has recently been informed by the postal service that all mail is being routed through Grand Rapids, Mich. This change is due to the Lansing, Mich. hub closing.

With this change, there is a delay in checks and advices being received by the membership. It will depend on the postal service operating procedure to determine when the mail will arrive at each residence. All mail is sorted individually and will be delivered as sorted, not by "household."

Direct deposit to any bank is a secure way to receive per capita funds on the scheduled pay date. Forms are available on line or at the Per Capita Department.

Please update all information pertaining to any current address change or contact number, through the Tribal Clerk Department.

Information regarding any changes are recorded on the hotline.

**Per Capita Hotline: 989.775.4037
Toll Free: 800.225.8172**



**Happy
2nd Birthday**

Joseph
Love mommy



**Happy 40th
Birthday**

Vinnie!
Love, Mom and everyone
who loves you dearly



**Happy
Birthday**

Michael
We love you!!!
Love, your family

ATTENTION ALL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, Director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Sale General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such License, if approved, would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resorts premises, Main Casino Floor (Bar #'s 1-4 &, Floor Lounge) SECR Tiki Bar, Isabella's Italian Restaurant, Water Lily Lounge, Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Room Service, Banquet & Conference Rooms & Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Slot Palace & Slot Palace Pub, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Pizza Cart, Pool & Spa areas; Miijim Convenience Store, Cart Services, and includes Indoor & Outdoor Bar Services, Beverage Service on the Gaming Floor, and Special Event/Activity/Function Service, SECR Concession Trailer when on premises, and outdoor spaces under auspices of SECR. This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2014 through May 24, 2015, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales. Dated: February 27, 2015

2015 Powwow Date Change

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



MONEY SMART WEEK

April 18-25, 2015

The Tribal Library will be hosting Money Smart week, a national, Independent non-profit initiative promoting the importance of personal financial education, April 18-25. It is designed to encourage everyone to take simple steps to make a positive difference in their financial health.

April 21 we invite you and your children ages 4-7 to attend a book reading here in the Library from 4-4:30 p.m. by a member from Isabella Community Credit Union. Isabelle Osawamick will also be here to speak to the children in our native language. Please call 989-775-4508 to sign up your child, space is limited so reserve your spot! We have a free gift for each family that attends, while supplies last.

There will also be other activities and events planned throughout the week, so stop in to the Tribal Library and check it out!

Attention Turkey Hunters!

Spring is finally here, which means the beginning of another turkey season! Please review maps of the areas open to turkey hunting on the Planning Department website and be prepared to fill out harvest information for the past 2014 season. The cost per license is \$15, with a limit of two bearded turkeys per hunter.

Good luck in the woods,

Heather Shaw

Wildlife Biologist
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant MI

Phone:
989.775.4146

Email:
hshaw@sagchip.org

Anishinabe Language Revitalization

— Committee Vacancy —

Individuals who are committed to revitalizing Anishinabemowin

We are seeking Youth Representative for the ALRC. Candidates must be at least 18 to 25 years old and able to attend monthly meetings.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the east side of the Break Room (Old Seniors Room) at Tribal Operations

Please send Letters/emails of interest to:

Mail to: Anishinabe Language Revitalization
Department Committee Vacancy
7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Email to: ajpeters@sagchip.org

For further information:

Please call the ALRD Office at 989.775.4126 or visit the website: www.sagchip.org/language/index.asp

Minaadendimong Kina-gaataaying Eta
(Honoring the Circle)
**Suttons Bay High School
Graduation Pow-wow**
May 9-10, 2015

BEEDOSKAH STONEFISH
WOMEN'S FANCY SPECIAL - \$2500

HEY FRIENDS!



Our waterpark will NOT OPERATE on the following dates. Operation of hotel will not be affected by these changes.

Note: Nbakade Restaurant will remain open daily. The hotel pool area and fitness center are also available outside of the waterpark. Miigwetch! (Thank You)



April: 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
May: 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27
June: 2, 3

ELDERS' TRIP

Powwow Homecoming 2015

Check-in: Friday, July 24, 2015

Check-out: Sunday, July 26, 2015

Registration forms were sent out in January. The form does need to be mailed in along with your registration fee. Registration fees must be a money order or a cashier's check. **No personal checks.**

Mail registration forms to:

Trip Program 7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

If you have any questions call Sheila Leaux at 989.775.4135 or email saleaux@sagchip.org



Tribal Council

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Steven Pego, District 1

Sub-Chief

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Chip Neyome, District 1

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Council Member

Michele Stanley, District 3

E. coli problem in Chippewa River: How you can help

CAREY PAUQUETTE

Water Quality Specialist

Have you heard about the E. coli problem in the Chippewa River? Were you nervous to go tubing or canoeing this summer because of it? Many people have called asking questions about the safety of our local rivers, lakes, and swimming holes because of the high bacteria levels. Now that we know the problem, we need your help to fix it.

Did you know our waste water and septic tanks can have a large impact on the rivers, lakes and streams? Septic tanks can get damaged in a number of ways. Cracked lids, tree roots, and full tanks will allow material inside the tank to leak into the land and water nearby. The material is loaded with bacteria including E. coli. The human waste will be picked up by storm water and snow melt, which runs off to the nearest surface water.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, septic tanks should be pumped and inspected every one to three years.

Tribal Members are encouraged to sign up for a free program to have your septic tank inspected and pumped. This program is brought to you through a collaborative program by Indian Health Services, the Central Michigan District Health Department, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The program is voluntary. To qualify, you must be a Tribal Member. The septic tank must be at your primary residence and located within Arenac, Midland, Clare or Isabella County. Space for this program is limited so call to sign up soon.

If you have questions or would like to sign up for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Program, POWTS, please call **989-775-4014**, email cpauquette@sagchip.org or stop in to the Tribal Planning Department.

Ways to help conserve water in your home

Aiman Shahpurwala, Water Resources Technician

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks – leaks from faucets can waste hundreds of gallons of water a day! Make sure to check and seal your faucets and pipes to save water!
2. Don't use the toilet as an ashtray or wastebasket – when the toilet is used as a trash, five to seven gallons of water is wasted each time trash is flushed.
3. Insulating your water pipes – reduces the amount of water wasted during heating and will provide hot water faster! Try this easy and inexpensive way to save water!
4. Take shorter showers – taking shorter showers and/ or turning off the shower while soaping up is a great way to conserve water.
5. Rinse your razor in the sink – to conserve water when shaving, try rinsing your razor in the sink. Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water instead of running the tap. This works well!

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.

SCIT welcomes two new Tribal police officers



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On Wednesday, Feb. 4, two new Tribal Police Officers, Anthony Keller (left) and Nathan Bazan, were sworn in by Chief Steven Pego to begin to protect and serve the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010, or email: observer@sagchip.org. To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Please mail form to:

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

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Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



What is a “healing forest” and how can one find it in our community?

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Lives are lost and families are broken. The circle of life is shattered and many tears are shed for the loss. Just about time when all hope is gone and darkness is all around us, how do we find the light?

Tribal Elder Don Coyhis in his June 4, 2009 visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan shared the sacred hoop with 100 Migizi Miingan (Eagle Feathers) and seven Condor Feathers representing the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

As the sun rose in the eastern door, Coyhis explained how we need to find forgiveness by “forgiving the unforgivable.” He related this teaching to the boarding school experience suffered by our ancestors.

“We are just beginning to fully understand the effects of the intergenerational trauma (historical trauma) and its connectedness to the present day social issues such as alcohol abuse, drug abuse, violence, suicide, PTSD and domestic violence,” Coyhis said. “We believe that the recognition by the federal government and the admission of the atrocities committed against Native people would greatly accelerate the healing of the intergenerational trauma issues and allow the healing of our people to take place.”

Central to his teachings found in the “wellbriety movement” is the concept that “conflict precedes clarity.” Wellbriety advocates a four direction teaching similar to the Medicine Wheel that identifies the four laws of change: 1) change comes from within, 2) in order for development to occur, it must be

preceded by a vision, 3) a great learning must occur and 4) you must create a “healing forest.”

But one may ponder, “What is a healing forest and how can one find it in our community?”

The concept centers in the idea of a tree that is feeling sickness needs time to heal and a healing forest can be found by actively participating in a program of recovery. One must continue to heal to staying close to healthy trees in the forest or they will succumb to the disease again. One example of a healing forest can be found in all the different recovery meetings that take place right here on the Reservation and in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

If one chooses to embrace a traditional path of recovery, there are the Spirit Bear meetings held at the Andahwod Senior Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Those meetings are conducted by Tribal Elder Roger High and use the smudge ceremony and Talking Circle with Eagle Feather. There is also an Eagle Feather Talking Circle at Behavioral Health on Sundays at 4 p.m. that includes clients from the Residential Treatment Center (RTC).

The Behavioral Health Programs also offer a drop-in group on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a free lunch. The drop-in groups are open to the community and are not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous.

“The drop-in groups are conducted in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 42 parts A and B and we strictly adhere to confidentiality,” said Behavioral Health RTC Clinical Therapist Robert Storrer. “The groups

are designed to be therapeutic in nature and cover a variety of topics including the Red Road of Wellbriety and the 12 steps of recovery. We also encourage participation in cultural events like the round dance and traditional teachings like the odaswanee (sweat lodge).”

There is also a 5 p.m. Wednesday night Al-Anon Family Group meeting at Behavioral Health (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.) The meeting is conducted by Karen B. and offers experience, strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

On Thursday nights at 7 p.m., Dick B. and Barry A. offer a guided meditation meeting that focuses on where a person is at in their recovery. Those weekly meditation meetings are located at Behavioral Health.

Journey to Wellness Coordinators (Rev. Robert Pego and Cathy Fisher) of SCIT Tribal Court offer a Thursday meeting at 11 a.m. that is based on teachings found in the Holy Bible. More information can be obtained through calling their offices at **989-775-5815** or Tribal Court at **989-775-4800**.

Youth LEAD Empowerment Aide Michael McCreery offers a Thursday 6:30 p.m. men’s meeting in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym (7070 E. Broadway) that is faith based. He has taught on the five love languages, the Seven Grandfather teachings and also on finding your purpose and mentor.

Each of all these meetings where one can develop a healing forest are recognized and accepted by the SCIT Tribal Court, Isabella County Trial Court and the Drug Court probation officers.



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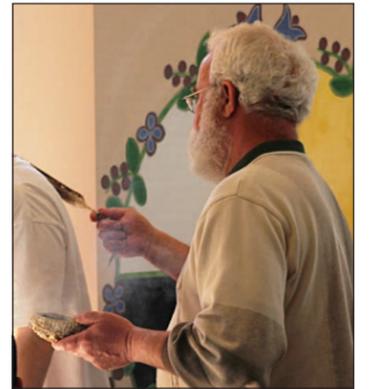
Tribal Chief Steven Pego shares a Midewewin Lodge teaching about how all who come into our circle are recognized in a good way followed by a heartfelt hand drum warrior song.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego recently honored a warrior who is walking in a good way, will be facing a place of confinement for several years and takes responsibility for the consequences of his actions. The warrior was surrounded with a healing forest that included family, friends, and former and present RTC clients, traditional and faith-based supporters and lots of love.

“Normally, when someone goes away, we offer a traveling song but to see this outpouring of community support, this man is walking on the warrior path of recovery and it is an honor to sing a warrior song on my hand drum for him and his family,” Pego said. “This is an opportunity that shows we can heal and fight the war on drugs one person, one family and one community at a time.”

Anyone at that March 20 drop-in group can give witness of what the power of a healing forest looks like. The circle was strong once more and tears of joy were shed as hope replaced the darkness.

“It is hard to change, and no one told me this was going to be easy,” the honored warrior said. “It’s a great feeling



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

RTC Drop-In Group Facilitator Robert Storrer offered a cleansing smudge of the western door sage medicine with the Eagle Feather used in many recovery Talking Circles at Behavioral Health.

to know your community recognizes the changes we make in recovery. These are people who represent a community that cares and I know if they are there to support me through the tough times of the recovery process, our community will be ready to support you.”

It takes light for trees to grow and our warrior along with many in this community is willing to walk with us in that healing forest, not in front of us or behind us... let us walk through the forest hand-in-hand.

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Spring is here at long last

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Spring is here at long last. It seems like it’s been forever since I’ve seen green grass. This winter has been one of the worst in history. Finally spring is here. When the snow melts, the grass is brown and in a dormant stage. With the spring rains and plenty of sunshine, it’s green again. Just like all the trees and bushes and plants on Mother Earth.

She’s rested now, after a long winter’s nap. She’ll be putting on her finest as soon as the snow breaks. Sometimes, in my own yard, I can see some of the crocus’ coming up right through the snow. The miracle of life is everywhere in the spring. All the trash that was strewn about on top of the snow will show as well. It will time to get out there and clean it all up.

It will soon be time to check on all the gardens, trees and bushes in the yard and see what the winter left in its aftermath. The spring renewal is refreshing

to say the least – throwing off those old winter jackets and putting the boots away for a while is one of the few opportunities of spring I look forward to.

Some would say spring is the real time of renewal, not Jan. 1. Spring cleaning and rearranging, even if it’s only the thought, preoccupies many a housekeeper. Getting those rugs cleaned, floors mopped and organizing closets to name a few of the jobs spring cleaning entails.

When I was younger, I used to really jam out playing my music really loud on Saturday mornings while cleaning. It seems to make the time go by faster. Cleaning, mopping, dusting and rearranging were so ingrained in my blood in those early days, I can say that was my usual Saturday morning activity. I still jam out, but since the kids are grown, it’s just us two and an occasional grandchild who mess up the house.

Soon the ferns will be sprouting, flowers blooming

and I see the birds are already here. I’ve seen a few come back from down south already. Springtime is when trees are tapped for the annual sugar bush. It’s time to collect the sap and start making the maple sugar. Maple sugar was used to season and could easily be stored, in the old days.

Typically the spring time held a great time for people to meet and come out of their winter camps. A family would harvest the sap from the maple trees for a particular area and set up a spring camp there. Babies that were born during the winter months were brought out to show off. Springtime and the time of renewal were a great time for socializing. Families and friends got together to share a laugh and reconnect. Celebratory events and naming ceremonies were typically held as well.

We can all give thanks to the Creator for the spring events and change that we all welcome after a long winter.



Cultural exchange between SCIT and Okaya continue with Japanese artist visit

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On March 20, east meets west again as the cultural exchange between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Mount Pleasant's Sister City of Okaya, Japan continues.

Japanese master artist Akira Takei was accompanied by Taiwan-born artist and Mount Pleasant resident Lily Lihting Li Kostrzewa to Tribal Operations for a cultural exchange and building of international relations.

After a brief greeting with Tribal Operations Administrator Dustin Davis and Assistant Administrator Ruben Mosqueda, the two international artists met with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council in chambers with Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier.

Chief Steven Pego gifted both artists with *semaa* and Tribal history book "Diba Jimooyung" and shared a medicine teaching. The artists gifted Tribal Council with two prints of Asian artwork.

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director/Mount Pleasant

International Relations Council Member Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) informed the Council about the artists and their upcoming exhibit showings. She also highlighted this year as the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship.

An artist's reception and demonstration was held on Tuesday, March 24 in the Center of Inclusion and Diversity in the lower level of the Bovee University Center on the campus of Central Michigan University.

Kostrzewa was pleased with the Council visit, SCIT tour and the CMU artist reception.

"It is a great learning opportunity for people in our community to learn about Asian culture and they in turn learn about us," Kostrzewa said. "I know for years City of Mount Pleasant has been a sister city with Okaya, Japan. This demonstration/presentation in both Veterans Memorial Library and CMU will be a great in-depth cultural exchange. The show is going to run through April 10 and it is an exhibition full of Asian culture, art, literature

and history. My works also highlight the merge of the east and west cultures. Please stop over to see it and spread the word and support the cultural exchange between our Sister City and the Mount Pleasant area."

Takei's extensive volume of work chronicles the history of both Japanese and Chinese culture infused with poetry and watercolor. Kostrzewa's contemporary artwork in cross-cultural acrylic painting compliments Takei's imaginative creativity within the traveling exhibit.

Waabanoqua then took the two visiting artists to Ziibiwing Center for a guided tour with Visitor Services Representative Raymond Cadotte. Kostrzewa said she was unaware about American Indian boarding schools and she was saddened about this period of our history.

Takei learned floral bead-working skills from master artist and regalia maker Waabanoqua. He put a few beads on the



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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council join our visiting artist in a cultural exchange of stories and gifts. (Pictured left to right: Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig, Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call, Takei, Kostrzewa, Chief Steven Pego, Council Member Lindy Hunt and Secretary Sandy Sprague.)

Ojibwe Cradleboard Cover that will become part of the "Diba Jimooyung Permanent Exhibit" in the Blood Memory area.

Takei learned the Ziibiwing Center welcomes numerous international artists to share, educate, and promote the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishnaabek.

Temporary Pool Assistant Worker Jennifer Lindstrom and Waabanoqua took the artists to lunch at the Nbakade Restaurant

in the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. Both artists tried Nbakade's specialty dessert of frybread with cinnamon, ice cream, and caramel to complete their lunch. They found the food, hospitality, and the waterpark exquisite. Both artists were impressed with the facility and they took many photos of the food and décor of the Waterpark before leaving.

The cultural exchange concluded with the artists receiving a tour of the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

Faced with do-over on ma'iingan issue, state policy makers follow reckless path

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

After being given a do-over on managing the state's small ma'iingan population, Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Director Jill Fritz asserts Michigan politicians and bureaucrats are following a familiar path of reckless behavior with their effort to restore trophy hunting of the now-endangered animals.

Last November, Michigan voters sent policymakers a strong message by defeating Proposal 1 (naming wolves as a game species) and Proposal 2 (giving the politically appointed Natural Resources Commission the power to decide which species can be hunted.)

Proposal 2 was rejected in 69 of Michigan's 83 counties and in all 15 congressional districts.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through a Tribal Council

Resolution of support and holding a candlelight wolf vigil in November 2014 added a strong Native voice against hunting wolves in Michigan.

Six weeks later, U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell restored federal protection (after a three-year hiatus) for the Great Lakes gray wolves under the Endangered Species Act, while chastising wildlife managers in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota for killing more than 1,500 wolves in "virtually unregulated" hunting and trapping program. The judge's decision bans further wolf hunting and trapping in those three states for the foreseeable future. It also prohibits killing problem wolves in Michigan and Wisconsin that threaten livestock or domestic animals.

But, there is a pathway forward and a middle-ground on this controversial issue.

The Humane Society of the United States and 21 other animal protection and conservation groups, including the Detroit Zoo and Detroit Audubon Society, have petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to "down list" gray wolves from endangered to threatened. This would retain federal protections for wolves, but also provide more flexible management so wildlife officials could kill or remove the occasional problem wolf.

Seventy-nine members of Congress (including John Conyers Jr., Debbie Dingell and Sandy Levin from Michigan) sent a letter to U. S. Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell urging her to support the petition. More than 50 world-renowned wildlife biologists and scientists, including nine from Michigan, sent a letter to Congress urging members to oppose stripping federal protections from wolves.

Presented with a reasonable KMWP compromise that would respect the will of Michigan voters who wanted wolf protection, but also provide practical assistance to farmers in the U.P. who are dealing with wolf conflicts, Michigan politicians turned a blind eye to it.

Sen. Tom Casperson recognized as the state's leading wolf hunt supporter, convinced his fellow Republicans to approve a resolution, full of inaccuracies and distortions, urging Congress to remove gray wolves from the Endangered Species Act.

Not to be outdone by the state Senate, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources filed an appeal of the federal court ruling.

When submitting the appeal, DNR Director Keith Creagh said, "Returning wolf management to wildlife professionals...is critical to retaining a recovered, healthy and socially-accepted wolf population in our state"—conveniently forgetting the overwhelming vote of the people who rejected wolf hunting and rejected the authority of the NRC to open new hunting and trapping seasons on protected species such as wolves.

Fritz points out it is obvious that Sen. Casperson and Director Creagh didn't consult Michigan's 12 federally-recognized Indian tribes, who have the most experience in co-existing with wolves. The United Tribes of Michigan recently adopted a resolution opposing the removal of federal protections for wolves and calling on people to recognize their historical and ecological significance.

United Tribes of Michigan Executive Director and Little Traverse Band Odawa Elder Frank Ettawageshik said the "United Tribes of Michigan is committed to join forces, advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty and cultural way of life of the sovereign tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations."

SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden has worked directly with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and the KMWP efforts and believes wolves are sacred animals who taught ancestors the importance of families and how to hunt and forage for food.

"Anyone who has participated in Midewewin Lodge ceremonies

or has seen the creation story of our Ojibwe people at the Ziibiwing Center know how sacred our wolf brother Ma'iingan is to our people," Hadden said. "As one of the 13 original Dodem in our Clan System, many of our traditional teachers would question why we would hunt our brother... it is not Anishinabe."

The KMWP staffers stand together with the elected Tribal leaders and the traditional Native teachers in keeping their resolve against wolf hunting.

"It's unfortunate our state officials thumb their noses at Michigan voters, reject practical compromises and problem solving on this issue and ignore wildlife experts, all in the name of trophy hunting and trapping a shy animal that is just beginning to recover from near extermination," Fritz said. "We expect better of our state lawmakers and agency leaders, and want them to provide real solutions for Michigan, not just knee-jerk demagoguery."



Courtesy of KMWP

Despite the effort of SCIT and the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected advocacy group, gray wolves are still in danger from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Entertainment Ushers Needed

The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort is looking to fill 25 Seasonal Entertainment Ushers for the Outdoor Concert Series. This is an excellent opportunity for Tribal Members to earn money and be a part of the Tribe's most exciting events. Ushers assist guests with locating their seats, scanning tickets for entry, crowd control and clean up after the show.

Please call Louanna Bruner, Anishinabe workforce developer, at 989-775-0053 to complete an application. Priority will be given to SCIT Tribal Members!



Event history: Saganing Traditional was previously Chi-asin Powwow

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

Many may not be aware of the history behind the Saganing Traditional Powwow. The powwow did not actually initiate in Saganing, Mich.

The first At-Large Traditional Powwow originated in Chesaning, Mich. and was called the “Chi-asin (meaning ‘big rock’) Powwow” to honor the land that belonged to our ancestors that was lost in the Treaty of 1819. It has been said that as much as 10,000 acres were lost along the Shiawassee River.

The first powwow was held in 2003 in the park along the banks of the Shiawassee River and was a brainchild of Steven Pego. Once Pego left the At-Large Department, the



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Pauly Gomez dances at the 2005 Chi-asin Powwow.

with the Chesaning Chamber of Commerce and remained there through June 2007. The Traditional Powwow was then moved to Saganing.

Since then, the powwow has been named the Saganing Traditional Powwow. Saganing is one of two reservations established by the Aug. 2, 1855 Treaty with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The translation of Saganing is “where they slew the wild pigeons.”

Throughout the years, the Saganing Traditional Powwow has expanded and continues to grow. It is fully self-funded. We raise money through sponsorships of businesses and corporations, advertisements, memorials, donations, T-shirt sales, gate sales, along with fundraising throughout the year.



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

At the 2009 Saganing Powwow, Paul Walker (right) and friend share a moment in the arena.

planning was taken over by Elders Advocate Lisa Peters, who remains the main contact person to this day.

The Chi-asin Powwow was held as a partnership

The At-Large Department is asking you to consider helping keep the Traditional Powwow thriving by purchasing a memorial or donating as a booster. If you choose to become a booster, you choose the amount you

would like to donate and your name will be included on the booster page of the powwow booklet. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form provided on this page of the Tribal Observer.



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

A birch canoe was constructed for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. Photographed at the 2012 Saganing Traditional Powwow.



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Male Youth Dancer Benny shows his regalia at the 2008 Saganing Powwow.



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At the 2006 Chi-asin Powwow, teepees were provided by Roger Deboar.

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Please note that the Date of the 2015 Saganing Traditional Powwow is **June 20 & 21, 2014**



Anishinabe Miijim Community Potluck educates on heart health

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Tribal heart disease awareness events came to an end during the Feb. 26 Anishinabe Miijim Community Potluck celebration held at the Ziibiwing Center. Nearly 50 guests enjoyed the healthy fact-based bingo game and potluck.

Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates, Tribal Judge Patrick Shannon and Tribal Magistrate Stephanie Peters taste tested and rated the healthy heart dishes submitted into the potluck competition as the bingo game was going on in the next room.

The judges decided Angela Peters' granola dish earned first place, winning her an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Jeff Sprague's fruit dish won second place, earning him a gift certificate to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. Each person who submitted



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Nimkee Maternal Child Nurse Anna Hon reads off the bingo words while Ziiibiwing Curator William Johnson is all smiles as he assists.

a dish received a gift bag for their involvement.

Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson welcomed guests and Nimkee Maternal Child Nurse Anna Hon read off the words for bingo spaces. The bingo calling involved healthy facts and tips about heart health.

"Our dream was to provide culturally-appropriate education in a fun, interactive way

to the entire family," Hon said. "Our heart bingo created by our Public Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger allowed us to include facts of heart disease in a fun way."

Hon offered free bingo spaces to those who demonstrated their favorite exercise, balancing ability or sang a song containing the words "heart" or "love."

"As we know, physical inactivity is a leading cause for heart problems, so we incorporated a component to get people up and moving physically by including tasks like hula hooping and exercising," Grinzinger said. "It was so fun to see young children as well as Tribal Elders participating."

Ogitchedaw Warrior Tony Perry prepared venison and leek soup, a fresh green salad and bannock; bread made with wild rice flour, created traditionally by Indigenous North Americans.

A recipe for bannock is found in the cookbook "Mino

Wiisinidaa! Let's Eat Good Food: Traditional Foods for Healthy Living", which was given away as prizes during bingo.

"Commercial tobacco use is also a factor that leads to heart disease, therefore this was a smoke-free event," Hon said. "The lack of quality care was presented by an American Red Cross representative, along with the wisdom imparted by Tribal Elder Suzanne L. Cross, Ph. D."

Cross wrapped up the evening and the last event associated with her "Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection", with some touching words on her battle with heart disease.

"We were encouraged to get regular physical checkups, to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Bingo participants earn extra spaces by showcasing their favorite exercise, jump roping or practicing balance.

increase our physical activity to 30 minutes per day, eat healthier, and to stop using commercial tobacco in an untraditional way," Grinzinger said.

The art shawl collection was displayed Nov. 4, 2014 through Feb. 28, 2015 to educate on American Indian women's heart health awareness.

Sagamok Shell properties offer convenience by accepting Michigan EBT cards

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Michigan Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), also known as the Michigan Bridge Card, is now accepted at Migizi Economic Development Company's Sagamok Shell properties as of March 9.

Migizi Interim CEO Lisa Darnell informs the discussion received widespread approval from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors and she welcomes the ease of convenience the EBT gives to local families.

"We are pleased to be able to provide the communities of Isabella and Arenac Counties with (EBT) at both of our Sagamok Shell Gas Stations," Darnell said. "Both locations offer a variety of items that patrons can use their benefits towards."

EBT is an electronic system that allows state welfare departments to issue benefits via a

magnetically encoded payment card, used in the United States.

Common benefits provided via EBT are typically of two general categories: Food and cash benefits. Food benefits are federally-authorized benefits that can be used only to purchase food and non-alcoholic beverages. Food benefits are distributed through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program.

Saginaw Chippewa Public Relations Director and Migizi Board Member Frank Cloutier views the acceptance of EBT as an opportunity to allow families to take an increased advantage of tribally-owned businesses.

"The EBT system will allow our patrons utilizing these benefits from programs such as Child First and Early Nutrition can take advantage of the ease of convenience store shopping without the hassles of running all the way into town or another major destination," Cloutier said. "This program will allow our Sagamok

stores to pick up additional business we have otherwise missed out on in the past. All in all, a great addition to add to the ease and convenience of the Sagamok stores..."

Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon said Nimkee Public Health encourages those who are having a tough time financially to contact The Department of Human Services.

"There is no shame in asking for assistance," Hon said. "You have paid into the system for years, and that is why they may be able to help you and your family with temporary assistance when times are tough. Look on the internet site: "MI Bridges" to see if you're eligible and to apply for assistance at <https://www.mibridges.michigan.gov/access/>. Please note that we also have some helpful tips through the Healthy Start program..."

Public Health child nurses are available for assistance. Contact Anna Hon at 989.775.4616, or Helen Williams at 989.775.4621.

Migizi Corporate Marketing Manager Frederick Kuhlman said, "it is the mission of Migizi businesses to serve our community and by honoring EBT we are able to meet the needs of a broader segment of our customers."

Migizi Area Manager of Retail Operations Theresa Teeter provided clarification on what is and what is not accepted regarding EBT.

"There is no dollar cap that one can spend, it is just limited to the funds available on each individual's EBT card," Teeter said. "There are restrictions where no hot or prepared food can be charged to the EBT card and all food and drink items have to have a nutrition label in order to be eligible. One exception and healthy

alternative to this would be all fresh fruits, vegetables and other items of produce are eligible."

The following information is provided by the EBT website at ebt.acs-inc.com:

What should I know about my food assistance Account?

- It does not cost you to use the Michigan Bridge Card for food assistance transactions.
- You do not get cash back when you use it.
- You can only buy eligible food items.
- You can use your Michigan Bridge Card even if your food assistance case is closed as long as you have benefits left in your account.
- Your food assistance benefits are automatically deposited to your Michigan Bridge Card account on the same day of each month you are eligible. A benefit schedule can be found in the "How to Use Your Michigan Bridge Card" brochure or at www.michigan.gov/dhs.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Electronic Bank Transfer (EBT) cards are now accepted at both the Mount Pleasant and Saginaw Sagamok Shell locations.

How do I use my EBT card at the store?

- Give your card to the clerk or slide your own card. The clerk enters your food purchase amount. The clerk should not leave the area with your card.
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SLE-2, FWD, Auto, Gas I4 2.4L, 81k Miles, Red. #EP054A
60 mos/\$322/\$17,295



2013 Dodge Dart Rallye
Auto, FWD, Gas I4 2.0L, Gray, 15k Miles, Cruise. #EU117
72 mos/\$245/\$15,400



2014 Ford Focus SE
FWD, Auto, I4 2.0L, 9k Miles, Heated Front Seats. #ET453A
72 mos/\$268/\$16,800



2013 Ford Edge SE
SE, FWD, Gas V6 I4 2.5L, Auto, 23k Miles, White Suede. #ET456A
72 mos/\$327/\$20,488



2010 Ford Escape XLT
4WD, Gas/Eth. V6 3.0L, Auto, 54k Miles, Blue, Cruise. #FU033
60 mos/\$310/\$16,600



2010 Ford Focus SE
FWD, Auto, Gas I4 2.0L, 43k Miles, White, MP3. #FU030
60 mos/\$231/\$12,395



2011 Ford Transit XL
FWD, Gas I4 2.0L, Auto, 89k Miles, 4DR, White. #EU215
66 mos/\$260/\$15,195



2012 Ford Fusion SE
FWD, Auto, Gas I4 2.5L, Red Candy Metallic, 25k Miles. #FP014
72 mos/\$286/\$17,995



2012 Town & Country
Chrysler, Touring, FWD, Gas/Eth. V6 3.6L, 35k Miles. #FU028
72 mos/\$319/\$19,995



2009 Ford Ranger
Sport, Ext. Cab, RWD, V6 4.0L, Auto, Red, 76k Miles. #FU040
60 mos/\$259/\$13,880



2012 Chevy Cruze
LT w 1LT, FWD, Auto, Turbo Gas I4 1.4L, 40k Miles, Silver. #FU034
72 mos/\$226/\$14,198



2012 Nissan Frontier
Ext. Cab, 4WD, Gas V6 4.0L, Auto, 37k Miles, White. #FU001
72 mos/\$364/\$22,850



2011 Chrysler 200
Touring, FWD, Gas/Eth. V6 3.6L, Auto, 19k Miles. #FU002
66 mos/\$263/\$15,280



2011 Chevy Equinox
LS, FWD, Gas Ecotec I4 2.4L, Auto, Black, 63k Miles. #FU021
66 mos/\$269/\$15,695



2010 Ford F-150 XLT
Regular Cab, RWD, 55k Miles, Gas V8 4.6L, Auto. #FU031
60 mos/\$316/\$16,950



2011 Ford F-150 SC
Ext. Cab, 4WD, Turbo Gas V6 5.3L, Auto, 69k Miles. #FU023
66 mos/\$422/\$24,500



2011 Ford F-150 XLT
Ext. Cab, 4WD, Gas/Eth. V6, 63k Miles, Auto, Black. #EU131
66 mos/\$398/\$23,195



2010 GMC Acadia
SLT1, AWD, Auto, Gas V6 3.6L, 4DR, White, 69k Miles. #EU213A
60 mos/\$399/\$21,400



2012 Ford Taurus FWD
Limited, Green, V6 3.5L, Auto, 30k Miles, 4 Dr. #FT194A
72 mos/\$337/\$21,250



2010 GMC Sierra SLE
1500 Crew Cab, 4WD, Gas/Eth. V8, Auto, 81k Miles. #ET415B
60 mos/\$376/\$23,600



2012 Buick Enclave
AWD, Leather, V6 3.6L, Cocoa Metallic, 100k Miles. #FT151A
72 mos/\$332/\$20,800



2013 Dodge Journey
Crew, FWD, Gas V6 3.6L, Auto, Red, 25k Miles. #EP104A
72 mos/\$359/\$22,600



2014 Jeep Compass
Sport, 4WD, I4 2.4L, Auto, Blue, 20k Miles, 4DR, Cruise. #FU012
72 mos/\$319/\$19,995



2011 Ford F-150 XLT
Crew Cab, 4WD, Gas/Eth. V8 5.0L, Auto, 78k Miles. #ET306A
66 mos/\$472/\$27,395



2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT FWD
42k Miles, 4DR, Auto. #FU013
72 mos/\$309/\$19,495



2011 Jeep Wrangler
Sport, 4WD, Gas V6 3.8L, Auto, 40k Miles, Cruise. #EP091A
66 mos/\$389/\$22,600



2013 Ford Escape SEL
4WD, Turbo Gas I4, 1.6L, Auto, Gray, 20k Miles. #EP096
72 mos/\$398/\$24,995



2014 Chevy Silverado
1500 LT Reg. Cab, 4WD, Auto, 9k Miles, V8 5.3L. #ET466A
72 mos/\$477/\$29,800



2012 Ford F-150 XLT
Crew Cab, 4WD, Gas/Eth. V8 5.0L, 33k Miles, Auto. #FU025
72 mos/\$446/\$27,900



2012 Lincoln MKZ
Certified, FWD, Gas V6 3.5L, Auto, 11k Miles, White. #FP013
72 mos/\$374/\$23,500



2012 Ford Flex SEL
FWD, Auto, V6 3.5L, 31k Miles, Red Candy Metallic. #EP102
72 mos/\$412/\$25,800



2012 Ford F-150 XLT
Crew Cab, 4WD, Gas/Eth. V8, Auto, Blue, 31k Miles. #EP035
72 mos/\$531/\$33,200



2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4WD
V6 3.6L, 25k Miles #FU027
72 mos/\$409/\$26,500



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Drug Symposium

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“This desire to use heroin has resulted in individuals willing to travel to purchase the drug outside of our area to cities like Lansing, Saginaw and Grand Rapids,” Uribe said. “We need to educate our community members on the dangers of using illicit drugs. We need to educate our community members to identify the signs of drug use among our community members. We need to support our local law enforcement agencies and our community health agencies that can assist us in recovery. We need to work together with the Tribe as a community to fight the war on drugs. We need to stress the importance of taking back our communities from the drug dealers who prey on our community members.”

Uribe believes when it comes to heroin, there are so many variables that come in to play when an overdose has occurred.

“One major factor is when using heroin, the user has no idea what the purity of heroin that they are using,” he said. “The more pure the heroin is, the higher the risk of an overdose. The user also has no idea what cutting agent that was used to mix with the heroin. One example is in 2014

where fentanyl was used as a cutting agent with heroin in the Flint area where overdoses causing death occurred.”

SCIT Court Healing to Wellness Coordinator Cathy Fisher appreciated hearing a heartfelt message of experience, strength and hope from someone recovering from addiction.

“The community member who spoke of his road to recovery had a lot of impact on me...,” Fisher said. “In Mr. Childs story, he said he ‘could see it in people’s eyes that they are only here for a paycheck, and that they really don’t care about me and that may be why it took me so many times to get sober.’”

Fisher also mentions she was impressed with the wealth of information the symposium provided and would like to see Thill speak to the SCIT community.

Thill gave an informative presentation focusing on levels of controlled substances.

“Controlled substances are classified mostly by their addictive potential, but some drugs, such as heroin and PCP are C-1 (or Schedule I) because they have no therapeutic use or their therapeutic usefulness is outweighed by their addictive potential,”



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Ferris State University Professor of Pharmacology Dr. Paul Thill educates the community on the factual evidence that proves marijuana as a dangerous gateway drug.

Thill said. “Marijuana is another example of a Schedule I medication. C-2s have the most restrictions and are the most difficult to prescribe and dispense in order to limit the risk to patients.”

Thill also said marijuana is a gateway drug and it is a way people of all ages, but especially young people with substance abuse problems, started their journey on substance abuse.

“That isn’t my opinion, but rather a fact with the most robust of data sets to prove it,” he said. “Prescription drugs are abused at a high rate, only exceeded by marijuana, but more importantly, as shown in the most recent National Survey on Drug Use and Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

(SAMHSA) of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services published in 2014.”

“This report found that the first specific (gateway) drug associated with initiation of illicit drug use among people aged 12 and over in 2013 was marijuana (70 percent),” he said. “This number has grown significantly since the legalization movement has taken off in 2008. The next closest gateway drug was prescription pain relievers at 12.5 percent... All of those who participated in this survey were being admitted for treatment for substance abuse, so there is no way around it that marijuana is, in fact, a gateway drug unlike any other at this time and its role as a gateway drug is growing.”

Shepherd Police Chief Michael Main said their village does see narcotics manufacturing, sale and use as any community but are not impacted as severely as larger communities.

“The Shepherd Police Department depends on the multi-narcotics team for several reasons,” Main said. “Not only is the information sharing essential to know what is being seen in our community and where it is coming from but also when something new appears, the BAYANET team is always on the forefront of researching new trends and educating law enforcement... BAYANET has the resources to help investigate and bring to



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Michigan State Police Trooper Michael White provides an overview of the agenda for the third annual Isabella Substance Abuse Coalition Drug Symposium.

justice those sometimes out of reach of local jurisdictions.”

SCIT Youth LEAD Support Coach Kevin Ricketts was one of several Tribal employees in attendance.

“I thought the symposium had great presenters with great information,” Ricketts said. “I have heard over and over... that we need to get the big guy (the main drug supplier). I agree, but at the same time, we need to give the same attention to the users. Statistics show that in most cases, when a drug dealer is prosecuted, then another one takes his or her place... If we put the same focus on getting the user healed, as we do on getting the main drug dealer, then there would be no reason for another drug dealer, because there would be no profit to make.”

SCIT-hosted HATS vaccination clinic a success

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The first Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe/Humane Animal Treatment Society rabies vaccination clinic was a success on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Thirty-one pets received the discounted rabies vaccination at \$10; five cats and 26 dogs.

Nimkee Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick, B.S.N., and Women’s Health Coordinator Jenna Wilcox collaborated with the HATS staff for a successful vaccine clinic.

Under Michigan state law, pets must receive rabies vaccinations.

HATS employees were on site to register pets and provide the vaccinations.

“I think it was a great success,” HATS Canine Care Supervisor Chelsea Tenwalde said. “We had a lot of people show up... I think we should definitely plan a similar event again. With the population that was here today, if they spread the word and continue to advertise, it could be bigger and better each year.”

HATS Board Member Ed Zebrowski is hopeful for more SCIT and HATS collaborations.

“I am very pleased the Tribal Council and Nimkee Wellness asked us to come out and participate in putting on this event,” Zebrowski said. “We have never done an event like this before; this is the first time. We are so

enthused right now, we are definitely talking about (putting on another event) in the late summer, possibly August. We are looking at...maybe having the Kennel Club coming out and doing demonstrations on basic obedience, having a couple vendors, vaccine and microchipping clinics and even (hosting animal shelter) adoptions.”

Zebrowski was pleased with the turnout for the first-ever event.

“Right from the first person here this morning, we were getting positive comments and praise that this (clinic) is a good thing,” he said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most



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Dr. Urbanek gives a cat the rabies vaccination as Feline Care Supervisor Autumn Scott lends a hand.

often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases each year occur in wild animals including raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing brain disease and death, according to CDC.

A simple vaccine will protect pets from this virus, especially for the warmer, outdoor weather approaching.



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Dedicated HATS employees assisted during the rabies vaccine clinic. (Pictured left to right; HATS Veterinarian Dr. Nicholas Urbanek, Canine Care Supervisor Chelsea Tenwalde, Feline Care Supervisor Autumn Scott, volunteer Marcus Brown and Health Clinic Staff Member Katie Bleavins.)

“Do1Thing” reminder for March 2015: Sheltering

HELEN WILLIAMS

Healthy Start Child Nurse

Preparing for an emergency does not have to be costly or difficult. Please don’t let those thoughts keep you from preparing for a crisis.

Now is a good time to get out your SCIT community emergency planning guide. In the guide, you will find many resources and ideas to assist you in your emergency planning.

In a disaster, you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the turmoil of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing. Know what to

do to keep your family safe. Practice your tornado and fire safety plans. If your family has practiced, they will be more comfortable doing it when the emergency actually happens.

“Do1Thing” is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare you, your family, and community for emergencies or disasters. For more information on what you can do to do this month to be better prepared, and to track your progress, visit: www.do1thing.com/things/mar

Happy planning, be ready today so you can react quickly tomorrow.

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GII-BI-ZIIBIWAN SPRING IS HERE!

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WIGWAM WISDOM

The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the hands of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.



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

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

Dear WW: While I was overseas fighting for our country, I came back to find that my mother had opened credit cards in my name and charged about \$10,000! I asked my siblings to help but they haven't. They all admit it was wrong but have done nothing to help me financially. My niece is getting married soon and I am not sure if I want to go home to her wedding. Our mother has always been a little off and we get that. What I can't get is my siblings not helping me out. What should I do? **Resentful!**

Dear Resentful: Your siblings are not the people you should be upset with. It's funny you overlooked the obvious elephant in the living room which is your mother. However, you have probably been doing this all of your life. You should have called the police and filed charges and there is still time in which to do it. The sooner your mother learns to pay the consequences of her actions, the sooner the dynamics of your family will get healthier. Go to the wedding, your niece did nothing wrong.

Dear WW: I have such a hard time with accepting compliments. I usually will just cut myself down to divert the positive attention. If someone likes my shirt, I point out that it's the wrong size. If someone likes my shoes, I tell them how much they hurt. If it's something in my house, I say, I've had it for years. Why do I do this? **It's Nothing**

Dear Nothing: You do it because you feel you are not worthy of it; sad, but not that uncommon. The only thing that's really required when presented with a compliment is a simple "thank you." It might take some getting used to and, in the end, it will help your self-esteem when you aren't cutting yourself down.

Dear WW: Seems like every powwow my boyfriend breaks up with me and then afterwards we get back together. I have to hear about all of his flings and my family gives me grief all the time. I really hate that he does it but he knows exactly what to do and say so that I will take him back. We don't have any children yet and this is what is stopping me. However, I'm not getting any younger and would like to start a family soon. Do you think he'll grow out of this and eventually settle down? **Powwow Blues**

Dear Blues: Kick him to the curb and don't look back. Go to counseling and find out why you have put up with a man who can do such a thing. Powwows are a time of family and cultural gathering. Shame on him for using it to stray and shame on you for allowing it! No, he will not grow out of it. You have set a pattern and he knows his role. I'm glad you decided not to make a family with him as it would be disastrous! Counseling will help you understand your actions better and what not to do in the future.

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Youth LEAD hosts "Super Saturday" full of winter fun



Photos courtesy of Kari Klouse

The Youth LEAD Department hosted a tubing "Super Saturday" event at Snow Snake Ski & Golf in Harrison, Mich. on March 7.



SCIT sponsors 26th annual CMU “Celebrating Life” Jiingtamok

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Jiingtamoks are a time for celebrations and reunions. They are a time for dancers to gather in the arena to be recognized, and to give acknowledgement to each other and their ancestors.

On March 21-22, Central Michigan University presented the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe-sponsored “Celebrating Life” 26th annual Powwow at the McGuirk Arena of the Events Center.

With approximately 200 dancers, eight drums, masses of spectators and more than 20 arts and crafts vendors, the arena was occupied throughout.

CMU Native American Programs Director Colleen Green and the student-run Powwow Committee plan the event year-round.

“The Powwow Committee consists of student volunteers,” Green said. “The committee



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Beautiful dancers of all ages gathered in Central Michigan University’s McGuirk Arena for the 26th annual “Celebrating Life” Powwow.

created a task list for the powwow planning and set deadlines for themselves to have business taken care of. As a committee, they vote on the dignitaries, organize registration, shop for giveaway items, contact departments and businesses for donations, work as tabulators and much more.”

George Martin, member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, led grand entry as head veteran.

“It was the best CMU powwow ever and very well organized,” Martin said. “Colleen Green, her staff, and the Native students

who make up the powwow committee took care of us all weekend with such great respect.”

Aside from the committee, volunteers and sponsors, many others played a major role in this year’s powwow including: Master of Ceremonies Jason Whitehouse, Host Drum Bear Creek, Arena Director Dave Shananaquet, Head Male Judge Wesley Cleland and Head Female Judge Elizabeth Edgar-Webkamigad.

Head Female and Male Dancers included: Punkin Shananaquet and Mike King at 1 p.m. Saturday, Kristol Abel and James Day at 7 p.m. Saturday, and Vanessa Shocko and Sedrick Hindsley on Sunday.

The adult dance contest first place winner received \$400, second place won \$300 and third place won \$200.

“We opened our doors to new dancers, which is always good,” Green said.

Green said the powwow would not have been possible if it were not for the key people in the student committee and other volunteers assisting throughout the weekend.

“Overall, the powwow was extremely well organized,” she said. “We had a few glitches that were not the fault of the committee, but the committee handled them professionally and quickly.”

In the drum contest, the first place winners received \$3,000, second place collected \$2,000 and third place won \$1,000.

The hand drum contest first place winners received \$500.



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Head Veteran/Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Elder George Martin (center) leads the arena with Saturday afternoon’s Head Female Dancer Punkin Shananaquet and Head Male Dancer Mike King.



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Guests throughout the United States and Canada converged on the CMU campus as the audience enjoys Native dancers, drummers and community members “celebrating life.”



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Native royalty graced McGuirk Arena as Miss Wikwemikong First Nations Canada Destinee Roberta Kaboni leads the other princesses.



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Tribal Council Member Delmar Jackson Sr. offers a greeting on behalf of major CMU Powwow sponsor, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.



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The Native fancy dancers reverently stand at attention during the Flag Song.



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You’re never too young to swing and sway the Anishinabe way!



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Powwows are all about family as seen by matching regalia worn by Iliana Bennett, jingle dress dancer, and her daughter Evelyn.



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This young girl moves gracefully in the arena and has that jingle two step down.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The energetic Christopher Ruiz-Spencer does a crowd hop in his grass dance regalia.



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Traditional Dancer/Ziibiwing Visitor Services Representative Raymond Cadotte joins the crowd for an Intertribal Dance.

and content/style of her essay submitted about her future goals promoting the culture and how a college education would help her achieve the goals.

For Green, the dedication and preparation throughout the year pays off during powwow weekend.

“The favorite part of the powwow, for me, is seeing all of the people having a good time,” Green said.

The complete list of winners is available at the cmich.edu website, under Native American Programs. The top three dancers in all categories, along with the drum and hand drum contest results are accessible.

Admission was free for SCIT Members and CMU students, with proper I.D. Admission for adults was \$7 and \$5 for Elders (at least 55 years old) and youth.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, Olivia Jean Manitowabi-McCullough of Hannahville Indian Tribe was awarded the Native American Scholastic Award, funded by SCIT. The scholarship is given to a CMU student who is committed to the promotion of Native American culture.

The award value ranges from \$500-\$1500, based on available funds. The award can be applied to tuition, fees, books, and/or room and board.

The committee selecting Olivia involved two CMU representatives, two SCIT representatives, and one CMU student representative.

Olivia was selected based on a combination of the factors: GPA of 2.5 or higher, participation in school and community activities, demonstrates promotion of Native American culture

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Breed: Border Collie Mix



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Name: Lacey Jane Orr
Age: 6 years old
Breed: Scottish Deer Hound



Owner: Carol Slater
Name: Boss
Age: 2 years old
Breed: Great Dane



Owner: Natalie Shattuck
Name: Chester Bear
Age: 10 years old
Breed: Beagle



Owners: Anne Heidemann & Karl Roosa
Name: Coraline **Age:** 4 years old
Breed: Boston Terrier



Owners: David & Pam James
Name: Dinky Doolittle
Age: 4 months old
Breed: Chiweenie and Yorkie



Owner: Elizabeth Wray
Name: Rascal
Age: 10 years old
Breed: Golden Retriever



Owner: Margie Wehner
Name: Fiona
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Yorkie-poo



Owner: John & Nancy Gerhard
Name: Furman Gerhard
Age: 6 months old
Breed: Golden Retriever



Owner: Shannon Martin
Name: Rhona Bologna Martin
Age: 5 years old
Breed: Rescued "Petbull"



Owner: Ron Huber
Name: Duffy
Age: 5 years old
Breed: Terrier Mix



Owner: Robin Keefer
Name: Patches
Age: 8.5 years old
Breed: Shi Tzu Poodle



Owner: Natalie Nichols
Name: Bella **Age:** 2.5 years old
Breed: Pomeranian/Dachshund/
Yellow Lab Mix



Owner: Gina Borushko
Gracie Mae (left)
3 years, Dilute Tortoiseshell
Vader (right)
1.5 years, white/orange Tiger Cat



Owner: Kimberly Anderson
Names: Lilly and Daisy
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Golden Retrievers



Owner: Tracey Lock
Name: Prince Doby
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Miniature Pinscher



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Gracie (left), 6 years, Chihuahua
Papi (middle), 5 years, Jack Russell
Sadie (right), 8 years, Lab



Owners: Bernard & Pamela Wright
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Age: 4 years old
Breed: Dashhound



Owner: Brenda Terwilliger
Name: Brittany Ann
Age: 16 months old
Breed: Short Hair Dashund



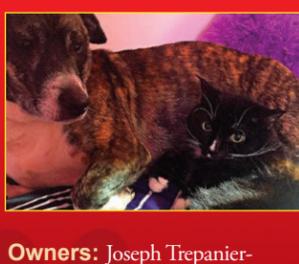
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Breed: Pitbull



Owners: Esther & Wallace Chatfield
Name: Chino **Age:** 1 year old
Breed: Miniature Pinscher



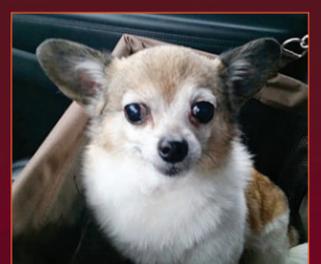
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Age: 3 years old
Breed: St. Bernard/Husky



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1 year old, Tuxedo cat
Lily (dog)
3 years old, Basset Hound/Boxer



Owner: Marion Roth
Name: Chata Roth
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Brittany Spaniel



Owner: Melinda Coffin
Name: Bailey
Age: 9 years old
Breed: Chihuahua



Owner: Karen & Riana Chippewa
Name: Puppy Boy Boy
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Chihuahua/Rez Wolf



Owner: Sherrill Kennedy
Names: Bert & Ernie
Age: 10 months old



Owner: Nettie White
Ragan (left)
 10 years old, Wirehaired Vizsla
Murphie (right)
 4 years old, Wirehaired Vizsla



Owner: Amber Shepard
Name: Brisco
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Black Lab and Husky



Owner: Rick & Jennifer Hoover
Name: Gus
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Beagle



Owner: Karen Perry
Name: Bailey Liliana McClintock
Age: 6 years old
Breed: West Highland Terrier



Owners: Brian & Julie Chippeway
Chewie Chippeway (left)
 6 months, Pitbull/Boxer
Louie Chippeway (right)
 4 years, Pitbull/Rodesian Ridgeback



Owner: Kimberly Condon
Name: Cletus
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Domestic medium hair



Owner: Norman J Cyr Jr.
Name: Sampson
Age: 8 months old
Breed: Staffordshire Terrier



Owner: Marcella and Lee Hadden
Nibbles (right)
 5 years old, Pug
Sox (left)
 3 years old, Pug



Owner: Jessica DeVerney-McLaughlin
Name: Oscar McLaughlin
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Boxer mix



Owner: The McCoy Girls
Name: Cleatus
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Newfy (New Foundlander)



Owners: Darlene Chippewa
Rudy (back left)
 8 years, Boston Terrier
Sparkle (back right)
 8 years, half white boxer
Sophie (front)
 7 years, breed unknown



Owners: Ed & Michelle Pfund
Name: Betsy
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Calico Cat



Owner: Kim McCoy
Name: Brutus
 (Indian name, Little Big Dog)
Age: 6 years old
Breed: Boxer



Owner: Charisse Yarch
Name: Bolt
Age: 5 months old
Breed: Lab/Goldendoodle



Owner: Danielle Kennedy
Name: Jack
Age: 2 years old
Breed: Labrador



Owner: Monica Richer
Name: Jaxxon
Age: 1.5 years old
Breed: Lhasa Apso, Maltese & Shih tzu



Owners: Owners Karen, Dave & Tanner Williams
Name: Sparkles
Age: 14 weeks old
Breed: Yorkie



Owners: Joseph & Sue Sowmick
Name: Riley Sowmick
Age: 5 years old
Breed: Wheaten Terrier



Owners: Matt & Sharon Wright
Name: Suzzie
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Boxer



Owners: Angelo & Andre Leareaux
Name: Brian
Age: 1 years old
Breed: Black Lab

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Mandy

Mandy is a 10-year-old Hound/Rottweiler mix that is looking for a retirement style home. She has energy for a daily stroll and would love to have some toys to chew on. At the end of a long day, she would love to curl up at your feet and enjoy a nice nap before bedtime. Mandy prefers a quiet household where she is the one and only! Animal ID 21298084



Vanity

Vanity is a 10-month-old Domestic Short-hair/mix. Contrary to her name, she is anything but vain, although she should be since HATS visitors tell her how beautiful she is all the time. Vanity is looking for a quiet household with another cat friend. She can be active, so she'd prefer a house that could entertain her, as well as have quiet cuddle time. Animal ID 24308696



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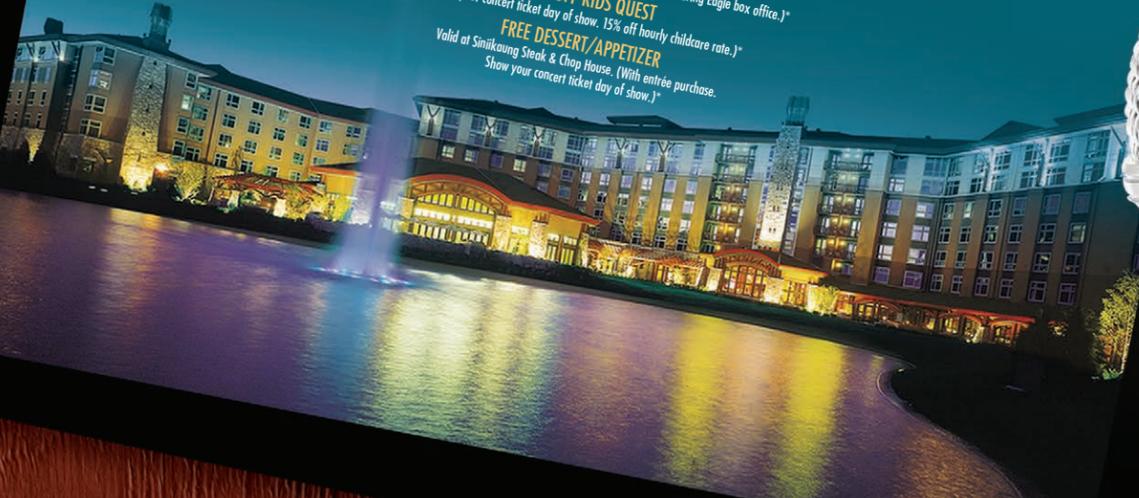
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SCTC students attend 42nd annual AIHEC Spring Conference

MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension Coordinator

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) was established in 1973 by the first six American Indian tribally-controlled colleges with the purpose to provide a network of support as they worked to influence federal policies on American Indian higher education.

This was the beginning of the Tribal College Movement still going strong today.

AIHEC has since grown to 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the United States and one in Canada.

Each of the TCUs were created and chartered by their own tribal government or federal government for the specific purpose to provide higher education opportunities to American Indians through programs that are locally and culturally based, holistic and supportive.



Courtesy of SCTC

SCTC President Carla Sineway at AIHEC Presidents Meeting.



Courtesy of SCTC

Gilbert Franco's beaded work medallion.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a proud member of AIHEC and supports the Tribal College movement.

Each year, AIHEC hosts a student conference where all students from the 37 TCUs can come together to socialize, learn together and compete against each other.

This year, the AIHEC 2015 Student Conference was held March 14-17 in Albuquerque, N.M., more than 1,000 students attended. SCTC sent seven students and five chaperones/coaches to the competitions. The teams participated in the Science Bowl and the Critical Inquiry competitions.

The SCTC Science Bowl Team included: Anthony Quiroga, Bethany Tarbell, Irene Lopez-Casillas and alternate Maureen Rueckert. The SCTC Critical Inquiry Team included: Catherine Bouchard and Delbert Youmans.

While the SCTC teams did not place in the competitions, a keynote speaker at the conference commented correctly when he said, "all the students here

are winners, just because they showed up." The students from SCTC represented their community well and SCTC is very proud of them for participating.

Besides the competitions, special accolades were also awarded. The American Indian College Fund recognizes an outstanding student from each of the TCUs as "Student of the Year." Each Student of the Year must have had at least a 3.0 GPA, demonstrated a commitment to the community, and be American Indian or Alaska Native.

The Coca-Cola Scholarship is an achievement-founded scholarship based on a student's commitment to making a significant impact on their community. These students must also carry at least a 3.0 GPA.

AIHEC held a special student banquet to honor the recipients of the Student of the Year, and the Coca Cola Scholarship. Representing SCTC as the 2015 Student of the Year was Anthony Quiroga. Quiroga will graduate in May 2015 with an Associate of Arts in business.

Representing SCTC as the Coca-Cola Scholar was Gilberto E. Franco. Franco is pursuing an Associate of Arts in liberal arts and plans to graduate in May 2016.

Franco also entered into the art competition. He submitted a beaded medallion titled, "Clans Nkweshkeage" (Meeting of the Clans). Although he did not win, he had many compliments on his medallion. Congratulations are in order for both Quiroga and Franco; their success is success for our community!



Courtesy of SCTC

Team SCTC sporting matching jackets.



Courtesy of SCTC

SCTC gearing up for competition.

Also at the conference, AIHEC invited all students to participate in the annual 2015-2016 Student Congress elections. There are 10 student representatives on this national student committee. These students must represent their college or region, advocate for the Tribal college movement, and serve their college community.

It is with great pleasure and pride that we announce that Bethany Tarbell has been chosen for the AIHEC Student Congress representative for the Great Lakes Region.

The Great Lakes Region comprises nine woodland area tribal colleges. As a representative on this national committee, Tarbell will be required to participate in semi-monthly teleconferences; attend four seasonal face-to-face meetings, and work diligently on service projects of their choosing that improve their college communities.

Congratulations Bethany, we know you will represent the Great Lakes Region, SCTC, and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe with intelligence and integrity.



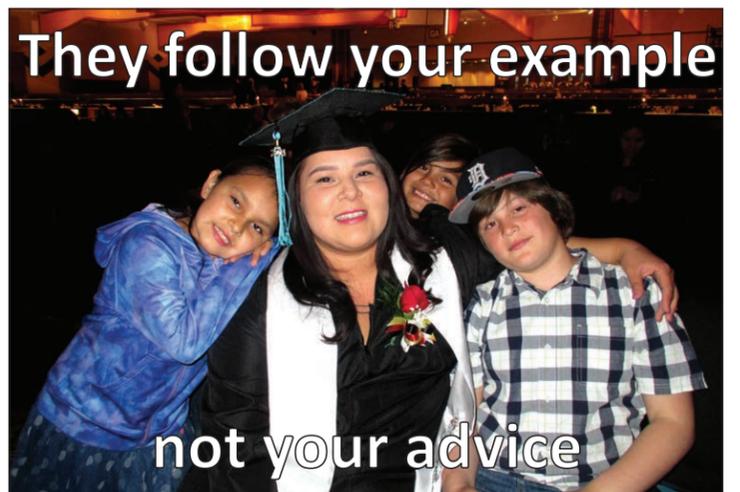
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SCTC students in opening AIHEC ceremony.



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Anthony Quiroga and Gilberto Franco receive their awards.



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Kindergarten Teacher Jeffrey receives "Educator of the Month"

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

Congratulations Susan Jeffrey for being selected as the March Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Jeffrey:

Which program do you work for? I work in the education program at Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

What is your title? My title is kindergarten teacher.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? I have worked as a kindergarten teacher for 4.5 years at SCA.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? My favorite part of

working at SCA is being able to work with kindergarteners. When I see their faces in the morning, all my personal troubles fade and nothing else matters to me except their learning and wellbeing.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? I should be writing down all my funny stories I share with my colleagues so I don't forget them. Not one particular story stands out at the moment, but I do find it quite comical when kindergarteners take things literally, or mispronounce words like "feater" instead of "theater." It's more of a cute thing, I suppose.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? When I was in 6th grade, I remember wanting to be a physical education teacher. As I reached high school I wanted to be a film/TV director and professional photographer.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? For hobbies, I enjoy being

outdoors and spending time camping and kayaking. I'm not sure you would call them special talents, but I do have a lot of photography and wood working skills up my sleeve.

What is something people may not know about you? Something people may not know about me is I worked as a professional photographer for 10 years and as a television commercial director for five years before I pursued becoming a teacher.

What is your favorite movie? I don't have one particular favorite movie. I enjoy old classics like "The Sound of Music", and for a more recent one, I would have to say "How To Train Your Dragon" can be found at the top of my list.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Kindergarten Teacher Susan Jeffrey (middle) accepts her award from SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda (left) and Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill as the children have some fun on "SCA Mustache Day."

What is your favorite food? I can't pinpoint one particular food that is my favorite, but I do enjoy a tender steak dinner cooked on the grill with all the fixings, and Hawaiian pizza is my favorite kind of pizza.

Thank you so much for being such an integral part of our education team! We appreciate you!

Do you have an SCA Alumni Success Story?

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SCIT members attend final home game of Native American Athlete Schimmel



Courtesy of Tribal Education Department

(Pictured left to right: Jean Flamand, Hazen Shinos, Alicia Raphael, Daniel Wemigwans, Maia Chivis, Brayden Chivis, Tom Tom Wemigwans, Bear Raphael, Nathan Isaac, Aaron Chivis, Gimiwan Traver, Dajia Shinos, Fransisco Sanchez, Angie Shinos and Shoni Schimmel.)

TRIBAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

On Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, fans packed the "KFC YUM! Center" in Louisville, Ky. for two special events. Native American basketball sensation Jude Schimmel played her last regular season home game against Boston College.

The University of Louisville also honored Schimmel's Native American roots by declaring her last home game as Native American Night. Tribes throughout the nation traveled to watch Schimmel in action, scoring 11 points for a 77-60 win against Boston College. Half time included a powwow presentation with dancers throughout the Tribal Nation.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was also represented in the stands. Fifteen

SCIT Tribal and community members took the trip to support Schimmel.

Ndnsports.com captured SCIT representation in the stands. WNBA player and Schimmel's older sister, Shoni took a moment to hang out and offer pictures with the SCIT representation. A good time was had by all that traveled to watch the Native American basketball star and positive role model.

"The Schimmel sisters are a true inspiration to our young people," said Interim Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya. "They are from a family that instills cultural pride into everything they do. They are hardworking athletes that have achieved greatness through higher education."

Special thanks to the Public Relations Department for use of the Tribal Flag to show SCIT pride on a national level.

M-STEP replaces MEAP testing beginning April 13

KELLI CASSADAY

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Beginning this spring, students will be taking a new state assessment. The Michigan Student Test of Education Progress (M-STEP) will be replacing the 44-year-old MEAP test.

Students will be tested in the following areas:

- English-Language Arts (Grades 3-8, 11)
- Mathematics (Grades 3-8, 11)
- Science (Grades 4, 7, and 11)
- Social Studies (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
- ACT-College Entrance Test (Grade 11)
- Work Keys-Work Skills assessment (Grade 11)

Testing begins April 13 and continues until June 5. Each grade is assigned a testing window within this schedule. Schools will send more information home to families as the testing dates get closer.

It is very important that your child be in attendance in school during the testing

window. It is understandable that illness occurs, but please consider this testing window when planning any appointments or family vacations.

There are several websites about M-STEP that may be helpful to families:

- The Department of Education website for general information (www.mi.gov/mstep)
- Preview of the M-STEP test (must use Google Chrome) (<https://wbte.drce-direct.com/MI/portals/mi/ott1>)

Teachers and students are preparing for this important change. If you have any questions about the M-STEP, please feel free to contact the Education Department.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for February: Jonathan Bailey, Jonathan Cogswell, Lakotah Jackson, Kasina Laughlin, Olivia Lawson, Layla Pigeon, Andee Raphael, Jacob Sineway, Madalynn Sineway and Angelina Smith.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Tia Diamond, Trystan Diamond, Erica Hinmon, Seth Snyder, Tyler Snyder, Brysen Chamberlain, Katie Pigeon, Cordelia McDaniel, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Dena Gibson, Nixie Snyder, Elijah Otto-Powers, Isaiah Otto-Powers and Logan Van Orden.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Leticia Hawkins, Remy Weldon, Caleb Burger, Niikodin Davis, Isaiah Rodriguez, Hope Stevens, Isabelle Terrill-Leathers, Damey'n Weldon, Ryan Flaugher, Kadenn Rose and Emily Stevens.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Isaiah Harris, Malakai DeMoines, Aaliyah Mena, Aaron Graverette, Kentae Flory, Skylar Leaux, Giizhig Martell Makayla Stevens, Sam Hassan and Christopher Bartow.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned Student of the Month honors for February: Aiden Raphael, Angelo Leaux, Rainah Hunt, Raynah Perez, Lawrence Hinmon, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Mana Pelcher and Aana Hinmon. The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Natalia Martin, Niigik Pamp, Joseph Jackson, Prentiss Jones, Angelo Leaux, Joshua Velasquez, Auriyah Hunter, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Felicia Saunders, Anastasia Lada and Sara Saunders. The following students turned in all homework for February: Angelo Leaux, Eva Reyes, Joshua Velasquez, Albert Trepanier, Alex Grice, Charles Trepanier, Gracie David, Inara Curry, Jayden Schout-Pelcher, Kayana Pelcher, Maining Miller-Hosler, Quinn Pelcher, Red Arrow LaLonde, Landon Pelcher-Harless, Frederick Highley, Meadow David, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Raynah Perez, Alex Taylor, Alexis Trepanier, Robert Saunders, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, Tawny Jackson, Thomas Pelcher, Felicia Saunders, Adrianna Garcia, Julianna Garcia, Ariel Hinmon, Anastasia Lada, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Alberta Trepanier, Adam Saboo, Liberty Morland and Matthew Quaderer.



SCA alumni success: MPHS basketball player Caleb Vasquez

(Editor's note: The following article is from the Tribal Education department. The department sent a special thank you to Anita Hall of Youth LEAD for compiling information from Mount Pleasant High School staff.)

Our Anishinabe ancestors believe that zoongide'ewin (bravery) means to have courage. To have the qualities of bravery and

courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate. Our ancestors instilled this in all of our people but specifically instilled this in our young warriors.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Education Department is proud to recognize Caleb Vasquez as one of its many young warriors. This honor is shared amongst those who have worked

closest with Caleb including the Youth LEAD Department, Mount Pleasant High School, his family and his Tribal community. Caleb definitely carries himself and lives his life in a way that would make his ancestors proud.

"From a very young age, Caleb set the example for bravery amongst his peers at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. He behaved and acted in a way that truly reflective the Seven Grandfather Teachings. As his culture and language teacher, I was proud of his decision to wear his hair long. Our students are modern kids and don't have to do this anymore but he made the choice, at that time, to let his hair grow.

He was attentive and respectful to his peers and his teachers. He was always eager to learn his original language of Anishinaabemowin and picked up on it quickly and naturally. Caleb was studious and smart as reflected in his good grades.

The one thing that stood out the most to me was his smile. His spirit was always happy. It is good to see Caleb continues to carry himself in a respectful way. With all of the peer pressure and negative influences out there, it takes a strong warrior to resist that way of life. I couldn't be more proud of Caleb for remaining strong

and working so hard doing what he loves. He is an incredible role model for our young warriors."

- **Melissa Montoya, interim education director**

"Caleb made a big impression on me right at the start of the season. Caleb learned the offense fast and would ask questions whenever we learned new things. Caleb played both offense and defense and started seven games for us. If Caleb works hard, he could be a big benefit to the Oiler Football program. One of my favorite things was to discuss fantasy football with Caleb. We argued about fantasy football players on all of our bus trips."

- **Bill Dennis, MPHS assistant football coach**

"Caleb is a great example of what a young man could and should be. With so many bad examples floating around in the media and real life, it's refreshing to see a student like Caleb who is hard working, focused, and determined to do well, despite the challenges that he has presented.

He has a great sense of humor as well, which acts as a testament to his great, well-rounded personality. I wish for nothing but the best for Caleb and I'm confident that he can continue his current trend of great behavior and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Caleb Vasquez passes the basketball for the MPHS Oilers basketball team.

performance in school to become successful in life."

- **James Young, MPHS math teacher**

Congratulations, Caleb, for all of your physical hard work in sports. Great job on your dedication to academics, and Nishin for continuing to show respect and pride for your Tribe and culture. Finally, much praise and admiration for the parental support Caleb receives from home. There is much to be said for the amount of support he is given from his parents, who are also active members in our Tribal community. You all serve as a role model family and signify what a great support system can be. Again, congratulations on your success! You make us all very proud!

SCA Ziisbakdokeng



Courtesy of SCA

MELISSA MONTOYA

Interim Tribal Education Director

As of March 24, 2015, the students and staff of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy have collected 208 gallons of maple sap.

As part of the Anishinaabe Bimadiziwin cultural curriculum, the Sugar Bush is

set up by students and staff. Original teachings are shared with the students about how our Anishinaabek ancestors were gifted with maple syrup. Academic teachers tie in math and science lessons relevant to the process of collecting and boiling the sap into maple syrup. Students and staff have begun the boiling process and will soon have maple syrup.

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Tremblay takes trophy at Soaring Eagle AMSOIL Championship Snocross Pro Open

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The stands were filled with excitement as the snow machines flew sky high during two thrilling main events for the Feb. 27-28 Soaring Eagle AMSOIL Championship Snocross Pro Open.

Tim Tremblay (AMSOIL/Scheuring/Ski-Doo) raced at a consistent, smart and fast pace to win a wild Pro Open main event, while Ryan Springer (Carlson Motorsports/Polaris) completed the Pro Lite class sweep with his second main event win of the weekend.

Tremblay has been on the Snocross circuit for eight years but missed last year's race at Soaring Eagle due to recuperating from a broken leg. Tremblay was interviewed by the Tribal Observer during the packed Saturday meet and greet event before his trophy winning performance.

"I really like the track at Soaring Eagle and with all the fans and the big casino here, this is a real deal and I'm happy to be here and be a part of it," Tremblay said. "This is one of the biggest tracks we have been on this year for sure. There are a lot of rhythm sections and big jumps... The racers



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Snocross season points leader Tucker Hibbert is interviewed after posting his Friday night victory by CBS Sports reporter Carly Aplin.

get competitive and it plays to developing a strategy for the race and how to handle the track in a technical way."

With fans clamoring for a glimpse of the athletes they watch regularly throughout the season on CBS Sports and ESPN Winter X Games, it was clear everyone wanted an autograph from Pelican Rapids, Minn. resident Tucker Hibbert.

"I really like the work they have done at the track here at Soaring Eagle; it's long with a lot of hills and makes for an

open track," Hibbert said. "A lot of tracks this season have been tighter but the fans here are incredible and Michigan is an awesome place to race... you can feel the excitement just being out here. Getting a great start at the Friday night pro made the difference, that and staying away from the roost and the snow dust of the other guys. A lot of it goes to having some solid lines, putting together several good laps and keeping the momentum moving."

Hibbert is well aware of the love Michiganders have for the sport of Snocross and the snowmobile trails across the state.

"It's just awesome racing in Michigan and the fans are super pumped up and excited," he said. "That feeling carries over to the drivers and this weekend has a special feeling all of its own where you just have to be here to be a part of it and appreciate it."

As a number-one fan favorite and Snocross season leader, Hibbert got the holeshot and took a checkered flag for Friday night's festivities but found trouble on the ninth lap on Saturday's Pro Open.

Seemingly out of nowhere, Hibbert went down in a corner, his sled getting caught up in a massive barrage of sponsor signage and Tuff Block lane markers. Unable to free himself, he stood there helplessly at track-side tethered to his running sled.

Tremblay had better luck. With four laps remaining in the contest, Tremblay clicked off strong and consistent laps, earning himself his first victory of the season.

"Tucker crashed and I passed him and was so happy," Tremblay said. "I didn't want to make any mistakes, so I took it easy and the win came to me. This feels awesome. I haven't been winning the last two years, so it feels great to get back up here."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tim Tremblay takes his Ski-Doo into a maximum turn at the Soaring Eagle AMSOIL Championship Snocross Pro Open.

Tremblay would walk away with the win, Kyle Pallin and Logan Christian holding onto their second and third place positions, respectively.

Boss Racing/Ski-Doo's Colby Crapo would score his first top five finish of the year, coming in with an excellent fourth place run, followed by Cody Thomsen (Arctic Cat) in fifth.

It was noteworthy that Hibbert would eventually remount and place ninth and still holds a commanding 89-point lead over Tremblay in the Pro Open overall points, 593-504.

SECR Advertising and Public Relations Manager C.C. Griffus said Soaring Eagle

patrons and racers had been looking forward to attending the races this winter.

"The way that our track is designed is truly one of a kind; last year it was voted best in Snocross," Griffus said. "(This year) not only gave ISOC more favorable weather, but with all the hype for having the best track we naturally gained a larger crowd than last year. We have heard plenty of positive enthusiastic reviews, so to keep up with the thrill seekers' demands we'll be aiming for bigger and better when we start planning the 2016 Soaring Eagle AMSOIL ISOC event."



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Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Quebec native Tim Tremblay (middle) takes the first place honors at the Saturday Pro Open podium with Kyle Pallin (left) and Logan Christian.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Minnesota native Tucker Hibbert and his Arctic Cat sled takes some air as he runs the Snocross at SECR.

SECR guests play poker with RCH Motocross celebrities during tournament

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

RCH Motocross competitors Ricky Carmichael, Carey Hart, Broc Tickle and Ken Roczen "raced" through the doors of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to test their luck in the RCH Semi-Invitational Celebrity Poker Tournament on March 17.

The four RCH racers competed against 20 players, randomly selected by SECR's "Atrient" drawing software, and an additional 15 contestants from radio promotion giveaways.

After Hart lost the tournament, he sat at a near blackjack table, chatting with guests. Carmichael stood on the sidelines watching as Roczen and Tickle continued to play.

Tickle made the final nine players before he was defeated by Gerald Noble Jr.

Guests who beat each RCH racer out of the competition received an autographed helmet from that athlete.

Timothy Spicer won first place with a full house in the final hand and earned himself \$1,800.

Daniel Mullins took second place, winning \$1,200. Third place went to Gerald Noble Jr. who won \$1,000 and a Tickle autographed helmet.

Joseph Judge and Terrilee Deroche won \$500 for fourth and fifth place.

"The planning process was a lot of teamwork from the Marketing and Table Games departments," said Jaimie Mann, SECR customer service supervisor. "Table Games set the tournament tables up in

the middle of the gaming floor and made sure it was properly staffed to make sure the rounds were controlled in a timely manner. Marketing staff made sure that the drawing took place for the 20 random winners who were given a seat into the tournament as well as make sure the top five winners were paid out their cash prizes."

Mann said several departments and employees also assisted in making the tournament a success, including server on duty Kim Jourdan-San Miguel; Jameson Barrett, F&B shift supervisor; Pit Bosses Jim, Randy and Rachel; Table Games Manager Donald Morrow and the poker dealers.

"It was really nice having all the departments work together for a common goal, and our guests loved getting a chance to try something new, as the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

RCH Motocross Racer Carey Hart competes in the Semi-Invitational Celebrity Poker Tournament on March 17 at SECR.

majority of them were slot players," Mann said.

This was the second year SECR hosted a RCH poker tournament.

"The Guest Relations representatives that were helping with both the tournament as well as at the Hellcat Simulator (placed in the casino main entrance) did

a great job," Mann said. "They really went above and beyond to make sure that everything went off without a hitch. Overall, it was a lot of fun and a great experience working with the guys from RCH, as well as the other departments to provide a fun and exciting chance to play for cash prizes."



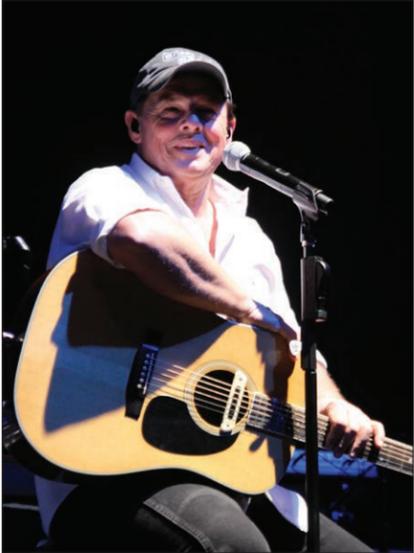
Country men Clint Black, Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin make SECR appearance

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Not one. Not two, but three talented country musicians graced the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort stage for a March 14 show. Clint Black, Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin performed their greatest country hits to the sold-out crowd.

Sammy Kershaw and Aaron Tippin began the show together, each taking turns singing their well-known



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sammy Kershaw tells a story to the sold-out SECR crowd in between performances.

songs. Tippin got the show started with "You've Got to Stand For Something", followed by Kershaw's "Haunted Heart".

Both artists were very personable to the crowd, interacting with the crowd in between each song during their acoustic performance.

Tippin told stories of visiting the military troops overseas. He plans on being back with the troops this Thanksgiving. Tippin performed many of his number-one hits: "Kiss This" (2000), "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong with the Radio" (1992) and top 10 hits: "My Blue Angel", "Working Man's Ph.D." and "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly".

When an audience member offered Kershaw a drink, he shared he is alcohol and drug free for 29 years now, stirring applause.

Kershaw performed his number-one hit "She Don't Know She's Beautiful" and many top 10 hits: "National Working Woman's Holiday", "Cadillac Style" and "Queen of my Double-Wide Trailer".

"This next song was a hit record in 1970," Kershaw said. "There was a certain city that refused to play this song because of content. That city was Las Vegas."

That top 10 hit was "Third Rate Romance".

American country music singer-songwriter, record producer and multi-instrumentalist Clint Black was the night's headliner. Clint Black was solo during his first four songs, with only his acoustic guitar and harmonica. "Live and Learn" (1989) was the first song off his set list.

"I used to do these songs in the corner of a bar for tens of people," Clint said of Willie Nelson's "Time of the Preacher" and "I Couldn't Believe It Was True".

"This next one is a song on my new CD that I'm threatening to release soon," Black said of "I've Been Better, I've Been Worse".

Black's band then entered the stage; a drummer, electric guitarist and keyboard player. Black and his band performed "Code of the West" and number one hit "Like The Rain".

Black said he wrote "A Good Run of Bad Luck" when he was stranded and snowed in inside of a cabin for 10

days. Black also performed a love song he said was for his wife, Lisa, "Something That We Do", and also "When My Ships Come In".

"State of Mind" was written by Black at 19 years old. The live arrangement was altered from the original; Black said he wanted to "change it up."

Many of his U.S. number-one hits were performed including "Killin' Time", "A Better Man" and "Summer's Comin'", and top 10 hits: "No Time To Kill", "One More Payment" and "Been There".

The encore included the number-four hit on the U.S. country charts "Put Yourself In My Shoes", the number-one song "Nothing but the Taillight" and "Tuckered Out".

According to clintblack.com, Black has written, recorded and released more than 100 songs and he has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide. Along with the guitar and harmonica, Black is also proficient on drums.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country musician Clint Black performs his 1989 hit "Live and Learn" during the March 14 SECR show.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Musician Aaron Tippin begins the concert with his hit song "You've Got to Stand For Something".

Actor and comedian Chris Tucker showcases comedic chops at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

A steady stream of laughter filled the Entertainment Hall of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Feb. 21. Actor and comedian Chris Tucker had the sold-out audience rolling in their seats after each punch line of his stand-up show.

Opener Terry Hodges warmed the audience up with his playful observational humor. An actor and stand-up comedian, Hodges is best known for his appearances on the HBO hit television series "Def Comedy Jam"

and hosting television show, "Showtime at the Apollo".

Headliner Chris Tucker also gained notoriety for his many appearances on "Def Comedy Jam" throughout the '90s. Tucker landed his first major movie role alongside musician Ice Cube in the hit comedy "Friday", released in 1995. He gained recognition for his portrayal of the character "Smokey," who he pointed out, followed him into the real world.

"I walk down the street; people are always yelling out, 'hey Smokey,'" Tucker said.

Tucker is best known for his portrayal of Detective

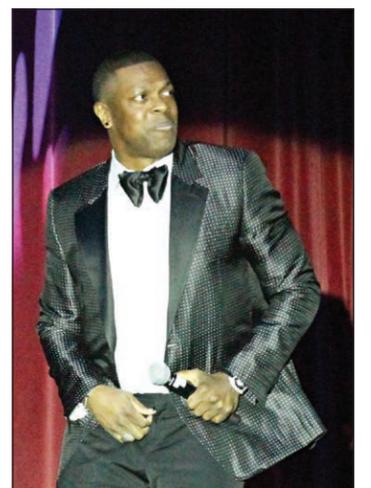
James Carter alongside fellow actor Jackie Chan in the Rush Hour films. Tucker's most recent film, "Silver Linings Playbook", was nominated for an Oscar in 2012.

According to his biography on website www.christucker.com, Tucker has starred in films that have collectively grossed more than one billion dollars in box office sales worldwide. In total, he has starred in 12 films also including "The Fifth Element", "Money Talks" and "Jackie Brown".

It was clear that Tucker was back in his element, back on stage and embracing his stand-up comedy roots. The

90-minute set featured everything from personal reflections, observations from everyday life and stories from his past. Tucker shared tales of his childhood involving friends and family, including his tough love mother and exuberant uncle. All of this came through his quirky and distinguishable voice and animated body language.

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



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Chris Tucker busts out some dance moves on the SECR Entertainment Hall stage.

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Leaders across Michigan convene to improve Native American health

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Jan. 6-7 in Traverse City, Mich., the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCM) held a meeting with leaders from six federally-recognized tribes and the American Indian Health and Family Services Agency in Detroit to discuss their plans to

improve the health of Native Americans in Michigan.

The meeting served as the beginning of REACH-Journey to Wellness, an initiative to prevent long-term diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease by encouraging exercise and healthy eating, as well as lowering commercial tobacco use.

In October 2014, ITCM was awarded three years of

funding for REACH-Journey to Wellness by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of their Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) initiative.

“Native Americans in Michigan suffer from some of the highest rates of obesity and chronic illnesses—like heart

disease and diabetes—and also have disproportionately high rates of commercial tobacco use,” said Noel Pingatore, ITCM principal investigator.

The following tribes and one agency will be leading local REACH-Journey to Wellness initiatives: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, The Nottawaseppi Band of Huron Potawatomi, The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa and Chippewa Indians, The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, The Hannahville Indian Community, The Bay Mills Indian Community and The American Indian Health and Family Services Agency in Detroit.

Throughout the next three years, they will work together with their local communities to promote change—from passing commercial tobacco-free policies to enhancing worksite wellness programs and establishing local farmers markets—that will have a long-lasting positive impact and drive down the chronic disease rates among Native Americans.

ITCM Project Manager Cathy Edgerly praised the input and involvement of SCIT.

“With leaders and key Tribal health staff from Tribal communities traveling from all around the state in the middle of winter to attend, this meeting was a truly special occasion,” Edgerly said. “We were thrilled to see so many valued Tribal health staff come to the table to address the health needs of Native Americans in Michigan... In addition to the expert presenters who shared resources related to the overall project action plan, each Tribal REACH representative contributed through sharing and discussion. (Nimkee Public Health) Director Walt Kennedy described the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s REACH community action plan, which includes evidence-based strategies for commercial tobacco free environments, improved physical activity and nutrition, and enhanced community-clinical linkages in order to improve health and reduce rates of cardiovascular disease in the SCIT community.”

Breast, cervical and colon cancer screenings

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program	Well Woman Program	Colorectal Cancer Screening Program
Women, ages 40 - 64	Women, ages 21 - 64	Men and Women, ages 50 - 64
Uninsured or underinsured (with high deductibles)	Most insurances accepted (including Medicaid and Healthy Michigan)	Uninsured
Income requirements, please contact us	No income requirements	Income requirements, please contact us
Cost: Free	Cost: Preventive services covered by your insurance	Cost: Free
Includes: a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam, pap test (if needed), and referral for a mammogram	Includes: a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam, pap test (if needed), and referral for a mammogram	Includes: screening kit

(Editor’s note: The following information is from Central Michigan District Health Department. Visit its website at www.cmdhd.org, LIKE Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook and follow @CMiDHD on Twitter for more information.)

Central Michigan District Health Department offers three screening programs for adults who live in Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon counties. The life-saving benefits of cancer screenings are clear.

Early detection is one of the key factors for increased success rate of treatment if cancer is diagnosed early. Please call one of our local health department branch offices to make your appointment today. We will assist you in determining which program is right for you.

Arenac County: 989-846-6541 ext. 13,
Isabella County: 989-773-5921 ext. 13,
Clare County: 989-539-6731 ext. 13,
Osceola County: 231-832-5532 ext. 13,
Gladwin County: 989-426-9431 ext. 13,
Roscommon County: 989-366-9166 ext. 13.

4x4 grant awarded to SCIT

BY JUDY DAVIS

4x4 Grant Coordinator

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) launched the “Michigan Health and Wellness 4x4 Plan” in June 2012. The goal of the initiative is for every Michigan resident to adopt health as a personal core value.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan secured funding for the third year and has five participating sites for this fiscal year: American Indian Health and Family Services Agency, Hannahville Indian Community, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

For this initiative, three main objectives are the focus:

Physical Activity Strategy: By Sept. 30, 2015, increase from zero to five, the number of tribes who provide social networks which support increases in physical activity.

Healthy Eating Strategy: By Sept. 30, 2015, five tribal sites will increase the number of

venues which provide increased access to affordable traditional healthy foods and beverages in institutional settings including work places, child care settings, elder centers and tribal administrative facilities from one to two.

Healthy Worksite Strategy: By Sept. 30, 2015, increase the number of tribes from zero to five who offer increased physical activity opportunities in the workplace.

Ideas that have been shared from local coordinators to accomplish these objectives have been very diverse and creative. We look forward to your participation in events happening in your communities that are supported by the MDCH Michigan Health and Wellness 4x4 Plan.

*Resources: www.health.gov/paguidelines/guidelines/
www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/index.html*



Walking for fitness: Speed matters

BY JUDY DAVIS

4x4 Grant Coordinator

Here is a quick way to determine how fast you walk; instead of timing yourself on a measured track, you can calculate your walking speed by counting your steps. Once you have warmed up, count how many steps you take in a minute of walking (or count your steps for 20 seconds and multiply by three.)

If you are walking for health, a pace of about 3 miles

per hour (or about 120 steps per minute; fewer if you are tall) is about right. That’s a 20-minute mile.

To walk for weight loss, you will have to pick up the pace to 4 miles per hour (or 135 steps per minute) for a 15-minute mile.

Aerobic fitness comes at 4.5 miles per hour (you are moving at 150 steps per minute).

As always, if you are just beginning a walking routine, start out comfortably and build up your speed at your own pace.

Through the Inter-Tribal 4x4 Grant, we have renewed our commitment at the Morey Courts for all Tribal Members and employees to walk for free. Just ask at the desk for the Tribal sign-in sheet. You need to indicate either your Tribal ID or employee badge numbers.

Watch for the upcoming Blue Cross Tribal Walking Challenge. We were able to purchase equipment for the Fitness Center with our winnings from last year!

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule April 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Turbo Kick Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	CrossFitness Jaden
1:10 p.m.					Turbo Kick Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni		Beginners Running Group Jayme	
5:30 p.m.		(5:10 p.m.) Beginners Running Group Jayme	Belly Dance Deanna		

NOTICE

Nimkee Clinic Dental Department will bill for all insurances including Delta Dental for SCIT Members, Tribal Operation and SECR employees that are eligible to receive services at Nimkee Clinic.



Think again, and say “yes” to canned fruits, vegetables and beans

SALLY VAN CISE

Nutritionist

(Editor’s note: The following is an article by Kathleen Zelman, MPH, RD, printed in the March issue of “Environmental Nutrition”. She writes that good nutrition can come in a can—and contribute to a healthy, well-balanced diet.)

Canned foods—fruits, vegetables, and beans—are the ultimate convenience foods—nutritious, available year-round, and economical. Yet surveys show they are misunderstood and not considered healthful choices.

Historically, canning was developed to preserve summer’s bounty, and extend food availability all year long to prevent seasonal starvation. Canned foods contain the same important nutrients—sometimes even more—as fresh foods, and they can help you fit more fruits, vegetables, and seafood into your diet, at a lower cost.

Capture a nutritional bounty. Many consumers desire fresh over canned foods, but it doesn’t always make nutritional—or seasonal—sense.

“Fresh produce can lose lots of nutrients, especially during the winter when it travels hundreds or thousands of miles

to get to your grocer, where it then sits on the shelf until you buy it,” said Elizabeth Ward, author of “My Plate for Moms”. “Fresh, local produce is impossible to come by in many parts of the country during winter, so relying on canned foods is a practical solution to have nutritious products year-round.”

Some fresh vegetables, such as spinach and green beans, lose up to 75 percent of their vitamin C within seven days of harvest. Yet canned fruits and vegetables are packed at peak ripeness to deliver the same consistent taste year round. The canning process locks in nutrients when the food is at its ultimate freshness. Further, canned foods are environmentally friendly because the metal used in containers is the most recycled material in the U.S.

A canned nutrition boost. A 2012 study published in the “Journal of Nutrition & Food Sciences” showed that canned fruits and vegetables provide important essential nutrients, like vitamin C, often at a lower cost per nutrient than fresh, frozen or dried forms. And a study that analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey found that including canned fruits and vegetables

in children’s diets improved overall diet quality.

“Children who ate canned fruits and vegetables ate 22 percent more vegetables, 14 percent more fruit, and had better diet quality and increased nutrient intake,” said Marjorie Freedman, Ph.D.

Some nutrients are even higher in canned foods. Lycopene, the antioxidant in tomatoes, increases in bioavailability when heated, making it more potent in canned tomatoes than in fresh tomatoes. Canned pumpkin has less water than fresh, thereby increasing the concentration of vitamin A.

Salt/sugar concern? While canned foods can be high in sodium, the leading sources of sodium in the American diet are not from canned foods (nor are canned fruits among the top sources of added sugar), according to USDA data. You can avoid extra sodium and sugar in canned foods by choosing those labeled “no-salt” and “no-sugar added.” Rinsing also can help reduce salt and sugar significantly.

Maximize those canned foods! Canned foods are the perfect addition to your favorite casseroles, soups, and salads. Not only do they help provide seasonal fruits and vegetable for

pennies on the dollar, but using canned foods saves preparation time by skipping the cleaning, chopping, and cooking. Ward believes using canned vegetables—especially vegetables that are timely to prepare, such as artichokes—can simplify cooking, noting, “I probably wouldn’t

eat artichokes if they weren’t cleaned and cut up in a can.”

What You Should Know: Nothing lasts forever, even canned foods in your pantry; most are good for about one year. Check the “best by” date to make sure your canned foods are at their best.

Everybody's Favorite Chili

Ingredients:

- 1 lb 95% lean ground beef
- Salt and pepper as desired
- 2 tbsp olive or canola oil
- 4 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- ½ tsp ground cumin



- 2 15-oz cans reduced sodium beans (i.e., black or kidney) rinsed, drained.
- 28-oz can no-salt added diced tomatoes, undrained

Instructions:

1. Place a 6-quart saucepan over medium-high heat.
2. Add the meat and brown, breaking it up into very small pieces as it cooks.
3. Remove the meat from the pan, drain and season with salt and ground black pepper, if desired. Set aside.
4. Return the empty pan to the stove. Add oil and heat over medium. Add garlic, onion and peppers and cook until soft, about 5 minutes. Add reserved meat and stir in beans, tomatoes and cumin. Heat to boiling, then reduce heat and simmer for 10 to 15 minutes.

Nutritional Information:

286 calories, 29g carbohydrates, 9g fiber, 2g fat, 25g protein, 331mg sodium

Recipe courtesy of Elizabeth Ward, RD



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The outpatient program strives to meet the needs of the Anishinabek population of children, adolescents, adults and the elderly through the delivery of integrated services. This program is guided by ideals and principles that are reflective of the Anishinabek values and beliefs.

There are many reasons why an individual may need mental health counseling. He or she may have a chemical imbalance that is making it difficult to function, which can be aided through drugs but may also require some form of talk therapy. There may be unresolved trauma that is plaguing an individual. In nearly any case where a psychological issue is making daily functioning a problem, mental health counseling can help.

- Individual Adult Counseling & Couples Therapy
- Early Recovery Skills/Basic Education Group
- Individual Child & Adolescent Counseling
- Anger Management Education
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Batterers’ Intervention Group
- Transitional Supportive Living
- Anger Management Group
- Anishinabek Helping Healer
- Traditional Practitioner
- Gambling Addiction Counseling
- Adolescent Substance Abuse Group
- Parent Counseling
- Group Counseling
- DBT Group
- Family Counseling
- Women’s Support Group
- Case Management Services
- Psychiatric Services
- School-Based Counseling

Residential Services

Located in the heart of the Isabella Reservation, we offer community-based programs catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin a journey to recovery. Programming is based on the twelve steps and incorporates the cultural and traditional process. Residents are exposed to the Ojibwe language, ceremonies, Native values and historical contexts through our cultural curriculum which is supported by our clinical approaches.

Program Goals:

- Promote balance and harmony within individuals and the community.
- Provide services aimed at reducing personal, family, social, physical, emotional and spiritual distress to individuals.
- Provide an environment that is met with honesty, humility, love, truthfulness, bravery, respect and wisdom.
- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients’ activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan “Under the Eagle Wing”

The purpose of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan’s domestic violence program is to assist those affected by domestic violence in finding another path without abuse.

Individual needs will be addressed by utilizing emergency transportation to other shelters and case management services. We are dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of families victimized by violence. In order to achieve balance and independence, we as a community, need to re-establish a support network of services and resources.

The domestic violence services are open to anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

- Batterers’ Intervention Program
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Our District One Tribal Elders speak on the importance of education

(Editor's note: The Elders Advisory Board recently participated in a discussion regarding the importance of Tribal students staying in school and to further their education for insuring the best possible future for the Tribe. The brief comments from the EAB members were given to the Tribal Observer.)



SCIT Tribal Elder Cynthia Floyd

"In the future, a person needs and has to have an education to get a decent paying job. Tribal children are the future and we need them to continue to learn to make good decision for all of us."



SCIT Tribal Elder Dennis Kequom

"I would like to mention to our Tribal students: Please do not depend on a future of per capita payments. I could see this coming when I served as Tribal Chief that it would be necessary to make reductions of per capita. The way things look now, the payments won't be dependable after a couple of years. You will have to get a job to survive and education will help you achieve that. I went to school and learned a vocation in maintenance as a shop fabricator. Working in the technical skilled trades, I earned a journeyman card and that's something you can always depend on."

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SCIT Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick

"I recently had an opportunity to join Coach Kevin Ricketts to speak with students about the importance of having career goals and continuing their education. The dialogue was good and the two students we spoke to were receptive of visiting both the SCIT I.T. department and Delta College production facilities to see what is available to start themselves on a career in web development and broadcast/cinematic arts."

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SCIT Tribal Elder Terry Bonnau

"An education (unlike per-cap) can never be taken away from you. Education is something a person can depend on and will always be a part of their future. It will aid you in establishing life's goals and help to develop a career. So I recommend to the youth of our Tribe to stay in school and work towards a career you will love."



SCIT Tribal Elder Dave Anderson

"We need our students to stay in school and make the most you can of your education! The future of our Tribe is in their hands."



SCIT Tribal Elder Marie Kequom

"I want all of our students to complete your education. Pick out a goal on what you want to be: A doctor, attorney, teacher, etc. There are so many different jobs we have in the Tribe and we need you. Aim your education towards what you want to be."



SCIT Tribal Elder Carole Tally

"Education is so important. Our mind is the most important tool we need of our future. As you are thinking about this, start looking for the importance of what you desire to do for your future. It is important that positive goals are set. I need to focus on my Tribe and what I can do for my Tribe."

APRIL 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Willard Chapoton III, David James, Carla Sineway | 16 Debra House, Russell Stevens |
| 2 Mike Frank | 17 Jon Bennett Jr., Wanda Lautner |
| 3 Peggy Harris, Laura Yoder, Sharon Matthews, Robert Sharon, Christine Bird, William Bouck, Mary North | 18 Zilda Jackson |
| 4 Nathan Childers, Judy Jackson, Donald Weaver Jr. | 19 Kermit Paul Jr. |
| 5 Domonic Stone, Barbara Poulos, Westbrook Shawboose | 20 Terry Schmitzer, Henriette Steele |
| 6 Shelly Rickert, Mary Russell | 21 Raymond Cloutier, Theron Fisher |
| 7 Daniel Fowler, Roberto Martinez | 22 David Bennett, Charles Benz, Ethel Lingford |
| 8 Francis Douglas, Eleanore VanHorn, Daniel Lingford | 23 Lawrence Nahgahgwon Jr., Diana Trepanier, Steven Weaver |
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Case Management offered to SCIT Elders

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services is available to aid Tribal Elders in many areas of their lives. We not only focus on the physical wellbeing of members, we strive to alleviate any stressors that might come with age and time. This could involve care giver support, budgeting, questions about your medical insurance, or how to utilize other tribal department resources or outside resources.

Andahwod has been a resource to community members for several years. Now is

a great time to utilize all we have to offer you.

Case management involves an Elder and/or an Elder with their family, working together with the Case Management team to come to the best options for you. We can assess your current situation, set up a plan that works best for you, and follow your progress over time.

Case Manager Julie Pego and BSW Intern Felicia McCrary are willing to sit down with you and work on different tasks you might have.

If you have a question dealing with insurance, Andahwod is a safe place to ask those questions. Anything related to

setting up a budget could be brought here as well.

Andahwod has access to many other resources that might be online or in books that can provide even more solutions to tackle those tedious tasks. We are here to assist you in finding your best path and get you motivated towards your goals. The best part about working with Andahwod is the support and advocacy available to you so that you don't have to face these difficulties alone.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call **989-775-4300** to schedule an appointment today!

Andahwod April Events

Euchre

Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Language Bingo

April 2 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Jewelry with Kay

April 7 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Easter Brunch

April 8 at 9 a.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Bingo with Friends

April 15 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Spring Fling

April 11 at 6 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4302

- Music, games, photos, prizes, dancing, treats and more!
- Tickets are \$5 per person. Tickets required for entry.
- Each ticket is an entry into the raffle for a cash prize.

Elders Breakfast

April 22 from 9-10 a.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

- All SCIT Tribal Member Elders from all districts can enjoy a free breakfast

Bean Bag Toss

April 22 at 6 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

****Activities and events are subject to change**



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APRIL 2015 EVENT PLANNER

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-3742
 • Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

Girls Youth Group

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 989-775-4021

Men's Meeting

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214
 • Open communication, talking circle
 • For adults and young men (6th grade and older)

Grandmother Moon and Waywaybinigay Bundle Ceremony

April 3 | Bundle teaching 4 - 7 p.m., Ceremony 8 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4879

SCTC Career Opportunity Day

April 10 | 3 - 5 p.m.
 • Location: SCTC, East Building
 • Contact: 989-775-4123

Family Spirit Support Group

April 15 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4616

Housing Financial Workshop

April 16 | 12 p.m.
 • Location: Housing Conference Room
 • Contact: 989-775-4552

Anishnaabemowin Mnookimi Bingo

April 16 | 6 - 7 p.m.
 • Location: 7th Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4126
 • ALRD will be hosting a concession stand to raise funds
 • Sponsored by SCTC and ALRD

Stop the Silence: Sexual Assault Awareness Concert

April 17 | 6:30 - 11 p.m.
 • Location: SECR Entertainment Hall
 • Contact: 989-775-4400
 • Free event, multiple prizes and giveaways.
 • Local programs and businesses will be present with resource tables.
 • Featuring live musical performances by eight bands.

Women's Support Group

April 21 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4896
 • Pot roast dinner

Community Rx Drug Drop-off

April 24 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Between Cardinal Pharmacy and Sagamok Shell
 • Contact: 989-944-0495
 • Drop-off unused and expired prescription drugs.
 • Drawings for prizes will be held for those who drop-off.

Lacrosse Practice

April 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 989-775-4522

Denim Day
 Presented by Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan
April 29, 2015

Wear your jeans in support of Survivors and end victim blaming!

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. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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 | APRIL 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SECR Payroll SCIT Per Capita SCIT Payroll Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 		1 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Teachings Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	2 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	3 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. Grandmother Moon B. Health 8 p.m.	4 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 5 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
6 Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. M-Step Parent Practice Tribal Education 9 - 11 a.m.	7 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	8 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Jack & Mary Pine 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	9 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Jack & Mary Pine 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	10 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	11 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 12 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
13 Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Youth Self-Esteem Workshop 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	14 Donnie Dowd: Sweat Lodge B. Health 6 - 10 p.m. Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	15 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Donnie Dowd B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	16 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	17 Tribal Observer Deadline 3 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	18 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 19 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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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

Leadership Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process.

Bus Driver – Part Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must meet the minimum requirements for a school bus driver as defined by the State of Michigan; Must be at least 21 years old.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Must be a licensed registered nurse (BSN preferred), with at least one year of long term care experience. One year of supervisory experience in a long term care setting preferred. Knowledge of and/or willingness to learn about and under-

stand the Tribal community and outside systems is required.

Support Services Technician II

Open to the public. Must have three or more years Information Technology help desk experience or four year IT-related degree and one year IT-related experience. Provide Level II help desk and field support.

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teaching Certification. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

Applications Support Specialist I

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and/or current employees who work in the Information Technology department may apply. Two plus years IT applications/software experience or four year IT related degree and one year IT related experience or four year IT related degree and one year gaming/hospitality experience

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated

fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Academic Skills

Specialist: English SCTC

Master's degree in adult education, writing, or English with an emphasis in reading and writing. 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.

Seasonal Garden Worker Seventh Generation

Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Applicant must have experience with all farming equipment including tractor, bush hog, rototiller, cultivator, plow and disk. Applicant must have the desire to work outside and withstand different climate changes.

Maintenance Worker

Public Works Part-Time

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must possess a valid Michigan driver's license and ability to acquire a Tribal driver's license. Requires working experience of mechanical equipment, plumbing skills, electrical troubleshooting, and construction skills. Must be able to work with little or no supervision, given proper instructions. The ability to perform manual labor for an extended period of time and under adverse climatic conditions. General knowledge of various types of equipment used in building trades.

Treasury Investment Manager, Treasury

CPA or master's degree in finance or accounting with four years experience in cash management and investing. Must have knowledge and demonstrate experience in working with investments and cash management activities. Must have excellent computer experience using a variety of software packages; excel spreadsheets, word processing, etc. Must possess strong analytical skills, inter-personal skills and communication skills. Ability to manage multiple tasks and work under pressure, to meet critical deadlines is essential. Must be honest and confidential.

Tribal Court Business Manager

Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field with at least four years of experience with Tribal Court procedures, statistics, and operations. Must be familiar with child support calculations and software.

Must have an understanding of intermediary accounting practices. Must have advanced computer skills and ability to deal with confidential and sensitive issues. Must be certified or ability to become certified to administer buccal swab paternity tests. Native American preferred.

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 and count managerial experience. Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to maintain effective communication.

Security Part-Time

Open to the public. Open April 1, 2015 – Until position filled.

Finance Cashier Part-Time

Open to the public. Open April 1, 2015 – Until position filled.

Finance Cashier Full-Time

Open to the public. Open April 1, 2015 – Until position filled.

Accounting Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or business with accounting minor, or MBA in accounting. Five to six years experience in the gaming

industry. Must have extensive experience in accounting software systems. Strong working knowledge of GAAP principals related to the resort industry.

100 Employment

Tradesmen International

Tradesmen International is hiring Electrical Apprentices for full time work in Mid Michigan area, Tradesmen is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Applicants must have 2 to 3 years of experience in the trade, have a valid driver's license, able to pass a criminal background check, possess verifiable references, and the basic trade tools please fax resume to 989-837-8767.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF JONATHAN HAWKINS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0285 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: Jonathan Hawkins 402 Larry Place Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires May 7, 2015.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF RALPH STEELE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 15-CI-0029 Plaintiff Check & Cash USA, LLC 100 S. Mission St. Unit H, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 (989) 775-2000 Vs. Ralph Steele 8245 E. Baseline Rd. 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 Ralph Steele at defendant's last known address by ordinary mail before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be files with the court. **This summons expires July 19, 2015.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTOPHER HARTWELL :

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 14-CI-0786 Plaintiff: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan: Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department 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 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4137 vs. Defendants: Christopher Hartwell 6141 E. Broadway Rd. 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 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 May 13, 2015.**



Miles of smiles make for family-friendly fun at Seventh Generation Baby Celebration

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There were miles of smiles as laughter and excitement mingled together as a packed house of friends and family came to the Jan. 29 Baby Celebration at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center (7957 E. Remus Rd.) in Mount Pleasant on the Reservation.

Seventh Generation Director Milton “Beaver” Pelcher gave the opening prayer and welcomed the gathering of new parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles along with the community members.

Pelcher shared the mission of Seventh Generation is to

“enrich the lives of the Tribal community and our neighbors by promoting and perpetuating the Seventh Generation philosophy through ceremonies, cultural knowledge, wisdom and our relationship to the environment.”

Five departments were able to unite and welcome new little ones to the community through traditional culture.

Seventh Generation Administrative Assistant II Lee Ann Ruffino took family pictures to insert them in the handmade cedar feathers made by Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon.

“The Elijah Elk Cultural Center offers a wide variety of fun and educational programs for our friends and neighbors every week,” Ruffino said. “With over 20 years of experience in designing unique and fun hands-on cultural programs, Seventh Generation offers both adults and children a memorable cultural experience that will entertain and awaken their appreciation of Ojibwe Culture.”

Nimkee Maternal Nurse Anna Hon said this was the 30th bi-annual baby celebration she has personally been involved in.

“Each year, I think we can never outdo this celebration, but I am wrong each



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

First Nations Canada Anishinabe Kwe Marlene Syrette shares her story of motherhood and why we celebrate our little ones.

time,” Hon said. “The Nimkee Healthy Start Program is privileged and honored to be a small part of this spiritual event. In keeping with our goals for a healthier community, the committee was in agreement that we needed a message of hope for our families who are dealing with all types of addictions. That is why we invited our keynote speaker Marlene Syrette from Batchewana Bay First Nations Canada.”

While Hon and the committee agree there is no secret many families are struggling with some form of addiction, Syrette shared a motherly message of hope to overcome these struggles through spirituality and love.

The Nimkee Healthy Start Program and Seventh Generation staff provided a delicious, nutritional turkey dinner. Some of the objectives of the program are to improve birth outcomes for American Indians, lower levels of stress for families, and provide greater levels of comfort in accessing and using services for American Indians.

The Baby Celebration event helps lower some of the stress by providing families with very generous donations from departments like Tribal Library, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS), Behavioral Health, Nimkee Healthy Start and Seventh Generation.”



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Proud dad Jordan D'Artagnan and Grandmother Julie Whitepigeon share a moment with twins Madison and McKenzie.



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The Mino Ode' Singers offer a hand drum song for the biinoojins.

Fellow Nimkee Maternal Nurse Helen Williams was also on hand to assist in the celebration.

“It was wonderful to see all of the families and their babies gather together to celebrate a gift that is more precious than any other gift on earth; babies,” Williams said. “As a Healthy Start nurse, this celebration is outstanding

because we get to interact with the family as a complete circle of life. Grandparents, parents, foster parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings all gathered for the purpose of celebrating the birth of the children. Listening to the laughter and seeing everyone admiring and meeting the new babies is amazing...”



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Tribal Elder Sandy Smith made sure every baby received a celebratory blanket.



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Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Domestic Violence Support Specialist Amanda Brock and Jennifer Lindstrom remind children “There is no excuse for domestic abuse.”



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Seventh Generation Tribal Artisan Ben Hinmon crafted special cedar wood feather frames for the baby pictures taken by photographer Lee Ann Ruffino.



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Mom Samantha Jackson enjoys showing Mitchell Jackson Jr. the festivities.



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Sharon Skutt is happy to hold “her pumpkin boy” Isiah Skutt.



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It’s easy for her son to look up to his mom, Aimee Bird.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Ajaina Keshick poses with her bright-eyed boy.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Gayla Keshick is all smiles as she holds her grandson.