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## Community properly disposes prescription drugs during second Tribal RX Drop-Off

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Second time's a charm for the Tribal Community RX Drug Drop-off, held between Cardinal Pharmacy and Sagamok Shell on Friday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The spring cleaning drug drop-off event was a community-wide collaboration to properly dispose of expired or unused prescription drugs.

Also available for drop-off were any pet medications, as well as syringes; a sharps container was on site.

The first Tribal drug drop-off in November was a successful run.

This time, Youth LEAD Diversion: Youth Support Coach Kevin Ricketts, Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez and Youth Alternatives Worker Alice Jo Ricketts coordinated the event, and received support from several Tribal departments: Behavioral Health, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police, Cardinal Pharmacy, Migizi Economic Development Co., and Nimkee

Memorial Wellness Center and numerous outside businesses.

"The first drug drop-off in November was a trial; it was the first time the Tribe has ever hosted that type of event," said Coach Ricketts. "It was in cold weather, and we didn't know what to expect. We successfully collected 26 pounds in only four hours and many people asked for the event to happen again. Youth LEAD Diversion decided spring break was the perfect time to host another."

The second occurrence became larger than the trial run.

Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey weighed the overall quantity of drugs dropped off.

"A total of 17.95 pounds of pills were dropped off, with an additional seven pounds of liquid-based prescription drugs, and 15 pounds of epi pen and needles; totaling about 40 pounds all together," Bailey said.

Along with Tribal Police, Mount Pleasant Police and Michigan State Police were present.

"I think the event went great," said Mount Pleasant Police



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Mount Pleasant Police Public Information Officer Jeff Browne, Tribal Sergeant Scott Bailey, Youth Support Coach Kevin Ricketts, Youth Alternative Worker Alice Jo Ricketts and Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates pose with the drop-off end results.**

Public Information Officer Jeff Browne. "I don't think we can measure the success of the event in terms of pounds of items taken in. I think we need to look at the educational/awareness part as well. Teaching people the dangers of prescription medications, and how harmful it can be to the environment, if disposed of in an improper way, is important, too."

Tribal Senior Judge Patrick Shannon said he sees a lot of

court cases dealing with a combination of heroin and prescription drug abuse.

"Drug usage is so much broader today than it was 30 years ago," Shannon said. "At that time, we really just had the influence of crack cocaine coming in, marijuana, LSD... the access to opiates, either prescription or otherwise, really opened up some doors."

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## Tribal Council supports "Pillars of the Community" Committee project

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

A 2015 grassroots fundraising effort marks the 50th anniversary of Community Memorial Stadium in Mount Pleasant and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council received an informative PowerPoint presentation from the Pillars of the Community Committee (PCC) featuring the 50 years of sporting events and memories associated with the facility.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier introduced PCC Members Jim

Binder, Rick McGuirk and Josh Wheaton to Tribal government leaders and administration during a March 4 Council/PR staff update.

In his presentation, Wheaton informed Tribal Council the goal of The Pillars of the Community Stadium Improvement Project is to raise \$750,000 and provide the funds to 1) resurface the field at Community Memorial Stadium with a modern synthetic turf surface, 2) update long jump, pole vault, and high jump locations and 3) update ticket entrances to the stadium.

"In addition to those fundraising efforts, other proposals

to raise funds include building a brick wall in the stadium by utilizing bricks purchased by donors," Wheaton said. "Individual donors can engrave their brick to honor a loved one or to show their support or the support of their family through this much needed effort. The main pillars along the wall would be available for purchase by larger or corporate donors."

Binder said additional stadium improvement funds will be raised through advertisements within the stadium and future brick purchases. Binder highlighted that

Pillars of the Community is recognized as a Michigan 501-C3 nonprofit organization. He also views significant financial and environmental advantages of converting the stadium to synthetic turf.

"There would be lower maintenance costs because synthetic turf is commonly made of recycled materials," he said. "There is also reduced labor costs related to field maintenance and equipment and the fact that turf requires no mowing, which helps eliminate fuel and labor costs.

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## A message from SCIT Public Relations

With close to half of the Membership surveys returned since April, there is still time to turn in your survey. You still have a chance to have your voice heard and to weigh in on these important decisions.

Please return your surveys as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier at (989) 775-4076 or FCloutier@sagchip.org, or PR Manager Marcella Hadden at (989) 775-4059 or Mahadden@sagchip.org.



## Stacy Jo Johnson

June 9, 1979 - April 8, 2015

Stacy Jo Johnson, age 35, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Covenant HealthCare in Saginaw, Mich. surrounded by her family and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment followed at the Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society.

Stacy was born June 9, 1979 in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Joe Johnson and Jeanette Leauteaux. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and formerly worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in guest services. Stacy owned her own business selling fireworks at Chippewa Fireworks. She had a great love for animals.

Stacy is survived by her children, Adrianna and Hunter Letts and their siblings, Sandy and Katelyn Pelcher; parents, Joe Johnson and Jeanette (Dan Metalla) Leauteaux; sister, Tracy (Rafael) Terrill-Leathers; brother, Joe James Johnson II; nephews, Jason and Steven Kopke; nieces, Sydnee Kopke and Jasmine and Isabelle Terrill-Leathers; and a very special friend, James Hendrickson.

Stacy was preceded in death by both grandparents; uncles, Bill Johnson, Dave Johnson, Michael Johnson, Elijah Leauteaux, and Jim Floyd; aunt, Linda Johnson; cousins, Oliver "Ollie" Leauteaux Jr., Brian Leauteaux, Makis Leauteaux, and April Leauteaux; and special friends, Timothy Bernard Gardner and Johnny Wilson.



## The family of Stacy Jo Johnson

Would like to thank everyone who supported us during our time of loss. Many people stopped by with food and words of comfort; others donated in Stacy's memory to HATS. We had many people who volunteered their time by tending the fire and donating firewood. We also received many beautiful flowers and plants from friends and family. Once again thank you for the kindness you have shown.

## For Mildred M. Nahgahgwon on Mother's Day

Mom,  
It's been a long five years since you continued on your life's journey. You are missed each and every day. All your friends and family miss your smile and the love you gave to everyone. We miss your kindness and your heartfelt love for life.



We miss you.  
Gilbert and Marion



**The Native Farmers Market**  
Every Wednesday Starting  
June 3 - Oct. 14, 2015  
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Items For Sale

Seasonal produce, flowers, fish, wild rice, honey and maple syrup

### Native American

Handmade arts, crafts & supplies

### LOCATION:

June 3 - Aug. 12 | Broadway Housing Pavilion  
Aug. 19 - Oct. 14 | Northeast Corner of Leaton and Broadway

7070 East Broadway | Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

For questions and registration forms, please contact: Marcella Hadden, Interim Market Master at 989.775.4059

## Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

### 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

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

## 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 Leauteaux at 989.775.4135 or email [saleauteaux@sagchip.org](mailto:saleauteaux@sagchip.org)

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**Tribal police are cracking down. Don't drink and drive.**

BIA Office of Justice Services  
Indian Highway Safety Program

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**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  
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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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

## HEY FRIENDS!

**- ALERT -**  
NEW HOURS COMING SOON!

**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

## 2015 Powwow Date Change

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

## 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

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



## Attention youth: Tribal employment opportunities

**LOUANNA BRUNER**

Anishinabe Workforce Developer

Spring is here, which means summer is right around the corner! What are your plans for the summer?

Now is the time for youth to take advantage of employment opportunities. If you are a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and are between the ages 14 -18, then you are qualified for summer youth employment.

This year, 57 positions are available through the Summer Youth Worker Program. Positions are placed in various departments throughout Tribal Operations, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. The purpose of this program is to offer Tribal youth employment and gain valuable work experience.

Employment starts June 22, 2015. Summer youth workers will be able to work part time for eight weeks.



Look for the job postings this month. All of the Tribe's job postings can be accessed through the Tribal website: [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org).

I strongly encourage any youth interested in participating to visit the Anishinabe Workforce Development office in Human Resources. The Anishinabe Workforce Developer can assist you with the new online application process, create resumes and prepare you for the interview process. Please call Louanna Bruner at 989-775-0053 to set up an appointment.



Goldie River Stanton  
**Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**Karate Boy!**  
*Love, Mom & Dad*



**Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Sis!**

*Keep pushing through life and you will be just fine!*

**I love you more!**  
*Love, Mom*



**Happy Birthday**

**Mom!**

*Love, your family*



We want everyone to know that we have the absolute best, most amazing, loving, & beautiful Nana there ever was!

**Happy Mother's Day to one fabulous Nana,**

*Lots of love from your girls -Kearnin & Rylee.*

## Drug drop-off

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"We have a flooding of heroin into the U.S.," he said. "It's not just here, it's everywhere. Every small community in Michigan, the Midwest, across the country, and even the Upper Peninsula has an opiate problem. And it kills people."

Browne explains the significance of proper drug disposal.

"It's important to the community to properly dispose of their unused prescription drugs because of the environmental hazards it causes... such as water supply and contaminating our soil," Browne said. "It helps our local community by making it harder for prescriptions to fall into the wrong hands and be misused, or even preventing someone from losing their life."

Judge Shannon also explains why individuals should discard their unused or expired prescription drugs.

"It limits access and safety; you don't want (prescription drugs) in the house because you don't want people trying to break in and get them, you also don't want to dispose of them down toilets, either," Shannon said. "About 30 years ago, the issue was environmental; it wasn't so much about drug abuse and prevention... the water quality was a major concern; now, that is secondary to drug abuse."

Those who dropped off their prescription drugs were entered in a raffle to win numerous gifts: An overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel with waterpark passes, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert tickets, gas cards and Cardinal Pharmacy gift baskets.

My 104.3, 103 FM country, 95.3 WCFX, 98.5 UPS, WMMI 830 AM, Fox 32 News, 9&10 News, Ten 16



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Attendee, Jan, hands Mount Pleasant Police Public Information Officer Jeff Browne her prescription drugs to drop off, while Tribal Sergeant Scott Bailey dumps pills into the disposal bucket.**

Recovery Network, Central Michigan District Health Department and Mount Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce were major sponsors for this event.

"I would like to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Public Relations department for their support," Coach Ricketts said. "Also, thank you to all of the community members, Tribal departments, sponsors and volunteers for making this event possible."

Mount Pleasant Walgreens, Mission Pharmacy, and Nimkee Pharmacy distributed the event flyer in customers' outgoing prescriptions to promote the event.

According to Coach Ricketts, another drug drop-off may be scheduled in the early fall.

## Pillars of the Community

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The conversion would also be environmentally friendly, eliminating costs for fertilizers and pesticides which will reduce the chance of contaminating groundwater. Synthetic turf also means no required watering, which results in a savings of water and energy costs."

The stadium was built in 1965, through an agreement between Mount Pleasant Public Schools and Sacred Heart Academy. Construction for the stadium was funded through the efforts of the Mount Pleasant community without the use of tax support or governmental funding.

In 1965, the stadium was used solely by the football and track programs of MPHS and SHA. Today many other organizations, teams, and events could benefit from the stadium. The current surface which was originally planned to only host football and

marching bands, however, cannot withstand the increased usage these events would require.

Additional synthetic turf benefits would be organizations (such as the band, soccer teams, and youth football) would now have safe and consistent conditions for games and practices throughout the playing season. The upgrade would also allow physical education classes to be held outdoors on the field.

McGuirk can visualize a return on the community investment.

"This investment would mean Community Memorial Stadium would qualify for the hosting of official MHSAA events," McGuirk said. "This would be a draw for the Tribe and the Council would be able to see the immediate impact in increased revenue. This would be a positive economic impact on local businesses due to visitors coming to our community for events at the stadium."

For more details, to make a donation, or to order a brick, please visit [www.pillarsforturf.com](http://www.pillarsforturf.com).

## MIEAS Delegate Vacancies

Michigan Indian Elders Association

Interested Elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- At least 50 years old
- SCIT Member
- District One
- Represent SCIT Elders at quarterly meetings

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a delegate for MIEA, please submit a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to:

Andahwod CCC & ES  
2910 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Deadline:  
May 29, 2015

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300  
For information on the MIEA: [www.michiganindianelders.org](http://www.michiganindianelders.org)



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Name of Graduate  
Name of School

**College**

Name of Graduate  
Field of Study  
Name of School

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[observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org)

**Due by May 18, 2015**



## Tribal Council

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- Council Member**  
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- Council Member**  
Chip Neyome, District 1
- Council Member**  
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- Council Member**  
Michele Stanley, District 3

## SCIT Powwow logo contest winners

### CRAIG GRAVERATTE

SCIT Powwow Committee Member

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee held its annual logo contest to determine the design for this year's powwow T-shirts. The logo is designed around this year's theme of "Honoring the Water."

The Powwow Committee met Friday, April 10 to select winners from the 19 entries from Tribal and community members.

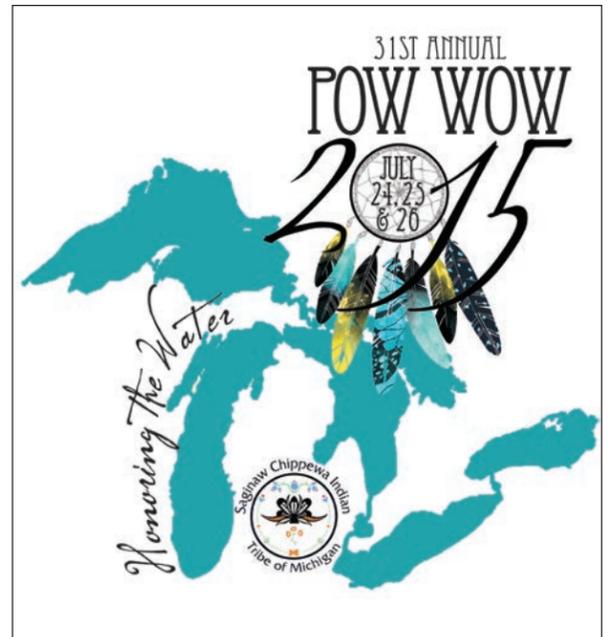
It was a tough decision and the committee selected the top three designs.

The first place winner is Amy Motz, she will receive \$200, along with a hoodie/T-shirt with her design on this year's shirts.

Second place goes to Culver Judson who will receive \$30, along with this year's powwow T-shirt. Third place went to Joe Syrette who will receive \$20 and the T-shirt.

The committee is deciding on this year's hoodie and T-shirt colors.

We would like to thank all of the contest participants, encourage you to continue with your artwork designs and hope to see your submissions for next year's contest.



The first place 2015 SCIT Powwow logo was designed by Amy Motz.

## 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.



## "Citizen scientists" needed to report Michigan reptile and amphibian sightings

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Heather Shaw, wildlife biologist for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, is suggesting residents of tribal, public or private land report any sightings of reptiles or amphibians to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Michigan DNR is calling all "citizen scientists" to help collect vital information about Michigan's turtles, frogs, toads, snakes, salamanders, lizards, etc. to the Herp Atlas Project.

The Herp Atlas Project is the first statewide inventory of reptiles and amphibians ever conducted in Michigan. It documents the distribution of Michigan's amphibians and reptiles, known as herpetofauna or "herps."

"Participating in citizen science is a great learning opportunity for all ages," Shaw said. "Reporting information on reptiles and amphibians in the spring helps citizens learn how to identify local species in their own backyard."

"Citizen science is research conducted by amateur scientists," she said. "This is an exciting growing trend among several agencies and organizations that have large amounts of data to collect and may be limited by time or funds."

The project is managed by Herpetological Resource and Management. Citizen scientists can enter their sightings online at [mherpatlas.org](http://mherpatlas.org). The website also includes directions for the mobile application available for download.

"We need information on all species, no matter how common or rare they are," said Herp Atlas Project Coordinator Lori Sargent in a press release.

Although local surveys have been performed in several areas, the Herp Atlas is conducted throughout multiple years. Species observations and data will continue to be collected and mapped to evaluate species' distribution throughout Michigan.

"With continued effort, we can document changes in herp populations," Sargent said.

In addition to [mherpatlas.org](http://mherpatlas.org), submission instructions can be obtained by emailing [SargentL@michigan.gov](mailto:SargentL@michigan.gov), calling 517-284-6216 or writing DNR Wildlife Division, Herp Atlas, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909.

Observations must be verified by a knowledgeable source or by submission of a photo or audio recording. Animals should NOT be killed for the purpose of identification.

"Amphibians are especially sensitive to changes in the environment; pollution, contaminants, disease, etc.," Shaw said. "As such, their presence is a great indication of a healthy ecosystem. Managers can then take this information and incorporate it into focal areas for restoration."

Citizen scientists are encouraged to attend the Herp Atlas Project's first "Herpathon", a volunteer event to help identify reptiles and amphibians on Saturday, May 16 at Port Sheldon Natural Area in Ottawa County. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, visit [www.miottawa.org/Parks](http://www.miottawa.org/Parks) or call 616-786-4847.

## Tribal Observer

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

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

### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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## Fairbanks offers heartfelt letter of thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On Feb. 11, Anthony Fairbanks enjoyed some Saginaw Chippewa hospitality as the superintendent for the Little Wound School District in Kyle, S.D. toured many Tribal facilities and met in Council Chambers with Tribal Council.

Fairbanks is an Ojibwe from the Red Lake and White Earth Indian Reservations of Minnesota and a former Central Michigan University football player. During his CMU athletic career, Fairbanks played on two Mid-American Conference Championship teams in 1979 and 1980.

He was recently selected as the honorary captain at the

Oct. 4, 2014 CMU football game against Ohio University.

An advocate of education for more than 30 years, Fairbanks previously served as superintendent for the Laguna Department of Education, an assistant professor for New Mexico State University, Native American development specialist for the University of Wisconsin, elementary school principal, dean of students, middle and high school football coach, consultant to the Blandin Foundation and executive director of the American Heart Association for Montana and Alaska.

Fairbanks referenced the warm reception he received from the Tribal community during his stay sent Tribal Council a letter of gratitude.

March 25, 2015

Dear Tribal Council Members,

*Thank you for the warm reception during my visit to Mount Pleasant last month. I appreciated the opportunity to meet you and I enjoyed our dialogue.*

*As highlighted within our conversation, my compliments to you as the Tribal leaders for all the work you do. Your positive and supportive leadership as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council is outstanding within the Mount Pleasant community and your outreach efforts are second to none.*

*I greatly appreciated the tour of your Nimkee Wellness and Medical Clinic as well. I wish*



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Anthony Fairbanks is honored with a quillbox basket from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. (Pictured left to right: Chip Neyome, Jennifer Wassegijig, Shelly Bailey, Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call, Tim Davis, Chief Steven Pego, Fairbanks, Julius Peters, Delmar Jackson Sr. and Sandy Sprague.)**

*I could have stayed longer for a more extensive visit, but perhaps there will be another time within the near future.*

*Thank you also for the gifts presented to me as well. It was truly an honor to receive such traditional and meaningful gifts.*

*Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do for you or if you have any activities or programs I can be of assistance.*

Sincerely,  
Anthony Fairbanks

## “Honor the Earth” Director Winona LaDuke pays Tribal Council a visit

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Winona LaDuke, American activist, environmentalist, economist, and writer known for her work on tribal lands claim, preservation and sustainable development, paid a visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council on Thursday, April 16.

LaDuke is the “Honor the Earth” executive director. According to honorearth.org, Honor the Earth creates awareness and support for Native environmental issues and develops needed financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Native American activist and “Honor the Earth” Executive Director Winona LaDuke (fourth from the left) paid a visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council on Thursday, April 16 to discuss fracking.**

communities. These resources are developed by using music, the arts, the media, and Indigenous wisdom to ask people to recognize the joint

dependency on Earth and be a voice for those not heard.

Tribal Council previously donated \$1,500 to LaDuke for an Honor the Earth contribution.

On her way to Grand Traverse to discuss awareness of pipeline fracking, LaDuke visited Council to thank them for the donation and to give updates on her development.

LaDuke discussed facing pipelines and oil barrels placed within her tribe, and the fact oil barrels are headed to Michigan in the future.

“The reason I’m here is you are far away from my reservation, but the (pipeline) problem is coming here,” LaDuke said. “What’s going on in my reservation will affect you all.”

LaDuke plans to horseback ride along the pipeline route. This will be her third year

riding. She encouraged SCIT Members to join, and a horse and wagon is needed. She said the ride is scheduled the last week of August into September.

After the thank you and presentation, Chief Steven Pego honored LaDuke with a Pendleton blanket containing the SCIT logo.

LaDuke is an Anishinaabekwe enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg. She lives and works on White Earth Reservations in Minnesota. In 1999 and 2000, LaDuke ran as the vice-presidential candidate with Ralph Nader on the Green Party of the United States ticket.

## New pavilion for the Native Farmers Market coming in August 2015

**MARCELLA HADDEN**

Public Relations Manager

As you may know, a new pavilion will be built for the Saginaw Chippewa Native Farmers Market on the Isabella Reservation. This was made possible through a USDA Rural Development grant of \$200,000.

The project completion date is scheduled for Aug. 19 and will be

built on the corner of Broadway and Leaton roads. Until then, the market will be held at the Housing Pavilion on Broadway.

The market is scheduled for every Wednesday starting June 3, 2015, and will end on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015, at the new location. The market will start at 10 a.m. and end by 2 p.m. However, some vendors may keep longer hours.

The goal of the Native Farmers Market is to provide fresh seasonal and locally grown produce to the community. Items such as honey, maple syrup, wild rice and eggs will be available, and the list will grow as the market continues to expand.

This year, we will again be allowing the sale of jams and bottled goods as long as it is in compliance with the State

Cottage Foods Industry Law. This involves having a printed label on the food stating that the food is “made in a facility not inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development.”

The Native Farmer’s Market is a member of MIFMA (Michigan Farmer’s Market Association). To find other markets in Michigan, please visit: [www.mifma.org](http://www.mifma.org).

The market is currently seeking Native American artisans to sell their art. This is what will make the market unique. Remember that art is different from crafts. Interested vendors and/or community members who want be part of the committee, can contact Marcella Hadden, public relations manager at **989-775-4059**.

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## Eighth annual Round Dance delivers strong Anishinaabe message

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance has built a reputation that is well known by people far and wide as the one round dance in the area that does things as close to the originals as possible.

On March 13-14, the drummers, singers, round dancers, vendors and family delivered a strong message of tradition and culture and what it means to be Anishinaabe.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin Teachers Nathan Isaac, Aaron Chivis, "Bud" Day and Matthew "Cub" Sprague joined their Nijj, Stickman Joe Syrette, as they coordinated the community gathering.

"On Saturday night, we began with a pipe ceremony and feast," Isaac said. "The feast was placed upon the floor on the color red. This is also done during traditional spirit feasts. The color red represents our mother, the Earth. The food is placed upon her as these gifts of food all came from her. The food was smudged, a spirit plate was made and Tribal Elder George Martin was given semaa to speak for the food. As the planning team and organizers, we wanted the feast to be a highlighted point in the evening. We wanted to demonstrate points of the traditional spirit feast. The round dance is

about remembering our loved ones who have passed on. The feast was mainly for them and we were all just fortunate to be able to share it with them."

World-class hand drum singers across Canada and the United States converged at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym as ReZonance Production once more provided a live recording and web stream of the action for social media.

Invited Canadian dignitaries included Alberta drummers Arnold Alexis and Wayne Moberly; Dezi Chocan and Bidy Keewatin from Saskatchewan; Dan Isaac from Quebec and four drummers from Ontario; Matt Isaac, Nathan Roy, Gabe Gaudet and Elijah Stevens.

Invited U.S. singers included Hokie Clairmont, Opie and Hallo Day from Minnesota, James Stephenson from Texas and Jermaine Bell from Wyoming.

SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda and teachers came out in support of their students who were gifted with a certificate and an honor song at the Saturday Round Dance festivities.

"Each year, one gwiizens (boy) and one kwezens (girl) from each SCA class is chosen and honored at the annual Round Dance," Mosqueda said. "They are chosen for their hard work, academic achievements and strong participation in Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin class. Our academic teachers and AB teachers had some tough

decisions to make this year and I am so proud of each and every one of our Academy students."

The honored SCA students were pre-kindergarteners: Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger and Donovan Harris; Kindergarten: Syriana Smith and Angelo Leasureaux; 1st Grade: Kayana Pelcher and Quinn Pelcher; 2nd Grade: Fredrick Highley and Meadow David; 3rd Grade: Raymond Pelcher and Felicia Saunders; 4th Grade: Paul Shomin and Julianna Garcia; 5th Grade: Mnookmi Massey and Jacob Williams; and 6th Grade: Lars George and Liberty Morland.

Isaac mentions a somber and very powerful point in the evening was the memorial song offered just before the midnight lunch.

"All those who have suffered a loss in the past year or years, were encouraged to come out for the song," he said. "Many people e-mailed in a photo of their loved ones and the slideshow was on display most of the night and during the memorial song... I had tears in my own eyes for the losses I've felt over the years... It is a great, positive and healthy way to release the feeling of loss. Following the memorial song, a very beautiful prayer was shared by our fluent Anishnaabemowin speaking emcee, Mike Sullivan of Lac Courte Oreilles, Wisconsin. I recall the gym was so quiet during the time of prayer. Then the celebration of life continued until 5:30 a.m. with joyful and energizing songs."

Through Facebook and verbal comments, the SCA AB Team organizers confirmed they have been told that this was "the round dance of the year" for many people. These comments came from people who attend cultural gatherings and round dances across Indian Country regularly. The team believes much of the success is due to the many traditional aspects that have been incorporated into this



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**All of the men stand together with their hand drums, preparing to share the "heartbeat of our nation."**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The Saginaw Chippewa Academy students receive a high honor as their parents, teachers, and community recognize their academic achievements.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Drummers, dancers and the community came together in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym in celebration of the eighth annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance.**

## SCIT celebrates 35 years of gaming



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan celebrated its 35th gaming anniversary on Friday, April 24. At 1:30 p.m., on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort gaming floor, Tribal Council Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call, Treasurer Shelly Bailey, Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig, Julius Peters and Lindy Hunt, and SECR Marketing and Entertainment Director Raul Venegas welcomed guests, explained the date's importance and cut the anniversary cake. The SECR Food and Beverage department offered complimentary cupcakes for guests in honor of the anniversary.

year's round dance as well as the line-up of world class, champion singers.

This event would not have been possible without massive support of many caring individuals, departments and organizations. The eighth annual Round Dance Committee would like to say "miigwetch" to the following:

- The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council for their continued support.
- Tonya Jackson and the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council for all of their devoted work.
- Youth LEAD Diversion for the feast sponsorship.
- SCIT Public Relations for the lodging sponsorship for all the invited singers.
- Christina Halliwill and her kitchen crew for the feast preparation.
- The Kabob Stop for donating and preparing the midnight lunch.
- The Anishnaabe Language Revitalization Department for the emcee sponsorship.
- Angel Jackson for the contributions and assisting with the lodging.

- Ziibiwing Cultural Society for the sponsorship,
- The Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) for the sponsorship.
- Iliana Bennett for the contributions.
- Community members who brought food for the feast.
- The local singers for coming to support the invited singers and their songs.
- SCA teachers and staff who came to support the SCA student honoring ceremony.
- Chief Steven Pego and his wife, Mae, for attending and providing spot-dance cash prizes.
- SCIT Tribal Administration for their support.
- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department for checking in and making sure everything was safe.
- SCIT Tribal Maintenance for the work and clean-up assistance.

The Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance is traditionally always the second weekend of the March.

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## Qualifying for Medicare, according to medicare.gov

*(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Medicare.gov, the information was submitted by the SCIT At-Large Department.)*

### How do I know if I'm eligible for Medicare?

You are eligible for Medicare if you are a U.S. citizen, 65 or older who has paid into Medicare for at least 10 years through your job or through self-employment "taxes."

If you didn't pay Medicare taxes but are 65 or older, you may be able to buy a Medicare

plan. If you are not yet 65, you are eligible for Medicare if you have kidney failure that requires dialysis or a transplant, or you have a permanent disability (by Medicare criteria).

When you're first eligible for Medicare, you have a seven-month initial enrollment period to sign up for Part A and/or Part B.

### Between Jan. 1 to March 31 each year

If you didn't sign up for Part A and/or Part B (for which you must pay premiums) when you

were first eligible, and you aren't eligible for a special enrollment period (see below), you can sign up during the general enrollment period between Jan. 1-March 31 each year.

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### Special circumstances (special enrollment periods)

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chance to sign up for Medicare during a special enrollment period. If you're covered under a group health plan based on current employment, you have a special enrollment period to sign up for Part A and/or Part B any time as long as you or your spouse (or family member if you're disabled) is working, and you're covered by a group health plan through the employer/union.

You also have an eight-month special enrollment period to sign up for Part A and/or Part B that starts the month after the

employment ends or the group health plan insurance based on current employment ends, whichever happens first. Usually, you don't pay a late enrollment penalty if you sign up during a special enrollment period.

**Note:** COBRA and retiree health plans aren't considered coverage based on current employment. You're not eligible for a special enrollment period when that coverage ends. This special enrollment period also doesn't apply to people with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

## National Park Service grant assisted the November 2014 SCIT/Ziibiwing repatriation

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On April 13, 2015, the National Park Service announced the amounts awarded for eight Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Repatriation grants. The grants totaled \$74,348 to help Native Americans identify and repatriate human remains and cultural objects.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

received \$14,836 for repatriating of individuals and sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony and funerary objects back to the tribe.

This grant made the Nov. 19, 2014 "Recommitment to the Earth" ceremony at the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery possible. During that time, SCIT, along with its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways, repatriated 94 Native American individuals and 812 associated funerary

objects from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archeology in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"The work funded by these grants is a step toward addressing past violations of the treatment of human remains and sacred objects of Native peoples, while restoring the ability of American Indian and Native Hawaiian peoples to be stewards of their own ancestral dead and cultural heritage," said National Park

Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis in a press release.

One other Michigan tribe also received a grant. The Bay Mills Indian Community received \$1,937.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with culturally-affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and

Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation.

Section 10 of the Act sanctions the Secretary of Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act.

The November repatriation was also in partnership with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance, Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation of Montana, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma.

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## Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Great Lakes Loons join forces

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

There was another kind of splash happening on March 25 for one of the Tribe's premier businesses. Local Flint ABC affiliate WJRT TV-12 and local area radio stations (Saginaw's

94.5 FM The Moose and the Mount Pleasant My 104.3 FM) were on location as two of the Great Lakes Bay Region's top entertainment and sports attractions joined forces.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel in Mount Pleasant, Mich., a property of the Saginaw

Chippewa Indian Tribe, has entered into a partnership with the Great Lakes Loons for the 2015 baseball season.

SEWPH will participate during all 10 Sunday home games of the Loons season with Kids Eat Free Sunday's.

On Kids Eat Free Sundays, children 12 and younger will receive a free kid's meal from any of Dow Diamond's Great Lakes Grill Stands. The kid's meal will be a hot dog, chips and soft drink that they can enjoy with the game.

SEWPH continues to work with top quality organizations to put families first.

"Given the similarities of our goals, there is a natural synergy between Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and the Great Lakes Loons," said Migizi Economic Development

Company Marketing Manager Fredrick Kuhlman. "We look forward to a partnership that benefits the entire Great Lakes Bay Region."

Great Lakes Loons Vice President of Marketing and Entertainment, Chris Mundhenk said "the Loons are committed to providing an excellent family entertainment activity at an affordable price. Our partnership with Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel reinforces that commitment with Kids Eat Free Sunday's, and makes attending a game at Dow Diamond even more affordable for families living in and around the Great Lakes Bay Region."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Great Lakes Loons mascot Lou E. Loon shows how easy the SEWPH "Flow Rider" can be.**

This partnership brings together two of the area's premier entertainment and sports attractions to better serve those looking for summer fun.

SEWPH, one of the state's most visited waterparks, is excited to be working with the Great Lakes Loons in providing entertainment at an affordable price to families.



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**The Soaring Eagle Waterpark lifeguards welcome Lou E. Loon from the Great Lakes Loons.**

## "PaleoJoe" makes Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel go Jurassic

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

There are many fun and entertaining ways to educate youth. The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel went Jurassic in welcoming Paleontologist, Author and Storyteller Joseph Kchodl (aka "PaleoJoe") to the spring break educational Dino Quest Program offered on March 26 and April 8.

SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague welcomed an opportunity to bring educational programs that entertain young and old alike as part of being a family-friendly destination.

"We have heard from many sources that PaleoJoe offers a great program that makes the Dino Quest experience come alive," Sprague said. "During spring break, PaleoJoe was a good fit for us and there was enough interest to add two different dates for his live, interactive show."

Since moving to Midland, Mich. in 1993, Kchodl has taught classes on fossils in many Michigan elementary



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**"PaleoJoe" gives youth and adults a close-up look of a past expedition find... a Tyranosaurus Rex tooth!**

and middle schools. As he gained a reputation as an energetic and entertaining speaker in the persona of PaleoJoe, dressing and playing the part of an archaeological digger, he has taught programs throughout Michigan, Indiana, Arkansas, Utah, Iowa, Wisconsin and northern Ohio.

His fossil programs at SEWPH began with a brief introduction to what a paleontologist is and how fossils form. PaleoJoe then moves on to fossils in the midwest, the

ice age, followed by a spirited dinosaur discussion.

"Carnivores are known as super predators and super hunters, and certainly close to the Tribes in this area," PaleoJoe said. "Eagles, hawks and owls are super predators. Many times during the question and answer period, the topic of Jurassic Park and velociraptors comes up. I mention that velociraptors have a 180-degree vision and the standard raptor is about the size of a German Shepherd and is considered a super predator."

His programs are age appropriate and have received rave reviews from teachers and students alike.

He has done programs ranging from Montessori schools to the Lifelong Learning Center at Saginaw Valley State University. He has been keynote speaker at functions across the Midwest at universities, museums, church groups, corporate meetings and nature centers, libraries and schools.

PaleoJoe mentions the true definition of dinosaur is to

"walk on land" and believes in meteor theory, where a cataclysmic asteroid strike in the Yucatan region in Mexico caused the mass extinction of the dinosaurs.

"I always adjust the presentation according to the audience and tend to bring a lot of visual aids I have acquired over the years," he said. "As a paleontologist, going out in the field is like Christmas every day because you really don't know what historical treasures you are about to find."

In 2003, PaleoJoe participated in a dinosaur dig at Como Bluff, Wyo. with famed maverick paleontologist Dr. Robert T. Bakker. In 2004, he discovered ribs of an 11-million-year-old Rhino in Nebraska at the Ashfall Fossil Beds while digging with famed paleontologist



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The Dino Quest audience at SEWPH was enthralled by the adventures tales of the Indiana Jones-style paleontologist PaleoJoe.**

Michael Voorhies. In 2007, he worked on a team recovering T-Rex dinosaur and a bones of a Triceratops in Montana. In 2008, he discovered remains of an associated Camarasaurus - a 60-foot long dinosaur in the deserts of Utah.

Last year, while finishing the Camarasaurus dig, he uncovered remains of an Apatosaurus.

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## Motocross athletes join Tribal Council in RCH Café opening

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Excitement is always guaranteed when Ricky Carmichael, Carey Hart and the RCH Soaring Eagle Racing Team make it back to home base.

Along with providing plenty of meet and greet opportunities for lucky fans and participating in a celebrity poker tournament, the motocross athletes joined with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and SECR Marketing to open the RCH Café in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, near the gaming floor on March 18.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier coordinated the effort with Marketing Director Raul Venegas introducing Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego as they shared opening prayers and remarks.

"I wanted to mention the tremendous amount of effort that SECR Advertising/Public Relations Manager Kristina Griffus in making the design for RCH Café and the overall appearance of the venue possible," Venegas said. "This is one of the best examples where we can have a true collaborative

effort and to bring a special dining experience to our players."

Venegas also recognized the excellent work of Graphic Designers Brandon Jackson and Brandon Hart in capturing the visual elements of the project and the culinary assistance of Food & Beverage Director Marc Forrest and his team of professionals.

"It was wonderful to have the Tribal Council join together with the RCH Racing Team at this ribbon cutting grand re-opening as we present the new storefront name, 'RCH Café,'" Griffus said. "The menu items and hours of operation will remain the same as the Snack Shop, however, there will be interesting twists and updates in the décor on a rotating basis for guests to gaze."

The RCH Café offers four specialty sandwiches that were created and tastefully approved by each of the supercross athletes.

"RCH #4" is a Carmichael creation featuring lean sliced turkey on whole wheat bread with lettuce and tomato.

Hart prefers "RCH #46", a healthy gluten-free wrap with lean sliced turkey, lettuce, cucumber, Dijon mustard, oil and vinegar.

Broc Tickle recommends "RCH #20" that features bacon



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Tribal Council join the RCH Soaring Eagle Racing Team and other dignitaries as they cut the ribbon to open yet another Tribal business venture.**

and turkey on whole wheat bread, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, mustard and mild pepper rings. Ken Roczen's favorite is the "RCH #94" made with chicken fajita meat on whole wheat bread with avocado, Dijon mustard, bell peppers, onion and lettuce.

Following the RCH Café opening, Carmichael, Hart, Tickle and Roczen offered autographs and photo opportunities to an excited fan gathering that stretched from the casino floor to the back to the hotel.

Carmichael is a motocross and supercross legend known in racing circles as the "G.O.A.T." (Greatest Of All Time) by winning 15 championships (10 motocross, five supercross). Some of his accomplishments as a

motocross racer include: The 1996 Rookie of the Year; 150 career wins; two perfect seasons; never losing a motocross championship from 1997-2006; and five-time AMA Rider of the Year.

Hart is a pioneer and superstar in freestyle motocross racing. He was the first rider ever to try a backflip on a motocross bike. And he was the first racer to do an invert superman-seat grab that is now known as the "Hart Attack."

Tickle is an accomplished motocross racer who was the 2011 Supercross Lites West Champion. Roczen was 250 class motocross world champion in 2011, 250 class west coast supercross champion in 2013 and 450 class U.S. motocross champion in 2014.



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**Ricky "The G.O.A.T." (Greatest Of All Time) Carmichael shares a laugh at the podium with the crowd as SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas looks on.**

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## Seventh Generation offers instruction at hand drum workshop

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Cultural Representatives of the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center offered instruction at their two-day Hand Drum Workshop.

On March 25, the workshop attendees used their Noc Bay Trading Company drum kits as Administrative Assistant II Lee Ann Ruffino and Cultural Representative Louise Hunt assisted Tribal Artist Ben Hinmon.

Hinmon brought historical perspectives to the event and shared teachings on the origin of the hand drum and the importance of feasting and honoring a drum in a good way.

“Many of our homes, have Native artwork displayed prominently and some of our sacred items find their resting place at that location for a reason,” Hinmon said. “A hand drum is a gift from the Creator and just like any other musical instrument, whether Native in origin or not, is meant and built to be played.

This is why we learn those songs and why we take these drums and store them in a good way for that special time when we share that teaching we have learned with others.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Seventh Generation Cultural Representative and Native artist Ben Hinmon provides participants some instruction on how to prepare the lacing of the hand drum.**

Participants learned how to come together in the spirit with the smudging of the materials as they laced the buckskin string around the drum head and wooden frame. The second

day of the teaching (March 26) focused where the drum makers make their drumsticks and learn a hand drum song. The drums were also taken out to the sacred fire for purification and cleansing.

Seventh Generation Director Milton “Beaver” Pelcher explained why Native people pass these songs down in an oral tradition and how many of these teachings were handed down through the Clan system over many paths before.

The Seventh Generation cultural programs have recently enjoyed a maximum amount of participation and the community is encouraged to sign up and pay early for the instructional classes before they are filled.



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**Tribal Elder Kathy Hart is all wrapped up in her hand drum project as she tries to find where to begin with lacing the buckskin hide to the hand drum head.**

## Migizi properties welcome two new management level employees

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

With the warmer weather now upon us, thoughts turn to outdoor recreational outings and Migizi Economic Development Co. properties have two options that are worth exploring.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel General Manager Bonnie Sprague informs both businesses, the Waabooz Run Golf Course and Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park, have new management level employees to enhance outdoor entertainment.

“Steven Wassegijig joined our team last month as our new RV Park supervisor,” Sprague said. “He will be managing the day-to-day operations at Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park. Steve grew up in Mount Pleasant and he is a proud member of our Tribe. He joins us with leadership and maintenance experience from Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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**Supervisor Steve Wassegijig is ready for the camping season to begin at the top-rated “Good Sam” Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.**

Steve has a lot of great ideas to implement at our RV Park and he is looking forward to welcoming our guests.”

Wassegijig’s education experience includes Kicking Horse Job Corp Technical School in Ronan, Mont. and currently attends the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



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**Waabooz Run Golf Operations Coordinator Steven Norbury has the pro shop stocked with top-of-the-line golf equipment and apparel.**

Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park is a top-rated “Good Sam” park and is located at 5514 E. Airport Rd. in Mount Pleasant.

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on a 25-acre lake, perfect for water activities.

Visitors can also enjoy a clubhouse, walking trails, convenient laundry facilities and a playground. For more information, call 989-817-4800.

Sprague also added a seasoned veteran of the industry to her management team.

“Steven Norbury was hired to serve as our new Waabooz Run Golf operations coordinator,” Sprague said. “Steven joins us with over 21 years of golf experience, including his managing expertise at Hidden Oaks Golf Course and Winding Brook Golf Course. He is very personable and will be able to make a smooth transition as Steve knows many of our SCIT Membership golfers. Steve’s main goal is to increase our golf revenue by garnering new memberships, leagues,

and hosting tournaments at Waabooz Run Golf Course.”

Norbury has been in the golf industry since 1994 and encourages the community to experience the only executive course in Central Michigan.

“Waabooz Run is deceptively known as a par three course when it was under Holiday Greens management,” Norbury said. “With some structural improvements and a redesign of the course layout, the Waabooz now features 11 par-three holes and seven par-four holes. Waabooz Run offers a challenging round of golf for players of all ages and all skill levels. The course is an official member of the USGA and GAM.”

Norbury education background includes Flint Northern High School and Central Michigan University.

## Finding our “home away from home”

**CHARMAINE SHAWANA**

Contributing Writer

When I was younger and my father was in the military, we traveled the world, well at least the United States. I met all kinds of people, and saw all kinds of things and took it all for granted.

In every community, my mom could always locate and find other Anishinabek families where we grew up and became close to them. It was like some type of Indian radar. I still remember some of the families to this day; they were tribes from all over the United States and even Canada.

Now that I am older and am still traveling, it seems like there is always someone that looks just like someone at home. Someone told me once, that’s how you know, we are all related. Even if you went out of town and saw some Anishinabe, right away you would notice each other. Even if nothing is said, a nod or some type of acknowledgement

is given. That’s because we all share a same common history and heritage.

Our collective common history is foremost and always there. It’s what we share as Anishinabek people. Some would say it’s what binds us together as a people. It’s the trauma and colonial oppression that we share as a common history.

At a recent powwow in the southwest, I noticed all the people from all four corners of the world. We met some people from Alaska, Minnesota, California and the southwest. We also met some people from the Australia, they started to tell a little bit of their history, and how similar it was to our own history. They had boarding schools, their land and language was taken. We could identify because of the oppression and the colonialization we all shared as a people.

It was amazing to me as I stared to think about it how very diverse and different we are as a

people, from the North Alaskan people to those at the very bottom of South America. We are so diverse yet all sharing a common history and similar story of genocide and colonialism.

It felt good to be at the powwow with so many different people from Turtle Island. As different as the landscape is, that’s how diverse we are. With cactus, mountains and deserts in the southwest to the trees and waters of the Great Lakes, we certainly have managed to overcome many physical and different ecosystems in the world.

In the circle at the powwow, I saw Lakota, Cree, Dine and even Ojibwe dancing. They were all dancing to the same drum, all sharing the love of dance and traditional regalia. The drum the heartbeat of all Native nations were there sharing, dancing, singing and enjoying the beat of the drum from all of the four corners of Mother Earth...we all danced.

### HAWAIIAN LUAU

provides lots of limbo and laughs







Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Youth LEAD department had another day in paradise as the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym turned tropical. Youth LEAD Leadership Manager Deb Smith joined Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford (top left photo) as they flashed the “mahalo” hang loose greeting. Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage staff provided an excellent Luau feast (bottom left photo) complete with roasted pig, pineapple and plenty of smoothies. The family-friendly event drew both youth and Elders as the crowd danced to Chubby Checker’s “Limbo Rock”. Tribal mom Dawn Pelcher (right photo) drew rave reviews as she went “as low as she could go” during the adult limbo contest. Other contests included a smoothie “brain freeze,” and a hula hoop competition.



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### MNAJAADA GDO GAZHIMINA HONORING OUR MOTHER

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## WIGWAM WISDOM

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Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam\_wisdom@yahoo.com

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**Dear WW:** I've been dating a man for a year now. He has a daughter from a previous marriage. We have talked about moving in together but I don't think we are ready. Whenever his daughter goes for her visits with him, I have not been invited. I also have not been asked to any activities, not even dinner. How am I going to move in if I'm not really even bonded or involved in their relationship? Don't you think there is something really wrong here? I think his ex-wife is involved somehow. **Back Seat**

**Dear Back Seat:** There is absolutely nothing wrong with what your boyfriend is doing and I actually commend him for keeping his child separate from this current relationship. Until it gets more serious between the two of you, I would recommend the situation stay the same. These days, there is very little consideration for children in a divorced parent's relationship. I would not recommend anything more until you are married and have made a permanent commitment.

**Dear WW:** I moved away from my reservation years ago when I was a young lady. I couldn't wait to leave my parents' house as there was too much drinking and fighting going on. I still can't believe we were never removed by social services. I've been very successful on my own without having to deal with my alcoholic parents. Even though it was bad growing up, I still have love for them. My father is dying and I'm torn about going home to take care of him. I don't know if I can do it and if I don't, will I resent not being there? **Looking Back**

**Dear Looking Back:** You never know how you will react when faced with a loved one dying. Going back can actually give you closure to the open wounds you ran from. This situation has been presented to you so why not think of it as a gift? Not a lot of people know when the end is coming or have an opportunity to make amends. If you can't do it for yourself, do it for the love of your father who may want you near.

**Dear WW:** I am very close to my nephew and I practically raised him. He hasn't always been an angel but has recently had a few years of sobriety. He has been very successful in finding a good paying job, a wife and reunited with his daughter. We just found out that he is back to his no good ways. His wife has been confiding in me and I am shocked to find out all of the infidelity and turmoil he has put her through. Unfortunately, she has little to no family in which to confide. I feel like I am betraying my nephew by siding with her but not sure what else I should do? **Uncertain Confidant**

**Dear Confidant:** There is nothing wrong with having someone confide in you - family or not. I am sure your nephew has his own story to tell. However, if he is an addict, you can bet most of what he has to say about it will be lies or an unrealistic viewpoint. It's not like you wouldn't also let him confide in you if he was in a better frame of mind. If and when that time comes, do all you can for his wife. Encourage her to go to what little family she has for support or to start a new life if their marriage is over.

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## Environmental team collaborates to protect Mother Nature surrounding SCIT

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In preparation for the April 22 Earth Day, and to help protect the environment, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Planning Department's Environmental team prepared ecologically-friendly tips.

The Environmental team consists of Sally Kniffen, environmental specialist; Carey Pauquette, water quality specialist; Michael Fisher, environmental response program specialist; and Aiman Shahpurwala, water resources technician.

The team submitted daily earth and nature-related questions via email to Tribal Operations employees. Those with the correct answers were put into a drawing.

Daily winners were randomly selected and received a tote with environmentally-friendly cleaning products from Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day line; surface scrubs, hand soaps, candles and household cleaners, along with coffee mugs and cups with the SCIT logo.

In an effort to continue reducing waste, the Environmental team gave away re-useable lunch kits to Saginaw Chippewa Academy students on March 23.

During a school assembly, Principal Marcella Mosqueda introduced Kniffen to teach the students how to help save trees and protect the environment.

"Each kit comes with a set of silverware, a small container for dressing or dip and a re-sealable container for a sandwich, salad or snack," Kniffen said. "The



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**Daily environmental trivia winners received cleaning products from Mrs. Meyer's Clean Day line and re-useable cups and mugs with the SCIT logo.**

teachers taught the children about feast bundles, so they were excited to receive their own bundle for school."

The same day, the Youth LEAD department was provided re-useable water bottles for the afterschool program students.

"Refillable water bottle stations will be installed at Youth LEAD's drinking fountains (near the Eagles Nest Gym) as well," Kniffen said. "This is an effort to reduce the amount of bottled water consumed, thus limiting the amount of plastic bottles ended up in the land fill."

After Earth Day and throughout the year, Kniffen said the team



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**The Environmental team gave Saginaw Chippewa Academy students re-useable lunch kits on March 23.**

continues its involvement in many projects including: A surface water monitoring and protection program, environmental release preparedness, representing the Dow/Tittabawassee River dioxin contamination case; working on a waste audit and opportunities to increase recycling with Soaring

Eagle Casino & Resort staff, Central Michigan University and Rick Meyers; wild rice restoration with Lee Sprague; climate change adaptation and hosting the first and second National Tribal Natural Resources Damages and Assessment and Restoration Conference.



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**The Environmental team Sally Kniffen, Carey Pauquette, Kim Otto McCoy, Aiman Shahpurwala and Michael Fisher show off the products they gave away during Earth Day trivia.**



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**Youth Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl (center) receives re-useable water bottles for the Youth LEAD afterschool program students.**

## Environmentally-friendly tips to help go green during the spring time

**AIMAN SHAHPURWALA**

Water Resource Technician

Now that spring is here, many people are thinking about washing and cleaning their cars to get winter grime off and maybe fertilizing their lawns so they have nice, green grass during summertime.

Did you know simple decisions such as how you wash your car, how often, and what type of fertilizer you use have major impacts on water quality?

Water that runs off the land (i.e. lawns, driveways, roads, agricultural fields, etc.) into storm drains from melting snow, rain storms, and other sources is carried directly to our rivers and streams. These bodies of water eventually flow into the Great Lakes.

The water that runs off the land into storm drains does NOT go through a waste

water treatment facility and is not filtered in any way. Harsh chemicals, soaps and fertilizers that run with water into drains go directly into streams harming aquatic life and fisheries. This is why only clean water should enter storm drains in order to preserve the quality of our local streams and rivers!

Nutrients from fertilizers that runoff into water bodies cause excess aquatic plant growth and is one of the contributing factors to harmful algal blooms. These blooms can be toxic to humans. In addition, excess aquatic plant growth can create unhealthy ecosystems and deplete the water of oxygen, making it difficult for fish to breathe.

Water pollution may also arise from washing your car on a driveway or cemented area allowing oil, grease, and

grime to get into storm drains and eventually into our local watershed (i.e. rivers, streams, lakes.) This is very bad for fish and other creatures living in the water. Washing your car on a lawn allows the ground to naturally filter these harsh chemicals out before they reach the water. Many car wash businesses have a system that enables the reuse of wash water several times before sending it to the waste water treatment plant.

Please take notice of the following considerations in order to maintain clean healthy water for our community!

**Suggestions for washing your own car:**

1. Park your car over a lawn area so the ground can naturally filter out contaminants.
2. Use little soap as it contains phosphates and other chemicals

that may cause excess algae to grow, degrade water quality and impact fisheries.

3. Empty buckets of soapy or dirty water down the sink drain NOT on pavement or in a storm drain.

4. Try to conserve water by using a hose with a nozzle and trigger.

5. Avoid using engine and wheel cleaners or degreasers since they often contain harsh chemicals.

**Suggestion for fertilizer use:**

1. Use phosphorus-free fertilizer. Addition of phosphorus into water ways can cause excess aquatic plant growth which is detrimental to water quality, fisheries, recreations, and property value. The Michigan Fertilizer Law restricts the use of phosphorus fertilizers on residential and commercial lawns. When looking for a fertilizer, look for one with zero phosphorus. This will be indicated

on the bag in a row of three numbers. The first number is total nitrogen, middle is available phosphate, and the last is soluble potash. The middle number should read zero, for zero phosphorus.

2. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use no more than the recommended amount.

3. Sweep up and collect yard debris, which may carry fertilizers or pesticides, so it doesn't get washed away into drains or streams.

4. Do not over water your lawn. Excess water runs off the lawn into drains carrying fertilizers, pesticides, and soils with it.

5. If rain is expected, avoid fertilizing. The rain will wash away the fertilizer you put on your land and get into water ways.

For more information, please contact Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081.

### Green Tips

Aiman Shahpurwala, water resources technician

1. If your family eats meat with every meal, try adding in one meatless meal per week. This will help reduce the amount of greenhouse gases released due to livestock production.
2. Try using reusable bags when going shopping to help reduce the amount of plastic that goes into landfills.
3. Buy a reusable water bottle instead of disposable ones to reduce the dependence on oil for plastic production.
4. Wash laundry in cold water instead of hot to save some energy on heating water.
5. Remember to turn off lights when leaving a room.

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## “Let The Son Shine In” theme for 15th annual Good Friday Unity Service

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On April 3, the “Son” was shining brightly once more in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrated its 15th annual Good Friday Unity Service.

The Saginaw Chippewa Community Church, the Chippewa Indian United Methodist Church, the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene and the Saganing Indian Community Church came together with Tribal employees and community members to witness testimony in prayer and song.

Nimkee Public Health Nurse Anna Hon was reminded SCIT celebrates all religions.

“I am so thankful for Tribal Chief Steven Pego and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council leading the community in a unified way with the blessing to allow Christians to commemorate Jesus Christ’s crucifixion, which is an important part in the Christian faith,” Hon said. “It is obvious that evil spirits are not happy with the praise and worship that goes on in that service, and we can see the controversy that is going on all over the world of how



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**Nimkee Public Health Nurse Anna Hon performs “Via Dolorosa”. The song is named after the road Jesus walked from the place of Pontius Pilate’s sentencing to Golgotha, and means “way of sorrows.”**

people are being executed.”

Hon is hopeful this service never gets old, because it is a part of what Christians call “Holy Week”. That week includes the triumphal return of Jesus to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the washing of the disciples’ feet by Jesus and the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

“I am grateful to the faithful servants like Rev. Robert Pego who was the founding father of this service (dating back to April 2001), and who continues to support all who want to come and participate and worship with each

other,” Hon said. “I love that the I.T. department videotaped the service and people can view the entire service in their own homes via the internet on the Tribe’s webpage and on YouTube.”

Internet Technician Dan Gahagan said the SCIT Multimedia Department has a link on the website where one can click on the “videos” option to view the service. They are also working on providing an archive to preserve the unity services as a part of recent Tribal history.

Central Michigan University Sports Camps Office Administrative Assistant Mary B. Mountain-Wood heard about the interdenominational service on the radio and was impressed and amazed by the outpouring of love the service provided.

“Not only did I feel comfortable and welcomed, but it was truly one of the most beautiful services I have ever attended,” Mountain-Wood said. “It encompassed a variety of speakers and performers that delivered such an uplifting and universal message. To live in this community all these years and have not been a part of these services offered by the Tribe and Indian Churches, it makes me want to come back



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**Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Rev. Robert Pego prepares to offer Holy Communion to “Let the Son Shine In” on the 15th annual Good Friday Unity Service.**

and spread the good word of what’s happening out here. I truly feel blessed today to have taken part in this event and thank the Tribe for the hospitality shown.”

Rev. Robert Pego of the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church delivered the main message around this year’s theme of “Let The Son Shine In,” but viewed it as an opportunity for all the people present to make a commitment to Christianity by joining together in Holy Communion.

“The practice of receiving Holy Communion is not new to our Native people and we have been doing this at camp

meetings and revivals as long as I remember,” Rev. Pego said. “This was the first time we have made that offering for the community at either a Good Friday or Christmas Unity Service and it was a special moment for our Tribe and the people to remember we are covered under the blood that Jesus Christ has shed for our forgiveness.”

The verses of divine law referenced by Rev. Pego in his sermon can be found in Exodus (the second book of the Torah and the Hebrew Bible, commonly referred to as the Old Testament.) Exodus, Chapter 20, King James Version (KJV).

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## STOP The Silence

### NMN hosts first Sexual Assault Awareness Concert

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

With the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan staff continuously raising awareness throughout October for domestic violence awareness, they knew they had to be just as effective for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

The NMN and Behavioral Health staff decided to organize a brand new event: The “Stop the Silence” Sexual Assault Awareness Concert on Friday, April 17 from 6:30-11:30 p.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

“We (NMN staff) knew (the planning) would be a challenge, but we had confidence we could pull it off,” said Samantha Snyder, domestic violence support tech I. “Sexual assault concerts are typically called ‘Rock Against Rape’ or something along those lines, but we felt that bold of a title wasn’t sensitive enough to the issue.”

With six short weeks to plan, NMN sent out a “calling all bands” flyer in the early development stages, hopeful to round up enough bands for a night’s worth of performances.

Seven varied local bands performed throughout the evening.

“We had everything from a Beatles tribute band to a



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**Delmar Jackson Jr. (left) and Quinn Pelcher of Brothers in Music entertained the crowd with ‘60s and ‘70s country rock.**

hip-hop/rap performance with some ‘70s classic country rock in between there,” Snyder said. “We covered most of the bases to be able to appease most of the audience, no matter what type of music they like.”

Jude 23 (jazz/Christian rock), Alyssa & Liza, The Liverpool Experience (Beatles covers), Brothers in Music (‘60s and ‘70s country rock), Fifth Evolution (rock), Abstract Generation (rap/hip-hop) and Interchangeable Dad (rock) all took to the SECR stage for 20-minute sets.

“My biggest fear was that we weren’t going to find many bands willing to perform without pay,” Snyder said. “We asked that they donate their time to help raise awareness, and the

bands that performed had absolutely no problem in doing so.” B’s Music Shop in Mount Pleasant, Mich., provided a drum set for each band to utilize for the night.

“Music brings people together... and diversity of music was reflected throughout the event from our opening ceremony to the closing band and all the bands in between,” said Debbie Robb, outpatient clinical coordinator. “I think this diversity really set the stage for being able to address a very difficult issue that impacts so many people in any given walk of life and in every community.”



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**The Wabanaisee (Snowbird) Singers: Mae Pego, Christa Gomez, N’Daunis Pego, Carol Corbiere, Judy Scheuffele, Dani Sineway, Amanda Brock, Beatrice Jackson and Daisy Kostus provided the first musical group performance.**

In between bands, the SECR Stage Crew had 20 minutes to set up for the next performance. Within that time, poetry readings, acoustic acts and speakers were featured.

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Lead Brooke Huber, of NMN, coordinated the acts in between bands, wrote the emcee’s script and recruited event volunteers.

“We had never planned a sexual assault awareness event of this caliber; we typically do smaller conversation-based events, but wanted to ensure we created a safe space in an unlikely arena,” Huber said. “The performers and audience alike showed great respect to the topic and acknowledged the fact survivors may be present. We had Behavioral Health counselors on hand, and for that, we are thankful.”

Emcee Richard Bronson provided the welcome and introduction.

Bronson is a former Central Michigan University student who was involved with Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates (SAPA). He has vast experience presenting on sexual assault; he has emceed many intimate partner violence trainings around the world for the military.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego played his flute and the night’s performances began.

“At home, I get up in the morning and play my flute,” Pego said. “It takes me somewhere through Indian Country. It takes me back through time, but playing it in public, I get choked up.”

Chief Pego then introduced his wife, Mae, to present the Wabanaisee (Snowbird) Singers. The Snowbirds (Mae Pego, Christa Gomez, N’Daunis Pego, Carol Corbiere, Judy Scheuffele, Dani Sineway, Beatrice Jackson, Daisy Kostus and Amanda Brock) performed three songs.

Kostus discussed the night’s significance to her as she disclosed she had been abused for



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**Central Michigan University graduate student Kimberly Priest shared her poetry written about her personal anguish of sexual assault.**



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**Rap/hip-hop group Abstract Generation busted rhymes and showed the audience impressive dance moves.**



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**Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates offered advice to the families and friends of sexual assault victims.**



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**Alyssa & Liza sang and played the ukulele during the April 15 “Stop the Silence” Sexual Assault Awareness Concert.**



13 years during her boarding school experience.

The Snowbirds' songs celebrated nurturing and strength. The second song was used in women's prisons to give the women strength and improve their self-worth, Mae Pego said.

"This last song talks of resilience of people as they go through domestic violence," Mae Pego said. "We know not only women are at the end of the violence, it is often men, too... if things get out of control, get yourself out of there."

CMU graduate student Kimberly Priest shared her poetry, written of her abusive marriage of 15 years. At 8 years old, Priest was sexually assaulted by her babysitter. She performed her emotionally powerful pieces on her encounters.

Rebecca Conway, prevention educator of Women's Aid Service, Inc., discussed the domestic violence and sexual assault agency that provides shelter, counseling, legal advocacy and prevention education in Isabella, Gratiot and Clare counties.

"The 'Stop the Silence' event was a wonderful way to bring awareness to the sexual violence happening in our community, but also to provide information about how community members can advocate to end that same violence," Conway said. "I thought it was a great way to bring so many different people together in unity for such an important cause."



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**Rebecca Conway, prevention educator of Women's Aid Service, Inc., discusses the agency's services.**

Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates mentioned officers are available for help. Cates also offered advice on how families and friends can support the victim.

"Victims may heal from physical assaults, but it is the mental and emotional (that remain)," he said. "Officers understand you have to be there, willing to listen... When I listen to a sexual assault victim, one thing I never say is, 'I know how you feel' because I don't. It's not our job to judge... it's our job to get the facts and help the victims and their families heal."

Throughout the night, guests voted for their favorite band performance. The winning band won four hours of recording time at Woodshop Studio.

The Beatles cover band, The Liverpool Experience received the most votes. The band plans to record a demo CD within the next few weeks.

CMU's SAPA program assisted with event planning. NMN also received support from various outside sources: Insomnia Cookies donated 200 cookies, and 3 Wishes Floral, B's Music Shop, Braddock's Demolition LLC., and Crème de la Crème Cupcakes, donated gift certificates.

Prizes were drawn throughout the night. Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel provided one overnight stay with waterpark passes, SECR Marketing Department and Ziibiwing Cultural Center offered an assortment of giveaways, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino donated six candle warmers, Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center offered its maple syrup, and Women's Traditional Group bestowed a gift basket.

Domestic Violence Support Tech I Amanda Brock expressed how important and honorable gift giving is to the Anishinaabe.

"There is always a high-place value on giving away and sharing what is ours," Brock said. "Once something is given away, all strings to the gift are broken. The gift is given with no expectations. Native people believe what



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**Emcee Richard Bronson discusses the crime of sexual assault.**

is given always comes back to the giver in one way or another, in a form of good."

"I believe that one of the greatest gifts is when you give your time to others in whatever form it is given," she said. "It is healthy to be generous in spirit throughout the year. Historically in Native American tradition, many nations/tribes have conducted a giveaway when being honored. One gives to strangers, not simply hoping to make friends, but because it's the honorable thing to do."

In addition to providing the entertainment hall, SECR donated an overnight stay.

"In the beginning (of formation), we were thinking to have a much smaller scale event at the Broadway Theatre..., but Amanda Brock had worked her magic and somehow got the entertainment hall donated to us for our event," Snyder said. "We were so excited to hear that, but also had to start worrying about how we were going to fill all the space. So, we invited all of our local resources to join us and show the community that there are so many organizations that support them."

Tribal departments, victim resource organizations and local businesses' booths were set up throughout the hall.

Resource organizations from Victims of Crime Program and Hopewell Ranch, Peaceful Places to the Nimkee Public Health, Tribal Police and Tribal



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**The Beatles cover band, The Liverpool Experience, was voted favorite performance and won four hours of recording time at Woodshop Studio.**



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**Interchangeable Dad closed the night as the last band to perform.**



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**The Liverpool Experience guitarist Darin Christianson sings backup to some of The Beatles' greatest hits.**

College departments, and Roth Sound Productions, Curves of Mount Pleasant, Central Michigan Health Department, Merle Norman and Mary Kay Cosmetics were all present.

"All things considered, we couldn't have asked for a better turnout," Huber said. "Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves, we were able to reach a lot of people, survivors were provided the resources they need, and we certainly initiated conversation surrounding sexual assault."

Along with Huber, Robb, Snyder and Brock, the NMN team consists of Shelby McCliggott, counselor; and Elizabeth Evans, business services coordinator.

"I am so proud of everyone that took part in this and

pulled together to create such a beautiful event," Brock said.

The NMN team informed that only 16 percent of rapes are reported to the police, and FBI statistics suggest on a college campus CMU's size, 25 sexual assaults happen each week.

The direct line for the NMN domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking services is **989-775-4400**. NMN is dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of families victimized by violence.

Women's Aid Services also provides a 24-hour crisis line at **989-772-9168**.



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**Saginaw Chippewa Chief Steven Pego gives a welcome and plays his flute for the "Stop the Silence" audience.**



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**Jude 23 guitarist Steve Roth took to the SECR stage and played jazz and Christian rock tunes.**



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**Fifth Evolution opened their set with Stevie Ray Vaughan's "Pride and Joy".**

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## SCTC students volunteer at “Stop the Silence” Sexual Assault Awareness Concert

**NINA BONE**

SCTC English Faculty

Students from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College have had the spirit of giving throughout the course of the spring 2015 semester.

Together, SCTC students have offered more than 100 hours of community volunteer service with local nonprofit organizations in the Mount Pleasant area.

Most of the SCTC student volunteers are parents, full-time students, and have full-time employment, but that did not prevent them from lending a hand.

The greatest efforts of these students came to fruition on Friday, April 17, at the “Stop the Silence” Sexual Assault

Awareness Concert hosted by SCIT Behavioral Health’s Nami Migizi Nangwihgan services.

The Stop the Silence event was designed to raise awareness about sexual assault, it was also intended to give survivors the opportunity to come together and draw strength from each other.

Prior to the event, SCTC students helped Behavioral Health staff assemble care packages for victims that contain personal care items along with herbs and oils for healing. These care packages will be distributed to victims when they arrive at the hospital to help them on their road to recovery.

Additionally, if you have purchased a cup of coffee in the



Courtesy of Nina Bone

**Kathy Hart represents SCTC, providing information for summer registration.**

Mount Pleasant area lately, you may have noticed a Stop the Silence sticker on your coffee sleeve. SCTC student volunteers worked many hours placing stickers on hundreds of coffee sleeves and then returning them to local coffee shops.

SCTC students also distributed many flyers to encourage public participation in the event.

Finally, the day of the concert arrived and the participating SCTC students gave 110 percent. Some students arrived at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall early to help setup the venue and stayed until after midnight when the event concluded.

Other students came directly from work, still in



Courtesy of Nina Bone

**SCTC students Trisha Trasky, Carrie Carabelle, Alexis Kidder, Victoria Owens and Jennifer Lindstrom volunteered for the event from start to finish.**

their uniforms, only to throw on a volunteer shirt and start helping. Some SCTC students, who did not have childcare, brought their children along and the entire family was able to run a booth together.

During the event, the students worked as security, in various booths providing information, in concessions, and they helped keep the venue trash-free. No matter how long they had been working, they were always smiling, and some of them were even dancing, which

added to the welcoming atmosphere of the event.

SCTC is very pleased to have such wonderful students who have not only learned the Seven Grandfather Teachings; they’ve learned to put these values into practice as well.



Courtesy of Nina Bone

**Nina Bone and her family took a break from volunteering to pose in front of the “Stop the Silence” banner.**



Courtesy of Nina Bone

**Carrie Carabell worked the “pick your favorite band” booth.**

## Tribal youth and community join SCTC on Career Opportunity Day

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Students of all ages came out to explore what the future can be at the April 10 second annual Career Opportunity Day event hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

SCTC STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Recruiter Kathy Hart enjoys bringing programs like this directly to the college and gives many of the other universities and recruiters a chance to interact with their students.

“Career Opportunity Day was started for students to see how many opportunities



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**Youth LEAD Achievement Advisor Marta Escamilla (left) and Toni Pastotnik of NCRS speaks with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Daniel Hernandez at SCTC Career Day.**

are out there for them to utilize,” Hart said. “I plan on coordinating this annually, hoping that more high

school and SCTC students attend and take advantage of what is out there for them... There are scholarships and paid internships with NASA, working in Washington D.C., Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), studying abroad that four-year universities have. The skills and knowledge students can gain from these opportunities are invaluable.”

The U.S. Coast Guard, American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Migizi Human

Resources provided information booths and spoke to students about their programs.

Academic Specialist in Mathematics Earle M Crosswait III offered a PowerPoint instructional course where students could learn how to “dress for success.”

“Career day reminds us why many of our students are coming to school... to find a job,” Crosswait said. “Students are

taking my classes, not because they like doing homework and taking tests, they want to start a career and earn higher wages. They want to give themselves and their families a better life. Therefore, teaching them how to write an effective resume or to ‘dress for success’ is as important as teaching them how to add fractions or factor a polynomial (after all, I am a math teacher).”



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**SCTC Dean of Instruction Andrew Wagner shared a moment of laughter with the recruiters at Career Day.**

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## Second Grade Teacher James Day 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 James Day for being selected as the March Educator of the Month! The perks of this award include

### Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Gabriela Escobedo, Nautica Mena-Strait, Morgan Morrow, Ramon Negrete-Ledesma Jr, Michael Otto, Meisha Raphael and Hudson Yager.

### Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned student of the month honors for March: Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Carmela Negrete-Ledesma, Adriana Paul, Alexis Taylor, Alberta Trepanier, Sara Saunders and Matthew Quaderer. The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Jaycee Sheahan-Kahgegab, Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger, Natalia Martin and Donovan Harris, Joseph Jackson, Joshua Velasquez, Gracin Montoya, Robbie Ettinger-Pamp, Liam Arbogast, Frederick Highley, Dakota McQueen, Robert Saunders, Kyleigh Scarlott, DaShawn Rueckert, Sara Saunders, Felicia Saunders, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Anastasia Lada, Mnookmi Massey and Liberty Morland. The following students turned in all homework for March: Jaycee Sheahan-Kahgegab, Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger, Natalia Martin and Donovan Harris, Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher, Joseph Jackson, Joshua Velasquez, Liam Arbogast, Kaleb Potter, Albert Trepanier, Alex Grice, Charles Trepanier, Gracie David, Inara Curry, Kayana Pelcher, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Red Arrow LaLonde, Riana Chippewa, Meadow David, Fredrick Highley, Dakota McQueen, Adriana Paul, Raynah Perez, Landon Rowlett, Robert Saunders, Alexis Trepanier, Anastasia Lada, Ariel Hinmon, Lindsay Paul, Layla Paul, Alberta Trepanier, Julianna Garcia, Adrianna Garcia, Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins, Chelsea Pelcher, Sara Saunders, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz Liberty Morland and Matthew Quaderer.

an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, goody bag, a gift certificate and a traveling educator award. The following is a questionnaire completed by Day:

**Which program do you work for?** Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

**What is your title?** Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Kinomaage Nini.

**How long have you worked for the Education Department?** In about a week, it will be one year!

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** Just being

### West Intermediate

The following students earned honor roll status for second trimester: Esme Bailey, Quinnlan Burger, Karen Chippewa, Lucas Dye, Cory Gaskill, Hunter Genia, Jarrad Johnson, Treazure Jones, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Hunter Kequom, Montana Leasureaux, Jesse Mandoka, Alexie Pego, Aleeya Peters, Mastella Quaderer, Owen Smith, Shaylyn Sprague, Kyra Trofatter and Lindsay Watters. **Honorable Mention:** Carlee Williams. The following students earned perfect attendance for second trimester: Esme Bailey, Joshua Bartow, Bryan Chingman, Cory Gaskill, Makayla Jackson, Jonas Kahgegab, Nelson Kahgegab, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Hunter Kequom, Montana Leasureaux, Molly Mandoka, Mattea Merrill, Alexie Pego, Aliana Seybert, Owen Smith and Carlee Williams.

### Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Elijah Fosmore, Jaylyn Jackson, Matthew Jackson, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood and Alek Welch.

### Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for March: Kaitlyn Bartreau, Aaliyah Dunlap, Aolani Gibbs, Metao Harris and Nathan Van Buskirk.

able to share and teach what I have learned with the kids, and seeing them make connections with what they are learning is pretty awesome.

**What is your funniest memory in working with our students?** There are too many to count, kids are hilarious!

**What is your favorite favorite movie?** "Coming to America" or "The Shawshank Redemption".

**Do you have any hobbies or special talents?** I love to travel, powwow, sing, dance, bead, sew, play basketball and golf!

**When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I am sure it was something like a superhero at first so it must have changed along the way, but I always wanted to be an engineer or a teacher.

**Something people may not know about you.** I have been to Paris, France.

**What is your favorite food?** JUCY LUCY, Google it!

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



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Second Grade Teacher James Day accepts his award. (Pictured left to right: Administrative Assistant II Kelly Woodworth, Day and SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda.)

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## Saginaw Chippewa Academy alumnus success story: Corinna Harris

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Nbookaawin (wisdom) is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions. Our ancestors taught us that every life experience is a lesson.

With an open mind, we are able to learn and receive wisdom from both positive and negative experiences. There will be times when we must use our wisdom to guide our life path and make decisions that may not have been our originally intended course. Using our wisdom, we will always end up right where we belong.

The Tribal Education Department would like to take this opportunity to honor and



**Former SCA student Corinna Harris now works as a SECR slot supervisor.**

recognize Corinna Harris. She is the daughter of Glenna Genereaux, sales and events coordinator for the Ziibiwing Cultural Center.

Corinna attended the Saginaw Chippewa Academy from

1995-2005. She first attended at 3 years old when it was the Montessori. She attended from pre-primary through 8th grade.

During her time at the school, she embraced the culture and language. She participated in the afterschool program and learned to sing and dance. Because of this, she started dancing at powwows and ran for Junior Miss Saginaw Chippewa through the school, becoming the first princess of the academy.

Corinna learned many positive and rewarding things while attending SCA. She left the school and attended Mount Pleasant High School and the Mount Pleasant Technical Center and was inducted into the Technical National Honor

Society. Corinna studied her culture and the Seven Grandfather Teachings and used those teachings throughout her life.

The knowledge and skills she learned while attending SCA played a major role in obtaining her first job within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

She was selected as a youth worker at the Ziibiwing Center at 15 years old and maintained that position upon completion of high school.

From there, she transferred into the gaming industry and became a table games dealer. After dealing, she made a change and became a full-time slot ambassador and is now a full-time slot supervisor at the young age of 22.

Corinna is also a mother. Her 4-year-old son is now a pre-K student at SCA.

Corinna and her family are proud that he will be a second generation SCA alumnus.

Congratulations, Corinna, and miigwetch for your hard work, dedication, and contribution to the Tribe as an employee. Nishin for continuing to have pride and respect for your tribe.

Finally, miigwetch to Glenna and family for raising such a kind, thoughtful and intelligent Anishinaabe Kwe. There is much to be said for the support Corinna receives from her family. Congratulations on your success! You make your community very proud.

## Youth LEAD plans college visits for Mount Pleasant and Shepherd students

### ANITA M. HALL

Youth Achievement Advisor

The Youth LEAD department has planned several college visits scheduled for Mount Pleasant and Shepherd High School students.

On Tuesday, March 24, the students and Youth LEAD had the opportunity to visit Kettering University in Flint, Mich. As the national leader in co-op and experiential STEM education, Kettering University integrates



Courtesy of Youth LEAD

**Students from Mount Pleasant and Shepherd High Schools visited the campus of Kettering University on March 24.**

intense academic curriculum in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business with applied professional experiences.

It's a proven approach that will inspire students to realize their potential and advance their ideas. The Kettering paid, co-op

program forges a link between classroom and real-world learning, and students will graduate with the knowledge and skills to compete today and in the future.

Our students really enjoyed this visit and had a lot of great questions about higher education in general. Our hope is just that; students starting to question and plan ahead for their academic future.

On Thursday, March 26, the Central Michigan University

Medical Program came to us at MPHS and joined by Shepherd High students. They had a questionnaire for our students; assisting them by combining the information of their interest and aptitude in the medical field and possible careers.

We have three more visits left in this school year, Mid Michigan Community College, Michigan State University, and another with CMU.



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## Grand Funk Railroad and The Guess Who were shakin' SECR all over

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Canadian rock band The Guess Who and American blues rockers Grand Funk Railroad shook the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Saturday, April 4. Each band performed their greatest hits of the '70s.

It was 50 years ago The Guess Who formed under the name Allan and the Silvertones. With numerous name changes, The Guess Who eventually

achieved international success from the late '60s to the mid-1970s with several hit singles.

The Guess Who began the SECR show with "Bus Rider", followed by their last major hit in Canada and the U.S., "Clap for the Wolfman", and "Laughing" and "Undun" both from the 1969 album "Canned Wheat".

"Introducing to you for the first time, The Guess Who Barbershop Quartet," said vocalist Derek Sharp, before the band performed a few flawless a cappella notes simultaneously.

Jim Kale, 71-year-old co-founder, bassist and songwriter for the group, temporarily left the band in 1973, but returned later in that decade after trademarking the band's final name.

The 1970 song "No Sugar Tonight/New Mother Nature" got the audience on their feet, followed by "Shakin' All Over", the 1965 rendition of Johnny Kidd and The Pirates' song, which was the band's first hit.

Also on the group's setlist were "Hand Me Down World" (1971), "Share The Land" and the number one hit that earned them the first Canadian group to have a number

one song on the U.S. Hot 100, "American Woman".

"With all the madness in the world, there is one thing that Canada and the U.S. share," Kale said. "And that is the longest undefended border in the world."

The Guess Who concluded with their cover of Little Richard's classic hit "Lucille", their album "These Eyes" (1969) and the top five U.S. song "No Time".

Originating in Flint, Mich., Grand Funk Railroad is known for their high-energy arena rock music style.

Grand Funk Railroad current members include Mel Schacher of Owosso, Mich., bass guitarist and co-founder; Max Carl, lead singer and guitarist; Bruce Kulick, guitarist; Don Brewer, of Swartz Creek, Mich., co-founder, drummer and vocalist; and Tim Cashion, pianist.

"Are you ready for some Detroit city rock 'n' roll soul," Carl asked the crowd.

The blues rock band began with "Bottle Rocket" from the 2000s, "Rock and Roll Soul" (1972), "Footstompin' Music" (1972) and the 1974 chart topper "Shinin' On".

"The Loco-Motion" is a 1962 pop song, written by American songwriters Gerry Goffin and Carole King. Grand Funk Railroad recorded this on their 1974 album "Shinin' On",



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Grand Funk Railroad lead singer/guitarist Max Carl, and co-founder/drummer/vocalist Don Brewer perform the 1972 hit, "Rock and Roll Soul".**

produced by Todd Rundgren. The cover became their second chart-topping single.

"Second Chance", a song written and sung by Carl for his southern rock band 38 Special was performed.

Next, Brewer performed a sensational 10-minute drum solo that continued to keep the audience enthused.

Kulick then performed "The Star Spangled Banner" with his wailing guitar. Played next was The Animals' cover "Inside Looking Out", and the Billboard Hot 100 top three hit "Some Kind of Wonderful" from the album "All Girls in the World Beware!!!"

The band's name is a play-on-words from the Grand Trunk

Western Railroad that runs through Flint.

Grand Funk Railroad closed the show with "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)", the 1970 hit which was also their longest recording, lasting more than 10 minutes. The final song was their first number one hit "We're An American Band" from 1973, the song is sung by Brewer and it broadened the band's appeal when first released.

According to grandfunkrailroad.com, the total number of Grand Funk Railroad records sold worldwide exceeds 25 million copies. Last year marked their 45-year milestone, and the band plans to continue touring for both new and long-time fans.



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**The Guess Who vocalist/guitarist Derek Sharp sings "Clap for the Wolfman", the band's last major hit in the U.S. and Canada.**

## Roe Visual LED video wall lights up stage in time for SECR Outdoor Summer Concert Series

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

One of the biggest production challenges many state of the art venues face is how to project clear images on stage to your audience. The problem is solved as the firm based out of Shenzhen, China, Roe Visual, has the perfect solution for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Production Manager Henry Kubin.

"The 'MC-7H Touring Model' from Roe was a cost-effective fit and met all of our production requirements," Kubin said. "We purchased the new units from Tours by Sloan and I have worked with them on other video projects for (SECR). This is one example of a capital project that includes our transition from standard-definition video to high-definition video for image magnification. Our Technical Support Specialist Simon Greaves is quick to produce engineering and install data when requested. We have received an enormous amount of free technical support after purchases from this vendor related to a previous entertainment hall video project."

Kubin believes this equipment upgrade is the first of its kind for Native casinos in Michigan, and Tribal Council Treasurer Shelly Bailey sees the importance of the investment.

"So many times our Tribe has been supporting rental centers

and looking at ways to decrease our investment and storage of inventory," Bailey said. "When we heard of the proposal at the Soaring Eagle Director's Meeting, we knew the return on investment was worth it to purchase the equipment just in time for the outdoor summer concert season."

Marketing Director Raul Venegas informs that the Roe Visual touring model will be used indoors when applicable, and it will also be used during trade shows and SECR-sponsored events.

"Point-of-sale display advertising and the amount of impressions or views your audience sees, brings a tremendous marketing benefit to the Soaring Eagle brand," Venegas said. "Our team estimates a comparative market value would be \$15,000 each time the touring model system is present. We have several events we participate in yearly, and we know we can enjoy the benefits of the system right here on property, but to take it to 'Arts, Beats & Eats' and other regional festivals, increases the exposure to our business."

SECR Lighting Technician Brian Berg touts one advantage of owning this equipment versus renting: It allows technicians to be able to tune the screens to SECR cameras and pre-show presentations on a consistent basis.

"When we rented the video trailers in years past, their technicians were responsible for the calibration and sometimes we weren't on the same page as them," Berg said. "With us owning the screens, we should see fewer failures due to the fact that we'll be maintaining them ourselves and we'll get very familiar with the system knowing its nuances. They are also very easy to assemble and to strike down after show, making them a piece of user-friendly equipment for SECR stagehands."

Berg sees an industry trend and as technology changes, will other innovation surpass the Roe Visual touring model product in quality?

"Technology, and especially LED technology, is progressing at a staggering rate right now," he said. "The vendor we chose to purchase from uses many different systems and chose this one due to its features, reliability, and current company growth of Roe Visual. They're a fairly new company who aims to listen and design products that their customers want. In time, I'm sure there will be better products on the market, but for the features and quality of this system, this will certainly be relevant for years to come."

SECR Video Technician Matt Thomas assisted Kubin with the diagnostic testing mentions the beauty of this system is



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**The SECR Production Team run through diagnostic programs on one of the two video wall monitors slated to be stage left and right at the SECR 2015 Outdoor Summer Concert Series.**

it's designed for road use and to be mobile.

"The system is designed around a modular skeleton-type framework that can be configured in many different ways depending on our needs or creative desires. If a single pixel fails, a module can be replaced in minutes. Quick clips and magnets hold the panels in place on the frame so that speedy repairs are easy to perform," Berg said. "Assembly is quick with trained technicians. The actual assembly of each video wall only takes roughly an hour."

Berg said there is a distinct advantage of the model and its 7.5mm pixels.

"In the past, we rented mobile trailers that had a resolution of 20mm pixel pitch; that means

there is 20mm between the individual pixels," Berg said. "From a distance, like from the hill seating at our outdoor venue, the picture looks nice and clear. But up close, much of the detail is gone. Small text disappears in the empty spaces between the pixels making it hard to read some of our advertisements."

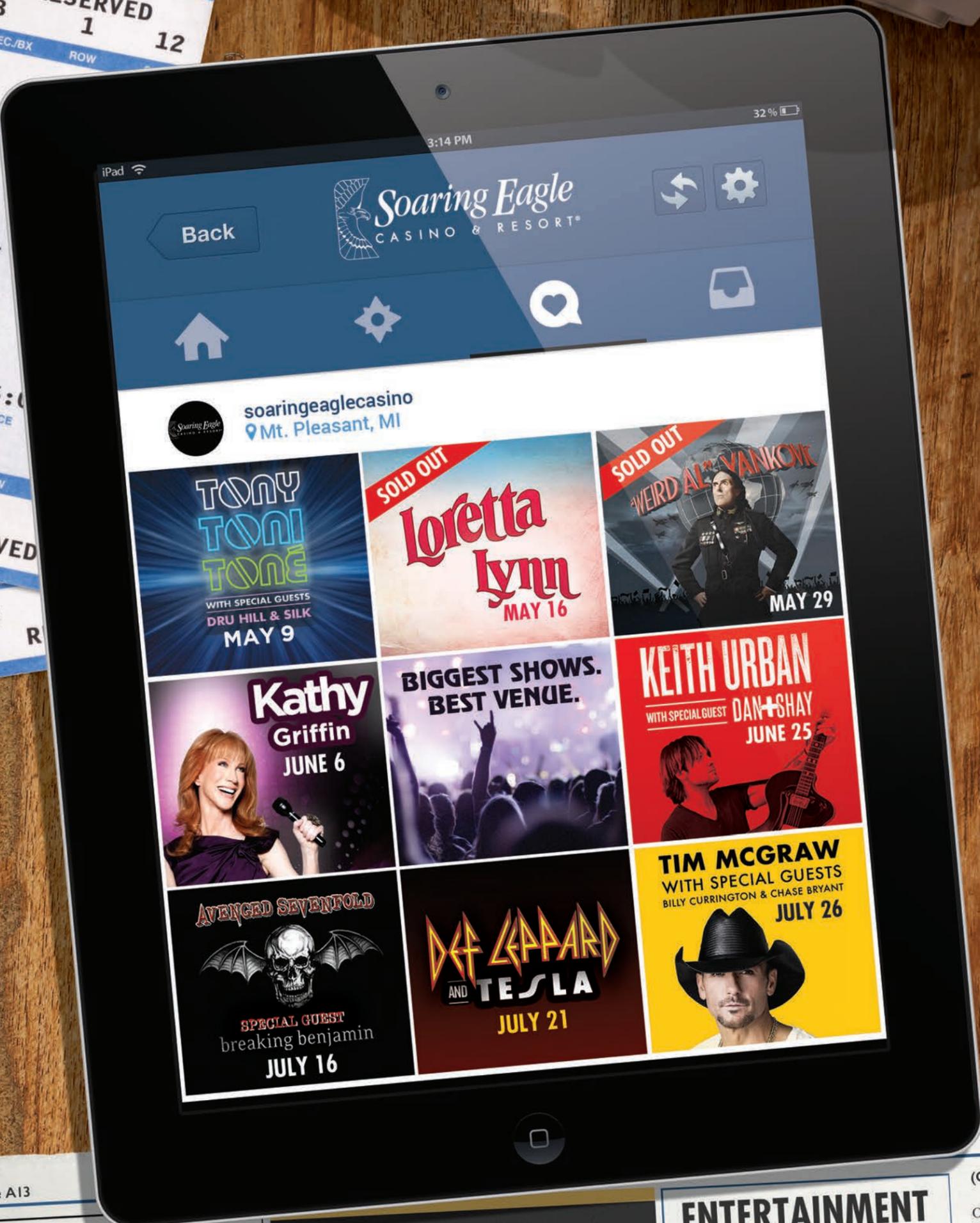
"With this system having a 7.5mm pixel pitch, there is almost three times more detail," he said. "You'll really notice the difference up close, and that's where our highest paying customers typically pay to sit. There are higher resolution video walls on the market, but those are almost exclusively rated for indoor use only. This system is designed to be watertight and can survive the occasional summer rainstorm."

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## Lace up the tennis shoes and join the SCIT T2T Team

### ROBYN GRINZINGER

T2T Team Coordinator

We welcome you to join the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's "Tribe-to-Tribe (T2T)" team in the upcoming activity challenge.

Last year SCIT took fifth place! Can we beat last year's win? We can with your help!

What is T2T? It is a nine-week physical fitness self-reporting challenge between 10 tribes in Michigan.

Who can join? All Tribal Members, their families and children and any SCIT employee.

All are welcome – from new exercise beginners to those who exercise daily.

What type of activity counts? Any exercise counts:

Walking, running, basketball, biking, swimming, yard work, any step you take counts. We will have a limited number of pedometers available.

Do I have to come to the gym? No. It can be anywhere. In the gym, home, outside, etc.

Participants will use the Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield's "Walking Works" online tracking system.

Our goal is to see which tribe can log the most miles from May 3-July 5.

The winners will be announced at the Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 17 in Shepherd, Mich.

We know exercise is important, so why not make a fun competition out of it? We can get fit and healthy for summer.

### How do I join T2T?

1. Register on [www.walking-works.com](http://www.walking-works.com) (beginning May 1).

2. Plan: Michigan Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

3. Program: 2015 Tribe to Tribe Blues Community Challenge.

4. Choose Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe team.

5. Track your physical activity (self-reporting). The website will walk you through the steps.

6. Keep track from May 3-July 5 and enter each activity on the website.

7. You will be amazed how much exercise you are doing when you are tracking.

New this year: Michigan kids can participate in the tribe-to-tribe marathon. It is a special challenge for youth aged

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6-17. The kids' challenge to walk/run (not all at once but throughout the nine weeks) the first 25.3 miles.

The kids will be given a special paper logging form to track activity. Contact Robyn or Judy to register your child for the marathon and to get the form.

During MIFO, all the kids that have been logging for the marathon will do the last mile together around the track. All

the participating children will receive an official marathon medal in addition to other prizes from BC/BS.

Also this year, BC/BS is asking any interested youth to be a tribal wellness reporter. The goal is to have them take photos or video and share stories of health and wellness activities happening around the tribe.

If you would like to be a reporter, or have any questions, please contact Robyn at [rgrinzinger@sagchip.org](mailto:rgrinzinger@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4649 or Judy at [jdavis@sagchip.org](mailto:jdavis@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4629. Please email them when you have joined the SCIT team.

Thank you BC/BS and Shelly DuFort for coordination of this program.

## A is for asparagus: Health benefits of the popular member of the lily family

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"stalk or shoot." The plant is a member of the lily family, which originated in the eastern Mediterranean where it still grows wild. Asparagus was used in traditional medicine to treat all manner of conditions, such as heart ailments, dropsy, toothaches, skin conditions, beestings, fertility, and even hangovers.

**The facts.** Asparagus was brought to America by early

colonists, who referred to the vegetable as "sparrow grass." Today, California produces 60 percent of the commercial asparagus in the U.S.; New Jersey, Washington and Massachusetts also are major contributors. Asparagus, comprised of 93 percent water, is naturally low in calories and sodium. Yet the spears are potent in several nutrients, such as folate, fiber, iron, and vitamins A, C, and K, as well as rutin, a flavonoid thought to contain anti-inflammatory properties, and the antioxidant glutathione.

**The findings.** Asparagus is notorious for its unusual side effect on urine odor, a result of the body metabolizing a sulfur-containing compound called asparagusic acid into a relative of the skunk spray essence called methanethiol.

According to recent findings, due to genetic differences, most people do indeed produce methanethiol after consuming asparagus. However, asparagus has its share of pleasant side effects, too.

Research suggests that eating asparagus may help promote heart health, prevent kidney stones, reduce the risk of neural tube defects, act as

a diuretic, and aid in diabetes. A 2006 study published in the *British Journal of Nutrition* reported that an extract of asparagus helped control blood glucose levels, which may offer benefits in managing diabetes.

**The finer points.** Tenderness is the key element when selecting asparagus. Look for tight, compact buds and fresh, firm stalks that break with a crisp snap. Asparagus is extremely perishable, so use it quickly after purchase. To maintain its freshness,

wrap the ends with damp paper towels before placing in the refrigerator. To prepare, snap off the woody end of each stalk at the point where it will break easily. These elegant spears are extremely versatile and can be blanched, roasted, grilled, or sautéed. Asparagus is delicious prepared simply with fresh lemon juice or herbs, wrapped in prosciutto, or topped with a poached egg. You also can add pureed asparagus to soups or sauces, or mix cooked asparagus into casseroles or salads.

### Grilled Asparagus

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb fresh asparagus
- Marinade: (1/3 cup lemon juice or Balsamic vinegar and 3 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil.)



#### Instructions:

1. Clean asparagus; break into halves; place in a large bowl or a 1-gallon baggie.
2. Pour in marinade.
3. Roll asparagus so that all is covered. Refrigerate.
4. Roll the asparagus/marinade mixture several times for the next two hours.
5. Place spears onto a grilling basket, place the basket onto the barbeque grill, and cook turning as needed, so that all sides are nicely browned.
6. Asparagus should be fork-tender.

### Creamy Tarragon Asparagus Soup

*\*\*Makes four servings*

#### Ingredients:

- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup low fat milk
- 6 cups chopped asparagus
- 3 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup fresh tarragon leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste (optional)

#### Instructions:

1. Heat in oil and pot over medium heat. Add onions and cook until soft. Add garlic and cook additional 30 seconds.
2. Add asparagus and broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, add tarragon, milk, salt and pepper and cook until the asparagus is tender.
3. Remove from heat and cool slightly.
4. Purée mixture in blender until smooth and creamy. Return to pot and bring to a simmer.

#### Nutritional Information:

100 calories, 14g carbohydrates, 5g fiber, 3g fat, 8g protien, 500mg sodium

*Recipe courtesy of Kaley Todd, MS, RDN*

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule May 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
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5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni		Beginner's Running Group Jayme	
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## Alcoholism is a family disease: Al-Anon Family Groups can help

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Contributing Writer

Alcoholism is a family disease. The well-being of anyone living with an alcoholic is affected emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Al-Anon Family Groups offer help to anyone who is or has been affected by the problem of alcoholism in a friend or relative.

In Al-Anon, members solve their common problems by sharing experience, strength, and hope with each other. Whatever our relationship to the alcoholic, we find in Al-Anon a place to share, a place to care, and a place to grow.

Did you grow up with a problem drinker? The following



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questions may help you determine if Al-Anon is for you.

1. Do you constantly seek approval and affirmation?
2. Do you fail to recognize your accomplishments?
3. Do you fear criticism?
4. Do you overextend yourself?
5. Have you had problems with

your own compulsive behavior?

6. Do you have a need for perfection?
7. Are you uneasy when your life is going smoothly, continually anticipating problems?
8. Do you feel more alive in the midst of a crisis?
9. Do you still feel responsible for others, as you did

for the problem drinker in your life?

10. Do you care for others easily, yet find it difficult to care for yourself?
11. Do you isolate yourself from other people?
12. Do you respond with fear to authority figures and angry people?
13. Do you feel that individuals and society in general are taking advantage of you?
14. Do you have trouble with intimate relationships?
15. Do you confuse pity with love, as you did with the problem drinker?
16. Do you attract and/or seek people who tend to be compulsive and/or abusive?

17. Do you cling to relationships because you are afraid of being alone?

18. Do you often mistrust your own feelings and the feelings expressed by others?
19. Do you find it difficult to identify and express your emotions?
20. Do you think someone's drinking may have affected you?

Al-Anon is for families, relatives, and friends whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. If someone close to you, such as a family member, friend, co-worker, or neighbor, has or has had a drinking problem. Al-Anon is for you!

## The truth about cigarettes, e-cigarettes and hookahs

**LEAH MARKEL**

Nimkee Health Educator

Why are there smoke-free policies and why do they tell you how far away from a building you can smoke? If you are a smoker and feel like these policies are just one more way of being controlled and losing freedom, you are not alone. I would like you to consider that it may be that policymakers care about you and your loved ones.

According to the Center for Disease Control, "Tobacco smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and about 70 that can cause cancer."

Here are a few examples of some of the harmful effects of second hand smoke:

### Health effects in children:

- Ear infections
- More frequent and severe asthma attacks
- Respiratory infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia

### Health effects in adults:

- Heart Disease
- Lung Cancer
- Stroke

Some of you may be wondering if electronic cigarettes or

hookahs would be a safe alternative to use in place of cigarettes.

**Are e-cigarettes and hookahs really safe?** There are companies that market e-cigarettes as a quit smoking tool, but are they safe?

According to the Chicago Department of Public Health, "The aerosol (incorrectly called vapor) contains nicotine, hazardous ultrafine particles that lodge deeply in the lungs of nonsmokers, and toxins known to cause cancer. That is why it is not appropriate to use these products in smoke-free environments, such as workplaces. Electronic smoking devices are unregulated products that have no requirements for ingredient disclosure, accurate labeling or quality control."

According to David Tinkleman, MD, medical director of the smoking cessation programs at National Jewish Health, "The problem is there's no regulation as to the dose of nicotine that's in the products. Some electronic cigarettes deliver a very high content of nicotine – far, far higher than smoking several cigarettes."

Some risks have already been identified. A study published in May 2014 in Nicotine

and Tobacco Research found e-cigarettes that use tank systems; which allow larger quantities of juice to be vaporized and often have larger batteries that heat with higher temperatures, can also produce formaldehyde, a known carcinogen, at the same levels as combustible cigarettes.

**Did you know that the liquid nicotine in e-cigarettes (often flavored for enjoyment) is a rising cause of poisonings?** As stated on the WebMD website, The number of calls to poison control centers for nicotine poisoning from e-cigarettes has risen dramatically in recent years, U.S. health officials have reported.

Calls related to poisoning from the liquid nicotine used in these devices were running at a rate of roughly one a month in 2010, but jumped to 215 in February 2014, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Even more troubling, more than half (51 percent) of the poison calls involved children aged 5 and younger, while 42 percent involved people aged 20 and older.

"The time has come to start thinking about what we can do

to keep this from turning into an even worse public health problem," said Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

At one point, it was thought that smoking cigarettes was safe and since we do not have enough information on the effects of e-cigarettes and hookahs, you may want to consider to error on the side of caution and not use them. If you have e-juice (vaping liquid) in your home, please keep it out of the reach of children.

If you are interested in quitting, call the Michigan Tobacco Quit Line **1-800-QUIT-NOW** or visit [www.michigan.gov/tobacco](http://www.michigan.gov/tobacco)

### Services offered by the Quitline include:

- Coaching, motivation, and tips to help you quit
- Educational materials
- Referrals to local programs
- Online coaching
- Text messaging
- Free nicotine replacement therapy if you qualify

*Beginning Monday, April 27, the Nimkee Clinic will be open at 7:30 a.m. for labs, medication pick-up, and referrals*

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## Keeping up with technology: Top-rated applications for Elders

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BSW Intern

We are living in the age of technology. It seems that every day a new product comes along, complete with a new operating system, new applications, and new demands. It can be very confusing to try and figure out how to work these items – especially after just getting a handle on the old ones.

Here at Andahwod, we would like to assist you in any way we can in regards to figuring out the easiest and most effective ways to operate your devices.

Companies are picking up on the fact that our older generation is becoming very tech savvy. With the purchasing of tablets, smart phones, and computers, companies are met with the demands of creating products that are accessible to everyone. Here are some of the top-rated apps for Elders.

#### Health:

• **Instant Heart Rate (Apple):** If you would like to check your heart rate on-the-go, this app is for you. By placing your finger over the camera, this app can

measure your beats per minute (BPM) instantly. And it's free!

• **Pillboxie (Apple):** This 99 cents app helps you to manage your medication by tracking what you're taking and reminding you of times. Reviews show this app is used best for long-term prescriptions

#### Puzzles/Memory:

• **Lumosity (Apple):** This is a free application that provides scientific games designed to challenge your brain. If you are looking to stay sharp, this app might be for you!

• **Words with Friends (Apple, Android):** Rated the most popular (and free) mobile word game. This app allows you to connect with friends or solo to solve Scrabble-like puzzles while improving your own vocabulary.

#### Entertainment/News:

• **TED Talks (Apple, Android):** Browse through hundreds of innovative talks given by leaders in their profession. With this free app, you have the ability to learn something new every day!

• **Flipboard (Apple, Android):** this free app is a one-stop shop

for all of your social news interests. By setting up your own preferences, Flipboard creates a personalized magazine, pulling pieces from PEOPLE magazine, Vanity Fair, The New York Times and many more.

#### Accessibility/Assistance:

• **Find my iPhone (Apple):** By simply signing in to your Apple account, you can locate a lost iPhone, iPad, Mac or iPod. At no charge, you can protect yourself and your data on all of your Apple devices.

• **Magnifying glass with light (Apple, Android):** Struggling to read small print? Are the lights too dim? This app can help you read under these circumstances. Thankfully, it is only a download away, and it is free.

If you don't own an Apple product, no problem! There are a few programs that are meant to assist in simplifying Android devices. Please consider the following display options to make

it easier to navigate your mobile phone, are all free!

• **Necta Launcher:** This display setting allows a lot less cluttered appearance to the screen. It magnifies the view of the screen including all buttons that are considered the favorite of the user like calculator, contact list, texting, and camera features.

• **Big Launcher:** very similar to Necta, Big Launcher also seeks to simplify the home screen with only the most useful buttons represented. They animate each of their colors with pictures of a phone, a camera, etc.

• **Large Launcher Senior Phone:** This display is a little busier than Necta and Big Launcher. What it lacks in simplicity, it makes up for in features. There are a couple different theme options available for users to choose from and a preset flashlight just a touch away.

• **Fontrillos:** The layout of this display is stacked in layers and requires users to use common gestures such as swiping left and right to access more options. Complete

with a flashlight, this display option is a perfect introduction for those who want to learn how to use any mobile device.

• **Wiser:** Considered the most senior-friendly in regards to design, this display is a perfect combination of the previous options. It places the most used buttons on the front page with more options that can be accessed with a simple swipe to the left or right. The only downside is the design is pretty simple without much room for variation.

We hope these apps will make your technology usage simple and fun! If you have questions about your device, we would love to help you find solutions. Stop by the front office or give us a call at **989-775-4300** for assistance. Please ask for Case Manager Julie Pego or Felicia McCrary, intern.

(Sources: *Welcome Home Care, 2015; Sunrise Senior Living, 2013; Verizon Wireless, 2011; AppsZoom, 2013*)

## District One Elders Services lawn care guidelines

Spring is here, and with spring comes the chore of lawn care. District One Elders Services offers lawn care services for Elders who qualify in accordance with the guidelines listed below. If interested in lawn care services, give Andahwod a call at **989-775-4306** or **989-775-4307**.

1. To qualify for services, an individual must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and 62 years or older. Priority will be given to those Elders that match the guidelines found on the service application.

2. Tribal Member Elders who are between 50-61 years old may qualify for service if they have a specific documented disability or severe functional limitation that would specifically prevent them from performing this chore.

3. Lawn care will be performed for Elders at their primary residence only. The primary address for an Elder must be the same as that which is on file at the Tribal Clerk's Office for not less than 30 days at the time of service request. The residence must be occupied by the Elder on a continuous basis during the months where services will be performed.

4. Elders that do not closely match the guidelines may be declined services. Any Elder who is turned down for services has the right to a service request review and to receive a written determination from the Elders Advisory Board (EAB).

5. An Elder may initiate a service request review by addressing a letter to the EAB, or by appearing before the EAB in person at any regular meeting of the Board.

6. All Elders that request lawn care services are required to submit a completed application to be kept on file in the Elder Services Office each year.

7. All Elders requesting services due to disability are required to have their disability documented by a physician and provide a copy of this documentation to be kept on file in the Elder Services Office.

8. Any Elder that requests lawn care services is required to participate in a home visit at least once per year to be conducted by the Elder Services case manager and/or Elders advocate. The purpose of the home visit will be to assess:

a. The physical condition/limitations of the Elder.

b. The amount of reasonable assistance available to the Elder from other individuals living in the home.

c. The overall health and wellness of the Elder, and what, if any, other services can be recommended to the Elder.

9. Any information resulting from the home visit, as well as the application itself and any supporting documentation is considered confidential. The Elder Services Program will not disclose or discuss any information with any third party without a consent form signed by the Elder.

10. Lawn care services will be done, weather permitting, on an every other week basis.

11. Lawn care services will be limited to cutting the grass, not grooming the lawn.

12. Lawn care services are limited to not more than one acre.

## MAY 2015

### Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 Steven Pego, Phillip Peters Sr., Leo Bennett Sr.	17 John Quigno, Poullette Pashenee, Gary Schneider
2 Robin Francis, Gerald Ice, Marlene Sovo	18 Dolores Hernandez, Virginia LaMere, Rose Sawyer
3 Jacqueline Wemigwans, Mary Fender, Phillip Shenoskey	19 Judith Banister, Helen Peters, Terrence Frank, Ella Powers, George Russell, Kay Wert
4 Brian Chippeway, William Federico, William Cloutier,	20 Robert Bennett, Bonnie Cantu
6 Tony Starkey, Steve Collins, Darrell Coon, David Cyr, Debbie Gose, Kathryn Shanks	21 April Borton, Damian Fisher, Angel Jackson, Rose Wassegijig, Bobbie Brown, Rita Stambaugh, Julie Whitepigeon
7 Carol Shanks, Marie Wicks	22 Volinda Morsey, James Walker, Yvonne Dyer
8 Susan Brooks, Marjorie Wehner	23 Larry Pelcher, Richard Smith Sr., Claudia Spalding, Steven Wayne, Linda Staples
9 Jean Ross, Steven Godbey	24 Marlene Garlick, David Rhodes
10 Lawrence Smith, Julie Allred, Bonnie Klatt, Judy Potter, Harvey Wright, Susan Yamry	25 Steven Martin, Shirley Houle, Gary Davis, James Sprague, Carolyn Stolz
11 Samuel DeFoy, Diane Pego, Kimberly Gerard, Troy Hart	27 Frank Davis, Joseph Garlick, Lester Solomon
12 Elaine Shawnoo, Bonnie Glover	28 Gail George, Harold Gould, Elijah Jackson
13 Duane Pelcher Sr., Frederick Bailey Sr., Gary Henry, MaryAnn Reis, Frank Romer	29 Anne Peters, Patricia Peters, Connie Freiburger, Rosalie Berry, Robert Fallis
15 Mildred Sepulveda, Deborah Grills	30 Richard Moggo, Paul Schramm Jr.
16 Orville Jackson, Linda Cook, Carolyn Estill, David Jackson, Allan Slater Jr., Lena Stempek, Sheila Villarreal	31 Karen Siminski

### Indoor Rummage & Craft Sale

Saturday, May 16

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Andahwod

- Tables are \$10 each
- Three table limit per vendor
- Tables must be paid in advance
- Contact: 989.775.4302

### Elders Advisory Board Vacancy

Interested Elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 50 years and older
- Advocate for Tribal Elders
- District One
- SCIT Member
- Attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a part of the EAB please submit a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to:

Andahwod CCC & ES  
2910 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Deadline:**

May 29, 2015

For more info, please call:

**989.775.4300**

### Andahwod May Events

#### Euchre

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

#### Jewelry with Kay

May 5 at 1 p.m.

#### Language Bingo

May 7 at 1 p.m.

#### Elders Breakfast

May 13 & 27 from 9 - 10 a.m.



## Tribal Elders and residents are ready to move at Andahwod "Spring Fling"

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Even though the weather was a bit chilly, the warmth people feel when they come to Andahwod was present as the Elders and residents celebrated their April 11 "Spring Fling."

Andahwod Elder Community Activity Assistant Tomarrah Green indicated there were about 25 participants at the festivities and everyone had a great time with plenty of laughter to go around.

"The evening started with spring-themed music, mocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and mingling," Green said. "At the registration desk as the Elders arrived, they received a rose



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The punch bowl was filled with Andahwod's version of a mocktail.**

boutonniere that indicated by color (red, white or black) if their relationship status was single, complicated, or taken.

Sources confirm the black rose meant it was a complicated relationship.

There was a \$5 cover charge to enter the event, and all of the entry fee moneys went to the winners

of the highly popular cash raffle. Elaine Shawnoo won \$10, Guy Fallis won \$20, Yogi Jackson won \$20, Phyllis Kequom won \$30, Jo Kathy Sprague won \$40 and Dominic Stone took home the grand prize of \$50.

Andahwod Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl thanked her staff for the hard work and recalled the weather didn't cooperate with their last planned Valentine's Day event.

"The snow cancelled that event but we moved the event over to 'Spring Fling' and it worked it, especially with the popularity of the cake walk," Ruhl said.

Nearly everyone took home at least one cake in the cake walk that resembled a musical chairs competition. After a couple of rounds of the normal cake walk, the game switched up to where participants had to do a dance move to win their cake. The cakes were donated by community members.

There was also a spring trivia game where Elders punched a hole to win a prize of jewelry inside. The jewelry was donated through the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort from unclaimed lost and found items.

Andahwod Dietary Lead Cook Damon Cornett and his



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Elder and Andahwod Resident Yogi Jackson has 20 winning reasons to give a high five at the "Spring Fling."**

staff prepared a meal that could be enjoyed by all.

"We had the traditional chips and dip that you would expect along with cheese and crackers and decorative fruit kabobs," Cornett said. "A full complement of veggie tray with chex mix and bruschetta rounded

out the event. We also included specialty mock tails of fake champagne and fake sangria."

A special miigwetch was in order for SECR Food & Beverage Executive Chef Chris Nadobny as his staff prepared a special Spring Fling sheet cake for the occasion.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The cake walk gave everyone a cause to pause as Tribal Elder and Andahwod Resident Jerry Douglas tries to land on the right place at the right time.**

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### Outpatient Services

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
- Cultural Sensitivity
- 24/7 Support
- Confidentiality/Privacy
- Group Therapy
- Victim Advocacy
- Individual Therapy
- Education and Outreach
- Case Management

## Struggling?

Need Support? Need skill reminders?

Join us at RTC-Behavioral Health for the **Drop-in Relapse Prevention Group**

**Mondays: 5:30-7 p.m.** (Dinner on your own)

**Fridays: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** (Light lunch included)

Come when you can! As often as you want!

**Topics covered include:**

Red Road teachings, step work, relapse prevention skills, mindfulness, medicine wheel teachings and case management services.

Come when you can! As often as you want!



## MAY 2015 EVENT PLANNER

### Bird Day Celebration

May 2 | 1 - 5 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing
- Contact: 989-775-4750

### Grandmother Moon Ceremony

May 4 | 8 - 9:30 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health Lodge
- Contact: 989-775-4879

### Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-3742
- Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

### Girls Youth Group

May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 - 6 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4021

### Breast Plate and Bandolier Bag Workshop

May 6, 7 | 5 - 8 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- To register: 989-775-4780
- \$50 fee for women's breast plate kit.
- \$25 fee for men's bandolier bag kit.
- Both kits include everything you need to complete the projects.

### Men's Meeting

May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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)

### Love and Logic Parenting Class

May 7, 14, 21 | 3 - 5 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4616

### Women-to-Women Group

May 8 | 12 - 3 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4649
- For those approaching menopause and beyond.
- Meal provided

### SCA Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

May 8 | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- Contact: 989-775-4453
- Snacks will be provided

### Self-Esteem Workshop

May 11 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4780

### Monday Night Masters

May 11, 18, 25 | Shotgun start at 5:45 p.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
- Contact: 989-775-4128
- Every Monday from May 11 through Aug. 17.

### SCTC Graduation

May 13 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: SECR Entertainment Hall
- Contact: 989-775-4123

### Women's Support Group

May 19 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

### ACFS Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

May 20 | 9 - 11 a.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4906

### Family Spirit Support Group

May 20 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health
- Contact: 989-775-4616

### Housing Financial Workshop

May 21 | 12 p.m.

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

### Survival Saganing: Youth Survivor Challenge

June 12 | 11 a.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5810
- Prizes, lunch and survivor challenges
- Focus on health, safety and preparedness

### Pre-College Leadership Program

July 12-17

- Location: Michigan State University
- Contact: 1-517-353-1822
- One week summer program designed to give Native American youth the opportunity to experience college life and explore the many exciting educational and career opportunities in the agricultural, food sciences, natural resources and related fields.

## Talking Circle

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Andahwod Maple Room

For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | MAY 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul>	<p>Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.</p> <p><b>Mondays &amp; Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858</p>	<p><b>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Tuesdays:</b> 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p><b>Thursdays:</b> 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p><b>Saturdays:</b> 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Spirit Moon</b> Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>New Spirit Support Group</b> B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Annual Report Deadline</b> Tribal Clerk's Office</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Group</b> B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grandmother Moon</b> B. Health   8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Ogitchedaw Meeting</b> Seniors Room   6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Euchre</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Council Meeting</b> Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Traditional Teachings</b> Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Jack &amp; Mary Pine</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Jack &amp; Mary Pine</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Spirit Moon</b> Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>New Spirit Support Group</b> B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
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<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Tribal Observer</b> Deadline   3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Group</b> B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Euchre</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bingo with Friends</b> Saganing   10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Council Meeting</b> Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Education Advisory Board</b> Meeting   9 a.m.</p> <p><b>Feather Workshop</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   3 - 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Feather Workshop</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Spirit Moon</b> Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>New Spirit Support Group</b> B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Tribal Ops Closed</b> Memorial Day</p> <p><b>Women's Traditions Group</b> B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Euchre</b> Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Open Gym</b> Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p><b>Youth Council Meeting</b> Seniors Room   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> 7<sup>th</sup> Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p><b>New Spirit Moon</b> Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p><b>SCA Science Fair</b> SCA   1 - 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>Talking Circle</b> Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>New Spirit Support Group</b> B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>

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



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### T.O. Accountant

Open to the public. Bachelor of Science Degree in accounting. Three years experience in general accounting, governmental accounting preferred outside the Tribal organization or one year of governmental accounting within Tribal organization. This position is a mid-level accounting position within the Tribal Accounting Department.

##### Multimedia Programmer

Open to the public. Four year college in any of these areas: Computer science, computer programming languages (preferred), or demonstrated equivalent work experience. Four years applicable IS/IT/Communications work experience.

##### Deputy Court Clerk - Interim

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Previous court clerk experience or equivalent education in subject area. Ability to maintain financial records and other booking records. Ability to understand Tribal Code and court procedure. Must not have been convicted of a felony or have been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years.

##### Child Welfare

##### Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program or an associate's degree in human services-related field with two years experience as a "Families First" worker or similar family preservation program, preferably in the Tribal community. The child welfare prevention specialist works with the Tribal community through the social services programs.

##### Applications Support Specialist I

Open to the public. 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. Provide advanced software support, installation, and configuration for all core applications utilized by SCIT government operations and business enterprises.

##### Secondary Lang 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.

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree pre-

ferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards.

##### Registered Dental Assistant Specialist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 year of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Graduate of an accredited registered dental assisting program. Experience in a dental clinic setting preferred. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet computer applications.

##### Treasury Investment Manager

Open to the public. CPA or master 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 possess strong analytical skills, interpersonal skills and communication skills.

##### 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. Knowledge of and/or willingness to learn about and understand the Tribal community and outside systems is required. Knowledge of services to the aged, assisted living services, adult foster care services, and/or homes for elders also required.

##### Social Services Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human service related field required. Master's degree preferred. Must submit to and pass a background check. The Tribal social services caseworkers assist Tribal members in obtaining social services including crisis intervention, child protection, substance abuse and mental health programs.

##### Academic Skills Specialist-English

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

##### Bus Driver - SCA

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 pass a criminal history investigation. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have reliable transportation.

##### Support Services Tech II

Open to the public. Three plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT-related degree and one year IT-related experience. Provide Level II help desk and field support to include: Installation, configuration and support for all hardware and applications utilized by Tribal government operations and business enterprises.

#### Certified Aide

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan.

#### School-Based Consulting Clinician

Open to the public. Master's degree in psychology, social work, or closely-related field. Two years experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances in an academic setting. Teaching certification preferred.

### Casino

#### Waitstaff Part Time

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

#### Steward Part-Time

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

#### Senior Accountant

Open to the public. B.S. degree in accounting or related field. Five years accounting experience preferably in hospitality and casino operations or three years SCIT/SECR accounting experience with satisfactory evaluations. This position is a high-level accounting position within the SECR Accounting Department; Provide leadership and services as a mentor to the other accountants and is assigned with the more crucial elements and projects to be conducted within the Accounting Department.

#### Bingo Floorworker PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to handle money accurately and work will with the public.

#### Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have and maintain a State of Michigan journeyman electrician license. Must have at least six years experience in the electrical trade including completion of an apprenticeship.

#### Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

#### Lead Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Formal education in the form

of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

#### Guest Relations Representative

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent. Must have good customer relation skills and possess strong communication skills.

#### Guest Relations Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Minimum of one to three years supervisory experience in a customer service industry or at least one year of experience working in the Soaring Eagle Player's Club. Gaming knowledge preferred.

#### Cosmetologist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a Michigan state license in cosmetology.

#### Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and

maintain a Tribal driver's Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One-to-three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

#### Kitchen Equipment Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have three years experience in commercial food equipment repair. Universal certification and/or within 30 days after employed.

#### Security Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire.

#### Bartender Beverage

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

#### Department Chef Pastry

Open to the public. Must have four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Must have at least two years of supervisory experience at this same level. Formal education in the form

of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school, may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

#### Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification and 600 total hours required for Massage certification.

#### Laundry Attendant

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

#### Valet Parking Attendant

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

#### Key Booth Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have one year hospitality or customer service experience.

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF DAWN SHIELDS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division Publication of Hearing Case No. 14-JCW-0623 To: Dawn Shields In the Matter of: Two Minor Children Dates of birth: 04-02-2000 & 04-04-2001 This court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A petition for termination will be conducted by the court on **May 13, 2015 at 9 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Dawn Shields personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE J. SMITH:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0036 Plaintiff: Barbara Krause POA Jerry R. Douglas 5452 E. Lilly Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 vs. Defendant: Nicole J. Smith 7820 Little Elk Dr. 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 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 July 29, 2015.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SONDR A. ICE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 15-CI-0054 Plaintiff TNT Financial Inc. P.O. Box 5767 Saginaw MI 48603-0767 989-921-0406 Plaintiff's Attorney: James N. Meinecke (P40510) P.O. Box 5767 Saginaw MI 48603 989-921-0406 Vs. Defendant: Sondra A. Ice 208 N. Sheridan St. Apt. 2 Bay City MI 48708. 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. **The summons expires Aug. 5, 2015.**

### SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KENNETH GORDAN SPRAGUE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0801 Plaintiff Michelle Klein 4960 McKinley St. Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313) 436-5273 Vs. Defendant: Kenneth Gordan Sprague 7235 E. River Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 621-7126. 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. **The summons expires May 15, 2015.**



## SCA promotes healthier lifestyles with fruit, grain and vegetables A to Z

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy knows how to introduce its students to healthy foods in a fun way. On March 6 and 20, SCA hosted the “Super Fruits, Grains and Vegetables from A to Z” event.

During these two days, pre-K through 4th grade students sampled fruits, grains and vegetables that began with each letter of the alphabet.

The 5th and 6th grade students worked as the facilitators, delivering the sample trays to each pre-K through 4th grade classroom.

Students sampled a wide variety. The “C” fruit contained the well-known fruit cherry, while more unknown options were available

including: lentils, kale, okra, quinoa, ugly fruit and xigua; the South American watermelon.

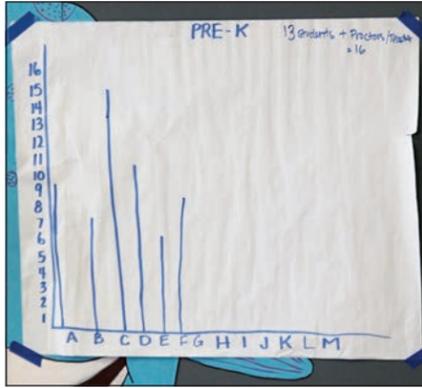
“The purpose of the taste testing was to promote healthy eating, and hopefully have students try fruits and vegetables that they may not have previously tried and/or ate on a regular basis,” SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda said.

Along with Mosqueda, the program was coordinated by the School Quality PLC (Professional Learning Community) Team and Nimkee Public Health Nutritionist Sally Van Cise.

The PLC Team includes Chloe Updegraff, physical education teacher; Michael Ireland, 5th grade teacher; Karyn Spickerman, teacher assistant; Sherrie Anderson, teacher assistant; and Linda Frisbey, teacher assistant.

“Students sampled the fruits and vegetables and then indicated on a survey sheet whether they liked or disliked the produce,” Mosqueda said. “The 5th and 6th graders graphed this information for each grade level, giving us school-wide data for each fruit and vegetable sampled.”

Of the 145 student (and some staff) taste testers, the most popular was the honeydew with 112 likes, and the least liked was the okra with 38 likes.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The A to Z fruit and vegetable taste testing sampling graph shows most of the pre-K classroom approved of cherries.**

“It was wonderful to see the kids and staff have the opportunity to enjoy the adventure of trying new and, perhaps, unusual foods,” Van Cise said.

The activity’s goal was to encourage families to try different foods together and to incorporate healthy grocery options.

“Students took their survey sheet home in order to facilitate family discussion about the new foods,” Mosqueda said. “Along with this, there was a school-wide scavenger hunt and bingo game that was sent home to families to work together to find and purchase the new fruits and vegetables.”

The event encouraged students to branch out towards a healthier lifestyle.

“It’s so important to be introduced to new foods – hats off to Marcella Mosqueda and her staff for promoting nutrition during this unusual and fun educational activity,” Van Cise said.



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**Mana Pelcher, 5th grader, reads grapefruit information to the pre-K class.**



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**Felicia Saunders, 5th grader, and 6th grader Andre Leareaux count the number of likes for lentils.**



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**In his time in the 4th grade, Takoda Shawnoo knows which fruits and vegetables are his favorites and least favorites.**



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**Teacher’s Assistant Laurie Barber and 5th grader Thalia Bennett hand out kale samples to students.**



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**Pre-K Teacher Suzanne Pappas assists Aiden Raphael with marking like or dislike after sampling fig.**



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**Alberta Trepanier, 4th grader, raises her hand in taste-testing approval.**



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**Isabella Arbogast, 2nd grader, prepares to taste test lettuce.**



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**Saginaw Chippewa Academy students take a vote on whether or not they liked what they sampled.**



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