Tribal Council Primary Election sees six incumbents advance

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Tribal Council Primary Election time comes every 2 years and the voters have spoken once more. A field of 56 District One candidates competed for the top 20 positions to continue on to the Nov. 3 General Election while six candidates challenged each other for the two openings in District Three.

The Oct. 13 Primary Election saw the Executive Council of Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Treasurer Shelly Bailey, Secretary Sandra Sprague and Delmar Jackson Sr. voted out of office, not attaining the top 20 candidate vote. Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call and Councilman Julius Peters abstained from the 2015 Primary Election.

The six incumbents who continue onward to the Nov. 3 Tribal Council General Election include District One Council members Chip Neyome, Lindy Hunt, Timothy Davis and Jennifer Wasségjig while District Two Council member and incumbent Ron Nelson is running unopposed and advanced. District Three candidate Frank Cloutier was the top vote getter while Council member incumbent Michele Stanley took second to face off in the General Election. The Isabella Federal Reservation is comprised of three districts within its membership that make up the total Tribal Membership.

District One is the Reservation in Isabella County that has 1,064 registered voters/eligible voters.

District Two is the Saganing Reservation in Arenac County that has 43 registered/eligible voters.

District Three applies to the Public Safety building in Mount Pleasant, and District Two voters going to the polls at the Saganing Outreach Center. District Three voter ballots were mailed out by the Tribal Clerk on Oct. 21.

Enrollment Director Shawn Sawmick said completing the first Primary Election as Tribal Clerk was a very humbling experience. "I would like to thank our Membership that made their voices count by coming out to the voting polls or mailing their ballots and voting," Sawmick said. "We had… a total of 51 percent of the District One registered voters cast their ballots (District Three had a 33 percent turnout). Congratulations to all 2015 Primary (Election) candidates. I would also like to thank my staff for all their support and hard work. Together, with the Caucus Committee, we made a great team." The Caucus Committee made sure all aspects of Ordinance 4 were followed and enforced.

Deputy Tribal Clerk Kevin Skutt found his first time assisting in an election as a great learning experience.

Election 6

City of Mount Pleasant declares Indigenous Peoples Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

At the Oct. 12, 2015 Mount Pleasant City Commission meeting, Mayor Jim Holton declared the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

The proclamation states, "The City supports that Indigenous Peoples Day be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous people on this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Saginaw Chippewa and other indigenous peoples add to our city and community."

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his wife Mae performed a special drum song to commence the meeting.

Following the proclamation from Holton, Chief Pego shared some words. "If more people started working with their hearts, the world wouldn’t be a bad place to live," Chief Pego said.

In 2010, the state of Michigan, Isabella County, and the City of Mount Pleasant recognized the official boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation through a historic set of agreements, and these agreements amicably settled long-standing Indian Country jurisdictional issues and are now considered model agreements for the rest of the country.

The proclamation follows a resolution passed by Tribal Council in September 2014, advising the city to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day in replacement of the widely-known Columbus Day.

Last year, the city offered the first Indigenous Peoples Day proclamation for the day of Oct. 13, 2014.
Cecil Isaac
Sept. 12, 1940 - Sept. 28, 2015

Cecil Isaac, 75, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2015 at Broodlows in Bay City. He was born in Standish on Sept. 12, 1940 to the late Solomon and Mabel (Williams) Isaac. After graduating from Bay City Central High School, he served his country in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged.

Cecil was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and enjoyed going to the casino, playing cards and puzzles. He is survived by his caregiver who he considered his daughter, Kathy Kimmel; and her sisters, Leann & Jack Prasulk; Terry Kimmel; Don Fath; their children, Tera and Fred Keller, Drew, Jennifer, and Lindsay; his cousin, Douglas Ramirez; Carrie and Tammi Williams; Adam Prasulk; and great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Cecil’s half-sister, Kathie (Clare) Konzak.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his partner of 30 years, Dolores Kimmel; her daughter, Bonnie Fath; her grand-daughter, Deanne Mateos; his infant sister; and two brothers, Junior and Harold Isaac.

The family would like to acknowledge and express a special thank you to the staff of Broodlows Assisted Living and Fresenius Medical Care Dialysis Center in Essexville for their care and assistance given to Cecil.

Jean Ann (Collins) Lang


Jean’s first husband was Clare Evan Camburn, who preceded her in death. Jean remarried on July 13, 1979 to Joe Lang.

Jean had worked quality control at Ganther Devere, was a driver for Harbor Transit, and she owned and operated Camburn’s Bakery until she retired. Jean was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. She was known for her love of baking, sewing, and her family.

Jean is survived by her sisters, Delores Stillson, and JoAnn Williams; her 18 grandchildren, Crystal, Alissa, Katelynn, (Howard), Richard Allen Camburn (Cassandra), Anthony Joseph Evan Camburn (Licia), Aaron John Camburn, Lori Jean Rickle Clark; her cousin, Wayne Douglas Ritter; her children, Clare Gardner Denver, was a driver for Harbor;

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Election Timeline
2015 Primary and General Elections

Nov. 2 | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
Nov. 3 | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Tribal Clerk’s Office at 989-775-4054

Change to Tribal Loan

Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

Ordinance 4, section 19. Prohibition against interference with Elections. On election day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal Election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

(a) On any land owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, excluding property leased for residential use:
   (i) post, display, or distribute, any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question (this subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place on election day);
   (ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election;
   (iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person’s own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree, or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or
   (iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend, or promise valuable consideration, to or for any person, as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question, or as a reward for refraining from voting; or
(b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or

(c) Directly or indirectly utter or addresses any threat or intimidation to an election official or other person authorized to administer or enforce election laws; or to conduct, oversee or monitor an election, or to assist in the carrying out of such duties, with the intent to induce such person to do any act not authorized by law or to refrain or delay in the performance of any duty imposed by law.

Upon submission, the application will be forwarded to the Per Capita department. Please remember that a previous loan balance must be paid in full to reapply. If you have questions, you may direct them to the Per Capita department.

Thank you for the attention to this notice.

Jeanette Mandoka Carpenter,
Per Capita Member Specialist

Can you guess who this guy is? …been on the Rez forever.

Happy Belated Birthday James!

Happy Birthday Nevaeh!
November 19th
We love you,
Grandpa, Grandma, Aunties, Uncles and cousins

Happy 21st Birthday Eyhana!
We love you much!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sissy, Brobro & Gma Weezy

Happy 17th Birthday Abbie
November 23
Love, Mom & Dad

Happy 42nd Birthday Chip!
We love you. Love, Your wife and Kids

Happy 12th Birthday Aankwadikwe Hinmon
Love Grandma

Happy 9th Birthday Nevaeh Badger
We love you!
Tribal Council

Chief
Steven Pego, District 1
Sub-Chief
Lonna Kehagah-Carr, District 1
Treasurer
Shelly Bailey, District 1
Secretary
Sandy Sprague, District 1
Sergeant-at-Arms
Ron Nelson, District 2
Tribal Chaplain
Jennifer Wasswig, District 1
Council Member
Delmar Jackson Sr., District 1
Council Member
Lindy Hunt, District 1
Council Member
Julian Peters, District 1
Council Member
Chip Neyesme, District 1
Council Member
Tim J. Davis, District 1
Council Member
Michele Stanley, District 3

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MIIBS Project Management: Request for proposal

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Tribal Council is preparing to receive all interested proposals for project management and oversight to an important community investment.

Tribal Members and/or Native Americans are strongly encouraged to apply.

The proposed project manager must include development and future plans for the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) including a community survey in which to assist with guidance.

The Council is seeking a project manager with experience and can demonstrate the key components necessary to complete this important project on time and within a developed budget.

Please include within your proposal: A cover letter outlining your educational background and key project experiences, an overview of your project approach (project scope of services) and proposed fee required to complete project phases (pre-design, design, construction, and closeout) and any reimbursable fee.

Tribal Council will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

- Tribal Member/Native American Preference
- Education Level
- Relevant Experience examples such as:
  - Management of construction documents (AIA)
  - Feasibility studies
  - Budget management
  - Leadership Capability
- Past Performance (if applicable)
- Fee

This position is open until filled. Please forward your detailed proposal with references to:

Marcella Hadden, MIIBS committee member
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
7070 East Broadway
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Public Notice: Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Publication on Notice of Hearing

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form
Please send $30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe gifts bish to Flint residents in need

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Bish (water) is a sacred medicine and a blessing from the Creator. In times of crisis, water is a necessity to sustain life.

Enter the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe where the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort teamed up to make a contribution toward alleviating the current water situation in Flint.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Tribal Council were very supportive of the idea and the willingness of all the departments working together for the families of Flint.

The main focus of this donation is to bring relief to the people of Flint and perhaps make a difference with the gift of bish, Pego said. Raul Venegas, SECR marketing and entertainment director; and Fredrick Kuhlman, Migizi/SEPHI marketing manager drove the donation to Flint; with assistance of SCIT Distribution Center Inventory Control Drivers Ernest Robison, Norman Joaquin Cyr and Rudy Escaillia.

Kuhlman made the initial outreach on behalf of the Tribe to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan Director Kara Ross where they agreed to accept the 1,000 cases of bottled water.

It was a true team effort from our Tribal properties, and we are very happy to be able to make a contribution toward alleviating the current water situation in the city of Flint," Venegas said. “The citizens of Flint were very pleased to see this level of support coming from outside the tri-city area and we are happy to oblige.”

The Flint crisis garnered national attention as a public health emergency was declared. Families were faced with confronting elevated levels of lead in children when the city switched from the Detroit water system to a cheaper alternative: The Flint River.

In a Facebook post that went viral, consumer advocate and environmental activist Erin Brockovich commended the effort. She said, “People helping people… thank you, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe!”

SCIT Water Resource Technician Aiman Shahpurwala explains when found in drinking water, lead is harmful to human health.

“It does have a cumulative toxic effect that can damage the brain, liver, bones and kidneys through continued exposure,” Shahpurwala said. “Lead in softened drinking water often occurs as it is leached out of lead-based piping, typically found in older infrastructure.

At-home filters work towards removing the lead from water and is fairly effective.”

Three semi-trucks and one waterpark truck left the SCIT distribution center Wednesday, Oct. 7 around 9 a.m. filled with bottled water. The 24,000 bottles of water arrived at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (2312 Lapeer Rd.) around 10:45 a.m.

Cyr said the water was slated to be transported by two trucks, but the payload weighed in at 21,150 pounds per 50 case pallet and they needed extra two more semi-trailers.

“I think over the years, it obvious that the Tribe is very giving in the past, and it was relevant for us to donate to people in need… that’s what we do,” Cyr said.

“We were happy to assist with the problem and the simplest way to do so is give the people water," Kuhlman said. “I’m happy to utilize the resources that the Tribe has to give to the people. Flint has been the home of many customers and visitors to the Tribe’s entertainment businesses, and they have supported us and we have a chance to return the favor. Being denied such a basic necessity is a real hardship and we will continue to help if the crisis continues.”

Attention Youth Ages 12-20

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

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

2015-2016 SCIT Youth Council Elections

Oct. 21: Petitions Available
Nov. 6: Petitions Due
Nov. 11-13: Elections (Toll located in K-12 Advisor’s office)
Dec. 2: New Youth Council Seating (Session’s Room)

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

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

For further information, please visit: www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

SCIT At-Large Program

DENISE PELCHER
Contract Health Clerk

A new fiscal year started Oct. 1, 2015, and with it came many changes for the At-Large Program including a new name. The At-Large Program is now referred to as Member Services. This change allows the program to assist all ages and all districts without boundaries.

Some of the things that Member Services we will be assisting members with are:
• Elder BCBS assistance
• 40 Credits
• Social Security issues
• Medicare
• Disability
• MMAP
• Elder parking permits
• Limited grants
• Youth
• Ice Cream Social
• Community Picnic

SCIT Tribal Members no matter where they reside. Any Tribal Members out of the area and need assistance, the Member Services staff will work to find the appropriate information in need, and find where help is available in the Member's area.

Our phone number and the employees remain unchanged, with the exception of Colleen Maki, youth coordinator, who is now accommodated in the office.

If you need assistance, call 1-800-884-6271, all direct phone numbers and email addresses remain the same. We encourage you to stop into the Member Services Department. If you have yet to visit us, feel free to introduce yourself or ask questions.

Member Services Advisory Board

Upcoming Vacancies:

Vacancies will be posted for at least 30 days from Nov. 1, 2015.

Vacancies Available:
• Two Positions open for Mount Pleasant area
• One Position open for Standish area
• Two Positions open for within State of Michigan

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

Member Services Department
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Attention: Craig Gaweentrace

Tribal Conservator

Conservation experience in other county or tribal probate court. Shall have experience in the areas of tax preparation, accounting, financial services, or law and estate planning. Shall pass a background check and may be required to provide security in the form of a bond.

This is a Tribal Council appointed position, interested parties should submit their credentials to the Human Resources Department.
Native activist Dennis Banks returns to Zibiwino to fight the war on drugs

**Dennis Banks, the Leech Lake Ojibwe elder, field organizer, writer, educator, and activist, returned to a packed room in the Zibiwino Center on Sept. 29 to assist the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to fight the war on drugs.**

The 78-year-old Banks is also known as “Naawakamig,” a spiritual name meaning “in the center of the universe,” and spoke fondly about two Tribal programs.

“Absolutely! It is about culture and it is not just for the sake of making sure that it happens but making sure it’s continued in a daily fashion. I visited the Seventh Generation Program many times with the late Ben Hymon many times for the diabetes run and the riders against domestic violence. Now I have the opportunity to speak to the community about one of the best native museums in the country on something that also affects reservations across Indian Country.”

Banks sees a distinct connection in how Seventh Generation and Zibiwino Center compliment each other.

“Zibiwino as a museum (that) serves a purpose of taking care of those sacred items that document our part of history,” Banks said. “Seventh Generation programs that create the items that will be a part of the Zibiwino museum in the near future. The question of what the Seventh Generation are cultural. How is ceremonial hand drums made? What kind of wood is used for sacred drums? What kind of stone is used to make a pipe in a good way? Even the cedar boxes that the eagle feathers are carried in... these are the spiritual gifts our people can use that will bring us back to the center fire to fight the war on drugs.”

The Seventh Generation Pegid introduced Banks, and Banks did not mince words when speaking about the issue at hand.

“Our culture is not something that should be blocked or shelved because of the economic issues that tribes are facing.” Banks said. “If we are going to make a difference in the war on drugs, we have to make an investment, not only in our people but in our resources. We need to put money into the precious resource any tribe in the country has, our tribal youth and families. The tremendous issues and challenges that our country is in is an epidemic where cartels are targeting Native people in particular. Where is our Ogichidewagowid speaking to make sure that these cartels don’t reach us.”

Banks told the audience it is important for “our people to combat the drugs and know that the more time that is spent with them, the less time we spend with our families, our ceremonies and our community.”

“The way to really start a recovery program is to bring people back to our culture,” he said. “We need to guide our young ones back into the sweat lodge, the long houses and pipe ceremonies and back to the teachings of the drum. We need to teach our youth on why we use eagle feathers and the importance placed on what we need to do for the community when we receive money to be able to give them the drugs. They are destroying our families and the very core values of our Ojibwe people are under attack.”

Banks honored those in attendance with a hand drum song that was passed down to him back in the day when he was a co-founder of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means and Dennis Banks is also a tribal member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Tribe and an ex-member of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means and Dennis Banks is also a tribal member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Tribe and an ex-member of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means and Dennis Banks is also a tribal member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Tribe and an ex-member of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means and Dennis Banks is also a tribal member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Tribe and an ex-member of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means and Dennis Banks is also a tribal member of the Leech Lake Ojibwe Tribe and an ex-member of the American Indian Movement with Russell Means.
updating: Water Warriors raised $131,118 for Special Olympics Michigan

Natalie Shattuck
Editor

The July 29 Eagle Bay Marina visit in Standish was just one of the stops for the Water Warrior riders who raise money for Special Olympics Michigan athletes.

The Water Warriors participate in a five-day, 450-mile endurance ride on personal watercraft. They begin in Mackinaw City, ride the entire length of Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and finish at Harsens Island, all while collect-
ing donations.

On Oct. 9, Ann Plegue, chair-
woman of the Water Warriors Board of Directors, announced that the 2015 Water Warriors Mackinaw Ride wrapped up and raised $131,118.

“Our Water Warriors members are all a truly dedicated, amazing group of people who have the passion in their hearts to help peo-
ple with intellectual disabilities to achieve their dreams and give them the chance to develop phys-
ica fitness, demonstrate courage and experience inclusion, pride and friendship,” Plegue said.

Special Olympic Michigan opening ceremonies are Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Lansing Eastern High School at 220 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI, 48912.

Water Warriors sponsors the State Poly Hockey and Unified Bowling Finals, with more than 1,200 athletes and 250 coaches and volunteers.

“It would like to thank every single member, supporter and sponsor for their role in not only giving our Special Olympics Michigan athletes opportuni-
ties, but also for the countless hours devoted to making the Water Warriors ride a success,” Plegue said.

“It would be impossible to add up all of the hours and personal contributions dedi-
cated to fundraising, planning the ride and all of the personal time and arrangements it takes to be able to participate in our work-long endeavor,” she said.

“There are many, many behind-the-scenes efforts that one could think goes unnoticed that is really a big part of the overall success of the ride.”

Water Warriors members will present a check at opening ceremonies, meet the athletes, autograph posters of the ride, and watch the games.

Water Warriors Vice Chairman Tom Chauvin coaches the poly hockey team, and encourages individuals to watch the teams play.

“I guarantee you will be impressed with the speed and the intense competition of the game,” Chauvin said.

Spectators may also cheer Water Warrior members: Jason Plegue, Kristen May, Viann Markel and Willy Winkle.

SELc employees raise money for Bikers 4 Kids through Jeans Day donations

Christy Fedak
Saginaw Administrative Assistant

During September, Saginaw Eagles Landing associates raised $260 through monthly Jeans Day donations.

The monies raised were donated to Bikers 4 Kids, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organiza-
tion. The funds benefit under-
privileged kids with purchases of much-needed medical equipment not covered by insurance, replacement of important items children lose due to a fire, gas cards for families that need to transport their child for treat-
ments and more.

Bikers 4 Kids also helps with local charities including Christmas for Kids and “adopts” families that would otherwise have nothing for the holidays.

B4K’s next fundraising event is their annual Christmas fund-
draiser on Nov. 7 at The Camp Bar & Grill. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and requires a $10 donation per person.

For a $10 donation, indi-
viduals will receive a dinner buffet, entry for door prizes and music.

SELc Jeans Day funds are raised through associates donating $5 at the cashier window. In return, the associ-
ate is allowed to wear jeans for their shift.

Jeans days are on the first Tuesday and the last Friday of the month.

ATTENTION SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN TRIBAL MEMBERS

General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015

DISTRICT 1 VOTE FOR UP TO 10
Breninger “Chippewa”, Amanda
Candace B.
Carr, Fredrico Jr.
Coulwell “Jackson”, Mi-
chelle R.
Davis, Timothy J.
Ekahlan, Ronald F.
Flamand, Jean V.

DISTRICT 2 VOTE FOR ONLY 1
Nelson, Ronald Lawrence

DISTRICT 3 VOTE FOR ONLY 1
Cloutier, Frank J.
Staley, Michele G.

POLLING STATION OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, MT. PLEASANT
SAGANING TRIBAL CENTER, STANDISH
Certification of Voting Machines at 5:15 PM November 2, 2015

You Have a Choice, You Have a Voice!

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SEWPH business interests.
Run Golf Course and other welcoming remarks and introduction and Hotel, and General working opportunities.

On Sept. 16, the monthly Mount Pleasant Chamber business after hours event offers networking opportunities.

"It is always an honor to work with the Tribal community to cleanse, honor and feel the sacred in our care," Johnson said. "I'm always happy that they consistently bring their own eagle feathers with them. It truly is a blessing to be able to provide physical and spiritual care for the eagle feathers in our Tribal community."
Ziibiwing understands and accepts the physical and spiritual responsibility in maintaining the sacred eagle feathers.

"There is a lot of work that we do together," Johnson said. "The eagle feathers in the sacred and ceremonial collection are well cared for and it shows. Many young people brought their eagle feathers in for cleansing and for that, we're grateful."

A Mide ‘Little Boy’ water drum and sacred pipe ceremony was offered by MC’gheeng First Nation Ontario, Canada Elder, and teacher Brian Corbiere. Corbiere’s spirit name is Bubamikowi (He Who Leaves Impressions) and he is from the Waabizhezhi (Marten) Clan.

It was amazing to have Bubamikowi provide us with spiritual teachings," Johnson said. "We learnt so much from him. He is truly a blessing and he has honored us many times in presiding over repatriation ceremonies. He is always there when we need him."

Bubamikowi said with the eagle feather cleansing and ceremony is done in the humble way ancestors handed down.

"There are many things we don’t remember from our Grandfather Teachings and that is why we bring our bundles and sacred medicines to share with the people," Bubamikowi said. “The spirits are here and ready to nourish and join us in the feast. We feed those spirits by providing a spirit plate with all of the gifts given by the Creator, the feathers of the eagle feathers."

Dr. Frank Cloutier serves the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & LifeWay as the coordinator responsible for cleansing and for that, we are grateful.

"Dr. Cloutier has a unique ability to connect with each other and communicate as they are brought together from behind closed doors and they visit with the other miigwans. It is good for the eagle feathers to get a cleansing and be able to get some wind on them and for them to breathe."

The eagle remains a steadfast symbol of strength and unity. This gives blessings to our people," Johnson said. "I’m grateful for their work with the Tribal community."

"I'm grateful for the physical and spiritual well-being they provide," Perry said. "They are able to connect with each other and they talk," Perry said. "They are able to connect with each other and communicate as they are brought together from behind closed doors and they visit with the other miigwans. It is good for the eagle feathers to get a cleansing and be able to get some wind on them and for them to breathe."

The eagle is the one who flies higher than the hawk and the condor comes from South America and is a relative to both of them," Perry said. "Bubamikowi was gifted that condor feather from the Creator through a South American monk and he has preserved it to do with it yet. Along with the many teachings about the importance of feasting eagle feathers and the display of the eagle feathers displayed at the Ziibiwing Center are an example of honoring the life of the Anishinabe people, eagle feathers preserve the life and spiritual energy of the eagle. This gives blessings and strength to our people."

"The eagle flies higher than the animal world, it flies courageously into the thunderstorms."

Perry said as people go through the storms of life, they can use the spirit of the mii gwaans and medicine they provide a chance to meet other professionals from the area that have the same goals and objectives and that is to bring tourist dollars to Soaring Eagle, Mount Pleasant Casino & Resort.

"In working together, we have the loving support," Hyble said. "We had the Mount Pleasant Chamber booked for an Oct. 28 Business After Hours, and an Oct. 23 Legislative Breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Conference Center Three Fires Room."

Both Michigan legislators, 33rd District State Sen. Judy Emmons (R-Sherman) and 99th District State Rep. Kevin Cotter (R-Mount Pleasant), are slated to be keynote speakers at the event.

"Frank Cloutier serves on our board and will be coming to this event next year and chair in 2017. Frank’s knowledge of our community and the heritage of the Tribe go very deep and when we are making decisions he offers a voice of reason we believe in our community." SEWPH provided hors d’oeuvres and door prizes that included a night stay for two.

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding termination of parental rights, guardianship, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition and circumstances of cases. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers.

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services by Dec. 1, 2015. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Send letter of interest to: Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

SEWPH General Manager
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Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding termination of parental rights, guardianship, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition and circumstances of cases. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers.

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services by Dec. 1, 2015. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Send letter of interest to: Anishinaabeg Child & Family Services
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Mount Pleasant Chamber business after hours event offers networking opportunities

On Sept. 16, the monthly Mount Pleasant Chamber Business After Hours event at Nbakade Family Restaurant offered great food and networking opportunities.

The event was sponsored by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and General Manager at Province gave welcoming remarks and introduced her senior administration while promoting Waabizhezhi Golf Course and other SEWPH business interests.

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72 mos $234 $14,700

**2011 Chrysler Town & Country Touring FWD**
Auto, 84k miles, 3.6L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, 4x2, 4dr, 1 owner, 4x2, 4dr
66 mos $257 $14,996

**2010 Ford Fusion SE**
Auto, 37k miles, 2.5L, 4 cy, 2.0, 4x2, 4dr, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
6 mos $235 $12,650

**2012 Ford Taurus SEL**
Auto, 60k miles, 3.5L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
60 mos $261 $13,995

**2011 Chevy Equinox LS**
Auto, 47k miles, 2.4L, 4 cyl, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Supercab, 4x2, 4dr, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
66 mos $263 $15,295

**2009 Ford Ranger XLT**
Auto, 57k miles, 4.0L, 6cyl, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
60 mos $294 $16,350

**2013 Ford Escape SEL**
Auto, 90k miles, 2.5L, 4 cyl, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $296 $18,488

**2013 Dodge Charger**
Auto, 60k miles, 3.6L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $349 $21,995

**2013 Ford Fusion SE**
Auto, 47k miles, 2.5L, 4cyl, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $339 $20,299

**2012 Ford F-350 XLT**
Auto, 60k miles, 6.2L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $366 $20,495

**2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude FWD**
Auto, 36k miles, Sports, 4x2, 4dr, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
6 mos $311 $19,450

**2014 Ford F-150 XL**
Auto, 48k miles, 5.0L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
6 mos $358 $22,500

**2014 Chevy Silverado 2500HD LT Regular Cab**
Auto, 58k miles, 6.0L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $496 $30,995

**2013 GMC Sierra 1500**
Auto, 60k miles, 5.3L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $506 $31,650

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Auto, 47k miles, 6.7L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $487 $30,495

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72 mos $281 $16,495

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72 mos $308 $19,450

**2012 Jeep Wrangler Sahara Unlimited 4WD**
Auto, 60k miles, 3.6L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 2 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $491 $30,695

**2012 Ford F-150 XLT**
Auto, 60k miles, 5.0L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
6 mos $492 $30,800

**2013 Chevy Silverado 2500HD LT Regular Cab**
Auto, 66k miles, 6.0L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $496 $30,995

**2013 Lincoln MKZ Country Touring FWD**
Auto, 58k miles, 3.5L, 6cyl, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
66 mos $197 $12,998

**2010 Ford Fusion SE**
Auto, 64k miles, 3.0L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
60 mos $165 $8,895

**2014 E250 Cargo Van**
Auto, 50k miles, 3.7L, 6cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab, 1 owner, Ext. Cab
72 mos $380 $23,900

**2010 Ford F-150 XLT**
Auto, 46k miles, 5.0L, 8cyl, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 2 owner, Ext. Cab, 2 owner, Ext. Cab
60 mos $425 $22,800

**2015 Ford Expedition XL**
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**Anishinaabemowin Word Search**

A Incompliant
B Illegible
C Untrustworthy
D Unpredictable
E Inconsistent
F Irregular
G Unfair
H Unhappy
I Unkind
J Unbelievable
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**Dear WW:**

My family recently lost our pet and we feel very lonely, and wonder if the appropriate length of time to mourn before getting a new pet? This dog helped so much with our foster kids. We would feel lonely and cry for their parents but once we got the dog, it took their minds off of that and allowed them to be children again. There is nothing better than the sight of those kids rolling on the floor with a dog or each other chasing another around the house. Although we want to be respectful and grieve, we also want to move on.

**Dog Gone It**

Dear Dog Gone It: What you have done for your foster children now has a name called pet therapy, which has been gaining more and more attention these days. Pets can be great motivators and help ease loneliness, especially in the elderly. There really is no time limit on a “respectful” amount of time in which to mourn as only you can be the judge of that. Have a small ceremony if you haven’t already and mourn as long as you feel you need to.

Dear WW: I am dating a man that is so tight he speaks. I love him in every way but he wants to divide everything down the middle including going out to dinner. I was shocked the first time we went out to eat as HE invited me and then told me what my share was to the penny. I overlooked it as he has many other good qualities, but find our conversations falling back to the topic of money. I understand that a fool and his money are soon parted but this man may be different. I knew I would have a secure future with him but don’t know if things will get better or worse.

**Squeaky’s Flanee**

Dear Squeaky: Your fiancé is unlikely to change his ways.

Money/finance can be both a blessing and a curse. Perhaps you can become more interested in money and learn about the stock market or offer to take a class in finance so you can be up to speed when the topic arises. If you truly don’t find money as fascinating or value it the way your soon-to-be-husband does, yes, it may be the breaker in your relationship. Most importantly, be honest and let him know how you feel.

**Dear WW:**

My daughter is moving out of state to go to college. Even though I support this, I am worried and am considering telling her to stay closer to home, how can I cope? Mother May I

**Dear Mother:** As a mother, it has been your job to love, guide and protect your daughter throughout her life. It is not unusual now that she is older to have feelings of vulnerability with thoughts of her absence from your life. If your fear is that something might happen to her, that is a different story. First of all, don’t think that you have so much power that just by being with her, you can protect her. Only the Creator can make those decisions. When you are feeling upset because she is gone, realize that this is a wonderful opportunity for her to learn and grow on her own. Let her know that you will always be there and don’t discourage it as she will become a prisoner of your fears. Let go and leave it to the Creator to make the decisions. Your daughter will find security in your faith that all will be fine.
Practical advice around the home provided at Saganing financial workshop

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photographer

Practical advice that makes economic sense around the home was provided at Saganing financial workshop on Sept. 10.

Sherill Kennedy, SCIT Housing credit homebuyer counselor and loan specialist, has been providing Housing Financial Workshop for over a year. Kennedy provides a variety of tips on how to save money and make your home more efficient.

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**Usage for around the house items, those in attendance some new time,“ Kennedy said. “I offered the seminar on Sept. 10.**

Kennedy received his master’s degree from Michigan State University, and previously taught at CMU.

In 2002-2003, Webkamigad was the primary language consultant for the Ziibiwing Center’s Diba Jimoooyang Permanent Exhibit, which tells the story of the original people of the Great Lakes.

He discussed boarding schools, and how they negatively impacted Indigenous languages. “Indigenous peoples often joke too much to hide our hurt, or to make light of things,” he said. “There is a lot of humor in our language." He said it is important “to come to one.”

I know others would too if they heard you speak. The people would come to one in the community to hear someone in the community speak. We also highlighted the many uses for an inexpensive tension rod. And there was a lot of input from the attendees.” Kennedy provides a Housing Financial Workshop to the Saganing community bi-monthly, to offer financial and budget friendly strategies.

Considering the community response, the workshops are well attended because they are interactive and Saganing Outreach Center Supervisor Don Nelson is glad to have the educational effort on site. “Sherill always has something interesting planned that our community in Saganing find both fun and educational,” Nelson said. “Talking about financial matters can have its own challenges, but the workshops sponsored by SCIT Housing are entertaining and fresh.”

Liz Walters, SCIT Housing project coordinator, assisted and shared tips about laptops and electronic devices and how to keep them in good condition and functioning properly. “My husband (Ian Walters) is owner of Game Go Computers in Mount Pleasant and he recommends that laptops be kept on solid surfaces to avoid any overheating issues. When people set their laptops on soft surfaces such as pillows, cushions and blankets during use, they have a tendency to get hot from improper air circulation which makes fans or cooling systems work harder potentially causing damage. Walters also shared that people should keep cell phones and computer tablets out of their beds.”

“This is important to keep these devices from getting lost under pillows and blankets as teens most times do,” she said. “They will overheat and cause a fire hazard. It may also damage the costly device.”

Saganing Elder Brenda Smith attended the seminar with her husband, Tribal Elder Lawrence Smith, and enjoyed the practical advice and plans on using some of the ideas shared with her family.

“A lot of community members learned some new uses for common household items in a wonderful and humorous way,” Smith said. “I look forward to the next Housing financial workshop and I know others would too if they come to one.”
Drug-Free Throws event aims to throw substance abuse in the basket

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

The “war on drugs” is fought in many ways and the Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health Prevention Department’s Oct. 28 Drug-Free Throws event at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym literally aims to throw substance abuse in the basket.

Kevin Ricketts Sr., Behavioral Health prevention specialist coach, has been coordinating the effort, which started from a passionate Facebook post where he had many youths wanting to get on board in some way to address the problem of drugs in our community.

“The event itself is bringing together community youth and the Mid Michigan Community College men’s basketball team in a fun and friendly environment,” Ricketts said. “It’s great to have the (MMCC) Lakers come to our community and the excitement the event brings to me is the birth of the Drug-Free Teen Club.”

Through this club, with support of the youth officers, (Prevention Specialist) Alice Ricketts, (Prevention Coordinator) Jen Crawford and I, the voices of the youth against drugs in our community will be heard,” he said. “My hope and prayer is that this club gives the youth the power and feeling that they can change community norms, and that when they speak and act, it does matter. This club is new, and it will take time to get fully established, but with support and prayers from all adults in the community, I am sure it will be an important piece as we move forward with the war on drugs.”

Kaleb House, MMCC men’s basketball coach; and Matt Miller, vice president of Student and Community Relations, are fully engaged and support the effort wholeheartedly.

“We are excited to be involved with this great event,” House said. “It is an excellent experience for our players to interact with the community and give back. It helps our student athletes gain a more well-rounded education while also hopefully benefiting the youth of the community.”

MMCC has been active in the community for 50 years and serves a number of Native American students with courses and programs that lead to a great career. “MMCC is always looking at ways to stay active in the community,” Miller said. “With a successful basketball program in place, it’s time to get those students out in the community, making a difference. Each year, about 100 Native American students attend MMCC and we look forward to participating with the Tribal youth and the Drug-Free Throws program.”

Crawford said Oct. 23-31 is Red Ribbon Week, the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people.

The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America.

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week, the Drug-Free Throws event is youth-focused, pairing a popular activity (basketball) with drug-free messages,” Crawford said. “At this event, we will be kicking off the Drug-Free Teen Club, which will be open to all teens in the community who want to take a stand against drugs and alcohol.”

Alice Ricketts said the Tribe has an uphill battle ahead, but believes if youth are involved in healthy lifestyle choices early, the Tribe will be stronger.

“As a Tribal Member, I would like to say that this is going to be an awesome event that allows the voices of our community youth to be heard,” Alice said. “This war on drugs is real and happening all over. As a mother and grandmother, I love to see and hear our youth speak up and say “enough is enough.”

The Ojibwe phrase “enjibin, ji-chaa” (where souls and spirits are cleansed and healed) was chosen as the name of the Drug-Free Teen Club.

“The most popular sport on the Rez is basketball and the Drug-Free Teen Club aims to draw on that success.”

“MMCC is always looking at ways to stay active in the community; and to be a model for youth in other communities,” Crawford said. “As plans are made, parents, teachers, and community professionals will hopefully support and get involved with this club.”

For more information on the Drug-Free Teen Club and how you can be a member, contact Behavioral Health Prevention Department at 989-775-4850. To learn more about the Red Ribbon Campaign, please access its web site at www.redribbon.org.

Environmental Awareness Day
Nov. 1 | 12 - 2 p.m.
Bovee University Center 108
Campus clean-up
Register through Volunteer Center OrgSync.

Traditional Ricing: Lee Sprague
Nov. 2 | 12 - 2 p.m.
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College: West Room 2
Learn how to harvest rice traditionally.
Soup and Frybread provided.

Annual Food Taster
Nov. 9 | 5 - 7 p.m.
Bovee University Center Rotunda
Admission $5 students, $7 General Public
or Donation for military appreciation week.
Join I in enjoying traditional and contemporary Native American cuisine followed by dance demonstration.

Veteran’s Day: Way of the Warrior
Documentary & Discussion
Nov. 11 | 12 - 3:30 p.m.
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College: West Room 2
Guest speaker: Don Miller, Anishinaabe Ogichadewa

Dakota 38: Documentary & Discussion
Nov. 18 | 3 - 5 p.m.
Bovee University Center Auditorium
The documentary film tells the story of Jim Miller’s vision to remember the 38 Dakota men who were executed in Mankato, Minn. on Dec. 26, 1862.

Keynote Speaker: Joseph Boyden
Nov. 19 | 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Audacious 161
Book signing immediately following lecture.
Joseph Boyden is a Canadian novelist and short story writer.

Indian 101: Documentary & Discussion
Nov. 10 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Peace Hall 127
Native American Activism: LaDonna Harris, Founder and President of Americans for Indian Opportunity

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TRUNK OR TREAT AND HALLOWEEN HAUNT BRING THE FEAR FACTOR TO THE CAMPGROUND

TRIBAL PHOTOJOURNALIST

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The SCIT Recreation Department made a scary good time for the community as the annual Trunk or Treat and Halloween Haunt brought the fear factor to the hill on Oct. 23.

Through the years, the signature event has transformed into one of the most festive offerings for Isabella County families. “Our staff puts a lot of time and effort into the event and this is the first time we had it at the campground and it felt like home,” said Ronnie Ekdahl, SCIT recreation youth activities manager. “The staff did an excellent job and the effort put forward by the SCIT Housing Department was amazing. Their haunted tunnel was a big hit and many of the kids talked about how scary it was.”

SCIT Housing Manager April Borton and her staff went to great lengths in constructing the tunnel of terror and all of our staff was committed and helped with the final touches to a fun activity this year. We are so excited with the response we are already planning for next year.”

Jamie Feliciano, SCIT administrative assistant attended the Halloween-themed extravaganza with her daughters Taylyn and Elyana and gave the event high praise. “I would like to say thank you to all the people that helped put this event together,” Feliciano said. “My girls and I enjoyed the fun activities and we look forward to it just like every year!”

Recreation Department Organized Sports Specialists Lindsay Sprague, Walter Trepianer and Lucas Sprague coordinated the registration and all the events, and even though the turnout was larger last year it was still a successful event.”

“We noticed a lot more Tribal families and employee out here, and moving the event helped…because there was over 1,000 people who came last year and many of the people who did our Trunk or Treat ran out of candy,” Lucas said. “I would like to give a shout out to all the people that participated in the fear factor event… I don’t know if I would have done it!”

Loosely based on the TV show “Fear Factor”, the challenge featured digging for worms, eating hot mustard and bobbing for apples in a bucket of live crickets. And yes, there were some who quit before they could finish the timed contest.

Tribal Member Fred Leksche enjoyed having the festivities moved up to the hill instead of Tribal Operations where it has always been. “It was excellent,” Leksche said. “I had a lot of fun and our whole family was here, including my dog Lilly. I wish we would have had time to do the haunted tunnel. I heard the Housing department did a great job with it and it was busy all night. My favorite part of the haunt was the family dancing contest. That was the best even though we didn’t win.”

Along with the haunted tunnel and dance contest, there was four divisions of costume contests (4 and younger, 5 to 11, 12-17 and 18 and older) and best family costume along with a special pet costume contest.

Tips for dealing with fall leaves and yard waste management

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

Fall is here! The leaves changing color is beautiful, but when they fall into your yard they become an issue. There are a couple solutions to removing leaves from your yard. Residents in the City of Mount Pleasant are providing a leaf pick-up service during late October and November.

Loose leaves in your yard may be raked in low piles into the gutter, make sure not to cover storm drains. In high traffic areas, such as High Street or Pickard Street, leaves may be raked between the curb and sidewalk.

If you live in Isabella County, outside the City of Mt. Pleasant, then your yard waste and brush may be brought to the Recycling Center. To drop leaves off to the Recycling Center, there is a fee of $1 per 30 gallon bag of leaves and grass and $12 a cubic yard for brush.

Composting your leaves is another great solution to managing yard waste. Composting is an environmentally friendly way of getting rid of yard waste as well as food scraps. If you have space in your yard to start a pile for leaves or to keep an enclosed compost, you can start composting right away.

In your pile, you can toss yard waste, leaves, as well as food scraps from fruit, vegetables, breads, coffee grounds, grains, etc. Do not add anything such as meats, cheeses, oils or grease to your compost pile. Depending on the proportion of materials in your compost, after a few months to a year, you will have nutrient rich soil for your garden. Composting, recycling, and using local services to manage your yard waste are good solutions.
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Wrestler Kenya Spencer receives scholarship at King University

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

She’s no stranger to gold or silver medals, and she continues to conquer the wrestling world at the young age of 17.

Tribal youth Member Kenya Spencer, a high school senior at Caro High School, has competed in national and international wrestling competitions.

Spencer has been wrestling for 13 years, and her hard work and dedication continues to pay off with a great new opportunity to represent her Tribal community.

Spencer received an athletic scholarship to wrestle at King University in Bristol, Tenn.

“When I signed for my scholarship, I had so many emotions running through me: Excitement that it’s happening; relief all of my dedication and hard work has paid off; sadness that this chapter of my life is almost over and that my family, who has been through it all, will not be at college with me,” Spencer said.

She has numerous wrestling titles, received more than 100 medals and placed in other countries.

“But, I still feel my biggest accomplishment is I have stayed true to myself and my Creator; without my strong belief in His plan for me, I would not be where I am today,” Spencer said.

Her advice to other tribal youth is “to work hard, take nothing for granted, and be proud of where and of who you are.”

Spencer said when she looks back at her life so far, she realizes she has been blessed that she’s accomplished so many things she was set out to do.

“Wrestling at 160 (pounds) or 172 (pounds) against boys is tough, but I’ve proven that it’s possible,” she said. “I have won matches that just seemed impossible.”

Spencer wished to thank everyone who has supported her throughout her wrestling career: Friends, family, her church community and coaches; all of those people are “special to her and she carries them in her heart.”

SCIT community participates during CMU’s “Tradition’s Day” football game

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

As the Central Michigan University and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe partnership continues to grow, SCIT representatives joined the CMU football game for the Oct. 17 “Tradition’s Day” against the Buffalo Bulls.

The SCIT Public Relations and Parks and Recreation departments hosted a 10 a.m. pre-game family friendly tailgate and provided food, beverages and fun and games for children.

Tours of the CMU athletic departments were also provided.

At 12:30 p.m., fans and the Niijkewehn Mentoring Program were welcome to form a fan tunnel on the Kelly/Shorts Stadium field for the CMU football players to run through.

During the second quarter, Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Council Treasurer Shelly Bailey, PR Director Frank Cloutier and PR Administrative Assistant Erik Rodriguez were recognized on the field on behalf of SCIT.

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The Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Aaron Chivis, Nathan Isaac and Steven Loonsfoot perform a drum song in honor of CMU’S Tradition’s Day.

When I look in the mirror, I see a warrior who will continue to represent the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with honor and appreciation,” she said.
Second annual “Par for the Cause” raises more than $40,000

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort presented the second annual “Par for the Cause” Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 28 at PohlCat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant. More than $40,000 was raised between corporate teams, and the silent and live auctions.

Splitting the proceeds, the Saginaw Chippewa Parks and Recreation Department, the Michigan State baseball head coach Jake Boss Jr.; pro golfer Jeff Linesons; Supercross racer Nick Wey; and Kevin Cotter, Republican member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

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The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund supports Michigan-based soldiers who have served and protected the country. The nonprofit organization helps injured soldiers pay their living expenses and provides assistance to families of the fallen.

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Congratulations Bridget Fairchild for being selected as the October Educator of the Month! The perks of this award include an induction into the Education Apple Halliwill (left) and Kelli Cassaday, curriculum instructional coordinator. Which program do you work for? Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

What is your title? Cook
What long have you worked for the Education Department? Ten years.
What is your favorite part of working in this department? The children and their smiles.
Do you have any hobbies or special talents? My only hobby… running.
What is your funniest memory in working with our students? I laugh every time I get the kids to say “beautiful lunch lady” instead of “please,” I am surprised how many kids will say it.

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Lillian Cheenee, Gabriela Easiedo, Tebey Flores, Rosamaria Greene, Daren Haggard, Konnor Hiltiger, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kaltegag, Nadia Mills, Morgan Morrow, Kapawi, Tiara Osawabine, Ethan Reed, Caleb Treichel, Ethan Treichel, Savannah Treichel and Ava Vogel.


The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Savanah Madia, Aaliyah Dunlap, Joannita Gose, Metao Harris, Kaden Kjolhede, Zamiah Sprague, Dawshe Wilson and Hudson Warger.

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Kamzin Alexander, Dayton Brosa, Jayden Brox, Trey Brox, Johnathan Cogswell, Sadie Cogswell, Angelica Himon, Alize Jackson, Lakota Jackson, Waseya Lamberton, Jared Myras, Sarah Osawabine, Jayden Pelcher, Layla Pigson, Maya Ryan, Brandun Segregues, Madalyn Sieway, Abenebi Starkey, Minigin Starkey and Aubreyanna Stevens.

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!

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Starkey and Aubreyanna Stevens. The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Mia Floyd, Kadern Rose, La’Anna Traude, Mia Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Tyaden Davis, Vanessa Lemna, Kayden Weekly Dean, Grey Fox, Aaron Graveratte, Basinshay Hendrickson, John Stevens and Makayla Stevens.

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Rebecca Babb, Lawanda Babb, Jordan Babb, Aaliyah Demar, Nicholas Demar, Elisha Doremus, Jaden Doremus, Isabella Earley, Alliyah Flagsing, Tevin Goos, Jordan Haggard, Isaiah Henderson, Kaden Huber, Amaree Jackson, Abney Jackson, Adypsy Larson, Aaliyah Lewis, Tawny Jackson, Cadyn Pelcher, Robert Pegg, Tasha Pegg and John Pelcher.

What is something people may not know about you? I love cookies… any kind… any time.
When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? I wanted to be a mom.
What is your favorite movie? “Son in Law”.
What is your favorite food? Salad and cookies.
Thank you so much for being such an integral part of our education team! We appreciate you!

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Mahnoomin Camp provides time to teach and learn together

MARY PELCHER
SCTC Extension Coordinator

Camaraderie was the feeling around the fire at the Mahnoomin Camp hosted by Seventh Generation and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. The camp was held on Oct. 8-10 at the Elijah Elk Ceremonial building and grounds.

This camp was held to offer the community opportunity to participate in the finishing process of mahnoomin (wild rice).

The Mahnoomin Camp was reminiscent of times past, when families harvested the “food that grows on the water”, the mahnoomin. This harvest was to view, assess, and harvest the mahnoomin.

Mahnoomin is a time consuming, slow process. Literally each piece of mahnoomin is examined and put into another tray. The husks and any other items were pulled out. The cleaned rice is then put in to a Ziploc bag for storage, until cooking.

Participants enjoyed three days of cooperation and amity while working through the processing. Everyone was willing to help pitch in when needed. Some meals were provided, and a potluck ended the camp.

As an Elder reminded us, honoring and handling the mahnoomin reignites our Anishinaabe blood memory. The camp provided opportunity to have a glimpse of what Anishinaabe families had to do to survive in times past. We not only allied with each other, we connected with our ancestors.

The SCTC mahnoomin class is a community education class offered as non-credit education, free to the community. Instructor Lee Sprague shares extensive knowledge to the class.

The class continues through November on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Tribal College. Even though the harvest is over, interested individuals are encouraged to drop in on the class to listen to a presentation, and help clean mahnoomin.

SCTC Celebrates Native American Month NOVEMBER 2015

Monday, Nov. 2
NAHM Kick Off
12-2 p.m. | Located at SCTC West Classroom 2
Lee Sprague, Traditional Birthing | Snack and Round Robin

Way of the Warrior Documentary & Discussion
12-3:30 p.m. | Located at SCTC West Classroom 2
Veteran Day | Speaker: David Dens, Ogitchadwa Western Society

Chemistry Night
5:30-8 p.m. | Located at SCTC West Classroom 2

Tuesday, Nov. 17
Traditional Basketry
10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Located at SCTC West Classroom 2
With Kelly Church | Limited to first 35 | To sign-up: 989-775-4133

Limited to first 20

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12-3 p.m. | Located at SCTC Science Lab
With Cheryl Colburn | Limited to 20 | To sign-up: 989-775-4133

Monday, Nov. 20
Ojibwe Bingo
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Ron White claims he is “transfunny” during comedic SECR return

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

With a cigar in hand and his Number Juan Tequila on a bar stool by his side, Ron White showcased yet another one of his favorite things: Comedy.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, Ron “Tater Salad” White, along with special opening guest Rocky LaPorte delivered laugh after laugh in the sold-out Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

Rocky LaPorte had the audience roaring during his 15-minute comedic routine with his distinctive accent and uproarious comic thinks so.”

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For the past 57 years, as sure as the sun would come up in the morning and set in the evening, there was one thing you could count on: Kenny Rogers would soon be coming to a venue near you.

On Sept. 12, “The Gambler” laid down another winning hand and was all aces in his sixth Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort appearance.

Along with the four mov-ies in which Rogers portrayed the gambler; Brady Hawkes; the singer, songwriter, actor, record producer, entrepreneur and author is a driven per-former and entertainer who can command a stage.

In 1986, both USA Today and People magazine voted Kenny Rogers the “Favorite Singer of All Time.”

Kenny Rogers the “Favorite Sing-er” born June 21, 1938, Rogers is an accomplished recording artist, surgeon, author, is a driven perfor-mer and entertainer who can command a stage.

“From here or from my home country cornucopia of toe-tappers that delighted his audience also loved to hear his heartfelt song “Lady.”

It was Tribal Elder Carole Tally’s second time seeing Rogers at SECR.

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Kenny Rogers performs
doc home country scene on Sept. 12.

“Love Will Turn You Around” and “Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In).”

Rogers did an excellent rendition of the 1981 platinum chart toppler “Islands in the Stream,” a duet he shared with country music artist Dolly Parton.

Rogers’ other col-laborations include his number one coun-try single “Make No Mistake, She’s Mine” with Ronnie Milsap and his number one 1999 hit “Buy Me a Rose” with Alison Krauss and Billy Dean.

The appreciative sold-out audience also loved to hear his 1977 hit “Daytime Friends” love songs “She Believes In You,” “You Decorated My Life” and the down home bal-lad “Coward of the County.”

Mike Jenkins, and his wife, from Mount Pleasant have attended many country music SECR shows, and they have enjoyed, listening to Rogers throughout the years.

“We were skeptical at first, concerning his age and won-dered how he would be able to do, but were quite pleased with his performance,” Mike Jenkins said.

“His voice was still Kenny Rogers, and he used his age to his advantage as he shared with the audience. I liked the way he reached back to his older music with Kenny Rogers and The First Edition and his song ‘Ruby Don’t Take Your Love To Town’. I guess what they say is true: ‘You are only as old as you feel.’”

Tribal Elder Marilyn Bailey attended several Andawad residents, and she was waiting patiently for his time his girlfriend asked “does anything run home country cornucopia of toe-tappers that delighted his

To answer the doctor’s question “does anything run in your family?” LaPorte said “divorce and bad decisions.”

LaPorte also brought up the time his girlfriend asked him to go camping.

“I don’t want to sleep outside, that’s why I work,” he said.

While he was in a public restroom, LaPorte noticed the “employees must wash hands” sign.

“I’m in the bathroom for 10 minutes waiting for someone to show up,” he said.

Sharply dressed in a suit, mister Blue Collar Comedy himself, Ron White, walked himself, Ron White, walked through the show.

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Charley, the “pride” of country music, returns to sold-out Soaring Eagle venue

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photographer

It is always refreshing to see a living legend perform at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort regardless of the genre of music. On Sept. 26, Charley Pride, the pride of country music, made his fifth visit and was welcomed by an appreciative audience.

It’s no surprise this country music superstar is revered by his musical peers and adored by millions of fans around the globe. His golden baritone voice has spanned the generations.

In 1952, Pride was selected to play baseball with the Negro American League’s Memphis Red Sox as pitcher. Pride often sang and played guitar on the team bus between ballpark games.

From his 70 million records sold, his 1999 star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and his induction in the Country Music Hall of Fame, this son of a Mississippi sharecropper has a lot to be proud of.

From the legends Monty Hall and Wayne Brady, the show has gone up another notch, and I am lucky to fill half of those 700 seats. I know I can’t fill them all, but I enjoy this live show with the Monty Hall classic game mixed with the Wayne Brady fun. I’m thrilled to be a part of it.

Weber complimented the energy the costumed contestants brought to the game.

The only reason I come out doing the television stuff that I do, and do these live shows, is it’s the only time I get to play with a live audience and some unpredictability.

Walberg said, “The people here at Soaring Eagle did not disappoint and Phil and I had a blast.”

Auburn contestant Jason Eckert brought his fiancée Holly White celebrated a special occasion as they were ready to win prizes.

“...just like many of the people here, grew up with the show and it was a background of our lives,” Walberg said. “Let’s Make A Deal’ and ‘The Price Is Right’ are shows that evolve because of their popularity...”

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After meeting his cousin’s friend, he asked what he would like to do in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit its website at www.soeaglecasino.com, “Like” its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle SoaringEagle777.

White were dressed as smurfs and wanted to guess what prizes were behind door number three.

“This is my first time going to a ‘Let’s Make A Deal’ show and it was a good way to celebrate my birthday with Holly,” Eckert said. “This is my first time to a Soaring Eagle show and we’re here to have a good time, a few laughs and ready to win some cash and prizes.”

Laughs abound as charismatic comedian Cedric the Entertainer visits SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted one of the biggest names in comedy Thursday, Sept. 17, as Cedric the Entertainer took his crowd-pleasing performance to the Entertainment Hall stage.

Hailing from Los Angeles, Cedric Antonio Kyles in Jefferson City, Mo., the actor, comedian and director is best known as his stage name Cedric the Entertainer. Cedric has had a remarkable career spanning television, film and live performances.

According to the www.iamecdric.com biography, he has had several stints hosting television shows including “It’s Showtime at the Apollo,” BET’s “ComicView”, “Def Comedy Jam” and the hit game show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?”

One of the defining roles of his early career came in 1996 while co-starring with Steve Harvey on The WB sitcom, “The Steve Harvey Show.” Later in 1997, Harvey and Cedric joined forces with fellow comedians D.L. Hughley and the late Bernie Mac for the “Kings of Comedy” tour.

No stranger to Hollywood, Cedric has also appeared in nearly 40 films. His acting career includes roles in the “Barbershop” series, “Madagascar”, “Planes”...
This year’s “Run on the Rez” brought in 121 participants. All runners or walkers lined up at the starting line in the Tribal Operations parking lot for the fun 10 a.m. race on Saturday, Oct. 10. With DJ Lupe Gonzalez’s music pumping, runners took off to Survivor’s “Eye of the Tiger.” Registrants received a moisture wick long sleeve shirt; a healthy lunch; and a unique arrowhead award, crafted by David Salisbury, for crossing the finish line.

Prior to the race, 2 to 5 year olds could compete in a 50-meter dash. Each child participant received a miniature trophy. Jayme Green, Nimkee Fitness coordinator, organizes the annual Run on the Rez.

“My favorite part of the Run on the Rez is observing and talking to people as they finish the race,” Green said. “Seeing the hard work and determination pay off as they complete the run is so inspiring.”

“I also love seeing families come out and participate, instilling the value of physical activity together and enjoying themselves,” she said. “We had babies in strollers all the way up to 80 year olds enjoying a beautiful, fall fun run.”

Sheligh Jackson, SCIT member and Andawish administrative assistant II, joined Nimkee’s Beginners’ Running Group in August.

“Over the year, Jackson said she would test out the running group and quit after the second or third week, out of the eight weeks. “This time, I made the classes a priority and scheduled them into my weekly routine,” Jackson said. “I prepared myself by stretching; running class twice a week, walking/running at home, and just not giving up and quitting when I felt like it.”

This year, Jackson finished her first 5K, and ran it in 33 minutes and 42 seconds.

“Support other运行 line finish was an awesome feeling,” Jackson said. “At first, I actually signed up for the one mile fun run/walk because I wasn’t really feeling confident enough to do the entire 5K. The day of the race, I got a lot of encouragement from other people in the class to just go for it and do the 5K.”

Due to construction along Leaton Road, this year’s course was re-routed. Green said that alteration was a benefit.

“Many participants commented that they appreciated this new route better than the old one,” she said. Jackson said the course wasn’t too problematic.

“We run through the trails, and part of the 5K course, during running class, so I knew what to expect,” she said.

During this occasion, Nimkee Fitness partnered with Gina Borushko and Estaban River of the Migizi Promotion department for a family fun run and walk brings 121 participants out on the Rez.

The 121 Run on the Rez participants take off at the Tribal Operations parking lot starting line.

The 20th annual life-saving event honored: Feather Link Tea

Back in October 1996 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the first Feather Link Tea occurred with a small group of women in hopes of increasing awareness to the Tribal community on the importance of women’s annual health screenings.

This year, the 20th annual Feather Link Tea was hosted in the packed Black River Room in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Roughly 90 people attended.

The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Women’s Health presents the annual celebration. Judy Davis, healthy start grant coordinator, is devoted to the event each year. She begins planning a year in advance.

Jenna Wilcox, Nimkee women’s health coordinator, provided opening remarks along with statistics.

“Breast cancer is the third leading cause of death in Native American women,” Wilcox said.

Daisy Kontus provided a prayer for loved ones who have passed on, and the Women of Traditions singing group performed to honor the event.

Char Hewitt, originator of the Feather Link Tea and Margaret Steslicki, Medical Clinic director and originator of the Feather Link Tea were both guest speakers.

Hewitt said “the Feather Link Event is history in the making” for women’s health. The event came to her when she was thinking of what she could do to encourage women to have their annual screenings.

She said the event has helped saved lives because women detected cancer early.

“Thank you Judy and Margaret,” she said. “Thank you for letting me shape our story and its truly successful outcome.”

Steslicki discussed the past events to recognize National Breast Cancer Awareness Month including signing a feather link scroll, creating baskets while learning about breast and cervical cancer.

A few years ago, a “Basket of Hope” was woven throughout the year and personalized by women who completed their annual health screening. Steslicki said.

Steslicki discussed Nimkee’s Indian Health Service goals for women who get their mammograms.

When we started the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCCP) in 1995, our medical records indicated only four women had documented mammograms.

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“Support other运行 line finish was an awesome feeling,” Jackson said. “At first, I actually signed up for the one mile fun run/walk because I wasn’t really feeling confident enough to do the entire 5K. The day of the race, I got a lot of encouragement from other people in the class to just go for it and do the 5K.”

Due to construction along Leaton Road, this year’s course was re-routed. Green said that alteration was a benefit.

“Many participants commented that they appreciated this new route better than the old one,” she said. Jackson said the course wasn’t too problematic.

“We run through the trails, and part of the 5K course, during running class, so I knew what to expect,” she said.

During this occasion, Nimkee Fitness partnered with Gina Borushko and Estaban River of the Migizi Promotion department for a family fun run and walk brings 121 participants out on the Rez.
SCIT joins other Michigan tribes in “What Moves You?” campaign

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Photograph Editor
A media campaign urging Native Americans to get healthy for the ones they love launched Sept. 26 in seven cities throughout Michigan. The “What Moves You?” campaign features images of Native American parents exercising with their children, highlighting family responsibility and mentorship as motivation for being more physically active.

The goal is to reduce the risk for chronic diseases while improving long-term health.

Six federally-recognized tribes in Michigan and the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center will distribute campaign materials and use “What Moves You?” to encourage their communities to become more physically active.

Participating tribes include the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Nottawasaga Iroquois Band of the Potawatomi, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Hannahville Indian Community, the Bay Mills Indian Community and the American Indian Health and Family Services.

SCIT contributed by recruiting and locating two local community members who modeled for one of the campaign ads. The ad shows a mother and daughter running on a track. SCIT Tribal Member Marilee Fleming is featured in the campaign.

Diabetes affects Native Americans more than people from other racial backgrounds,” Fleming said. Participating in the program could curb the onset of diabetes, or even prevent it, inspired me to get myself and my kids active so the chances of any of us developing this disease would be minimized. Plus, our bodies were designed to move and it’s something fun my family can do together, for free.”

Walt Kennedy, Nimkee Public Health director, supports the program, and his staff ran an office-fitness challenge from Sept. 26 to Oct. 16 to encourage an active lifestyle in the workplace.

“Physical fitness plays an important role in the overall health and wellbeing of all community members and employees,” Kennedy said. “On behalf of our Public Health staff, we encourage everyone to take part in the ‘What Moves You?’ campaign and make physical activity an important part of your daily routine.”

The ads appear online and locally on billboards, at convenience stores and in various publications.

All of the materials will point to the campaign website, MoveMoreNow.org, which outlines Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) physical activity recommendations and highlights different types of activities to do year-round.

It also includes local fitness resources in cities across Michigan where the participating tribes are located.

The campaign is part of the Tribal and Ethnic Influencer (TEI) initiative, an integrated holistic model.”

The project is funded by CDC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Let food be your medicine: Food has the power to nourish, protect, and heal your body

(Editors’ note: The following article comes from the July 2015 Environmental Nutrition by Carrie Davis, RDN, and reprinted with permission. This has been submitted by SCIT Nutritionist Sally Van Cise, RDN.)

In Fourth Century BCE, the Greek physician Hippocrates authored the famous oath, “Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.” We now know that foods like berries, green tea, and mushrooms are more than just a delicious source of energy—the nutrients inside can indeed be powerful medicine to help prevent and even manage disease.

Synergy in foods. Unlike drugs, foods are not isolated chemicals. Unlike medications, foods with medicinal benefits. Unlike medicines, foods have a unique portfolio of bioactive compounds, unlike chemicals that may reduce the risk of disease that interact to help fend off disease.

While many plant foods have been linked with health, here are some of the most promising disease-fighting foods you should include in your diet.

Berries: Blackberries, blueberries, raspberries and strawberries are a rich source of numerous phytochemicals that research suggests have a variety of positive effects on human health, including reducing chronic inflammation and cancer risk.

Broccoli: Broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables (Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, mustard greens, rutabaga, Swiss chard, turnips, watercress) contain a number of phytonutrients that have been shown to reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, which has benefits for cardiovascular health, healthy blood sugar and cancer risk.

Cinnamon: Swift cites cinnamon for its blood-sugar-balancing attributes, even with just half a teaspoon a day.

Cranberries: Research suggests that cranberries may prevent urinary tract infections, possibly because they prevent bacteria from adhering to cells inside the bladder. Opt for pure cranberry juice, rather than juices adulterated with other juices and sweeteners.

Fish: The omega-3 fatty acids in fish have anti-inflammatory properties. The American Heart Association recommends eating at least two 3.5-ounce servings of fatty fish each week, such as salmon or black cod, to help prevent cardiovascular disease.

Fermented foods: Swift and Purdy are both fans of fermented and cultured foods (yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, kimchi, tempeh, and miso) to support digestive function and a healthy immune system.

Garlic: According to the American Institute for Cancer Research, there is probable evidence that garlic and other members of the allium family (onions, leeks, shallots, scallions) reduce the risk of developing common cancers.

Ginger and turmeric: Swift likes these spice relatives for their anti-inflammatory and analgesic (pain-relieving) properties. Ginger also can help ease nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy.

Green tea: The phytochemical EGCG (epigallocatechin galate) in green tea has been shown to have some anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory effects, and may have heart health benefits.

Swift points out that its antioxidant qualities also may help protect the skin from sun damage.

Shiitake mushrooms: In human studies, shiitakes have demonstrated anti-cancer, immune boosting, and cholesterol-lowering properties.

Nuts: “Numerous studies have shown nuts to be helpful for cardiovascular function and healthy blood sugar and weight levels,” Purdy said. “Plus, they are super transportable and can be thrown into just about everything, from yogurt, smoothies, and cereals to salads, soups, and stir fries.”

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Alzheimer’s Foundation of America declares National Memory Screening Week

(Editors note: The following article is from the National Memory Screening Program: An initiative of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. The article is available online at nationalmemoryscreening.org. This has been submitted by Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services.)

The Alzheimer Foundation of America has designated Nov. 1-7, 2015 as National Memory Screening Week. If you are having problems with your memory, it could be a physical issue that needs to be treated.

If you are diagnosed with memory loss, it is beneficial to find out early, because in some situations there is medication that can slow the progression of the disease. Talk to your doctor, about your concerns.

Warning signs of dementia:
• Trouble with new memories
• Relying on memory helpers
• Trouble finding words
• Struggling to complete familiar actions
• Confusion about time, place or people
• Misplacing familiar objects
• Onset of new depression or irritability
• Making bad decisions
• Personality changes
• Loss of interest in important responsibilities
• Seeing or hearing things
• Expressing false belief

If you are a family member and are noticing changes in your loved one, you are also encouraged to talk with their doctor. The doctor may not be able to talk to you, about your loved one, because of HIPPA (the medical privacy act) but can initiate a screening with your loved one.

SCA students excel as guest servers at Andahwod Elders Breakfast

SCA Fourth Grade Teacher Jessica Siefk and Teacher Assistant Scott Saboo helped supervise nine SCA fourth-grade teachers and they served beverages and shared their heartfelt smiles and enthusiasm with the Elders.

SCCT Education Director and Interim SCA Principal Melissa Montoya said the theme for the 2015-2016 school year is community engagement.

The Tribal Education Department realizes we play a significant role in developing our future Tribal leaders, Montoya said. “Part of being a good Tribal leader is serving your community and engaging with your Elders... Miigwetch to all the Andahwod staff for allowing our students this opportunity.”

Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl enjoyed watching the interaction between her staff as the youth listened carefully to their instructions.

Montoya said for the 2015-2016 school year is community engagement.

“Looking at the youth one can see that they have the opportunity to share Elder’s Breakfast... It was an honor to have them here and they are always welcome.”

Andahwod Line Cook Jodi Sysak instructed the students on serving food in a correct manner by wearing gloves and a hairnet.

“I think the Elders really enjoyed it, but I think the kids enjoyed it more,” Sysak said. “I even had one of the little guys say he wanted to live here and I told him he had to be 50. And then he looked at me and said ‘that’s old.’ I thought everyone had a good time and the kids were really eager to help. We really appreciated them coming a lot and we hope they can come back again.”

Participating guest server students were Raymond, Queenm, Twany, Zoey, Felicia, Caden, Bruno, Josh and Calijah.

SCA Fourth Grade Teacher Jessica Siefk and Teacher Assistant Scott Saboo took their students to Andahwod.

Andahwod/Elder Services Raffle

Andahwod/Elder Services will be selling raffle tickets soon for a snow blower, Smart TV, and a $400 VISA gift card. Drawing will be at the last Elders Breakfast of November. All proceeds from the raffle goes towards elder activities. Tickets will be available at Andahwod. Miigwetch for your anticipated support!

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015

Andahwod | 4:30 or 5:30 p.m.

Choose your dinner time and sign up at front office
• 12 & older: $10
• 12 & under: $7

Menu

Toned Salad, Dinner Rolls, Roasted Turkey, Green Bean Casserole, Vegetable Medley, Mashed Potato & Gravy, Whipped Sweet Potatoes, Traditional Stuffing, Cranberry Relish, Pumpkin Pie, Beverage Station

Euchre

Mondays | 6 p.m. • Contact: 989.775.4300

Jewelry with Kay

Nov. 3 | 1 p.m. • Contact: 989.775.4302

Language Bingo

Nov. 5 | 1 p.m. • Contact: 989.775.4302

Andahwod CCC & ES Events - November 2015

Veterans & Elders Breakfast

Nov. 10 | 9 a.m. • Contact: 989.775.4300 • Free for all Veterans and SCIT Elders

Frankenmuth Day Trip

Nov. 12 | Leaving at 9 a.m. • Return approx. 5 p.m. • Limited seating • Call 989.775.4302 for more info and pricing

Elders Breakfast

Nov. 25 | 9:30 a.m. • Contact: 989.775.4300

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 19 | 4:30 or 5:30 p.m. • $10 for ages 12 and older • $7 for ages 12 and under • Contact: 989.775.4302

Elders Breakfast

Nov. 25 | 9:30 a.m. • Contact: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change**
**Women’s Tradition Society**  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
- Location: Behavioral Health  
- Contact: 989-775-4879

**Jake and Mary Pine: Traditional Practitioner**  
November 2, 3 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
- Location: Seventh Generation  
- To make appointment: 989-775-4787

**AI-Anon Family Group Meeting**  
November 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5 p.m.  
- Location: Behavioral Health  
- Contact: 989-775-3742  
- Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

**Youth Council Meet & Greet**  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6 p.m.  
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
- Contact: 989-775-4879

**Women’s Tradition Society**  
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen  
- Contact: 989-775-4893

**Virtual Anishinaabe Language Class**  
- Thursday, Nov. 26 will be Friday, Nov. 27.  
- Friday, Nov. 27 will be Saturday, Nov. 28.  
- Thursday, Nov. 26 will be delayed one day:
  - Location: Behavioral Health
  - Contact: 989-775-4879

**Digital Storytelling Workshop**  
December 1-3 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
- Contact: 989-775-4149  
- Make a three to five minute movie about addiction recovery.

**ndigiFest Film Festival**  
December 4 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
- Contact: 989-775-4879  
- Digital stories will be screened.
Summons and Complaint Notices

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Participants get plastered in purple, raise domestic violence awareness

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Editor

Participants wore white at the starting line, then finished plastered in purple from head to toe, and it was all for a great cause: Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan’s “Paint the Rez Purple” to raise awareness for domestic violence.

The 1.5 mile walk/run brought in 180 participants at Behavioral Health Programs. The participants followed the trails in and out of the woods near Seventh Generation.

“The ages of those who partook in the event ranged from infants to elders; no one was excluded from coming out and getting involved,” said Shelby McCliggott, Behavioral Health counselor.

The Oct. 24 event planning process began in August by McCliggott and Brooke Huber, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) lead of Behavioral Health.

“Domestic violence awareness is a topic, but the color run brings awareness to the issue in a different way,” Huber said. “Though the color run is undoubtedly a fun event, the course is lined with signs containing statistics that remind attendees of the reason we are ‘painting the Rez purple’.

The colorful run is an effective way to engage youth, as many other events are catered to the adult population. “One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner (loveisrespect.org.),” Huber said. “This figure far exceeds other types of youth violence. Our future generations have the ability to remove the social stigma that surrounds domestic violence and bringing awareness to the issue is the first step.”

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It had been raining all morning, but fortunately, the rain held off during the occasion. The weather continued to downpour and even thunderstorm after the event concluded.

“My favorite part of the event was seeing people show up, even though the weather was not the best,” McCliggott said. “It showed us that, although our team is small, our efforts are appreciated by the community; and their support is what’s most important.”

McCliggott and Huber agree the event would not be possible without the assistance from additional Tribal programs and community volunteers.

Numerous volunteers threw color and served lunch, including individuals from: The Central Michigan University sorority, Alpha Chi Omega; students from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College; Behavioral Health Program staff members; the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps; and individual community members.

Huber also wished to thank Nimkee Public Health and Nimkee Fitness who donated, prepped, and set up all of the food; the SCIT Housing Department who purchased the balloon arch at the finish line, which is certainly trademark to the event; Tribal Operations Maintenance who delivered tables, chairs and other materials to the event; and Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center staff who assisted in set up and clean up after the event.”

Huber’s favorite part was seeing smiling faces as they crossed the finish line, underneath the purple balloon arch.

“We hope everyone had a great time at ‘Paint the Rez Purple,’ but more even so, we hope it alloted an opportunity to strike up conversation and educate each other and our children,” Huber said.

It is not easy to talk about domestic violence and there is a social stigma surrounding the topic, but the color run brings awareness to the issue in a different way,” Huber said. “Though the color run is undoubtedly a fun event, the course is lined with signs containing statistics that remind attendees of the reason we are ‘painting the Rez purple’.

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“My favorite part of the event was seeing people show up, even though the weather was not the best,” McCliggott said. “It showed us that, although our team is small, our efforts are appreciated by the community; and their support is what’s most important.”

McCliggott and Huber agree the event would not be possible without the assistance from additional Tribal programs and community volunteers.

Numerous volunteers threw color and served lunch, including individuals from: The Central Michigan University sorority, Alpha Chi Omega; students from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College; Behavioral Health Program staff members; the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps; and individual community members.

Huber also wished to thank Nimkee Public Health and Nimkee Fitness who donated, prepped, and set up all of the food; the SCIT Housing Department who purchased the balloon arch at the finish line, which is certainly trademark to the event; Tribal Operations Maintenance who delivered tables, chairs and other materials to the event; and Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Center staff who assisted in set up and clean up after the event.”

Huber’s favorite part was seeing smiling faces as they crossed the finish line, underneath the purple balloon arch.

“We hope everyone had a great time at ‘Paint the Rez Purple,’ but more even so, we hope it alloted an opportunity to strike up conversation and educate each other and our children,” Huber said.

Most of the 180 ‘Paint the Rez Purple’ participants pose before the group color throw.