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General Election: Nov. 3, 2015 - Polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tribal Council Primary Election sees six incumbents advance

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Tribal Council Primary Election time comes every two 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 Wassegijig 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 Tribal Membership who live off Reservation and account for the remaining 1,445 registered/eligible voters.

The complete results as certified by the Caucus Committee are listed on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org and are posted at the Tribal Clerk's office in Tribal Operations.

The Nov. 3 General Election will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with District One

District 1 Primary Election: Top 20 Candidates

Kenneth W. Sprague 208	Brent D. Jackson 159
Chip A. Neyome 179	Jean V. Flamand 157
Lindy M. Hunt 174	Jeremy M. Sawmick 152
Candace (Chippewa) Benzinger 173	Theresa L. Jackson 151
Timothy J. Davis 172	Gayle E. Ruhl 151
Maynard N. Kahgegab Jr. 170	Sheila A. Leureaux 148
Ronald F. Ekdahl 169	Craig Allen Graveratte 146
Diana Lynn Quigno-Grundahl 166	Federico (Fred) Cantu Jr. 140
Michelle (Jackson) Colwell 161	Tonia S. Leureaux 140
Jennifer (Vasquez) Wassegijig 160	Amanda (George) Oldman 140

District 3 Primary Election: Top Two Candidates

Frank J. Cloutier 251	Michele G. Stanley 237
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registered voters at 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 her 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.

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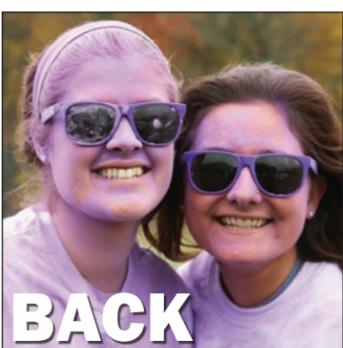
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Annual Halloween Haunt
Community gathers at Tribal Campground for a spooky good time.



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Par for the Cause
Celebrity golf tournament raises money for Tribal and local charities.



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Run on the Rez
Eleventh annual 5K run and one-mile walk promotes healthy competition.



BACK
Paint the Rez Purple
Domestic violence awareness spread through 1.5 mile color run/walk.

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.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Chief Steven Pego shares an address at the City Commission meeting as Mount Pleasant Mayor Jim Holton listens.

"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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chief Pego, with his wife Mae, holds the proclamation recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day as the second Monday in October.

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 Brookdale 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 siblings, Leann & Jack Przeslak, Terry Kimmel, Don Fath; their children, Tera and Fred Keller, Drew Kimmel (fiancée, Marisa Ramirez), Carrie and Tammi Williams, Adam Przeslak; and great-grandchildren. Also surviving is Cecil's half-sister: Kathie (Clare) Kozuch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his partner of 30 years, Dolores Kimmel; her daughter, Bonnie Fath; her granddaughter, 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 Brookdale Assisted Living and Fresenius Medical Care Dialysis Center in Essexville for their care and assistance given to Cecil.



Spencer Tracy Snyder

Jan. 9, 1988 - Oct. 1, 2015

Spencer Tracy Snyder, age 27, of Mount Pleasant passed away Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015, at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Spencer was born Jan. 9, 1988, in Greenville, Ky., the son of Joseph and Lisa (Rodriguez) Snyder. He graduated in the Class of 2006 from Mt. Pleasant High School.

Spencer had worked for RMS, LLC as a yard and repo man. He had also worked as a bar-back at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the beverage department.

Spencer was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He loved all kinds of trucks, from semis to pickups, and doing mechanical work on them. Spencer enjoyed fishing, golfing, bowling and going to car shows. He also loved riding motorcycle and spending time with his family and his dog Goliath.

He is survived by his parents, Joseph and Lisa Snyder of Mount Pleasant; his significant other, Brittany Parsons of Mount Pleasant; his brothers, Ricky (Kimberly) Snyder of Live Oak, Fla., Joseph Snyder Jr. of Florida, Norman (Heidi) Snyder of Mt. Pleasant, and countless others who he called "Bro" or "Brother"; his sisters, Rita (Aaron) Redman of Mt. Pleasant, Gypsy (Tizo) Angiano of Muskegon, Tempie Snyder of Mt. Pleasant, Stephanie (Drew) Snyder of Grand Rapids, Shirley (Bandit) Otto, Samantha (Ramir) Snyder, Sarah (DJ) Snyder, all of Mt. Pleasant and countless others who he called "Sis"; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lupe and Shirley Rodriguez; his grandmother, Lizzie Deason; and his uncle, Lupe Rodriguez Jr.

A Memorial Service for Spencer was held on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Jeremy Selvidge of the First Church of the Nazarene officiating.



Attention Tribal Members



The SCIT Tribal Council has deemed that the pole barn located at 5587 E. Broomfield Rd. is surplus property. Therefore, proposals are requested from any interested SCIT Tribal Member wishing to acquire and relocate the barn for their own use. **Please submit proposals to the SCIT Planning Department no later than Dec. 1, 2015 at 1 p.m.**

Jean Ann (Collins) Lang

Sept. 5, 1945 - Oct. 13, 2015

Jean Ann (Collins) Lang, 70, passed away on Oct. 13, 2015 at Harbor Hospice. Jean was born Sept. 5, 1945 in Coleman to Matthew John Collins and Velma Edith Guy.

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 Gardner Denver, 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 Clark; her cousin, Wayne Douglas Ritter; her children, Clare Evan Camburn (Licia), Aaron John Camburn, Lori Jean Rickle (Howard), Richard Allen Camburn (Cassandra), Anthony Joseph Lang (Roschelle); her 18 grandchildren, Crystal, Alissa, Katelynn, Jessica, Evan Jr., Aaron Jr., Ashley, Tiffany, Val, Keith, Ryan, Kylee, Richard, Zachary, Ariel, Alexa, Cameron, and Alyssa; and her seven great grandchildren, Kaydence, Andrelle, Azaya, Priscilla, Gabrielle, Sienna, and Hailey.

Jean was preceded in death by her siblings: Mary Rebecca Collins, Matthew John Collins Jr., Carolyn Kay Cleveland, and Richard Elliot Collins.



Tribal Child Welfare Program Affidavits

Due: Nov. 6, 2015 by 5 p.m.

PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

To the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
Tip Line: 989.775.4775

Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

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

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



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

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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



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

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

CORRECTION

The Lauri Cloutier-Lee honored as "Sage Woman of the Year" article in the last edition, October 2015, page 10, should have stated Cloutier-Lee is a Tribal Descendent, not a Tribal Member.

In the October 2015 edition, page 10, the title should have read: "Zebra and quagga mussels thought to help create perfect conditions for harmful algal blooms".

Public Notice

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

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

Bureau of Indian Affairs | Albuquerque Office
Internal Affairs Division | 1.505.563.3880

Attention Families of Active Service Members

Send a picture of your beloved ones who are serving our country to be included in the December issue of the Tribal Observer. Include their name, branch of the military, rank/title and where they are stationed. Please submit to Observer@sagchip.org

Deadline: Nov. 16, 2015

ATTENTION HUNTERS Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to Observer@sagchip.org to display your buck on the January 2016 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: Dec. 11, 2015



NOTICE

Any adult Tribal Member in need of financial management and consultation services, please contact:

Charlene Kerby

Independent Contractor required to adhere to professional and ethical standards

Located at the At-Large Offices
Email: ckerby@sagchip.org
Phone: 989.775.4948



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 loan applications are now completed at the Tribal Clerk's office. Mailing an application should also be addressed as "Attention: Tribal Clerk."

It is required to have two IDs, one being the Tribal card. All information on Tribal card should match what is registered with the Tribal Clerk. It is a requirement of the Per Capita Plan to update all information regarding your status with this department. Failure to do so will delay the application process.

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

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.



Donna,
Happy Birthday!
Love, Mom & Dad Kelsall and Dasia ☺



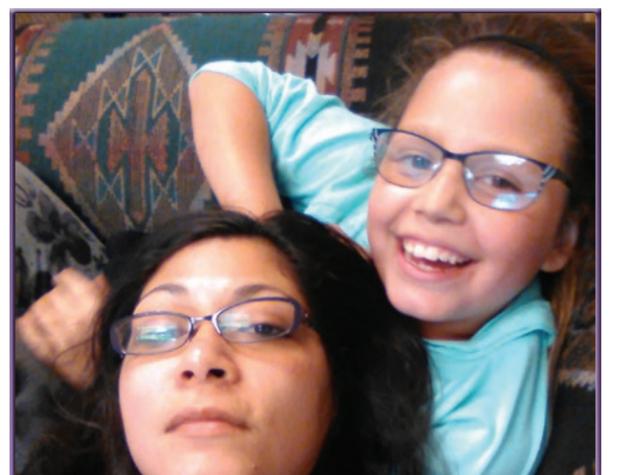
Happy 7th Birthday Eyhana!
We love you much!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sissy, Brobro & Gma Weezy



Happy Birthday Sissy!



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



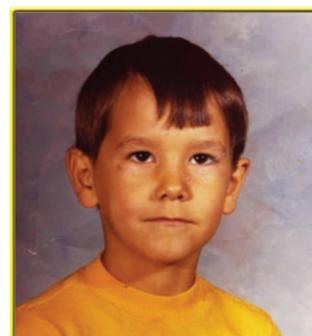
Happy Birthday Nevaeh!
We Love you!
Mom, Sheka, Andreas, JJ, Lids, Kisha, Anna and Sandy.



Happy 12th Birthday!
Aankwadikwe Hinmon
Love Grandma



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



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



Can you guess who this guy is? ...been on the Rez forever.
Happy Belated Birthday James!



Happy 9th Birthday Nevaeh Badger
We love you!



Tribal Council

- Chief
Steven Pego, District 1
- Sub-Chief
Lorna Kahgegab Call, District 1
- Treasurer
Shelly Bailey, District 1
- Secretary
Sandy Sprague, District 1
- Sergeant At-Arms
Ron Nelson, District 2
- Tribal Chaplain
Jennifer Wassegijig, District 1
- Council Member
Delmar Jackson Sr., District 1
- Council Member
Lindy Hunt, District 1
- Council Member
Julius Peters, District 1
- Council Member
Chip Neyome, District 1
- Council Member
Tim J. Davis, District 1
- Council Member
Michele Stanley, District 3

Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

Zaagidowin ~ Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

Debwewin ~ Truth

To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.



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 proposals along with references to:

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

Scope of Services Project Management

For Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Board School (MIIBS) Project

- Initial Fact Finding - acquire and review all previous reports/studies, strategic plans, structural and environmental reports, community survey results, etc.
- Draft and implement MIIBS community needs survey per strategic plan.
- Prepare a report that offers direction and potential work plans to inform future property use and development.
- Continue to review and implement strategic planning goals and objectives.
- Provide quarterly updates to Tribal Council and Tribal Community.
- Design and implement a funding and development plan - such as establishing a foundation and/or permanent endowment.
- Identify, prepare and submit grants with the Grant Department including the administration of the award.
- Maintain open lines of communication with City of Mount Pleasant, State and Federal key officials in the maintenance and development of the former boarding school property.
- Identify and inventory items in MIIBS building that need to be retained or auctioned including storage space.
- Maintain relationships with Tribal Departments to secure and maintain MIIBS buildings/property.
- Continue to provide guidance and assistance throughout the process to help ensure responsibilities and expectations of committee members.
- Conceptualize future plans for what the MIIBS property will look like and its function – from survey results and/or community input.

Public Notice: Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Publication on Notice of Hearing

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015, at 9 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI, 48858. This hearing will address: The liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Kris Neuhalphen, executive beverage supervisor of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

1. Renewal of the Retail On-Sale General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino located at 2690 Worth Road, Standish, Michigan 48658. Such License, if approved, would cover all indoor and outdoor Saganing Eagles Landing Casino premises, including the Casino, Casino Bars, Food Service Areas, Lounges, Locations Designated for Special Events, etc., and outdoor spaces under the auspices of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, including the Tribal Center and Powwow Grounds. This License, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Dec. 1, 2015 through Dec. 1, 2016, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday Alcohol Sales. Dated: Oct. 15, 2015

Tribal Observer

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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe gifts biish to Flint residents in need

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Biish (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 biish,” Pego said.

Raul Venegas, SECR marketing and entertainment director; and Fredrick Kuhlman, Migizi/SEWPH marketing manager drove the donation to Flint; with assistance of SCIT Distribution Center Inventory Control Drivers Ernest Robison, Norman Joaquin Cyr and Rudy Escamilla.

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.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

(Pictured left to right) Drivers David Wasalaski and Norman Joaquin Cyr are ready to transport water as Migizi Marketing Manager Frederick Kuhlman and Heavy Equipment Operator Kelly Willis assist.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Because of the water weight, each 80 case pallet tipped the scales at 21,150 pounds.

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 80 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 to 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.”

SCIT At-Large Program changes name to Member Services

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 to be 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

Members Services now assists ages 0-100 and services SCIT Tribal Members no matter where they reside.

Any Tribal Members out of the area and in 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.

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. 11-13:** Elections (Polls located in K-12 Advisor's office)
- Nov. 6:** Petitions Due
- Dec. 2:** New Youth Council Seating (Senior's Room)

Petition Requirements

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

Petition Locations

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

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

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 Graveratte

If you have further questions please call the Member Services Department at 1.800.884.6271

Tribal Conservator

Conservator 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.



Election

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"I have always voted by absentee ballot in District 3, so it's great being able to see

everyone come out and exercise their right to vote in person," Skutt said. "The process has always felt like a mystery to me, and I am enjoying seeing this process from start to finish. I

would like to remind all the voters that come out to the polls to bring their photo ID that includes the address they have on file with the Tribal Clerk's office."

Ordinance 4, Sec. 7 Voter Registration (b) Proof of

Residence recognizes voters must have one of the following to vote: 1) a valid state driver's license, 2) a valid state identification card, 3) a valid Tribal Membership identification card or 4) a valid Tribal voter registration card.

On Nov. 3, the Tribal Clerk's office in Tribal Operations is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in case Tribal Members forget to bring their voter registration cards and need a new one printed at no charge.

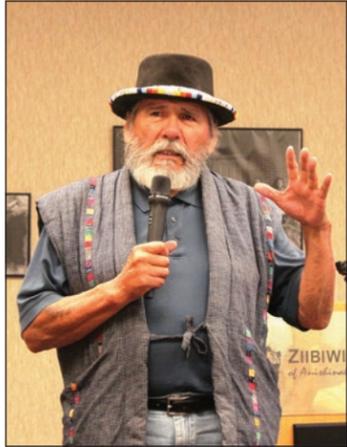
Native activist Dennis Banks returns to Ziibiwing to fight the war on drugs

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Dennis Banks, the Leech Lake Ojibwe elder, leader, teacher, lecturer, activist, and author, returned to a packed room in the Ziibiwing 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 "Naawakaming," a spirit name meaning "in the center of the universe," and spoke fondly about two Tribal programs. "All my life, I've talked about the seventh generation metaphorically," Banks said. "It is about culture and it is not only about preserving it, but making sure it's continued in a daily fashion. I visited the Seventh Generation Program and my brother Ben Hinmon many times for the diabetes run and the riders against domestic violence. Now I have the opportunity



Courtesy of Esther Helms

Native activist Dennis Banks delivers a sobering message on Indian Country must fight the war on drugs.

to speak to the community at 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 Ziibiwing Center complement each other.

"Ziibiwing as a museum (that) offers a lot of programs and serves a purpose of taking care of those sacred items that document our part of history," Banks said. "Seventh Generation does programs that create the items that will be a part of the Ziibiwing museum in the near future. The questions answered by Seventh Generation are cultural. How is ceremonial hand drums made? What kind of wood is used for sacred items? 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 and to fight the war on drugs."

Tribal Chief Steven Pego 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 our money in our most precious resource any tribe in the country has, our tribal youth and families. The tremendous influx of drugs across the country is an epidemic where cartels are targeting Native people in particular. This is where our Ogitchedaw should be circling the village to make sure those 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 them and why it is important to give them. The drugs are destroying our families and the very core values of our Ojibwe people are under attack right here and on other reservations."

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 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Banks made an impact as many listened to his closing remarks.

"When we walk out of this room tonight, are we going to be part of the answer in fighting the war on drugs?" Banks said. "We are not in a 100-yard dash here people... we are in a marathon and we are fighting for our way of life."

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Brent D. Jackson District One

I am honored and humbled to have moved on to the top twenty. I want to thank those that voted for and supported me in the primary. After reviewing the results of the election I believe that many of you feel the same way that I do; that it is time for a change. Please take a moment to read the information below. It includes my qualifications and some of my thoughts on important issues.

I hired into Table Games in 1989 and worked my way up to Director. My duties include creating and working within budgets, forecasting revenue, creating policies and procedures, etc. I believe in giving back to society and those less fortunate. I founded Middle of the Mitt Music Festival, which over the years has raised funds and awareness for charities like the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund, Toys for Tots, Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, and American Cancer Society.

Council's duties require sober and diligent thought. It's more than a popularity contest. It's the well-being and future of the Tribe, not to garner votes or for personal gain for oneself, relatives or friends. Council should abstain from the process whenever it involves them, relatives or friends. Rules should always be followed on a consistent basis.

Sovereignty is an issue that consistently needs Council's attention. We are constantly under attack from the government, corporations, and other tribes. We must assert our inherent rights and ensure the protection of our members. It's our responsibility to honor our Grandfathers and Grandmothers hard work and perseverance in making us

what we are today by ensuring the generations to come have a strong future.

Gaming is the business that brought prosperity to the Tribe. We must protect and nurture it as much as possible. We need Council members that are knowledgeable in the ever-changing complexities of gaming. I believe we should expand our amenities to include more convention space and an arena. The expansion with nurture growth and foster more opportunities for the membership. I believe it's imperative to maintain the appearance and functionality of the casino. For example, the roof and parking lot are in need of serious repair. The longer we take to fix these issues the more it'll cost us.

When I was on Council I had a dream that I shared with them. I dreamt of themed gaming expansion with several casinos, much like Las Vegas. The idea was to purchase franchise rights such as MGM Grand, Hard Rock, etc. and run the casinos ourselves. We would dominate the Midwest in gaming and hospitality for generations. Council agreed with my vision, made it a goal, and began to pursue that endeavor. Unfortunately, the dream fell victim to our long-standing problem of being too conservative, which can be a blessing, but in this case a hindrance to our advancement.

Over the years we've had many opportunities that went unrealized due to our inactions. It's time for change. We need to actively pursue political and economic dominance and put the Tribe at the forefront. Now is the time to seize the opportunity for positive change and growth, these things can happen if make them our priority. If elected I will do my best to make positive change and growth happen for the Tribe and membership for generations to come.

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Michele Stanley District Three

I am writing you today not only to ask for your support in this year's election and implore you to vote. I know this is last minute but the percentage of members voting in the primary election is just too low. This may require an overnight mail cost, or ballots can be dropped off at the clerk's office or polling location. It is a small price to pay to make your voice heard through the election process. When someone runs for election it means that they are willing to dedicate themselves completely to serving the membership. This is a position that demands your heart and attention be focused on what is best for the members and we need to know you care.

As Tribal members we hold citizenship in our country, state and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. The impact from each of these diminishes or enhances our way of life. The importance of staying informed and involved daily influences the decisions made around the Council table. Protecting your rights is what I have dedicated myself to over the last twelve years on council and for years leading up to that decision. We each have basic civil rights and the protection of those rights is something I fight for. Some may say I am too vocal but I believe in transparency in government. Through the years I have been involved with United Tribes of Michigan and a delegate for National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Gaming Association, and Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, holding the president title for the last four years. The knowledge I have gained and associations made through these organizations have given our tribe



insight to legislation and a consistent voice to decisions that impact not only us but all of Indian Country. I have been the voice in Indian Country on labor issues and fought legislation proposed by the IRS to tax individual native people on benefits received with a positive outcome. As president of MAST we developed a Bemidji regional health board after becoming aware we are the most underfunded region with the highest need. This board is receiving grants and is able to organize data and lobby for increased Indian Health Service funding to better serve our people.

At community meetings, I have given you information and answered your questions to the best of my ability. All districts deserve the same benefits and respect and we are closing the gap. This has been a challenge having only one at-large representative. I have been upfront about personal challenges within the tribe and I pray for a positive resolve. We are all family and embracing the culture and native way will create peace for our tribe. Whatever the Creator has in mind for my future, I will remain a strong native woman ready to serve and protect our members. I hope to be able to use my 12 years of proven leadership experience to continue to serve as your Council Representative. Chi-Miigwetch

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Update: 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 collecting donations.

On Oct. 9, Ann Plegue, chairwoman 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 people with intellectual disabilities to achieve their dreams and give them the chance to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience inclusion, pride and friendships,” 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.

“I would like to thank every single member, supporter and sponsor for their role in not only giving our Special Olympics Michigan athletes opportunities, 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 dedicated to fundraising, planning the ride and all of the personal time and arrangements it takes to be able to participate in our week-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.

Lois Arnold, president and CEO of Special Olympics Michigan, said the Water Warriors provided a “highly successful event” and it “is incredible.”

This past summer, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, along with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Tribal Center, Migizi Economic Development, and Eagle Valley Outfitters sponsored the third annual meet and greet at Eagle Bay Marina with Water Warriors and Special Olympics Michigan athletes.

For more information on the Water Warriors or how to become a part of this event next year, please visit www.somi.org/whowere/sponsors/waterwarriors.html.

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

CHRISTY FEDAK

Saganing Administrative Assistant

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

The monies raised were donated to Bikers 4 Kids, a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. The funds benefit underprivileged 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 treatments 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 fundraiser 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, individuals 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 associate is allowed to wear jeans for their shift.

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



Photographed left to right: Christy Fedak administrative assistant; Chuck Charbeneau of Bikers 4 Kids and Michelle Pfund, marketing executive supervisor.



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Cantu, Federico Jr.	Hunt, Lindy M.	Quigno-Grundahl, Diana L.
Colwell “Jackson”, Michelle R.	Jackson, Brent D.	Ruhl, Gayle E.
Davis, Timothy J.	Jackson “Peters”, Theresa L.	Sawmick, Jeremy M.
Ekdahl, Ronald F.	Kahgegab, Maynard N. Jr.	Sprague, Kenneth W.
Flamand, Jean V.	Leaureaux, Sheila A.	Wassegijig “Vasquez”, Jennifer L.
	Leaureaux, Tonia S.	
	Neyome, Chip A.	

DISTRICT 2	VOTE FOR ONLY 1	
Nelson, Ronald Lawrence		

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

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Ziibiwing Center celebrates 17th annual Eagle Feather Cleansing, Honoring and Feast

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

For many indigenous tribes, the eagle remains a steadfast symbol of strength and unity. This is why every year the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways estimateds 500 eagle feathers in their sacred and ceremonial collection receive needed attention in celebration of their 17th annual Eagle Feather Cleansing, Honoring and Feast.

As he encouraged the audience to “get warm with the spirit of Anishinabe,” Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson said the Ziibiwing staff has a lot to be proud of during the Oct. 14-16 event where everyone worked together to prepare.

“It is always an honor to work with the Tribal community to cleanse, honor and feast the eagle feathers in our care,” Johnson said. “I’m always happy that they consistently bring their own eagle feathers year after year. It is truly 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 and ceremonial collection.

“It is a lot of work that we take seriously,” 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.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Several community members applied cedar oil to their eagle feathers as part of the cleansing process.

A Mide’ “Little Boy” water drum and sacred pipe ceremony was offered by M’Chigeeng First Nation Ontario, Canada Elder, and teacher Brian Corbiere.

Corbiere’s spirit name is Bibamikowi (He Who Leaves Impressions) and he is from the Waabizhezhi (Martens) Clan.

“It was amazing to have Bibamikowi provide us with spiritual teachings,” Johnson said. “We learn 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.”

Bibamikowi 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,” Bibamikowi 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 for the feasting of the eagle feathers.”

Ogema Manitou Mukwa (Chief Spirit Bear) Tony Perry, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society member, assisted Bibamikowi in the ceremony.

“All the migizi miigwans (eagle feathers) and the spirits of the eagles speak to

each other and they visit while 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 flies higher than the hawk and the condor comes from South America and is a relative to both of them,” Perry said. “Bibamikowi was gifted that condor feather from the Creator through a South American monk and he hasn’t decided what to do with it yet. Along with the many teachings about the importance of feasting eagle feathers, we learn the golden eagle is the one who flies highest to the Creator and the eagle is the only bird that flies courageously into the thunderstorms.”

Perry said as people go through the storms of life, they can use the spirit of the migizi miigwans and medicine they

carry to help them through struggles on mother earth.

“Those feathers are gifted to Anishinabe for a reason and when you are having difficulty, that’s when you can bring that healing medicine out,” Perry said. “That is why we see the miigwans at ceremonies and we need to bring them out all of the time and not just for special occasions.”

The golden eagle is also twice the size of the bald eagle.

Many in the Tribal community brought their personal feathers to be cleansed during this time.

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson of the Eagle Clan recounted the creation story and eagle teachings with passion.

“From the earliest time, we have an understanding of why the eagle is important to us in our lives,” Jackson said. “This is told, in part, by our creation story. The eagle feathers displayed at the Ziibiwing Center are an example of honoring the life of the Anishinabe people, past and present, and an honoring of the life and the spirit of the eagle. This gives blessings and strength to our people.”

“Cedar, often called giizhik, is a sacred medicine,” she said. “The oil from this plant protects the feathers from getting too dry and from any insect that might be in the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Ziibiwing Research Center Specialist Robin Spencer takes great care as she readies an eagle feather bustle for display.

area. The intact eagle wing is a great healer and works with the energy of the eagle, the smudging material used, and the tobacco offering given by the person requesting the help. Used together, this healing ceremony can bring back the balance of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being. Taking good care of your eagle feathers is essential.”

Snowbird singers Daisy Kostus and Roxanne Sawade joined Tribal Elder Bonnie Ekdahl as Jackson offered her grandmother pipe to the women during the water ceremony.

Raynee Richardo and Isabella Leksche Rosales, Tribal youth, also assisted the women by passing out water ceremony cups to attendees.

Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin said she would like to thank her staff, Julie Whitepigeon, Beatrice Jackson and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and Bibamikowi for assisting in this endeavor.

Mount Pleasant Chamber business after hours event offers networking opportunities

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

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 Bonnie Sprague gave welcoming remarks and introduced her senior administration while promoting Waabooze Run Golf Course and other SEWPH business interests.

“Every time we have the business community come to a Soaring Eagle property, it is an excellent opportunity to showcase our hospitality, services and the fine dining we offer,” Sprague said. “Our staff is excited when we have the Mount Pleasant Chamber here because this represents a direct marketing with our corporate customers.”

Bernard Sprague, director of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Hotel Operations, enjoys the event.

“It provides 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 and Isabella County,” Bernard 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-Sheridan) and 99th District Rep. Kevin Cotter (R-Mount Pleasant),

are slated to be keynote speakers at the event.

Bret Hyble, Mount Pleasant Chamber president, said the Chamber takes an active role in supporting Tribal properties.

“We are glad and honored that the Tribe continues to get involved in our chamber events and activities and we are grateful for their support,” Hyble said. “Frank Cloutier serves

on our board and will be Chamber vice-chair 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



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague and Chamber President Bret Hyble attend Mount Pleasant Chamber Business After Hours.

making decisions he offers a voice of reason we appreciate 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 Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

There is currently one vacancy

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by 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.

Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989-775-4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:

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Auto, 67k Miles, V6 3.6L. #FU163A
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Candy Metallic, Cruise, MP3. #FU185
60 mos/\$235/\$12,650



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FWD, Auto, 63k Miles, Gas V6 3.5L,
1-Owner, Cruise, MP3. #FP070A
60 mos/\$261/\$13,995



2011 Chevy Equinox LS
Auto, 77k Miles, AWD, Gas I4 Ecotech
2.4L, Cruise, MP3, Rear Bench. #GT011A
66 mos/\$263/\$15,295



2009 Ford Ranger XLT
Auto, 43k Miles, Gas V6 4.0L, Ext. Cab,
4WD, MP3, Chrome Wheels. #FU165
60 mos/\$294/\$18,350



2013 Ford Escape SEL
Auto, 57k Miles, Turbo Gas I4 1.6L,
4WD, Cruise, MP3. #GT014A
72 mos/\$296/\$18,488



2013 Dodge Charger
RWD, Auto, 57k Miles, Gas V6 3.6L,
Cruise, Keyless Entry & Start. #FT254B
72 mos/\$299/\$18,650



2012 Ford F-350 XLT
Auto, 75k Miles, Crew Cab, 4WD,
1-Owner, Gas/Eth. V8 6.2L. #FU177
72 mos/\$459/\$28,800



2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude FWD
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72 mos/\$496/\$30,995



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Crew, 4WD, Cruise, MP3. #FU181
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Dear WW: My family recently lost our pet and we feel very lonely, and wonder what is the appropriate length of time to mourn before getting a new pet? This dog helped so much with our foster kids. They 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 chasing each other 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 squeaks. 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 obsessed. I know I would have a secure future with him but don't know if things will get better or worse. **Squeaky's Fiancée**

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 live 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.

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CMU hosts Indigenous Peoples Day event discussing language revitalization

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During the Oct. 12 Indigenous Peoples Day, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways collaborated with Central Michigan University's Office for Institutional Diversity and Native American Programs to present the "Soup and Substance event on language revitalization."

At 12 p.m., students and participants filled up on soup in the

CMU UC Terrace Rooms as guest speaker Howard Webkamigad discussed Anishnaabe language revitalization.

Born and raised in WiikiwemkooNsing on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reservation, Webkamigad is currently on his 22nd year teaching in the Anishinaabemowin degree program at Algoma University.

Webkamigad 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 Jimooyung 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 be patient with people who are learning to speak."

Often times, there is no exact translation in Anishinaabemowin, he said.

With ever changing and evolving technology and inventions, Webkamigad said he is "not too concerned with new words, but with trying to keep those old words alive."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Wikwemikong First Nations Tribal Elder Howard Webkamigad was the keynote speaker on language revitalization.

Practical advice around the home provided at Saganing financial workshop

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

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 served as the lead instructor for the workshop series for the last nine years.

"I did hear someone say that this was one of the funniest workshops I have done in quite some time," Kennedy said. "I offered those in attendance some new uses for around the house items, like microwave heating up rice in a clean, white sock and to help with an earache or sore neck. We



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Project Coordinator Liz Walters (left) and Workshop Instructor Sherill Kennedy find other uses for common household items.

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.

"Sherrill 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, also 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."

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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 nest 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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

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

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 “enji-biin-ind ji-chaak” (where souls and spirits are cleansed and healed) was chosen as the name of the Drug-Free Teen Club.

“Our vision as a prevention team is to be able to create and change policy and community norms regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco in our 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.

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Soup and Substance: Indian 101

Nov. 10 | 12 - 1 p.m.

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- Native American Activism: LaDonna Harris, Founder and President of Americans for Indian Opportunity.

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Nov. 11 | 12 - 3:30 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College: West Room 2

- Guest speaker: David Perez, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society

Dakota 38: Documentary & Discussion

Nov. 18 | 3 - 5 p.m.

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Keynote Speaker: Joseph Boyden



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Trunk or Treat and Halloween Haunt bring the fear factor to the campground

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

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.

Throughout 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 60-foot “tunnel of terror.”

“We had a line of ghoulish guests waiting to come in and check it out,” Borton said. “This was, by far, our best feature that we have done for the community Halloween Haunt. Our Housing Maintenance crew did an excellent job planning and building the tunnel of terror and all of our staff was committed and helped with the final touches to a fun activity this. 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 Eylana and gave the effort 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 Trepanier 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 employees out here, and moving the event helped... because there was over 1,000 people who came last year and many of the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elder Audrey Falcon (left) and Amanda Lewis (right) share a moment with their top banana Bobby Falcon-Hart.



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Skeleton April Borton and her friend, Jack, made no bones about how scary the “tunnel of terror” was.



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SCTC student Rachael Bailey really enjoyed the fear factor marshmallow mustard challenge.



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Tribal youth Caden Pego is begging to get more candy at the Trunk or Treat.



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Tribal Police Officer Matthew Gibson had a trunk full of goodies for the trunk or treaters.



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Joseph and Taylor Trepanier dressed their black cat Miskwaande and dog Ninakwe for the best pet contest.

people who did our Trunk or Treat ran out of candy,” Lucas said. “I would like to give a shout out for our people who 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.



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The 50-inch smart TV first prize for the family dance off contest made for some happy minions.

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 composter, you can start composting right away.

In your pile, you can toss yard waste, leaves, as well as food scraps from fruit, veggies, breads, coffee grounds, grains, and more. Do not add food 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.

While considering management of your yard waste, there are some options that you will want to avoid such as burning leaves or dumping leaves into waterways or wetlands. Burning leaves causes air pollution and is hazardous to human health. Leaf smoke may contain hazardous chemicals such as carbon monoxide and benzo(a) pyrene, which is known to cause cancer. It also creates airborne particulates, such as dust, soot and other solid materials, which can cause adverse respiratory issues.

Leaves that are dumped in waterways and wetlands can clog infrastructure such as culverts and dams, causing the river to be shallower and more prone to flooding.

Dumping of leaves can also obstruct healthy habitat for fisheries as well as cause an organic imbalance, creating excess nutrients which may

lead to algal blooms that can deplete oxygen and sometimes cause fish kills.

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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



Courtesy of Mona Spencer

Kenya Spencer (center) signs a wrestling scholarship for King University in Bristol, Tenn. on Oct. 26 with two King University representatives.

wrestling career: Friends, family, her church community and coaches; all of those people are "special to her and she carries them in her heart."

"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.

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 Nijikewehn 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.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Nijikewehn Mentoring Program helped form a fan tunnel for CMU football players.



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

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Second annual "Par for the Cause" raises more than \$40,000

NATALIE SHATTUCK

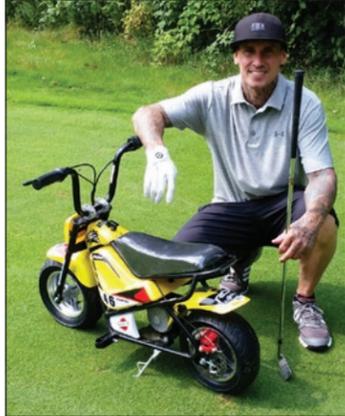
Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort presented the second annual "Par for the Cause" RCH Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 28 at PohlCat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant.

More than \$40,000 was raised between corporate teams, non-corporate teams, and the silent and live auctions.

Splitting the proceeds, the Saginaw Chippewa Parks and Recreation Department, and The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund of Michigan each received \$22,835.50.

That evening, SECR hosted a banquet, with dinner and auctions in the ballroom.



Courtesy of Tanya Bardy

Professional racer Carey Hart joined the Aug. 28 "Par for the Cause" Celebrity Charity Golf Tournament.

"The top auction item was a custom-made helmet of (RCH motocross racer) Carey Hart that was autographed by him and his wife Alecia, AKA (singer) P!nk," said Tanya Bardy, SECR marketing manager for sponsorships and promotions. "This item went for \$1,000."

The winning bid went to Michigan CAT, construction equipment supplier.

To date, participants have raised more than \$75,000 for the cause.

Along with Hart, celebrities that made an appearance include: RCH Racing's Ricky Carmichael, Ken Roczen and Broc Tickle; former NBA player Drew Nitzel;

The Huge Show's Bill Simonson; NFL pro Kyle Cook; Michigan State baseball head coach Jake Boss Jr.; pro golfer Jeff Lessons; Supercross racer Nick Wey; and Kevin Cotter, Republican member of the Michigan House of Representatives.

Spartan Sports Network received first place in the 18-hole scramble.

CBS Sports Radio earned second place, and third place went to Aristocrat Inc.

Each registrant received an entry into the silent raffle.

Raffle prizes included: Airfare and hotel for four to Las Vegas for the Oct. 17 motocross finals; two tickets to a Jason Aldean concert, donated by WKCQ; four tickets to Cedar Point; four Soaring Eagle Waterpark day passes; twosome golf package at the Gaylord Country Club, donated by WMPX; four tickets to a Detroit Lions football game, donated by WNEM; one night stay at Shanty Creek and golf for two, donated by Cumulus Radio-Flint; and much more.

"This was our second year for this fantastic outing... and we were able to raise more money than last year," Bardy said. "The feedback from the participants was they cannot wait to come back next year and raise even



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

(Pictured left to right) Al Wassegijig, Terry Thompson, MSU Head Baseball Coach Jake Boss Jr, Chase Owl and Erik Rodriguez pose on the PohlCat Golf Course.



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(Pictured left to right) Blake Savage, Zoe Burdine-Fly, Ken Roczen, Russ Hines, Rhonda Quigno and Jeff Furman golf for the cause.



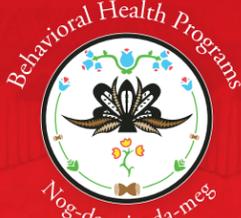
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Motocross and Supercross athlete Ken Roczen signs his shirt sold during the live auction.

more money for two well-deserving charities."

SCIT Parks and Rec plans to construct a safe racing track, designed by professional riders, on the Reservation. The track is in the works for 2016, according to SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas.

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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- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients' activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan "Under the Eagle Wing"

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

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

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SCA Cook Bridget Fairchild receives October "Educator of the Month"

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



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCA Cook Bridget Fairchild (middle) accepts her award from Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill (left) and Kelli Cassaday, curriculum instructional coordinator.

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 Orchard, educator's goody bag, a gift certificate and a traveling educator award.

The following is a questionnaire completed by Fairchild:

Which program do you work for? Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

What is your title? Cook

How 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.

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!

"Day with the Artist" brings alpacas, music, arts and crafts to SCA



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Students could pet alpacas from Varners Alpaca Links in Midland and learn about fabric woven from their coats.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Fifth-grader Takoda Shawnoo made crafts with Seventh Generation.

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Friday, Oct. 9, the Saginaw Chippewa Academy participated in "Day with the Artist."

Throughout the day, students spent half an hour involved in different activities.

All in separate rooms, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways and Seventh Generation representatives taught students to make Native American arts and crafts.

Outdoors, SCA students could pet and observe alpacas from Varners Alpaca Links in Midland, Mich.

Alpacas are raised for their coats. The handlers brought examples of alpaca shearing and fabric woven from alpaca hair for the students to touch.

The day was also filled with music as the Central Michigan University String Quartet lectured SCA students on different instruments. The quartet performed musical numbers for grades third through sixth in the cafeteria.



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SCA fourth-grader Tawny Jackson holds up her corn husk doll.



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Fifth grader Kenneth Wemigwans (back) and sixth-grader Allen Pego create their corn husk dolls.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Lilly Chameralain, Gabriela Escobedo, Tehya Florez, Rosemarie Green, Darien Haggard, Konner Hilleger, Isabella Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Nadia Mills, Morgan Morrow, Kage Ortiz, Tiara Osawabine, Ethan Reed, Cailey Treichel, Ehtan Treichel, Savannah Treichel and Ava Vogel.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned Student of the Month for September: Lyric Owl, Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher, Clara Begay, Analicia Palomo, Riana Chippewa, Quenten Rolfes, Adrianna West and Mana Pelcher. The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Bradley Woodworth, Jeydan Arbogast, Sadie Diesel, Brihanna Dunham, Niigik Pamp, Bryson Quintero, Liam Arbogast, Joshua Velasquez, Gracie David, Isabella Arbogast, Robert Saunders, Brandon Wemigwans, Martine Wiggins, Zoey Diesel, Tawny Jackson, Caden Pego, Raymond Pelcher Jr., Felicia Saunders, Joshua Wemigwans, Cameron Fleming, Adrianna West and Sara Saunders.

Pullen

The following students earned Student of the Month honors: Talon McClusky, Andrew Kequom and Olivia Lerma. The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Serenti Cole, Emma Hinmon, Kyven Rose, Alex Hinmon, Talon McClusky, Remy Weldon, Arilynn Peters, Logan Bird, Kaya Rose, Caleb Burger, Cruz Vaquera, Trevor Isham, Bailey Burger, Ryan Flaughter, Whisper Mandoka and Jonathan Martinez.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Novaly Hinmon, Erius Mena, Erica Hinmon, Journey Mena, Isaiah Powers-Otto, Brysen Chamberlain-Fish, Logan VanOrden, Kaya Pope, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Sway Mandoka, Anthony Hawkins and Makayla Jackson.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Aaliyah Dunlap, Aolani Gibbs, Augustine Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Aaden Gose, Metao Harris, Kaden Kjolhede, Zamiah Marshall, Mariana Mays, Mia McCreery, Gavin McCreery and Ringo Stevens.

Kinney

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Dakarii Graveratte.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Mia Floyd, Kadenn Rose, La'Anna Trudeau, Mia Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Tayden Davis, Vanessa Lerma, Kayden Weekly Dean, Grey Fox, Aaron Graveratte, Binayshee Hendrickson, John Stevens and Makayla Stevens.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Gloria Altiman, Caedynce Bailey, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Daniel Bennett, Devyn Bennett, Damion Haggard, Zoey Haggard, Elisha Hoormann, Lucas Jackson, Matthew Jackson, Anthony Mark, Mnookmi Massey, Trent McConnell, Aliyah Mena, Nautica Mena-Strait, Collyn Morrow, Anissa Quiroga, Kimewon-Raynee Richards, Zamil Rueckert, Alina Ruffino, Paul Shomin, Kaylie Sprague, Dawnseh Wilson and Hudson Yarger.

Shepherd

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Kearmin Alexander, Dayton Bross, Jayden Bross, Trey Bross, Johnathan Cogswell, Sadie Cogswell, Angelica Hinmon, Alize Jackson, Lakota Jackson, Waaseya Lambertson, Jared Myers, Sarah Osawabine, Jayden Pelcher, Layla Pigeon, Maya Ryan, Brandon Seegraves, Madalynn Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey, Miingin Starkey and Aubreyanna Stevens.

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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.

Previous to the camp, the SCTC mahnoomin class traveled to different lakes in the area to view, assess, and harvest the mahnoomin. This harvest was used to demonstrate the processing after it had been harvested and dried.



Courtesy of SCTC

The mahnoomin is ready to harvest.

The camp also provided the opportunity to make mahnoomin dancing moccasins and ricing tools.

First is processing, the camp participants parched the mahnoomin in a large cast iron pot over the fire. The smell of the hot parched mahnoomin was earthy and soothing. Some of the parched mahnoomin turned into “popcorn” much like puffed rice. Sorting out the popped rice and eating it was a treat. The mahnoomin was then winnowed, to blow away the burnt chaff.

Two dancing pits were dug and lined with leather hides.



Courtesy of SCTC

Lee Sprague leads the parching of mahnoomin.

These dancing pits were used to “dance” on the rice with clean moccasins. Stepping on the parched mahnoomin helps remove the husk.

From Elders to children, all camp participants took turns dancing on the mahnoomin.

Trays of winnowed mahnoomin were then cleaned. Cleaning the mahnoomin is the final stage of the finishing process.

Participants each took a tray to separate the rice. This 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.

Partakers 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 Anishnaabe blood memory. The camp provided opportunity to have a glimpse of what Anishnaabe 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



Courtesy of SCTC

Lacey Mandoka and family parching mahnoomin.



Courtesy of SCTC

Finished mahnoomin.



Courtesy of SCTC

Mahnoomin dancing pits.



Courtesy of SCTC

Lee Sprague demonstrates winnowing.



Courtesy of SCTC

Dawn Morrow "dances" on mahnoomin.



Courtesy of SCTC

Sorting and cleaning the mahnoomin.

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.



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Monday, Nov. 16	Movie Showing: DAKOTA 38 5:30-8 p.m. Located at SCTC West Classroom 2
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“The Gambler” Kenny Rogers is all aces in his sixth Soaring Eagle appearance

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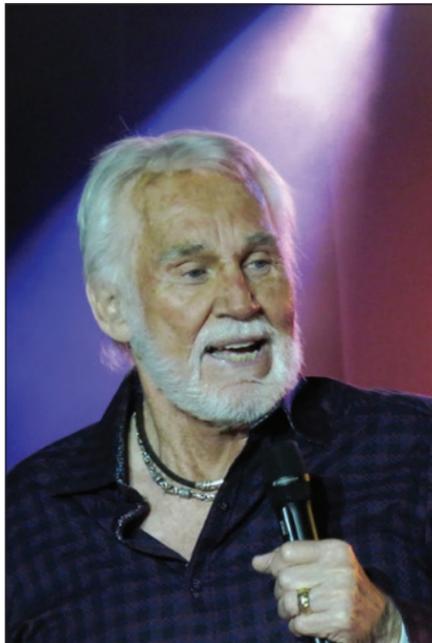
For the past 57 years, as sure as the sun would come up in the morning and set in the evening, there was one thing you could count on: Kenny Rogers would soon be coming to a venue near you.

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 movies in which Rogers portrayed the gambler; Brady Hawkes; the singer, songwriter, actor, record producer, entrepreneur and author is a driven performer and entertainer who can command a stage.

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

A 2014 award-winning GEICO insurance commercial featured Rogers reprising his



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Kenny Rogers performs classic down home country on Sept. 12.

iconic persona while signing his “you got to know when to hold ‘em” anthem at a card game.

Rogers delivered a down home country cornucopia of toe-tappers that delighted his

old and new fans, including his standard hits “Lucille”, “Love Will Turn You Around” and “Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)”.

Rogers did an excellent rendition of the 1983 platinum chart topper “Islands in the Stream”, a duet he shared with country music artist Dolly Parton.

Rogers’ other collaborations include his number one country 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 Me”, “You Decorated My

Life” and the down home ballad “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 through the years.

“We were skeptical at first, concerning his age and wondered 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 with several Andahwod residents, and she was waiting patiently for his heartfelt song “Lady”.

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

“He took me back to the old days of the sixties, and what I really liked is he showed pictures on the screen when he was young,” Tally said. “It was like a concert and a trip down memory lane. Having him here at Soaring Eagle, I always like to hear him sing ‘The Gambler’... I wonder why!”

Unfortunately, Rogers announced Sept. 25, during an appearance on “The Today Show”, that 2016 will be his farewell tour after 57 years.

Rogers said he is preparing for a series of concerts promoting his new holiday release, “Once Again it’s Christmas”. The album marks his first Christmas album since his 1998 bestselling “Christmas for the Heart”.

Rogers has a warm heart for the friends he has made through years of performing, and fans can cherish the fond memories he left at Soaring Eagle, as that could have been his last concert in Mount Pleasant.

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 delivery.

When discussing the odd questions on doctor’s forms, he joked about writing down his closest living relative.

“From here or from my house?” LaPorte asked. “I put six miles.”

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 on stage and the audience erupted with applause.

White toured with Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall, and Larry the Cable Guy as part of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour in January 2000 through March 2003.

The tour sold out throughout the U.S. in more than 90 cities, and grossed more than \$15 million.

White discussed his great friendship with a fellow comedian.

“Jeff Foxworthy always believed in my talent, just not my work ethic,” White said laughing.

At 58 years old, and a few marriages later, White has seemed to have finally found the love of his life: Margo Rey, a singer-songwriter, who White claims has “more talent in her little finger” than many have at all.

“Margo’s mother likes to chat,” White said. “I hate to ask her a question because the answer will be a day and a half.”

White has been touring for 29 years and is “enjoying every minute of it.”

Discussing past media coverage on Caitlin Jenner coming out as transgendered,

White said he identifies himself as “transfunny.”

“I’m transfunny: I may not appear to be funny, but I am,” White said. “If you don’t think I’m funny, you’re racist.”

Typically a scotch drinker, White is now a co-owner of Number Juan Tequila brand, which he repeatedly sipped throughout the show.

White said he gave an Arkansas radio DJ a hard time during an interview, when White was asked “if you could have a conversation with anyone, living or dead, who would it be?” White responded “living.”

White didn’t exit the stage without paying tribute to opener LaPorte.

“One more round of applause for Rocky,”

White said. “He comes out and did 15 minutes, says about nine words, and he just nails it. He’s one of the coolest people on the planet and I know every comic thinks so.”



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Comedian Ron White delivers his sarcastic, witty routine during the Oct. 10 sold-out Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort show.

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

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

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 ballparks.

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



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The pride of Sledge, Miss. delights the sold-out crowd of country western fans.

Pride went through a catalogue of hits that included “Crystal Chandeliers”, “Kiss an Angel Good Morning”, “Is Anyone Going to San Antone” and “Kaw-Liga.”

Pride shared a moment backstage with the Tribal Observer and gave some insight.

“Both sides of my family have Indian blood, too, and I look at it like singing about myself,” Pride said. “It's like when people look at me as African... I'm an American and with ‘Kaw-Liga’, I am singing a song about Americans.”

Pride also performed fan favorites “Honky Tonk Blues”, “You Win Again” and an entire gospel music medley that garnered much applause.

Tribal Elder Alfie Jenkins remembers his time performing at the Grand Old Opry and on the television show “Hee Haw”, and really enjoyed his performance.

“I was especially touched by the song he sang about America,” Jenkins said. “It warmed my heart knowing that people feel the same way I do about our country. Charley mentioned he was very proud to

be an American and made me realize that we need to stand up for what we believe. I think we should all take our hats off to Charley Pride.”

Wayne Kirby of Mount Pleasant took his teenage daughter Rossi to her first country concert and she loved it.

“My dad has met Charley Pride when he came to the casino before,” Rossi said. “My dad said he hasn't changed; he is such a kind and down-to-earth man. He makes you feel like you have known him for years in just a matter of minutes. My dad would sing me his music when I was little so getting to meet him after all this time was a great experience for me and I am so glad I got to share it with my dad.”

American country musician Neal McCoy recently did a 2014 limited release with Cracker Barrel Country Stores entitled “Neal McCoy's Pride: A Tribute to Charley Pride”.

After his May 11, 2015 show at SECR, McCoy gave Pride a shout out.

“Charley told me years ago, ‘Neal, if you put on a great show

and be nice to people, you'll last a long time in this business’,” McCoy said. “I adopted that. And it has worked. It certainly did for him. So, thank you, Charley Pride.”

Pride mentioned McCoy toured with him for six years and was moved by his kind words and his tribute album.

“My wife was very instrumental in Neal getting a recording contract and I was very pleased about that,” Pride said. “He is one fine young fellow and I will always remember those shows he opened for me. He would do his show then watch me in the wings and watch how I would sing and try to steal my moves.”

Midland resident Ed Woollard saw Pride a couple years back at SECR.

“He actually sang about 90 percent of the time while he was on stage,” Woollard said. “We have a lot of country bands that play in Midland, but we don't get the performers like Charley over there. That's why my family comes here to Soaring Eagle, because we like... country the way it used to be.”

“Let's Make A Deal” live show brings prizes and excitement

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The promise of loads of prizes and tons of cash got contestants to wear Halloween apparel early as “Let's Make A Deal” visits Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for two live shows on Oct. 24.

The game show started in 1963 with host Monty Hall, brought renowned game show host Mark L. Walberg.

Walberg was the host of PBS's highest rated primetime show “Antiques Roadshow” and the Fox network hit reality shows “Temptation Island” and “Moment of Truth”.

Walberg was pleasantly surprised by the excitement of the crowd as he listened backstage while announcer Phil Moore warmed up the contestants.

“I, 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.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Jason Eckert and Holly White celebrated a special occasion as they were ready to win prizes.

From the legends Monty Hall to Wayne Brady, the show has gone up another notch, and I am lucky to fill half of those shoes. I know I can't fill them entirely, but we try to do the live show with the Monty Hall classic game mixed with the Wayne Brady fun. I'm thrilled to be a part of it.”

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

“The only reason I come out from 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 with 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 were dressed as smurfs and ready 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.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Game show host Mark L. Walberg points out that he is ready to deal out a new car.

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.

Born 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.iamcedric.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”

“Johnson Family Vacation”, “Be Cool” and “Larry Crowne”, alongside Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts.

Cedric proved his moniker to be fitting of his stand-up performances. Sharply dressed and sporting a contagious smile, the comedian got the audience going while proving he was equally adept at singing, dancing and slinging jokes.

He put his no-nonsense twist on a variety of topics including current social and political issues, family life and everyday situations.

Cedric delved into his personal life while sharing a story of an encounter in the southern U.S. while visiting a relative.

After meeting his cousin's friend, he asked what he would like to be called. A breakdown in communication and difference in accents led him to mess up the friend's name.

“This guy told you to call him ‘by my initials’,” Cedric's cousin said. “You've been walking around calling him ‘Bominitions’ for days.”

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit its website at www.

soaringeaglecasino.com, “Like” its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle Soaringeagle777.



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Cedric the Entertainer delivers one of his humorous punchlines.



Fun run and walk brings 121 participants out on the Rez

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

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

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 30-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 Andahwod administrative assistant II, joined Nimkee's Beginners' Running Group in August.

In past years, 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 it into my weekly routine," Jackson said. "I prepared myself by attending 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.

"Crossing the finish line 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 ran 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 Rivera of the Migizi Promotion department for a family fun



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Nimkee Fitness Center Attendant Andrew "Bear" Raphael holds up the 2015 arrowhead award.

day containing a photo booth and bounce house.

Green wished to thank the Nimkee Fitness staff: Sharon Peters, Vanessa Sprague, Bear Raphael, Tommy Chamberlain and Jaden Harman for setting up, tearing down, and serving lunch.

Many volunteers, Tribal Police and Tribal Operations Maintenance department assisted.

Rosie Wassegijig and Cindy Quigno served as the soup makers and kitchen organizers.

"It definitely takes the community to make this even run smooth, successful and enjoyable," Green said. "I truly love this event and hope that it brings health and wellness awareness to all involved."



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Dajia Shinos, 16-year-old Mount Pleasant High School junior, sprints to the finish line.

Twentieth annual life-saving event honored: Feather Link Tea

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

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 Kostus 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 Program is history in the making" for women's health. The event idea 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 Clinic's statistical goals for women who get their mammograms.

"When we started the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) in 1995, our medical records indicated only four women had documented mammograms," she said. "Today, approximately 55 percent of the women we see at Nimkee have had their recommended screening mammograms. In the last two years, we have had 342 mammograms documented. We have met the Indian Health Service goal of 55 percent but we need to continue to do better. This is where the Feather Link comes in."

Steslicki said it is possible for men to also be diagnosed with breast cancer and shares her advice on screenings.

"Support other women: Help with transportation, go to screenings or mammogram appointments, provide emotional support and information on screenings," she said. "Encourage your husbands, boyfriends, sons, brothers, uncles to make an appointment for their annual screening. Make a difference... commit to your



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These cancer survivors were honored during the 20th annual Feather Link Tea, presented by Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center's Women's Health program.

annual screening and encourage others. Early detection can save your life and the lives of your loved ones."

"nDigiDreams", a woman-owned, indigenous-focused training and consulting company from Santa Fe, N.M. traveled throughout the country to train and create stories amongst Native people on healing, survival, and resilience.

The company trained more than 1,300 individuals from more than 80 tribal nations throughout 15 states.

In September, nDigiDreams traveled to SCIT to help individuals create three to four minute videos sharing their stories, the funding was provided by MDCH with support from ITC of Michigan.

During Feather Link, individuals shared their nDigiDreams videos in hopes to increase health education and advocacy about cancer and cardiovascular disease in Native peoples.

Daisy Kostus, Sandy Smith, Beatrice Jackson, Barb Sprague, Linda Smith and Suzanne Cross



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Char Hewitt, originator of the Feather Link Tea, discusses how the event began.

created videos and their narratives were viewed.

With various items donated into the silent auction, more than \$1,000 was raised for Community Cancer Services.

Davis wished to thank various individuals including the "registration and auction table guardians for their help: Nettie White, Sharon Peters, Helen Williams, Robyn Grinzinger and Sandi Chesebrough."

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SCIT joins other Michigan tribes in “What Moves You?” campaign

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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 inspiring 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 Nottawaseppi Huron 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 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. “Knowing that exercise can 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 all do together, for free.”

Walt Kennedy, Nimkee Public Health director, supports the program, and his staff ran an office fitness challenge from Sept. 28 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 around Michigan where the participating tribes are located.

The campaign is part of the Racial and Ethnic Approaches

to Community Health (REACH) Journey to Wellness initiative, a multi-year effort led by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITC) that seeks to improve the health and quality of life for Native Americans in Michigan who suffer from exceedingly high rates of chronic disease morbidity and mortality.

“Tribal public health infrastructure is strengthened when each agency adopts local, culturally tailored strategies to address chronic disease,” said Cathy Edgerly, ITC REACH program coordinator. “Their strategies include those focused on forming healthy habits like regular exercise and nutritious eating in 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

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Cranberries may aid in the prevention of infections.

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 substances. Every food we eat contains a symphony of vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals (plant compounds that may reduce the risk of disease) that interact to help fend off disease.

Mary Purdy, MS, RDN, a private practice dietitian and adjunct clinical faculty member at Bastyr University in Seattle said, “Without sufficient amounts of these nutrients, the body simply cannot operate at full capacity; our function is impaired and chronic disease can result.”

Kathie Madonna Swift, MS, RDN, LDN, education director of the Food As Medicine training program at the Center for Mind-Body Medicine and author of The Swift Diet, said sunflower

seeds are an example of a food that may help protect against Alzheimer’s disease.

“They contain the family of vitamin E compounds that are important for brain health,” Swift said. “Popping a vitamin E pill does not afford the same protection—the whole food does it best.”

The power of dietary patterns. Numerous studies have identified dietary patterns that consistently decrease our risk for chronic disease. For example, diets high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other plant foods—such as the Mediterranean diet—are associated with a reduced risk of inflammation, cardiovascular disease and certain cancers.

When the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee looked at dietary patterns that prevent disease, the evidence consistently showed that diets rich in vegetables and fruits, such as Mediterranean and vegetarian diet patterns, are linked to lower rates of chronic disease.

Foods with medicinal benefits.

While many plant foods have been linked with health, here are some of the most promising disease-busting 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 prevention.

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.

Green tea: The phytochemical EGCG (epigallocatechin gallate) 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 quality 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



Shiitake mushrooms have many medicinal benefits.

yogurt, smoothies, and cereals to salads, soups, and stir fries.”

Nutrients combat disease: One of the first confirmations of food as medicine came in the 1700s with the observation that sailors who ate citrus fruit were able to avoid scurvy. That connection led to the discovery of vitamin C (scurvy is caused by vitamin C deficiency) some 200 years later, ushering in an era of discovery about connections between nutrients and diseases.

Gene-Diet Interactions: The mapping of the human genome has opened the door to personalized nutrition, which someday may move us from “you are what you eat” to “how to eat for who you are.” The emerging field of nutrigenomics looks at the connection between our genes, the nutrients in the foods we eat, and our health. “Food contains a unique portfolio of bioactive ingredients that inform our genes to express health,” says Swift. In other words, if compounds in broccoli can stop a cancer-promoting gene from expressing itself, eating lots of broccoli may be truly “medicinal” for people with that gene.

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SCA students excel as guest servers at Andahwod Elders Breakfast

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Photojournalist

Opportunities abound on how one can serve their Tribe and on Sept. 23, the Saginaw Chippewa Academy students did just that.

The Andahwod Community Continuing Care & Elder Services welcomed SCA as guest servers at the bi-monthly Andahwod Elders Breakfast.

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

SCIT Education Director and Interim SCA Principal Melissa



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Bruno is wearing his gloves while serving orange juice to the elders.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCA student Zoey finds out the hard way that putting on hairnets isn't always easy.



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

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.

"It was neat to see the student volunteers helping with the Elder's Breakfast and to see the younger generation assist the Elders," Ruhl said. "The students were polite, courteous and very respectful of the Elders and community members they served. I am glad they did so well in school that they had 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 great 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, Quenten, Tawny, Zoey, Felicia, Caden, Bruno, Josh and Calijah.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Smiles are all around as Andahwod Line Cook Jodi Sysak places hairnets on students.

Alzheimer's Foundation of America declares National Memory Screening Week

(Editor's 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 beliefs

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.

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

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

Andahwod CCC & ES Events - November 2015

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

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.
• Returning at 5 p.m.
• Limited seating
• Call 989.775.4302 for more info and pricing.

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 a.m.
• Contact: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change.

NOVEMBER 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Maurice DeMeyere | 16 Kathy Barber, Randy Dutton, Michael Finney, Jody Wojcik |
| 2 Delores Drews, Robin Grippi, Robert Henry, Thomas Russell | 17 Phillip Peters Jr., Laurie Pease |
| 3 Barbara Chapoton, Joni DeLaCruz | 18 Terry Bonnema, Brenda Stanton, Mark Stigger |
| 4 Bernard Sprague, David Bearden, Rose Clouse, Minnie Periard, Valerie Zocher | 19 Faith Carmona-Pego, Beverly Vasquez, Christopher Williams, Bernice Nelson, Henrietta Malone |
| 5 David Detzler | 20 JoAnn Bowen, Kathryn Moran |
| 6 David Anderson, Kathleen Hart, Richard Rodriguez, Lawrent Cabay, Esperanza Jaquez, Paul Johnson, Marcie Lewis, Susan Smielewski, Kenneth Watson III, Naomi Waynee | 21 Allen Pego Sr., Viola Nahgahgwon |
| 7 Donald Bordeau, Judith Ramirez, James Ritter | 22 Clayton Nedwash Sr. |
| 8 Clara Jackson | 23 Bertha Collins |
| 9 Karen Bonnau, Marshall Jackson, Pamela Kropp, Lawrence Mena, Gladys Sheahan, Frank Synder | 24 Corrinna O'Leary |
| 10 Irving Graveratte, Simon Perez | 25 Robert Burnham, Laura Meffert, Donald Miljure |
| 12 Marclay Crampton, Michael Cyr, Lenore Davis, Jack Ice, Kenneth Maloney | 26 Jo Kathleen Sprague, Barbara Fridline, Valorie Semmens, Sidney Stone |
| 13 Stuart Jackson, Barbara Johnson | 27 William Snowden, Amanda Nahgahgwon, Stephen Randall |
| 14 Delores Stillson | 28 Wayne Watson Sr., Norman Cyr Jr., Carolyn Fisher, Angela Gomez, Daniel Kirby |
| 15 Peggy Vliek, Robert Bates, Cindy Pries | 29 Valerie Querback |
| | 30 Darlene Chippewa, Daisy Kendall, Chris Pego, William Cross, Barbara Garcia |



NOVEMBER 2015 EVENT PLANNER

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

Al-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 10 | 5 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4506
- Interested youth are invited to meet Youth Council Candidates.

Yellow Shawl Project

November 10 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4621
- Please come and make your own, all materials provided.
- Activities for children, dinner provided.
- Topics: SIDS and Breastfeeding.

Emergency Planning Community Training

November 17 | 5 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health
- Contact: 989-775-4621
- How to emergency plan for kids.

Women's Support Group

November 17 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

Fall Feast

November 18 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Housing Financial Workshop

November 19 | 12 p.m.

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

Fifth and Sixth Grade Basketball Tryouts

November 20 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4149
- For boys and girls.

Home for the Holidays Celebration

November 23 | 6 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4149

Digital Storytelling Workshop

December 1-3 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4893
- Make a three to five minute movie about addiction recovery.

nDigiFest Film Festival

December 4 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4893
- Digital stories will be screened.

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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<p>2</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Parent Advisory Meeting SCA 5 - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>1 7</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>8</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tribal Ops Closed Veterans Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>D. Dowd: Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>D. Dowd: Sweat Lodge B. Health 5 - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>15</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline 3 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting Meeting 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>22</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Grandmother Moon B. Health 7 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center 6 - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tribal Ops Closed Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tribal Ops Closed Day After Thanksgiving</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>29</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, curbside collection will be delayed one day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, Nov. 26 will be on Friday, Nov. 27 • Friday, Nov. 27 will be Saturday, Nov. 28. <p style="font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">Due to the Christmas holiday, curbside collection will be delayed one day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, Dec. 25 will be Saturday, Dec. 26. 		<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #a52a2a;">Talking Circle</p> <p style="color: #a52a2a;">Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Andahwod Maple Room</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small>



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Tribal Operations

Social Services Supervisor Protective Services

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one year supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable tribal and federal law as they pertain to tribal children and families.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting.

Police Officer FT

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

Gift Shop Retail Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus.

Human Resources Director

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business or human resource management; master's degree preferred. A minimum of 10 or more years experience in human resources manage-

ment. Must have an in-depth background in developing, implementing and managing HR programs, benefit contract negotiations, compensation programs, familiarity with governmental regulations and complex organizational structures, as well as training and development.

Tribal Schools Principal

Open to the public. M.A. in educational administration with five years teaching experience or bachelor's degree in education field with eight years experience.

Clerical Pool

Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

General Labor Pool

Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

Cook

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent and previous experience with quantity food preparation and service.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a journeyman license with lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license.

Safety Coordinator

Open to the public. High school diploma and two years related experience or equivalent combination of educa-

tion and experience. Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals.

Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent with six to 12 months clerical experience. Native American preferred.

Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Must have knowledge of medical terminology and computer skills. Successful completion of an approved certified medical assistant program.

Leadership Apprentice

Must be a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

Sasiwanns Early Childhood Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field required. Candidate must possess a valid State of Michigan Early Childhood Certification and/or ZS Endorsement. Prefer two years of experience and/or combination of related experience and training in early childhood education.

SECR

Chief Executive Officer

Open to the public. Must have a bachelor's degree; master's degree preferred, with preference in business, finance, or hospitality/casino manage-

ment. Must have minimum of 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and Indian gaming property experience preferred. Preferred candidate will have: Ten years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with more than 1,000 employees with a minimum of seven to 10 years in Class III gaming experience, Indian Gaming.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation accredited school or must have five years direct experience in food production.

Steward PT

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

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good guest service skills and work well with others.

Lead Cook

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

Server Assistant PT

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

Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma

or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Native American preferred.

Food & Beverage Custodial Worker PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to lift at least 50 pounds.

Bingo Floorworker PT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to handle money accurately.

Entertainment Usher Seasonal

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

Pastry Line Cook FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills.

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age.

Floor/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Must

have a valid Michigan drivers license, high school diploma or equivalent, be able to obtain a service license and Tribal drivers license and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier.

Line Server PT

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

SELC

Saganing Transit Driver

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffeur's License.

Food & Beverage Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

Saganing Casino Shift Manager

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF KENDRA LYNN DERUS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0372 Plaintiff: Dwight R. Carpenter 2339 E. Ludington Dr. Clare MI 48617 (989) 386-4114 vs. Defendant: Kendra Lynn Derus 3111 Beech St. Midland, MI 48640 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **The summons expires Dec. 8, 2015**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF LISA ZINGERY-CHAMBERLAIN:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0370 Plaintiff: Dwight R. Carpenter 2339 E. Ludington Dr. Clare MI 48617 (989) 386-4114 vs. Defendant: Lisa Zingery-Chamberlain 302 Livingston St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 621-9961 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **The summons expires Dec. 8, 2015**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF MARKUS CHAMBERLAIN:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0371 Plaintiff: Dwight R. Carpenter 2339 E. Ludington Dr. Clare MI 48617 (989) 386-4114 vs. Defendant: Markus Chamberlain 3363 Sweetgrass Dr. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 400-0549 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 8, 2015**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF SABRINA FLOYD:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0367 Plaintiff: Dwight R. Carpenter 2339 E. Ludington Dr. Clare MI 48617 (989) 386-4114 vs. Defendant: Sabrina Floyd 836 E East Oakridge Circle Midland, MI 48640 (989) 492-3020 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **The summons expires Dec. 8, 2015**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF SEGWEN TRAVER:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 15-CI-0403 Plaintiff: Dwight R. Carpenter 2339 E. Ludington Dr. Clare MI 48617 (989) 386-4114 vs. Defendant: Segwen Traver 1334 E. Gaylord Apt. J11 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 854-8397 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **The summons expires Dec. 24, 2015**

SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR SHOWCAUSE IN THE MATTER OF ASHLEY RAMPERSAD:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 Case no: 15-CI-0287 Plaintiff: Midland Funding LLC (GE Money Bank) 24300 Karin Blvd. Novi, MI 48375 (248) 306-2000 Plaintiff's attorney: Daniel J. Manion, Mary Jane Elliot, PC (P32732) 24300 Karin Blvd. Novi, MI 48375 (248) 306-2000 vs. Defendant: Ashley Rampersad 1637 East Broomfield St. Apt. 3E Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 8, 2015.**



Participants get plastered in purple, raise domestic violence awareness

NATALIE SHATTUCK

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.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Chayton Gamba carries Anna Winters' daughter, Ellianna, on his shoulders through the finish line.

"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



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

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."

Along with Huber and McCliggott, the NMN team includes Domestic Violence Support Techs I Nicole Nedwash and Debra Cicalo.

The event was free, and participants even received complimentary event T-shirts, water bottles and sunglasses on a first come, first serve basis. A healthy lunch was also provided after the race.

DJ Lupe Gonzalez had music blaring right through the 11 a.m. race and noon lunch.

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



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Behavioral Health employees (from left to right, back) Guadalupe Gonzalez, Brooke Huber, Shelby McCliggott, Samantha Snyder, (front row) Nicole Nedwash with her son Noah, Amy Kisel and Deanna Scott-Hicks helped make the event possible.

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 even more so, we hope it allotted an opportunity to strike up conversation and educate each other and our children," Huber said.



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United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps volunteered to hand out water for the runners and walkers reaching the finish line.



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Jamie Feliciano and Paula Quigno are all smiles after the 1.5 mile course.



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Haley Hunt, Devyn Brouwer, and Annie Callaghan of Alpha Chi Omega volunteered for the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan event.



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Plastered in purple, Eloise Lambertson seems to have enjoyed the color run.



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Central Michigan University sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, volunteers for domestic violence awareness causes and "Paint the Rez Purple" was no exception.



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Alison Kozerski (left) was truly pleased to throw color on her friend Adrienne Saylor.



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An unrecognizable gentleman gets coated with purple at the first color station.



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Kayla Wonch sprints through a purple cloud on the Behavioral Health property.