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## Tribe purchases 902 acres of land within East Tawas

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has made a culturally significant purchase to reclaim lands that were once part of ceded and treaty territories. Roughly 902 acres of land, which includes more than one mile of waterfront property on Tawas Lake, have been reclaimed.

The purchase of the East Tawas property was finalized on Friday, Aug. 25, 2017, granting ownership of hundreds of acres of land back to the Tribe.

The wooded property is located on the northeast shores of Tawas Lake with many trails traversing throughout.

"The purchase came from Housing and Land Trust at a price of \$1.1 million which includes several structures; a 3,400 square foot log cabin built from timber found on the property, 40-by-60-foot pole barn and another storage barn," said Gayle Ruhl, Tribal Council treasurer. "Considering the implications for future generations with regard

to treaty rights and the natural resources within and surrounding, the property is priceless."

Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, said reclaiming the land strengthens the connections to a lifeway that sustained Native people for thousands of years.

"The ability to hunt, gather and honor our ancestral teachings strengthens that relationship we have to the land, our past and our future," Rodriguez said. "In this process, members today, and for future generations, will retain and maintain indigenous knowledge and rights."

Ruhl said, "The original treaty negotiators recognized the need for the Membership to remain linked to the land and waters within the treaty territories."

"Those rights to hunt, fish and gather were insured in those agreements so generations, from the dates treaties were signed, would be able to continue a lifeway unique to Ojibwa culture," Ruhl said. "Reclaiming this land is a first step not only in exercising Tribal Member rights, but allowing the Tribe the ability to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe purchases 902 acres of land, which includes more than one mile of waterfront property on Tawas Lake in East Tawas.**

manage land and resources as a separate nation that has a relationship between the U.S. governments as stated in those original treaty negotiations."

Those original rights have never been given up, Ruhl said. However, with the sale of lands throughout the years, the ability to engage in these lifeway's has been diminished or done on private or public lands, she said.

"Restoring lands to ownership with the Tribe strengthens sovereignty as well as increases Tribal land base in which to hunt, fish and gather; making it easier for Members to remain connected to original teachings

and rights without intrusion from outsiders," Ruhl said.

Several resources are available on the property.

"The land will open up many doors of learning at many levels, from a practical to spiritual perspective," Rodriguez said. "It will help us connect the past to the present. It will nudge us into action because this place will spark blood memories if we listen and take action."

Chief Frank Cloutier agreed the property will help regain possession of a portion of the Tribe's aboriginal lands.

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## Town Hall shares important information with Tribal Membership

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

More than 100 Tribal Members from all districts joined together at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Sept. 16 to hear important information regarding services and benefits offered.

The meeting was hosted by At-Large/Member Services and was moderated by the department's supervisor Craig Graveratte.

The meeting featured three speakers explaining a variety of Tribal services and benefits.

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl started the meeting with an insightful presentation about the status of per capita payments and revenue sharing.

"From 2011-2016, per capita payments equaled 75 percent of total casino net income plus using monies from the futures trust account," Ruhl said. "One of the challenges, due to increased competition

and market saturation, is that per capita payments went down because the futures' trust had been significantly used up. Our main economic strategy is to make sure the per capita expenditures remain and can be sustained at 75 percent of the net gaming income of both the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Soaring Eagle Casino."

Ruhl used a graph via PowerPoint to show how 100 percent of casino net income is distributed; with 75 percent per capita payments, 15 percent government and 10 percent housing and land.

"Seventy-five percent of all SCIT casino net income is distributed to the per capita plan, and, over the years, this did not change," Ruhl said. "Per capita payments were reduced due to limited funds left in future's trust."

Ruhl said the strengths of the SCIT financial outlook is found in its strong annual

cash flows from casino operations and having strong financial assets.

"The financial outlook challenge is healthcare insurance; it has increased significantly in the last five years, and the trend is expected to continue," Ruhl said. "With 75 percent of casino net income spent on per capita payments, the remaining 25 percent for government does not cover Tribal healthcare."

Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis provided an overview and informed the fiscal year 2018 budget was approved, which funds the 190 programs that deliver services to the Tribal Membership.

"My presentation concentrated on the many services and programs we offer in the following areas: cultural services, community and economic development, education, elder services, employment services, governmental services, financial

services, health services, human services and recreational services," Davis said. "I also highlighted other services available to Tribal Members (Tribal Observer, Migizi, Ziibiwing Center, Tribal Fire, Tribal Clerk and Andahwod) and other services available for Tribal Members like places to rent and have meetings."

Connie Sprague, benefits and compensation manager, provided an overview of Tribal health care and said there are more than 3,100 members covered under the umbrella of Meritain Health (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Group #15893 - Member Plan).

"We have enjoyed an 80 percent health insurance pay plan where the member pays 20 percent of the health care insurance through self-pay. We have experienced some changes over the last months

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**Labor Day picnic**  
Community members of all ages gather for annual family event.



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Ziibiwing Center hosts Sept. 16 educational event.



## David Zocher

Aug. 19, 1954 – Sept. 9, 2017

David Zocher, age 63, of Taylor, Mich., is survived by Karen Lyons, Valerie Zocher, Douglas Zocher, Lawrence (Jane) Zocher, Naomi (Harold) Cordum, Belinda Land, Eric Zocher, Caroline (Vince) Trevino and William (Angela) Zocher. David was preceded in death by his parents Adolph and Virginia and his brother Michael. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.



Dave was an avid outdoorsman who especially enjoyed fishing and camping. Dave was a beautiful soul who lived life to the fullest. He was also a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Dave will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Visitation took place Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the Voran Funeral Home in Taylor, Mich. with funeral services on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dave's name to the following charities: Leader Dogs for the Blind, the National Wildlife Federation, Wildlife Forever, diabetes research, Defenders of Wildlife, Michigan Firefighters Association, Wounded Warriors-Guiding Eyes, any leukemia/lymphoma foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Disabled Veterans of America.

## Natasha Marie House

April 14, 1981 – Sept. 22, 2017

Natasha "Tasha" Marie House, 36, of Farwell, Mich., passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017.

Tasha was born on April 14, 1981, in Odessa, Texas, the daughter of Michael House and Carol Jackson.

She was a beautiful soul inside and out with a heart of gold that exuberated her compassion towards others.

Tasha's center was, first and foremost, her children and family; Brenden, Abigail, Benjamin, Aiden, Collin and her nephew Jordan, whom she adopted as her own.

Her heart led her to helping others as well, always going that extra mile. Her organizational skills exceeded most. Her compassion also expanded to her love of animals, especially her lab Bailey. Tasha owned and operated Munchins Day Care out of Clare, all while achieving her bachelor's degree in business administration.

Tasha's passions also included camping, watching her children play sports and the creative talents of her crafts.

Tasha's smile was bright, her laugh vivacious and her giggle precious. Her presence in this world will never be forgotten.

Tasha is survived by children Brenden and Abigail Render, Benjamin, Aiden and Collin Locker; nephews Jordan Price, Bronx and Jameson House; parents Carol Jackson of Mount Pleasant and Michael (Bobbi) House of Breckenridge; fiancé John Spicer and his son Logan Spicer of Farwell; sister Breanna House of Ithaca; brothers Andrew (Cassie) House of Ithaca and Zachary (Nicole) House of Okinawa, Japan; aunts Barbara (Ron) Johnson of Weidman, Janis (Douglas) Ash of Mt. Pleasant and Kathy (Bryan) Morgan of Kokomo, IN; uncles Paul Jackson of Weidman and Steve (Heather) House of Gladwin; many cousins; and her dog Bailey.

Tasha was preceded in death by her sister Jennifer "Jenna" Kay House; uncles Jeffrey House and Charles Gilbert; cousins Matthew Gilbert and Darrick Conlay; grandparents Elmer and Shirley Jackson, Denny (Betty) House and Janet Eden; and great-grandparents Juanita and Doyle Banks.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Sept. 27, at 11 a.m. with Pastor John Kaster officiating. Interment was held at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

## Livingston Jeffrey "Hodgie" Colwell

April 12, 1964 – Sept. 20, 2017

Livingston Jeffrey "Hodgie" Colwell, age 53, of Rosebush, Mich., passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017 at The Laurels of Mount Pleasant.

Jeff was born April 12, 1964, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada to Livingston and Beatrice (Kahgegab) Colwell. He graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the class of 1982.



Jeff was a maintenance worker for Tribal Operations for 18 years and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Walpole Island First Nation.

He married Michelle Jackson on Feb. 14, 1997. Jeff loved watching sports of all kinds and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. He enjoyed softball, fishing, hunting, bowling, traveling and attending concerts.

Jeff is survived by his wife Michelle Colwell; daughter Breanna Colwell; son Gage Colwell, all of Rosebush; sister Lori (Emil) Nahdee of Mt. Pleasant; niece Abigail Nahdee; parents-in-law Ronald and Barbara Jackson of Hubbardston; aunt Florence "Bunky" White of Clare; uncle Raymond Fisher Sr. of Mt. Pleasant; and many beloved cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sibling. Funeral services took place on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, at 11 a.m. in the Tribal Gym with Robert "Bo" Pego officiating. Burial took place in Riverside Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association or Andahwod Assisted Living.

## Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella County



FAMILIES AGAINST NARCOTICS

### Monthly Forum

Every third Thursday of the month

#### Upcoming dates:

• Oct. 19 • Nov. 16 • Dec. 21

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Ziibiwing Cultural Center

*Monthly Forums are more of an educational awareness opportunity for our local community that will be hosted by our F.A.N. chapter.*

### Support Groups

Every first Thursday of the month

#### Upcoming dates:

• Oct. 5 • Nov. 2 • Dec. 7

7 - 8:30 p.m. | Tribal Operations Senior's Room

*Support Groups are open to anyone in recovery, grieving with a loss or have a loved one battling an addiction.*

#### For more information, please contact:

- Guadalupe Gonzalez at 989.775.4880
- Rosanna Martin at 989.775.4003



Walk-In  
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Clinics

**Oct. 3** | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby

• Open to ages 6 months and older

**Oct. 10** | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Tribal Police Dept. lobby

• Open to adults

**Oct. 11** | 9-11 a.m. | Andahwod Elders breakfast

• Open to adults

**Oct. 25** | 9-11 a.m. | Andahwod Elders breakfast

• Open to adults

**Nov. 7** | 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Tribal Police Dept. lobby

• Open to adults

**Nov. 14** | 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Nimkee Lobby

• Open to ages 6 months and older

For more information, please contact Sue Sowmick at 989.775.4699



**TRIBAL MEMBERS**

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe to SCIT



## Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program seeking 12 representatives for ABE Advisory Council

Behavioral Health's Native Connections Program is seeking letters of interest from individuals in the community to form Anishinabe Bimaadiziwin Edbaamjigejik (ABE), an advisory council.

The overall goal of the program is to engage community knowledge and experience to assess and enhance the Tribe's ability to prevent, monitor and address the issues of suicide and substance abuse in the community.

Efforts will focus on youth aged 24 and under, their families and community.

This will be an opportunity for the ABE to learn and consider the implications of historical trauma and the intergenerational transfer of that trauma as key components.

Monthly meetings will take place in years one and two, then semi-annual meetings in years three and four to support, guide and oversee implementation of activities.

- Four adult or elder community members
- Four employees from SCIT-affiliated service providers/programs
- Four Tribal youth representatives  
*(Parental consent is required, and forms will be made available by the NC Program staff.)*

**In the letter of interest please include the following:** Your name, address, phone and email information, what segment of the ABE you represent (community member, employee or youth) and why you are interested in this opportunity

#### Send letters of interest

- **By mail:** SCIT Behavioral Health  
Native Connections Program  
Lisa M. Kennedy, NC Project Coordinator  
2800 S. Shepherd Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **By email:** [likennedy@sagchip.org](mailto:likennedy@sagchip.org)

## ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogichedaw  
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

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Meetings Will be Held

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room  
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

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## Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Seniors Room of Tribal Operations, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

### Regular Council Session Dates

- Oct. 10
- Nov. 7
- Dec. 5



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**Happy Birthday Nodin!**

Love, your family in Mt. Pleasant



**Happy Birthday Meredith!**

Love, Mom & ggg

## Town Hall

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as we have implemented the changes between moving from Blue Cross to Cofinity," Sprague said. "If we were to change our health care insurance to a 70 percent and 30 percent plan, the Tribe could save over \$230,000 per year."

Sprague advocated that health care is expensive, and many changes make it difficult for many to manage their finances to afford some of those emergencies that may pop up.

"By embracing the self-insured program, it is important that the Membership enrolls online to take advantage of cost effective and valuable services like Teledoc," Sprague said. "It's important for every member to understand how their health plan works. This way, you can make the changes you want in your health and your life and to do it in a cost effective way for the tribe."

Graveratte said he and his staff were encouraged to hear the dialogue and the interaction between the speakers and the Membership during the question and answer period.

"The At-Large/Member Services staff is available to assist members with questions on healthcare, social security, Medicare or Tribal services," Graveratte said. "If you are experiencing issues or have questions, call us to guide or assist you to help resolve the issue."

Graveratte said transitioning to a new insurance is difficult, and he and his staff anticipated some bumps along the way.

"We hope to smooth those bumps out and stabilize the transition as soon as possible, but, if we don't know you are having issues, then we can't assist," Graveratte said. "Don't wait too long, as it might have a negative impact if it goes on for some time."

For members who missed the meeting, it can be watched at [sagchip.org](http://sagchip.org) by using a membership identification number.

### Notice of public hearing: SEWPH Liquor license renewal

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858.

This hearing will address the application for a renewal of a Retail On-Premise General License and Retail Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Robert Juckniess, CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation.

The application that will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows: Renewal of the Tribal Liquor License for Retail On-Premise

and Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel located at 5665 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, Mich., 48858. Such license, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged beer, wine and liquor for consumption by buyers on-premise and off-premise.

The license, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year commencing Nov. 21, 2017, and expiring Nov. 20, 2018, with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

### Notice of public hearing: SELC Liquor license renewal

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, Mich., 48858.

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Kris Neuhalfen, Executive Beverage Supervisor of Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

The application that will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows: Renewal of the Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino located at 2690 Worth Road, Standish, Mich., 48658.

Such license, if approved, would cover all indoor areas, outdoor areas, gaming floor, function rooms and all other applicable areas of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where beverage service is appropriate and allowed, including the Tribal Center and Saganing Powwow Grounds located at 2570 Worth Rd., Standish, Mich., 48658 and outdoor events areas for services during events.

This license, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year from Dec. 1, 2017, through Nov. 30, 2018, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and also including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

## SCIT Youth Council Elections

### Elections timeline

- **Oct. 2, 2017:** Petitions available
- **Oct. 20, 2017:** Petitions due
- **Nov. 1, 2017:** Meet the Candidate Night (*tentative*)
- **Nov. 8, & 9, 2017:** Elections  
(Polls located in Native American office at MPHS, West Intermediate and Shepherd Middle School & High School)
- **Dec. 11, 2017:** Newly elected youth council sworn in (Tribal Operations Seniors Room)

### Petition information & requirements

- Interested candidates must be Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member youth between the ages of 12 and 20.
- All signatures must be signed by a Native American youth from a federally recognized tribe.
- Each candidate must have five signatures in order to be placed on the ballot.
- **Completed petitions are due on the petition due date by 5 p.m. (No exceptions.)**
- **Completed petitions can be**
  - Emailed to: [Youthcouncil2@sagchip.org](mailto:Youthcouncil2@sagchip.org),
  - Turned in to: A Youth Council advisor or the Tribal Operations front desk.
  - Mailed to: Youth Council  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.,  
Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48858.

### For questions, please contact

Tonya Jackson: 989.621.9375 or David Merrill: 989.775.4115.

### Petition locations

- Mt. Pleasant High School
- Recreation Department
- Shepherd High & Middle Schools
- Tribal Library
- Odyssey
- West Intermediate

## PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



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National Criminal Justice Training Center  
of Fox Valley Technical College

## A Pathway to Wellness:

Working at the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse

**Nov. 8-9, 2017**

Black Eld Building (Human Resources)  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



## Tribal Council

### Chief

Frank J. Cloutier, District 3

### Sub-Chief

Brent D. Jackson, District 1

### Treasurer

Gayle Ruhl, District 1

### Secretary

Michelle R. Colwell, District 1

### Sergeant At-Arms

Ronald F. Ekdahl, District 1

### Tribal Chaplain

Diana Quigno-Grundahl, District 1

### Council Member

Candace B. Benzinger, District 1

### Council Member

Tim J. Davis, District 1

### Council Member

Lindy Hunt, District 1

### Council Member

Kenneth Sprague, District 1

### Council Member

Ron Nelson, District 2

## 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.



## Vandals deface the Sanilac Petroglyphs, a sacred site

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Earlier this year, Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff at Sanilac Petroglyphs Historic State Park discovered vandals had broken in and carved three images on the rock that holds carvings made hundreds of years ago.

"We are all deeply saddened by this disrespectful act," said Sandra Clark, director of the Michigan History Center, which interprets the petroglyphs for the public at this state park near Cass City, Mich. "The petroglyphs were created by people who lived in what is now Michigan centuries ago. They are part of all of our history, and they have a deep spiritual meaning for many Anishinabek who live in the Great Lakes Region today."

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe partners with the state in interpreting the petroglyphs, which are called ezhibiigaadek asin ("written on stone") in the Anishinabemowin language.

"The Sanilac Petroglyphs are one of the most important connections we have to our past within the region," said Chief Frank Cloutier. "The stories that are handed down from generation to generation thread our past to the present. We need to preserve diba jimooyung ('telling our stories')."

"Pictures, stories and our language are all we have that identifies our Anishinabek people," he said. "Without proper protections of these ancient treasures, we run the risk of losing precious, sacred information. My community needs these treasures protected and secured. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan will do everything we can to partner with the State of Michigan to assist with this."

The DNR and the Tribe ask that anyone with information concerning the individuals who defaced the Sanilac Petroglyphs call or text the DNR Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline at **800-292-7800**. Information also may be shared via the DNR web-based RAP reporting form.



Courtesy of Michigan Department of Natural Resources

**These images are carved disrespectfully among sacred images at the Sanilac Petroglyphs near Cass City, Mich. The Tribe and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are working together to protect the site.**

Individuals may qualify for a reward, provided by the Michigan History Center, if they submit information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the vandals.

"We urge the public to be our added eyes and ears in the field to assist Michigan's state parks and recreation system in protecting these and other cultural treasures from such senseless acts of vandalism," said Ron Olson, chief of DNR Parks and Recreation Division. "Please alert park rangers and staff if you witness any suspicious activity that may threaten this area."

The Michigan History Center is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Ziibiwing Center is currently working closely with state officials from the Department of Natural Resources and State Archaeologist's Office to strategize ways in which to better preserve and protect the site.

## Mount Pleasant league for youth bowlers

### LUCAS SPRAGUE

Recreation Manager

**High school prep:** Open to all area youth (boys and girls) interested in preparing for their high school bowling season

- Must be ages 11 to 19
- Focus on skills required to improve average and attitude consistent with high school participation
- Option to pay up front for the entire season (\$95) is also offered.

**Begins:** Monday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. at Riverwood Resort with 13 total league sessions

**League format:** Every session will use short USBC videos for skill and exercise development.

A combination of regular games and Baker Scoring format games. (May modify this format.) Two-to-five person mixed teams, depending on participation and available coaches.

**Duration:** Twice a week (Monday and Wednesday, 4 to 5:45 p.m.) for six weeks through Nov. 11

**Final league season:** Saturday, Nov. 11, where a simulated high school match will occur

**Registration:** Contact Recreation Department staff at [recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:recreation@sagchip.org).

**Free coaching:** Available throughout the bowling season during league and also, by request, prior to each league session. Please contact Riverwood Resort for coaching requests.

## Tribal Observer

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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### Please mail form to:

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7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Contact Information:

Phone: 989-775-4010  
Email: [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)  
[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## Youth cadets gain real-life police experience during annual academy

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

“I learned how to be a leader and a friend.”

“I learned how to be confident.”

“I’m going to use my leadership skills with people so they look up to me when they didn’t have someone to look up to before.”

“I learned to have more respect for others.”

These quotes, written by the youth police academy cadets, were read by Mount Pleasant Police Officer Nate Koutz during the academy’s July 27 commencement ceremony.

The Mt. Pleasant Police Department’s Youth Services Unit presents the three-week program each summer.

Beginning July 10, the 20 cadets, with five youth cadet instructors returning from last year, attended classes Monday



Courtesy of Natalie Shattuck

**Cadets prepare for a speedy ride on the DNR Conservation Officer’s boat during the academy’s July 20 day at Coldwater Lake.**



Courtesy of Natalie Shattuck

**Christopher Spencer-Ruiz (left) holds the “Most Outstanding Cadet” award he received in the youth policy academy, and poses with Officer Laura Martinez (right) of the Central Michigan University Police Department.**

through Thursday at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant.

Each day, cadets participated in physical training and the same agility testing, teamwork, integrity and discipline required in a real police academy.

Daily instructors included Koutz, MPPD Officer Brandon Bliss and Officers Laura Martinez and Jeff Ballard from Central Michigan University Police Department.

Curriculum incorporated hands-on learning activities and demonstrations from the SWAT team, K-9 officers, the DNR and Michigan State Police underwater recovery.

Classroom topics included crime scene investigations, traffic stops, marine safety, narcotics, defensive driving techniques and firearms safety.

Returning this year as a cadet instructor, Tribal

Member Makayla Stevens participated in the academy along with youth Tribal members Christopher Spencer-Ruiz and Emily Stevens.

Spencer-Ruiz, eighth grader at Shepherd Middle School, received the Most Outstanding Cadet award, one of four awards presented at the graduation.

“(Spencer-Ruiz) came in on day one, and it was apparent, from the beginning, he was going to be an outstanding cadet,” Bliss said to ceremony attendees. “I don’t think we had to say his name at all (for disobedient behavior)... There were a few times throughout the program we would have the class stand at attention. We would look around, and he wouldn’t be there. Normally that earns physical training, and then we were soon to find out, many times, that he was in the bathroom cleaning up after the other cadets... He also continued to encourage others throughout the training.”

Spencer-Ruiz said he was surprised to learn he received the award, voted on by the four officer instructors.

“A lot of people said I was a good leader and respectful,” Spencer-Ruiz said. “And, like Officer Bliss said, I was cleaning the bathrooms after the other cadets.”

Spencer-Ruiz said the academy was a great experience. His favorite part, he said, was making new friends and meeting new people.

“The academy was really fun. It was a good experience,” he said. “We learned different leadership skills..., but we



Courtesy of Natalie Shattuck

**Twenty cadets – and five returning cadet instructors – were recognized during the July 27 commencement ceremony in the Mount Pleasant High School auditorium.**



Courtesy of Natalie Shattuck

**During the academy’s second week, the cadets listen to Mt. Pleasant Police Officer Nate Koutz in a classroom at the First Baptist Church, where the classes are held.**

also learned how the police train and what they have to go through for training.”

At this time, Spencer-Ruiz is hoping to become a future K-9 officer. He plans on attending school for it.

In the Mount Pleasant High School auditorium, Lt. Jeremy Payne, conservation officer from the DNR, provided the commencement address.

“Marine safety is our more-difficult recreation class, and all 20 of these cadets passed,” Payne said. “Twenty kids now have their license to operate boats. Think about that for a minute. It won’t be too long before they are sharing the roads with us as they move on throughout their lives. They worked hard to get their certificates, and we are proud of them. Parents, families and friends, I want to thank you for choosing this program for your kids.”



Courtesy of Natalie Shattuck

**Cadet Instructor Makayla Stevens (left) assists with operating the Michigan State Police’s underwater recovery equipment at Coldwater Lake.**

Payne said he remembers being a cadet during his first police academy at Grand Valley State University.

“Cadets, you are the lucky ones. Each of you has a good head on your shoulders that allows you to process thoughts,” Payne said. “You live in the United States, and you have the freedom to pursue your dreams. You have the tools to do whatever it is you dream of doing.”

A portion of the Tribe’s two percent distribution funds were presented to the Youth Services Unit, helping make the academy possible.

## Participants sew and bead moccasins during five-day workshop

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

A small crowd gathered around the tables in the Ziibiwing Center’s meeting room the evenings of Sept. 11-15 to learn from an artist-in-residence and participate in her five-day workshop.

During The Art of Moccasins workshop, participants were guided by Iliana Montoya as they learned how to create old style Anishinabe split-toe style moccasins and gathered-toe style, otherwise known as puckered-toe.

Participants measured and cut leather, beaded beautiful

designs and hand-sewed the moccasins into the style of their choice as they socialized and connected with Tribal culture.

The Ziibiwing Center will be hosting another workshop later this year. Artist-in-residence Adam Avery will teach the art of creating leather belts on a date yet to be determined.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**This pair of moccasins is beautifully beaded and ready for its final touches.**



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**Participants in the moccasin workshop, led by Iliana Montoya on Sept. 11-15 at the Ziibiwing Center, bead and sew both the old style pucker moccasin and the split toe moccasin.**

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## Eagle sighting provides photo and learning opportunity

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Liz Walters, project coordinator for the Housing Department, said she often looks for eagles as she travels to and from her home near Lake Isabella.

"I love seeing the eagles fly around Lake Isabella... They soar around the lake looking for fish and occasionally can be seen on shore eating their catch," Walters said.

Driving home from work on Tuesday, Sept. 5, Walters spotted an eagle near the south end of the lake where it connects to the river. After dinner, she and

the two exchange students she is hosting this school year went out to find the eagle.

Walters said, "My exchange students have never seen a bald eagle... We decided we would try to find it along the river, which is where I have seen them in the past."

The search party grabbed binoculars and a camera and began their pursuit near River Road.

"The eagle was there eating a small animal on the ground. One of my exchange daughters spotted it as it was starting to fly off upon our arrival. It landed on a tree branch very close to where we were parked," Walters said.

Walters said the eagle was difficult to see, as it was partially hidden in the branches.

"We started taking photos but couldn't quite get that 'perfect shot,'" she said.

She said the eagle then flew to another tree which was farther away but offered a better photo opportunity.

"We were able to take quite a few pictures, as it stayed perched on the branch for about 20 minutes. My exchange student daughters were thrilled to see our national bird in its natural habitat for such a long period of time. It really was quite an amazing sight and a great opportunity for these

two girls to experience as well as for myself," Walters said.

Walters also explained to the girls, one from Poland and one from Montenegro, that she learned through working for the Tribe that eagles are extremely meaningful in Native American culture. She told them the feathers play a part in many Tribal traditions and are used with honor in Tribal regalia.

"I also shared with them, my opinion, that seeing an eagle brings good fortune, security and a sense of wellbeing; that it's a privilege to be 'chosen' to see an eagle. We all felt very fortunate that day," Walters said.



Courtesy of Liz Walters

**Liz Walters, project coordinator for the Housing Department, captures this photo of an eagle on Sept. 5 near Lake Isabella.**

## Editorial: Migizi team attends first annual team-building golf outing

**FREDERICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager

On Thursday, Sept. 14, team members from the Migizi Economic Development Company took to the links at Waabooz Run for their first annual golf outing and team building event.

The day was perfect, and the course was in spectacular shape, leading to an enjoyable afternoon.

With an afternoon start, teams of three hit the fairways for some fun together. Playing mostly for pride, golfers and non-golfers

alike had a great time in pursuit of the best score while utilizing a scramble format.

Bonnie Sprague, general manager of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, was kind enough to make certain that Steve Norbury, golf course coordinator, and the Waabooz Run staff were on hand to orchestrate the outing and keep everyone in line.

In the Migizi corporate office, Tonia Kequom, administrative assistant III, worked to put together a wonderful time for everyone. (She's also a pretty good golfer.)

Food & Beverage Manager Mark Easton and his staff provided a wonderful dinner on the patio for all participants.

The team of Bernie Sprague, Kenny Sprague and Kevin Blazer turned in the lowest score and gave a lot of free lessons along the way.

Many balls were donated to the water hazards on the course, and some egos were slightly bruised, but it was an afternoon that helped to build comradeship throughout the ranks and provided a lot of laughs along the way.



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**Migizi team members gather for a game of golf at Waabooz Run on Thursday, Sept. 14.**



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## The People's Powwow took place last weekend of August

**NIKI HENRY**

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On Aug. 26 and 27, the sun filtered softly through the trees of the wooded Seventh Generation powwow grounds, which were teeming with bright colors and happy faces as Tribal Members gathered together for the annual People's Powwow.

RJ Smith, event emcee, and arena director Matthew "Cubby" Sprague helped prepare the crowd for each grand entry led by head veteran Darryl Jackson, with the first taking place Saturday at 1 p.m.

Saturday evening hosted a feast at 5 p.m. and a second grand entry at 7 p.m.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**During the first grand entry, Beatrice Jackson speaks to the crowd gathered at the 2017 People's Powwow on Aug. 26 in the woods of the Seventh Generation grounds.**

The grounds came alive that evening with the pulse of tradition during a hand drum special hosted by the Jackson family.



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**This Tribal youth's regalia shines brightly in the afternoon sunlight streaming through tree branches.**

The final grand entry took place at 1 p.m. Sunday.



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**Many young Tribal dancers participate in the grand entries.**



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**Darryl Jackson, head veteran, leads the procession through the arena at the first grand entry.**



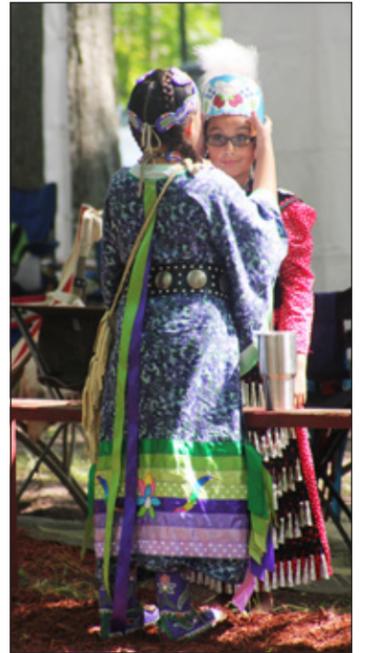
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**Dancers pause for a moment to listen to Beatrice Jackson speak.**



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**Tribal Member Chase Stevens dances.**



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**Young dancers make final preparations for the first grand entry.**

## Summer draws to a close with a Migizi employee appreciation party

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The sun was shining bright, and the weather was unseasonably warm Thursday, Sept. 21 during Migizi's end-of-the-summer employee appreciation event that took place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park pavilion.

This event, one of three, that Migizi hosts each year for its

employees, included a bounce house in the shape of a pirate ship, drawings for door prizes, horseshoes, children's activities and a delicious meal of ribs, barbeque chicken, potato salad, chips, corn on the cob, baked beans and cookies.

Isabelle Osawamick, outreach language specialist from the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department, was also at the event with Sasiwaans Immersion School

parent volunteers. Together, they introduced a language game to interested event participants who earned small prizes for pronouncing words in Anishinaabemowin.

According to Marc McCain, Migizi HR generalist, Migizi appreciation events are always well attended by employees and well supported by Migizi managers who make sure work schedules allow participation in the event.



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**Outreach Language Specialist Isabelle Osawamick (center) describes the language game she and Sasiwaans Immersion School parent volunteers play with interested participants at the Migizi employee appreciation event on Sept. 21 at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.**

## The Tribal Library's "Bookface" program is back by popular demand

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Back by popular demand, the Tribal Library will be

hosting the "Bookface" program throughout October.

The concept behind "Bookface" involves a photograph of an individual strategically lining up their face

behind or alongside a book cover that features a face so there appears a melding of life and art, Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann said last year when the program first launched.

"We will be doing this for the entire month of October, and there will be prizes involved," said Kimberly Condon, library assistant. "The idea is to just bring people into the libraries and have fun."

Condon said the library had a very nice turnout last year with "lots of laughs along the way."

"The idea was just something we ran across online," Condon said. "We thought it would be a fun way to bring

people into the library to see what kind of creative pictures they could come up with."

When the library began the program last year, Heidemann said many librarians and other books lovers posted these photos weekly on visual apps like Instagram and that "it's a creative way to blend the love of books and photography."

Tribal employees and community members are welcome to stop in the library to choose a book cover and have their photo taken throughout the month. Photos will be displayed through the Tribal employee email system, and some will be selected for the Tribal Observer.



Courtesy of Kimberly Condon

**Throughout October, the Tribal Library is presenting the Bookface Program to help promote reading. Readers may strategically line up their faces behind or alongside a book cover and be photographed.**



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## Native American artist awarded a three-week residency

### SHERRIE MCCABE

Artist-in-Resident  
Program Director

Friends of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park will soon host Native American artist Shirley M. Brauker in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where she will live in the park's rustic Dan's Cabin while absorbing the park for interpretation and inspiration.

Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, affectionately called the Porkies, is located in Ontonagon County. The park possesses 25 miles of wave-washed shores, four inland lakes, entire river systems, countless waterfalls, enchanting wooded peaks and an escarpment that rises slowly from the edge of Lake Superior until it plummets abruptly into the Carp River valley.

The most impressive feature of the park, however, and the



Courtesy of Sherrie McCabe

**Native American artist Shirley M. Brauker received a three-week residency from the Friends of Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The park is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.**

reason for its creation, is the virgin forest of eastern hemlock and northern hardwoods and the variety of flora and fauna that it supports. Because of these attributes, the park is

an ideal location to inspire creativity.

Brauker comes to the park from Coldwater, Mich., an area known historically as the land of the Potawatomies. She celebrates nature and her culture through her art as a painter and ceramicist.

"I have been an artist for as long as I can remember, first drawing and painting, then on to clay and bronze work," Brauker said in her application. "I use personal experiences and my Native American culture to

draw my ideas from. I carve stories into the pots to create images. Each pot is like a blank canvas. I try to express ideas about my heritage on the surface. I combine the

artwork and legends of the past with contemporary materials of the present, keeping the 'story-telling traditions' alive. Using art is my way of passing on a rich culture to new generations."

Brauker received an associate degree from Mid Michigan Community College, both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Arts from Central Michigan University and attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M.

In 2015, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from Central Michigan University after delivering the graduation ceremony commencement address.

Brauker has received the First Peoples Fund Artist-in-Business Leadership Fellowship, both a Lifetime Achievement Award and the Giving Back Teaching Award from the Ziibiwing Cultural

Center and Native Authors Recognition for four books.

Collections of her work are at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.; Disney World in Orlando, Fla.; the U.S. Embassy: Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M.; Honda Corporation and the Sugar Diabetes Foundation-Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, Mich.

"I have taught numerous seminars throughout the country to thousands of participants, young and old," Brauker said. "If everyone involved understands even one small idea and awareness about America's First People, then I have done my job."

Stephanie Jackson, Brauker's apprentice, will accompany her to the park. Together they received the Mentor/Apprentice Award from the Ziibiwing Center.

To view samples of Shirley's work, please visit [www.moonbearpottery.com](http://www.moonbearpottery.com)

## Editorial: The 2017 Hospitality Challenge brought in 25 golf teams

### BERNARD SPRAGUE

Event Organizer

The 2017 Hospitality Challenge took place on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the PohlCat golf course. This year saw the largest number of participants to date, with a total of 25 teams competing in the event.

As event coordinator, I was excited to see it reach its capacity. It is great to see the associates and members competing and working together to make this event a successful, fun day for all. We even had some Council members participating.

Kenneth Sprague represented Tribal Council while Gayle Ruhl, Brent Jackson and Erik Rodriguez represented team Tribal Operations.

Tribal Operations won the title with a total score of 323,

with Rodriguez and Ruhl posting the low score of the day.

Robert Villarreal from the Hospitality Department won the putting title, sinking seven balls in 30 seconds. The Hospitality Department team also won the "Best Dressed" title.

Of the five proximities on the course, Tony Jackson won closest to the pin on hole three, Andre Leaux earned longest putt at hole five, Jacob Welker took the longest drive on hole nine, Gayle Ruhl won closest to the pin on hole 17, and Bean Sprague tapped the longest putt on hole 18.

Lonnie Lessinger and Consuelo Gonzalez each won \$115 in the raffle, and Carol Hubble took the Pines gift certificate.

I would like to encourage the team captains to recruit their

players early for next year and be ready to assign them a starting hole according to the schedule.

The event is for associates of all SCIT entities and businesses.

Tribal Members are allowed to play for any team that recruits them. Team captains are responsible for their players during, before and after the event. Team captains are responsible for their team's hole assignments.

We will hold a team captains meeting one month prior to the 2018 event.

I would like to thank the staff and management at the PohlCat for hosting the event and for welcoming players to their course and the SECR Marketing department for providing lunch for all of the golfers.

Thank you to Casino CEO Ray Brenny for supporting the tournament and the players. Sponsoring



Courtesy of Bernard Sprague

**(Front, left to right) Robert Villarreal, Sonny Jackson, Molly Burhans, Chad Keyworth, (back, left to right) Brian Cain, Johnny Wemigwans, Bernard Sprague, Michael Carson, Jacob Welker, Brian E. Chippeway and Brian W. Chippeway were all participants in the 2017 Hospitality Challenge golf event. (Not photographed is Kashtin Owl.)**

their green/cart fees was very much appreciated by all of the Casino and Hospitality players.

Thank you to Soaring Eagle Hospitality team that worked the event (Rachael Ebright, Niña Candongo, Sarah Miller and Molly Burhans). You did a great job. I appreciate your commitment to the event.

As has been the saying at the event the last four years, "Enjoy that trophy, Tribal Ops. We're taking it next year."

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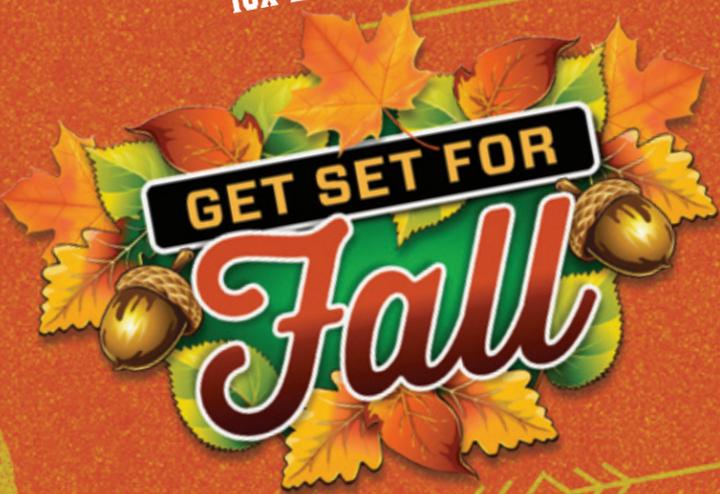


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## SCIT delegation attend Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act Training Conference

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Healing to Wellness  
Coordinator

On Sept. 7, a delegation of Tribal employees attended the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act Training Conference, hosted by the State Court Administration Office's Child Welfare Services at the Otsego Club and Resort in Gaylord, Mich.

The training was intended to provide an overview of the Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) and the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) to participants who work within the child welfare system.

Conference officials reported there were six of the 12 Michigan federally-recognized tribes present, and 47 of the 83 Michigan counties sent delegates.

Tribal elder JD Gibson shared a medicine teaching to begin the conference in prayer with the Spirit Lake drum from Peshawbestown.

The SCIT delegation included three Tribal employees from the Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services: Social Services Case Workers Juli Travis and Andrew Oliver and Cher Demers, case worker for Child Protective Services.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

### Representatives of six federally-recognized Michigan tribes attend the Sept. 7 Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act Training Conference at the Otsego Club and Resort in Gaylord, Mich.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court was also represented by Magistrate Carol Jackson and Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joseph Sowmick.

Demers said ICWA, which dates back to 1978, was an act Congress passed in response to the disproportionate number Native American children being removed from their homes and placed into non-Native homes as well as to the number of unwarranted removals.

"We learned at the conference that, during that time period prior to the act, that as many as 25 percent of children were being removed from their homes, and 85 percent of those removed were placed in non-Native homes," Demers said. "While ICWA is extensive in regulations

and guidelines pertaining to Native American people in the social services system, it is greatly beneficial for the Tribal community to become aware of this added protection for the Native American and Saginaw Chippewa people specifically."

Demers said there are many online resources available to people who may be interested in what comprises ICWA at <http://courts.mi.gov/ICWAMIFPA>.

"There was one speaker in particular that I found to be very interesting and unique in the fact that she is working in tribal courts, and that is Judge Allie Greenleaf Maldonado whom is a citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Indians," Demers said. "Judge Maldonado proved to be a wonderful resource, with knowledge and experience that spoke volumes."

Maldonado thanked the court officials and Indian child welfare workers in attendance for all the hard work they do in keeping tribal families together.

"Lawyers tend to get linear in their thinking as they

approach issues regarding the welfare of the tribal children, and I try to embrace and educate them on the importance of looking at our traditional approaches also," Maldonado said. "I am a firm believer in tribal sovereignty. Our sovereignty is expensive, and the cost of making decisions when dealing with tribal families must take in account the need for having qualified expert witnesses to advocate in the cases."

Jackson said she has utilized qualified expert witnesses in hearing cases in the Saginaw Chippewa courtroom. She said she found Maldonado's presentation "inspiring" and "a testament to the heart" of what needs to be done to protect the principles of the MIFPA.

"I liked when the judge pointed out that a job is for now but a reputation is forever, and the actions of attorneys, court officials and the child welfare workers have a lasting impact that affects tribal families and the community they live in," Jackson said. "The examples Judge Maldonado shared demonstrates there is nothing more effective when dealing with Indian child welfare cases than grounding our people in their culture and tradition."

Travis said the speakers were educated on why ICWA was put into action.

"I felt that the speakers, Native and non-Native, put an emphasis on Native children being placed in Native homes either with family or licensed foster care home," Travis said. "I also appreciated their emphasis on the importance of the parents being given their choice to state court and tribal court. I wasn't aware until the training that MIFPA even existed, so it was education for me. I wasn't aware that our agencies had (qualified expert witnesses) and, as a result, I inquired about who the Tribe's QEWs are and how the process takes place."

Oliver began working for the Tribe several months ago and found the training valuable as he learned a few things about ICWA that he did not know before.

"The biggest thing that stuck out to me was that the State of Michigan was one of the top states for Indian Child Welfare. I think that is a very good thing to be a part of," Oliver said. "The second thing I found valuable was to be able to talk with various state and federal workers about the topic in a way we might not be able to do on a normal basis."

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### Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department 9/11 tribute

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On Sept. 11, the Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department remembers and honors first responders who lost their lives and health in the national tragedy that occurred 16 years ago on this day.

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### LAST MONTH:

Arbor at the SCIT  
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**September Winner:**

Noelle Wells

# Rain didn't dampen spirits at the annual Labor Day picnic

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Monday, Sept. 4 may have been dreary, but that did not stop Tribal Members of all ages from gathering together at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground for the annual Labor Day Family Picnic or enjoying a fun-filled afternoon within the community.

Families played bingo together in the stands while children enjoyed the bounce houses and adults competed in horseshoe and bean bag toss tournaments.

The rain came just after lunch was served, so families gathered at the tables and in the stands under the awnings and enjoyed a delicious meal while they waited out the wet weather.



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**Bingo is a popular event at the 2017 Labor Day Family Picnic on Monday, Sept. 4.**



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**This bouncy slide is put to use by Tribal youth before the rains come and deflate the fun.**



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**Competition is lively and intense at the horseshoe tournament.**



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**A tribal youth joins the adults in the competitive bean bag toss tournament.**



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**Andahwod's Guy Fallis (left) and Ashley Hunt play bingo.**



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**Ken Sprague (right) and Marilyn Johnson (second from the right) defeat their competitors Brandon Haught (left) and Jacqueline Haught (second from the left) to earn the bean bag toss championship.**



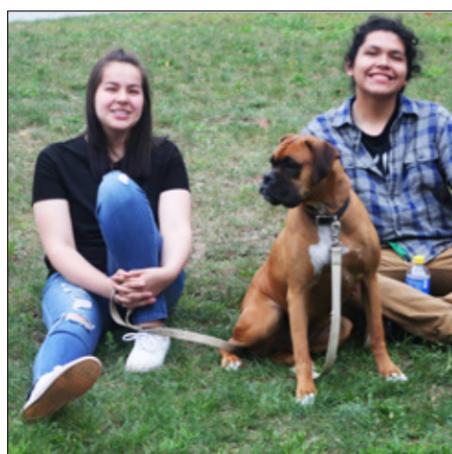
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**Dave Anderson grills the food for the picnic.**



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**Alexandria Sprague and her German Shepherd provide moral support to Kelly Willis (left) Carole Tally (right) as they pursue a bingo.**



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**Olivia Sprague (left) and Joseph Wemigwans (right) chill on the hill with their canine companion.**



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**This family works together to win bingo prizes.**



## Candidate Profiles 2017 Primary Election

Tribal Observer is providing the Tribal Membership with a platform spread that features candidates on the Primary Election ballot.

All primary candidate photos are included. Profiles are also included for candidates who provided them.

All profiles are published as submitted. The Tribal Observer did not edit in any way.



Shelly M. Bailey



Michelle Otto  
Bartow



Timothy J.  
Davis



Ronald Frank  
Ekdahl



Candace B.  
Benzinger  
(Chippewa)

It's been an honor, privilege and humbling experience to serve on Tribal Council these last two years. I have enjoyed working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for the last 30 years. I currently serve on the Compensation Committee, the Healing to Wellness Drug/Alcohol Court and Families Against Narcotics-Saginaw Chippewa/Isabella Chapter. As a Mother who lost a child to an overdose, I will continue to be an advocate and educate our people on this ugly epidemic that plagues our community/nation. Thank You for your consideration.



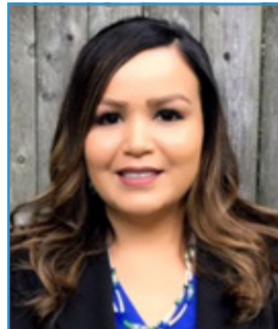
Terry Lee  
Bonnau

The Tribal Council is making decisions that will effect our Tribes well being for generations to come. As a Tribal member tracing lineally from the 1885 land allotment list I believe I can help our Tribe grow, and succeed in these trying economic times. When elected to council i will strongly support our sovereignty as a Tribe, and believe we should not lose focus of who we are as a people. We must look to the future, while continuing to hold on to the honored traditions of our past. I am very active in the community, and currently hold a seat, as chair person on Andahwod's Board of Directors. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from Central Michigan University, with a Minor in American Indian Studies. I strongly support education and believe it can only strengthen our membership



Louanna L.  
Bruner

I have worked for the Tribe for over 18 years in the HR department, Sowmick Senior Center, and have served on two Tribal Councils. The Elders taught me to respect others, be of service to others and seek knowledge. In 2014, I enrolled at CMU and this December I will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I am confident that my professional experiences, education and open-mindedness will help me make sound decisions to ensure that our Tribe continues to be successful while meeting the needs of the membership. I am not afraid to ask questions to gain a better understanding of issues. My three children and I love being a part of this wonderful community and are forever grateful for all of opportunities the Tribe has provided for our family. As you vote for your Tribal Council, please consider me to be a part of your Leadership.



Maia L. Chivis  
(Montoya-Pego)

My name is Maia Chivis (maiden name Montoya-Pego); I am the granddaughter of "Buddy" & Grace Pego. I've grown up on the reservation my whole life since the days my family lived on Nish-na-be-anong Rd. I have three children that are also tribal members. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and one in Accounting, both from CMU. I have eight years of experience working for our tribal Accounting departments; both Gaming and Government sectors. Currently I am the Sr. Fiscal Compliance Auditor for tribal operations. My focus will be on utilizing my financial education and background to diversify our business and be the leaders we are capable of being; also focusing on youth initiatives, the War on Drugs, and unifying the tribe towards a successful future. I am fully invested in the success of our tribe. I humbly ask for your support and would appreciate your vote, Miigwetch.



Dennis R.  
Christy Sr.

Aanii, I am Dennis R. Christy Sr.; I live in Rosebush Michigan with my wife and two grandchildren. I've been sober for 3 1/2 years, living a better life. Being sober my mind is clear and very aware of how I'd like to contribute to our community, which is concerning. It would be my pleasure to find alternatives for our people's future. I graduated from Mt Pleasant High School; I also graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts with an Associates of Fine Arts Degree in 1976. I have owned and operated my own art/sculpting studio/business for 42 years, during this time I have dealt with contracts and professional business deals. I promise I will be fair and honest and make decisions with great thought and care. I would appreciate your vote for Tribal Council. Miigwetch Dennis R. Christy Sr.



Michelle R.  
Colwell (Jackson)

Being in the last few months of my first and only Council term, I am proud of what we have accomplished as a group. It's easy to make election promises but decisions are not made alone. Serving on Council means compromise, collaboration, listening, prioritizing, and so much more. Two years ago, I asked that each one of you vote to elect strong people with integrity, a sense of obligation to our Tribe, and a transparency to keep the membership informed. I'm asking you to do that again regardless if I am one of them. Almost two years ago, I said I would stand behind my decisions which would always be based on the Tribe's best interest, not my own or any of my family's, and that my sole concern was the future of our Tribe. I feel I have lived up to that and I guarantee to continue if re-elected.



Bill Federico

Issues of concern for Tribal Membership. With gaming per capita slowly dwindling away to less than half of what it was, I think that it's time to start looking at other tribal businesses that produce income and issue some per cap payments or subsidies from those resources. Once this money hits the general fund it is anyone's guess as to what it's spent on. I will also request the casino management to produce a written plan as to how and when the casino will reverse the negative impact on the memberships per capita. Lastly, we need to issue a subsidy to the Tribal Elders to cover some of the Medicare cost they have to pay out of pocket from their social security check at age 65. This will compensate them for the monetary benefit they have lost once they are removed from our Tribal Health Insurance program, which is substantial.



Damian S. Fisher

My father's first words were: "Boozhoo aniish na! My son, you are Chippewa!" We are descendants of survivors of 500 years of oppression, marginalization, and genocide and if the world does this to us, it can do it to anybody. I do not accept this, I am too old for anger, but I have seen enough to say "this is enough!" This is our time! We must have confidence, strength and resolve to stand together and move forward together. I am not ready to give up; I am not ready to quit. A Vote for me is a vote for confidence in you, because I believe in you. I believe in the strength of resolve. I believe in the strength of faith. I believe in the strength of the Chippewa. I am my father's son, I am Ogitchidaw. On Tribal Council I will fight for you, and our people.



Mandy D. Flachs  
(Jackson)

My name is Mandy I'm a mother of four kids and have been with my husband Adam for 12 years, married for 8 of those years. First of all, I would like to say thank you to our current council on the progress they have made in the past two years. One thing I would like to see for our tribe is to become more self-efficient, by using solar panels to generate power and become more knowledgeable in wind turbines and other efficiency products. We need to look into building a recreation center for our youth and our community. I personally believe that there is more we can do for our Behavioral Health program, we need to help support our members who need help mentally, physically and spiritually. We should look into the medical marijuana business and try to capitalize on it before someone else does. Good luck candidates.



Karmen M. Fox  
(Chippewa)

Dear fellow tribal members, my name is Karmen Chippeway Fox and I'd like to represent you, and our collective tribal interests, by serving on the next Tribal Council. Although I have not previously held political office, I grew up on the reservation and have lived in District 1 my entire life. My goal has always been to give back to my community. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Public Health Education and Health Promotion and a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from Central Michigan University. I currently serve as the Executive Health Director for Nimkee Clinic. I have 14.5 years of service with the Tribe. I decided to seek office because I feel we are at a critical crossroad, and I'd like to contribute to moving our Tribe forward. I will lead with honesty and integrity, but I will need your support to have the opportunity to do so.



# District 1 | Isabella



Jean Valerie Flamand



Craig Allen Graveratte



Lindy Hunt



Daniel J. Jackson



Theresa L. Jackson (Peters)



Brandy L. Pelcher



Consuelo J. Gonzalez

My name is Consuelo Gonzalez. I have an associate's degree in social science from Tribal College and have been employed with our tribe nearly 20 years. I've always worked for departments that have served the tribal community such as, Tribal Court, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Behavioral Health, Social Services and Gaming. I am currently employed with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. As a mother of three children, I am committed to the future of our youth. I feel that if I had a seat on Tribal Council I could provide a strong voice to promote education, health, and overall positive well-being for the entire tribal community. I feel that our tribal community needs to embrace what's happening in these times and come together to help one another realize that this isn't the end. With unity and love for one another we are able create a stronger tribal community.



Brent D. Jackson

I am a candidate for Council because I understand the long-term impact of Council decisions and the importance of due diligence in the decision making process. My 28 years of experience in working for the Tribe in the various capacities of three council terms, Table Games Dealer to Director of Table Games, and Gaming Commissioner have given me a lot of insight in the workings of both the gaming and government entities. I believe any candidate should possess a spirit to lead by example and personal integrity as qualities as council members represent our people all over the country. I have been living a 25 year clean & sober life with the support of my wife. I have a grown son and two beautiful young granddaughters with another on the way. Again, I understand the importance of proper thought out decisions and their impacts upon our future generations.



Delmar J. Jackson Jr.

Aanii My name is Delmar Jackson Jr., the second son of Delmar Sr. and Karen Jackson. I was born on the Isabella Reservation here in Mt. Pleasant. My family moved to Lansing when I was 4 years old. I grew up there and attended Lansing's Schools. I moved back to the Reservation in 1981. I joined the Marine Corps and was Honorably Discharged after 28 days. Upon my return I got married and started working at the Ojibwe Program as their youth counselor. I then worked for the Y.M.C.A.'s Rainbow Project, a Native American Outreach Program as their Program Director, providing Family, Traditional, and Leadership programs statewide in many of Michigan's Native American communities. After the program ended I came to work as a Blackjack Dealer at the Soaring Eagle Casino. I also worked in their Scheduling Department until my retirement. I have 4 children and 13 grandchildren.



Chey N. Kahgegab

Aanii, my name is Chey Kahgegab. I've grown up and lived most of my adult life on the reservation. I have worked for our tribe in many different capacities since I was a teenager, and I feel that my experience within the many departments that I have worked through the years would be extremely beneficial to our tribe if I were to be elected. I believe my knowledge of our casino gained through my employment within finance, marketing, guest services and numerous other departments provides me with the skills and insight to make valuable decisions regarding our business. I'm very pleased with our previous councils determination to update and renovate our casino, it's a step in the right direction and I'd like to see it through to completion. No promises here, just a hard working, dedicated tribal member hoping to make a difference and serve our community. Miigwetch!



Dennis Vincent Kequom

BooShoo Thank you for taking the time to read my profile. I was born and raised around Mt. Pleasant and I have been a life-long lineally traced tribal member to SCIT. I graduated MPHS in 1971 and went to Delta college. I was employed at the Dow chemical company for 30 years as an operator and shop fabricator. After I retired from Dow I served two terms on tribal council and am currently serving on the EAB board. I have been married to Marie Kequom for 36 years and have two children, Dana and Vinnie, and have eight wonderful grandchildren, and two dogs. It would be an honor to serve on tribal council as one of your district one council members and to keep carrying on the good work this council has done so far. If elected I will always be in support of an open door policy as before to talk with the membership. Miigwetch Dennis V. Kequom Sr.



Sheila Leareaux

Hello, my name is Sheila Leareaux. I have been employed with the Tribe for 14 years and I'm currently the Travel Coordinator. My priorities remain the same; our youth and education. Our children are our future, we need to educate and guide them so they can become the strong leaders of the future. Revenue is also a priority, we've lost market share to competitors across Michigan. The tribe needs to step out of its comfort zone to explore other business opportunities. I want to thank everyone in advance for your support.



Tonia Leareaux

Hello, my name is Tonia Leareaux and I'm an Assistant Tribal Administrator for the Tribe. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business and a Master's Degree in Human Resources in addition to 17 years of experience working for the Tribe. If elected, my priorities would be to further open communication to the membership. Tribal Council members are entrusted to represent the membership, yet it seems that progress cannot be made for the Tribe because nobody is sure what the membership wants. We need to involve the membership and do a new tribal strategic plan which will help guide overall decision-making and future plans. If elected, the only promise I have is that any decision I make will be business-minded, fair, and in the best interest of the entire membership.



Kamie K. Mandoka

Aanii my name is Kamie Mandoka. In my ten years of service with the Tribe, I have worked for Tribal Administration, SECR Hotel and I currently work for Human Resources. Our community is our family. I want to see our family prosper in the future. I want my three children growing up in this community to be proud of our accomplishments. I want what is best for our Tribe as a whole. I feel that our community needs leaders who are open minded as the world around us is changing. In order for the Tribe to grow to be successful we must be willing to change with it. I would like to see a council who gives the membership back their voice; a council that asks "Is that what you want?" Our council members should remain humble and remember that our purpose is to serve our community.



Stacy L. Mandoka

Fellow Tribal Members, My name is Stacy Mandoka I'm currently employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I have a degree in Liberal Arts as well as Business Administration. I have 13+ years of experience in Human Resources, including interim roles within our HR department as well as working with Behavioral Health, Healing to Wellness, Summer Youth and SECR's Star of Excellence program. I have been and will continue to be a strong advocate for the businesses of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I'm honest, fair, goal-oriented, understanding, compassionate, hardworking individual with a strong work ethic. I promise to serve in the best interest for our people and businesses as well as be a voice for our membership. My goal is to see more job opportunities, mentoring and educational opportunities for our membership, while maintaining a continued focus on protecting the Tribes assets for our elders and our future generations.



Cathleen K. Matthews

Cathleen Kay Matthews  
ALL areas in our community need to be addressed and this includes the casino. I have lived in this area for 45 years and on several committees. I have experience in Tribal and Casino operations. I am most assured I can make a difference with my 15 years of service, knowledge and compassion for my people, if elected. We can be and will be better again. Thank you for your consideration and God bless us all.



**Kimberly S. McCoy (Otto)**

For those of you who don't know me, I am a mother of two. I lost my daughter, Alexandria, when she was nine years old. My son, Adam, has given me two grandchildren. I began working for the Tribe as a summer youth worker when I was fourteen years old. I worked with our elders in the Food with Friends program. I began working full time for the Tribe in 1982. I have had the honor to serve as Secretary for the Constitution Revision Committee. I was asked by Chief Arnold Sowmick to serve on his behalf on the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs. I have three years of sobriety. I graduated in May 2017 from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College with my Associates of Liberal Arts. If elected, I will bring a wealth of the Tribe's institutional knowledge because I remember where we came from in last fifty years.



**Michael P. McCreery**

I have two primary objectives. One is to assist in leading the Tribe towards a greater diversification of its business interests and thereby secure our people's financial future. Second is to support efforts to protect, guide, and educate our youth in our people's traditions, history, culture, and the importance of our people's self-determination. I have participated in the CMU Nijikewehn Mentoring Program, the Tribe's Conservation Committee, the Healing to Wellness Board, and was a tutor and advisor for the Youth Lead. I have a history in Law Enforcement (Community Policing, Narcotics and SWAT), Conservation (with respect to our 1836 and 1855 Treaties), and Gaming Regulation. Currently, I am attending CMU in pursuit of a B.S. degree with a major in Integrated Leadership with an emphasis on both public sector and entrepreneurial activity. I hold an A.S. Degree in Law Enforcement from North Central Michigan College.



**Sandra L. McCreery**

My name is Sandra McCreery (formerly Sprague) and I am running for District 1 Tribal Council Representative. I have worked for the Tribe for the past 24 years in areas of Gaming and Tribal Government. Having served on Tribal Council in the past, I understand the importance of communication and collaboration between all of those elected, as I place an importance on working together. We are unique as a Tribe and respecting all perspectives will support in remaining a strong community.



**Bethel L. Merrill**

Aanii. Niin Bethel Merrill. My life is my family and this community. My family has been a part of this community since before the inception of allotted lands. I have approximately 22 years of service with the Tribe, with 10 years in gaming and 12 years in various tribal government positions. I have experience in education, gaming, human resources, risk management, law enforcement, and cultural programs. My diverse background has allowed me to build experience, business relationships, and to witness the needs of our Tribe. It is my hope that I can assist our Tribe in becoming a sustainable system by focusing on meeting those needs so that we can be a strong, healthy community. I am committed to protecting and preserving our future by advocating for fair treatment, equal opportunities in employment and more. I would find it an honor to represent you, your family, and our community. Wiing-e-zin.



**Melissa G. Montoya**

Boozhoo! My name is Melissa Montoya. My grandparents are Buddy and Grace Pego. My parents are Faith Carmona Pego and Juan Montoya. I am a proud wife and a mother of four children. I have been employed with our tribe for 16 years as a Youth Worker to a Director. I am a servant leader. Our ancestors taught us that leaders listen to their people. In order for us to return to those values, I believe our membership should be empowered and given regular opportunities to share their voices. I plan to use my formal education, a Master's Degree in Administration from CMU and experience working with senators, judges, and other political figures at the state level to guide me. I am currently working with them to rewrite the historical inaccuracies of our people used in state educational standards. It would be my honor and privilege to serve you.



**Mark J. Ojeda-Vasquez**

As a member of the community, I have consistently been open to many changes that have been made in the past. I believe in the community for its decisions and the new direction for our youth's future, while keeping the respect and vision of our elders. I am aware that as an elected official, you are the voice of the people. I will continue to keep an open mind when it comes to the community. Our tribe has often been the role model for several tribal communities, and we will continue to be the forefront now and in the future. It is imperative that we keep leading the way for our youth and fulfilling the wishes of the community and elders. I am very blessed to be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and would be honored to represent the voice of our community. Miigwetch, Mark J. Ojeda-Vasquez



**David A. Otto**

My David Otto, I have 24 years of experience in Gaming & Tribal government policies and programs. I retired as Director of table games; on tribal council I held the positions of Sub Chief, Treasure, and Sargent of Arms. I was appointed to the National Indian Gaming Commission (Tribal Advisory Committee) in Washington DC. For the development of the minimum internal controls for Class 3 gaming. One of my goals is to stabilize per capita payments and to create jobs. The tribe needs to start going green, with solar power and using electric vehicles. May the Creator guide us through Humility and Honor. Miigwetch



**Robert G. Pego Sr.**

Robert Pego Sr.  
Tribal Council Candidate  
Greetings fellow Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members, I have been a pastor in this community nearly all my adult life. I bring with me 36 years of counseling experience. Much of my methods involved self esteem and character building. I have church administration experience that involved budget development and implementation. I have helped to develop two programs in our Tribal Community, "The Victims of Crime Program" and "The Healing to Wellness Grant". I currently work out of the church doing preventative counseling in the area of substance abuse. My fellow Tribal Members, if elected I will focus all my experience for the good of the Tribe and will continue to serve our great nation! Miigwetch!



**Steven J. Pego**

Nin da way ma Goni doog  
Chi Anishinabe N'diznikaaz  
Mashekay NDoodiam  
I've been married to my wife Mae for 42 years. We have three children N'Daunis the oldest, M'Squabnah, second oldest, Gizhep our youngest. They have given us our greatest joy in life, our grandchildren, Sage and Chebon, and sweet baby Grace and Troy. I'm a traditionalist believing in our culture ceremonies, and our sacred language. Presentation of our cultural identity. Without this we would not be a tribe. I value wellbriety and believe in the good "red road." I hope this will carry over to this new council. I vision doors will open, for our business and gaming. Possible job opportunities of our Tribal members. I can promise to lead with integrity and honesty. To follow the 7 grandfather teachings.



**Clinton R. Pelcher Jr.**

Boozhu, My name is Clinton Pelcher. I currently work for the Seventh Generation Program. I have worked for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for many years. I have been the Director of Substance Abuse for the SCIT and Hannahville Indian Tribe. I have served on the State wide Elders Health Board. I have also been on the SCIT Tribal Health Board for a number of years. I also carry an associate degree. I have been sober and smoke free for over 40 years. I would like to see more housing available for tribal members, single mothers and fathers. I would also like to have a woman's shelter on the Reservation. I would like to serve the people.



**Julius Simon Peters**



**Phillip G. Peters Jr.**



**Terri L. Rueckert (Leaureaux)**



**Gerald D. Slater**



**Casey D. Smith (Johnson)**



**James E. Starkey**



# District 1 | Isabella



Mary Jean Quigno

My name is Mary Quigno. I was born and raised in Mt. Pleasant. I have 12 years of service with the Tribe, 10 of those years in Human Resources. I am currently the Tribal Ops Assistant HR Manager. I earned my Associates degree in Business in 2010. I have 2 children; both boys attend the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. I am running for Council because I care about the next generation, your children, my children, and our Elders. I want to focus on our children, elders and the war on drugs. I have the ability to lead by example; my leadership style is to be fair and consistent with everyone while abiding by policy. My experience in HR allows me to make sound decisions within policy. If elected I will do my best to lead with integrity and to always think about our children, our future when making long-term decisions.



Diana Lynn Quigno-Grundahl

Hello, my name is Diana Quigno-Grundahl. I am running for a seat for District One Representative. I have 25 years of service working for the tribe. I have served on 3 Council Administrations in addition to this current council, serving as your Tribal Chaplin.

I am confident that I can bring valuable experience and a seasoned perspective to the table. Through my service on previous Administrations, I have become intimately familiar with our Tribal, Gaming Operations, and Intergovernmental Relations. This will allow me to be an effective voice for the Tribe and an effective voice for you.

God bless you and God bless our Tribe!



Gayle Elizabeth Ruhl

Miigwetch in letting me serve as Treasurer, I have enjoyed the work more than expected and it's been a humbling experience serving the membership. I have taken this position with extreme seriousness as the Tribe has faced challenges with per-capita reductions, unaffordable healthcare, leadership transparency and several long held interim positions. I serve on three committees: Investment, Migizi and Compensation; and completed NAFOA Tribal Financial Manager Certificate training learning more on tribal financial management. I attend as many meetings as possible from director and wild rice meetings to those with other tribes, and the State/Federal governments. I believe the membership expects and deserves my attention, input and votes at every meeting. I ask questions not to challenge or offend but to fulfill my need to understand issues and make the best possible decisions. Please vote for candidates that will move the tribe forward in the best interest of us all!



Jeremy M. Sawmick

Aani (Hello) My name is Jeremy Sawmick. As you all know election time is fast approaching. I am running for Tribal Council and would be honored to represent District 1. I have worked for our tribe for 28 years. Through the years I have seen and experienced the changes of our tribe. Our tribe has grown, expanded, and moved forward with the time. I would like to see the tribe and the people continue to thrive. If elected as a council member I would like to see positive changes not only in our business, but in our community and the programs that are provided. I feel that we need to improve our community by strengthening programs for the youth and elders. As a representative I would do my best to listen to the voices of the members and resolve issues quickly. Thank you.



Christopher D. Sineway

I am a graduate from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College where I received an AA in Business; I also received a BSBA in Hospitality Services Administration with a concentration in Gaming & Entertainment Management from Central Michigan University. I have worked for the Tribe for the past 20 years and during this time I have worked as a Softcount Worker, Table Games Floor person, Water Operator, Leadership Internship, Casino Administrator, Casino Analyst Manager and Business Regulations Director. I feel confident that my experience working for the varies departments and jobs during this time, coupled with my education, will help me fulfill the duties and responsibilities of serving on the Tribal Council and working with the government and business enterprises of the Tribe.



Stanley M. Sineway

Hello my name is Stan Sineway. I have worked for the Tribe for 17 years; 9 years in the Gaming Commission and 8 years at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the Marketing & Finance Departments. During this time I have seen our Tribe grow and expand to new areas and I feel like I can help to continue that growth on the Tribal Council to make sure our Tribe remains competitive in the business world as well as ensuring our members receive the best services our Tribe offers its members.



Bernard D. Sprague

I have served the Tribe for 31 years, 13 years plus on Tribal Council. During my tenure on Tribal Council, I served as Sub-Chief and Tribal Secretary. I am currently the Director of Hospitality for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. I believe in supporting programs that most effect and service our membership, services such as health, education, elder and youth programs. I am an avid volunteer at our Tribal events. I chose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. It gives me the opportunity to give back to our Tribe, but more so to make a difference in our community. I believe we can cut the government budget and reallocate the funds to give adequate support to programs that will benefit our membership. I also believe that we need to continue supporting our Churches because He will continue to bless our Tribe. Miigwetch for your support.



Kenneth Wilson Sprague

Hi, my name is Kenneth W. Sprague, I am 63 years old and finishing up my first term on Tribal Council, as I said 2 years ago, I can make no promises as to what I would accomplish if I were to be re-elected. I can only do what's best for the Tribe as we move into the future. I would like to wish the best for whoever is elected. Thanks for your support and God Bless us all...



Cecilia M. Stevens (Jackson)

Boozhoo fellow community members, I am Cecilia (Jackson) Stevens. The wife of Chase Stevens, together we are blessed with five children. I come to you humbly and welcome your support for our 2017 Tribal Elections. As a candidate for Tribal Council for District 1, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to represent our community on Tribal Council. I have worked for our Tribe since 2010 in the Education and Immersion departments. I am a Language and Cultural Teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. Being born and raised in our community my parents Delmar and Mary Jackson have raised me to be a strong, proud, and determine Anishinaabe Kwewag. I hope you allow me the opportunity to work for our community, to continue with what our ancestors have done for us, and that is to work today for our future generations to come.



Kenneth P. Vasquez

My name is Ken Vasquez. I lived on the reservation the majority of my life. I worked for our Tribe for 6 years. I believe that I can make a difference if elected to serve you. As a Tribal member, my priority is our elders and youth. I feel that we could provide better services for our elders. We need to target the individual needs of our elders so they are comfortable and can enjoy life. Its our responsibility to respect and care for our elders. I believe in families first and I believe that we should implement in home services to help families stay together. We have great mentors in our community to help families with parenting skills. Let's keep our children home as long as they are in a safe environment. I firmly believe in taking care of our elders and youth and I will commit to it.



Jennifer L. Wassegijig (Vasquez)

I had the honor of serving our community as Tribal Council Chaplain from 2013-2015. I believe that I lead by example and have always had the best interest of my community and the Tribe as a whole. If elected, it would be an honor once again to be a voice for our people.



Noelle C. Wells (Isham)

Hello My Name is Noelle (Isham) Wells. I am running for Tribal Council. I was born and raised on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian reservation. I come from a long line of leadership such as the Kahgegab's and Otto's. I hope to follow in their footsteps. As a candidate I don't want to make any promise's that can't be kept but do know that I will do my very best if/ when elected for council. I would like to continue with the previous councils progressions to a bigger and brighter future for the whole community and that we can make stronger ties with the surrounding communities. I'm currently working for the tribe and a student to continue my education to help our tribe's continued success. I would like to see our tribe utilizing our own resources and that we start being more "Green". I appreciate you all for taking the time.



Ronald Lawrence Nelson

Boozhoo, I thank you for your confidence and allowing me to serve Saganing as part of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, positively, for the last 12 years on Council. While we face common difficulties, happiness cannot be found in material possessions or by hurting others for greed, we will only find it in our achievements we share as Natives. We are a proud Tribe moving as one branch, building with honor, faithful protection and unselfish performance. Using the guidance of our forefathers for the ground of mother earth that we walk on we must preserve our ancestry, history and culture while promoting economic development. We must all remain focused on strengthening our social being, political culture and spiritual future, helping each other, and eliminating greed. My heart is for Saganing and the growth to help all, protecting OUR future. Our strengths will always come from the pride of our people. Miigwetch



Jonas Allan Wilcox

I need your vote for the opportunity to represent our communities. My career with SCIT began in 2010 after completing a BS-Biology-NR from CMU. In 2012 I was hired as the Saganing Water/Wastewater Manager where I currently utilize my Water Treatment, Distribution, and Wastewater Certifications for EPA/DEQ requirements; at that time I was able to move into District II. I was then appointed that same year by Tribal Council to the Conservation Committee and currently hold the position of Chairman. The hunter-gatherer lifestyle in our culture is a high priority and would like to expand our rights to natural resources of our ancestral territory for all members and future generations. I am proud to see expansion and growth through our tough financial times which will give us security for the future. As a leader I would hold myself accountable for decisions made and keep the interest of all districts equally.

## Tribal voting 500-foot radius, non-interference zone

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; or

(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 address 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.



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## Frank J. Cloutier for District Three Representative

Election season is here once again. My hope is that you find yourself satisfied with my service on your behalf. I would like to respectfully ask for your support once again for the next two years. As District Three Representative and as Tribal Chief, these past two years have been one of the most incredible and humbling experiences of my professional career.

During my term on Tribal Council, we started many initiatives to ensure we have growth and prosperity for the future and not the declining income we were experiencing for the future earlier in our administration. The much-needed remodel of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will begin shortly and will ensure an increase of approximately 8.4% growth over the next few years. The expansion in Saganing, which I have pushed forward as Tribal Chief with the support of Tribal Council, has the potential to bring 10-15 million in additional dollars to the bottom line every year once completed. These are steps that were necessary to ensure that we regain our position in the marketplace and maintain a competitive edge. All these efforts were methodically considered, with solid numbers to support these updates.

When I took office we had no Human Resource Director, no Casino CEO, no Casino Manager for Saganing and complacent work from the CFO's office. The operation was doing business as usual with no effort toward supporting growth for the future. With Tribal Council support, we filled those interim positions with the most qualified individuals possible. We supported our management to make their own decisions and provided innovative solutions to approaching business. We started changing the way we do business to provide accountability and transparency within the course of day-to-day operations and with construction techniques.

I am most proud of the work we have accomplished within our investment strategies and with changes to the processes to ensure accountability and checks and balances to ensure we never repeat issues such as the REIT and BDC acquisition. MIGIZI EDC has seen significant changes with regard to land development. Just this year we have taken over 300 hundred acres of fallowed Tribal land, leveraged that by returning it to viable farm rental land and created a comprehensive "land management plan" for all land and property holdings for both the Tribe and MIGIZI. We have successfully acquired significant land holdings within our aboriginal territories for future land use and cultural development.

In closing, I would like to thank you, my fellow members, for the opportunity and confidence in me to represent you these past two years. As always, I encourage you to vote this election season. Our future is dependent on strong leadership without distraction.



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## Our Future! Our Community! Samantha (Olson) Kirklin for District 3 Representative

Aanii! My name is Samantha Kirklin. Last summer I moved from district 1 to district 3, where I live with my husband. I did not grow up on the Mount Pleasant reservation, but have been trying to connect to the tribe since I graduated high school. I have been working for our tribe since 2009 in a variety of capacities. I have learned many of the great things our tribe offers to our community as well as the Mount Pleasant community. I have been able to see the areas where we lack and can make great improvements to set us up for great success.

After high school I began my education at Central Michigan University. I have been going to school for about 8 years and have achieved a Bachelor's Degree in General Management, a Master's Degree in Leadership, and will be graduating in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. I plan to continue learning and expanding my knowledge base because there are many ways that education helps our community and our tribe.

My education has led me to many differing departments within the Tribe. I have worked in the Food and Beverage Department at Soaring Eagle, Parks and Recreation for Tribal Operations, Human Resources for Tribal Operations and Migizi, the Marketing Department for Soaring Eagle, and in the Education Leadership Apprenticeship program being placed at Migizi Corporate and Behavioral Health. This has led me to take a stand on the various issues our tribe is currently facing.

To our Youth, I believe that achieving an education is important and finding recreational activities that will incorporate their involvement within our community. Our youth needs to stay active and involved because they are the future of our tribe and we want to help create the best leaders our tribe has ever seen. We should look at expanding those options. We need to invest in our youth. To our Elders, who have taken great care of our tribe and pushed us to be where we are today, we need to take care of them.

For our businesses there are many things that need to be considered. We need to make sure every department is functioning efficiently. Other areas that are of concern would be staffing, making sure there is the adequate amount of staff in each department and that staff are compensated and appreciated appropriately. Leadership needs to look at open communication to the membership, across departments, and with each other. We limit ourselves when we do not communicate openly. Accountability needs to happen, we need to make sure everyone is accountable to help us attain our goals and reach for the future. As we look to the future, we want to expand our resources and properties.

A focus should be on the next seven generations, we need to look into the future and see what we want to accomplish. How are we currently setting our future? Please consider me for the next District 3 Representative. Feel free to contact me through Facebook or email at [SamanthaforCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:SamanthaforCouncil@gmail.com)



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## Election Timeline 2017 Primary & General Elections

**Oct. 9** | Certification of Voting Machines  
5:15 p.m.

**Oct. 10** | Primary Election  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Oct. 13** | Last day to register to vote for the  
General Election

**Oct. 16** | Absentee ballots for General Election  
available in the office and mailed

**Nov. 6** | Certification of Voting Machines  
5:15 p.m.

**Nov. 7** | General Election  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Nov. 8** | General Election Results Posted

**For additional information, please contact  
Tribal Clerk's Office at (989) 775-4054**



Frank J. Cloutier

It has been a privilege serving as your District Three representative. We have made measurable strides during the past two years and began many much needed updates and expansion projects. Efforts to update the way we do business, policies and procedures and finding new ways of doing business should continue. I would like the opportunity to continue representing District Three into the next administration so we can see much of these needed projects through completion. As Tribal Chief I am keenly aware of where we need to be to ensure a secure future and bright outlook for our district and the Tribe as a whole. I encourage everyone to vote even if your vote is not for me it is your right as a member. I hope I have served you well and am excited for whatever the future brings. Miigwetch.



Carmen D. Deaton (Acevedo)

Hello, my name is Carmen Deaton (Acevedo), my family name is Mandoka. I am running for the District III council member seat. I promise to put forth my greatest and best efforts in securing our tribe's future as a business and as a family. I will represent our tribe with great pride and determination. I have over 19 years in gaming experience. In 1992, I started my career as a Table Games Dealer. After taking a break in 2003 to enjoy my family, I returned in 2009 in my current position as a Table Games Manager. It is an honor to represent our tribe with integrity and confidence in my current capacity. I will take my gaming experience and knowledge to help contribute at a greater level. I will make it my duty to put forth great efforts by working as a team for the success of our tribe. Thank-you!



Aaron E. Graveratte

Hello to all the districts of The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. My name is Aaron Graveratte and I am interested in representing District 3 in the upcoming election. My education background consists of a Bachelor's in Sociology and a Master's in Human Resource Administration both from CMU. I have been employed with the Tribe for 7 years and counting. I believe all members should have equal services regardless of their district. If elected my objective is to involve the membership in important decision-making when it comes to improvements, member benefits and infrastructure. I believe as members of the Tribe we need to be supportive of the council members who are making decisions on our behalf. By having membership consensus on these decisions will enable a common vision and ensure a bright future for our Tribe. Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to the upcoming election.



Samantha A. Kirklin (Olson)

I am running for District 3 Representative. There are many opportunities out there for our tribe and we need to continue searching for them. Our current council is making great strides and I would love to help that continue. We need to take care of our community. There are many main areas that I find important to focus on: our businesses need to be continuously improved, new ventures, our community, and our rights as a sovereign nation. Together our community can move into the future and prepare for the next seven generations. I am open for questions and to meet with people to discuss the future of our tribe. Email me at [SamanthaForCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:SamanthaForCouncil@gmail.com).



Summer F. Peters

Boozhoo! I am Summer F. Peters. I descend from a strong line of leadership dating back to the inaugural 1934 Tribal Council. My campaign for the District III seat is in alignment with my personal ethics & values. I offer zero promises other than what I can guarantee: strong, drug & alcohol free leadership, an unbiased and open ear, the willingness to work cooperatively with Council to make thorough & well informed decisions, the strength to voice my opinion for my District and cast votes definitively without abstaining. I understand first hand what it feels like to live on & off the reservation. I also know what it's like to feel on the outside of tribal happenings. I aim to bring back the voice for District III, work closely and consistently with the At-Large Department & expand technological options to keep District III members better informed of Tribal business.



Paul E. Schramm Jr.

Boozhoo, My name is Paul Schramm, Jr. and I am running for District Three/At Large Tribal Council. My wife Diane and I have been married for nearly 40 years. We have three children-David, married to Krystal, Jeffrey, and Timothy who passed in 2015 and grandchildren Emma, Adam, and Owen. In my roles as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Kalamazoo County Schools Title IX program, I worked with students from many tribal nations. As Pow Wow Chairman of Kalamazoo Valley Indian Association, I oversaw all aspects of a traditional Pow Wow. For over twenty years I was a Bargaining Committee Representative and Chairman of the International Association of Machinists bargaining all business aspects and working conditions. People, culture, and family come first. As your servant, I will always conduct myself with integrity, truthfulness, and respect. Thank you for your consideration. Paul Schramm, Jr Ishpeming Migisi

## Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Attention Tribal Members

### Primary Election: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

Polling station open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Public Safety Building

#### District 1 (Vote for up to 20)

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| • Bailey, Shelly M.                | • McCoy (Otro), Kimberly S.        |
| • Bartow, Michelle Otto            | • McCreery, Michael P.             |
| • Benzinger (Chippewa), Candace B. | • McCreery, Sandra L.              |
| • Bonnau, Terry Lee                | • Merrill, Bethel L.               |
| • Bruner, Louanna L.               | • Montoya, Melissa G.              |
| • Chivis (Montoya-Pego), Maia L.   | • Ojeda-Vasquez, Mark J.           |
| • Christy, Dennis R. Sr.           | • Otto, David A.                   |
| • Colwell (Jackson), Michelle R.   | • Pego, Robert G. Sr.              |
| • Davis, Timothy J.                | • Pego, Steven J.                  |
| • Ekdahl, Ronald Frank             | • Pelcher, Brandy L.               |
| • Federico, Bill                   | • Pelcher, Clinton R. Jr.          |
| • Fisher, Damian S.                | • Peters, Julius Simon             |
| • Flachs (Jackson), Mandy D.       | • Peters, Phillip G. Jr.           |
| • Flamand, Jean Valerie            | • Quigno, Mary Jean                |
| • Fox (Chippewa), Karmen M.        | • Quigno-Grundahl, Diana Lynn      |
| • Gonzalez, Consuelo J.            | • Rueckert (Leaureaux), Terri L.   |
| • Graveratte, Craig Allen          | • Ruhl, Gayle Elizabeth            |
| • Hunt, Lindy                      | • Sawmick, Jeremy M.               |
| • Jackson, Brent D.                | • Sineway, Christopher D.          |
| • Jackson, Daniel J.               | • Sineway, Stanley M.              |
| • Jackson, Delmar J. Jr.           | • Slater, Gerald D.                |
| • Jackson (Peters), Theresa L.     | • Smith (Johnson), Casey D.        |
| • Kahgegab, Chey N.                | • Sprague, Bernard D.              |
| • Kequom, Dennis Vincent           | • Sprague, Kenneth Wilson          |
| • Leareaux, Sheila                 | • Starkey, James E.                |
| • Leareaux, Tonia                  | • Stevens (Jackson), Cecilia M.    |
| • Mandoka, Kamie K.                | • Vasquez, Kenneth P.              |
| • Mandoka, Stacy L.                | • Wassegjig (Vasquez), Jennifer L. |
| • Matthews, Cathleen K.            | • Wells (Isham), Noelle C.         |

#### District 2 (Vote for one)

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| • Nelson, Ronald Lawrence | • Wilcox, Jonas Allan |
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#### District 3 (Vote for up to two)

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| • Cloutier, Frank J.          | • Kirklin (Olson), Samantha A. |
| • Deaton (Acevedo), Carmen D. | • Peters, Summer F.            |
| • Graveratte, Aaron E.        | • Schramm, Paul E. Jr.         |

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## Five Finger Death Punch and Pop Evil combine for heavy metal spectacle at SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Rock fans gathered for a night of head banging to the musical prowess of rock bands Five Finger Death Punch, Pop Evil and 10 Years. The Saturday, Sept. 3 show was part of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor concert series.

Headlining group Five Finger Death Punch began with the single "Lift Me Up."

After playing "Never Enough," lead singer Ivan Moody paused to discuss his return to the band after taking a six month hiatus to deal with personal problems.

"I'm sure you've heard by now I had a human moment," Moody said. "I want to



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Five Finger Death Punch lead singer Ivan Moody (front left) and rhythm guitarist Zoltan Bathory (front right) take to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor stage during their Sept. 3 concert.**

promise you something; I'm not going anywhere."

Moody invited Tommy Vext onstage during the performance of "Wash It All Away." Vext served as the

interim lead singer during Moody's absence.

After the hit song "Got Your Six," audience members were treated to a heavy metal-infused cover of "Bad Company," the hit single by '70s rock band Bad Company.

Moody's vocals shined during the self-reflective vocals of "Jekyll and Hyde."

The acoustic guitars were brought out as the band slowed down for the softer hits "Wrong Side of Heaven" and "Remember Everything."

The hit singles "The Agony of Regret," and "Coming Down" were also performed.

Five Finger Death Punch blew fans away and closed the



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Members of the Muskegon-based rock band Pop Evil perform their hit song "Trenches."**

night with an aggressive double encore of "Under and Over It" and "The Bleeding."

Taking the stage before Five Finger Death Punch, the Muskegon-based rock band Pop Evil showcased their home-grown talent while playing their biggest hits.

Pop Evil's set included the singles "Torn to Pieces," "Trenches," "Deal with the Devil" and "Footsteps." All four songs reached No. 1 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart.

The band also performed "Last Man Standing," "Ways to Get High," "If Only for Now" and "Take It All."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Moody points out to the audience during the performance of "Lift Me Up."**

Alternative rock band 10 Years opened the concert with their hit singles "Wasteland," "Shoot It Out" and "Beautiful."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Members of the heavy metal band 10 Years rock out during their performance of the song "Fix Me."**

## Pop rock fans join Matchbox Twenty and Counting Crows for a memorable show

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 14, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a talented trio of bands with Matchbox Twenty, Counting Crows and Rivers and Rust. The outdoor venue was one of the latest stops in the bands' A Brief History of Everything Tour 2017.

To start the band's set, Matchbox Twenty played the hit song "Real World," the lead track off their 1996 debut album "Yourself or Someone Like You." The album would prove to be a huge commercial success, catapulting the group into the spotlight.

Longtime fans were treated to a 19-song set rife with '90s nostalgia. Matchbox Twenty played a number of songs



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Matchbox Twenty lead singer Rob Thomas (left) sings the chorus to the hit song "Real World" during the band's Sept. 14 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort performance.**

off the debut album including "Push," "Girl Like That," "Hang" and "Back 2 Good."

The heartsick lyrics of "If You're Gone" and driving

beats of the Billboard Hot 100 chart-topping single "Bent" highlighted a trio of songs off their 2000 album "Mad Season." The band also

performed the title track off that second album.

During the middle chorus of "Downfall," the band transitioned into a quick segment of the Guns N' Roses version of "Knocking on Heaven's Door."

The group's two-decade career was highlighted with hits "Disease," and "Unwell" off their 2002 album "More Than You Think You Are" and the 2012 hit "She's So Mean."

Matchbox Twenty also performed "Hand Me Down," "So Sad So Lonely" and "How Far We've Come."

The band brought the night to a fitting close with a three-piece encore. The famous acoustic riffs and catchy lyrics of the hit song "3 A.M." was followed by "Long Day" and "Bright Lights."

With his signature dreadlocks and ripped blue jeans, Counting Crows lead singer Adam Duritz led the band through a myriad of hits after taking the stage before Matchbox Twenty. The group opened with the hit singles "Hard Candy," "Omaha" and "Dislocation."

Counting Crows also performed their popular songs "Colorblind," "Daylight Fading," "Miami" and "God of Ocean Tides."

Near the end of the set, a trio of hits energized the crowd including the cover of Joni Mitchell's "Big Yellow Taxi,"



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Thomas performs "Girl Like That" on the outdoor concert stage.**

"A Long December" and the '90s chart topper "Mr. Jones."

A highlight of the night occurred during the performance of "Hangin'around." The audience went wild as Rob Thomas and Kyle Cook of Matchbox Twenty emerged onstage to perform alongside the band.

To close out the set, Counting Crows performed "Palisades Park" and "Rain King."

Opening the show was the blues rock-inspired duo of Rivers and Rust. The group features the combined talents of singer Sheila Marshall and Matchbox Twenty guitarist Kyle Cook.



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**Members of '90s pop rock group Counting Crows take to the outdoor stage to perform their hit "Omaha."**

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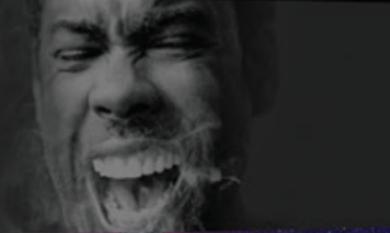
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## SCA teachers receive classroom supplies through United Way

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

It seemed like Christmas came early to Saginaw Chippewa Academy teachers the morning of Aug. 30 when they were gifted a delivery of classroom supplies by the United Way of Gratiot and Isabella County.

Near the foot of the stairs at the main entrance of the school, United Way Director of Community Engagement Kari Creguer and Lindsey Miller, creative director, distributed disinfectant wipes, tissues, expo markers, Crayola markers, glue sticks, Ticonderoga pencils and first aid kits to smiling teachers through the Stuff the Bus program.

Creguer said there are more than 485 elementary classrooms in Isabella and Gratiot counties. Saginaw Chippewa Academy, she said, was one of more than 390 that United Way was able to present with supplies this year, thanks to community member sponsorships.

“That just says a lot about how everybody supports you and just thanks you guys and wants to give back to the teachers,” she said.

Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club and Meijer also helped supply local classrooms, Creguer explained.

“They were able to give us a lot of these things at cost,” she said. “So you guys actually have more than \$100 worth of supplies in each bag as a result of getting things at cost.”

Next, Creguer thanked Bader and Sons for, once again, providing the bags in which supplies were delivered.

Before departing to distribute gifts at other local schools, Creguer encouraged SCA teachers to apply for the mini-grants available through United Way.

“We’ve been approved to give up to \$35,000 in educational mini-grants again this year,” Creguer said, explaining that up to \$500 dollars can be requested with each grant to help fund learning



Observer photo by Niki Henry

**On Aug. 30, Saginaw Chippewa Academy faculty and staff pose in front of donations for their classrooms with United Way Director of Community Engagement Kari Creguer (front left).**

opportunities, programs and services as well as specific items such as books.

Grant applications will be available in October at [UWGIC.org](http://UWGIC.org), reviewed by

United Way’s board and committees in November and awarded in December.

“I hope (the Tribal schools) get some of them,” Creguer said. “That would be amazing.”

## Michigan Department of Education recognizes achievements of SCA teacher

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy is receiving statewide recognition, thanks to the devotion and talent of one of its long-term teachers, Nathan Isaac.

Isaac, who teaches Ojibway language and culture at SCA, was recently acknowledged as a Proud Michigan Educator by the Michigan Department of Education.

Former SCA Curriculum Instructional Coordinator Kelli Cassaday can be credited with turning the attention of the Michigan Department of Education to Isaac and SCA.

Cassaday, currently a departmental analyst of early literacy for the Office of Professional Preparation at MDE, has maintained her strong partnership with the Tribe while currently working at the state level.

She is known by the Tribe’s education administration as a strong supporter of SCA who is invested and involved in tribal education.

When a discussion began at MDE about increasing diversity in the Proud Michigan Educator



Courtesy of Nathan Isaac

**Nathan Isaac, language and culture teacher for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, is recognized as a Proud Michigan Educator by the Michigan Department of Education.**

campaign, Cassaday naturally thought of Isaac, not just because he teaches culture and language, but because he is the school’s longest employed Anishinabe Bimadiziwin (language and culture) staff member.

Isaac has been involved at the school since fall of 2004 and has witnessed and helped with the development of SCA’s language and cultural program.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Academy is a really unique and special school because of teachers like Mr. Isaac,” said SCA Principal Kara Hotchkiss during her interview for the

Proud Michigan Educator video posted on the MDE website. “He offers great classes with culture and language.”

“The culture here, the Anishnabek culture,” she said, “is one that might be lost if we didn’t have people like Mr. Isaac to instill these values in the culture and the teachings into the students at such a young age.”

Hotchkiss and Christina Sharp, assistant director of education, worked together with representatives from MEA to produce the video that recognizes Isaac.

Sharp said the Tribal Education department is very proud of Isaac and that his being recognized, in this way by the state, is an honor for the department.

Not only is Isaac an experienced and effective educator, he is also a beloved and respected teacher.

“All the students just love Mr. Isaac,” Sharp said. “He’s so wonderful with our students.”

“He’s got a knack for tiny kids,” said his wife Melissa Isaac, director of education. “He’s like a rock star. It’s like a little kid mosh pit every time we go somewhere in public.”

In the video, Chief Frank Cloutier said that Isaac “treats

his students as individuals and empowers them, which may be part of the reason for his popularity.”

“He really wants to hear what they have to say,” Cloutier said. “Mr. Isaac gives the children a voice.”

Melissa Isaac described her husband as a community-oriented man who has a heart for community wellness and healing and as a humble teacher who would continue his involvement even without recognition for it.

Emily Wiggins, parent of a SCA student, provided evidence of this statement when she says in the video that her child learns a lot every day from Isaac and comes home excited about the culture.

Isaac currently teaches kindergartners and first graders but has also worked with older and preschool students throughout the years.

“I was searching everywhere else for an employment path, but I don’t even really call it employment because it’s more of a life path,” Isaac said in the video. “Things that I’ve learned from my elders and elders from different communities, that’s what I share with our students.”

According to the Michigan Department of Education website, Proud Michigan Educator, promoted through social media as #proudMIEducator, is a statewide initiative that aims to “acknowledge, elevate and celebrate the work of great educators in the State of Michigan.”

This campaign, begun last year in September, is a joint venture with the Skillman Foundation to help increase teacher retention and morale through increased acknowledgement of teacher dedication and effectiveness.

“The Proud Michigan Educator campaign will express, statewide and in each community throughout Michigan, that we support and value teacher contributions to the education of our children and society,” said State Superintendent Brian Whiston in a press release published on the MDE website. “To recruit and retain excellent teachers, we need to improve the narrative and show greater respect and appreciation for the teaching profession.”

Isaac’s video may be viewed at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiALFB-NwrQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiALFB-NwrQ)

## Saginaw Chippewa Academy bus driver Jo Bullard receives Educator of the Month

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department!

Jo Bullard, bus driver for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, has been selected as Educator of the Month. The following is a questionnaire completed by Bullard:

**How long have you worked for the Education Department?** I have worked here for five years.

**What is your favorite Disney movie?** I like all the Disney movies.

**What is one of your favorite quotes?** I really don’t have a favorite quote.

**Do you have any pets?** I have a parrot named Pedro.

**What is your favorite snack?** I love Reese’s peanut butter cups.

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** The kids are my favorite part of the job.

**What is the one thing that you love doing? Why?** I love camping because it is so relaxing.

**What is your favorite vacation spot and why?** I love Florida because of the beaches.

The Education administration extends appreciation and a big thank you to Bullard for being such an integral part of the team.



Courtesy of Tribal Education

**Jo Bullard (left), SCA bus driver, receives the Outstanding Educator of the Month award, presented by Christina Sharp (right), assistant education director.**

**Tribal Ops Trick or Treating Schedule**

Oct. 31, 2017

<p><b>Sasiwaans Immersion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andahwood: 9 a.m.</li> <li>• Tribal Ops: 9 a.m.</li> <li>• Human Resources: 10 a.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>SCA (Pre-K &amp; K)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Resources: 9 a.m.</li> <li>• Andahwood: 9:30 a.m.</li> <li>• Tribal Ops: 10 a.m.</li> </ul>
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Contact: Noelle Wells at 989.775.4077



## Once again, it is election time for SCTC Student Senate

### SCTC STUDENT SENATE



Courtesy of SCTC  
**Trisha Trasky, SCTC president of the student senate.**

It is election time again for the newly-named Student Senate at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Previously, there were only five positions on what was known as the Student Council, but, due to increased student attendance and participation, the number of seats has grown to nine this semester.

Last year's Student Council President Trisha Trasky addressed the Board of Regents and proposed changes to the by-laws on behalf of the student body.

While attending student conferences, Trasky said she noticed other colleges were using the name Student Senate and not Student Council. She said she asked for the name change to bring the college in line with

other institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Additionally, Trasky proposed adding more positions to the senate to help it run more efficiently. The new positions include representative, historian, public relations representative and community service representative.

The community service representative is an important addition, as students want the community to know the Tribal College highly regards volunteering in the community and is included in

its by-laws as a requirement.

Trasky said she believes that having more students involved in the senate will encourage them to realize that, even though SCTC is small, students can still work together for the greater good and make a lasting difference in the community.

In addition to its usual business, the senate also plans events and activities for students. Last year, its members organized a family bowling night and mid-term luncheons. They also teamed up with Behavioral Health to

bring in speakers each month to address issues college students face.

Student Senate nominations went out mid-September, and the following 11 people were nominated: Amanda Arnold, Jennifer Arnold, Mikayla Cyphert, Antonio Gomez, Shane Graves, Jared Hovick, Christian Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Rebecca Perlik, Elizabeth Trasky and Trisha Trasky.

Trisha Trasky wished good luck to all the nominees and the best semester to all SCTC students.

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## Tribe honored during Central Michigan University's Sept. 23 Tradition's Day

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe was recognized during Central Michigan University's Tradition's Day at the home football game on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The Tribal community was invited to join in pre-game tailgating fun starting at 12:30 p.m.

on "The Island" north parking lot behind the scoreboard.

Prior to kick off, the Nijikewehn Mentoring Program staff and students were invited to form a tunnel at the Kelly/Shorts Stadium to welcome and cheer the Chippewa players onto the field.

Surrounded by CMU, Tribal and Nijikewehn representatives

and athletes from various CMU sports, community drummers provided an honor song.

During the first media timeout after the 3:30 p.m. game start, Tribal Council member Kenneth Sprague and Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez were acknowledged on the field with CMU President George Ross and CMU Athletic Director Michael Alford.

Tribal community members who attended received complimentary tickets to the game when they RSVP'd prior to the event.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Chippewa football players run onto the field through a tunnel formed by Tribal and Nijikewehn Mentoring Program representatives and other CMU athletes.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

(Left to right) CMU Athletic Director Michael Alford, Tribal Council member Kenneth Sprague, Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez and CMU President George Ross are honored on the football field during Tradition's Day.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal community members gather around the drum during an honor song at the Saturday, Sept. 23 home game.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Prior to kick off, the CMU Marching Band prepares to run onto the field.

## Property

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"We will begin the work to re-establish our presence by developing cultural and traditional programming that will enhance our Tribal community and its people. This is an incredible opportunity for the Tribe to share its rich culture and traditional values while providing a place to

reconnect with Mother Earth," Cloutier said.

Tribal elder Bonnie Ekdahl further explained linking the property to ancestors.

"(SCIT) Members are the people who can step... onto the earth and say, 'My people have always been here. I walk where my ancestors walked 1,000 years ago.' We knew the forests, lakes and rivers. We knew where, when and how to

gather the foods and medicines to live," Ekdahl said.

Ekdahl said she values stepping outside typical routines to look at creation.

"What is the season; what are the animals and birds doing at this time of year? They can still teach us if we listen and observe," Ekdahl said. "Access to this land will give us the freedom to reconnect with the seasonal calendar without fear of judgment and interruption. The people can learn and reconnect to the memories that still live within them."

David Merrill Jr., youth and family recreation specialist, toured the property last month.

"Following the footsteps of our ancestors, we have great potential (with the) Tawas (acreage) for all kinds of programming for our youth and families. This is a great investment in our Tribe, and I can't

wait to see our families start to use it for what our Mother Earth is intended to be used for," Merrill said. "I can't wait for others to feel that blood memory I felt."

Kathy Hart, STEM recruiter for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, said she is eager for the opportunity to harvest traditional foods from the property.

"Some cultural opportunities (to take place in Tawas)

that come to mind is having access to the lake via the creek to harvest wild rice, host wild rice camps, fasting, ceremonies, teachings, field trips for environmental purposes..., for sugar bush, archery and 3-D targets to practice with, camping, retreats, hikes and to enjoy Mother Earth and all she has to offer."

For more information, contact Erik Rodriguez at (989) 775-4076 or [erodriguez@sagchip.org](mailto:erodriguez@sagchip.org).



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The acquisition of the \$1.1 million East Tawas property was finalized on Friday, Aug. 25, which granted ownership of hundreds of land acres back to the Tribe.

## Ziibiwing Vendor Training

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017, 6-8pm at Ziibiwing Center

During the training a ZCS team member will discuss:

- The required paperwork and tax forms needed to become a vendor.
- The types of items we are currently looking for.
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This training is designed for anyone making handmade & handcrafted items that they would like to sell in the Ziibiwing Commercial Services' gift shops which includes:

- Meshtoongewinoong - located at the Ziibiwing Center
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- Jeemon-Aince - located just inside the main entrance to the Slot Palace
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## Bakery worker diagnosed with Hepatitis A at an Isabella County retailer

*(Editor's note: The following was released from Central Michigan University to inform its students and local community members that shop at the Mount Pleasant Meijer.)*

Central Michigan University recently learned a bakery food employee at the Mount Pleasant Meijer, 1015 Pickard St., tested positive for hepatitis A.

Individuals who consumed any baked goods made on-site at the bakery department of this Meijer store between Aug.

23 and Sept. 20 may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus.

According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Agriculture and Rural Development, this is what the store's customers need to know:

- The risk of exposure in this situation is low.
- No further illnesses have been identified from this exposure at this time.
- Hepatitis A is an acute infection, and people usually improve without treatment.

• A vaccine may provide protection against the disease if given within two weeks after exposure. If you are unsure whether or not you have received a hepatitis A vaccine, contact your healthcare provider, although the Centers for Disease Control report getting an extra dose is not harmful.

• Anyone who consumed baked goods purchased from this Meijer location between the dates listed should promptly contact their healthcare provider to be assessed for vaccination.

• Symptoms of hepatitis A infection include sudden onset of abdominal discomfort, dark urine, fever, diarrhea and yellow skin and eyes. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

Hepatitis A vaccines may be available at some major pharmacies, and Meijer is offering the vaccine free of charge at its Mount Pleasant location to any customers who are concerned about exposure.

If there are any questions about hepatitis, the local district health department is leading the

investigation and can be reached at (989) 773-5921.

For more information about viral hepatitis, visit [www.michigan.gov/hepatitis](http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitis) or [www.cdc.gov/hepatitis](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis)

If any Nimkee Clinic patient would like to receive the hepatitis A vaccine, the clinic is now taking standing orders; meaning patients may sign in for lab and get immunized. Standing orders are for patients 18 years and older only. Any pediatric patients may call Twila at (989) 775-4681 and she will ask their provider.

## Public health officials continue hepatitis A investigation, vaccination efforts

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and local public health officials continue to investigate an outbreak of hepatitis A cases in Detroit and Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Wayne and St. Clair counties.

As part of the ongoing investigation, public health officials have been working to make partners in these jurisdictions aware of the outbreak and the importance of vaccination and testing.

From Aug. 1, 2016, to Sept. 15, 2017, there have been 319 confirmed cases of hepatitis A including 14 deaths. Of these cases, nearly 86 percent have been hospitalized. This represents a 16-fold increase for these jurisdictions from Aug. 1, 2014, to Sept. 15, 2015.

On Sept. 18, the state Medicaid program issued a letter to healthcare providers about the

outbreak with testing, prevention and treatment information.

The letter was sent to 5,069 Medicaid-enrolled providers in Detroit and Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne counties, as well as another 11,758 providers and interested parties signed up for Medicaid updates.

Public health officials have been working to increase vaccination in at-risk populations. These activities include:

- Ongoing vaccination campaigns in Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne jails, substance use treatment centers and homeless centers, as well as discussion with the Michigan Department of Corrections about implementing a vaccination campaign in the Detroit Receiving Center and Detroit Detention Center.
- MDHHS is working with Detroit Health Department and regional emergency departments to implement a vaccination campaign targeting at-risk patients.
- Supported by contracted nurses from the Visiting Nurse Association, Michigan Volunteer Registry and MDHHS, local

health departments are partnering with community organizations to provide hepatitis A vaccines to at-risk individuals.

• Oakland County dedicating resources to offer vaccinations to all employees and ongoing outreach activities to at-risk individuals.

Ages of the cases range from 20 to 87 years, with a median age of 42.5 years, and two-thirds of the cases (64 percent) are men. While no common source of the outbreak, such as contaminated food or water, has been identified, transmission does appear to be person-to-person through illicit drug use, sexual activity and close contact among household members.

The ongoing hepatitis A outbreak presents a significant public health threat to vulnerable community members within Southeast Michigan. Over half of the cases (51 percent) have a history of substance abuse, 28 percent are co-infected with hepatitis C, 15 percent are homeless/in transient housing situations and nineteen cases

(6.4 percent) have a history of recent incarceration.

“The Southeast Michigan hepatitis A outbreak remains a top priority for public health officials from both the investigation and prevention standpoints,” said Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for MDHHS. “Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable disease, and, in addition to our investigation of current and new cases, our focus is strongly aimed at increasing vaccination in adults, where hepatitis A vaccination is commonly low.”

Vaccination is recommended for the following at-risk individuals:

- Health care workers who have direct contact with patients
- People who use injection and non-injection illegal drugs
- People who participate in commercial exchange of sexual practices
- People who are homeless or in transient living situations
- People who are or have recently been incarcerated
- Close personal contacts (e.g., household, sexual) of hepatitis A patients
- Food handlers
- Men who have sex with men
- People with liver diseases, such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C. Persons with chronic liver disease have an elevated risk of death from liver failure.
- Any person who wishes to be immune to hepatitis A

• People who live, work or recreate in SE Michigan and are concerned about getting hepatitis A

Individuals with hepatitis A are infectious for two weeks prior to symptom onset. Symptoms of hepatitis A include jaundice (yellowing of the skin), fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine and light-colored stools.

Symptoms usually appear over a number of days and last less than two months; however, some people can be ill for as long as six months.

Hepatitis A can sometimes cause liver failure and death.

Risk factors for a hepatitis A infection include living with someone who has hepatitis A, having sexual contact with someone who has hepatitis A or sharing injection or non-injection illegal drugs with someone who has hepatitis A. The virus can also be transmitted through contaminated food or water.

Together with local health departments, MDHHS urges those individuals at greatest risk to seek the hepatitis A vaccination.

For more information about viral hepatitis, visit [www.michigan.gov/hepatitis](http://www.michigan.gov/hepatitis) or [www.cdc.gov/hepatitis](http://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis). For important information about immunizations, visit Michigan's I Vaccinate Campaign at [www.ivaccinate.org](http://www.ivaccinate.org).

## Indigenous Pink Day is Oct. 21

### AMERICAN INDIAN CANCER FOUNDATION

Indigenous Pink Day, on Oct. 21, is a national breast cancer awareness campaign for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

The American Indian Cancer Foundation asks men and women of all ages to wear pink and share photos on social media using the hashtag #IndigenousPink to spread breast cancer awareness.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death and the most common cancer found in American Indian/Alaska Native women.

The goal of Indigenous Pink Day is to educate all indigenous people about the importance of early detection and to remind everyone to keep their screenings up to date.

Early detection can make the difference between life and death. How to celebrate Indigenous Pink Day:

- Wear pink to honor breast cancer warriors and survivors.
- Share a picture of yourself on social media wearing pink using #indigenouspink.
- Tell friends and family, and ask them to wear pink.
- Encourage organizations and businesses to ask

employees to wear pink.

Get screened. Talk to a health care provider for advice and information about screenings.

Change a Facebook cover photo. Set the #indigenouspink banner as a cover photo.

Like the American Indian Cancer foundation on Facebook, follow on Twitter or like on Instagram.

Donate. Any amount helps the American Indian Cancer Foundation continue to work towards eliminating the cancer burdens of American Indian families through education, prevention, early detection, treatment and survivor support.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Nimkee Women's Health invites all community members and staff to its 22nd annual feather link tea and luncheon.

Event registration begins at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, and the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

This event takes place in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms and will again feature a silent auction to benefit Community Cancer Services.

Dr. Robin O'Dell from the Women's Medical Center in Mount Pleasant is the featured speaker at this year's event.

“As usual, we are looking for donated items for the auction,” said Jenna Wilcox, women's health coordinator. “We very much appreciate all the handmade items we have received over the years and hope that Tribal Members and staff will be just as generous this year.”

Items can be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health any time prior to the event or at the event itself. To receive recognition for a donation in the event program, however, items must be contributed by Oct. 4.

For more information about the silent auction or the tea luncheon, contact Jenna at (989) 775-4604 or Judy at (989) 775-4629.

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule October 2017

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden	Suspension Training - Jayme	L.I.F.E. Based Fitness - Jaden
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		
5:30 p.m.			Yoga Tammy		



## Andahwod residents and elders celebrate Grandparents Day

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Contributing Writer

Andahwod residents and elders from all districts joined family and friends to celebrate Grandparents Day at Broadway Park on Sept. 9.

Rosalie Maloney, administrator for Andahwod, said “The weather was excellent, and everyone had a blast.”

After the opening prayer, provided by Rev. Robert Pego of the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church, Maloney presented background information about how the annual celebration came about.

“Grandparents Day is a family day which has a three-fold purpose – to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance elders can offer,” Maloney said.

September was chosen for this holiday to signify the “autumn years” of life, she said.

“In 1978, the U.S. Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day,” she said. “The proclamation, signed by President Jimmy Carter, is a national holiday and is celebrated by communities all over the U.S.”

Maloney said the two new carnival games for kids, the “froggy fly fling” and the quarterback toss, were big hits.

“These games were monitored by two very special volunteers, Dakota Anglin and Samuel Anglin Jr. These two youth are the children of our own Support Services Manager Sam Anglin,” Maloney said.



Andahwod staff pose for a photo during the Sept. 9 Grandparents Day celebration.

“They have volunteered at Andahwod events before and have always been a pleasure to work with. They are hard-working and outgoing. We truly appreciate their help.”

Housing Manager April Borton said the department also served as hosts.

“One of Housing’s many goals are to provide a place for the community to gather and create memories. The park has done just that, and it is our pleasure being able to have such a venue for such events to happen,” Borton said. “Life is always busy anymore, so any opportunity that brings joy and laughter at the park is a great day.”

Maloney said she appreciated utilizing the park.

“(The Housing) staff keep the (park) area very well maintained, and we appreciate all the support April and her staff provides for our elders,” Maloney said. “Having the playground equipment here was appreciated by both the kids and parents alike.”

“We rented two bounce houses for the kids to jump in, which were a great way for the little ones to expend some energy,” Maloney said. “We invited Miss Julie, (as) Jewels the Clown, to

provide balloon art, and Miss Amanda painted faces.”

Assistant Elders Advocate Sheligh Jackson and Katherine Reid, community activities assistant, coordinated the event.

“I liked that families set up their own little areas with awnings and lawn chairs to stay and enjoy the day,” Jackson said. “It was awesome that Marcella Hadden (Summer Moon Photography) set up the photo shoot with an old Buick; everybody thought that was pretty neat. It was very generous of her to offer discounted photo packages.”

Jackson said she appreciated Dan Jackson, cultural services representative for Seventh Generation, sharing a traditional ring toss game with the youth.

“We appreciate that Dan was able to share his stick game craft, and he brought enough materials so everyone who wanted to make one could,” Jackson said. “Another good moment was

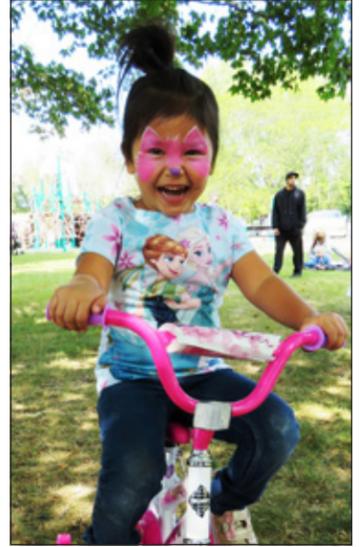


Dan Jackson (back left), cultural services representative for Seventh Generation, teaches stick game crafting.

when a little girl came up to (Saginaw Chippewa) Tribal Police Officer (Nathaniel) Blanton with her arms wide open, wanting a hug.”

Gimiwan Traver, Wabigwan Shawnoo, Kenisynn Shaw, Josh Wemigwans, Kenneth Wemigwans and Riana Chippewa were lucky door prize winners of brand new bicycles.

Blanton assisted with the



Gimi Traver takes a ride on her new bike. The bike was one of many given away as door prizes.

bike presentation and gave away two bike helmets to Sienna Otterrobe and Ilyana Flores.

### Andahwod Craft Fair

**Oct. 14, 2017**

**10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** | Andahwod  
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### OCTOBER 2017 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| <p><b>1</b> Caroline Trevino, Joanne Butzin, Ross Francis, Sandra Johnson, Lou Martinez</p> <p><b>2</b> Beatrice Seger, Oren Brown, Valerie Quinn</p> <p><b>3</b> Trudy Ralston, Mark Rueckert, Sandra Compau, Aaron Camburn, Lavern Pelcher</p> <p><b>4</b> Gonzalo Alaniz Jr.</p> <p><b>5</b> Elsie Sanders, Joyce Moore, Sandra Chappel, Claire Dunnigan, Cheryl McKee</p> <p><b>6</b> Alexis Pelcher, James Smith Sr., Susan Byrne, Helen Huyser, Nonda Lynn, Daniel Sawmick, Kathleen Yacks</p> <p><b>7</b> Kathleen Koenig, Rebecca Bratten, Colleen Sisco, Kelly Trombley</p> <p><b>8</b> Ellen Kellogg-Bachert, Ronald Pelcher</p> <p><b>9</b> Phyllis Brodie, Sharon Sasse</p> <p><b>10</b> David Perez Jr., Terri Rueckert, Roger Tebo</p> <p><b>11</b> Kenneth Lee, Dorothy Netmop, Jonie Abella, Samson Sawmick</p> <p><b>12</b> Kim Elliott, Barbara Krause, Tina Montoya, Richard VanVugt</p> <p><b>13</b> Phyllis O’Neal</p> <p><b>14</b> Daniel Bailey, Dennis Kequom, Roger Rusch, Carrie Farr, Lauren Lopez</p> <p><b>15</b> Christopher Bailey, Theodore Cantu, Dejey Elk, Theodore Stevens Jr.</p> <p><b>16</b> Charlene Chancellor, Marvin Davis</p> | <p><b>17</b> Lisa Bennett, Sarah Martin, Minnie Stevens, Jody Clark, Cynthia Dalton, Marjorie Dubay, George Francis, Mary Hobbs, Eva McDonald</p> <p><b>18</b> Terry Chamberlain, Robert Federico, Lindy Hunt, Kelley Stevens</p> <p><b>19</b> Gordon Hart, Blanche Kuhn, Paul Pego</p> <p><b>20</b> Gilbert Hendrickson Jr., Lawrence Sprague Sr., Linda Willard, Kevin Wray</p> <p><b>21</b> Judy Pamp, Krystal Pelcher, Gypsy Angiano, Spencer Kirby</p> <p><b>22</b> Robert Rodriguez Jr., Kimberly Stigger</p> <p><b>23</b> Scott Saboo, Jeffrey Smith, Rebecca Jackson, Ramona Walker, Dean Waynee</p> <p><b>24</b> David Brodie</p> <p><b>25</b> Sandra Rood, Philemon Sprague Jr., Tom Bailey, Connie Jackson</p> <p><b>26</b> Audrey Nelson, Mariann Pelcher-Wright, Ann Rubin</p> <p><b>27</b> Gonzalo Ramirez Jr., Frederick Stevens, Ruthie Pelcher</p> <p><b>28</b> Julia Hay, Jeanette Mandoka Carpenter, Michael Randall</p> <p><b>29</b> Kenneth Fallis, Donna Proper</p> <p><b>30</b> Colleen Chippewa, Dinah Griffus, Gloria Mulbrecht</p> <p><b>31</b> Brenda Champlin, Ronald Falcon, Stacey Fallis, Antonio Rodriguez, Joseph Snyder Jr.</p> |
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### October Andahwod Events

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| <b>Euchre</b><br>Mondays   6 p.m.                     | <b>Craft Fair</b><br>Oct. 14   10 a.m. - 4 p.m.           |
| <b>Language Bingo</b><br>Oct. 5   1 p.m.              | <b>Bingo with Friends</b><br>Oct. 18   1 p.m.             |
| <b>Elders Breakfast</b><br>Oct. 11 & 25   9 - 10 a.m. | <b>Fried Chicken Dinner</b><br>Oct. 20   4:30 - 6:30 p.m. |

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change. For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

### Andahwod CCC & ES August Employee of the Month



Pam Porter, LPN

### Attention all cooks!

- ★ Are you always asked to bring your salad to the family cookout?
- ★ Are your cookies gone immediately at functions?
- ★ Does your chili sell out at fundraisers?
- ★ What is your favorite recipe to make?

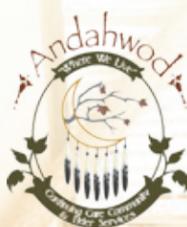
Here is your chance to showcase the recipe that everyone is always asking you to make or you just enjoy cooking and eating!

Elder Services is asking community members/employees to lend us recipes for a cookbook we are creating. This cookbook will also be sold as a fundraiser for elder activities and events. Sorry, no royalties for your recipes, just bragging rights!

Please help us create the SCIT Community Cookbook! Elder Services will have a drawing only for those who submit a recipe. Also a drawing will be held to name the cookbook.

To submit recipes, photos and cookbook name suggestions, please contact:

**Sheligh Jackson** • Phone: 989.775.4307  
Assistant Elders' Advocate • Email: shjackson@sagchip.org





## OCTOBER 2017 EVENT PLANNER

### Native Farmers Market

Oct. 3 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
• Location: Native Farmers Market Pavilion

### Auricular Acupuncture Training

Oct. 3-5 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989.775.4887

### SCTC Business Workshops: Lunch & Learn

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 | Noon - 1 p.m.  
• Location: SCTC East Building, Room 6  
• Registration required: 989.775.4123  
• Topics covered: Start up expenses and capitalization, financial history and analysis, financial plan and the executive summary

### Families Against Narcotics Support Group

Oct. 5 | 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
• Location: Tribal Operations Seniors Room  
• Contact: 989.775.4880

### Fall Feast

Oct. 5 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
• Location: 7th Generation  
• Contact: 989.775.4780

### Donnie Dowd: Traditional Healer

Oct. 5 | 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 6 | 1 - 3 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Call for an appointment: 989.775.4850

### Traditional Sweat Lodge

Oct. 6 | Teachings and fire lighting at 5 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989.775.4879

### Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

Oct. 6, 18 | 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
• Location: Saganing Tribal Center  
• Contact: 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5810

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989.775.4895

### Run on the Rez

Oct. 7 | 5K starts at 10 a.m., registration: 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
• Location: Tribal Operation Parking Lot  
• Contact: 989.775.4696  
• Kids 30-meter dash starts at 9:30 a.m.  
• Fee: \$15 post-marked by Oct. 4, \$35 family rate  
• \$20 post marked after Oct. 4, \$40 family rate  
• [www.sachip.org/fitness/rezrun.htm](http://www.sachip.org/fitness/rezrun.htm)  
• First 200 participants who finish will receive a medal

### Foster Care Mandatory Training

Oct. 10, Nov. 14 | 12 - 5 p.m.  
• Location: Housing Conference Room  
• For ACFS licensed foster homes

### Feather Link Tea and Luncheon

Oct. 10 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
• Location: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  
• Celebrating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### 2017 Employee Wellness Fair

Oct. 16 | 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
• Location: SECR Entertainment Hall  
• Contact: 989.775.5624

Oct. 17 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• Location: Saganing Tribal Center  
• Featuring: Start of open enrollment, benefits education, raffle drawings and giveaways, health education, limited flu shots, food and fitness demos

### Two-Spirit Talking Circle

Oct. 11 | 7 p.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health Lodge  
• Contact: 989.775.4880  
• Open to the LGBTQ community and allies  
• Celebrate National Coming Out Day

### Saganing Talking Circle

Oct. 18 | 5:30 - 6 p.m.  
• Location: Saganing Tribal Center  
• Contact: 989.775.4879

### Families Against Narcotics Monthly Forum

Oct. 19 | 7 - 9 p.m.  
• Location: Ziibiwing  
• Contact: 989.775.4880

### Paint the Rez Purple

Oct. 21 | 11 a.m.  
• Location: Behavioral Health  
• Contact: 989.775.4400  
• 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness walk/run  
• Free event T-shirts, water bottles and sunglasses will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.  
• For people of all ages, fitness levels and backgrounds

### Emergency Planning Community Event

Oct. 21 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
• Location: Seventh Generation  
• Contact: 989.775.4621

### Halloween Haunt on the Hill

Oct. 28 | Costume contest: 4 p.m.  
• Trunk or Treat: 6:20 p.m., registration begins at 5 p.m.  
• Fear Factor: 7:45 p.m.  
• Location: Powwow Campgrounds  
• Contact: [recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:recreation@sagchip.org)

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | OCTOBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
2 Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.	3 Ogitedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.	4 Traditional Teachings Saganing   11 a.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.	5 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. FAN Support Group Seniors Room   7 - 9 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.	6 Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	7 Run on the Rez Tribal Ops   10 a.m. 1/8 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
9 Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.	10 Feather Link Tea SECR   11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.	11 Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. Elders Breakfast & Flu Shots Andahwod   9 - 10 a.m. Youth Council Meeting 5 p.m. Lunch Bunch ALRD   12 - 1 p.m.	12 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Asset Building Management Housing   Noon - 1 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m.	13 Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	14 Craft Fair Andahwod   10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 15 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
16 Tribal Observer Deadline   5 p.m. Drop-in Group B. Health   5 - 7 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 6:30 p.m.	17 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.	18 Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 - 9 p.m. K-12 Family Night TBD   5 - 8 p.m. Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m. Smudge Box Workshop 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m.	19 Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health   7 - 9 p.m. Asset Building Management Housing   5:30-6:30 p.m. FAN Forum Ziibiwing 7 - 9 p.m.	20 Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Fried Chicken Dinner Andahwod   4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	21 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m. 22 New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 - 6 p.m.
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30 Drop-in Group B. Health   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 - 7 p.m.	31 Substance Abuse Meeting B. Health Lodge   5 - 7 p.m. Elders Halloween Party Andahwod   3 - 4:30 p.m. Anishinaabemowin Learning ALRD   6 - 7 p.m.			 <p>Check out the Tribal Observer <b>ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul> <p><small>Curbside collection will be delayed one day for the holiday.</small></p>



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, Email: [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org), visit our office in Tribal Operations or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less, and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Clerical Pool

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

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills including 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 or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan

##### Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associate degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

##### Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; 0-5 years experience as a practicing attorney; familiarity with federal Indian law preferred; excellent research, writing and oral skills; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have high academic achievement and strong references.

##### Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Open to the public. Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs and projects. Knowledge and certification in native language instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishinabemowin-related experience. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin. Person must possess experience developing new programs through research to successful implementation. Person must demonstrate effective public speaking skills and ability to teach the Anishinabe language. Applicant must possess research, technical and practical organizational skills as it relates to data, facts and retrieval systems of information.

##### Economic Development Analyst

Open to the public. Must possess economic development analytical work experience with personal time management accountability. Must have a demonstrated track record of

professional success in a demanding, professional office setting. Minimum bachelor's degree in business or related field required, with two years of economic development.

##### Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition and five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A bachelor's degree in education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred.

##### Dietary Cook Aide

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. Previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere with quantity and quality food preparation required. Service in a group residential atmosphere preferred.

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### LPN-Assisted Living PT

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long term-care experience preferred. Must consent to a criminal background check.

##### Operator Lab Tech #2

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining mechanical equipment and be skilled in the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical, lab and electrical equipment. Must have working knowledge of mechanical and building trades. Requires a minimum of one-year experience in the wastewater field.

##### Cook

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent and previous experience with quantity food preparation and service. Must pass a criminal background investigation.

##### Victims of Crime Advocate

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree or greater in counselling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement, criminal justice or law. Experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, social work, substance abuse, law enforcement or family counseling desirable for successful applicant. Applicant must demonstrate sensitivity to Native American cultures and traditions.

##### Dispatcher/Corrections

Open to the public. High school graduate or equivalent. Prefer advanced course work in correctional administration. Prefer some experience related to law enforcement or corrections. Successful completion of Michigan Law Enforcement Office Training (MLEOTC) corrections course and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs Corrections Course.

##### Firefighter

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older and be physically capable of performing all required duties of a firefighter. Must be willing to take pre-employment firefighter assessment tests. All firefighters are required to have and maintain any educational or license that may be required by the fire department, i.e. state approved firefighter Level I and II training, medical first responder or any EMT level licenser and high school graduation or equivalent.

##### 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 at least a cumulative 2.5 GPA. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process. Must successfully pass a fingerprint/background check.

##### Victim Services Support Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma with two years of directly related experience. Associates degree preferred. Must have basic knowledge of crisis intervention and domestic violence. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and ability to obtain and maintain Tribal Driver's License. Must have an interest to increase knowledge in the domestic violence field.

##### Residential Treatment Coordinator

A minimum of a bachelor's level in social work, business administration or a human services-related field. Master's preferred with limited or full licensure. Minimum of four years of combined school and demonstrated substance abuse field experience, preferably within a residential setting. Working knowledge and understanding of substance abuse and co-occurring disorders and treatment strongly preferred. Must have a CAADC or develop and register a training plan to work toward certification upon being hired. Must maintain any educational needs such as Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) for state license and ongoing CARF accreditation requirement. Professionals with experience.

### SECR

##### Guest Relations Representative PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have good customer relation's skills and possess strong communication skills.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Tribal Members only. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license and Industrial Truck Operator Permit.

##### Guest Room Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Guest Room Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Requires three months housekeeping experience.

##### Concierge PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have minimum of one-year experience in front office operations and three years of customer service experience.

##### Waitstaff PT

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

##### Waitstaff PT

##### Casino Beverage

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

##### Laundry Attendant PT

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

##### Laundry Attendant FT

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

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture upholstery and carpet.

##### Key Booth Attendant PT

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

##### Host/Hostess PT

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

##### Server Assistant PT

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

##### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Applicants must pay a \$400 training fee. This fee can be payroll deducted at \$50 per week. (Fee

waived for SCIT Members only.)

##### Carpet/Tilewood Tech

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have three to five years experience. Must have knowledge of installing, repairing and maintaining various floor coverings, adhesives and blueprints.

##### Line Cook FT

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

##### Central Plant Supervisor

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. At least five years of experience or related experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment. Basic knowledge of PC computers, preventative maintenance (PM) programs, work order systems and energy management systems is required. Strong organizational and supervisory skills with experience in supervising skilled and technical trades personnel is preferred.

##### Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Total of 600 total hours required for certification.

##### Sous Chef

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

##### Guestroom FF&E Tech

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Technical school training is highly desirable. One to three years work experience. Must be able to follow written and verbal work instructions. Must have strong mechanical background in basic plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills.

##### Line Server PT

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

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##### Aerie Line Cook PT

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

##### Security Officer PT

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

##### Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties.

##### Players Club Guest Service Rep PT

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

##### Players Club Guest Service Rep FT

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

##### Casino Ambassador PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Six months or more of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment.

##### Transit Driver FT

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.

##### 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 CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffeur's License.

##### Food & Beverage Attendant PT

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

##### Support Services Tech I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or a four-year IT-related degree.

##### Police Officer FT

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR NORMAN JOAQUIN CYR:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case no. 16-JCW-0429 IN THE MATTER OF MINOR CHILDREN: To Norman Joaquin Cyr: You are hereby summoned, cited and required to appear before the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in the above named case. Failure to appear on the date and time set may result in a default judgment, contempt of court or a warrant for your arrest. You must notify the court in advance if you are unable to be present. Your appearance is required for the following reason, PETITION FOR TERMINATION: The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A petition for termination will be conducted by the court on **Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017 @ 10:30 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI, before the Honorable Patrick M. Shannon. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Norman Joaquin Cyr appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights.



## Ziibwing provides opportunity to celebrate the monarch butterfly

**NIKI HENRY**

Photographer Journalist

Butterflies fluttered throughout the Ziibwing Center on Saturday, Sept. 16 during its 2017 Monarch Butterfly Celebration. The event attracted insect enthusiasts of all ages with activities to keep guests busy and entertained.

Attendees could make buttons, win door prizes, create butterflies out of a variety of materials, decorate butterfly cookies, sign up for 4-H and learn about wildflowers, butterfly life cycles and migration patterns.

Highlights of the event included the release of monarchs into the wild and a fancy dance demonstration.

Shailla Sentes and Makayla Stevens began the demo by sharing tribal stories of the butterfly; they were then joined by Jorid Green, Jade Green and Summer Rain Lalonde in a traditional shawl dance.

Event participants were encouraged to join in the second dance.

The dance demonstration ended with a hoop dance performed by Jorid and Jade Green, members of All Nation Dancers.

Observer photos by Niki Henry

