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City of Mount Pleasant and SCIT declare Monday, Oct. 13, 2014 Indigenous People's Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

While many United States citizens observed the federal holiday of Columbus Day, the city of Mount Pleasant, Mich. and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan recognized Indigenous People's Day on Monday, Oct. 13.

In September, SCIT followed the Seattle and Minneapolis idea and passed a resolution to declare the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day.

The Tribe urged the City of Mount Pleasant to follow suit, and it was proclaimed October 13, 2014 as Indigenous People's Day.

Tribal Council passed Resolution 14-152 which states SCIT officially recognizes Indigenous People's Day and "urges the City of Mount Pleasant to officially recognize it as well, along with celebrating the thriving culture

of Indigenous peoples and to encourage other businesses, organizations and public entities and support celebration among the broader community."

In the chambers at the 7 p.m. City Commissioner meeting, located at 320 West Broadway in Mount Pleasant, Tribal drummers performed an Honor Song and Mount Pleasant Mayor Sharon Tilmann read a proclamation to Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call in support of the celebration.

"I can't tell you how moved and excited I am that you are here with us tonight," Tilmann said to the Tribal community members in attendance. "Some of these demonstrations of how we work together are very moving and I think they've been a long time coming... We have different cultures and I will strive to remind people that we are all in the community together and we need to work together, respect each other, honor each other and move forward."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Mount Pleasant Mayor Sharon Tilmann presents the Indigenous People's Day proclamation to SCIT Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call.

Resolution 14-152 also states, "Indigenous People's Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Saginaw Chippewa and other Indigenous peoples add to our city and community."

"I thank you very much for this recognition for Indigenous

people not only here, but all over the United States," Kahgegab Call said after Tilmann read the proclamation. Columbus Day has been a federally-recognized holiday since 1937.

"I am proud of my Tribe for taking a stand to acknowledge and recognize a day for Indigenous people," Tribal Chief Steven Pego said.

Tribal Council supports Youth LEAD Diversion Truancy Initiative

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council narrowly approved a Youth LEAD Truancy Initiative supported by Tribal Court, Anishnaabeg Child Family Services (ACFS), SCIT Behavioral Health and Tribal Police during their regular Wednesday work session on Oct. 15.

The initiative was passed by a Tribal Council quorum with two voting for, two against and two abstaining where Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call broke the tie in favor of the multi-departmental effort.

"The Youth LEAD Diversion department worked hard on this and we believe this will help students and families in a positive way," Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford said. "Our vision statement is to engage community youth ages 0-24 to become educated, healthy, successful leaders and active members of society. We do this through mentoring, support, and life skill development based on Anishinabe cultural values and healthy balance."

Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez previously worked with the Tribal Court as magistrate and has seen the need for a truancy initiative through her experience.

"Studies have shown that students who are truant are more likely to engage in substance abuse," Gonzalez said. "Substance abuse and alcoholism have plagued our community for too many years. We need to start with prevention early on to change our circumstances, this policy will help to achieve that by giving us a chance to help people before it's too late."

Youth LEAD Diversion Support Coach Kevin Ricketts welcomes the opportunity Tribal Council has given and will look forward to its implementation.

"A truancy initiative is a key component to help balance a community," Ricketts said. "With the busy schedules of parents these days, a good truancy program will assist them in establishing a good working relationship with the schools. Every truant issue is different, and most situations can be solved with a little collaboration. Most importantly,

The Saginaw Chippewa Truancy Initiative Program is a working program to assist our youth and families in education."

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Truancy Initiative

On a national level, lack of school attendance is a growing problem. A child without an education is put into a group that will most likely struggle in today's society. The attendance and the participation of children in a school set the foundation for their future. School is a setting to develop not only academic skills, but also social skills, positive peer relationships and athletic achievements.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wants to set some meaningful sanctions, and incentives, that will allow our children that are missing school more of an opportunity to be present. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Youth LEAD, Tribal Court, ACFS, Behavioral Health, Tribal Police, and local school officials in Isabella County, have collaborated to strengthen our commitment to the education of our children.

1. After five Unexcused Absences: Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD youth achievement advisors or local school administrator, where youth achievement advisors are not present, will send a referral to the Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD Diversion team. A phone call will be made by the Diversion team to notify the parents/guardians and to offer any assistance, or direction to help with the student's attendance. In addition to the phone call, a resource packet will be delivered to the parents. The resource packet will include: a letter outlining the truancy policy, the importance of school attendance and potential consequences, and information regarding resources that are available to help families. The Youth LEAD Diversion team will follow up with the youth achievement advisor or local school administrator on the current status of the student.

2. After eight Unexcused Absences: Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD youth achievement advisors or local school administrator, where youth achievement



Silas "Hosh" Jackson

Jan. 26, 1940 - Sept. 30, 2014

Silas "Hosh" Jackson, 74, of Muskegon, Mich. passed away Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014 at the Sanctuary at the Park Nursing Home in Muskegon. Silas was born Jan. 26, 1940 in Roberts Landing, Mich., the son of Albert and Melvina (Peters) Jackson. Hosh lived in Mount Pleasant, Mich. before moving to Grand Rapids, Mich. for many years and then moving to Muskegon.



Hosh was employed as a machine operator for various companies in the Grand Rapids area. He enjoyed going to the park for walks, loved western movies and enjoyed Elvis, Hank Williams and Batman.

Survivors include his nieces and nephews: Rosemary Storrs, Marilyn Sanders, Dan VanVugt, Marjorie Vasquez, Louise Hunt, Lindy Hunt, Cindy Quigno, Susan Bettistea, Duane Pelcher and LaVern and Ruth Pelcher. Also surviving are many great nieces and nephews. Hosh was preceded in death by both parents, two brothers Amos and John Jackson and a sister Elsie Storrs.

Funeral services for Silas were held Friday, Oct. 3, 2014 from the Chippewa Indian United Methodist Church with Rev. Owen White Pigeon officiating. Interment took place in Woodland Cemetery near Rosebush following the funeral service. The family gathered with friends Oct. 2 from 6-9 p.m. at the church. A Prayer Service was held at 7 p.m.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the church or through www.rowleyfuneralhome.com. 'Honoring Traditions, Respecting Change'

Rebecca Rose Oller

June 7, 1957 - Oct. 4, 2014

Oller, Rebecca Rose, of Mt. Pleasant and Flint Township, age 57, died Saturday, October 4, 2014. Rebecca was born in Flint, June 7, 1957.



Surviving are: 7 children, Judy (Oller) Youmans, Gregory Miller, Rodney Miller, Lloyd A. Whitt, Heather (Whitt) Barnes, Joshua Whitt, and Victor Whitt; many grandchildren, sisters, Barbara Fridline, and Jean Ross; nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her son Nathan, her parents Gene and Rose Oller, her brothers, Kevin, Darrell, and Reginald, and her sister, Theresa (Oller) Griswold.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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The winner will be chosen on Dec. 16, by the Health Board and Clinic Directors.

Winner will receive one night's stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

To submit a logo please contact:

Karmen Fox: 989.775.4631, kafox@sagchip.org
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Public Notice

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

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

MEN STEPPING UP

Nov. 22, 2014
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

As iron sharpens iron, so can men sharpen one another.

Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
7070 East Broadway, Mount Pleasant

Calling on all men that seek identity, and want to make a positive difference in their home and community.

A lunch will be provided at noon

www.mensteppingup.com

For more information, please contact: Kevin "Coach" Ricketts at 989.944.0495 or Mark Vasquez Jr. at 989.854.9690

Reminder

As of Oct. 2, 2013, the Accounting Department with the Directive of Tribal Council and the Legal Department requires that any Tribal Member that is subject of a disenrollment proceedings at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Tribal Community Court or Tribal Appellate Court be denied availability of Tribal Member Loans.

Community Rx Drug Drop-off

Drop off your unused and expired prescription drugs.

Friday, Nov. 14, 2014
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Cardinal Pharmacy
2410 S. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Drawing for prizes will be held for those who drop-off prescription drugs.

Logos for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police, Cardinal Pharmacy, Youth LEAD, and TEM recovery network.

For more information, please contact: Kevin Ricketts at 989.775.4530

Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

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

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
Dispatch: 989-775-4700
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Veterans Breakfast

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2014
9 a.m. at Andahwod's Elders Breakfast

Free for all SCIT Veterans and Elders.
All other guests: \$3.50

Photos Needed

Ziibiwing Center Curator William Johnson will present a special veteran-related display. We are asking that the Tribal community (including employees) send in pictures of their loved ones who are veterans or currently in the armed forces for us to post.

Please include their picture, name, where they are from, years of service, branch, rank, when and where they served if deployed.

- Photos can be mailed to: 2910 S. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- Emailed to: TGreen@sagchip.org
- Or dropped off at the Andahwod front desk

For more information, please contact:
Tomarrah Green or Elisa Schleder at 989-775-4302

Active Native Youth

Send in a photo of your student to be placed in the December 2014 Tribal Observer.

Deadline: Nov. 14, 2014

Email your photo and informaton to:
TribalObserver@sagchip.org Subject: Native Athletes

Please include the following:

- Name •School
- Grade •Sport/Activity

Attention Families of Active Service Members

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

Deadline: Nov. 14, 2014

ATTENTION HUNTERS Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to TribalObserver@sagchip.org to display your buck on the January 2015 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: Dec. 12, 2014



Reject hijacking of Michigan's constitution by voting NO on Proposals 1 and 2

WAYNE PACELLE

President and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States

(Editor's note: The following article was printed on MLive Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. The article is written by Wayne Pacelle, president and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council remains opposed to any effort of hunting wolves and offers the following article to inform the public on upcoming Nov. 4 ballot initiatives.)

Nobody likes to be told what to do. Nobody likes to be scolded for what they have done.

But sometimes there is no alternative.

This autumn, the people of Michigan owe Lansing's political bosses a serious dressing down.

Gentlemen and ladies of the Legislature, go to the woodshed, please. And lobbyists, get out of the way.

I'm speaking of wolves. I'm speaking about the political favor-seekers who kowtow to the trophy-hunter lobbyists. But what I'm really talking about is respect for the people of Michigan.

It's an ideal worth defending.

It doesn't take a lawyer to understand Section 9 of the state constitution: The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve or reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum.

Let me underscore the word referendum. That's when voters take it upon themselves to bring a law passed by politicians to a statewide vote. And when politicians overstep public will, the vote is NO and the law is repealed.

The Legislature started the showdown this election cycle by passing a law allowing the trophy hunting of wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula – where only 650 or so of the animals remain after being driven to the brink of extinction. A broad coalition of Michigan voters objected – from Indian tribes in the UP to business leaders and wildlife scientists to animal welfare advocates. They gathered the requisite signatures to order a referendum on the law.

This appears on the November ballot at Question 1. A NO vote favors wolf protection and protects the rights of citizens from an overreaching and power-hungry Legislature.

That's the way things are supposed to work.

But the special interests pushing wolf hunting had a different idea of how things work. They knew they couldn't win a campaign in favor of killing these rare animals just as

numbers start to recover.

So never mind giving voters a say. Legislators trumped up charges against the wolves and sidestepped the public and passed a second law with the same intent. This statute would have a politically appointed commission set a wolf-hunting season.

Rank-and-file Michigan voters responded again by exercising their constitutional responsibility. A petition drive gathered signatures to put this legislation action to referendum. It's on the ballot as Proposal 2.

A NO vote protects wolves and the constitutional process.

Matters didn't end there, though. The story gets worse, and I'll explain.

But first let me say that for this statewide election cycle, it is crucial that Michigan voters defend both the constitution and the survival of wolves by voting NO on Proposals 1 and 2 -- nullifying these narrow interest laws and restoring the state's long-standing ban on the trophy hunting of wolves not causing anyone any trouble. Anything less amounts to a coup d'état by trophy-hunting lobbyists and their apologists.

So how did things get worse?

Can you believe that with two referendum measures on the ballot, the Legislature passed a third law to get around voters and allow trophy hunters to shoot wolves?

It happened. Right here. With all the contempt for the public that we find appalling in authoritarian regimes abroad.

There wasn't time to gather signatures to put Proposal 3 on the ballot, and lawmakers threw in an appropriations provisions that made a third referendum legally questionable. That fight will occur down the road, in the courts – and in the looming shadow of November's election outcome. That's why it's so important that people reject the hijacking of Michigan's constitution by voting NO on Proposals 1 and 2.

Michigan has a venerable hunting tradition. The honest values that many hunters hold as their own are not honored by the dishonest antics of trophy-hunter lobbyists and compliant legislators.

Nobody's values are honored when supposed evidence of wolf threats to farm animals is revealed to be fabricated, as recently happened in the Upper Peninsula.

When you call someone a "straight shooter," you're praising their integrity not their marksmanship. And that's just what Michigan politicians, people and wolves need on Nov. 4 – a triumph of the straight shooter.

Truancy Initiative continued from front page

advisors are not present, will send a second referral to the Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD Diversion team. The Youth LEAD Diversion team will attempt to make face to face contact with the parents/guardians. A referral will also be sent to the Saginaw Chippewa prosecutor, who will send a warning letter to the home of the parents of the student, stating the potential criminal charges if the student's absences continue. At this time, a referral will be sent to ACFS for voluntary services. The Youth LEAD Diversion team will continue to follow up with the youth achievement advisor or local school administrator on the current status of the student.

3. After 10 Unexcused Absences: Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD youth achievement advisors or local school administrator, where youth achievement advisors are not present, will send a third referral to the Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD Diversion team. The Youth LEAD Diversion team will notify the Saginaw Chippewa prosecutor that the student did not comply with the attendance policy, and that

they have at least 10 unexcused days absent. The Youth LEAD Diversion team will request that a truancy petition be filed on the parents/guardians and will supply proof of the student's absences to the prosecutor. The prosecutor will review the information and make a charging decision. In addition, the Youth LEAD Diversion team will notify ACFS of the noncompliance.

4. Truancy Petition: Once the Saginaw Chippewa prosecutor has decided to issue a truancy petition, it will be sent to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court's Probation Department, with the understanding that it will be processed as soon as possible.

5. The Saginaw Chippewa Youth LEAD Diversion team may refer a truancy case to the prosecuting attorney before 10 absences if it feels there are other circumstances that are or could be relevant to the truancy.

Michigan Department of Education – Compulsory Attendance Law

A child who was age 11 on or after Dec. 1, 2009, or who was age 11 before that date and entered 6th grade in 2009, or later shall attend school from age 6 to 18. (This law applies to all children born after Nov. 30, 1998 or those who were born before but entered 6th grade in 2009 or later).

Please note: These are guidelines for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member youth, and first descendants in the Isabella County Jurisdiction. Ultimately, it will be up to the parties involved to assess all of the circumstances surrounding the student's truancy. Based on certain circumstances, a petition may be brought earlier or later than the recommended number of absences. *(Taken from original Truancy Policy approved by Tribal Council.)*



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Aaron & Jackie

Love from
Ma & Pa



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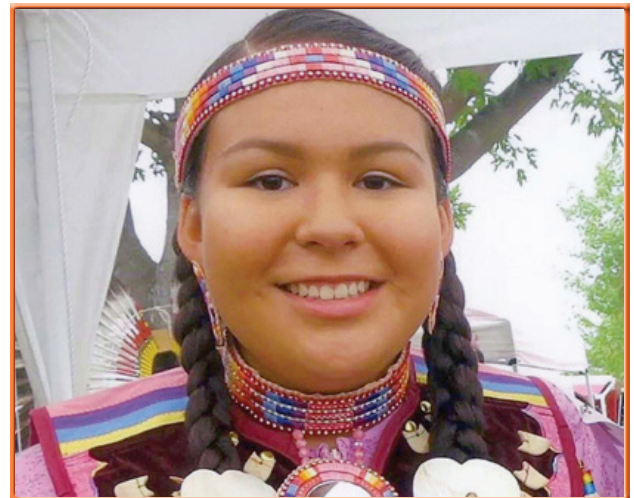
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Zaagidiwin!

November 4
We love you



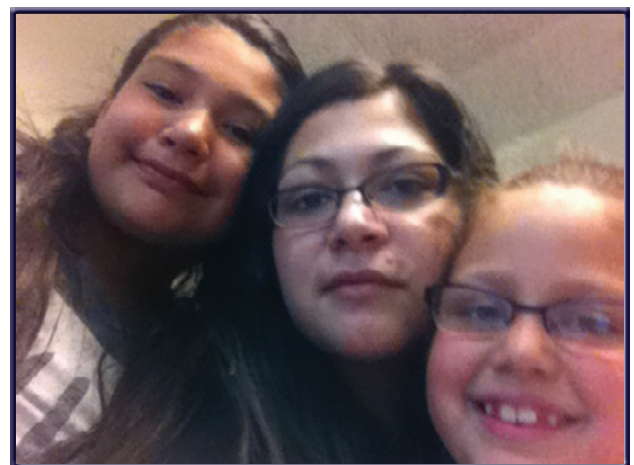
Happy Birthday!

Mom,
We love you



Happy Sweet 16 Birthday
Abbie

November 23 Love Dad & Mom



Happy Birthday
Nevaeh!

Love, Ma, Pup, Sheka, Sandy, Anna, Nakisha, Lids, JJ & Andreas

ATTENTION
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Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members

Meetings Will be Held
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Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175



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2014 Mount Pleasant Rocket Football



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Again this year, numerous Native American youth are participating in the Mount Pleasant Rocket Football program. The youth represent different levels from 8 to 14 years of age in tackle football. Many locals from the Anishinabe community come together to coach the rocket football athletes including

Hunter Genia, Kelly Chamberlain, Anthony Genia and Joseph Genia. It was not long ago Anthony and Joe graduated from Mount Pleasant High School and played football for the Mount Pleasant Oilers.

"We're very proud of our youth and we want to encourage them to stay active, healthy, and participate in positive activities," Hunter Genia said. "...We thank Kelly, Anthony and Joe for giving back to all of our youth in this way."

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.

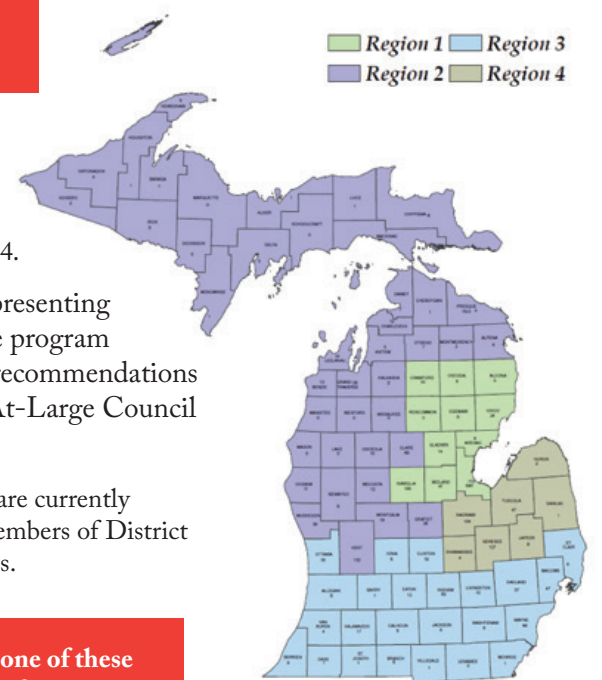
UPCOMING VACANCIES

At-Large Benefit Advisory Board

Vacancies will be posted for at least 30 days from Oct. 1, 2014. The areas of vacancy are for Region 2 and 4.

Goal: This role entails assessing and accurately representing the needs and concerns of constituents. Advise the program supervisor of those needs and concerns and make recommendations to develop solutions, act as a liaison between the At-Large Council Representative and the At-Large Membership.

These positions are only open to Tribal Members who are currently registered with the Tribal Clerks office as At-Large Members of District 3. These are volunteer positions and not a paid positions.



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

At-Large Program
7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Attention: BAB Board

If you have further questions, please call: the At-Large Program at 1-800-884-6271.

Tribal Observer

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7070 E. Broadway R.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

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Tribal Observer
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

DON SEAL

Planning Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, in conjunction with Indian Health Services (IHS) is seeking Tribal Members to inventory their Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Project.

Phase one is just an inventory, pumping and inspection of the POWTS systems and once all data is gathered, the repairs will be completed as a subsequent phase two, known as the POWTS Repair Project.

SCIT and IHS are encouraging Tribal Members to participate in the project as a benefit to the Tribal Member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal Member homes throughout the Isabella

Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella counties in Michigan.

Septic systems will be pumped and inspected at no expense to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. Homeowners must be willing to allow pumpers and inspectors on site for this work. This work will be scheduled with the homeowners.

Please contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:

Don Seal
 Planning Director/Community Engineer
 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI
 7070 E. Broadway Rd.
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Happy 26th Birthday

Tomarrah Green
 We love you! Best wishes,
 Mom, Dad, & family



Happy 8th Birthday

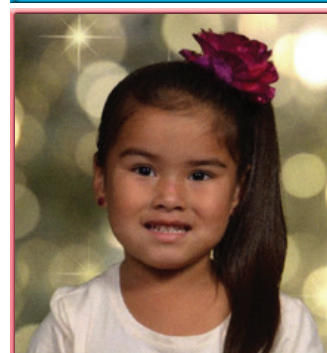
Nevaeh Badger!



Happy Birthday
 Nowgeeshig



Happy Birthday
 Jasmine!
 Love da Family



Happy Birthday
 to my beautiful daughter
 Nevaeh Rae
 Love Mommy



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Ziibiwing hosts Powwow Style Beadwork Workshop



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Photo courtesy of Glenna Genereaux

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

From Oct. 6-10, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways hosted the "Artist-in-Residence" Powwow Style Beadwork Workshop with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal artist Iliana Bennett.

The five-day workshop was held 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at \$35 per participant with all materials provided.

Born and raised in Mount Pleasant, Mich., Bennett comes from a family of artists. She began beading at 9 years old. She has been dancing All-Around, Fancy, Traditional and Jingle since she could walk.

Bennett is a member of the Miss Indian World Committee for the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, N.M.

Talented, completed beadwork pieces were on display during the workshop.

Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board.
 We are in need of one health board member.

- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.
- 2.) Must be 18 years of age.
- 3.) Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible).

Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval.

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
 2591 South Leaton Rd.
 Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

**Please include your phone number or a contact person. *When the letters are received at the end of the time period they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.*

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

— YOUTH COUNCIL — MALE ADVISOR VACANCY

Those that are interested in becoming a male advisor must be a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member or other Native American from the local community. Those interested will be required to submit letters of interest and pass a background check administered through the Tribe's Human Resources Department.

Advisors help facilitate meetings, offer guidance, assist the Youth Council Treasurer with transactions that involve funds, chaperone functions/activities and assist executive officers in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Letters of interest must be submitted by Nov. 31, 2014.

Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be a male advisor in your letter.

Letters may be sent to:

SCIT Youth Council 7070 E. Broadway Rd Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

For more information please email: YouthCouncil@sagchip.org



Migizi Employees “make a difference” for the CCN Diaper Drive

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Migizi EDC employees joined with thoughtful patrons and other community members to make a difference on Oct. 23 at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

SEWPH Associate General Manager Melinda Coffin mentions the diaper pantry was originally operated under the Red Cross and was glad to hear the Community Compassion Network, or CCN, chose to adopt this program and take on the responsibility of it.

“During the two days, we held the diaper drive here at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel we received 1,825 diapers and monetary donations totaling \$385,” Coffin said.

“We are always happy to help give back to the community and our guests were happy to be able to enjoy the waterpark for their generous donations. We will have similar opportunities coming up in the near future to help other charitable organizations in the community.”

Executive Director of CCN Faye Schaeffer informs CCN “Feeding Our Neighbors, Sharing Christ’s Love” began with mobile food trucks in 2005. It was started as a result of a woman observing a mother and her children dumpster diving for food in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

“CCN is currently serving the community through its twice-monthly mobile food pantries,” Schaeffer said. “More than 600 guests receive

supplemental food each time. Also, nutrition club bags are going home with between 500 and 600 Isabella County elementary school children twice monthly. Most recently, CCN has partnered with William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry. CCN is honored to be working with the Brockman Family and to continue this important gift to the community. This partnership allows CCN to reach across and even wider spectrum of guests.”

Schaeffer said the addition of the infant pantry will allow CCN to supply formula, baby food and diapers to families with young children less than two years of age.

CCN and the William Ellis Brockman Infant Pantry will kick off this partnership at the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SEWPH employees extend a helping hand to the Community Compassion Network with their Oct. 23 Diaper Drive. (Pictured left to right: Soaring Eagle Waterpark General Manager Bonnie Sprague, Promotions Assistant Cyaira Giordano, Faye Schaeffer, Promotions Assistant Alexis Armstrong, Bev and Hal Crawley and Associate General Manager Melinda Coffin.)

Oct. 25 Community Days and the First Presbyterian Church located at 1250 Watson St. in Mount Pleasant will be the permanent site of the Infant Pantry.

Regular hours will begin Nov. 4 and the Infant Pantry will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Supplies will be provided for children less than two years of age. For your first visit, please bring the infant’s birth certificate and your photo ID with your current address.

“None of this is possible without a large portion of our

community’s dedication to make a difference,” Schaeffer said. “Community Compassion Network is especially grateful to the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for the tremendous support including the many volunteer hands and financial support from their employees.”

Donations can be made online at ccnfeeds.org or mailed to Community Compassion Network, 1400 W Broomfield Rd., Mt Pleasant, MI 48858. One can also visit CCN on both Facebook.

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November 2014 At-Large Program Tribal member spotlight

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

If you are the type of person who enjoys history, sit down with someone older than you and listen to their stories. Their life experiences may surprise you. Many Elders have experienced things we can only read about in history books.

I recently had a home visit with Mary Zilz or "Monnie" (Indian for Mary), as her mother called her. Mary was born Mary Lenora Smith on June 18, 1915, and holds the honor of being the oldest living member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Mary said she came into this world as a bawling, eight pound, fat little girl with lots of black hair. She was born the second of five children of Jennie May Pelcher and Obadiah Burt Smith. She says she is the child of an Indian mother and a Caucasian father. She considers herself to be an American Indian and very proud of her Indian heritage, which she said she had to defend many times in the public schools. Her grandparents were Moses and Mariah Pelcher who lived on Beal City Road and her maternal grandparents were Obediah and Mary (Burke) Smith who lived in Gladwin, Mich.

Her father was a blacksmith by trade. During the summer months, he would take care of the farmers' horses in the area. In the winter, he would go to the Upper Peninsula to Trout Creek Lumber Camp to take care of the lumberman's horses. It was during this time that her family would go live with her grandparents.

President Ulysses S. Grant granted her grandparents 80 acres to homestead as part of the treaty made with the Chippewa Tribe of Michigan. There were a lot of stones on the property so they used them to build an eight room stone house. Mary said for that era it was very modern with a kitchen, pantry, dining room, parlor and four bedrooms on the second floor. She remembers the big wood furnace and carbon light tank in the basement, with built-in shelves and bins to store vegetables and canned goods for the winter. The carbon light tank provided lights for all the rooms in the house.

Mary's Grandpa Pelcher was a minister at the North Branch Indian Church until he retired in his '70s. He would preach in the Ojibwae language and English.

Mary has so many wonderful memories of growing up in a loving, Christian atmosphere. She said every morning, her family would gather in the parlor where her grandpa would play the piano as they sang a hymn; they would kneel and pray and then eat breakfast. Grandpa was also a very successful farmer. He was one of the first farmers to buy a Ford car which everyone called a "Tin Lizzie". She said it was always



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

Mary Zilz at her home in St. Johns, Mich.

exciting going for a ride on the old gravel roads at 20 miles per hour.

Grandpa raised cows and sold milk so every morning he would hitch up the horses, Napoleon and Ole John, to a stone boat and haul milk a half mile to Old 27 and return with empty cans to use the next day.

Mary's stories from her time on the farm are comical. She remembers one of her grandpa's hired men who chewed "Red Man" tobacco. One day he gave her and her brothers Gordon and Abraham a cud of tobacco to chew and taught them to spit. When harvest was done, Grandpa's job ended and their tobacco resource was gone. Since they had no more tobacco, they went to the store and charged it to her dad's account. Her dad didn't find out until he went to pay the bill, she said that ended their spitting contests.

Back in her early childhood, Mary said there seemed to be quite a few traveling salesmen. She said she remembers her mother buying most of her spices, condiments and brushes from them. Most of their old clothes were picked up by the rag man who came by about once every two months. When her and her siblings ripped their clothes while playing, her mother said, "Well, when the rag man comes, maybe I'll just let him take you along with the rags." Her and her brothers resorted to hiding from the rag man by sitting on the roof of the old shed.

Another one of Mary's past times was playing circus in the barn. She tied a rope around the sow's neck and rode her. Doing this resulted in a deep cut on her knee. Her aunt Lenora got out the iodine, a sewing needle and thread and sewed it back up. Mary didn't feel anything because the iodine numbed it.

Living back in a day when there were no drug stores at every corner, they had to use a lot of home remedies. She remembers the mustard plaster on the chest, or turpentine and lard was used for a bad cold. Onion with sugar in water heated on the stove was used for cough medicine, and vinegar and salt in water for a sore throat. Her dad always had a pint

of whiskey for medicinal use if they had a bad cold with a high fever. She remembers her mother using sassafras, and chewing on wood charcoal to keep their teeth white. She credits this for still having all of her own teeth at age 99.5.

At 10 years old, Mary's life changed. Her parents asked her and her brothers if they wanted to go to the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School in Mount Pleasant, Mich. Her mother and her mother's siblings attended and graduated 8th grade there. Mary thought it sounded like an adventure so she was enrolled with her brothers.

Abraham didn't like it so he returned home. Mary remembers the boarding school with a military atmosphere, with revile-to taps, uniforms, drill and marching to school. Everything was very scheduled; school, work and recreation. A whistle blast would wake them up at 6:30 a.m. and they would wash, comb their hair, dress, and make their beds before heading to the basement for roll call, after breakfast they had inspection of their rooms and beds. Mary learned to sew while there because they had to make their own uniform dresses and boys' shirts. If they disobeyed the rules, they were not allowed to attend the fun activities. At the boarding school, Mary was involved with basketball, softball, music and joined the band, playing the baritone. In 1930, she graduated from 9th grade as valedictorian. She said she believes those to be the good years for her as they shaped her attitude, habits, and outlook on life.

After leaving MIIBS, she entered Mount Pleasant High School which was a big change for her life. She was one of only three Indian students. She joined an athletic group called the Girls Athletic Association and joined the marching band. She said she was a good student because they lived in a depression time and she was determined to reach success in her lifetime.

During the great depression, times were hard. It was a time where people relied on each other and shared not only mutual hardships but mutual friendships. Today, she sees a lack of social intermingling and people have become more self-concerned with their own personal lives to care about others. She says that people need to have friends in time of affluence as well as time of need.

Mary graduated high school in 1933 and had a few odd jobs, including playing in an all-Indian band that traveled around the state. Others in the band included Bemus Pelcher, Nelson Kahgegab and Kenny and Louie Pontiac.

Her great uncle Scott Peters, agent executive with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, helped

her get a job in Battle Creek with the Postem Factory. While working there she met her future husband Robert Mullen and began a long-distance relationship. After Robert was hired at Oldsmobile in Lansing, Mich., he felt more financially secure and they married in 1936. They were blessed with three children; Robert Jr. (Bobby), Mary Ann and Nannette Jean. Crib death took Bobby just two months after his birth, but the birth of Mary Ann and Nannette removed the sadness of a lost son.

On April 7, 1952, she lost the love of her life when Robert died of a sudden heart attack. It was during this period Mary became a Christian, when her mother, who was dying of cancer, pointed out to her that she was neglecting her spiritual responsibility. Her mother said Mary would have to stand before God and answer why her children were never given the same opportunity to know God as she had been given.

Mary has been a Christian for more than 60 years now. Mary said that God, in His love and guidance, has helped her attain success. She said it is wonderful to know His love and mercy and to see Him work in her life, and to know that when she leaves this life, she will have a place in heaven which He has promised her and provided for her.

In 1955, she met and married Carl Zilz, got a cosmetology license, owned and operated three of her own salons, lived in Dewitt, Mich., Lansing, Mich., Houghton Lake, Mich. and Sebring, Fla. She lost her daughter Nannette in 1989 to breast cancer, and then lost her husband Carl in 1991 due to melanoma. She has sold real estate, stocks and bonds.

Mary has lived through major historical events; the Bath School Disaster of 1927, Charles Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Paris in 1927 and the explosion of the Hindenburg in 1937.

She was born in 1915, a year after World War I started, has lived through the Prohibition Era 1924, discovery of penicillin, Great Depression 1930, the Holocaust 1940, World War II 1939, Pearl Harbor 1941, Korean War, Vietnam War 1955, the first man in space 1961, Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech, the assassination of President Kennedy 1963, the Civil Rights Act 1964, American Indian Movement 1968, Wounded Knee 1973, collapse of the Berlin Wall

1989, Gulf War 1990, Oklahoma Bombing 1995, attack on the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001, and the first black president 2009.

Memories of tapping the maple syrup trees in the spring, her grandma and mom weaving baskets, harvest season when the thrashing machine would come to thrash the wheat and oats, and a one-room school house are still fresh in her mind like it was only yesterday. Mary says the best part is; that through the good times and bad times, the Lord was always there with her.

She is grateful for her close-knit family she has today. Mary said that her hope for the younger generation is that they would take advantage of the opportunities that they have in front of them. She said young people today do not even realize how lucky they are.

Mary is a very independent lady and still lives on her own to this day, in a duplex attached to her daughter's duplex in St. Johns, Mich. Her family has grown to 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 17 great-great grandchildren. She gets around very well and is such a beautiful lady full of poise and grace. Her hair is the most beautiful silvery/white which she keeps neatly pinned back with little bobby pins with tiny roses on them.

I feel so blessed to have met her and been able to sit down and share a couple of hours with her and her daughter Mary Ann. I could have sat and talked to her for hours.

I urge you to sit and talk to someone who can share their life stories with you. If your parents or grandparents are still alive, talk to them learn about their life and your family history, write it down or record it for future generations to learn from. You will not regret it.

Mary's daughter asked that I include her mailing address if anyone would like to send her a letter with any questions you may have for her or an early birthday wish. She said that she knows that her Mom would enjoy hearing from any of you and that her Mom is the type of person that will respond to letters she will respond back to any of your questions.

Mary Zilz,
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SELC recognized for donor milestone with Michigan Blood

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Michigan Blood – a nonprofit blood bank serving Michigan hospitals since 1955 – recognized Saganing Eagles Landing Casino for reaching a significant milestone.

Partnering since 2009, SELC has hosted nearly 30 blood drives with Michigan Blood at the Saganing Tribal Center on Worth Road in Standish, Mich.

Monday, Sept. 15, the Tribal Center hosted 194 potential donors. A total of 136 donations were made with two first-time donors.

Tribal Center employees hosted a luncheon during the blood drive and Sarah Restainer won the raffle for the large flat screen television.

According to Michigan Blood, more than 5,000 donations have been collected from the Standish, Mich. area residents to help save lives in Michigan hospitals with the assistance of donors across the community.

“This is an important partnership that impacts the lives of local patients in need,” Rachelle Treymann, manager of donor relations for Michigan Blood said in a press release. “We are



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SELC Manager Tony Federico (center) and Saganing Outreach Supervisor Don Nelson (far right) stand with SELC staff and Michigan Blood representatives as they are presented a certificate of thanks.

very thankful for the community support.”

SELC Manager Tony Federico, Saganing Outreach Supervisor Don Nelson and SELC staff members were present to collect a certificate of thanks for making the lifesaving difference to Michigan hospital patients.

“The partnership has been great and I feel that we’ll keep going strong for years to come,” Federico said. “It provides people with lifesaving measures and I’m glad that we are able to help out.”

Michigan Blood hosts more than 3,700 mobile blood drives per year, according to its website. Michigan Blood is the exclusive provider

for St. Mary’s of Michigan-Standish Hospital.

Other services include blood stem cell (marrow) program, Michigan’s first

public cord blood bank, transplant center support and transfusion medicine consultation. For more information, visit www.miblood.org.



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The Saganing Tribal Center was awarded for hosting 30 Michigan Blood drives and for Michigan Blood collecting a total of 5,000 pints from Standish, Mich. residents.

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2010 Chevy Impala LT
FWD, 64k Miles, Gas V6 3.5L, Cyber Gray Metallic. #EU081
66 mos/\$241/\$13,950



2010 Mercury Mariner
FWD, Auto, 101k Miles, Gas 14 2.5L, Gold Metallic #DT233A
66 mos/\$249/\$14,495



2012 Ford F-150 XLT
Crew Cab, 4WD, 24k Miles, Blue, Auto, Gas V8 5.0L. #EP035
72 mos/\$532/\$33,200

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4 Dr., 4x4, 3.5L V6, Auto, 1-Owner, 19k Miles, 3rd Row Seating.
\$33,950

2009 GMC Sierra 1500
Crew, 4x4, SLE, Z-71, 5.4L, Auto
\$12,960 #ET650A

2010 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4
Supercab, 4.6L, Auto, Fully Loaded, Trailer Tow Pkg., 42k Miles.
\$23,795

2011 Lincoln MKX 4 Door
6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, 57k Miles, Med. Blue Metallic, Fully Loaded.
\$23,388 #EP078A

2012 Ford Fusion SEL
4 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Moon Roof, Full Power, 1-Owner.
\$15,388 #EP071A

2013 Ford Escape SE
4 Dr., FWD, 1.6 Ecoboost, Only 9k Miles, 1-Owner, Power Lift Gate.
\$19,650

2007 Ford Expedition EL
Limited 4x4, V8, Auto, Leather, Trailer Tow Pkg., 1-Owner.
\$28,995 #EU182

2013 Lincoln MKZ
4 Door, Auto, Rear Camera, 23k Miles, Leather, Black Metallic.
\$28,995 #EP075

2009 Ford F-350
4x4, Lariat Diesel, Auto, Leather, Trailer Tow Pkg., Green Metallic.
\$34,995 #ET415A

2012 Ford F-350 XLT
Crew Cab, 4x4, V8, Auto, Full Power, 39k Miles, Trailer Tow Pkg.
\$29,388

2014 Jeep Patriot Sport
4x4, 4 Dr., 4 Cyl., Auto, Air, Cruise, Stereo CD, 27k Miles.
\$17,998

2012 Chevy Cruze LT
4 Dr., 4 Cyl., Auto, Air, Tilt, Power Locks & Windows, 58k Miles.
\$11,995

2010 Chevy Colorado
Extended, LT, 4x4, 5 Cyl., Auto, Air, Cruise, Tonneau Cover, 63k Miles, Gray Metallic
\$13,898

2010 Chevy Malibu LT
4 Cyl., Full power, Alloy Wheels, 45k Miles, Brown Metallic.
\$12,988

2013 Mustang
Convertible, Premium, 6 Cyl., Auto, Leather, Blue Metallic, 17k Miles.
\$22,850

As Is Vehicles

2005 Jeep Liberty 4x4
4 Cyl., Auto, Power, 113k Miles.
\$6,986 As Is!

2008 Chevy Uplander
4 Door, 6 Cyl., 3rd Row. #EU164A
\$7,480 As Is!

1998 Olds Bravada
4 Door, 4x4, 6 Cyl. #EC1976
\$2,495 As Is!

2001 Chevy Impala
4 Door, LS, 6 Cyl. #ET362B
\$2,376 As Is!

2006 Ford Freestyle
SEL, 4 Door, 6 Cyl., #ET252B
\$3,150 As Is!

2007 Chevy HHR
4 Door, 4 Cyl., Auto. #ET1271B
\$5,988 As Is!

2006 Ford F-150 XLT
Supercab, 4x4, V8, Trailer Tow Package, Dark Red. #EU122B
\$6,495 As Is!

1987 Champion Motor Home
V8, Auto, 77k Miles. #1742
\$3,495 As Is!

1997 International Van
V8, Great Work Van. #FT034Z
\$7,250 As Is!

2001 GMC Jimmy
4 Door, 6 Cyl., 4x2. #EP066A
\$2,750 As Is!

2001 Chevy Silverado
EXT, 4x4, Z-71, Auto, 4 Door, V8, Trailer Tow, Orange, Air. #EU108
\$3,850 As Is!

2004 Lincoln Aviator
4 Dr., 4x4, V8, 3rd Seat. #ET408A
\$5,375 As Is!



2011 Ford F-150 XLT
Extended Cab, 4WD, 63k Miles, Black, Auto, V8 3.7L. #EU131
72 mos/\$376/\$23,600



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Extended Cab, 4WD, 58k Miles, Auto, Gas V8 4.6L. #EU133
66 mos/\$389/\$22,600



2009 Chevy Silverado
1500 LT Extended Cab 4WD, Black, 96k Miles. #FT023B
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Cardinal Pharmacy makes business decision to sell beer and wine on Reservation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Through the support of a business decision made by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors, the product started coming in and the beer and wine sales were ready to go Friday, Oct. 10 as Cardinal Pharmacy offered more choices.

In June 2014, Tribal Council gave approval for Cardinal Pharmacy to move forward with the application process to acquire licenses from both the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the State of Michigan in order to service beer, wine and liquor sales. Cardinal Pharmacy has met the state requirements for beer and wine sales and was granted an off-premise license allowing them to sell packaged, unopened beer and wine to be consumed off site.

In order to receive the SCIT license, Tribal Council hosted a public hearing to allow the membership to come in and share their opinion and concerns about Cardinal Pharmacy's plan to introduce beer and wine sales. The public hearing notification was posted in the Mount Pleasant, Mich. Morning Sun newspaper. Of the several Tribal members that attended the hearing, no negative comments were received.

"Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors decisions to bring in these products will keep Cardinal Pharmacy competitive and only help to ensure the growth and success of not just Cardinal Pharmacy and the Migizi Economic Development Company, but also the Tribe as well," Interim CEO of Migizi EDC Lisa Darnell said. "This does not mean we support or condone the misuse of these products that leads

to substance abuse within the community. We will uphold the standards to which we sell these products by following all legal guidelines and requirements."

In addition to advertising the new products with roadside signage, a marketing strategy was launched and ads were placed on local radio stations and in newspapers. An electronic campaign accompanied the synergetic effort as well, focusing on social media postings and email communication.

Current Migizi leadership includes Darnell, Marketing Manager Frederick Kuhlman, Tribal Chief Steven Pego as chairperson, Tribal Council members Sandy Sprague and Shelly Bailey, Vice Chairperson David Charles, Melanie Burger and Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier as Board Members.

"The Migizi Board of Directors reviews these decisions carefully and similar to making the decision to sell alcohol with the business operations of SECR, we believe we can increase revenue that we are giving to other business interests on the Reservation that aren't tribally owned," Cloutier said. "We realize that other stores benefit from the traffic that comes in for gaming and entertainment... we want to capture that market share for the Tribal membership and to make all our Tribal business as profitable as they can be."

Kuhlman mentions Tribal Council and the Migizi Board of Directors remain supportive and continue to explore new ways to expand Migizi's business interests.

"Migizi EDC was designed for diversification," Kuhlman said. "We currently manage 11 subsidiaries with a focus on

profitability and financial security for our shareholders. As we continue to develop our efforts, we aim to provide Tribal members with employment opportunities, leadership development and succession planning. Migizi's goal in partnering with other proven business entities is to leverage the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's experience in various industries and invest its vast resources to develop joint business opportunities that present a win-win situation for all involved."

The mission of Migizi is to secure the economic well-being for the next seven SCIT generations while adhering to the highest ethical standards.

"As Tribal members, we have a responsibility to support our own development within our Tribal organizations," Cloutier said. "Our mission and vision statements reflect our commitment to strengthening our sovereign position within the market place while maintaining our culture. That dictates that we do what we can to support our business development while ensuring we have the services and benefits our Tribal government can provide. As a Tribal member, I am keenly aware of our challenges and those efforts made to meet those challenges. We can all work together to support our own healthy future while reaching for every opportunity for growth and development."

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates is aware of the new marketing effort to sell beer and wine at Cardinal and has had heard many responses to this effort to increase business, both positive and negative. Captain Cates mentions the Tribal Police Department is aware of the potential problems that may or may not come with these new sales.

"As long as laws are followed and sensible sales are made in good judgment, the Tribal Police will continue to support the decisions of the Tribal Council," Cates said. "We will be monitoring sales, as will other government agencies to ensure that

Cardinal stays in compliance with the alcohol sales laws. We will enforce the law should these laws be violated. Rest assured that the Tribal Police Department will be on the lookout for intoxicated drivers and other violators. If someone wants to drive while intoxicated, we will catch them, charge them and prosecute them. This does not just apply to driving offenses... any use of alcohol which causes a disturbance or problem; our officers will be ready to enforce the law."

As an SCIT member, Cates is also aware that the Tribe is looking at the sales as a revenue generator and he does recognize the complexity in Migizi's decision and potential effect of the community.

"We understand the community's concern and have deep empathy for them on this topic," he said. "The stigma of alcohol use by all Native Americans will continue to be an issue as it has been throughout history. We can only hope that people are responsible enough and strong enough to use their own judgment when using alcohol. This has become a widespread problem that has affected all walks of life. Although we are concerned with the potential abuse factors and continued stigma that comes from alcohol use, our main goal is to ensure that the law is obeyed. We cannot prevent alcohol sales, nor would we try to, as this would be a violation of our national constitution. All we can hope for is that if alcohol is used, it is used responsibly."

Tribal Police Officer Robert Forsyth has been patrolling the Saganing area ever since Saganing Sagamok gas station began selling alcohol in 2010.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier demonstrates that not all community members are pleased with the business decision made by Tribal Council and the Migizi EDC Board of Directors.

"In my experience as a road officer, I haven't seen any problems contributed by the selling of alcohol at that location," Officer Forsyth said. "We have a good working relationship with the security and surveillance employees at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and they have also been unaware of alcohol sales at that location causing problems for their business or patrons."

Cardinal Pharmacy offers an eclectic selection of craft beers from the recognizable Guinness and Samuel Adams to specialty microbrewery offerings from Founder's Brewing, Right Brain Brewery and the local Mountain Town Brewing. Wine connoisseurs will appreciate the fine selection from Michigan's own Chateau Grand Traverse, Leelanau Cellars, Robert Mondavi, Schmitt Sohne, Cavit and St. Julian Wine Company, for example.

Retail store hours for Cardinal Pharmacy are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12 a.m. Cardinal Pharmacy prescription hours are on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Cardinal Pharmacy is closed on Sunday.)

Our SCIT Youth Council Members speak out

"How can we declare war on drugs and alcohol then allow a store to sell alcohol? These actions have affected me." - Sydnee Kopke, president

"Frank's (Cloutier) actions on this situation are a good way to protest against the war on drugs and alcohol." - Milan Quigno-Grundahl, vice president

"I don't think Cardinal Pharmacy should have beer because it kills your liver, and if you're drunk while driving, you could crash and get injured or injure someone else." - Adrianna Letts, general representative

"I agree on what Frank is doing because we, as Youth Council, try to avoid people doing drugs and using alcohol, we can't really do that if it's sold on the Rez. We can't help people stay away from alcohol if it's now at Cardinal Pharmacy. People that abuse alcohol can go there every day and when they see beer they are going to want it more." - Carli Sprague, general representative

"This is not good because it would make it a little easier for younger people to get beer and wine. Having it next to the casino makes sense, but it is not a good idea for our community." - Ethan Hunt, general representative

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Tribal member Jim Cates sworn in as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain

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It's always nice to have Tribal members who come home and find employment in their field of expertise. On Oct. 6 in Tribal Council chambers, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal member Jim Cates was duly sworn in as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain by Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call.

In an Oct. 9 email message to all Tribal employees, Tribal Administrative Assistant III Michelle Colwell provided the following message: "Please join Tribal Administration in

welcoming Jim Cates to Tribal Ops. As of Monday (Oct. 6), Jim has come back to his Tribe to serve as the new police captain. Jim has a 13 year experience as a police officer and lives in Flint, Mich. with his wife and son. His belief is there are no stupid questions, comments, or concerns and welcomes all, but he's a hands-on type of guy and plans to be out in a patrol car as much as possible..."

"It is my honor to serve and let the public know that I have an open door for anyone who wants to come in to talk with me about any concerns, questions or any other issue they may have," Cates said. "If they even want to

stop in to say hi, my door will always be open. I want the public to know that I am accessible any time I am needed."

Captain Cates may be contacted at 989-775-4703 or at jcates@sagchip.org.

Captain Cates previously served with the Genesee County Sheriff Department and with the Argentine Township Police Department based outside Flint in Linden, Mich. He is a criminal justice student, working toward his degree at the University of Michigan-Flint with a minor in science and also holds three degrees from Mott Community College.

Cates is also a member of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society and proudly served in the U.S. Navy where he assisted the U.S. Marine Corps as a medic. Cates also has a LPN license and has served five years in the City of Flint as a paramedic.

He has seen firsthand, in a short period of time, there are many strengths present in the current SCTPD force.

"I see many eager Tribal police officers who want to do a good job for the community they protect and serve," Cates said. "I will be proud and honored to be their captain and listen to their ideas. As we continue to fight the war on crime in



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On Oct. 6, Tribal Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call administers the oath of office of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain to SCIT Tribal member Jim Cates in Council chambers.



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New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Benjamin Paul receives his swearing in from Sub-Chief Call as Police Captain Jim Cates (middle) looks on.

this community, I may be able to bring a different approach that we used during my years in Genesee County that will deter the criminal element that comes to prey on the families here."

Cates is a family man and pledged to protect the families of the community. His great-grandmother is Nancy Owl and his mother, the late Cathy Cates, taught him the value of family.

Cates has been married for 14 years to his wife Chris, who is a registered nurse. His son, James II, has his 13th

birthday on the day of the Nov. 8 AOVWS Veterans Feast.

He also has three step-children (Jay and William Stearns and Renee Kuhn) from his wife's previous marriage. Cates also mentions he and Chris have three wonderful grandchildren (Miles and Olivia Stearns and Hudson Kuhn).

New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Benjamin Paul also signed his oath of office and received his swearing in by Sub-Chief Lorna Call later that morning.

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Dear WW: Beards these days! I'm seeing a new guy and his beard is huge! He claims I will love it but I'm just not sure. Since we met, he has not cut it. (I do respect how much he loves his beard though and it may be the new "trend.") His face is so cute under all of that dang hair! How do I tell him, if you don't lose the beard after "No Shave November", you're going to lose me? He doesn't have to shave all of it, scruffy is good, but a four inch beard is hard to work with. **Hairy**

Dear Hairy: I hear you saying that he is only as good as he looks—right? At least that's the impression you give. You have no control over how he grooms his body and you have already made your feelings known. However, it has obviously falling on deaf ears. If you really can't get past the beard, then do what you have to do. After all, you are the one who has to look at it day after day. If you aren't attracted to someone with a beard, you aren't attracted. I also give him credit for allowing himself to be himself despite of complaints from a new girlfriend. Maybe he is deliberately doing it to see how far he can take it. I would suggest you try to look past it and realize that what's important is what comes from his heart and the words spoken under his beard. You could have a handsome devil with a rotten heart!

Dear WW: Our budget is extremely tight right now. We are saving for a new home and have restricted a lot in our lives in order to meet our goals in the next two years. I don't mind this as I know it's not forever and our future will be better because of it. What I have a problem with is my husband's family who seem to have no regards for it. We were recently invited out to dinner by his brother and when we declined, he offered to pay for the meal. The meal was at a big expensive restaurant so it meant a lot. However, when the bill came, there was no mention of him picking up the tab. Of course, we did not say anything and went ahead and paid it. I'm upset about the whole situation and don't know if I should mention it. **Chow**

Dear Chow: It would be tacky coming from an inlaw. If anything is said, it should be from your husband since it's his family. Obviously your financial situation is not taken seriously from his side of the family or they don't realize how important it is to you. This is a lesson learned that if you can't pay, don't rely on anyone else. I think food tastes better when it's bought with hard-earned money. It's a sweet deal to be treated too and maybe they just forgot. Let it go to keep the peace and your integrity!

Dear WW: Thanksgiving will be here soon and I dread the thought of another holiday with my inlaws! This will be my first time hosting it for his family. I am pulling out all the stops and will have my house spotless from top to bottom. I've been trying out recipes and even bought new dishes so they all match! The only thing I can't control will be how some people in his family hate each other. It's so different from my own and totally unheard of. What should I do if someone starts acting up? **Hostess with the Mostest**

Dear Hostess: What you do is make sure everyone is comfortable and pay the trouble makers the biggest compliments. They want to be recognized and have the hardest time living in their own skin so you want them to be comfortable. If something is said (good to anticipate it) step in to dish up dessert or quickly change the subject! Focusing on children is always a good deterrent especially babies. However, I really have a problem with a spotless house before hand. Time will teach you to do it afterwards!

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Nimkee's 19th annual Feather Link Tea recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For 19 years now, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center Women's Health/BCCCP has hosted a "pink" Feather Link Tea luncheon and celebration for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Saginaw Ballroom at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, cancer survivors, loved ones and participants honoring those affected filled the room for a day of recognition.

"This event brings cancer awareness to the community through a positive, non-formal event," Jenna Wilcox, BCCCP and women's health coordinator said. "With the positive feedback we have received, it reassures us that the community supports this event and has received the main purpose event message to have annual health screenings done throughout your lifetime."

Cancer survivors and guests were treated to a delicious luncheon, informed by a speaker and a silent auction was available with all funds going to Community Cancer Services.

Sandra L. Howell, MD, FACS, assistant professor of surgery the Central Michigan



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Guest speaker Sandra Howell, MD, FACS, works as assistant professor of surgery for the Central Michigan University College of Medicine.

University College of Medicine was the featured guest speaker.

After her presentation, she answered questions from the audience. When someone asked her how she felt about those who want to treat cancer naturally, she had a strong reaction.

"I would like to see more alternative therapy centers that are managed professionally and where good advice is handed out to people on a regular basis," Howell said. "... Most of the professionals will tell you to get plenty of rest, eat three well-balanced meals a day, exercise, pay attention to spiritual needs and hold well

to your family...we, as medical professionals, think that those things definitely help with the immune system; keeping it strong to begin with, and helping it stay stronger in treatment, but that is not our job."

"I think you will find more and more medical professionals being very respectful of whatever support people can get in that regards, but I will tell you this: My heart literally breaks in two when I have somebody tell me they are refusing established medical therapy and they are going to do it all natural," she said. "...I've had patients tell me that in my career and none of them have survived past two or three years with all natural, whatever that might entail."

Each year, the planning for this event begins in the spring. While Wilcox assists in the preparation, she said the event would not be possible without Judy Davis, BCCCP clerk.

"Judy has been working very hard every year to make this event a success," Wilcox said. "Without Judy's dedication, hard work and dear love for this event, it would not be as successful, as it has been going for 19 years strong... Last year, when (Judy) was not here, (Public Health Nurse/



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These eight strong women are survivors and have beat cancer!

Diabetic Grant Coordinator) Sandi (Chesebrough) and I took the event over and realized how hard this event is to plan. Judy does a wonderful job. Nimkee Public Health is a team, but every good team needs a good coach."

Davis stated each year, her favorite part is the silent auction because she loves seeing the donations received and how they positively affect the community and benefit Community Cancer Services.

"My favorite part of the event is seeing how the community has come together and positively support the event by coming each year and to all those who donate the wonderful silent auction items," Wilcox said.

Silent auction donations were provided by Wilcox, Suzanna

Cross, Saganing Center, Carol Norman, Aaron Murdock/Sagamok Shell Gas Station and the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Mary Spindler, Nimkee Women's Health, Barb Savage, Lisa Matthews and Janice Wilcox.

According to Nimkee Women's Health/BCCCP, risk factors for breast cancer include; being a woman—every woman is at risk, increasing age, family history of breast cancer, early onset of menstruation (before age 12), late menopause (after age 50), first child birth after age 30 or never having children, diet high in fats and low in fiber, use of alcoholic beverages, being overweight (more than 40% of ideal body weight) and not doing monthly self-breast exams.

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CMU's Oct. 18 Tradition's Day highlights SCIT partnership

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Maintaining the strong partnership, Central Michigan University teamed up with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan during its Oct. 18 Tradition's Day and home football game against the Ball State Cardinals.

During the family-friendly tailgate prior to the game, the Tribal community was welcomed to attend the pre-game festivities hosted by the Public Relations department and Youth LEAD Activities team.

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Judy Pamp (Waabanoqua) attended the festivities with her three sons Tobias, Gegek and Waasamoo, along with the two international students she is hosting this year; Andy Hongyuan Liu from China and Al Nutt Navyvichit from Thailand.

"I am very thankful to the PR department for the opportunity to enjoy the crisp, fall weather

with my family at my alma mater Central Michigan University (1998)," Waabanoqua said. "... As the mother of three teen boys, one of my responsibilities is to help my sons prepare for the next steps in life. Looking at colleges and beginning to think about careers is a big decision for our youth. The CMU football game gave my sons an opportunity to look at CMU's sport facility and to experience a real-life college football game... This was an opportunity for (Andy and Al) to experience an American football game..."

Made possible by Nick Williams, CMU associate athletic director for corporate sales/marketing, private tours of the athletic facilities were provided. Each tour ended on the empty football field, a great photo opportunity for many.

Waabanoqua mentioned how much her sons enjoyed the tour.

"They were not sure what to expect from the tour of the sports facility, but were amazed by all of the weight equipment and the training room," Waabanoqua said. "They looked on with awe as they stared at the trophies. They happily walked the tunnel to the ball field and then quickly acted like they were playing football. They enjoyed this so much, they took a second tour!"

From noon to 3 p.m., pizza from Little Caesars and submarine

sandwiches from Firehouse Subs were provided for any SCIT visitors in the tent in Lot 62W of the Southeast Campus near the Kelly/Shorts Stadium.

Between the children from the Nijjkewehn Mentoring Program and Tribal athletes, about 67 kids met on the football field to form the players' tunnel to cheer on and greet the football athletes before the kickoff.

Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier and PR Administrative Assistant II Erik Rodriguez were on site all day, helping direct each activity.

"The kids really enjoyed learning and seeing what it takes to make a football team," Rodriguez said. "... They understand that it is more than just showing up and playing the game. It takes hard work and dedication to succeed. That was really awesome to hear the kids share this perspective."

As Williams worked to keep the relationship between SCIT and CMU accurately portrayed, it was important to make the Tribe a focal point as part of the Tradition's Day theme. CMU brought out the Mi'no Ode Singers – Dan Jackson, Matthew "Cubby" Sprague, James Day, Steve Loonsfoot, Jason George and Juan "Littleman" Quintero – on the field before the beginning of the game to perform an Honor Song.

"I was filled with pride as our drummers opened the game with a beautiful Migizi/Eagle perched upon an arm of its trainer," Waabanoqua said.

Cloutier agreed. "Watching the crowd being moved by the drum and the sound resonating from it is truly something special to witness," Cloutier said. "To also have the Eagle next to the drum and have it open up and spread its wings during the song was amazing."

The drummers represented the Tribe in honor of the day of customs.

"I always like having a group of our drummers perform a song that showcases some of our tradition and culture," Rodriguez said. "The entire



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The Mi'no Ode Singers – Dan Jackson, Matthew "Cubby" Sprague, James Day, Steve Loonsfoot, Jason George and Juan "Littleman" Quintero performed an Honor Song before the game kicked off.



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Central Michigan University collegiate staff member, Dan McCreery, Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague, Skylar Phoenix Neyome, Tribal Councilman Chip Neyome, PR Director Frank Cloutier and PR Administrative Assistant II Erik Rodriguez are recognized during the second quarter for the SCIT/CMU partnership.



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Judy Pamp (Waabanoqua), her sons and her international sons line up for the players' tunnel to high five the football athletes.



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The eagle spread its wings during the first drum beat to the Mi'no Ode Singers' Honor Song.

stadium seemed moved and showed an undeniable amount of respect for the Saginaw Chippewa culture."

Cloutier, Rodriguez and Tribal Council members Chip Neyome and Sandy Sprague graced the field during the second quarter in the last media timeout in order for

CMU to highlight the Tribe and discuss its partnership with CMU.

"Tribal leadership remains committed to maintain the relationship between CMU and the Tribe," Cloutier said. "We appreciate them recognizing our culture and celebrating us as people, not a mascot."



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During the pre-game festivities, the Tribal community was welcome to take tours of the athletic facilities. The tours ended on the Kelly/Shorts Stadium CMU football field.

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Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan hosts domestic violence awareness events

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized each year in October and Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan, or NMN, Domestic Violence Services of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, hosted many events throughout the month to educate the community.

Thursday, Oct. 2 kicked off the awareness events with a self-defense class in the Tribal Gym taught by Community Liaison Officer and Crime Prevention Specialist Henry Reyna.

Reyna works in Saginaw Township and is trained in advanced security practices, providing training to local companies.

"It does not matter what race we are, violence is a learned behavior," Reyna said of racial prejudices.

Reyna taught the self-defense techniques and educated participants on how to stay protected.

"One in five women will be victims of rape," Reyna said according to national statistics.

According to Reyna, a potential victim needs to be walk confidently as predators look for someone appearing weak with lack of eye contact, poor posture and walking slow.

To stay protected, "keep your chin up, walk fast and give strangers the 'stink' eye," Reyna said.

It is suggested to know the environment, maintain focus on what you're doing, be observant, walk with authority and maintain eye contact with strangers.

Don't panic, don't freeze, but do yell, don't give up and do whatever it takes, Reyna said.

Wearing purple is associated with bringing awareness to domestic violence. NMN hosted the "Paint the Rez Purple 1.5 Mile Domestic Violence Walk/Run" on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m., beginning at Behavioral Health. Participants wore white at the starting line and finished plastered in purple as they ran through the multiple purple powder stations. Nimkee Fitness and the Youth LEAD departments also assisted in hosting this event.

Throughout October, local high school sports team athletes in Mount Pleasant, Shepherd and Beal City wore purple socks to signify their support to raise awareness to the issue of domestic and dating violence.

"This is the first time in area sports history that local teams will be wearing (purple socks)," former Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia said. "We, as coaches in the community, also have a great opportunity as a responsibility to share with our athletes what are healthy, acceptable values and norms in our society."

Sexual Assault Response Team Lead Brooke Huber also supported the decision to educate youth, as one in three adolescents in the U.S. are victims of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.



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SART Lead Brooke Huber explains how to follow the "In Her Shoes" cards to two participants.



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Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan staff members, along with Seventh Generation, hosted the Oct. 23 "In Her Shoes" domestic violence awareness event.



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LEAD Outreach Worker Debbie Peterson and Child Nurse Anna Hon host a stress management table, using kinetic sand at the Oct. 28 Empowerment Night.

"Only 33 percent of teens who were in a violent relationship ever told anyone about the abuse," Huber said. "It is time that we open the door for those victims to get the help they need. By raising awareness, we

take the power and control away from the batterer and put it in the hands of the community to say 'enough is enough.'"

NMN offered purple socks to everyone in the Tribal community, but specifically to men who



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Henry Reyna shows Health Educator Robyn Grinzing an effective self-defense technique with Domestic Violence Coordinator Amanda Dolan.



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Community Liaison Officer and Crime Prevention Specialist Henry Reyna demonstrates self-defense techniques on Behavioral Health Clinic Therapist Amy Kisel.



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Tribal Council shows their support of domestic violence awareness by sporting purple socks.

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would like to break down the stigma believing domestic violence is only a woman's issue. One in 55 men is a victim of domestic violence, according to national statistics.

"Men, as well as women, are victimized by domestic violence," Samantha Snyder, domestic violence support tech said. "Sexual abuse and rape create significant physical and psychological harm to male victims and sustain the cycle of violence. Men and boys are less likely to report the violence and seek services due to the following challenges: The stigma of being a male victim, the perceived failure to conform to the 'macho' stereotype, the fear of not being believed, the denial of victim status, as well as the lack of support from society, family members and friends."

Nearly 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually, Snyder said.

"Men who witnessed domestic violence as children are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children, compared to those who did not witness domestic violence," Snyder said.

The Oct. 15 Elder's Bingo at Andahwod turned purple for a domestic violence awareness session.

Seventh Generation collaborated with NMN Oct. 23 to host the "In Her Shoes Lunch & Learn" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The 'In Her Shoes' activity gives participants a sense of what it is like to walk in the shoes of a domestic violence victim," Huber said. "The simulation will help participants understand the ups and downs a battered



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Manicures were just one part of the many treatments available at the Empowerment Night.

woman experiences over the course of many years. The scenarios are based on true stories and focus on the specific barriers that battered women face when they are poor or become poor as a result of domestic violence. Lack of income and other resources is one of the most commonly given reasons that battered women stay with, or return to an abusive partner."

Each person attending received a victim character card that explained what she encountered when she turned to the various systems for help. One side of the card told the perspective of the victim, the other side told the story of the perpetrator.

There were 12 different stations including "friends and family," "money & necessities," "domestic violence program", "legal" and "funeral home." Each card followed the chronological events of the victim and what she went through during the abuse.

"We have six different characters and some have children, some do not," Huber said. "If they have a child, you will be given a doll. If at any point

a character has a children or decides to leave (the abuser), we will give you another doll or a bag to represent leaving."

Empowerment Night concluded the awareness events on Oct. 28. The Tribal Gym was filled with stations to honor and pamper domestic violence victims. Manicures, new haircuts and styles, massages, photo booths and make up application were available.

"The event focuses on encouraging our community and victims of domestic violence to see themselves in a positive way," Karen Bond, former domestic violence shelter employee said. "The event isn't only to publicize our services but also to reassure that other companies in our town positively support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking."

Domestic and dating violence are patterns of destructive behaviors used to gain power and control over an intimate partner or spouse. The severity of intimate partner violence is often greater in cases where the pattern of abuse was established in adolescence.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Mount Pleasant Oilers displayed purple socks and ribbons in support of domestic violence awareness during their Oct. 14 volleyball game.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Mount Pleasant High School varsity football team wore purple socks to bring awareness to the Oct. 10 game.

Genia encourages others to wear purple throughout October each year.

"Purple symbolizes domestic violence awareness month and I would like to support the following; values of respect, kindness, active listening, care, support, honor, love and humility," Genia said. "And to not support the following; physical, emotional, mental, financial, spiritual, sexual and

Elder abuse. Wear purple (in October) and help make a stand for healthy lifestyles, values and help create a healthy pathway for future generations, they are counting on us."

NMN also encouraged Tribal departments to "Paint the Rez Purple" for awareness. Tribal departments could decorate in purple and would be judged on "purplification," education and creativity.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Oct. 15 Elders Bingo revolved around a domestic violence awareness theme.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson and Administrative Assistant II Daisy Kotus follow a victim's journey at the "In Her Shoes" event.



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Much needed pampering and massages were available for domestic violence victims on Empowerment Night.

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Seventh Generation Program hosts annual Fall Feast

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Seventh Generation Program celebrated its annual Fall Feast with the community at the Elijah Elk Cultural Building on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

A bountiful spread fit for more than 100 community members and their families was prepared in a good way by the Seventh Generation staffers; Lacy Mandoka, Jamie Bennett, Lee Ruffino, Jose Gonzales, Ben Hinmon, Clinton Pelcher and Louise Hunt.

Odawa and Ojibwe Elder JD Gibson from Petoskey, Mich. shared teachings on the harvest feast and the meaning behind the gatherings.

“The water, corn, meat and berries are the four basic food groups we recognize in ceremonies like this and God sees what we do throughout the year and we are blessed with that abundance,” Gibson said. “The spirits see the love that was prepared in the food we share tonight and our Creator and blessed us with this good way where we can share the bountiful harvest we worked for.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Odawa Nation Tribal Elder and Fall Feast guest speaker J. D. Gibson from Petoskey, Mich. shares a teaching on the blessings of the harvest time.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Fall Feast at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center is always a family affair as Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) and her family enjoy a cornucopia of food.

Porcupine roach regalia takes an amazing journey back home

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Photojournalist

One teaching that is universal when it comes to spiritual gifts and regalia: there is always a story involved. Ziibiwing Center Youth Worker Zack Jackson now has quite an amazing story to share how his porcupine roach found its way back home.

Oct. 15 was just another day when Jackson, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz and Stormie Frees were doing a dance presentation at the Three Fires Room in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The cultural presentation booked through Ziibiwing Center Sales and Events Coordinator Glenna Genereaux was for the Michigan Health Science Libraries Association associated with Central Michigan University.

At the end of the presentation, Spencer-Ruiz's grandma, Robin Spencer, Ziibiwing research center specialist, and Jackson began gathering all of their things... with the exception of one item.

When Jackson began a week-long search everywhere for the missing roach, Spencer advised Jackson he should put out a missing roach notice on the Microsoft Outlook email system that reaches 1,317 Tribal employees.

Jackson said in his Thursday, Oct. 23 4:02 p.m. system wide email: “I thought I had placed my roach in my suitcase, but I realized the next day that it wasn't in there. My mom (Tonya Jackson) and I went back to the casino to see if anyone had found it; we talked to security and asked if they could look through surveillance and they did but did not see anyone walk away with it. We both thought



Courtesy of Judy Pamp

Ziibiwing Center Youth Worker Zack Jackson holds a special porcupine roach that SECR Administrative Assistant III Kelly Bryant had the honor to bring back to him.

that it might have been in the bathroom that I changed in but they looked there, too. I went to Hunting Moon Powwow without a roach and had to borrow one from good friends. I am sending this email out to inform you and if you could, please contact me if you see or hear anything about my roach. It was wrapped with an ACE bandage wrap on a black plastic whiffle ball bat. Unwrapped, it is nine inches tall in the front, about 18-19 inches in length and has dyed red deer hair on the outside...”

This is where the “case of the missing porcupine roach” started to gain depth and mileage to mark an amazing journey. Waabanoqua (Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Judy Pamp) sent the following email 24 hours later on Friday, Oct. 24 at 4:23 p.m. and exclaimed “there is excitement in the air as we share the good news.”

“Earlier, you may have received an e-mail from our youth worker Zack Jackson,” Waabanoqua said. “He put out a plead for everyone to look for his lost porcupine roach which was left in the Three Fires meeting room at the SECR last Thursday. The roach had sentimental value and monetary value. He has been deeply troubled over the loss of his roach. Imagine, if you are unfamiliar with

American Indian regalia, what you might had thought if you picked up an ACE bandage wrap on a black plastic whiffle ball bat. Sadly, it was not recognized for the valuable item it is. It was disposed of and even ended up in the trash.”

Once the email was sent out, the SECR Maintenance staff went on a search. The porcupine roach had made its way to the compactor. That would have been the end of the story but SECR Interim CEO

Bob VanWert, SECR Food & Beverage Director Marc Forrest and SECR Maintenance remained hopeful and followed the sanitation crew 32 miles north all the way to Harrison.

When the trash truck reached its destination and was dumped, the missing porcupine roach was found. SECR Building Maintenance Worker Paul Hawk and SECR Maintenance Painter Mike Hunt miraculously made the discovery and it was in perfect shape and unharmed!

SECR Facilities Director Steven Jablonski informs much of the coordination efforts behind the scenes were done by SECR Administrative Assistant Rachel Ebright and SECR Facilities Supervisor Larry Nolf. SECR Administrative Assistant to the CEO Kelly Bryant quickly delivered the roach to Jackson personally at the Ziibiwing Center.

“If the SECR Maintenance staff could have only had the opportunity to see the look on Zack's face when he unwrapped his recovered porcupine roach,” Bryant said. “He had a complete look of relief. As soon as he found that the roach was in perfect shape he gave me a hug. I explained to him that I am not the one that did all the work to recover it. He said well,


you made a special trip to hand deliver it to me. It was a pleasure to be the person who got to experience the look on his face. It was truly a team effort and a perfect end to a happy story. I would have driven 100 miles just to see that happy smile again!”

Regalia have always been personal to our people and the love of a mother comes forward where her joy overflows to a thoughtful community. Youth LEAD/Youth Empowerment Aide and Zack's mother Tonya Jackson expressed her gratitude of how the Creator was in the journey.

“I just wanted to share that Zack was overly joyed and almost in tears when he received the roach that he thought was gone forever,” Tonya Jackson said. “Mere words cannot express the gratitude of my son and me. It is beautiful to know people went above and beyond their jobs to retrieve this item for my son. We are hoping to do a gratitude dinner cooked by my mother with a dance exhibition by my son to show what his roach really means to him for the people involved. As of right now, we do not have a date set, but Marc also extended the gratitude of SECR by treating those involved to a dinner for them and a friend.”


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Youth Council begins effort in revitalizing the language

YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISORS

On Oct 1, the Youth Council began their first class with Anishinaabe Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick from the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department shortly after their bi-weekly meeting.

"I thought the language class was fun..." Youth Council General Representative Jasmyne Jackson said. "I'm learning how to speak our language, that's cool. The easiest part is the numbers but I'm having a hard time with six."

"All 10 members did a wonderful job in pronunciation," Youth Council Advisor

Rosanna Romero said. "It was inspiring to witness the group's participation in how they encouraged one another by pronouncing words together as a group."

Opening the class to youth in the community is a huge step in showing the Youth Council's involvement with the different programs the Tribe offers. The group had a high interest in reaching out to the Anishinaabe Revitalization Department to learn the language and how they can be involved.

"I think it will help the youth have a cultural experience, (while) learning and having fun," Youth Council Advisor Tonya Jackson said. "Isabelle is a great teacher."

With this collaboration, every elected Youth Council member and youth in the



Courtesy of Rosanna Romero

Anishinaabe Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick of the ALRD teaches Ojibwe language to the SCIT Youth Council students.

youth group will have the opportunity to learn Anishinaabemowin while serving a seat. The youth will be actively learning the language in an effort to revitalize the language and are now opening the classes to any tribal youth in the community between the ages of 12-17 years old that are interested in learning Anishinaabemowin.

Classes are free, however space is limited. Classes are held every other Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Tribal Operations Seniors' Room.

For further information, please contact Tonya Jackson 989-828-6601 ext. 3303 or Rosanna Romero 989-775-4505 during business hours.

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McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Mackenzie Burger, Tayden Davis, Isaiah Harris, Joe Keshick, Aaliyah Mena, Riley Chamberlain, Giizhig Martell, Shenanrose Pontiac, Makayla Stevens, Adrian Gross, Christopher Bartow, Phoebe Defeyter, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Simon Quigno and Hazen Shinos.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Arianne Altman, Jaylen Cook, Mahayla Freeman, Kadenn Rose, Andrew Keuom, Whisper Mandoka, Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Trevor Isham, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Kaya Rose, Hope Stevens, Madison Isham and Kayden Schneider.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Blayden Anderson, Aayliah Dunlap, Mateo Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Ringo Stevens, Joaquin Jackson, Hunter Johnson and Kimewon Richards.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Gloria Altman, Daniel Bennett, Damion Mandoka-Haggard, Matthew Jackson, Zamil Rueckert, Albert Shomin, Alek Welch, Dawnseh Wilson, Elijah Fosmore, Miingan Jackson, Eli Marin, Emmalee Morrow, Cheyanne Odem, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood and Thomas Trasky.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for September: Lilly Chamberlain, Gary Chippeway Jr., Leia Black, Rosemarie Green, Dehmin Kahgegab, Morgan Morrow, Justin Quezada, Ava Vogel, Mya Chippeway, Konner Hilleger, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Darrion Rueckert, Dylan Bennett, Gabriela Escabedo, Darien Mandoka-Haggard, Foster Hoorman, Darius Lopez, Tiara Oswabine, Elijah Teller, Kaden Fair, Meisha Raphael, Paul Rueckert, Caedynce Bailey, Zoey Mandoka-Haggard, Trent McConnell, Kaylie Sprague and Hudson Yager.

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2014-2015 Academic Calendar

2014 Fall Semester

- March 31** | Registration opens for Fall 2014 semester
- August 18, 19, 20** | Late registration (Fee \$25)
- August 20** | Last day to register for classes
- August 25** | Fall classes begin
- August 28** | Drop/add ends
- September 1** | Labor day (no classes)
- September 17** | Constitution day
- October 20** | Registration opens for Spring 2015 semester
- October 31** | Last day for Fall Withdraw
- November 26** | Thanksgiving break begins at 5 pm
- December 1** | Classes resume
- December 1** | Deadline for Spring 2015 Graduation application
- December 5** | Fall classes end
- December 8-12** | Exam week
- December 19** | Spring registration ends

2015 Spring Semester

- January 7, 8, 9** | Late registration (Fee \$25)
- January 9** | Last day to register for classes
- January 12** | Spring classes begin
- January 15** | Drop/add ends
- January 19** | MLK Jr. day (no classes)
- March 6** | Spring Break begins at 5 pm
- March 16** | Classes resume
- March 27** | Last day for "W"
- March 30** | Registration open for Fall 2015
- May 1** | Spring classes end
- May 4-8** | Exam week
- May 14** | SCTC Graduation

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ACC 116	Accounting Principles II	3	T	West 1	5:30-8:20	Corlis
ANT 122	Intro to Physical Anthropology	3	M/W	West 2	12:00-1:20	Clark-Tuzas
ART 111	Beadwork	3	T/R	West 1	1:30-2:50	TBD
BIO 105*	Intro to Biology	3	T/R	Science Building	10:00-11:20	Calhoun
BIO 105A*	Biology Lab-Section 1	2	R	Science Building	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
BIO 105A*	Biology Lab-Section 2	2	w	Science Building	3:00-4:50	Calhoun
BUS 110	Introduction to Business	3	T/R	West 2	10:00-11:20	Gotaas
BUS 160	Principles of Supervision	3	T/R	West 2	11:30-12:50	Gotaas
BUS 215	Business Communications	3	M	West 1	5:30-8:20	Corlis
BUS 295	Strategic Management Capstone	3	T/R	West 2	2:30-3:50	Gotaas
CPT 112	Intro to Computer Technology	4	T/R	Computer Lab	10:00-11:20	Corlis
ENG 096	Reading Comprehension	3	T/R	East 3	11:30-12:50	Luna-Gagnon
ENG 098	Basic Writing I	3	M/W	Computer Lab	1:00-2:20	D. Miller
ENG 099	Basic Writing II	3	M/W	Computer Lab	10:00-11:20	D. Miller
ENG 101*	Composition I	3	M/W	East 3	11:30-12:50	TBD
ENG 102*	Composition II	3	M/W	Computer Lab	2:30-3:50	TBD
ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	T/R	West 2	1:00-2:20	TBD
GEL 101*	Geology	3	M/W	Science Building	10:00-11:20	Miller
GEL 101A*	Geology Lab	2	M/W	Science Building	11:30-12:20	Miller
HIS 102	World Civilization II	3	M/W	West 2	4:30-5:20	Clark-Tuzas
HUM 230	American Popular Culture	3	T/R	Computer Lab	1:30-2:50	Luna-Gagnon
HUM 291	Special Topics-Apocalypse In America	3	M/W	West 2	10:00-11:20	Clark-Tuzas
HUM 299A	Liberal Arts Capstone	3	F	Computer Lab	10:00-12:50	TBD
MTH 095	Fundamentals of Math	3	M/W	East 3	1:00-2:20	TBD
MTH 099	Beginning Algebra	4	M/W	West 1	10:00-11:20	TBD
MTH 105*	Intermediate Algebra	4	T/R	West 1	11:30-1:20	Rich
MTH 120*	Quantitative Reasoning	3	T/R	East 3	3:00-4:20	Rich
MTH 145*	Calculus I	5	M-R	East 2	10:00-11:10	Rich
MTH 230*	Introduction to Statistics	3	M/W	Computer Lab	11:30-12:50	Rich
NAS 218	NA Environmental Issues	3	M/W	Science Building	1:30-2:50	Calhoun
NAS 260	Anishnaabe History	3	M/W	East 2	3:00-4:20	Slattery
NAS 263	Contemporary NA Issues	3	M/W	East 2	12:00-1:20	Slattery
NAS 280	NA Philosophical Thought	3	T/R	East 2	3:00-4:20	Slattery
OJB 101	Ojibwa Language I	3	M/W	West 2	1:30-2:50	Roy
OJB 102*	Ojibwa Language II	3	M/W	West 2	3:00-4:20	Roy
OJB 201*	Ojibwa Language III	3	T/R	East 3	1:30-2:50	Roy
OJB 202*	Ojibwa Language IV	3	T/R	East 3	3:00-4:20	Roy
PHL 212	Intro to Ethics	3	T/R	East 2	12:00-1:20	Slattery
PHY 101*	General Physics 1	3	T/R	Science Building	5:30-6:50	Majorski
PHY 101A*	General Physics Lab	2	T/R	Science Building	7:00-7:50	Majorski
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	W	West 1	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
SOC 240	Gender and Social Roles	3	M/W	West 1	1:30-2:50	Swarthout
SDV 099	Academic Methods	3	M/W	West 1	11:30-12:50	Swarthout
SPN 101	Spanish I	3	T/R	East 3	10:00-11:20	Luna-Gagnon

*Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements

M = Monday W = Wednesday

M/W = Monday & Wednesday

T = Tuesday R = Thursday

T/R = Tuesday & Thursday

M-R = Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

SCTC November 2014 Native American Month Activities

Nov. 1 | Environmental Awareness Day
12 - 2 p.m. at the CMU Bovee Center

Nov. 4 | NA Month Kickoff
12 - 3 p.m. at the New SCTC Campus Site
• Corner of Leaton and Remus Roads
• Food, crafts, cocoa and registrations

Nov. 6 | Speaker - Anton Truer
6:30 p.m. at the CMU Park Library Auditorium

Nov. 7 | Spirit Feast
6 - 8 p.m. At the Ziibiwing Center
• Free and open to the public

Nov. 10 | Native American Food Taster
5 - 7 p.m. at the CMU UC Rotunda

Nov. 13 | Traditional Corn Soup
3 - 6 p.m. at the SCTC Campus (West 2)
• Soup/Frybread
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Nov. 14 | Black Ash Basketry
12 - 2 p.m. at SCTC Campus (West 2)
• With Kelly Church
• Sponsored by USDA/NIFA Extension program
• First 20 registrants only

Nov. 15 | Collection Showing
At Ziibiwing, ends Nov. 22
• Free and open to the public

Nov. 17 | Indian Radio Days Readers Theater
6:30 pm at the CMU Park Library Auditorium

Nov. 18 | "Recovering California's Stolen Stolen Cultural Heritage"
12 p.m. at the CMU UC Terrace

Nov. 18 | Science Presentation - Sharyl Marorski
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the SCTC Campus (West 2)

Nov. 20 | Anishinabe Crafts: Make and Take
3 - 6 p.m. at the SCTC Campus (West 2)
• Sponsored by USDA/NIFA Extension program

Nov. 21 | Baby Moccasin Class
1 - 3 p.m. at SCTC Campus (West 2) with Jenna Wilcox
• Sponsored by USDA/NIFA Extension program

Nov. 21-22 | Circle of Indigenous Arts
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center

Nov. 24 | Movie: "Smoke Signals"
4 p.m. at CMU UC108

Nov. 24 | SCTC Speaker - Lee Sprague
Wild Rice Presentation
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Carlos Santana makes his 2014 indoor concert debut with a tour from the heart

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Delivered with a level of passion and soul equal to the legendary sonic charge of his guitar, Carlos Santana made his second appearance to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort where he took his "The Corazon Tour" indoors.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Percussionist Paoli Mejias kept the heart of the "Corazon" tour beating as Santana laid down the latin rhythms.

Similar to his July 13, 2012 summer concert debut at SECR, Santana brought five full 18-wheeler trucks full of sound, lights and stage gear to bring his new Latin creation "Corazon" (Spanish for "heart") tour to life.

For more than four decades, from the 1960s at the Fillmore in San Francisco and then at his legendary concert experience at Woodstock, Santana has been the visionary force behind artistry that transcends musical genres and generational, cultural and geographical boundaries.

The very essence of what Carlos Santana represents, both musically and spiritually intertwined, is evident to music lovers in his latest Latino inspired release.

"It's very tangible in this (Corazon) CD; it's from the heart, and anything from the heart is genuine, honest, truthful and authentic," Santana said in a recent MLive interview. "Everything else is wishful thinking."

The guitar pyrotechnics commenced immediately as Santana and his full band launched into "Toussaint L'Ouverture" and "Everybody's Everything". Santana's amazing wall of sound included

vocalist Tony Lindsay, Tommy Anthony (guitar and vocals), Bill Ortiz (trumpet), Jeff Cressman (trombone), David K. Mathews (keyboards) and Benny Reitveld (bass). Keeping the pulse-pounding beats were percussionists Karl Perazzo, Paoli Mejias and drummer extraordinaire Jose "Pepe" Jimenez.

Santana continued the live artistry with a trifecta from his 1970 "Abraxis" LP with a medley of "Lamento/Black Magic Woman/Gypsy Queen" followed by the Tito Puente cover "Oye Como Va". On his new "Corazon" release, Santana updates his chart topper by featuring a duet with Pitbull on "Oye 2014".

The sold-out crowd was mesmerized "by the sounds of a guitar played by Carlos Santana" as the ballad "Maria, Maria" had the audience swaying with appreciation. Ortiz and Cressman provided the brass punch to the playful rhythms of "Foo Foo" from his 2002 "Shaman" release.

Ever the classical instrumentalist, Santana spiritual strumming shined through his rendition of "Europa (Earth's Cry, Heaven's Smile)" from his 1976 critically acclaimed "Amigos" album. Crowd

favorites ruled the evening as the band rocked out the anthems "No One to Depend On", "Evil Ways" and "Smooth".

The two and a half hour virtuoso performance concluded with a re-creation of his Woodstock signature "Soul Sacrifice" followed by "Saideira" from his 2014 "Corazon" release.

For music purists everywhere, Santana currently uses a Santana II model guitar fitted with PRS Santana III nickel covered pickups, a tremolo bar, and .009-.042 gauge D'Addario strings. He also plays a PRS Santana Multidimensional (MD). The Santana guitars feature necks made of a single piece of mahogany topped with Rosewood fret boards (some featuring Brazilian Rosewood). This helps create the smooth, singing, glass-like tone for which he is known.



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Rock and Rock Hall of Fame (class of 1998) inductee Carlos Santana brings the passion of guitar to a spiritual level.

Santana left a few words of wisdom where he encouraged the audience "to try to live each day like it's your best day" and reminded everyone that "God created a circle of light and love so vast, no one can stand outside of it."

SECR hosts rock and grunge bands Collective Soul and Everclear

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

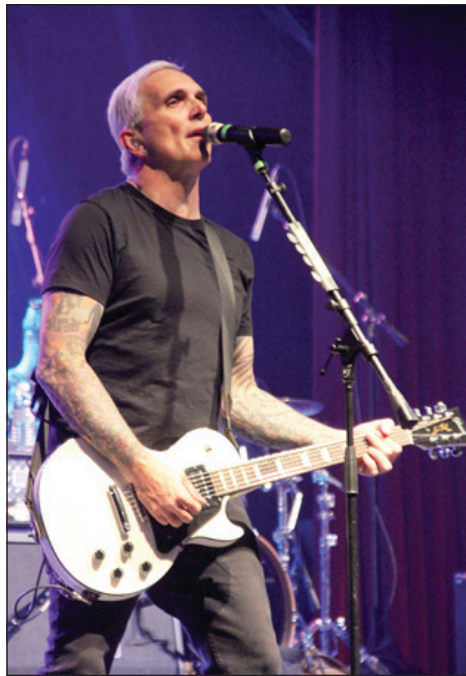
Typically, it is advised to not live in or dwell on the past, but on Friday, Oct. 3 the past was to be celebrated when 1990s bands Collective Soul and Everclear rocked the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

Formed in Portland, Ore. in 1991, the American alternative rock band Everclear kicked off the night with a high-energy set. The third song performed, "Father of Mine", sent the band to mainstream success in 1997.

The band was formed by vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Art Alexakis.

Alexakis proudly announced he is 25 years sober and continuing to move forward.

"This song goes out to my daughter who recently graduated college while I didn't even graduate high school," Alexakis said before performing a grungy cover of Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl".



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Everclear lead singer Art Alexakis performs "Father of Mine", the song that sent the band to mainstream success in 1997.

After performing "AM Radio", the band began playing a Led Zeppelin cover, but stopped because Alexakis

said he could "not do it justice."

"I'm 52 years old and I've got to hear Led Zeppelin every day or I'd lose my mind," he said.

Current band members Dave French (guitarist), Freddy Herrera (bass), Josh Crawley (keyboard) and Sean Winchester (drums) gelled extremely well together, stirring a perfected sound.

Further highlights included "Volvo Driving Soccer Mom", "Wonderful", "Santa Monica" and an encore of "I Will Buy You a New Life".

In celebration of their 20th anniversary of emerging onto the music scene, Collective Soul's ninth studio album is to be released in 2016. The first two songs performed, "This" and "Are You the Answer", are to be featured on that album.

The number one U.S. Rock Chart hit "December" followed "Heavy" and "Precious". "Better Now" was performed along with "Confession", a new, rockin' love song yet to be released, as lead vocalist Ed Roland took a stroll through the audience.

The Atlanta-based band also consists of rhythm guitarist Dean Roland, bassist Will

Turpin, drummer Johnny Rabb and lead guitarist Jesse Triplett.

"The World I Know" sent the audience in a time machine to 1995 when the song spent four weeks at number one on the Billboard Hot Mainstream Rock Tracks chart.

Ed Roland said he remembers opening up for Aerosmith and it took about four or five years for them to land a record deal. He then introduced "Gel" as "the first song they ever recorded together as the band Collective Soul."

Three weeks later, we went into a studio in Reno and recorded the next song, Ed Roland said of the dynamic, heavy metal, drum-oriented song "Where the River Flows".

Ed Roland then sat at the keyboard, told the audience to sit down and played the newly-written, gentler song "Comes Back To You".

Unlike any other band, Collective Soul wanted to do things a bit differently.

"We're not going to do an encore," Ed Roland said. "We waste too much time; we walk back and forth and you clap."

Maybe no encore, but the audience anticipated what they would hear next. "Shine", the band's most well-known song and a trademark of the 1990s alternative rock style, became the number one Album Rock Song of 1994. VH1 recently ranked "Shine" at number 42 on their list of the "100 Great Songs of the '90s."

The concert concluded with a peaceful, acoustic performance of "Run", written by Ed Roland from the album "7even Year Itch: Collective Soul Greatest Hits 1994-2001".



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Ed Roland, lead singer of Collective Soul, performs "Are You the Answer", a new song to be released off their 2016 album.

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SECR hosts fifth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort treated patrons to a rockin' good time during the fifth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival Saturday, Sept. 20. The day-long festival featured five different bands hitting the Entertainment Hall stage. This included local Michigan rock 'n' roll bands Brothers in Music, Dies to Rise, Let There Be Rock and Sahara Steel. Headlining the night were hard rockers Slaughter.

The annual music festival is a nonprofit event, with all proceeds from ticket sales going to benefit the American Cancer Society. Not only were guests treated to entertaining musical performances, but they were also entered to win exclusive giveaways throughout the festival. Guests had a chance at

winning SECR overnight getaways, gift cards and tickets to upcoming SECR concerts.

The daylong music celebration kicked off with the opening act Brothers In Music. The very definition of homegrown talent, the trio of Delmar Jackson Jr., Quinn Pelcher and Matt Ruffino hail from the Soaring Eagle's own Mount Pleasant, Mich. Their signature blend of vintage rock, country and blues music energized the crowd and started the night off right.

The music kept coming, as the melodic power metal band Dies To Rise were next onstage. The local group, founded by James Walkowski and Darren Mallace, came to the SECR stage from neighboring Saginaw, Mich.

The next act brought music beloved by a legion of fans worldwide. The AC/DC tribute band Let There Be Rock

emulated the pure power and energy of the iconic rock band. The tribute band members perfectly nailed the vocal style of AC/DC lead singer Bonn Scott and lead guitarist Angus Young's powerful riffs.

Michigan-based rockers Sahara Steel co-headlined the night. Members Jack Klunder, Brian Eckhart, Pat Sheppard, Mark Moore brought the audience to their feet with their original high energy act.

As the night progressed, the energy inside the Entertainment Hall continued to rise. It reached its pinnacle, as the popular hard rock band Slaughter emerged onto the stage.

Based out of Las Vegas, Slaughter gained popularity during the '90s, touring across the country with many musical acts including Ozzy Osbourne and KISS. The group has released five studio albums. Their most successful being the debut album, "Stick It to Ya", which went multiplatinum in 1990.

The band played many of their hits, including the singles "Spend My Life", "Mad About You" and "Fly to the Angels".

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit their website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com, "Like" their Facebook page or add their Twitter handle [SoaringEagle777](https://twitter.com/SoaringEagle777).



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Slaughter lead vocalist Mark Slaughter and bassist Dana Strum come together during the song "Burnin' Bridges".



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The members of Brothers in Music take to the stage to kick off the fifth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival. (Pictured left to right: Matt Ruffino, Delmar Jackson Jr. and Quinn Pelcher.)



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Sahara Steel bassist Mark Moore (left) and lead guitarist Pat Sheppard come together to rock out on the SECR Entertainment Hall stage.

Ventriloquist, comedian and actor Jeff Dunham proves he's no dummy

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Whether it is the "Achmed the Dead Terrorist" puppet saying "Silence... I keel you" or "José Jalapeño" making fun of being "on a steak," those are familiar phrases in today's comedy lexicon as ventriloquist, comedian and actor Jeff Dunham arrived on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort stage for his third consecutive sold-out venue performance.

The effervescent, purple-skinned woozle "Peanut", the grumpy, smile-challenged old timer "Walter" and the NASCAR lovin' redneck "Bubba J" joined the other characters onstage as the mind of Jeff Dunham kept the laughs rolling.

By the numbers, Dunham's television specials and series have been the highest rated programming in Comedy Central history, his DVD sales have reached seven million units, his videos have received a half a billion views on YouTube, and his live concerts have become mega-events played in front of sold-out arenas, like Soaring Eagle, worldwide.

SECR Performance Development Specialist Tim McCullough has seen each of Dunham's performances and the intensity of what he delivers and offers high praise.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SECR Performance Development Specialist Tim McCullough (left) does his signature finger pointing with Comedian Jeff Dunham backstage.

"It is always a pleasure to have Jeff Dunham on property because he always interacts with our guests while on stage with his comedic wit making the guest experience here at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort second to none," McCullough said. "I also love the fact that he complimented our production crew once again for meeting all his production needs with his own sense of humor like only Jeff Dunham can, he truly is one of the best in the entertainment industry."

Patrons Robert Kane and Lora Nichols took the drive up from Warren, Mich. and were thumbs up on their concert pilgrimage.

"This was our first time seeing Jeff Dunham in person," Kane said. "The show was wonderful and we had seats in the center towards the front. We laughed from the time Jeff came on stage and until he left...The show was well worth the drive from the Detroit area and has always been with the best casino entertainment in the state."

Mount Pleasant resident Ann Chamberlain gave the multi-talented ventriloquist kudos also.

"My son and I loved the show," Chamberlain said. "We had never seen Jeff Dunham in person and we weren't disappointed. It was well worth the price of the tickets and wouldn't hesitate to see him in person

again. He is a great performer and a definite crowd pleaser."

The puppets used in the production were all conceived and handcrafted by Dunham himself, but his characters, who are anything but dummies, have now taken on a life of their own, each with their own legion of fans.

Dunham's fascination with ventriloquism began at age 8 and he credits his inspiration to legendary ventriloquist Edgar Bergen. It was his parents who gave their son a toy Mortimer Snerd dummy at an early age and the rest is history.

Dunham has made many cameo appearances across television and film, from the Emmy-winning comedy series "30 Rock", to the Jay Roach-directed comedy "Dinner For Schmucks", starring Steve Carrell and Paul Rudd.

He maintains a highly interactive relationship with his fans via JeffDunham.com and many social networking platforms, including more than eight million fans on Facebook. His content partnerships include YouTube (where his Achmed clip is in the top five videos of all time designated as a favorite), Amazon.com, and iTunes.

Earlier this year, Dunham showcased his talents in the 2014 feature animated film "The Nut Job", which also stars Liam Neeson and Brendan Fraser.

Starting Nov. 28, 2014 until May 30, 2015, Dunham and his cast of characters will begin his first-ever residency in Las Vegas at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino with his new show "Jeff Dunham: Not Playing with a Full Deck".

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10th annual "Run on the Rez" energizes community and promotes fitness

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the runners got ready to take their marks and the inspired sounds of the "Eye of the Tiger" got the adrenaline pumping, it was clear the competitors came energized for their 10th annual "Run on the Rez."

Nimkee Fitness Coordinator Jaden Harman saw numerous Mount Pleasant area runners

joined the usual Rez runners and estimated more than 100 people participated in the 5K and one-mile timed racing events.

"It's kind of crazy to think this was the 10th year for the Run on the Rez; it began in 2004, a year before I started working here," Harman said. "The event has really grown each year and continues to prove to be a success. Our goal has always been to make an impact within the Tribal community through wellness events like these, while also inviting the greater Mid-Michigan community to come and experience outstanding tribal-sanctioned events like these. It's been awesome to see people really enjoy and look forward to this event through the years."

Fellow Nimkee Fitness Coordinator and "Run on the Rez" Event Coordinator Jayme Green marveled at the spirit of community the staff and volunteers bring to all the participants.

"How beautiful Saturday, Sept. 20 was; not only did the rain hold off but the sunshine was awesome," Green said. "What made the Run on the Rez even more beautiful was the work of the volunteers from the community. I want to thank the volunteers for



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Competitors race east down Broadway Road at the start of the 10th annual "Run on the Rez" 5k run and one-mile walk.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The coveted arrowhead medallion for crossing this year's finish line provided added incentive for the Rez runners.

giving their kindness, time and effort to be at the Tribal Gym at 8 a.m. to register participants, to cheer and direct, to prepare and serve food, to close and protect the course, to work the finishing area, to help clean up and all the sponsors who provided gifts for the door prizes."

Nimkee Public Health Director Walt Kennedy is an avid runner and enjoys seeing the excitement that "Run on the Rez" offers the community.

It was a beautiful fall morning for a road run. We always draw a large gathering of community members and Tribal employees who enjoy the annual Run on the Rez 5K and one-mile run," Kennedy said. "Thanks to everyone who took

part in this healthy activity and the many sponsors who help make this happen over the last ten years."

Green mentioned this year Nimkee Fitness added a free kids 30-meter dash, which she

exclaimed "was adorable and so much fun!"

Green also said her hope for this event each year is to bring enjoyment to physical activity and a sense of accomplishment to all involved.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Some people ran, others walked but even babies got an opportunity to stroll around at the 10th annual "Run on the Rez."

Boost your immunity: Probiotics, foods and more

SALLY VAN CISE

Nutritionist

(Editor's note: The following article comes from "Environmental Nutrition", a newsletter of food, nutrition and health. This article has been submitted by SCIT's Nutritionist Sally Van Cise, RDN.)

Inside each one of us is an "inner ecosystem," a unique microbiome teeming with bacteria that lines the gastrointestinal tract or gut, which is the largest organ of immunity in the body. Fortifying the microflora with probiotics – also known as friendly bacteria – should be one of your top health priorities, as this promotes a stronger immune system.

Probiotic examples: It's best to eat whole foods that are natural sources of probiotics, as these are nutrient-dense foods that contribute other health benefits. Such foods include yogurt made



Plant foods, such as whole grains and fruit, and yogurt with live and active cultures boost gut bacteria

with live and active cultures, fermented vegetables like kimchi and sauerkraut, fermented soybean products like miso and tempeh, as well as kombucha, a fermented tea.

Feed the "good bacteria" and boost plant foods. Keep in mind that it's just as important to eat a diet rich in prebiotics, which are the foods that fuel the "good

bacteria" in the stomach. A plant-based, high-fiber diet is the best way to do this. Fiber-rich foods promote a greater volume and variety of microorganisms, giving us a better defense against disease-causing invaders. Prebiotic foods include high-fiber vegetables, fruit and whole grains, such as artichokes, asparagus, bananas, raisins, onions, garlic, leeks and oats.

Whole foods vs. supplements? It's important to keep in mind foods contain multiple nutrients that work in unison to provide health benefits, versus supplements which only provide one or two nutrients. The best approach for fostering a healthy immune system is to eat a nutrient-rich diet that meets your body's needs. It's another reason to make every bite count; eat delicious, whole foods bursting with nutrients!

Here are examples of other foods and nutrients, which when

found in whole foods, may also help boost your immunity. Vitamin C-rich foods: papaya, red peppers, broccoli, strawberries, citrus and tomatoes. Vitamin E: foods packed with vitamin E include nuts, olives and leafy greens. Zinc food sources include red meat, poultry, seafood, beans, nuts and cheese. Vitamin D: in addition to sunlight, you can find vitamin D in fortified dairy products and mushrooms, salmon

and sardines. Mushrooms: curiously, mushrooms have captured scientists' attention in immune research.

Also: When considering boosting your immunity, don't forget that daily laughter, stress relief, relaxation, mild exercise, and getting enough sleep are just as important!

(Source: *Environmental Nutrition The Newsletter of Food, Nutrition & Health*.)

SANDI'S TURKEY STUFFING

Ingredients:

(Please Note: All measures are approximate, depending on your taste preference.)

- 1 loaf total measure (¾ whole grain bread, ¼ white bread), dried and cubed or ripped
- 5 tablespoons poultry seasoning (use more or less to personal taste.)
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth (enough for the stuffing to be moist but not soggy; stuffing bakes to a hard crust on top, and isn't gooey in the middle.)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup celery
- 1 cup chopped mushroom
- ½ tsp pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees

Cube or rip bread and let dry out in a 450 degree oven for 20 minutes.

2. Decrease oven to 350 degrees

Meanwhile, using some butter or extra-virgin olive oil, in a medium sauce-pan sauté onion, celery and mushroom until tender. Add pepper and 1 tablespoon of the poultry seasoning and let simmer an additional 2 minutes. Combine dried bread, vegetable mixture with remaining 4 tablespoons poultry seasoning and mix well. Add chicken broth, and taste to determine if seasoning needs adjusting. Spoon stuffing into a baking pan, and dot butter on top.

3. Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until golden brown on top.

- 5 tablespoons poultry seasoning (use more or less to personal taste.)
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth (enough for the stuffing to be moist but not soggy; stuffing bakes to a hard crust on top, and isn't gooey in the middle.)

Recipe courtesy of SCIT Diabetes Program 989-775-4615

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule November 2014

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.		Suspension Training Jayme	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden
4:15 p.m.					Fat Blast Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni	Suspension Training Jayme	Step & Sculpt Leah	



5K Glow Run event support HIV/AIDS education and awareness

NIMKEE PUBLIC HEALTH

On Oct. 8, 2014, a 5K Glow Run took place at Island Park in Mount Pleasant, Mich. The day may have been a little chilly as everyone arrived bundled up, but as soon as local radio station 95.3 WCFX got the music going and the crowd gathered all a-glow, that feeling of cold was gone. The Governor's Council on Physical Fitness endorsed the competitive 5K chip-timed run/walk.

The Central Michigan District Health Department 5K Glow Run marks the fifth year of a fundraising event to support HIV/AIDS

education and bring awareness to this chronic disease. The planning committee included Central Michigan University Health Services, members of Alpha-Phi Omega-CMU, Walgreens of Mount Pleasant and Clare, Mich., Central Michigan District Health Department and Nimkee Public Health of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

"As soon as it was dark, it was time to begin," Nimkee Public Health Educator Robyn Grinzinger said. "It was awesome to see as all the runners glowing in many different colors as they sped away on the path and over the bridges with glows stick

lining the route. Thanks to all who braved the cold who came out and participated in the event, those that volunteered, and those that stood on the sidelines and cheered everyone on, it was a team event!"

Health Promotion and Preparedness Supervisor of CMDHD Lorrie Youngs helped organize the event.

"At final count, we had 80 chip-timed runners/walkers, and 20 un-chipped runners/walkers," Youngs said. "We had a beautiful night for the run and the moon was bright and vibrant. We gave away over \$600 in prizes to the participants. We



Courtesy of Charles Isham

Tribal Members and employees unite to compete in the HIV/AIDS 5K Glow Run.

were blessed to have the communities support behind us and numerous sponsors and volunteers. We brought in over \$4,000 through race registration

and prizes. The biggest success of all is the education and outreach to the community."

Thanks to everyone for "glowing it up" for a great cause!

Your hands can be dangerous: Wash them

JENNA WILCOX

Women's Health Coordinator

As you look out the window, it is clear to see that the cold and flu season is upon us. It is important to remember you need to be proactive in keeping your family safe and yourself safe. Hand washing is the number one preventative measure individuals can take to be more proactive about their own personal health and to stand up against spreading germs.

You can do anything for 20 seconds, right? That is the exact time it takes for you to sing

"Happy Birthday" and to wash away those germs. By using soap, warm water and a little scrubbing, you can wash those germs right off your hands. It is important to remember you need to use soap in order to wash away the germs; water only will not work.

Tips to keep your family safe this winter:

1. Frequent hand washing with soap and warm water.
2. Get your flu shot.
3. Cough into a tissue or the upper part of your arm.
4. Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with your hands.

5. If you are sick, stay home from work or school; rest and recover.

6. Pay attention to symptoms: The flu (influenza) usually comes on suddenly with a fever, body aches and exhaustion.

7. Drink plenty of fluids; extra fluids will help relieve stuffy nose, thin mucus, and drain your sinuses.

If you feel you have the flu, contact your doctor's office right away. It is important to receive treatment as soon as possible to get you back to a healthier you.

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- Provide an environment that is met with honesty, humility, love, truthfulness, bravery, respect and wisdom.
- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients' activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

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"Under the Eagle Wing"

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

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

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

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- Victim Advocacy
- Individual Therapy
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If you choose to speak to any company about different insurance options that are available to you, please keep in mind a couple of important things:

- Always ask for their business card and brochure(s).
- Never make a decision immediately. Tell them you will think about it and get back with them. Discuss the insurance with your lawyer, friends and family and see what they think.
- Do not sign or pay for anything until you are certain you want and need this insurance.
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If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Andahwod at 989-775-4305 or the At-Large Department at 989-775-4944.

Preparing for the winter season

FELICIA MCCRARY

BSW Intern

(Editor's note: The following article was provided by Felicia McCrary, BSW Intern, published with sources from 19 Easy Home Winterization Projects, 2014 and Don't Hibernate: Staying Active in the Cold, 2014.)

Andahwod would like to offer tips to help keep you and your home warm this winter. November is an excellent time to get your furnace checked. Changing furnace filters monthly can help improve its quality. Covering the bottom of doors with a blanket or towel can help keep drafts out. A sweater and other layers can be an easy option to stay warm

without substantially raising heating bills.

The cold weather and cloudy days can be taxing on a person's mood. These feelings are often called the "winter blues." The best way to combat this is to get up and move.

Physician Joseph Giaimo, DO, says that by engaging yourself with those around you and working out regularly you can "improve your mood and increase your energy level." And by taking just 30 minutes a day to work out, you can "reduce [your] risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, diabetes and osteoporosis."

At Andahwod, we have a number of free services offered to stay healthy physically, mentally and socially. The workout room and sauna

is available Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Chair exercise classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Knitting classes are held Thursdays at 1 p.m. Euchre is played Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Friday is game day, ending with a movie night with residents. These are only a few of the options available to Elders. An event calendar at Andahwod shows many more opportunities to stay active.

Other options come through Nimkee Fitness. Free aquatics for seniors occurs Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 a.m. in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort pool .

Information Technology offers free computer classes Tuesdays 2-4 p.m. and Fridays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Black Elk building).

Snow Removal Services for District One Elders

JULIE PEGO

Case Manager

Winter is just around the corner so don't forget to sign up for snow removal services.

Elders must be at least 62 years old or have a medically documented disability to

qualify. If there are able-bodied adult children in the home, we cannot qualify you for snow removal services.

The service has a \$50 fee for the season and this will need to be paid before services can begin. This fee is to offset the cost of gasoline and maintenance of the

snow removal equipment.

All applying Elders need to schedule a home visit with Case Manager Julie Pego before services begin. Please call Julie at **989-775-4306** or Elders Advocate Estella Halliwill at **989-775-4307** to apply and schedule your home visit.

NOVEMBER 2014 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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

Halloween Door Decorating Contest



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Andahwod residents enjoyed a frightfully close Halloween Door Decorating Contest judged by the District One Elders Advisory Board on Oct. 27.

"It was a pleasure going around looking at the Elders' doors that were decorated. They were very creative and appealing," EAB Elder Kathy Hart said. "Miigwetch to these that took part in this event. Loved it!"

Elder Jo Kathy Sprague (left) won the "Most Spooky Door" while Elder Tweedie Van Cise (center) took the "Most Creative and Unique Door".

An Andahwod resident Elder (right), who wished to remain anonymous, won the "Most Interactive Door" and the non-resident Elder door winner was Josephine Carranza.

Andahwod November Events

Sewing Club

Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4302

Sunday Socials

Nov. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4302

Language Bingo

Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Bingo with Friends

Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Euchre

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

Veterans & Elders Breakfast

Nov. 12 from 9 - 10 a.m. | Contact: 989-775-4302

- All SCIT Veterans and Elders eat free
- All other guests: \$3.50
- Ziibwing Curator William Johnson will present a special veteran-related display.

Elders Breakfast

Nov. 26 from 9 - 10 a.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 20 from 6 - 8 p.m.

- Contact: 989-775-4300 or 989-775-4506
- Presented by Youth LEAD and Elder Services
- At the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
- Open to SCIT Members and their family



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NOVEMBER 2014 EVENT PLANNER

ACFS Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser

December 6 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4906
- All proceeds go toward the ACFS Foster Care Program.
- Purchase a booth for \$20 to sell your goods.

Walking Club

November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24 | 12 - 12:50 p.m.

- Location: SECR Entertainment Hall
- Contact: 989-775-5624

Drop-in Relapse Prevention Group

November 3, 10, 17, 24 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

November 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4850

Helping Healer Luncheon

November 5 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5820

Coaches Clinic

November 7 | 5:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4149

Celebration of Healing, Recovery & Hope Rally

November 8 | 12 - 3 p.m.

- Location: Begins in SCA parking lot
- Contact: 989-775-4208

Veterans Feast

November 8 | 6 - 10 p.m.

- Location: SECR Ballroom
- Contact: 989-775-5208

Dodge Ball Tournament

November 10 | 5:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4149
- Ages 14 and up
- Six person teams, 10 team max.
- Free registration, must be registered by Nov. 7

Youth Council Language Class

November 12, 26 | 5:30 - 6 p.m.

- Contact: 989-775-4505
- Open to any Tribal youth in the community between the ages of 12-17 years old.
- Classes are free, space is limited.

Veterans Breakfast

November 12 | 9 a.m.

- Location: Andahwod Elders Breakfast
- Contact: 989-775-4302

Women's Support Group

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

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4896
- Turkey dinner provided
- Location: Behavioral Health

Housing Financial Workshop

November 20 | 12 p.m.

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

Men Stepping Up

November 22 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-944-0495

Wellness Support Group

November 20 | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

November 21 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: SECR 2nd Floor Conference Room #235
- Contact: 989-775-5624

Community RX Drug Drop Off

November 14 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Location: Cardinal Pharmacy
- Contact: 989-775-4530

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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 	<p>Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.</p> <p>Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St.</p>	<p>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</p> <p>Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant</p>	<p>1 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>2 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>		
<p>3 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>AOVWS Meeting 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p> Lunch Bunch Language Center 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p> New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p> Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p> Grandmother Moon B. Health 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>9 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>10 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Tribal Ops Closed Veterans Day</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p> Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Lunch Bunch Language Center 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Tribal Observer Deadline 3 p.m.</p> <p> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p> New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>16 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>17 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>19 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p> Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m.</p>	<p>20 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Thanksgiving Dinner Eagle's Nest Gym 4:30-7 p.m.</p>	<p>21 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p> New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>23 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p>24 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>26 Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p> Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Tribal Ops Closed Thanksgiving</p> <p> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p> Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Tribal Ops Closed Thanksgiving</p> <p> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p> New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>30 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>

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



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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Tribal Operations

Social Services Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one-year supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable tribal and federal law as they pertain to Tribal children and families. The Social Services Supervisor concentration will be in the area of protective services, along with acting as the lead to the supervisor management team.

Tribal Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Associates degree preferred. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation. Must be MCOLES certified/certifiable or capable of meeting certifiable standards. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education or education, valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate with special education endorsement. Must be willing to attend training. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent is required. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties. Must be able to operate computerized equipment and devices. Maintains and operates electrical, mechanical and pneumatic equipment throughout SECR buildings.

Water Operator Intern

Only SCIT members may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills is helpful. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science or related field will help in learning this field. Should have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

Health Professionals Pool (Temporary)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma. Experience required is based on job opening requirements. Applicant must be available on short notice for short term employment.

Leadership Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average. 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.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application to the temporary clerical pool if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting: working on computers, standard office equipment, and answering telephones (i.e. administrative assistant, file clerk, tutor.)

Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor of Arts Degree in related field of study or equivalent experience. Must have grant writing expertise, planning skills and demonstrated ability to work with federal/state agencies. Three years experience in management and/or administration of federal grants and contracts and demonstrated experience in program development.

Academic Skills Specialist - Math

Open to the public. Minimum of two years experience teaching college courses in a multicultural higher education environment. Minimum of two years experience successfully addressing the academic needs of students enrolled in developmental education course work at the college level. Minimum of one year experience with administrative duties. Master's degree required in adult education or mathematics.

Native American Applicant Pool

All Native Americans that meet the minimum qualifications. Tribal Preference applicants are encouraged to submit application information to the posting. For employment and training opportunities, the following criteria will be utilized where applicable: A member of SCIT. Direct descendants of members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. All others who are members of federally-recognized Tribes, indigenous to the United States or an indigenous aboriginal Tribe of Canada.

LPN - Assisted Living

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long term care experience preferred. Will be required to work other shifts, weekends, holidays,

and during emergency situations as necessary to meet program staffing needs. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community required.

Support Services Technician I

Open to the public. Two or more years IT help desk experience or four year IT related degree. Provide first level help desk and field support to include; installation, configuration and support for all hardware and applications utilized by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal government operations and business enterprises.

Wildlife Biologist

Open to the public. A Master's Degree in Biology is preferred; or a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and three years work experience in wildlife biology. Prefer experience in wildlife/natural resources policy, knowledge of GPS equipment, wildlife management practices, zoology, forestry, ecology and grants management. Knowledge of tribal, federal, state and local government helpful.

Dean of Instruction

Open to the Public. Must have a minimum of five years administration experience in a higher educator setting in a leadership position. Successful experience working with Native Americans or a willingness to learn about Native American culture and educational issues. Ability to work effectively with a wide variety of college, community and governmental agencies as a team player. Demonstrated budget management skills, supervisory skills, proficiency in written and oral communication. A completed master's degree, from an accredited institution, in administration, education, planning, or one of the disciplines taught at the college is required.

Tribal Operations

Grounds Maintenance
Only SCIT members may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance-related job environment as described in the essential job duties.

Teacher

Physical Education
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education with a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate; educational emphasis in physical education and two years experience in teaching pre-K through grade 6 physical education classes. Or a bachelor's degree in a related field such as health, fitness, recreation or sports with two years experience working with school age children. Knowledge and/or experience working with Native American students or diverse populations preferred. Must be willing to attend training.

Casino

Director Cage & Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of casino cage & count managerial experience.

Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to maintain effective communication. This is a "KEY" position. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Responsible for supervising the cage & count personnel and the operation of all SECR cage & count locations. Additional duties as assigned.

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or business with an accounting minor, or MBA in accounting, CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experience in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position.

Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification; 600 total hours required for massage certification. One year experience preferred.

Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred.

Steward

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus. Must pass training test on truck mount operation within 90-day probation period. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture upholstery and carpet. Must have a valid Michigan drivers license, high school diploma or equivalent.

Call Center Agent

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 words per minute. Previous work experience that included customer service responsibilities ideally with experience in dealing with customers over the phone or in person. Ideal candidates will have previous reservation experience with hotel, car rental, airline, cruise ship or travel agency.

Line Cook

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

ant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal Culinary training.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school or must have five years direct experience in food production. Must have ability to comprehend house training and pass by 65 percent standardized written culinary competency test and by 70 percent product I.D. and cooking practical test.

Waitstaff Level I

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

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF STEPHANIE JAMES

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 14-CI-0622 Plaintiff: Mobile Medical Response Plaintiff's attorney Peter S. Shek (P32749) 803 N. Michigan Ave. Saginaw, MI 48602 (989) 754-5252 v. Stephanie James 8457 Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires on Feb. 20, 2015.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF PAMELA FLOYD:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint 14-CI-0493 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Defendant: Pamela Floyd 2761 S. Sedge Ln. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Jan. 8, 2015.**

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SHAWN BLISS

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 14-CI-0489 Plaintiff: Sandra Leyton Plaintiff's Attorney: Muskegon County Friend of the Court 990 Terrace St. 3rd Floor Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 724-6421 v. Shawn Bliss 1268 Evanston Muskegon, MI 49442 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires on April 07, 2015.**



A thank you for the Paint the Rez Purple Color Run/Walk from Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan

AMANDA DOLAN

Domestic Violence Coordinator

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan had an outstanding turnout for the Domestic Violence Awareness Month's Paint the Rez Purple Color Walk/Run Oct. 11, 2014.

More than 175 community members, students, and employees came out to join our efforts to support domestic violence victims/survivors in a very "colorful" way. Participants walked 1.5 miles through

colorful sprays of purple to help raise awareness for domestic violence victims while some walked as survivors or to honor those who have been a victim to domestic violence.

With the recent media attention surrounding the issue of domestic violence, so many have been asking, "Why does she stay?" I have seen numerous blogs, tweets, and Facebook posts trying to explain the reasons a victim might stay with an abuser, the one person who they should trust the most, who is abusing them physically, emotionally, verbally, spiritually, financially and/or sexually.

Although it is extremely important to understand why, as a community, I challenge you to start asking "what?"

"What can I do to end domestic violence in my community," "What can I do to support a victim," "What can I do to be there for you when you need me."

It is events like the color walk/run that allow me, as a coordinator, and the entire community to



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Runners, volunteers and staff of the "Paint the Rez Purple" Domestic Violence Awareness Run share a moment of unity under the purple rainbow.

see how much support there is for victims and people asking "What can I do to help?"

This event was a remarkable example of what we can do to start answering that question. To those that stood up and spoke out by walking alongside victims, to those that supported through volunteering their time, to those that supported the event financially, and to those who just participated that day, we thank you.

We would like to thank all of our volunteers including Central Michigan University's Alpha Chi Omega and Sexual Assault Peer Advocates, Tribal members and Tribal employees from Behavioral Health, Youth LEAD, SCIT Housing, Soaring Eagle Properties, Nimkee Public Health and Tribal Police Department for making the Paint the Rez Purple Color Run an awe-inspiring success. We cannot thank you enough for the help and for making this event happen.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCA AB Teacher Joe Syrette shares a hand drum honor song at the event.



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CMU volunteers from the Nijikewehn Mentoring Program show their support.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

CMU students from the Alpha Chi Omega sorority are all smiles as they come out to volunteer in force.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Amy Kisel runs the gauntlet through a cloud of purple haze as volunteers "Paint the Rez Purple."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal youth enjoy their run as a piggyback ride.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rez runners race through a purple cloud of pure fun.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The "Walk a Mile in Their Shoes" selfie station saw many families and friends pose for pictures at the event.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

More than 175 community members took to the paths behind Behavioral Health at the 1.5 mile walk/run.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Chief Steven Pego thanks participants.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal youth of all ages enjoyed themselves as the purple rain fell down around them.