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Donielle Bannon becomes SCIT's first female police captain

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Tribal Chief Steven Pego made history happen on May 4 as he administered the oath of office to SCIT Tribal Member Donielle Bannon as the new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal police captain.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department was formed in 1976 by Tribal Chief Peter Otto and Tribal Council, and Bannon is the first female Tribal police chief in the history of the multi-jurisdictional force.

"It is an honor to be chosen as Tribal police captain and it is with great pride that I will continue to serve my community in this capacity," Bannon said. "We remain steadfast and stand aligned with Tribal Council as our Tribal police officers join the community in the continue fight against drugs on our Reservation."

Bannon began her career in the field as a marine patrol

deputy in Crawford County as she pursued her associate degree in criminal justice pre service from Kirkland Community College in Roscommon, Mich. She also obtained an associate degree from Kirkland Criminal Justice program in administration.

Bannon continued her academic career by completing a bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State and is slated to receive her master's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in December 2015.

She joined the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police in February 1997 and has served the force in many capacities including road patrol, domestic violence officer, youth services officer, detective/sergeant and as interim lieutenant.

"I worked in my interim lieutenant position about 10 years ago," she said. "I worked at Roscommon County Sheriff



Observer photo by Matthew Wright
Tribal Chief Steven Pego swears in Donielle Bannon as the new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal police captain on May 4.

Department from 2007 to 2011 and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police in 2011 as a road patrol officer so I have about 18.5 years' experience total. I believe the diverse experiences in the field and with administrative duties give me a unique perspective of what the Saginaw Chippewa

Tribal Police needs to do with helping the community. Our officers will remain an active part of community event and we look to work with other law enforcement agencies to make this a safe area for families to live and work."

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SCIT semi-annual spring two percent distributes more than two million dollars to Isabella and Saganing areas

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

During the semi-annual two percent distribution at the end of last month, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan distributed more than two million dollars from funds derived from Class III gaming at its Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino properties.

This spring, SCIT distributed \$2,736,802.48 total to both Isabella and Saganing areas.

The Tribe distributed \$2,045,422.88 in Isabella County (\$1,431,797.45 for government and \$613,625.43 for education.) A large governmental portion will be used towards road repair.

Another \$691,379.60 was distributed in Arenac and Northern Bay County areas (\$459,974.74 for government and \$231,404.86 for education.)

Throughout the season, Tribal Council received many funding requests. This year, 440 individual requests came in; 95 from local governments and 345 from local schools.

"Our Tribal Council is fully aware of the challenges with the state's infrastructure and the condition of our local roads, that is why we felt it imperative this season to provide some relief by

focusing on roads," said Tribal Council Chief Steven Pego.

The Isabella County distribution took place at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28 in the Senior's Room of the Tribal Operations

building at 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant.

The Saganing area distribution occurred at the Saganing Tribal Center on Friday, May 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Two Percent Distribution Spring 2015		Saganing Totals	
Isabella Totals		Arenac County \$251,332.34	
Isabella County	\$194,580.34	City of Au Gres \$10,634.92	
City of Mount Pleasant	\$355,000	City of Omer \$59,819.48	
Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed	\$14,344.66	City of Pinconning \$36,810	
Chippewa Township	\$295,583.45	City of Standish \$2,177	
Deerfield	\$13,390	Arenac Township \$1,000	
Denver Township	\$13,390	Au Gres Township \$8,562	
Isabella Township	\$209,974	Deep River Township \$25,000	
Nottawa Township	\$13,390	Lincoln Township \$1,000	
Union Township	\$104,717	Mason Township \$21,000	
Wise Township	\$15,340	Pinconning Township \$23,000	
Village of Shepherd	\$153,022	Sims Township \$1,000	
Beal City Public Schools	\$66,642	Standish Township \$6,639	
Chippewa Hills Public Schools	\$25,517.50	Turner Township \$11,000	
Mount Pleasant Public Schools	\$379,288.93	Whitney Township \$1,000	
Shepherd Public Schools	\$130,311	Arenac Eastern School District \$54,195.35	
Morey Public Schools	\$4,027	Au Gres-Sims School District \$48,581	
Renaissance Public Schools	\$7,839	Pinconning School District \$51,634.63	
Total: \$2,045,422.88		Standish-Sterling School District \$76,993.88	
		Total: \$691,379.60	



In loving Memory of Rebecca Rose Oller
(you will be missed my friend)
June 6th 1957 ~ October 4th 2014

I know we come from great people, you have shown me ever since I was little. You made me the strong woman I am today and I promise to pass everything you have taught me down to your "little girl". You are with me in spirit, on my mind always and forever in my heart!

Love ~ Heather



In Loving Memory

I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new
I thought about you yesterday
and the days before that too
I think of you in silence
and often speak your name
All I have are memories
and your picture in a frame
Your memory is my keepsake
with which I will never part
God has you in his keeping
I have you in my heart



James G. Stinson
12-31-1927 6-1-2012

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

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

Wiidsendaanan Mziniganan:

Walk With Books at your Tribal Library this summer!



- All ages welcome, open to everyone!
- Starts June 15 at your Tribal Library.

Are you a SCIT Community Member between the ages of 15 & 25?

Have you attended drug or alcohol treatment? We want to hear about your experiences and opinions.

You are invited to participate in a qualitative research study and receive a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card.

Participation includes a one to two hour interview at an agreed upon time and place. Your participation will be confidential.

If you are interested in participating:

Please contact Kehli Henry at:
henry1ka@msu.edu or call or text 989.307.1414

If someone you know may be interested in participating, please give them my name and contact information.

****This study is being conducted with permission from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.**

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

June 11 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

June 25 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

* All times and locations subject to change by committee

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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



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

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

PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

To the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
Tip Line: 989.775.4775

Public Notice

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

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

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

Don't Shatter the Dream.



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



BIA Office of Justice Services
Indian Highway Safety Program

HEY FRIENDS!



Our waterpark will NOT OPERATE on the following dates. Operation of hotel will not be affected by these changes.

Note: Nbakade Restaurant will remain open daily. The hotel pool area and fitness center are also available outside of the waterpark. Miigwetch! (Thank You)



JUNE: 2,3

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Recycling

Tire Collection

June 8-12, 2015

Open To All Tribal Members & SCIT Employees With Valid ID.

Drop Off Times:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (By appointment only)

Open Drop Off Times: (Without an appointment)

Wednesday, June 10 & Friday, June 12: from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- The drop-off trailer will be located behind the Nimkee Fitness Center by the recycling bins.
- Limit 20 tires per household.



Call For An Appointment Tonia Jewell 775-5231

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule June 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Turbo Kick Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Boot Camp Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	CrossFitness Jaden
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Jayme		Turbo Kick Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni			
5:30 p.m.			Belly Dance Deanna		



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Happy Birthday Mom
~We love You!
Rebecca Rose Oller
June 7th ~



"This is the Best Day Ever"
Oooh-wee! She's turning 3!
June 14th
My Lil' Nosey Rosie

Tribal police captain

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Bannon said the Tribal Police currently have 35 employees working in a variety of positions and each officer in the field is equipped by body cameras along with cameras within each squad car.

"The body cameras were implemented by Tribal Police several years ago and our department remains committed to keeping pace with emerging technology and law enforcement techniques," Bannon said. "We have equipped our road patrols with video cameras over 15 years ago and we

will continue to change as new advances arise."

Bannon appreciates the support given by Tribal Council as they work with the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Division and other agencies that impact the Reservation and Isabella County.

She said Tribal Police works closely with SCIT Community Engineer Donald Seal and the Michigan Department of Transportation to be informed on current projects and will continue to work with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort security, surveillance and the Saginaw Chippewa Fire Department as they gear up for the summer concerts and other events within their jurisdiction.

Benefits to planting a rain garden

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

A rain garden is a small garden that is planted in areas where water tends to pool up such as low spots or depressions. These are typically areas where storm water runs off to during rain events. These gardens usually contain a variety of beautiful plants.

So why plant a rain garden?

1. Rain gardens catch and soak up dirty storm water before it washes away into storm drains and eventually

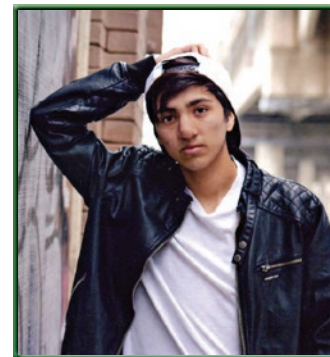
leading to rivers and streams.

2. Rain gardens help to remove the pollutants that the storm water may carry before the water enters local rivers.

3. Rain gardens help to reduce local flooding and erosion.

4. The strong root system of native plants often used in rain gardens increases infiltration of water over time. This helps keep soils healthy.

For more information on rain gardens, please feel free to contact Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081 or ashahpurwala@sagchip.org.



Congratulations Kaine!

We are so proud of your accomplishments after all the hurdles we watched you jump through to get to this point, you amaze us! For you, giving up was not an option even when times got tough. We love your determination and your self-motivation you have. This is just the beginning of successes for you, remember the sky's the limit! We wish you all the best in the world and to always follow your dreams and know we are always going to be your biggest fans! We love you to the moon and back!
Love you! Mom, Alden, Alyssa, TomTom, and Daniel



Happy Birthday Oldest Tribal Member

Mary Zilz

100 years old on June 18th
We just wanted you to know
We are blessed by your example
Blessed by your love,
And we thank God for you
Love, From your Family
Please send cards to: 207 W. Sturgis
St. St. Johns, MI 48879

Attention Tribal Members

The following are all available to print on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org under the Tribal Clerks tab in the "Government" section of the website.

- Annual Report
- Adult Change of Address form
- Tribal Children's Welfare Program Application Affidavit and Schedule
- Child Change of Address form
- Durable Power of Attorney Designation
- Application for Absentee Ballot
- Notice of Fee Schedules (effective April 16, 2014)
- Voter Registration Forms

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

There are currently two vacancies

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by **June 15, 2015**. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

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

Send letter of interest to:

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

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

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



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
Dispatch: 989-775-4700
Tip Line: 989-775-4775
Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)
Tip Line: 989-779-9697
Anonymous and Confidential

2015 Powwow Date Change

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



Tribal Council

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

Seven Grandfather Teachings

- Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom**
To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.
- Zaagidowin ~ Love**
To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.
- Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect**
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.
- Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery**
To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.
- Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty**
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.
- Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility**
To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.
- Debwewin ~ Truth**
To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

Community homeowners: Prepare for hydrant flushing

SCIT UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Utilities Department will be flushing hydrants during June 8-12. Annual hydrant flushing is done to remove sediment from the pipes in order to maintain water clarity and quality in the distribution

system and to test the hydrants for adequate flow and pressure.

If this happens, run cold water tap for a few minutes until the water clears. If it doesn't clear the first time, wait a few minutes and run the water again. Avoid washing clothes until the water clears.

Information regarding hydrant flushing can be obtained by calling 989-775-5141 or 989-775-5235.

Six-year-old Angelo Leasureaux participates in Gathering of Nations hand drum contest

TONIA LEASUREAUX

Contributing Writer

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Kindergartener Angelo Leasureaux recently attended North America's largest powwow, the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M., where he participated in the hand drum contest.

The crowd of approximately 15,000 spectators did not deter the little guy, who was eager and adamant that he was going to enter the contest.

The interesting part was that the song he chose was a song by well-known hand drummers Butch & Tone. Mind you, Butch & Tone were both at the event, and Tone actually was a contestant in the hand drum contest as well.

Regardless, Angelo had no qualms about singing their song despite their presence, so there was no point in trying to convince him otherwise (have to learn somehow, right?)

The best part was that the whole powwow was live streaming, so Angelo's grandma was able to view his performance from home! What an incredible experience for



Courtesy of Tonia Leasureaux

Leasureaux performs a Butch & Tone song during Gathering of Nations Powwow.

6-year-old Leasureaux, who will have fond memories of performing in front of the crowd for years to come.

Way to go, Angelo! Chi-miigwetch to Margaret Flamand, Sasiwaans Immersion School teacher, who discovered Angelo had a love for the drum when he was in her class as a two-year-old student.

Vendors needed for Native Farmers Market



The Native Farmers Market

Every Tuesday Starting
June 2 to Oct. 13, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items For Sale

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

Native American

Artisans & supplies

Every
Tuesday!

LOCATION:

Market will be held at the Housing Pavilion until the new pavilion on Broadway and Leaton Roads is finished. Completion date is slated for mid-July.

For questions and registration forms, please contact: Marcella Hadden, interim market master at 989.775.4059



Native Farmers Market is in need of vendors for 2015. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Marcella Hadden at 989-775-4059 or mahadden@sagchip.org.

This year, there is no vendor fee! The Native Farmers Market will be moving to the new pavilion on the corner of Broadway and Leaton Roads in mid-July and starting out at the Housing Pavilion on Broadway Road until then.

Tribal Observer

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



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Human trafficking forum brings awareness to slavery occurring throughout Michigan

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, widespread throughout the United States, occurring in Michigan. In fact, Michigan ranks number two for human trafficking sex trade, behind only Nevada.

Michigan's proximity to the Canadian border and waterways increases the likelihood of trafficking in the state, according to The Hope Project.

On May 4, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council Secretary Sandy Sprague, Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig and Alice Ricketts, youth alternatives worker of LEAD, attended State Sen. Judy Emmons' "Shine the Light on Human Trafficking" survivor forum in Ann Arbor at the Shekinah Christian Church.

"I was astounded when I heard of this taking place so close to home," Sprague said. "As a mother, grandmother and member of our community, I wanted to know more about this issue and why Michigan."

Cities in Michigan with the most calls received by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and reported by The Polaris Project include: Detroit, Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Mackinac Island.

"The biggest obstacle we still face in the fight against human trafficking is awareness," said Emmons, R-Sheridan, in a press release. "This modern-day slavery remains in the shadows... Holding these forums gives the public across the state a chance to hear directly from survivors about what we are up against and how it devastates thousands of lives every year in Michigan."

Emmons said human trafficking has increased in Michigan because of the legalization of

medical marijuana. Marijuana dealers are no longer making the profit they once did, so they have turned to selling victims into human trafficking for an income.

According to Polaris, \$13,000 per year is generated on average by each "forced laborer." This number can be as high as \$67,200 per victim per year.

Emmons said regrettably, the highest price for sex trafficking is for an infant, the victim can be as young as 18 months old.

As many as 2.8 million children run away each year in the U.S. Within 48 hours of hitting the streets, one-third of these children are lured or recruited into the underground world of prostitution and pornography. (*The National Center for Mission and Exploited Children*)

From 7-9 p.m., four survivors shared their stories and provided an informational discussion.

"(These survivors) are the most courageous women I know," Emmons said.

Joyce, outreach coordinator for Emmons, is a survivor. Joyce was first molested at 7 years old. As an adult, the man she loved and trusted set her up for the human trafficking "business."

"Next thing I know, appointments are being set up for me," she said.

She was forced to have sex with strange men against her will, she said.

She put up with the abuse for years, one day she had enough and murdered the man responsible for it all. She spent 17 years in prison.

"Jail was the best sleep I had in years," she said, no longer worried what form of abuse she would be waking up to each day.

Leaving the prison life behind, Joyce now leads a successful life and educates the public on human trafficking.

"I was the first woman to graduate from the University

of Michigan from behind bars," she said. "Go Blue!"

According to hopeforslaves.com, sex traffickers use a variety of ways to "condition" their victims by subjecting them to starvation, rape, physical abuse, beating, confinement, threats of violence toward the victim and their families, forced drug use, and shame.

Survivor Malynnda, 40, was raised in a rural town, on a farm.

"My mother and her husband were my traffickers," she said.

Malynnda said her siblings were also sold. She believed the abuse was normal for every child. She didn't understand how other children at school were laughing and smiling each day when they were also experiencing this abuse.

When she was 13, a police officer was called in to talk to her.

"When the officer was asking me questions, I didn't know to lie- I just answered honestly," she said. "While I was answering, the cop just started crying. I had never seen a man cry. So, I asked him why he was crying. And he told me, mummies and daddies aren't supposed to do this to kids."

Emmons said a lot of progress has been made at the state level in terms of human trafficking legislation but there would be more progress in the coming year. In Michigan, a survivor previously had six years to go after the trafficker and press charges. That has now been increased to 25 years.

There are 27 million people in slavery today. More people are in slavery now than at any other time in human history, according to Free the Slaves, and according to



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Michigan State Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, and four human trafficking survivors (seated) provided an informational discussion during the "Shine the Light on Human Trafficking" forum in Ann Arbor at the Shekinah Christian Church.

U.S. Department of Justice, 300,000 children in the U.S. are at risk every year for commercial sexual exploitation.

Emmons is the Senate point-person on the issue of human trafficking. In recognition of her efforts in fighting the crime, she was honored in January with the Michigan Liberator of the Year Award.

"Judy did not take (human trafficking awareness) on to build her platform, or to get famous, she did this because it was the right thing to do," Joyce said.

The event was sponsored by Emmons and The Institute of Human Trafficking Education.

"Hearing the stories of former victims caught up in the sex trafficking industry was a huge eye opener, along with learning about the statistics and who is at risk," Ricketts said.

At the event, pamphlets were handed out on potential human trafficking indicators.

How to identify a victim of human trafficking in children? If a child:

- Has unexplained absences from school and is truant.
- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis.
- Chronically runs away from home.

- Refers to frequent travel to other cities.

- Exhibits physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression or fear.

- Lacks control over her or his schedule or identification documents.

- Is hungry, malnourished or inappropriately dressed (based on weather.)

- Shows signs of drug addiction.

- Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, behavior, or material possessions (has expensive items.)

- Makes references to sexual situations that are beyond age-specific norms.

- Engages in promiscuous behavior and may be labeled "fast" by peers.

Pimps prey on victims as young as 12, the victims said. Traffickers target their minor victims through telephone chat lines, clubs, on the street through friends, and at the malls, as well as by using girls to recruit other girls at schools and in after-school programs.

If suspecting an individual is a victim, proper officials must be alerted. Contact the local police station or the National Human Trafficking hotline at **888-3737-888**.

Second national-tribal NRDAR Conference held at SECR May 12-14

SALLY KNIFFEN

SCIT Environmental Specialist

Tribes from throughout the nation attended a special training hosted by the Environmental Team of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe on May 12-14 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The conference drew tribal environmental professionals who are involved in

Natural Resources Damages Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) cases from throughout the U.S. to Mount Pleasant for specialized training.

Approximately 100 tribes are involved in NRDAR cases. These cases can be brought about due to oil spills, such as Exxon Valdez or Deep Water Horizon, or chemical releases, such as PCB's, dioxins, or mining run off.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier introduced Tribal Chief Steven Pego who welcomed the crowd and commended them on the good work they are doing as stewards of Mother Earth.

Veterans from the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society were present to post their colors along with the support of the drum. A special thanks to the Snowbird Singers, the women's drum group, for performing and Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig for providing a blessing.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees clean up in these cases. However, assessing the damages caused to natural resources and making the public whole after a release is the role of NRDAR practitioners.

When a responsible party is named in a NRDAR case, a

Trustee Council is formed to collectively assess the damages and recommend solutions. Examples in Michigan involve Enbridge oil spill in the Kalamazoo River, General Motors PCB's in the Saginaw Bay, and the Dow Chemical dioxin contamination in the Tittabawassee River.

Tribes working on large cases are often at a disadvantage because it takes a lot of resources to participate on these Trustee Councils.

SCIT hosted the first Tribal NRDAR conference in 2011, this was the second. We are building upon these successes, and the Department of Interior has committed to funding future trainings at other host tribes.

The conference was videotaped for future reference and training purposes. If you



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Jeffrey Mears, environmental area manager of the Oneida Environmental Health and Safety Division provides a perspective of the Fox River/Green Bay natural resources damages.

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SCIT receives 2015 Governor's Award for historic preservation

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan received a 2015 Governor's Award for historic preservation on Wednesday, May 6 for the US-31/M-231 Holland to Grand Haven Archaeological Data Recoveries.

Historic preservation seeks to conserve, preserve and protect buildings, landscapes, objects and other artifacts of historical significance.

SCIT has been actively involved with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Federal Highway Administration and the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the M-231/US-31 project.

"Investigations of three archaeological sites that were determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places were undertaken by MDOT in 2011 and 2012,"

said William Johnson, curator of the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

"The excavations and consultation with the federally-recognized Indian tribes of Michigan were required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in advance of the construction of a bridge over the Grand River for new state route M-231," he said.

According to Johnson, excavations by MDOT's archaeological consultant, Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc. (CCRG) of Jackson, Mich., revealed evidence of several occupations of the sites between A.D. 1000 and A.D. 1500.

"Artifacts including chipped stone tools, the debris from making tools and pottery were recovered," he said. "Food remains and evidence of fire pits, hearths, refuse and storage pits were recovered as well. The sites discovered are among the best preserved in Michigan."

Along with SCIT, MDOT and CCRG, the consultation with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians- Gun Lake Tribe and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi resulted in the project's Tribal Involvement Plan (TIP).

"TIP provided access to the site for Tribal Members to conduct spiritual blessings and ceremonial activities during the fieldwork and opportunities to visit the sites and access the artifacts at the consultant's laboratory and the state museum," Johnson said.

Also provided, was an explicit procedure for what to do if Tribal ancestors were inadvertently discovered during excavations, determining how to allow the tribes to rebury any ancestors, if encountered, as close to the original burial sites as possible.

The award ceremony occurred at the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda in Lansing at 9 a.m.

State Historic Preservation Officer Brian Conway presented the award.

Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call accepted the award on SCIT's behalf. Also in attendance to represent SCIT were Johnson and Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden.

"I'm very happy that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council supports the efforts of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office," Johnson said. "It was an honor to consult with the Michigan Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, State Historic Preservation Office and the Commonwealth Cultural Resources Group. The excavation of the archaeological sites was done carefully, respectfully and with sensitivity to the tribes' needs.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call accepts the 2015 Governor's Award for historic preservation at the Michigan State Capitol.

This project is the perfect example of tribal consultation and totally deserving of the Governor's Award."

A guide to native Michigan plants that will thrive in gardens

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

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2. What is your dominant soil texture? Do your soils contain more sand, silt or clay?

3. How much sun do you receive on your property? Are there areas that receive more shade than others? Consider planting native plants that are more shade tolerant in areas that receive less sun.

4. What esthetics are you expecting from your plant? Consider the height of each plant while selecting, along with the color of the foliage during each season. What season

does the plant bloom? A variety of plants with differing bloom times may allow you to enjoy your garden year round.

For more information on gardening with native plants, feel free to contact: Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at **989-775-4081** or ashahpurwala@sagchip.org.


Resource: www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/wrd-nps-landscape4wq_401217_7.pdf



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Sunlight: Full, partial or shade
Other: Great addition to shade beds




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Sunlight: Full or partial
Other: Benefits wildlife



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Workshop held in effort to increase Tribal youth self-esteem

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Low self-esteem is a thinking disorder in which an individual views him/herself as inadequate, unlovable, and/or incompetent. Once formed, this negative view permeates every thought, producing faulty assumptions and ongoing self-defeating behavior, according to DoSomething.org.

The Nimkee Healthy Start Program, Youth LEAD Program and Seventh Generation hosted the Teen Self-Esteem Workshop with 25 Tribal youth from sixth through 12th grade attending in the Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Healthy Start Child Nurse Helen Williams coordinated the self-esteem workshop. Williams said self-esteem is how people see themselves, whether good or bad.

“Positive self-esteem is the ability to have confidence in one’s own worth or abilities; self-respect, pride, dignity, self-regard, faith in oneself, self-confidence and self-assurance,” Williams said. “Positive self-esteem is needed to help prevent risky behavior in youth.”

Tribal Observer Graphic Designer Matthew Wright developed the 2015 Tribal Youth Self-Esteem symbol with the Tribal logo on the back of the teal T-shirt with the message of “Believe in the pride of a great people.”

“The purpose of this event is to assist the Tribal youth in learning to see themselves as



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

West Intermediate 7th grader Jade Leoureux is all smiles with the exercise ball she won at the Self-Esteem Workshop.

valuable, not only to themselves, but to their family, friends, the community and Tribal Nation,” Williams said. “We stress how important each child is by honoring culture and traditions through teachings and fun, cultural hands-on activities. The event goal is to provide a safe, friendly environment where Tribal youth can balance humor and respect while they participate in the teachings to increase self-esteem.”

Many Tribal departmental staff participated as speakers or teachers.

Williams asked the youth ideas on how to build up other teens self-esteem in a school or community. Some of the ideas included: Writing something positive on school lockers, complimenting someone on their looks or their work, and handing out compliments on sticky notes.

Seventh Generation Director Milton “Beaver” Pelcher honored the youth with a prayer for the workshop and meal, and shared a message on the importance of treating one another with respect.

Tribal Observer Photojournalist Joe Sowmick served as emcee for the event and kept the youth entertained with music and taking pictures with a “selfie stick.”

Williams shared 11 facts on self-esteem in teens while Nimkee Healthy Start Nurse Anna Hon presented information.

“May is National Teen Self-Esteem Month, a month that was started in order to battle against the negative self-image teens often have,” Hon said. “During this month, parents and teachers are encouraged to be positive role models for teens, promote diversity, and foster a positive body image. It’s important to remember that this generation of teens will be the next generation of leaders, so making them confident and secure is an important task.”

Ben Hinmon, cultural representative of Seventh Generation, shared a tobacco teaching and Seventh Generation staffers Lee Ann Ruffino and Louise Hunt assisted the youth in preparation to make their own semaa pouches, used in social situations including ceremonies and/or sacred fires.

“Tobacco plays such an important role, socially and spiritually, as Anishinabe,” Hinmon said. “The core of being Anishinabe is understanding who you are.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Seventh Generation Cultural Representative Ben Hinmon provided tobacco teachings to students and showed how to make a personal semaa pouch.

Hinmon further explained tobacco offerings.

“It is not an insult if someone turns down your tobacco offering,” he said. “It is a way of saying they are not sure if they can help you. Once someone accepts the tobacco, it becomes an obligation... if you take someone’s tobacco offering, make sure (the task) is something you are comfortable doing, because once that tobacco is in your hand, you are obligated to help that person out.”

According to DoSomething.org, 75 percent of girls with low self-esteem reported engaging in negative activities including cutting, bullying, smoking, drinking or disordered eating. This compares to 25 percent of girls with high self-esteem.

Williams read the following facts: More than 70 percent of girls age 15 to 17 avoid normal activities, such as attending school, when they feel bad about their looks. Also, seven in

10 girls believe that they are not good enough or don’t measure up in some way, including their looks, performance in school and relationships with friends and family members.

The top wish among all teen girls is for their parents to communicate better with them. This includes frequent and more open conversations, Williams said.

It isn’t just teenage girls that experience low self-esteem, as boys may also experience low self-esteem. About 20 percent of teens will experience depression before they reach adulthood.

Williams suggested getting involved with groups or after school activities is a great way to increase self-esteem.

“Being in sports or part of a group teaches you discipline and team work,” Williams said. “Exercise lessens depression; the more you work out, the better you feel.”

Repatriating our ancestors while "Walking the Red Road"

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Repatriating our ancestors has been my life’s work... there are many of our ancestors who languish on shelves at universities and scientific institutions. Our possible relatives were taken out of the ground and used for study. Many believe this is still happening today.

Nowadays, during construction projects, sometimes burial grounds are unearthed. These construction projects will not stop or move to another area. There are procedures that must be followed.

Michigan State Police are notified and determinations as to their age and cause of death are made. Then, the tribes are notified. A particular tribe may claim



The “Red Road of Repatriation” curves through the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds and ends at the Nibokaan Cemetery.

their ancestors for reburial at their homelands.

Many times, their journey to the spirit land has been disturbed and another ceremony has to be done. Feasts are also done to honor the ancestors and apologize to them for the disturbance.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been doing these reburials for almost 20 years now. Our Tribe is fortunate to have the financial resources to do these repatriations. Lots of tribes are repatriating their ancestors now for reburial. In this way, we are honoring our ancestors and those who have gone on before us. We say our Mother Earth is sacred because it holds the remains of our ancestors.

But there is more to honoring our ancestors and repatriations. Many Anishinabe are Walking the Red Road. We are living our lives in a sober manner without drugs or alcohol. These issues have plagued our people for a long time. Realizing this and making a better life for our young ones has made an enormous difference in our lives.

Overcoming the issues and obstacles of drug and alcohol-affected lives has been a long time coming. We have so many resources now to help our young people to overcome these issues. Youth and prevention programs, treatment programs, community activities all have contributed to our new wellness. Our culture has also made a huge contribution to our wellness as well.

Studies have shown if people know their identity, history, and heritage and can be proud of it, there are fewer issues with drugs and alcohol. Knowing our history and even knowing how the boarding schools have affected us has contributed to the overall wellness of our current national state of wellness.

Anishinabek now know their clans, and the significance of their spirit names. We are learning our

own Anishinabe language and reclaiming our heritage. Being proud of whom we are and making a better future for tomorrow is what has contributed to our current state of wellness.

I look forward to our future and doing the repatriation work. It has contributed to my own wellness and I hope has helped teach our young ones how to make things right for the future of all Anishinabek.

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Child Protection Team established to protect Tribal children from maltreatment

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Editor

In an effort to continue keeping Tribal children protected, the Indian Child Welfare Committee and the Health Board of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe established a Child Protection Team (CPT).

The CPT meets to discuss child abuse and neglect cases with children's protection as the common goal. The CPT has the responsibility to review

the response of social services and police agencies to reports of neglect and abuse and make recommendations regarding the adequacy of those responses to improve protection of children from child maltreatment.

"Title II of the Saginaw Chippewa Children's Code actually provides for the creation of a special Child Protection Team which is intended to bring individuals with expertise across disciplines together to ensure the best outcomes possible for

children and families with child welfare involvement," said Amy Durie, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services director. "Our code calls for bringing the CPT team together for only the most serious cases, but the Bureau of Indian Affairs recommends a Child Protection Team consult on all open juvenile court ward cases."

The CPT must be made up of representatives from various disciplines (agencies) that work with child abuse and neglect cases; the health department, court, law enforcement, education, etc. (Department of the Interior, 1987; United States Department of the Interior, 1990.)

"We followed the 'Title II Children's Code, Section 2.802(b) Child Protection Team'", said Faith Carmona-Pego, ICWC chairperson. "And 'Section 2.808 (g) - the director of the Tribal department or his designee shall be deemed to be the coordinator of the Child Protection Team.'"

The SCIT CPT currently includes Durie; Cathy Fisher, healing to wellness coordinator; Karmen Fox, Nimkee executive health director; Melissa Montoya, education director; Shawn Sawmick, interim enrollment/tribal clerk director; and Robert Pego Sr., healing to wellness coordinator.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Saginaw Chippewa Child Protection Team was sworn in on Friday, May 1 by Tribal Judge Patrick Shannon. (Photographed left to right: Shannon; Amy Durie, ACFS director; Cathy Fisher, healing to wellness coordinator; Karmen Fox, Nimkee executive health director; Melissa Montoya, education director; Shawn Sawmick, interim enrollment/tribal clerk director; and Robert Pego Sr., healing to wellness coordinator.)

The team was inaugurated by Tribal Judge Patrick Shannon on Friday, May 1.

"I feel I have a responsibility to the children of my community to help them live in a thriving and happy home and community," Sawmick said.

Durie said there are plans to add representatives from Behavioral Health and the Tribal Police Department.

"The idea is that we will have better outcomes for children and families if we look at family needs from a multi-disciplinary prospective," Durie said.

According to the American Prosecutor's Research Institute (1989), "experts from across the country who deal with children, abuse issues, courts, and trials on a daily basis confirm research findings in the field that the best response to child abuse is a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach."

Child protection often involves civil action while prosecution is a criminal justice issue.

"The tribe has wanted to establish a CPT for some time, so this represents a positive step forward for our community," Durie said.

SEWPH donates to Tribal Library



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On Thursday, May 14, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel representatives General Manager Bonnie Sprague (middle) and Associate General Manager Melinda Coffin (right) donated an autographed set of Johnathan Rand's children's books and poster to the Tribal Library. Rand is the author of best-selling series, Michigan Chillers.

To kick-off summer reading, Rand will be visiting SEWPH on Saturday, June 13 with presentations at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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Tribal Council bestows Certificate of Appreciation to Pauquette

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

In a special ceremony with Tribal Council and the Public Relations staff, Water Quality Specialist Carey Pauquette joined fellow Environmental Team members Wildlife Biologist Heather Shaw, Environmental Resource Technician David Syckle and Administrative Assistant Kim Otto McCoy in Council chambers to receive a high honor

on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

At the 20th annual Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Banquet April 23, Pauquette received the 2015 Bob Ball Award.

In addition, Tribal Council presented Pauquette with a Certificate of Appreciation on May 20.

"I consider these both incredible honors," Pauquette said. "Working to represent the Tribe on surface water issues, improving water quality for the community, and

working with others to promote environmental stewardship is my hobby, my career, and my life."

"The environmental team has experienced incredible growth and community support in recent years, and we are very thankful," she said. "Knowing the community is proud and excited by our accomplishments fulfills a true sense of success and makes me want to work even harder toward our goals."

Pauquette said she is thankful to work with wonderful people and on a fantastic team. Pauquette also offered a special thank you to Tribal Council for their continued dedication to environmental stewardship.

The Chippewa Watershed Conservancy said The Robert "Bob" Ball Award paddle was created in 1996 to honor someone who has made a significant contribution to the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy's purpose of protecting natural habitat and open space.

The late Bob Ball was one of the founders of the CWC. He dedicated a large part of his life to promoting awareness and access to nature.

In her position with the Tribe, Pauquette has been responsible for monitoring and reporting



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council honors Water Quality Specialist Carey Pauquette with a Certificate of Appreciation for receiving the 2015 Bob Ball Award at the 20th annual Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Banquet.

on the presence of E.coli in the Chippewa River, and for raising public awareness about the health issues associated with E. coli. She also put together all of the necessary documentation to make the Tribe eligible for Project 319: Clean Water Funding and is currently working on securing funds for the implementation of best management practices to control or mitigate sedimentation and erosion issues within Tribal reservation boundaries.

For the past two years, she has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the CWC and also serves on the Board of Directors of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy in Bay City.

Tribal Treasurer Shelly Bailey presented the Certificate of Appreciation and commended the work that Carey and the environmental team does on behalf of the Membership.

"Our Tribal Council has remained united in our effort to protect the environment and we are always willing to support those people in our community who realize how precious our resources are," Bailey said. "The future of our Tribe and our people has always been connected to the environment and Tribal Council recognizes the good work that is being done by many who support clean water and environmental issues."

Tribal Library hosts Money Smart Week



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Michigan Credit Union League sponsored the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library's Money Smart Week during April 20-24. On Tuesday, April 21, Isabella Community Credit Union volunteer Melissa Voss taught the after-school program children about money.

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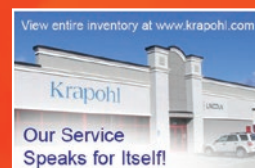
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WIGWAM WISDOM

The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the hands of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.



Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

**(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

Dear Wigwam Wisdom: I recently bought new furniture and have waited a long time to do so. I absolutely cannot wait to sit down and have a cup of tea when I have a chance. I do have a bigger issue: My husband sees nothing wrong with letting our dog on the new furniture when he is home. I know it is confusing to our pet as he gets mixed messages. How should I handle this? **Dog Gone It**

Dear Dog Gone: You must come to an understanding first with your husband on what you can live with. Depending on what type of dog it is, it may be perfectly fine. On the other hand, there could be an issue with fleas and dog odor. If your husband will not budge on the issue, perhaps you both can compromise and have the dog lay on a small blanket which you can then wash when necessary.

Dear Wigwam Wisdom: There are times in our community when it is not appropriate for kids to attend certain functions or sometimes if they are allowed, they are not supervised. I have kids but I monitor them closely and don't let them run around. I know it's hard on them when they see the other kids running around wild. I just think it's so disrespectful, especially when there are Elders around. How can you make a parent pay attention to their children? **Sugared Up**

Dear Sugared Up: There is a time and a place for everything, but unfortunately not everyone will agree. Usually in Indian Country, kids are considered part of community functions and are not left out. Most people will just tolerate the noise and chaos or leave the event. I would suggest that at the beginning of the event, an announcement can be made about what is and isn't appropriate preferably by an Elder to the parents.

Dear Wigwam: I have tried everything to get my boyfriend to quit drinking. I've threatened to leave but have been unable to move forward in doing so. I've dumped out his booze, hid his car keys, picked him up at the bar, etc. You name it, I've done it to help him. I cook, clean and am a good mother. I don't know why he can't be happy with me when I've tried so hard to please him in every way. **Why Not Me**

Dear Why Not Me: Maybe it's not him you should worry so much about, but yourself. Threatening and enabling never works. Take the focus off of him and on to yourself. You can't control him so don't kid yourself. He knows what he has to do but is not ready and may never be. You have to do what is right for you and you may not even know what that is. There is a support group called Al-Anon which is for family of friends of alcoholics that I would recommend for you. When you begin to educate yourself and change your behavior, the alcoholic will also change. Give it a try, what have you got to lose?

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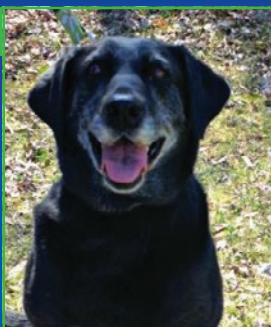
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Roxanne

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Avery

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Legendary lacrosse coach teaches SCIT youth fundamentals of the game

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Lacrosse Coach John M. Kenney is a longtime coach and athletic mentor of boys lacrosse. Winner of more than 400 games and numerous division, county and state championships in Long Island and Michigan, Kenney has also been a six-time coach of the year, four-time Man of the Year, including the 2005 U.S. Lacrosse National Man of the Year, and served on the Team USA 2003 World U-19 staff.

Kenney was appointed head coach of the Scottish National Team for the 2008 European



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Youth LEAD Activities Manager and Red Swamp Lacrosse Coach Ronnie Ekdahl (left) extends a warm handshake to Kenney as he is presented with some traditional gifts on behalf of the team.

Cup, a position he continues to hold and has written a coaching certification manual for Scotland.

He was invited by Youth LEAD Activities Manager and Red Swamp Lacrosse Coach Ronnie Ekdahl to hold a skills and fundamentals clinic for youth on Saturday, April 18.

(Editor's note: The following is the April 18 interview with Kenney by Tribal Observer Photojournalist Joseph V. Sowmick.)

Here we are at the home field of Red Swamp Lacrosse on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation. How does it feel being able to teach Native people lacrosse?

This is a real honor and privilege for me to be here and teach the Native Americans the game of lacrosse. I am humbled to do so and am thrilled that I was able to get in touch with Ronnie and that we were able to put this scrimmage together.

I'm sure Coach Ekdahl has shared how he and his team have been striving to complete and maintain a quality program to challenge other tribes in Michigan and the Midwest. Do you see a lot of tribes getting back to this traditional game?

I know that the Six Nations have got together and put a lot of effort and certainly the Thompson brothers from

Albany State and the Onondaga Nation of New York have really put the Native American game back in Native hands. That is thrilling for me. I had the privilege last summer of coaching Scotland in the World Games and during that time we actually got to play the Iroquois Nationals. It was a close game and they won (laughs) but it was a real thrill and a highlight of my coaching career.

Something that is probably not different from playing lacrosse on the world stage is being able to stress the importance of fundamentals. Whether it's practicing your shot technique or making a successful pass to your teammate, do you see those mechanics as an integral part at every level of lacrosse, from beginner to collegiate and the world games?

I was blessed a long time ago in 1967 to have a high school coach who said something very simple. He said, "Gentlemen, the game of lacrosse is a simple game of catching and throwing and if you catch and throw right, you will be able to play this game and play it well." Catching and throwing requires good fundamentals... and I have stressed that knowledge given to me over my 35 years of coaching.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Coach John Kenney appreciates the corporate support given by Cascade Lacrosse and Marverik Lacrosse in assisting with equipment for the Red Swamp Lacrosse clinic on the Isabella Indian Reservation.

It seems like lacrosse has transcended generations where equipment and stories have been passed down throughout the years. Even in your family where your four boys have excelled at the collegiate level and for them to give back this game to their communities, how does that make you feel as a father?

To have taught them as young boys and to watch them win national championships at Princeton and the University of Virginia has been a thrill. And again, why were they able to play at that level? It really gets down to the fundamentals... the ball moves faster than their legs

and regardless of how quick and fast they are, it's the speed of the ball and the accuracy of the ball that makes the difference.

If you had one message you would like to share with our Native parents about lacrosse to encourage their kids to take part in the game, what would that message be?

For a long time, I have known it has been considered the Creator's game, and without a doubt, when it's played and played well, even at the elementary school level, it is, I believe, the most beautiful game that exists. Lacrosse is just a great, great game.

SELC plants 72 new saplings to replace lost ash trees

PAUL WALKER

SELC Maintenance Supervisor

This past winter, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino had to remove approximately 18 ash trees that were stricken by the Emerald Ash Borer.

Recently, Carey Pauquette from the SCIT Planning Department sent more than 72 saplings to replace the trees lost. This was done in effort to prevent erosion along the rivers and to keep our waters clean and safe from runoff.

The new trees were planted behind SELC and is an ongoing part of a beautification effort to make an enjoyable area for our employees to be proud of.



Courtesy of Paul Walker

SELC Maintenance employees Jeff Boensch and Ben Walters planting the first cedar tree.

Planning sent over white oak, dogwood, cranberry, and cedar trees.

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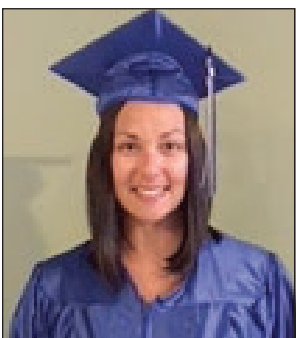
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SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and annual drinking water report

(Editor's Note: The following report was submitted by Water Operator Supervisor Joe Johnson.)

Is My Water Safe? During 2015, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your Tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from? Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well # 4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus Road and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content and you water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residues.

Source water assessment and its availability: The tribe has worked with the U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around

the well(s), which need to be protected from contaminations, identifying potential sources of contamination, and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review to anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

Vulnerability Study and Emergency Response Plan: We are required to do a vulnerability study and file it with the EPA. This has been completed as well as the Emergency Response Plan. These are available for review at the water plant.

Why are contaminants in drinking water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come

from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to insure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water that is provided by a public water system.

How to identify Utility staff employees: All Employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wear shirts that have the tribal logo on them, have a tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please call us at 989-775-5141 to verify that they are who they claim to be.

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Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report.

Terms and Abbreviations Used to the Right:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

(See table to the right for values.)

All water samples tested for bacteria content were negative for the test results. Due to excellent results on previous testing the following was requested: A Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC) waiver was requested in 2009. A Dioxin waiver was requested in 2009. Lead and Copper testing is required every three years. The test results were given to the individual homeowners. The results listed are the 90th percentile results. The required VOC testing was done in October of 2011 and except for the Total Trihalomethanes

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Sample Number: LF31770			Sample Point: Entry to Distribution Plant			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Chloride	31	8/11/14	4		SM 4500-Cl-E	7647-14-5
Flouride	0.89	8/11/14	0.1	4	SM 4500 FC	16984-48-8
Hardness as CaCO3	130	8/11/14	20		SM 2340 C	HARD-00-C
Iron (automated)	Not detected	8/11/14	0.1		SM 3500 FeB	7439-89-6
Nitrate as N	Not detected	8/11/14	0.4	10	10-107-04-2-B	1497-55-8
Nitrite as N	Not detected	8/11/14	0.05	1	10-107-04-2-B	14797-65-0
Sodium (automated)	87	8/11/14	5		SM 3500 NaB	7440-23-5
Sulfate	223	8/11/14	10		SM 4500 SO4E	14808-79-8
Volatile Organic Compounds						
1,1 Dichloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	75-34-3
1,1 Dichloroethylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.007	EPA 524.2	75-35-4
1,1 Dichloropropene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	563-58-6
1,1,1 Trichloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.2	EPA 524.2	71-55-6
1,1,1,2 Tetrachloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	630-20-6
1,1,2 Trichloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	79-00-5
1,1,2,2 Tetrachloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	79-34-5
1,2 Dichlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.6	EPA 524.2	95-50-1
1,2 Dichloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	107-06-2
1,2 Dichloropropane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	78-87-5
1,2,3 Trichlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	87-61-6
1,2,3 Trichloropropane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	96-18-4
1,2,4 Trichlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.07	EPA 524.2	120-82-1
1,2,4 Trimethylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	95-63-6
1,3 Dichlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	541-73-1
1,3 Dichloropropane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	142-28-9
1,3,5 Trimethylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	108-67-8
1,4 Dichlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.075	EPA 524.2	106-46-7
2,2 Dichloropropane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	594-20-7
Benzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	71-43-2
Bromobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	108-86-1
Bromochloromethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	74-97-5
Bromodichloromethane	0.0026	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-27-4
Bromoform	0.0026	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-5-2
Bromomethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 524.2	74-83-9
Carbon tetrachloride	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	56-23-5
Chlorobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.1	EPA 524.2	108-90-7
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0039	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	124-48-1
Chloroethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	75-00-3
Chloroform	0.0013	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	67-66-3
Chloromethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	74-87-3
cis-1,2 Dichloroethylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.07	EPA 524.2	156-59-2
cis-1,3 Dichloropropene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	10061-01-5
Dibromomethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	74-95-3
Dichlorodifluoromethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 524.2	75-71-8
Dichloromethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0006	0.005	EPA 524.2	75-09-2
Ethylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.7	EPA 524.2	100-41-4
Fluorotrichloromethane	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 524.2	75-69-4
Hexachlorobutadiene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	87-68-3
Isopropylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	98-82-8
m & p-Xylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	10	EPA 524.2	XYLMP-00-C
Methyl ethyl ketone	Not detected	8/12/14	0.005		EPA 524.2	78-93-3
Methyl isobutyl ketone	Not detected	8/12/14	0.005		EPA 524.2	108-10-1
Methyl-tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 524.2	1634-04-4
Naphthalene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	91-20-3
n-Butylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	104-51-8
Nitrobenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.01		EPA 524.2	98-95-3
n-Propylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	103-65-1
o-Chlorotoluene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	95-49-8
o-Xylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	10	EPA 524.2	95-47-6
p-Chlorotoluene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	106-46-4
p-Isopropyltoluene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	99-87-6
sec-Butylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	135-98-8
Styrene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.1	EPA 524.2	100-42-5
tert-Butylbenzene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	98-06-6
Tetrachloroethylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	127-18-4
Tetrahydrofuran	Not detected	8/12/14	0.005		EPA 524.2	109-99-9
Toluene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	1	EPA 524.2	108-88-3
Total Trihalomethanes	0.01	8/12/14	NA	0.08	EPA 524.2	TTHM-00-C
Total Xylenes	Not detected	8/12/14	NA	10	EPA 524.2	1330-20-7
trans-1,2 Dichloroethylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.1	EPA 524.2	156-60-5
trans-1,3 Dichloropropene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005		EPA 524.2	10061-02-6
Trichloroethylene	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0005	0.005	EPA 524.2	79-01-6
Vinyl chloride	Not detected	8/12/14	0.0004	0.002	EPA 524.2	75-01-4

Sample Number: LF31771			Sample Point: Hydrant Leaton			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Bromoacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-08-3
Bromochloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	5589-96-3
Chloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.002		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-11-8
Dalapon	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001	0.2	EPA 552.1/552.2	75-99-0
Dibromoacetic acid	0.001	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	631-64-1
Dichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-43-6
Total Haloacetic Acids (five)	0.001	8/12/14	NA	0.06	EPA 552.1/552.2	THA-00-C
Trichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	76-03-9
Total Trihalomethanes						
Bromodichloromethane	0.0029	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-27-4
Bromoform	0.0037	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-25-2
Chlorodibromomethane	0.0049	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	124-48-1
Chloroform	0.0014	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	67-66-3
Total Trihalomethanes	0.0129	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	TTHM-00-C

Sample Number: LF31772			Sample Point: Hydrant Makwa			
Analyte Name	Result (mg/L)	Date Tested	RL (mg/L)	MCL/LAL (mg/L)	Method	CAS#
Bromoacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-08-3
Bromochloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	5589-96-3
Chloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.002		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-11-8
Dalapon	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001	0.2	EPA 552.1/552.2	75-99-0
Dibromoacetic acid	0.003	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	631-64-1
Dichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	79-43-6
Total Haloacetic Acids (five)	0.003	8/12/14	NA	0.06	EPA 552.1/552.2	THA-00-C
Trichloroacetic acid	Not detected	8/12/14	0.001		EPA 552.1/552.2	76-03-9
Total Trihalomethanes						
Bromodichloromethane	0.0047	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-27-4
Bromoform	0.011	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	75-25-2
Chlorodibromomethane	0.011	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	124-48-1
Chloroform	0.0017	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	67-66-3
Total Trihalomethanes	0.0284	8/12/14	0.0005	0.08	EPA 524.2	TTHM-00-C

This analysis performed by the MDEQ Water Laboratory were conducted using methods approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, 40 CFR parts 141-143, and other regulatory agencies as appropriate. Your local health department has detailed information about the quality of drinking water in your area. If you have concerns about the health risks related to the test results of your sample, please contact the Environmental Health Section through the address and telephone number listed below:

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SCIT Public Works and SCIT Fire departments team up on tree removal

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On May 18-19, the SCIT Public Works and Fire departments demonstrated high-risk teamwork as they removed a grandfather oak tree that has succumbed to rot.

The tree, located near the Fire Department and across from Nimkee Clinic on Leaton

Road, was estimated to be more than 100 years old but was hard to ascertain by counting the damage sustained to the base of the trunk.

Firefighter Jerry Wieferich joined Public Works employee Mike Vasquez in removing branches in the bucket as Roy Carranza of Public Works prepared the wood for transport.

Fire Chief Fred Cantu approved the plan of

collaborating with the department and offered the use of the ladder truck to ensure a safe removal of the high branches.

“We make sure whenever we are doing tree removal that the safety of both the community and our employees are the primary concern,” Cantu said. “Leaton Road is a high traffic area for both vehicles and pedestrians, and I believe the timing to remove this tree was the best decision possible.”

Director of Utilities Barry Skutt oversees Public Works and said the wood will be used at the Saginaw Chippewa Campground as firewood for upcoming summer events, including the July 24-26 annual SCIT Powwow.

“We realize there has been some community concern of removing the rotting oak tree but we have left the base of the tree there so people can do their own inspection and realize this tree was dying and rotting from the inside,” Skutt said. “The Tribal Observer photos shared via (employee) email and the Tribal website demonstrate that and we will make sure the wood from this tree removal project is recycled and used for the benefit of the Tribe.”

David Perez Sr. serves as the risk manager for the Tribe and knows trees have been “trail and place markers” for Native people.

“Native Americans would bend young trees to create permanent trail markers, designating safe paths through rough country and pointing travelers toward water, food or other important landmarks,” Perez said. “I like to think that this tree marked a safe haven or resting place for travelers to our land... Today, we may not need this tree to navigate, but its place in our community has served its purpose. Imagine the stories this tree could tell. The decay has brought an end to a majestic landmark and I thank the activity that has made it safer for the people it has looked upon, and ask that the remaining trunk be looked at with pride in honor of its history.”

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said an issue came up about the tree being a potential public safety concern and with a recent



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT Public Works employee Mike Vasquez removes a large branch with assistance from SCIT Firetruck and Firefighter Jerry Weiferich.

tragedy that occurred at a local playground; the Tribe opted for a sudden removal.

“In the interest of safety, the Council and our department stand together on the safety of the community and I personally commend the swift response in doing this removal in a good way for all concerned,” Cloutier said.

SCA students receive Gang Resistance Education and Training



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

For 13 weeks, Michigan State Trooper Michael White, of the Mount Pleasant Post, taught Saginaw Chippewa Academy students Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) lessons. On Tuesday, May 12, the courses were completed and the fifth and sixth grade students received certificates of completion.



Behavioral Health PROGRAMS

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Outpatient Services

The outpatient program strives to meet the needs of the Anishinabek population of children, adolescents, adults and the elderly through the delivery of integrated services. This program is guided by ideals and principles that are reflective of the Anishinabek values and beliefs.

There are many reasons why an individual may need mental health counseling. He or she may have a chemical imbalance that is making it difficult to function, which can be aided through drugs but may also require some form of talk therapy. There may be unresolved trauma that is plaguing an individual. In nearly any case where a psychological issue is making daily functioning a problem, mental health counseling can help.

- Individual Adult Counseling & Couples Therapy
- Early Recovery Skills/Basic Education Group
- Individual Child & Adolescent Counseling
- Anger Management Education
- Intensive Outpatient Counseling
- Batterers' Intervention Group
- Transitional Supportive Living
- Anger Management Group
- Anishinabek Helping Healer
- Traditional Practitioner
- Gambling Addiction Counseling
- Adolescent Substance Abuse Group
- Parent Counseling
- Group Counseling
- DBT Group
- Family Counseling
- Women's Support Group
- Case Management Services
- Psychiatric Services
- School-Based Counseling

Residential Services

Located in the heart of the Isabella Reservation, we offer community-based programs catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin a journey to recovery. Programming is based on the twelve steps and incorporates the cultural and traditional process. Residents are exposed to the Ojibwe language, ceremonies, Native values and historical contexts through our cultural curriculum which is supported by our clinical approaches.

Program Goals:

- Promote balance and harmony within individuals and the community.
- Provide services aimed at reducing personal, family, social, physical, emotional and spiritual distress to individuals.
- Provide an environment that is met with honesty, humility, love, truthfulness, bravery, respect and wisdom.
- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients' activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan “Under the Eagle Wing”

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

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

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

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

Struggling?

Need Support? Need skill reminders?

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

Mondays: 5:30-7 p.m. (Dinner on your own)
Fridays: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Light lunch included)

Come when you can! As often as you want!

Topics covered include:

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



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2015



Heather Bajena
Associate of Arts in Business



Ashley Medina
Associate of Arts in Business



Anthony Quiroga
Associate of Arts in Business



Courtney Wemigwans
Associate of Arts in Business



Forrest Gregg
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



Nicole Jackson
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



Heather Quiroga
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



James Starkey
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



Delbert Youmans
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



Alexis Kitter
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts



*Not pictured: Catherine Bouchard, Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts

Photos courtesy of SCTC

SCTC commencement ceremony honors achievements of 11 graduates

MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension Coordinator

In January each year, the planning process for graduation begins and it continues throughout the spring semester. All the arrangements are made for the coming festivities: Reserving the space, ordering food, printing invitations, ordering caps and gowns, and contacting a keynote speaker. The winter weather seems to mask the bustling internal activity of the

dedicated staff that plan each year for the spring commencement ceremony.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College held its commencement ceremony on May 13, 2015 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

M'no Ode (good heart), a community Tribal education drum, signaled the opening of the ceremony with a special song.

Youth dancers Jasmyn Antoine-Jackson and Zackary Antoine-Jackson escorted the processional of graduates,

Board of Regents, and the faculty to the stage.

The agenda included an Anishnabemowin blessing from Higher Education Intern Daniel Jackson, and a congratulatory message from SCIT Tribal Chief Steven Pego.

Guest speaker involved renowned writer and internationally-acclaimed motivational speaker DJ Eagle Bear Vanas. Vanas is a member of the Odawa Nation and a former U.S. Air Force officer.

His moving speech honored

the graduates and emphasized the importance of pursuing an education, not only for personal development but as an example for the younger generations.

In his words, "A college degree is not just a piece of paper, it is a key that opens doors that you can't even imagine."

Vanas' engaging personality and high-energy speech dazzled the audience for 30 minutes of inspiration. SCTC 2015 graduate Anthony Quiroga was honored as 2015 American Indian Higher Education Consortium's student of the year, and SCTC Adjunct Instructor Sheryl Majorski was honored as 2015 American Indian Higher Education Consortium's faculty of the year.

Conferred with an associate of arts in business: Heather Bajena (Dean's List - GPA 3.5 to 3.99), Ashley Medina (President's List - GPA 4.0), Anthony Quiroga (AIHEC student of the year) and Courtney Wemigwans.

Conferred with an associate of arts in liberal arts: Catherine Bouchard, Forrest Gregg, Nicole Jackson, Alexis Kitter, Heather Quiroga, James Starkey and Delbert Youmans.

Just as spring flowers bloom signifying a new beginning, and as Vanas indicated to the community, this graduation is not the end... it is just the beginning.

Congratulations SCTC 2015 graduates - bloom where you are planted!

A message from SCTC President Carla Sineway

Another year has come and gone, and the excitement of graduation commencement fills the air. Each year, I am elated and weepy as I watch SCTC students cross the stage and accept their college diplomas.

Then there is the moving of the tassel from one side to the other, the final gesture to say "I got this." I wonder if our people really understand what has been accomplished.

The drop-out rate for Native Americans remains high, so individuals who receive a college degree are an elite group.

These graduates have positioned themselves to enter a four-year institution and earn a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree. They also set an example for their siblings, children, grandchildren, and spouses of what can be achieved with hard work and family

support. This brings to life the words that our actions are stronger than the spoken word. You don't only tell your children to go to school, you show them. And that is what parenting is about; showing our children.

These graduates have gone one step further and shown our community graduation can be accomplished! Miigwech for letting SCTC be a part of your triumph.

Dean's List (GPA 3.5 - 3.99)

- Heather Bajena
- Rachel House
- Irene Lopez-Casillas
- Lynette Smith
- Carrie Carabell
- Christian Jackson
- Santino Medina
- Trisha Trasky
- Leah Denhof
- Daniel Jackson
- Andrea Perschbacher
- Steven Wassegijig
- Chayton Gamba
- Belinda Land
- Suzanne Russell

President's List (GPA 4.0)

- Victoria Alavarez
- Gilberto Franco
- Jennifer Seibt
- Caroline Trevino
- Rachel Bailey
- Ashley Medina
- Shelby Stockwell
- Bobbie Jo Redmond

STEM FRIDAYS ROCK

Starting June 19, 2015

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Club is going to have some exciting and fun activities!

Sign up and come join us to take part in these stimulating activities that relate to the four areas of STEM such as cryptography (science of secret writings), Ojibwa stories of the stars and can constellations, building and erupting volcanoes, making gak, flubber and oobleck, making Lego cars and local day trips.

To sign up, please email Kathy Hart at khart@sagchip.org.

We are taking the first 30 students (fifth grade and older) that sign up by 5 p.m. on June 12, 2015. STEM Fridays are on the following dates from 1-5 p.m. at the SCTC East building in the Petro Plaza.

SCHEDULE

- June 19: Lesson on Fluids**
 - Oobleck, fak, flubber and water balloons
- June 26: Lesson on Graph and Game Theory**
 - Four color problem
 - Secret codes
- July 10: Lesson on Water Quality**
 - Trip to Water Treatment Plant
 - Looking at a healthy ecosystem by checking vertebraes
- July 31: Lesson on Earth**
 - Trip to CMU's greenhouse
 - Build volcanos
- August 7: Lesson on Stars**
 - Can constellation
 - Ojibwa stories
- August 14: Lesson on Technology/Engineering**
 - Video games/Lego car making
 - Erupt volcanos
 - Last day celebration (ice cream sundaes)



Employment opportunities for Tribal College: Adjunct instructors

Accepting curriculum vitae for adjunct instructors. Economics instructor: Master's degree required. History instructor: Master's degree required. Computer instructor: Master's degree required. Legal and environmental business: Juris Doctor degree required. Please send all information including transcripts to awagner@sagchip.org or mail to: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College c/o Andrew Wagner 2274 Enterprise Dr.



Fifth Grade Teacher Ireland receives "Educator of the Month"

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

Congratulations Michael Ireland for being selected as the May Educator of the Month!

The perks of this award include an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, educator's goody bag, a gift certificate and a traveling educator award. The following is a questionnaire completed by Ireland:

Which program do you work for? Saginaw Chippewa Academy

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Kyrab Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Tayden Davis, Aaron Montoya Pego, Chyla Wells, Isaiah Harris, Anthony Green, Taleah Pelcher, Shenanrose Pontiac, John Stevens, Jacob Pumford, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Hazen Shinos, Christopher Bartow and Phoebe Defeyer.

Mount Pleasant HS

The following students earned perfect attendance for the fifth marking period: Westley Adams, Simone Bigford, Chad Brady, Miles Bussler, Tyler Chippeway, Gage Colwell, Allen Crockett, Kdnra Cyr, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Jordan Heinrich, Nodin Jackson, Nodin Kunst, Nia Lewis, Maya Madrigal, Jaclyn Matthews, Dale Moses, Brenden Odem, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Edgar Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Lesley Simental and Devin Sims. The following students earned a 3.0 or higher GPA for the fifth marking period: Caleb Alonzo-Vasquez, Gordom Anderson, Chyna Bergevin, *Simone Bigford, Miles Bussler, Allen Crockett, *Rebecca Curtis, Kendra Cyr, Benny Elizalde, Ashton Heinrich, Jordan Heinrich, Evelyn House, *Nia Lewis, Maya Madrigal, Brenden Odem, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Kristin Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Warren Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, *Isaiah Ruffino, Elissa Schlegel, Sully Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, *Trent Smith, Callista Sowmick, Eli Starkey, Grant Trepanier, *Destiny Wetherbee and Tanner Williams. *Indicated students earned a 4.0 GPA.

What is your title? Fifth grade teacher.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? Five years.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Watching the kids grow as they move through SCA and then hearing about their successes as they move forward.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? It is hard to pick the funniest memory with our students. Each year is full of countless funny moments. If I had to pick one, I may have to choose the enjoyment the kids had soaking the staff while we canoed at camp.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Trystan Diamond, Erica Hinmon, Gabriel Steele, Tyler Snyder, Glendon Bennett, Brysen Chamberlain-Fish, Anoki Hawkins, Anthony Hawkins, Katie Pigeon, Sam Hampton, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Mason Peterson and Sway Mandoka.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned Student of the Month honors for April: Zachary Flaughner, Zhaabwii Pamp-Ettinger, Joseph Jackson, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Joshua Velasquez-Perez, Auriiah Hunter, Robert Saunders, Felicia Saunders, Thomas Pelcher, DaShawn Rueckert, Anastasia Lada, Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins, Lars George and Matthew Quaderer. The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Abraham Graveratte, Joshua Velasquez-Perez, Journey Mena, Meadow David, Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans, Tavia Kahgegab, Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins and Bryan Sam. The following students turned in all homework for April: Joseph Jackson, Kaleb Potter, Joshua Velasquez-Perez, Albert Trepanier, Alex Grice, Gracie David, Inara Curry, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Red Arrow LaLonde, Alexis Trepanier, Robert Saunders, Raynah Perez, Adriana Paul, Meadow David, Frederick Highley, Riana Chippewa, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, Tawny Jackson, Felicia Saunders, Ahsiniis Smith, Anastasia Lada, Alberta Trepanier, Julianna Garcia, Tavia Kahgegab, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Ariel Hinmon, Sara Saunders, Matthew Quaderer and Liberty Morland.

A professional athlete, sports broadcaster, or a writer for a newspaper.

What is something people may not know about you? In addition to teaching, I also mentor at-risk youth in Midland.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? Softball, spending time with family, and watching sports.

What is your favorite movie? "Remember the Titans".

What is your favorite food? Pizza.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Kaitlyn Bartreau, Aviana Gomez, Metao Harris, Joaquin Jackson, Gavin McCreery, Mia McCreery, Anissa Quiroga, Raynee Richards, Ringo Stevens and Nathan Van Buskirk.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Caedynce Bailey, Lilly Chamberlain, Gabriela Escobedo, Kaden Fair, Rosemarie Green, Darien Haggard, Zoey Haggard, Aaron Hendrickson, Konner Hilleger, Lucas Jackson, Dehmin Kahgegab, Darius Lopez, Nautica Mena-Strait, Collyn Morrow, Morgan Morrow, Ava Vogel, LahRae Wilson and Hudson Yager.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Fifth Grade Teacher Michael Ireland accepts the Educator of the Month award. (Pictured left to right: Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill, Ireland and SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda.)

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

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Gloria Altiman, Damion Haggard, Matthew Jackson, Miingan Jackson, Danny Parish, Alina Ruffino, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez and Dawnseh Wilson.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for April: Leticia Hawkins, Alex Hinmon, Donovan Morrow, Remy Weldon, Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Trevor Isham, Javanni Perry, Isaiah Rodriguez, Kaya Rose, Hope Stevens, Damey'n Weldon, Bailey Burger, Ryan Flaughner, Jessie Jackson, Leonard Pamp Ettinger, Nicholas Poolaw, Tavia Agosto, Arianna Altiman, Kadenn Rose and Emily Stevens.

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Please call Brenda Schlegel at 775-4741 for questions and to register. Registration will conclude on June 9th at 5pm.



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Friday, July 31, 2015

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

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Saginaw Chippewa Academy successful alumnus: Treazure Jones

Nbookaawin (wisdom) is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions. Our Anishinaabe ancestors believed that lessons can be learned from both positive and negative experiences. We do not experience failure unless we decide to give up and close our mind to the important lesson of that experience. It takes a certain level of maturity to be able to make wise decisions.



Saginaw Chippewa Academy alumnus Treazure Jones is honored for her education success and advancement.

The Tribal Education Department would like to recognize Treazure Jones as this month's Saginaw Chippewa Academy successful alumnus. At a young age, Treazure and her family have been able to turn an unpleasant educational experience into a positive one. Rather than succumbing to failure, they were able to learn and make decisions based on Treazure's imminent academic success.

Treazure was an all-around great student! When I think of Treazure academically, I think about her yearning for a challenge. She excelled in many areas, and always wanted to go above and beyond to achieve success. I am impressed with Treazure's love for learning!

- Ms. Seifka, SCA fourth grade teacher

Treazure was a wonderful student and always up for a challenge. She was interested in finding more ways than one to solve a problem and often excelled at doing this. She was helpful to others and often served as a classroom student teacher herself. Treazure was a wonderful role-model in my classroom, both academically and culturally.

- Mrs. Becht, SCA sixth grade teacher

Treazure has always been an academically-advanced student. She was promoted from the 1st grade to the third grade, bypassing

second grade in the Saginaw school district. Unfortunately, Treazure had an unpleasant situation during the beginning of fourth grade. Treazure struggled from lack of emotional support from the school she was attending, causing her to dislike school.

Treazure started SCA at the beginning of the second half of fourth grade and attended through the sixth grade. The SCA teachers and staff helped Treazure rediscover her love for learning. I will be forever grateful to the staff for helping Treazure overcome her negative feelings toward school.

Treazure was honored at the annual Round Dance for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. She was honored for demonstrating knowledge of the Seven Grandfather Teachings at SCA. Treazure was also crowned the SCA Junior Miss Princess for the 2013-2014 school year for her continued practice of these traditional teachings at school.

To this day, Treazure incorporates the Seven Grandfather Teachings into her life. Treazure has taken a stand against bullying. Treazure was made aware of a bullying situation happening at school this year. Rather than being a silent bystander, she demonstrated how to be an up stander. She instantly wrote

a letter to inform the Native American advocate of the situation. Since Treazure notified them of the situation, the school was able to stop the bullying.

Treazure now attends West Intermediate, where she has maintained a 3.9 GPA throughout the school year. Treazure's reading level is beyond high school, according to her NWEA test results. Treazure has taken pre-algebra for her seventh grade math elective. Treazure will be taking honors algebra next year for her eighth grade math class, earning high school credit. She is also taking Spanish I for an additional high school credit. Since Treazure is taking the honors algebra course next year, she is registered at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College as a dual-enrolled student for the summer Math 099: Beginning Algebra class. She

is attending her first college course at the age of 12.

I want to take the time to thank the staff at SCA for a wonderful job they have done to advance Treazure even further in her academic studies. Treazure has made her family very proud of her academic accomplishments.

- Christina Halliwill, Treazure's mom

The Education Department would like to congratulate Treazure and her family for making education a priority in their family. Being raised in a single-parent family presents its challenges, but Treazure's mom always finds a way to promote and support her daughter. Job well done! Miigwetch for making your Tribe and community proud!

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Hitmakers Tony! Toni! Toné!, Dru Hill and Silk bring on R&B

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a blast from the R&B past as Tony! Toni! Toné!, Dru Hill, and Silk came together for one sold-out Soaring Eagle concert on Saturday, May 9.

Formed in 1989 in Atlanta, Ga., American R&B group, Silk, is best known for their hit singles “Freak Me” and “Happy Days” from their debut double-platinum album “Lose Control”. Silk



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Gary “Lil G” Jenkins, of R&B group Silk, showcases his powerful, soulful voice during the May 9 concert.

performed another hit from that album, “Girl U For Me”.

The stage went dark and the fog was rolling in during the “Love Session” intro.

With their sweet harmonies, high notes, and smooth dance moves, the crowd went wild. The four members went into the audience and danced with their fans.

Next, Mark “Sisqó” Andrews, Larry “Jazz” Anthony, James “Woody Rock” Green and Tamir “Nokio” Ruffin, together known as Dru Hill, performed.

Most popular during the late ‘90s, Dru Hill is known for soul, hip-hop and gospel music. Founded in 1992 in Baltimore,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dru Hill band member Mark “Sisqó” Andrews shows a moment of appreciation during applause from fans.

Md., they have recorded seven top 40 hits, and are best known for number one hits “In My Bed”, “Never Make a Promise” and “How Deep Is Your Love”.

Jazz seized the audience’s attention as a feisty rapper in one song, and in the next, he belted out lyrics with his soulful voice.

“Man that boy is good, that boy can ‘sang,’” Sisqó said of Jazz.

Dru Hill also interacted with fans by shaking hands, talking to audience members and walking through the crowd.

“We don’t just look at you as fans, we look at you as friends,” Sisqó said to the audience.

The R&B/soul group performances continued with headliner Tony! Toni! Toné!.

Tony! Toni! Toné! is composed of D’Wayne Wiggins (lead vocals, guitar), his brother Raphael Saadiq (lead vocals, bass), their cousin Timothy Christian Riley (drums, keyboards), and Amir Khalil who joined the group in 1999.

The band’s first album “Who?” in 1988 went gold and produced several hit singles including “Little Walter”, which went to number one on R&B charts: “Baby Doll”, “For the Love Of You” and “Born Not To Know”.

The band performed many of their number one hits from “The Revival” album (1990) including “It Never Rains in Southern California”, “Feels Good”, “The Blues” and “Whatever You Want”.

Khalil laid on the floor before the audience, passionately singing the bluesy/soulful song “It Never Rains in Southern California”.

“Thinking Of You”, from the band’s final studio album in 1996 was also performed; along with



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Tony! Toni! Toné! lead singer Amir Khalil, who joined the group in 1999, performs the group’s most popular hits from the ‘90s.

“Me And You” from the motion picture “Boyz n the Hood” soundtrack; and “Anniversary”, which reached number 10 on the Hot 100.

Tony! Toni! Toné!, Dru Hill and Silk are each defined as R&B groups. Each performance was completely unique, yet each managed to connect with their fan base on the same personal level.

Coal miner’s daughter, 83-year-old Loretta Lynn, presents incredible country show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Well, she was born a coal miner’s daughter, and she’s proud of it, too. With 55 years of success in the music industry, 83-year-old Loretta Lynn has achieved multiple gold album country music singer-songwriter status.

Lynn’s son, 64-year-old Ernest Lynn performed the opening song during the notable May 16 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert. After his performance, he joined the rest of the band, strapped on his guitar and Lynn’s twin daughters, Peggy and Patsy, entered the stage to perform “That’s All I Have to Say About That”, “Sara” and “Tulsa Time”.

In one of her stunning trademark long-sleeve ball gowns, Lynn graced the stage. With more than 160 songs she’s written, and 60 albums released, Lynn had plenty of hit songs in store.

She has sold more than 45 million records worldwide. She has had 10 number one albums and 16 number one singles on the country charts.

Lynn performed “They Don’t Make ‘em Like My Daddy”, “You’re Looking At Country”, “Blue Kentucky Girl” and “Here I Am Again”.

When she was just shy of turning 14 years old, Lynn married Oliver “Doo” Lynn. Their life together helped inspire the music she wrote.

Although they were married nearly 50 years until Doo’s passing in 1996, their marriage was reportedly rocky throughout the years.

Lynn performed many of the songs written about the alcoholism, adultery, and hardships she faced within her marriage including “You Ain’t Woman Enough (To Take My Man)” and “Don’t Come

Home A Drinkin’ (With Lovin’ On Your Mind)”.

“Every song I’ve ever written is about somebody,” Lynn said to her audience, laughing. “...I wish my husband could see her now.”

After five “I love you, Loretta” screams from fans, Lynn responded “oh hush!” as she smiled.

Lynn and Ernest’s mother-son relationship appeared to involve plenty of back-and-forth teasing.

“He may get paid tonight or not,” Loretta said after Ernest’s teasing.

Together, they performed an incredible, complemented “Feelin’s” duet.

The years’ experience was certainly revealed when the band appeared to have no set list and just improvised. Lynn would often ask the audience, “What do you want to hear?” and the band

would immediately begin playing a song after the audience hollered.

Lynn’s band, The Coal Miners, presented a beautifully harmonized ballad of “The House At The End of the Road”. Lynn sat back and listened intently.

Harmonies also shined in “When No One Stands Alone”. Also performed were “Louisiana Woman, Mississippi Man”; Patsy Cline’s “She’s Got You”; “The Pill”, which was banned from several country music radio stations for being too controversial in 1975; “I’m A Honkey Tonk Girl”; and “Everybody Wants To Go To Heaven”.

The final tune “Coal Miner’s Daughter” (1970), her signature song, resulted in a standing ovation.

Throughout the night, fans rushed to the stage to offer Lynn roses and gifts, and attempted to take a photo of her up close. There’s no doubt that she is a

true idol, admired by fans of many generations.

“I love all of you for coming out to see us,” Lynn said.



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American country music singer-songwriter Loretta Lynn performs “They Don’t Make ‘em Like My Daddy”.

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Steve Martin and Martin Short partake in “a very stupid conversation”

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Two of the most well-known comedians in America had the sold-out audience hooting all night on April 25. “Steve Martin and Martin Short in a Very Stupid Conversation” at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort staged endless jokes from the two long-standing friends.

With endless digs at each other, or “Hollywood

compliments,” Short made fun of Martin’s old age and “ghostly” paleness.

“You look like a coloring book page that hasn’t been colored yet,” Short said.

Short and Martin brought three male audience members on stage to re-enact the “Three Amigos” “salute.”

With a sit down question and answer session from the two, endless stabs at each other continued. Martin asked Short what happened during his “1970 to 2000s ‘slump.’”

All jokes aside, Martin said he’s very thankful for his career and where he is today. Short asked him when the moment was that he realized he made it big in the entertainment industry.

“I think it was at the 40th anniversary special for Saturday Night Live, and I was standing between Paul McCartney and Paul Simon, wondering how I got here,” Martin said.

Martin mentioned Elvis Presley was the biggest star he met. Short said for him, it was in September 1992 when he met Frank Sinatra.

Short said he approached Sinatra and said, “You have no idea how big of a fan I am.” Sinatra responded, “I think I do.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

While sitting on a piano, Martin Short showcases his love for musical theater while singing a story about his childhood.

Martin left the stage and Short told his life story, singing a “biblical tale” called “Stepbrother to Jesus” in a nude bodysuit.

“I have three children; one of each,” Short joked.

Short presented his hilarious, wild and crazy, energetic act. As Martin was more reserved – yet just as hilarious – and showed off his incredible banjo skills with his band, The Steep Canyon Rangers.

The band played numerous songs including “Jubilation Day” and “Pretty Little One,” a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Comedy legends Steve Martin (left) and Martin Short take a seat to partake in a question and answer portion of their April 25 SECR show.

faux murder ballad, during which Short came out dressed in a cowgirl outfit, skipping around the stage.

Martin introduced his band, and he asked the guitarist what sort of instrument he was playing.

“I’m not familiar with that, but everyone’s welcome here,” Martin joked of the guitar.

He also offered advice on how to be a successful musician: “One: Be very creative. Don’t let anyone tell you how to write music. Two: Already be famous.”

Next up was a ventriloquist skit where Short played

Martin’s dummy. The duo dissed celebrities and politicians of both parties. Kim Kardashian, Hilary Clinton and the family from the TV show “19 Kids and Counting” were on the insult list.

When Donald Trump came up, Short said, “That’s not a hairdo, that’s a wind advisory.”

With a song and dance encore of “Five More Minutes to Fill”, and endless laughs and applause that evening, Martin nailed it at the end of the show when he said, “If you didn’t enjoy the show tonight, you’re wrong.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Actor, comedian and banjo expert Steve Martin performs “Jubilation Day” with his band, The Steep Canyon Rangers.

Country music artist Neal McCoy graces stage for third Soaring Eagle appearance

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There is no doubt about it that when it comes to country music superstars, two Entertainer of the Year awards, along with three platinum and one gold album, places Neal McCoy up there with other successful musicians.

Always a crowd favorite, McCoy graced the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort stage for his third triumphant engagement during an afternoon matinee performance.

SECR Sales Manager Tour and Travel Melisa Brown is also a big McCoy fan and said the marketing department hosted 24 motorcoach companies from all over Michigan, as well as southern Ontario that included many player’s club members and high rollers in the capacity crowd.

Thames Travel Tour Guide Darlene Lightfoot said their group was very impressed with the May 11 show.

“The energy and diverse music really appealed to our clientele,” Lightfoot said. “Neal is a real showman and entertainer who brings such enthusiasm to his concerts. His interaction with the crowd made you feel as if he was singing just to you. Thames Travel clients come from the greater London and Sarnia, Ontario area and look forward

to the matinee concerts that Soaring Eagle makes available to motorcoach groups. We can hardly wait for the next one.”

Randy Jordan, owner of Front Line Tours of Stoney Creek, Ontario, marveled how McCoy took to the stage with such energy.

“His show kept everyone singing and tapping their toes to so many of our favorite tunes,” Jordan said. “After the show, the response was overwhelming and (the audience) really enjoyed how Neal came down into the audience and shook people’s hands, and welcomed pictures as he sang. His show appealed to all ages. The level of entertainment that Soaring Eagle brings to Michigan is second to none!”

“We love coming up here to ‘big Blue country’ and we got a lot more fans that we gather every time we come here without having more songs on the radio, and I don’t know how we do that,” McCoy said. “We’re kind of known most for our up tempo songs like ‘The Shake’ and ‘Wink’, and we try to bring the energy that people enjoy, but we like to keep the audience on their toes by throwing something other than country in there, like a Sinatra song to let them know we like all kinds of music, not just straight ahead country.”

McCoy recently did a 2014 limited release with Cracker Barrel Country Stores

entitled “Neal McCoy’s Pride: A Tribute to Charley Pride”.

“Charley told me years ago, ‘Neal, if you put on a great show and be nice to people, you’ll last a long time in this business,’” he said. “I adopted that. And it has worked. It certainly did for him. So, thank you, Charley Pride.”

SECR Marketing just announced Pride will be returning to Soaring Eagle on Sept. 26 with tickets on sale at the box office on June 6.

McCoy came off the tour bus wearing a Texas Rangers major league baseball jacket and still felt at home in Detroit Tiger country.

“The Rangers had a good run for three years or so, but those Tigers have been good for a long time, so y’all got a lot more to cheer about up here,” McCoy said. “Although, being an older guy, I was a Houston Astros fan first long before the Texas Rangers were in existence. And now, the Astros play the Tigers a lot more since they moved into the American league this year.”

McCoy had the crowd on his side right from his opening number, “Somewhere Over The Rainbow.” From there, he went through selections spanning 10 studio albums on various labels, and has released 34 singles to country radio to date.

In 1993, McCoy broke through with back-to-back

number one singles “No Doubt About It” and “Wink”.

His commercial success continued into the late ‘90s with two more platinum albums and a gold album, as well as six more top 10 hits.

McCoy returned in early 2003 with “The Luckiest Man in the World”, following with “That’s Life” in 2005. A seventh top 10 hit, “Billy’s Got His Beer Goggles On”, came in 2005 from his self-released “That’s Life” LP.

McCoy also supports his own charity organization, the East Texas Angel Network, which is committed to the enhancement of the lives of children of East Texas who are living with terminal or life-threatening diseases.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

On stage, country music superstar Neal McCoy said “old school” country like Charley Pride stands the test of time.

A consummate entertainer with a friendly smile and a big white cowboy hat, McCoy is certainly one of the good ol’ boys who will make another round at Soaring Eagle again.

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Helpful hints for including more veggies into daily diet

(Editor's note: The following article is from the May 2015 Environmental Nutrition, written by Heidi McIndoo, MS, RD, and published with permission. The article was submitted by SCIT Nutritionist Sally Van Cise.)



should consume 2-3 cups of vegetables daily, depending on age and gender. Unfortunately, many Americans aren't reaching that goal.

Getting the recommended amount of vegetables per day can help improve your overall health by lowering your risk of certain cancers, high blood pressure, and cardiovascular disease.

Vegetables, rich in fiber, also can help boost your digestive health and promote a healthier weight. And of course, eating your veggies helps you pack your diet with essential nutrients and antioxidant compounds. Our vegetable nutrition comparison gives you a little more information



Vegetables, rich in fiber, can help boost digestive health and promote a healthy weight.

When it comes to making sound nutrition choices, many would like it to be black and white. This food is good, this food is bad. This fruit is the worst, this vegetable is the best. However, healthy eating isn't all black and white. Eating nutritiously is all about selecting a variety of wholesome foods.

When it comes to vegetables, certainly all are good for you, but some are stronger in specific

nutritional contributions, for example, vitamin A, potassium, fiber, and phytochemicals—plant compounds with health benefits. A nutrient-rich diet that protects against disease is packed with a variety of different vegetables.

According to the USDA Dietary Guidelines, adults

on just how hardworking those vegetables are.

Helpful hints: If you're trying to get more vegetables into your diet, try these tips.

Sandwich stacking. If your sandwich is usually just bread, meat and cheese, consider adding a healthy layer of vegetables. In addition to the usual tomato and lettuce, try baby spinach, roasted red peppers, and shredded carrots.

Soup's on! Vegetable soups or pasta sauces are great vehicles to boost your vegetable intake. Add chopped peppers, carrots, mushrooms, zucchini, and more to the pot as it simmers.

Casserole fillers. Macaroni and cheese, chili, and other one-pot meals are delicious with extra vegetables mixed in, such as bell peppers, broccoli, corn, or tomatoes.

Youth Council hosts "Remembering Our Ancestors" Memorial 5K



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Runners disappeared into a cloud of color during the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council's Fun Run "Remembering Our Ancestors" Memorial 5K on Saturday, May 23. The 5K race started at Seventh Generation at 10 a.m. Youth Council encouraged participants to run in honor of a loved one or just for fun. Youth Council Members were scattered throughout the course to throw color on each participant, and they also had fun throwing the remaining color on each other after each finisher completed the race.

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Some funds paid in settlement of in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit

groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015** at **9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see
www.IndianFarmClass.com**



Setting short and long-term exercise goals for Elders

JULIE PEGO

Elder Services Case Manager

I know you've heard it before: How important exercise is, and maybe you have good intentions, but you are unsure of where to start.

There is a blog on the internet about housekeeping called "Flylady", which reminds individuals that they are not behind and to just start where you are at. So, let's adopt her mantra of starting in where we are at.

First, make a doctor's appointment and make sure you are in good enough health to exercise.

Once you are cleared by the doctor to exercise, think about what you would like to accomplish.

Set two or three short term and long-term goals. Write them down.

Make sure your goals are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time based.

Short-term goal examples:

- Make an appointment with the doctor to get cleared for exercise by the end of the month.
- Buy a new pair of exercise shoes at the beginning of your exercise program.
- I will attend my first session at Nimkee Fitness next week by Wednesday.

Long term goal examples:

- Exercise at least three times a week for five months in a row.

• Lower blood pressure to normal range by my annual health exam.

• Walk a mile without stopping for a rest within three months of start.

(Remember to keep it relevant and attainable, once you attain your goal you can always set another long-term goal.)

How much exercise do I need?

Older adults 65 and older who are in good health need

at minimum of two hours and thirty minutes of moderate to intense aerobic activity (i.e. brisk walking) and muscle strengthening two or more days a week that work all muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders, and arms).

Muscle strengthening can include: lifting weights, working with resistance bands, exercises that use body weight for resistance (i.e. wall push-ups, squats, or planks.)

Mary Zilz, oldest living SCIT Member, to turn 100

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

(Editor's note: Mary Zilz, the oldest living member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is turning 100 years old on June 18. The following article is information taken from At-Large Contract Health Clerk Denise Pelcher's November 2014 article on Zilz. Zilz's address is listed at the end of the article for anyone wishing to send her birthday greetings. The full article is available at sagchip.org/

tribalobserver under November 2014, page 7.)

Mary Zilz or "Monnie" (Indian for 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 was born the second of five children of Jennie May Pelcher and Obadiah Burt Smith. She considers herself to be an American Indian and very proud of her Indian heritage.

Her grandparents were Moses

and Mariah Pelcher 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.

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

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



Courtesy of Denise Pelcher

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

In 1955, she met and married Carl Zilz. She lost her daughter Nannette in 1989 to breast cancer, and then lost Carl in 1991 due to melanoma.

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.

Mary's daughter, Mary Ann, asked to include her mailing address if anyone would like to send her a letter or birthday card. She said her mom is the type of person that will respond to letters.

Mary Zilz
207 W. Sturgis
St. Johns, MI 48879

Have a blessed 100th year, Mary.

JUNE 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Karen Bond, Kevin Rodriguez, Martin Steele, Asuncion Castaneda, David Bird, Carolyn Harris | 16 Delores Pepin, Donald Leaux Sr., Geraldine Phillips |
| 2 Gloria Marshall, Donna Moore, Tammy Nowicki, Ruth Hendrickson | 17 Thomas Wheaton, Donald Cabay |
| 3 Patricia Kequom, Loretta Castaneda, Sally Quiroga | 18 Linda Ritter, Douglas Jackson, Jill Meir, Connie Truett, Mary Zilz |
| 4 Betsy Crooker, Kayle Crampton | 19 Charel Stevens |
| 5 Alan Alma | 20 John Hart, Lori Fuller, Michael Childers, Richard Russell |
| 6 Roberta Starkey, Kenneth Lown, Tammi Craig | 21 Mary Smith, Cheryl Dixon, Vaughn Schoen, Joel Dennis |
| 7 Connie Sprague, Abraham Smith, Philip Henry, Mark Jackson | 22 Penny Elliot, Rudy Pontiac, Virgil James |
| 8 Kimberly McCoy, Anita Henry, Eugene Jackson | 23 Marlin Strong, Diana Robinson |
| 9 Gary Bird, Lillian Corbiere, Linda Haven, Kelli Buback | 24 Christopher Moses |
| 10 Robin Peters | 25 Laura Shawboose, Annette Saboo-Rogers, Christine Reed |
| 11 Kelly Garlick, Galen Bennett, Douglas Gage | 26 Ronald Orvis, George Slater Jr., Sharon Blevins |
| 13 Harold Issac, Anthony Dutton, Daniel Burnham, Elizabeth Kosla, Connie Rosenthal | 27 Richard Trepanier Sr., Deborah Hull, Rollin Bacon Jr., Ricky Fowler, Lorraine Bergevin |
| 14 Gregory Mandoka, Betty Ashmun, Jeanette Leaux, Lesley Froncek, Richard Cloutier, Kristie Clemons, John Quayle, Robert Bailey | 28 Robert Pego Sr., Ronald Stockel II, Angela Tabor, Rose Greewald, Orval James, Vivian Carpenter |
| 15 Earl Pelcher Sr., Glory Loveland, Lillian Hunter | 29 Mac Schoen, Gaylene Urban, James Reynolds, |
| 16 Ernest Nahgahwon | 30 Rhonda Salazar, Carole Tally, Francine Trepanier |

Andahwod

June Events

<p>Euchre Tuesdays at 6 p.m.</p> <p>Margy and Therapy Dogs Wednesdays at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Knitting Thursdays at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Night in CGA Friday evenings</p> <p>Jewelry with Kay June 2 at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo June 4 at 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Mother's & Father's Day Cookout June 6 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>Elders Breakfast June 10 & 24 at 9 a.m.</p> <p>District 1 Elders Meeting June 10 at 12 p.m.</p> <p>Trip to the Movies June 17 Time:TBD</p> <p>Trip to Saganing Powwow June 20 at 11 a.m.</p> <p>District 1 Birthday Bingo (District 1 only) June 27 at 12 p.m.</p>	
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**Activities and events are subject to change.

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JUNE 2015 EVENT PLANNER

Grandmother Moon Ceremony

- June 1 | Ceremony begins at 9 p.m.
- Teachings and preparation from 5 - 7 p.m.
 - Location: Behavioral Health Lodge
 - Contact: 989-775-4879

Women's Tradition Society

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4879

Monday Night Masters

- June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Shotgun start at 5:45 p.m.
- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club, Shepherd, Mich.
 - Contact: 989-775-4128
 - Every Monday from May 11 to Aug. 17.

Native Farmers Market

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Location: Housing Pavilion
 - Contact: 989-775-4059

Tuesday Night Giighohn Fishing

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- Contact: 989-775-4128
 - Ages 16 and younger fish for free.

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

- June 2, 9, 16, 23, 20 | 5 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-3742
 - Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

Opiate-Heroin Circle

- June 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
 - Contact: 989-775-4780

Men's Meeting

- June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 - Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214
 - Open communication, talking circle
 - For adults and young men (6th graders and older)

SCTC annual Golf Outing

- June 11 | Check-in at 8 a.m., shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- Location: Bucks Run Golf Club
 - Contact: 989-775-4123

Survival Saganing: Youth Survivor Challenge

- June 12 | 11 a.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 - Contact: 989-775-5810
 - Prizes, lunch and survivor challenges
 - Focus on health, safety and preparedness

Kickoff to Summer Bash

- June 12 | 2 p.m.
- Location: Neyome Property
 - Contact: 989-828-6601 ext. 3303
 - Food, fun and prizes.
 - All Tribal Members and their families are invited.

Women's Health Fair

- June 16 | 4 - 6 p.m.
- Location: Andahwod CCC&ES
 - Contact: 989-775-4629
 - Door prizes, informational booths and food.

Gunstock & Dance Stick Making Class

- June 17, 18 | 5 - 8 p.m.
- Location: Seventh Generation
 - Contact: 989-775-4780

Women's Support Group

- June 16 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health
 - Contact: 989-775-4896
 - Homemade pizza

Family Spirit Support Group

- June 17 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 - Contact: 989-775-4616

Housing Financial Workshop

- June 18 | 12 p.m.
- Location: Housing Conference Room
 - Contact: 989-775-4552

Pre-College Leadership Program

- July 12-17
- Location: Michigan State University
 - Contact: 1-517-353-1822
 - One week summer program designed to give Native American youth the opportunity to experience college life and explore the many exciting educational and career opportunities in the agricultural, food sciences, natural resources and related fields.

Saganing Health and Safety Fair

- July 16 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 - Contact: 989-775-5820
 - "Surf the Health and Safety Tidal Wave"

Talking Circle

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Andahwod Maple Room

For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JUNE 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1 Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Jack & Mary Pine 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	2 Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. D. Dowd: Sweat Lodge B. Health 9:30 p.m. Jack & Mary Pine 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	3 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. D. Dowd: Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	4 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	5 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	6 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 7 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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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!



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Tribal Operations

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

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

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

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

Police Officer

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

Registered Dental Assistant Specialist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 year of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Graduate of an accredited registered dental assisting program. Experience in a dental clinic setting preferred. Applicant must possess the ability to accurately and efficiently type reports and correspondence. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet computer applications. Experience with the Dentrix Enterprise Software preferred.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Must be a licensed registered nurse (BSN preferred), with at least one year of long-term care experience. Knowledge of and/or willingness to learn about and understand the Tribal community and outside systems is required. Knowledge of services to the aged, assisted living services, adult foster care services, and/or homes for Elders also required.

Social Services Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human service related field required. Master's degree preferred. Must submit to and pass a background check. The Tribal social services caseworkers assist Tribal Members in

obtaining social services including crisis intervention, child protection, substance abuse and mental health programs.

Treasury Investment Manager

Open to the public. CPA or master's degree in finance or accounting with four years experience in cash management and investing. Must have knowledge and demonstrate experience in working with investments and cash management activities. Must possess strong analytical skills, interpersonal skills and communication skills. Ability to manage multiple tasks and work under pressure, to meet critical deadlines is essential. Must be honest and confidential.

Multimedia Programmer

Open to the public. Four year college in any of these areas: Computer science, computer programming languages (preferred), or demonstrated equivalent work experience. Four years applicable IS/IT Communications work experience. Familiarity with any of the following is desirable: C#, ASP.NET, Visual Studio, JQuery, Bootstrap, Git, Agile, TeamCity, web streaming technologies and principles, experience with audio or video production. Willingness to master new software and new programming languages.

Bus Driver - SCA

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must meet the minimum requirements for a school bus driver as defined by the State of Michigan: Must pass a criminal history investigation: Must be at least 21 years old. Must have reliable transportation.

School-Based Consulting Clinician

Open to the public. Master's degree in psychology, social work, or closely-related field. Two years experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances in an academic setting. Teaching certification preferred. The primary job goals of the School-Based Consulting Clinician (SBCC) are to respond to children's needs by working closely with Tribal and public school staff, provide support to classroom teachers, behavioral specialists, administrators, school psychologists, and social workers. Identify students with unmet mental health needs, and facilitate entry into services as needed. The SBCC also acts as a consultant to local districts in developing programs to serve students and benefit staff.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

Tribal Member posting. 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. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. May also be required to have a valid Michigan driver license.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

Tribal Member posting. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. 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.

SECR

Waitstaff Level 1 Water Lily PT

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

Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have and maintain a State of Michigan journeyman electrician license. Must have at least six years experience in the electrical trade including completion of an apprenticeship. Must possess and maintain a valid Michigan drivers license with no more than six points. High degree of attention and care required to prevent injury to others when responsible for the flow of electrical power. Exposure to high voltage electricity. Ability to climb in overhead structure, to work beneath machines, and in close quarters performing analysis and repair work. Native American preferred.

Line Cook

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

Line Cook Room Service

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

Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain/maintain a Tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs that require CDL designation. Prefer one to three years of receiving or warehousing experience working with warehouse equipment. Food handling

experience is a plus. Must be able to work in a labor intensive work environment and be able to multitask. Must have experience on stand up or sit down fork lift or be able to be certified prior to 90 day probationary period is completed.

Steward Part-Time

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

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a Michigan state license in cosmetology with 1600 training hours, followed by completion of State License with two year renewal required. One year experience preferred. Must be able to work days, nights, weekends, and holidays.

Security Officer

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

Bartender Beverage PT

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

Massage Therapist PT

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

Server Assistant PT Isabella's/Water Lily

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Six months to one year prior related food experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

Casino Housekeeper

In-house. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required. Must be able to follow simple written and verbal instruction, and be willing to accomplish repetitive

tasks. Must be able to bend, twist and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Qualified applicants should possess a friendly and outgoing personality, enjoy dealing with and be willing to provide a positive experience to the casino's guests and fellow associates.

Entertainment Usher Seasonal

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Ushering experience would be helpful but is not a requirement. This position is responsible for assisting patrons to their seats and with any special needs, they may have (handicap, hearing impairment.)

Casino Finance Supervisor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Basic math skills and ability to handle large amounts of currency. Excellent verbal and interpersonal communication skills. Must be detail oriented. Must be able to independently manage multiple tasks in a professional manner. Knowledge of computers as associated with word processing and spreadsheets and must be able to demonstrate these word processing and spreadsheet skills.

Cashier Associate Dining

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

Line Server PT

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

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Line Cook Pastry

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

rant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal culinary training. Native American preferred.

Bartender Water Lily PT

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

Waitstaff (In-House) FT

In-house. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Native American preferred.

Waitstaff PT

Banquet/Room Service

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

Night Auditor

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Previous work experience which included customer service responsibilities. Candidate should enjoy, be comfortable with, and work well with numbers. Needs to be accurate with and work meticulously with reports, financial records and computers.

SELC

Food & Beverage Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred. Must be able to operate a cash register and calculator.

Inventory Control Driver PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Requires a chauffeur's license. Experience with Food-Trak or other warehouse management software preferred.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAIN IN THE MATTER OF EMILY KAHGEGAB:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 15-CI-0056 Plaintiff: Members First Credit Union PO Box 2165 Midland MI 48641-2165 989-835-5100 Vs. Defendant: Emily Kahgegab 127 Barnett St. NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires on Aug. 5, 2015.**



Youth LEAD District Powwow draws nearly two thousand students to Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

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On April 30 and May 1, local students were given the opportunity to observe an educational powwow where they learned about traditional dances and types of regalia.

In addition to the powwow, students also took part in mini workshops where they learned about storytelling, Native language, sacred medicines and many other valuable teachings. The students also enjoyed having an opportunity to make crafts with Seventh Generation staff.

Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Member RJ Smith served as emcee as SCIT Member Darryl Jackson led the dancers as head veteran. Tribal Elder Kent Jackson served as arena director and the Anishinabe Ogichedaw Veteran Warrior Society brought in the Tribal eagle staff and flags during grand entry.

"I've been on the powwow trail as an emcee just for a few years but I have been an arena director, head dance judge, head drum judge and a dancer for a little over 20 years," Smith said. "This is awesome to see because our Native people were always about sharing and inclusion. It's nice to let people know our Native people are still here, and we are



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT Tribal Chief Steven Pego welcomes the students and shares a teaching.

thriving and surviving. The exciting part for me is when I see Tribal students who get to share who they really are as Anishinabe people, and it's another way for them to shine and have something to be proud of."

Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig shared a blessing for the food and the community event as Tribal Chief Steven Pego gave a teaching on the importance of the ceremonies.

"On behalf of Youth LEAD, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported, participated or helped us with the annual Youth LEAD District Powwow..." Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford said. "Almost 2,000 total students from Saginaw Chippewa Academy,



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AOVWS Veteran Butch DeVerney carries the stars and stripes proudly as students stand in honor.

Sasiwaans, Shepherd, Mount Pleasant, Renaissance, and Beal City Public Schools visited us, joining in on the fantastic, hands-on, cultural experience. I could not be more proud of our entire Youth LEAD staff – it takes an incredible team to pull off such an event while making it look easy and fun! Great job, once again, Youth LEAD!"

A new addition to the program this year was the teaching lodge, which was built by the Youth LEAD staff in the grass, south of the gym. Students were able to experience lodge teachings from Tribal Mide' Elder Brian Corbiere while sitting in a real Ojibwe north woods lodge.

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) gave students a treat as she shared storytelling that was passed down to her family from her ancestors.

Youth LEAD Empowerment Aide and Youth Council Advisor Tonya Jackson did an excellent job with the powwow dancers in speaking about regalia making.

Many of the Tribal students view the Youth LEAD District Powwow as a tune-up for the summer trail that includes powwows in Saginaw on June 14-15 and the 31st Saginaw Chippewa annual Powwow July 24-26.



Courtesy of Jennifer Crawford

Teamwork makes all the difference as the Youth LEAD employees share a reflective moment in the lodge.



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A packed Eagles Nest Tribal Gym enjoys the SCA drum, Southern Straits and Wild Bear singers in the arena.



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Head Veteran Darryl Jackson leads Ogichedaw in grand entry at the Youth LEAD District Powwow.



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Tribal Mide' Elder shares the Seven Grandfather Teachings in the new Youth LEAD teaching lodge.



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Tribal youth Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez (left) and Wenonah "Noni" Jackson look sharp in their regalia.



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Tribal students Taylor Burton (left) and Makayla Stevens are all smiles as they get ready to enter the arena.



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Tribal youth Joaquin Jackson sports a colorful bustle at the Youth LEAD District Powwow.



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Royalty graces the stage as SCA Princess Liberty Morland and SCA student Treasure Jones get ready to dance an Inter-Tribal.