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Three Court of Appeals judges reaffirm Tribal Council authority

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Three independent Court of Appeals judges for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe issued its decision on Aug. 18, 2015 concerning the issue of whether or not the Tribe can reopen previously dismissed disenrollment cases.

Tribal Court Appellate Judges Robert Kittecon, Andrew Pyatskowitz and Dennis Peterson unanimously ruled that the Tribe can reopen prior dismissed disenrollment cases where the basis for disenrollment is that the members enrolled under Article III, Section 1(c) of the Constitution do not lineally trace.

Under Enrollment Ordinance No. 14 the Tribe may disenroll Tribal Members if the Tribe can show that the enrollment was a mistake or fraudulent.

In an earlier case decided by the Appellate Court on Aug. 27, 2013, the Court held that only lineal tracing is permitted under Article III, Section 1(c) of the Tribal Constitution.

A SCIT press release distributed by Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said, "The Tribe argued that the cases should be allowed to be reopened in light of the clear interpretation of the Constitution provided by the Court's decision in 2013 that only lineal tracing is permitted by the Tribe's 1986 Constitution."

The Court agreed with the Tribe stating that "retroactive curative rules are acceptable because of the strong public interest in a fair government system."

The core of the recent Court of Appeals decision centers on 233 members whose cases were previously dismissed and may now be reopened.

"The Appellants failure to demonstrate a particular violation of the Saginaw Constitution or ordinances is fatal to their case" and "We have repeatedly stated that the Court's jurisdiction is limited to matters which affirmatively assigned under tribal law," and that the delegation of the constitutional review responsibility does not "import carte blanche powers upon this court to supervise the manner in which the Tribal Council performs its constitutional responsibility" are the strong statements the Appellate Court said.

The people who are the subject of disenrollment proceedings have the benefit of hearings and evidentiary process through the Office of Administrative Hearings pursuant to the Tribe's Enrollment Ordinance No. 14.

The unanimous ruling of the three Tribal Court

appellate judges upholds the ruling first issued by Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon on March 10, 2015.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego realizes how collateral tracing has divided the Tribe and is requesting a detente (the easing of hostility or strained relations) throughout the community.

"The Tribe has been struggling with these enrollment issues for many years and has developed a very extensive procedural process and safeguards to provide due process to Tribal Members while protecting the ability of the Tribal government to fulfill its Constitutional obligations," Pego said. "We cannot strip the rights of individuals to be native. We are merely honoring and executing the requirements of our Constitution so what is best for the many is best for our Tribal community. That is what is traditional."



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Council amends per capita plan to require Tribal students to obtain high school diploma

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Photojournalist

Many Tribal Council administrations have talked about the importance of Tribal students graduating from high school or completing their general GED.

The Pego Administration heard the resounding message through a recent survey of the Tribal Membership and moved to pass Resolution 15-131.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council now amends the per capita plan to require Tribal students who will turn 18 years of age after Dec. 31, 2015 to a high school diploma or equivalent to receive their adult per capita revenue sharing.

Tribal Chief Steven Pego announced the adoption of the "Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Revenue Allocation Plan" at the July 23 community meeting and mentioned the voice of the membership drove the need for approval.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
Tribal Chief Steven Pego outlines Resolution 15-131 supporting Tribal education.

"It is time to roll out the results of the community survey and what information had been collected during those efforts," Pego said. "I am pleased to inform you that the voice of the Tribal Membership was heard and on July 22, Tribal Council approved a Resolution requiring a diploma

or equivalent to recent adult per capita payments. Tribal Council is very much aware of what implications changes to the per capita plan will have on our Membership. These are not easy decisions and much consideration will be given to this task. I assure you one thing we will do is give you time to adjust your realities to better prepare you for any changes that will be made."

The "Plan" was approved by the Secretary of Interior in accordance with applicable federal law.

Tribal Council At-Large Representative Michele Stanley has served on Council since 2003 and has heard many administrations' discussions where they have long sought how to encourage Tribal youth to continue their education.

"Getting a basic high school education has always been a milestone in one's life," Stanley said. "This amendment to the per capita plan makes this new requirement a very important step. As I mentioned

at the community meeting, this requirement is a boost to encourage Tribal students on the importance of education. Adding this requirement has been considered for a few years and hearing that the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Youth Council supported the idea really helped to push the decision."

Former Chief Kevin Chamberlain and his 1997 administration were the first to bring the question into a Council discussion.

"We have a responsibility to ensure that the future of our youth is strong and simply handing money over to them at such an early age gives them absolutely no incentive to do anything in life," Chamberlain said. "From a leadership standpoint, where would that leave the Tribe in 20 years? I commend Council on moving forward with the recommendation of the Tribal Members on this important Resolution."



Francine Elizabeth Trepanier June 30, 1951 - Aug. 12, 2015

Francine Elizabeth Trepanier, age 64, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2015, at Andahwod.

Francine was born June 30, 1951, in Ithaca, Mich., the birth daughter of Walter Trepanier and Geraldine Davis and raised by William and Clarabelle Hutchinson.

She was a musician and loved playing the piano and guitar. Francine was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Faith Indian Nazarene Church.

Francine is survived by her brothers and sisters, John Peter Trepanier of Hayward, Wis., Jacqueline M. Trepanier of Shepherd, Mich., Richard Earl Trepanier of Hayward, Wis., Melita Ann Trepanier of Mount Pleasant, Nancy Lee Miller of Muskegon, Patricia (Brian) Wemigwans of Mount Pleasant, Bruno (Joleen) Wemigwans of Mount Pleasant, Chantal (Mark) Boucher of Flint and Dinah Griffus of Mount Pleasant.

Francine was preceded in death by both sets of parents; her brothers, Joseph Alfred Trepanier, Walter Joseph Trepanier, and Patrick Henry Trepanier; and sister, Jolene Faye Wilson.

Funeral services for Francine were held Saturday, Aug. 15, 2015, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating.



In Loving Memory

I love you truly
and I miss you
deeply. You will
be missed, but
never forgotten.

R.I.H. Lou



Thank you from the family of Denise Peters

A special thank you to Clark Family Funeral Chapel in Mount Pleasant, Mich. for their guidance and kindness during this time.

Thank you to Pastor Bo Pego and the church ladies who provided the dinner, June, Cindy, Mike, Stella, Lisa and granddaughter Felicia.



-Thank you from the family of Denise Peters from her sons Jared (Shellie) and Andre Peters.

Mary Lenora Zilz June 18, 1915 - Aug. 19, 2015

Mary Lenora Zilz, age 100, was called home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2015. Mary or "Monnie" (her Indian nickname) was born June 18, 1915 in Rosebush, Mich. to Obadiah and Jennie (Pelcher) Smith, and until her death was the oldest member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

Mary counted Jesus as her Savior for more than 60 years and was a faithful witness of the gospel and a true prayer warrior.

As a child, Mary attended the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School through ninth grade and graduated as valedictorian of her class. She then went on to Mt. Pleasant High School, graduating in 1933. After high school, Mary worked at the Postem factory in Battle Creek in the summer of 1934, and it was there that she met her future husband, Robert (Bob) Mullen, on a blind date.

Mary and Bob were married in 1936 and were blessed with three children, Robert Jr. (Bobby), Mary Ann, and Nannette. During those years, Mary worked for Oldsmobile on the assembly line producing airplane parts for the Air Force.

She also attended the Melba Beauty School and received her license as a cosmetologist, which launched her new career working at the Harper Method Beauty Salon.

Three years after Bob's death in 1952 from a heart attack, Mary met and married Carl Zilz and they spent many happy years together fishing, and traveling to Florida.

Mary was a business woman, owning and operating several beauty salons in Lansing, and that was her professional life from 1944 through 1974. Ever since 1982, Sebring, Fla. was Mary's second home during the winter months (which seemed to get longer and longer with each passing year).

Mary also loved to travel throughout the United States, as well as her stays in Oklahoma and California while her first husband, Bob, was in the service.

Even though she accomplished many things in her life and career, Mary would want her legacy to be that she was a born-again Christian, and to be remembered as our own personal prayer warrior.

She loved her family dearly and so enjoyed being a part of everyone's lives. We will miss her greatly and cherish our memories of Mom / Grandma / Great-Grandma / Great-Great-Grandma.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Mary Ann (Green); grandchildren Mark (Mary) Green, Julia Green, Martin (Ruth) Green, Michael (Rachel) Green, Risa (Ralph) Snider, Bill (Hope) Abbott, Bob (Mary) Abbott, Curtis Abbott, Daniel Abbott; step-daughter, Terri (John) Krupa and their children; Daymon Krupa, and Kristi Krupa, as well as her own tribe of great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert (Bob), son, Robert Jr. ("Bobby"), her daughter Nannette Jean (Abbott), second husband Carl Zilz, son-in-law Ralph Green, and siblings Gordon, Abraham, Arabella ("Mickey"), and Maurice, as well as great-granddaughter Amy, and great-grandson Alexander.

Memorials may be made to Forgotten Man Ministries 3940 Fruit Ridge Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI 49544 or The Lord's Lighthouse PO Box 6015 Sun City Center, FL 33571.



The Native Farmers Market

Every Tuesday Starting
June 2 to Oct. 13, 2015

Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Items For Sale

Fresh seasonal produce, wild rice, maple syrup, jam, jellies and baked goods.

Native American
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New Farmers Market Pavilion at the
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For questions and registration forms, please contact:
Marcella Hadden, interim market master at 989.775.4059

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

2015-2016 Hunting Seasons

Deer | Sept. 8, 2015 - Jan. 10, 2016

Small Game | Sept. 8, 2015 - April 3, 2016

Trapping | Sept. 28, 2015 - April 3, 2016

Fall Turkey | Sept. 28, 2015 - Nov. 14, 2015

Migratory Bird | Sept. 1, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016

Fishing | Feb. 5, 2016 - Jan. 4, 2016

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Presented by:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

*It's that time again and hunting season will be upon us.
We will once again be hosting a hunters safety class.*

Classes will be held at the:

Black Creek Conservation Club
2643 S. Chippewa Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

2015 Scheduled Classes

All three days must be attended.

There is no charge for this class... It's free!

- **Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015** from 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015** from 5:30 - 9 p.m.
- **Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

These are mandatory hours of instruction. Last day consists of review and Hunter Safety exam along with a field day.

This course includes information and instruction about:

- Introduction to hunter education
- Hunting safety
- Outdoor safety
- Hunter responsibility
- Wildlife conservation

If interested please call Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700 to sign-up.



Class size is limited to 30 people. A parent or guardian must accompany a child 10 years of age or younger. Pre-registration count is required for correct amount of materials.

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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.**

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Meetings Will be Held

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Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

Tribal Child Welfare Program Affidavits

will be available Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 for the December 2015 payment.



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Tribal Observer
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Election Timeline 2015 Primary & General Elections

- Sept. 4** | 5 p.m. — Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions
- Sept. 11** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election
- Sept. 14** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates
- Sept. 15** | Final Candidate List Posted
- Sept. 18** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed
- Oct. 2** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 12** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 13** | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 2** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Nov. 3** | General Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

*There will be a \$100 processing fee due when turning in petitions

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

Per capita plan

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Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya said the Education Department supports Tribal Council's decision.

"The Tribal Education Advisory Board commends the Youth Council for their strong voice in their hope for a secure Tribal Membership future," Montoya said.

"Historically, our ancestors fought to secure the educational rights of our people," she said. "They had the foresight to take care of the next seven generations. We encourage all Tribal Members to strive for academic excellence through high school diploma or GED programs. Moreover, we do not want you to stop there. Our goal is to not only assist you in whatever degree of higher education you pursue but to also assist you in seeking out trades or vocational programs. Honor yourself, your family, your community, and your ancestors by striving for academic excellence."

Colleen Green, Native American Programs director for Central Michigan University, serves on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Board of Regents. Green affirms although this might have come as a shock to those affected by the decision,

she offers her opinion that Tribal Council is putting education first, as they have the best interest of their constituents at heart.

"Per capita payments may be considered a gift and it may not be available in the next 15 to 20 years, but an education is for a lifetime," Green said. "A high school diploma or GED would also open avenues for students to pursue their associate degrees at the Tribal College. We, as a community, want to grow our young people into well-educated Tribal leaders."

Tribal Elder Charmaine Shawana received her master's degree in writing from Michigan State University and has served on several Council administrations. As an editor of the SCIT Tribal history book "Diba Jimooyung – Telling Our Story", she is aware of the value of continuing education.

"Making a high school diploma a requirement for per capita is a step in the right direction," Shawana said. "For many years, Tribal youth have talked about turning 18 and mentioned how they would receive per cap and not have to continue school or go to work. Those days are gone and that thinking never helped our Tribe. We need these Tribal students working in all aspects of our Tribal operations and business interests. We need educated Anishinabe to lead our nation into the technological future and it will surely benefit all involved."

The Council amendment to the per capita plan goes into effect on Dec. 31, 2015 and as any other amendment to per capita, it is subject to a U.S. Department of the Interior approval.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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September 15-17, 2015
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Ziibiwing Cultural Center

Make a 3-5 min movie about surviving cancer or cardiovascular disease.

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September 18, 2015
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Ziibiwing Cultural Center

Digital Stories will be screened at the nDigiFest. Snacks will be provided. Funding provided by ITCM.

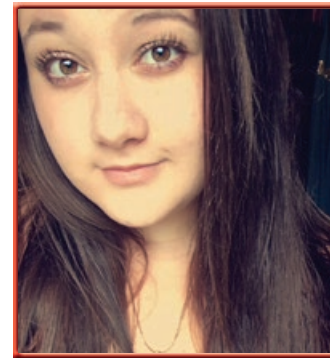
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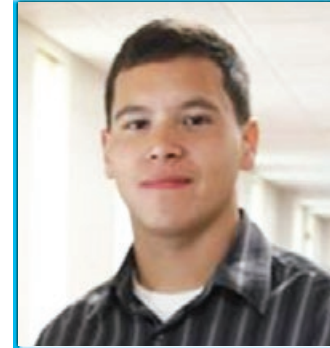
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Happy Sweet 16
from all of us
who love you...
and that's a lot of us.
Elissa Schlegel



Happy 20th Birthday
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On Sept. 29th
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Happy Birthday
Love Michelle



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Independent Contractor required to adhere to professional and ethical standards

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

Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the application for a renewal of an Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Lisa Darnell, Interim CEO for the Migizi Economic Development Corporation. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

1. New Tribal License for Retail Off-Premise General License for the Cardinal Pharmacy located at 2410 S. Leaton Road, Suite 8, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Such License, if renewed, would cover selling of packaged liquor, beer and wine to be consumed by buyer off premise. The License, if renewed, would be for the duration of one full year with hours of alcohol sales consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and the Tribe's Liquor Control Act, Chapter 8.7.

A thank you from David Williams and family

(Editor's note: The following is a thank you letter from David Williams and his family for his successful "No One Fights Alone" fundraiser on Aug. 14 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. SCIT Member and Tribal employee Williams and his family hosted the event to raise funds for his battle with stage four cancer.)

the benefit, we will never ever be able to thank you enough! It is because of all you that Dave's benefit came together. We wanted to thank each and every one separately but the list of people who volunteered or donated items for the auction is longer than we could have ever imagined. To all who helped in the kitchen your hard work and keeping that food going was amazing!

To all our friends, family, and co-workers of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe:

There are no words to express how grateful and thankful we are for each and every one of you! The kindness and generosity we felt at Dave's benefit was overwhelming!

We first off want to say that we want to say thank you to everyone that came and supported our family! The love that our family felt from all the people that attended and spent time with Dave is something we will never forget.

The next thing we want to say is that all the people who volunteered, donated and offered to help us with

On behalf of our family, we offer a special thank you to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. The benefit has made it so we as a family will all be able to be there for Dave's continuous care as we travel to Detroit for his treatment. Dave is personally overwhelmed with emotions, knowing so many people are supporting him and fighting the fight right along with him.

With our deepest love,
David, Karen, Tanner Williams and family.

"Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk" set for Sept. 25

RUTH ANNE SOWLE

Contributing Writer

Community Cancer Services of Isabella County would like to invite cancer survivors, caregivers, friends and families to come celebrate cancer survivorship at the 17th annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk" on Sept. 25 at Island Park from 3 to 10 p.m.

A cancer survivors' celebration is planned for 7 p.m. with a cancer survivor walk immediately following. Luminaries in honor of the cancer survivor or those who have passed from cancer light the pathways the entire event and can be purchased in advance.

This is truly a celebration with games, food and entertainment. A live auction and silent auction are planned. Come help "light the way for cancer survivors" by walking in the 17th annual "Into the Light Cancer Awareness Walk."

To order luminaries in advance, get team packets, or for more information, call Suzanne at 989-644-2504, Megan at wedge1ml@gmail.com or log onto www.isbellacommunitycancer.org.

Community Cancer Services is your local cancer organization and all of your donations stay in our community to help our neighbors in their fight against cancer.

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.



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

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

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Tribal Council Member Ron Nelson discusses SELC expansion

(Editor's note: The following text is the speech Tribal Council District Two Representative Ron Nelson, sergeant at-arms, prepared during the Thursday, June 23 homecoming community meeting in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall. Nelson discusses the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino expansion plans.)

"Aa-nii, Good Morning,

I would like to update you on plans for our Saganing Reservation. For many years, growth in the Saganing area was hindered because of the lack of needed infrastructure.

Under the Cantu Administration, the Tribal

Council made great strides in doing a major land purchase plan and made the decision to construct Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and do whatever was needed to make that happen.

Under an accelerated plan, we completed that project in a seven month-record. It was the best decision and currently SELC is generating 1/3 of the income for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Without SELC, the economic downturn of 2007 would have been devastating to our operations.

With the opening of SELC, it was clear that an expansion was needed for the area and the Tribe's Project Coordination Team was directed to start that plan.

The fact that we have no competition on the east side of the state, the proximity to I-75 and success of the casino shows that additional gaming space and a hotel would be successful.

The market studies were completed and showed that at least an additional 10 million dollars would be generated and that is a conservative estimate that we expect to beat. The creation of 200 jobs will bring an economic boom to the area and will spur further growth. The project will feature a 150-room hotel, some meeting space, a restaurant and an area to provide enough space for up to 800 additional games.

Since opening the casino, we constructed the Water and Sewer

Facility and started the process to construct our own electrical substation. The sub-station project has been a long process and required the Tribe to assert our sovereignty with great success.

The completion of the substation and full operation is expected to be next spring when we will break ground on the expansion. This project has been held up for many reasons through the years, but now I expect to see the project completed.

The Saganing Reservation has the potential to become a true destination spot focusing on the phrase "Up North is closer than you think."

The infrastructure is now available for continued growth

and we will enter some lucrative partnership with neighboring community to provide the infrastructure so badly needed.

I would like to thank all the individuals that brought us to this point. That includes our PCT team, Construction and Facilities, all the directors at both operations for their expert input, the Saganing Eagle Landing Casino's wonderful staff for providing excellent customer service and of course the Tribal Council and past administrations that have seen the vision and supported the project.

With additional planning and support we will see great things in the Saganing area for the benefit of our Tribe and all our people.

Chi-Miigwetch."

Leaton Road construction changes slated to continue into November

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has witnessed many infrastructure changes throughout the years and walking on the dirt road past Eleanor and Eli's wood bridge was a contemporary Tribal landmark to many.

As the Reservation has grown and traffic has increased along with the infrastructure needs, it looks like the changes made by Leaton Road construction are slated to continue into November.

Lt. Kelly Babcock of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police said although the Leaton



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Leaton Road construction and drainage project took many trees along the old Pete Miller property.

Road construction project is a current inconvenience for many, the community will notice a vast improvement upon project completion.

"The widening, resurfacing, and new drainage will drastically improve the local transportation needs within this area occupied by the Tribal community and the service access to the Nimkee Clinic and Andahwod," Babcock said. "The improved surfaces and ditch work allow for better vision by the motoring public and pedestrian traffic making this area safer for all. We, at the Tribal Police Department, ask that you have patience regarding this construction zone, in doing so, respect all traffic control

devices put in place to provide proper safety for their construction employees."

Community Engineer Donald Seal reported said D.J. McQuestion and Sons, Inc. is the Prime Contractor for this project.

"I do not know who they have as sub-contractors for the project," Seal said. "The road has to be open to traffic by Nov. 13, 2015 per their contract with the Isabella County Road Commission. I do know the contractor would like to have the road open by mid-October; however, people need to be aware that the more they go through the construction zone, the more the contractor has to slow down their work schedule. Those small delays will hinder the timely completion and make it longer for the contractor to finish the project."

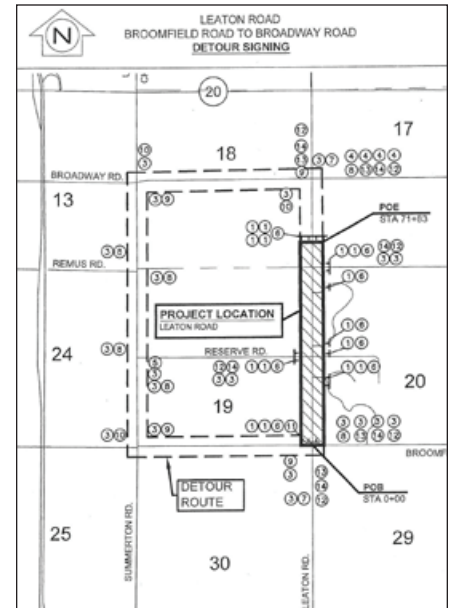
Seal said the U.S. Post Office mail carrier has requested the mail boxes be moved to the corner of Remus and Leaton roads just outside of the construction zone and the contractor has informed the area residents affected of that change.

Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl said all events, including the Sept. 13 Grandparent's Day extravaganza, will not be affected.

"Andahwod continues all fully-scheduled events, activities and services to District I Elders and Andahwod residents," Ruhl said. "Currently, individuals may access the building from the north end of construction without issues. Accessing the Elders living on the southern part of Leaton Road requires use of alternate routes off of Shepherd and Broomfield roads."

The Tribal Observer obtained a map through the SCIT Public Relations Department from the contractor and engineers involved in the project that shows the areas affected and possible routes.

"The Tribal Council realizes the temporary inconvenience the re-routing may cause motorists and homeowners and we respectfully ask for their patience as we provide a safe work environment for all involved," Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. "When the project is completed, the benefit to the infrastructure of the Tribe



Courtesy of SCIT Public Relations

A map outlines the project location and detour signing for re-routing through the Reservation.

and the improvements will be well worth these minor inconveniences."

Tribal Elder Barb Sprague said her brother Larry was taking down the bridge that many were fond of.

The road construction will include a middle turn lane and upgrades of the drainage on both sides made many homeowners aware they would have to move obstacles and trees that were deemed in the way of the project.



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A piece of history is lost as Larry Sprague needed to take down the bridge that stood as a contemporary Tribal landmark on Leaton Road for more than 40 years.

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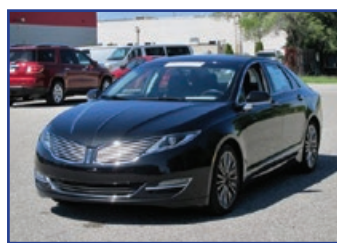
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Tribal Police Officers Ehren and Bailey are running the streets for LETR

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Two Saginaw Chippewa Tribal police officers are taking it to the streets on Sept. 17 for a state-wide effort called the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR).

Tribal Administrative Assistant Michelle Colwell said Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey and Dispatch/Corrections Officer Renay Ehren have been asked to participate in the LETR representing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

“The Torch Run is an annual fundraiser for the Michigan Special Olympics and the Tribe has participated and sponsored their events for many years,” Colwell said. “We are encouraging our Tribal Operations

employees to show their support by purchasing a T-shirt (\$10 for S-2XL and \$15 for 3XL) and to wear it to work on Sept. 17 when the run will be going through Mount Pleasant. All of the employees wearing their LETR shirts will be featured in a photo for the Tribal website and Tribal Facebook page.”

The LETR is the single largest grassroots fundraising effort for Special Olympics Michigan.

The Mount Pleasant Community Run for LETR will take place Sept. 17. The event will begin at 2:15 p.m. at the old Michigan State Police post and finish at 2:35 p.m. with the exchange of the torch in front of the Special Olympics office. The event registration is \$25 and each runner will receive a dri-fit T-shirt.

Lois Arnold, president and CEO of Special Olympics Michigan, said by getting more involved in Michigan’s Torch Run program, funds are raised and it helps create awareness for athletes.

“We appreciate our Law Enforcement Torch Run support immensely,” Arnold said. “The money raised has an amazing and positive impact on the lives of our athletes and their families.”

Ehren has been involved in the Special Olympics for more than 12 years, mostly participating in the Summer Games here in Mount Pleasant, but expanded to the Winter Games for the last two years in Grand Traverse.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT Tribal Administration shows their support with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police. (Pictured left to right: Renay Ehren, Michelle Colwell, Tonia Leauxaux, Ruben Mosqueda, Dustin Davis and Scott Bailey.)

“Last year I was able to go with the Torch Run Travel Team in 14 community runs and did the Polar Plunge here in Mount Pleasant this winter,” Ehren said. “I have developed friendships with the athletes, families, coaches and fellow law enforcement officers and look forward to seeing them each event. Words cannot express what I take away. I can only hope that I give half as much. I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved in such a capacity and would like to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Police Department for allowing this to happen.”

Bailey views the Special Olympics as a great organization that provides for the athletes more than just a competitive atmosphere.

“The Special Olympics provides health screenings and eye exams and also encourages athletes to develop skills that will last a lifetime,” Bailey

said. “With the generosity of our community and others across the State of Michigan, these athletes are forever grateful. I have had the honor to be involved with Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run for the last five years, participating in summer games, polar plunges and other events. This year I have been invited to participate in LETR run week that travels throughout the state raising money and awareness for Special Olympics. I am humbled with the opportunity to run in each community as part of this fundraising effort. I would personally like to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for their support and generosity in making a difference in the athlete’s lives.”

For more information on the Torch Run or to purchase your shirt, contact Ehren or Bailey at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Dispatch at 989-775-4700.

At-Large Department hosts Dream Catcher Class



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On Aug. 13, the At-Large Cultural Advisory Committee hosted the Beginner’s Dream Catcher Class for the At-Large community. Participants spent the afternoon making their own personalized dream catcher and fun was had by all. Keep a look out for future mailings from the Cultural Advisory Committee on upcoming activities. The Cultural Advisory Committee consists of: Dolly Holzhausen, Denny Gould, Patricia Tarkowski and Rick Fowler.



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Central Michigan Council of Governments meets on Reservation for the first time

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Aug. 19, another milestone happened when the Central Michigan Council of Governments (CMCOG) met on the Reservation for the first time.

The CMCOG serves local area units of government that includes townships as well as Isabella County, the City of Mount Pleasant and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier introduced Tribal Chief Steven Pego who recognized Council Treasurer Shelly

Bailey along with fellow Council Member Lindy Hunt who joined the festivities along with other elected officials.

“It is great to see all the leadership that came together with our Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council in attendance,” Cloutier said. “We invest many dollars in the community and it is refreshing to share how we are building infrastructure that benefits all the residents in central Michigan. For all of the time we have visited the other units of government at their locations, it is wonderful to see everyone enjoying what we have on the Reservation. I’m

sure many of you will be feeling lucky and will be spending some more time with us at our gaming operations.”

State Senator Judy Emmons (R-Sheridan) has been a keynote speaker at many legislative breakfasts the Tribe has sponsored and welcomes the Tribal Council as a key part of what happens in her district.

“It’s all about the cooperation and putting your heads together and coming up with solutions,” Emmons said. “Maybe everyone is not going to agree, but hopefully we can get enough buy in and come up with ideas that people can support. That is what we are trying to do in the legislature and we know the Tribe and the local units of governments here in Isabella County do a good job of that. Many of my colleagues realize the value of what is happening up here with everyone working together. It’s not an easy process for governments to come together to allocate funding for projects that have a benefit for all. I get to see that cooperation happening in my district that others legislators would like to have.”

Emmons was quick to commend Chief Pego and the Tribal Council on the success of the Native Farmers Market Pavilion.

“Every community has their strengths and when you have a



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Sen. Judy Emmons addresses the Council of Governments at the Housing Pavilion as Chief Steven Pego and Council Member Lindy Hunt look on.

Tribe that can operate through the labyrinth to bring federal dollars to a project like the USDA assistance in the Native Farmers Market... that is a tremendous plus,” Emmons said. “The beauty of the farmers markets across the state is people are starting to recognize the value of freshness. We can eat healthy for our families and it’s good for the consumers and it’s good for the farmers who make the product. Everyone benefits and we will be healthier as we buy directly from the grower as closely as we can.”

Russ Alwood has served as Union Township manager for the last three years and in 2012 was elected to serve a four-year term.

Alwood has worked with the Tribe during his time as an Isabella County commissioner

and was honored to come out to the first Council of Governments meeting hosted on the Reservation.

“I believe Union township is a great place to live, work, and raise a family,” Alwood said. “We have been blessed by the Tribe helping us with our roads and we continue to put over \$600,000 each year to help in keeping our Union Township roads safe. We have continued to put water and sewer infrastructure like the Tribe has and we share a similar mission for economic development by bringing in new business and expanded the ones we have. Union Township has been leading the way in growth for the past five years and last year we were the growth leader for Isabella County.”

Attention Tribal Members



The SCIT Tribal Council has deemed that the pole barn located at 5587 E. Broomfield Rd. is surplus property, therefore; proposals are requested from any interested SCIT Tribal Member wishing to acquire and relocate the barn for their own use. Please submit proposals to the SCIT Planning Department no later than Sept. 24, 2015 at 1 p.m.



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Native Farmers Market Pavilion now open to the public every Tuesday

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After much anticipation, the Native Farmers Market Pavilion is now built and open for business every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 13.

The ribbon cutting ceremony took place at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the corner of Broadway and Leaton roads.

Frank Cloutier, public relations director for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan welcomed guests and introduced the Tribal Council.

Chief Steven Pego then performed a welcome song.

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Development State Director for Michigan James J. Turner joined Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal leaders and local officials for the grand opening of the pavilion.

"It is great to see the pavilion completed in time to share this summer's produce," Turner said. "This project demonstrates how USDA Rural Development is supporting local food networks, economic development and Michigan's rich cultural heritage."

USDA Rural Development provided a \$200,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant to the Tribe for the pavilion. The project broke ground on June 16.

Tom Kequom, construction project manager, thanked the long list of individuals who helped complete this project.

"The first person I want to acknowledge and recognize is Jackie Morgan; she is the area specialist from the USDA," Kequom said. "She was a lot of help. Whether we had a question on the grants or the policies, she was right there for us. All of the committee members have their full-time regular jobs and they just went above and beyond. All the work they do is volunteer work. I would like to recognize Marcella Hadden; (SCIT) PR (Manager), she was really the ring leader on the committee. Damian Fisher, Sylvia Murray, Mary Pelcher, Angela Peters, Jessica DeVerney-McLaughlin, Shannon Smith and Sally Van Cise. It was a pleasure working with them, they are a very dedicated group."



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Tribal Chief Steven Pego, Sub-Chief Lorna Kahgegab Call and James J. Turner, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture rural development state director, cut the ribbon as Council Members and officials look on.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden served as the lead committee member for the Native Farmers Market Pavilion.

The design was completed by lead architect Bob Case from Case Architecture of Freeland, Mich., and the sight work was complete by Tim Bebee from Central Michigan Surveying & Development Co., Inc., according to Kequom.

"The contractor providing general construction was Chuck McGuirk from McGuirk Sand and Gravel, and Mark Garber Builders completed the majority of framing," Kequom said. "Everything came together, it went pretty quick. We did place electric entrance on corner for a possible future expansion."

The market offers everything from locally-grown produce and baked goods to Native American beadwork and handmade soaps.

"It feels great to know that there will always be a

designated place for people to purchase and sell fresh fruits and vegetables here on the Isabella Reservation," Hadden said. "Cutting out the middle man means fresher produce on your dinner table and more money in your pocket. You can't get better quality, and I'll take a hand

shake from a farmer any day versus a white plastic bag at your local super market."

Cloutier said the market is a benefit for not only the Native community, but for the local community as a whole.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The new Native Farmers Market Pavilion is located at the corner of Leaton and Broadway roads.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

James J. Turner is from USDA Rural Development, which provided the Tribe with the \$200,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant for the pavilion.



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Tom Kequom, construction project manager, recognizes the individuals who assisted in the project completion.



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Chief, Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig, Kelli Fox of Debbie Stabenow's office and Turner share a laugh.



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Locally-grown produce are just some of the items offered at the market every Tuesday until Oct. 13.

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Pamp family heads to Okaya City, Japan for 50th sister city anniversary

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Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Judy Pamp and her family joined Mount Pleasant Mayor Jim Holton as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the City of Mount Pleasant celebrated the 50th anniversary of the sister city relationship with Okaya City, located in the Nagano Prefecture in Japan.

The Pamp family offered a smudge and water ceremony for Okaya City Mayor Ryugo Imai and their community.

Pamp gifted Imai with a hand drum made by Seventh Generation artisans Ben Hinmon and Lee Ann Ruffino on behalf of the Tribe while Holton presented a sculpture from Mount Pleasant artists Cozette Phillips and Tybre Newcomer symbolizing the friendship between the two cities.

Tribal delegate Morgan Avery held the flag with a gentleman from Japan as delegate Linda Craig held the jug of water while Pamp offered the water prayer and sang.

"It was a beautiful ceremony held along Lake Suwa as our Tribal drum was gifted to the people and the unveiling of the sculpture was given to Okaya from the city of Mount Pleasant," Pamp said. "I was honored to share the water ceremony with the people here and we had it translated into Japanese to share with all our friends back home."

The Tribal Observer is pleased to offer the words spoken by Judy Pamp at the Nibiish (Water) Ceremony:

"The water is sick... people need to really fight for that water, to speak for that



Courtesy of Kasahara Junichi

More than 100 residents of Okaya City and neighboring Japanese villages came together on the banks of Lake Suwa for ceremonies.

water, to love that water." — Josephine Mandamin, Mother Earth water walker and Anishinabe elder.

The Anishnaabek (Ottawa, Chippewa or Ojibwe, and Potawatomi American Indian People) believe Gitchi Manidoo (Creator or Great Mystery) made Earth first. Earth is a woman spirit.

Shkaakaamikwe (Mother Earth) is what we call her as she provides for all living things on Earth. The water that flows through her and on her is used to nourish, cleanse and purify her.

Nibiish is the life blood of everything including mankind. Water is a spiritual thing. It can feel and hear us. It is filled with emotions and energy.

Nibiish makes all life possible. We are cradled in water in our mother's womb until it is time for us to enter the physical realm. Our life has a cycle to be followed the same as the seasons, the moon, and even water has its cycle to follow to remain strong and healthy.

The Anishinabe way of life given to us from Gitchi Manidoo also follows these important cycles. We understand all things are in constant motion and changing. We are connected to all

things in creation and everything in the universe is interrelated.

Nibiish is integral to everything. We thank Gitchi Manidoo for all things gifted to us including the gift of nibiish.

We lay down the gift of asemaa (tobacco) to give thanks. We thank the spirit of water for its nourishing properties that sustains the plants, animals, and mankind. We thank the spirit of water for its healing properties. We promise to help protect nibiish for the next seven generations.

We promise to help keep nibiish clean so it can remain strong to carry out its purpose. Water is sacred and central to all living things. Today, we pray for the health of nibiish and thank the Creator for the gift of water.

Miigwetch Gitchi-Manidoo nibiish gaa miinshin! Thank you Creator for the water!"

Gitchi Manidoo! (*Great Spirit!*) 偉大なる神

Miigwetch nangwa waamdamaa miinwaa ngoding giizhigak. (*Today I give thanks for seeing another day.*) 今日を迎えられたことを感謝します。



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Okaya City Mayor, Ryugo Imai holds his turtle shaker while Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp) offers a water song on a specially-crafted SCIT hand drum.

Miigwetch kina gego ga-miizhyaang. (*Thank you for everything that you gave us.*) 神が私たちに与えてくれたすべてのことに感謝します。

Miigwetch kina gego ga-toowin maampii akiing. (*Thank you for all the things that you put here on earth.*) あなたが創った地球上にあるすべてのものに感謝します。

Miigwetch ga-miizhyaang Ngidziimnaanik, Ndinwendaagnenaanik miinwaa Nwiiikiiyenhaanik. (*Thank you for giving us our parents, our relatives and our friends.*) 私達に両親、親族、そして友達を与えて下さったことに感謝します。

Miigwetch Manidook Ode Nekeyiing Eyaajik Waabanong, Zhaawanong, Epnigishmok miinwaa Kiiwedanong. (*Thank you spirits that are in the East, South, West and North.*) 東西南北すべての神に感謝します。

Miigwetch Noodin, Nbiish, Mshkode miinwaa Akiing Mnidook. (*Thank you spirits of the Wind, Water, Fire and Earth.*) 風、水、火、そして大地に感謝します。

Miigwetch ge'e wesiinhik miinwaa bineshiinhik. (*Thank you also for the animals and birds.*) 動物と鳥も神に感謝します。

Miigwetch maanda nbiish, Gitchi Manidoo. (*Thank you for this water, Great Spirit.*) 偉大なる神、この水に感謝します。

Ezaakiimagak, wesiinhik miinaa bemaadzidjik mnikwenaa'aa maanda nbiish akiing etemagak. (*The plants, animals and people drink this water that's on earth.*) 植物、動物、そして人々の命の源のこの水よ。

M i i n s h i n a a n g Nokaadendamowin weweni ji maamwi nakiiyaang. (*Give us peace so that we will work well together.*) 私たちが協力し合えるよう、平和を与えたまえ。

Naadamooshinaang weweni ji maamwi maaseyaang. (*Help us to walk well together.*) 私たちが共存できるよう、手助けしたまえ。

Miigwetch Gitchi Manidoo, Miigwetch, Miigwetch. (*Thank you Great Spirit, thank you, thank you, thank you.*) 偉大なる神、このころの底から感謝します。

Soaring Eagle Waterpark's "Doggie Dayz" raises \$2,444 for local animal shelter

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel gave back to Isabella County's Humane Animal Treatment Society once more during its "Doggie Dayz" event Monday, Aug. 17.

Patrons received one waterpark day pass with a \$5 donation or new pet item, valued at a \$5 minimum. Items included dog/cat food, dog/cat collars, canned food, bedding, grooming supplies and toys.

That day, from 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., HATS Executive Director Summer Dubois brought adoptable pets on site and educated visitors on HATS.

"I brought in dogs, one at a time, for kids to see and interact with," Dubois said. "I also presented education on safe handling and how to appropriately approach a dog, and

talked about the shelter and what we offer."

The event brought in an abundance of needed items, and raised \$2,444.

"I was amazed to see the amount of cash donations, compared to the prior year and the number of goods and animal toys received," said SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague.

Dubois originally thought the funds raised would most likely go toward both the Colton Fund for special needs dogs and the Rudd Herron Fund for special needs cats.

"Those funds pay for any animal entering the facility that has a critical injury requiring surgical repair or anything above and beyond our normal standard of care," Dubois said. "We've actually had a lot of special needs cats entering the shelter this year. We've had several amputation surgeries and eye removals this year."

Dubois discovered the amount raised was the exact sum needed to make a much-needed purchase: New beds for the entire dog kennel.

Sprague said this was the second year the waterpark has collaborated with HATS.

"It was suggested by a team member that we get involved with the HATS organization just to donate back to our community," Sprague said. "We thought it would fit perfectly because we have so many children coming through our doors, and it would give them the opportunity to contribute back to the cause."

Melissa Mullard, marketing specialist for Migizi EDC, played a major role in the planning and she was "very happy to make the event happen."

During the event, Dubois brought in the dogs Angel, a 30-pound terrier mix, and Sage.

"Sage is a prime example of what we do at the shelter and

what we are about," Dubois said. "Sage came to us about a year ago. She had some medical issues we needed to sort through; she contracted parvovirus as an adult dog, which is very difficult for them to recover from, but thankfully it took two to three months until she made a full recovery. She was very timid and shut down so we spent the last several months working with her on confidence building, meeting new people, going new places and crate training."

Dubois appreciates the SEWPH team's hard work.

"We're very happy and very thankful of the Waterpark and Melissa for putting this all together," she said. "It really does make a difference and we're happy to continue our lifesaving work."

The waterpark does not stop there with its fundraising efforts.

Last week, the SEWPH wrapped up donations for the



Courtesy of HATS

Four-year-old Sage was brought in to SEWPH during Doggie Dayz to interact with waterpark guests.

United Way "Stuff the Bus" back to school campaign. In December, the SEWPH plans to raise money and collect toys for the Toys for Tots program.



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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 WW: I just started to date a woman with a young son (Adam) who is six years old. I have never been in a relationship that involved a child before. How do I handle this? I have not met him yet but his mother has told me all about him. It seems he has a strained relationship with his father due to drugs and alcohol. How do I fit in and yet keep my distance at the same time? I don't have kids, so I don't know if this is for me. I really have feelings for this woman and would like to take the next step. **Step Dad**

Dear Dad: I would not recommend a relationship with a woman who has a child. You would be at a disadvantage because you are walking into a relationship that you have no control over. An absent parent with drug and alcohol problems is a can of worms in itself. I would recommend a hands-off approach. The heart wants what the heart wants, so if you must proceed, please do so slowly. Seek counseling, if necessary, to help with specifics on dealing with the family dynamics.

Dear WW: My neighbors are driving me crazy! Things used to be so nice and relaxing in my neighborhood until the nut cases across the street moved in. Please don't tell me to move, I've lived here for 10 years and my house will be paid off in a couple more years. The problem is all the loud teens, music, skateboards and trash all over the yard. The other day, one of them was riding on a skateboard and ran over my flowers I just planted! When I told one of the parents, they acted like it was no big deal. I used to love to sit out on the porch in the evening but now I can't stand the sight of them. **Shut the Door!**

Dear Door: Being a home owner is one of the best investments you can have. However, bad neighbors can be your worst nightmare. There is nothing you can do about kids playing. You said they were teens so with a little patience, they can be grown and out of the house in a few years. If you can't enjoy your front porch, why not make the backyard just as appealing? I would advise you to do whatever you can to keep the peace. It can be as difficult or as peaceful as you make it.

Dear WW: I am engaged and am ready to set the date, but my fiancé and I cannot agree on a venue. My fiancé wants to have a destination wedding. I, on the other hand, would like to have a big wedding in our hometown with our families and friends. I'm not sure what a good compromise would be. **Wedding Blues**

Dear Blues: What if you had a big, local wedding and went on a destination honeymoon OR have the destination wedding and then a large reception when you return for both families? My concern is that if you can't decide on your first big event, then maybe you're not ready to marry each other.

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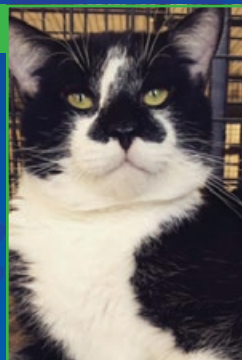
Frenchy

Frenchy is a 2-year-old English Staffordshire Terrier mix who was originally adopted from HATS as a small puppy. As Frenchy grew in size, so did her energy. This sweet girl is looking for an active household dedicated to daily walks or runs. She gets along well with some other dogs but would like to meet any canine friends before going home. She is crate trained and she keeps a very clean kennel.



Pryor

Pryor is a 2-year-old Domestic Shorthair/mix who has been with HATS since October 2014. He is a quiet gentleman, content to spend his time hanging out with people. He's not very active, so an owner who is also not very active would be fine. Afternoons dedicated to Netflix followed by long naps would be ideal for him.



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Colwell and Shawboose place in Art Reach's "Art Walk Central 2015"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

For centuries, Native people have been widely acclaimed and sought after for their artwork and the creativity passed down to us from our ancestors. Nothing is more inspiring than to see young Tribal Members hone their craft and to win awards in a juried competition of their peers.

On Aug. 19, Tribal sculptor Gage Colwell and Tribal photographer Allyssa Shawboose joined a field of five young artists vying for the top honors for the Art Walk Central juried competition.

Art Walk Central is both an art competition and an art infusion for the central Michigan area during August. The Mount Pleasant community hosts more than 100 artists that are eligible to win more than \$20,000 in prizes and votes by the community will determine the People's Choice award.

Colwell made his family proud by taking second place in the People's Choice category and making the top five with Shawboose.

Shawboose made her mom Amy proud by placing second in the 2015 juried competition. She attended the event with her father Vanyork, who is an accomplished photographer and has won awards for his creative photography.

"It's an honor to be her father but to be her mentor, she is a great student," Vanyork said. "To be with her at this event where she receives an award is amazing. And for her being an artist... the sky's the limit."

Tribal Administrative Assistant III Michelle Colwell said she is extremely proud of her son.

"Being a 2015 graduate, his focus throughout school was always sports (football and wrestling) and he lacked a creative outlet," Michelle said. "So in 2013, when attendance dropped in the stone sculpting class I was in through the Tribe's Seventh Generation program, I asked Gage if he wanted to come with me and try it. He did and he enjoyed it from the start. It's a difficult medium to work with and takes a lot of patience but we both find it so relaxing. With encouragement from his teacher, Ben Hinmon, and with his dad Jeff and his whole family behind him, he started competing in 2013 where Gage took got third in the People's Choice and placed second in the juried contest."

A week prior to the event, Ron Platt, an Art Walk Central 2015 judge of the juried competition, shook Gage's hand and encouraged him to keep sculpting.

"It was great to meet Mr. Platt, and it was an even prouder moment for me because this man was just that impressed with Gage's talent with it being only his third sculpture," Michelle said. "I hope he does continue with it and furthers his talent regardless if he ever competes with a future piece again. I believe everyone needs a creative outlet and with today's stresses and busy lifestyles, it's needed more than ever."

Colwell said placing in the competition was very special to him.

"I was not much of an artist before finding out about rock sculpting through Seventh

Generation," he said. "I couldn't draw, paint, or anything like that but for some reason, carving stone just clicked with me. I would like to thank my mom, dad, sister, and extended family and friends for their support through the entire event and the many hours of sculpting. I'd also like to thank Ben Hinmon for his instruction, creative guidance, and much needed criticism. I hope that my win this year and in 2013 will encourage other young Native artists to enter their art and be proud of what you create and take the chance!"

Tribal Council Member Chip Neyome attended to support Colwell and Shawboose and was joined by his wife Dana and his brother A. J. Smith at the event hosted by Kraphol Ford.

"I am so proud of both Gage and Alyssa because they are examples of what our youth can do," Neyome said. "I do have some advice I would like to share with our young Tribal artists... do it before you die and do it often. There's no good reason not to be artistic."

SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden, who is owner of Niibing Giizis (Summer Moon) Photography, was also one of the three Tribal Members entered in the competition and reflected on her personal experience.

"I am so proud of our Tribal youth who entered into the Art Reach-Art Walk Central 2015," Hadden said. "It takes a lot of courage to do that. I remember how others inspired me and that lead me to where I am today as a photographer. I entered my art in the contest just to say I did it.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Council Member Chip Neyome and his family meets with the Tribal artists. (Pictured left to right: Gage Colwell, A.J. Smith, Allyssa Shawboose, and Chip and Dana Neyome.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Colwell family celebrates at the Art Walk Central benefit. (Pictured in back row: Alex Otto, Gage Colwell and Breanna Colwell. Front row: Parents Jeff and Michelle Colwell.)

As with anything in life, it's not about the finish line, it's about the dance!"

Both Hadden and Shawboose were recently featured in a Ziibiwing exhibit that displayed their creativity along with other community artists who participated in Art Walk Central.

Sales Professional Cheryl Weekley complimented the Tribe for being a corporate sponsor of the program and to have Ziibiwing Center

participate as one of the Art Walk Central exhibit areas.

"Our team at Krapohl Ford and Lincoln has been with Art Reach from the beginning and owner Ron Krapohl and our family is honored to host this event," Weekley said. "Art Reach is a first class organization that adds distinction and culture to our community like none other. They are one of the things makes us proud to work and live in Mount Pleasant."

The next serious threat to Great Lakes fisheries

AIMAN SHAHPURWALA

Water Resource Technician

Asian carp is a prolific fish has that can out-compete almost all native fish populations once introduced into a region.

Of the Asian carp, silver carp is of the most concern. These fish are large and aggressive. They consume massive amounts of phytoplankton and zooplankton, which is a food source that native larval fish and mussel species rely on.

If they are introduced into the Great Lakes region, they have



Courtesy of U.S. Geological Survey

The Asian carp are an invasive species which pose a real danger to the Great Lakes.

the potential to greatly alter the current food web and threaten the habitat of many native aquatic species populations.

Although silver carp has not been physically found in Michigan, their environmental DNA was identified in water samples from several locations in Michigan, including the lower reaches of the Kalamazoo River.

Environmental DNA or eDNA is used as an early detection method of tracking certain species like silver carp. These eDNA samples do not give information about whether the organism was alive or dead, one fish or multiple, and the exact source of the DNA is unknown. The DNA may have been transported through other means than the fish itself such as boats or fish-eating birds.

Current efforts to protect the Great Lakes from silver carp include electrical fish barriers, fences, acoustic barriers, strobe lights, high pressure sodium lights and more.

In 2002, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed

a set of three electrical barriers on the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. Although the barriers are currently effective this is not a permanent solution. The barriers are not selective to which species are affected by it.

If you have identified an Asian carp species in Michigan, including silver, bighead, and grass carp please report immediately to Seth Herbst-DNR Fisheries Division at herbsts1@michigan.gov or

517-284-5825. You may also report it online at www.michigan.gov/asiancarp.

For more information on this article, please contact: Aiman Shahpurwala, water resource technician at 989-775-4081 or ashahpurwala@sagchip.org.

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“Water Warriors” ride in to Eagle Bay Marina for Special Olympics of Michigan

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Support Services Supervisor

On July 29, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, along with the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Tribal Center, Eagle Bay Marina, Migizi Economic Development, and Eagle Valley Outfitters hosted its third annual meet and greet with the “Water Warriors” riders and Special Olympics athletes.

At 7:30 a.m., the Water Warriors coordinator called to ask if the Eagle Bay Marina was ready for them. This phone call set all the plans throughout the past couple months into motion.

Excitement filled the air. This was not just a typical ride for the Water Warriors; this was their 25th anniversary.

The Water Warriors are a group of individuals who participate in a five-day, 450-mile endurance ride on personal watercraft starting at Mackinaw City, riding the entire length of Lake Huron, the St. Clair River and finishing at Harsens Island, to raise money for Special Olympics Michigan athletes.

Each rider commits to raising at least \$1,500 for riding all five days.

What makes this journey such a success is not just the endurance and commitment that each of these riders pledge, but the support they get from countless individuals that make up the land crew, those who volunteer on/with spotter boats and fundraising events, and seeing the smiling faces of those athletes, family,

friends, and community members that come out and support them.

This year’s meet and greet was again another huge success!

There were many activities to do for those who arrived early and were waiting on shore for the Water Warriors’ arrival, including a photo booth by “Time Honored Occasions” owned and operated by Matt and Tiffany Rouleau, a large slot machine cut-out for those who wanted to peek their head thru and take a photo, yard games, Gizi the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel mascot made his appearance and was entertaining the crowd.

SEWPH donated a one-night stay with four waterpark passes that was given away to one lucky winner.

Welcome banners were scattered throughout, hot dogs, chips, water, ice cream and fruit was being served as the guests waited for the Water Warriors.

This year’s ride had pretty good weather. The roughest leg for the riders was the ride from Tawas to Standish, but still the Water Warriors pressed on and were excited to see the Eagle Bay Marina had spotter boat and two pontoon boats loaded with some of the athletes, friends and honorary guests who had ventured out to escort them in.

This year’s athletes not only included Area 9 (Bay/Arenac) athletes, but also included Area 7 (Isabella) athletes. Honorary guests included Tribal Chief Steven Pego and his wife Mae Pego.



Chief Pego accepts a plaque on behalf of Migizi Economic Development for its contributions and dedications to Water Warriors and Special Olympics Michigan.

Chief Pego played his flute to calm the rolling waters while out on the pontoon and the guests aboard that boat were very moved and touched by his flute playing.

As the riders approached the escort boats, they were wearing silly hats and costumes.

Entering the marina, it was noted that an eagle was spotted off in the distance. The spotting of an eagle, as told by Mae Pego, is a traditional sign of good luck.

When the riders made it on shore, Chief Pego welcomed guests with an inviting warm speech and a song he played on his flute. Two Snowbirds Singers then performed a water blessing ceremony.

A large donation check was presented by SELC representative Michelle Pfund to the Water Warriors riders. Reciprocating with sponsor plaques to those who supported this event was



Michelle Pfund of Saganing Eagles Landing Casino presents a \$1,000 check to Tom Chauvin of Water Warriors for Special Olympics Michigan.

given out by Tom Chauvin of the Water Warriors.

Eagle Bay Marina is one of the newer stops added to the Water Warriors’ 14-stop route. This year and last year, we were told by many riders and the crew that our stop was the second favorite stop, being edged out just slightly by the Port Huron—their home base area stop.

Thank you to those who took the time to come out and enjoy this event and to those many individuals who put in time to make this event so successful. A special thank you to Chief Pego – for welcoming and supporting this event, Mae

Pego and Beatrice Jackson from the Snowbirds – for honoring us with your traditional blessings, John Gorm – Linwood Marina for donating your time, gas, and boat.

For more details on the Water Warriors and how to become a part of this event next year, please visit www.somi.org/whoware/sponsors/waterwarriors.html. At press time, Water Warriors raised \$110,000 and still have a few more fundraisers to go. This surpasses the previous year’s donations.

Congratulations and what a huge support it is for the Special Olympics of Michigan.

The Nijikewehn Mentoring Program is currently recruiting college student mentors

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Behavioral Health Department, along with Central Michigan University’s Native American Programs, are working together to provide Native American college students with an enriching and worthwhile opportunity for the 2015/2016 academic year.

By participating in Nijikewehn Mentoring Program, you will have the opportunity to give back to your community by supporting and enhancing the cultural identities and school experiences of local Native American youth.

This very rewarding opportunity will require a commitment of just 90 minutes on one

afternoon on one day (your choice of M, T, W, or Th) each week of the semester.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a mentor, please contact Nichole McLachlan at 989-774-3203 Nijj@cmich.edu or Alice Jo Ricketts at 989-775-4818 ALRicketts@sagchip.org

SCIT welcomes new police officer



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On Monday, July 27, new Tribal Police Officer Shane Waskevich was sworn in by Chief Steven Pego to begin to protect and serve the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. (Pictured left to right, front row: Tribal Police Captain Donielle Bannon, Tribal Chief Steven Pego and Weskevich. Back row: Ogitchedaw Members Jonathan Cabral, Damian Fisher and David Perez.)

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Saganing Eagles Landing Casino hosts "Rockin' Rides Car & Bike Show"

RACHEL RHINES

Saganing Casino
Shift Manager

On Aug. 8, the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino held its second "Rockin Rides Car & Bike Show." The morning rain impacted the number of registered vehicles for the show, a total of 183 vehicles braved the rain drops, down from 210 last year. However, once the sun came out, the spectator traffic really picked up and we saw more than 1,000 more people this year.

This year, there were a variety of vendors selling everything from Girl Scout Cookies to motorcycles.

One vendor was the Shelter Angels from Bay City, Mich. Shelter Angels rescues animals from local animal shelters and provides them with medical treatment to get them ready for their forever home. Through fundraising and donations, they are able to keep the adoption fees at a very low cost for the new owners.

Through the exposure at the show, the Shelter Angels found forever homes for two kittens and one cat! For more information on the organization, please contact Kathleen at shelterangelsinc@gmail.com.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Rockin' Rides Car and Bike Show featured aerialists performing acrobatic feats for spectators.

If patrons stopped in during the first half of the day, they might have caught a glimpse of Robert the Human Statue. Robert was covered from head to toe in bronze color; even his eyes were bronze with contacts. Dressed as a police officer, Robert would stand so perfectly still, all who passed by would assume he was a statue. He would wait for the perfect moment to startle onlookers.

When Robert arrived, he was very excited to share

he had just heard he is going to represent the U.S. in the 2015 World Living Statue Championship in the Netherlands in September!

After Robert was done performing, the aerialists took the field, performing flips, and other feats of flexibility and grace from a pyramid structure. Their strength was impressive and they were fun to watch.

Many spectators stopped by the Nord Ride Motorsports tent to check out the Can Am Spyders, including the brand new F3 model.

For those who were interested, free test rides on these reverse trikes were also available. Even Lynn from Z93 and Jody from Thunder Roads took one for a spin!

The 183 vehicles competed in 29 classes for trophies and plaques, all who entered a vehicle in the show were able to vote for their favorite in every class.

The best in show Car Class winner was Joe Garcia with a 1972 Chevy Nova. Terry Eddy took the Best in Truck Class Show with his 1959 Chevy Apache Pickup. Taking the motorcycle class trophy was Timothy Shafer with a 1949 Harley Davidson 45 WL.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A total of 183 vehicles competed in 29 different classes.



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Guests were able to cast their vote for the people's choice category.

This year, spectators got in on the voting, too. Those that picked up a \$5 premium play coupon could cast their vote, tallied at the Players Club.

A total of 226 people voted for their favorite vehicle and the winner was, Marc Henninger from Omer with a 1967 Chrysler 300.

Thank you to everyone that helped make this year's show a success, especially all the wonderful vehicle owners that showed off their sweet rides, there was such a wide variety of vehicles it was amazing! We're already starting plans for next year, hope to see you there!

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College STEM Friday was a success

KATHY HART

STEM Recruiter

First of all, I want to thank all the parents for bringing their children to STEM Fridays, and the children for attending. Without the parents and children, it would not have been a success. Chi-Miigwech

I also want to say thank you to STEM club students (Maureen Rueckert, Bethany Tarbell and Irene Lopez-Casillas), faculty members (Earle Crosswait, Sharyl

Majorski and Jon Miller), staff (Mary Pelcher, Carla Sineway, Michele Lussy and Marco Angiolini), and student volunteers (Christian Jackson II and Jennifer Lindstrom) for helping out.

We had some fun and exciting activities this summer. The children that participated loved it and learned about fluid interactions; making flubber, gak and oobleck, and water balloons (chemistry); graph and game theory; four color problem and secret



Courtesy of SCTC

Students pay the water treatment plant a visit.



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The youth learned about constellations and Ojibwe stories.



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Students tour the waste water treatment site.



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STEM club students and SCTC staff are all smiles and give a thumbs up for the STEM Friday fun.



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(Pictured left to right, front row: Anissa, MacKenzie, Kiara, Bella and Kayden. Back row: SCTC STEM club student Maureen, SCTC STEM recruiter Kathy, SCTC STEM club student Irene, SCTC STEM faculty Earle.)

codes (math); water quality; healthy water eco systems, waste water treatment and water treatment (biology), plant life; producing oxygen, herbs, food, and medicines (botany); volcanos, students

made them, and talked about how they form and erupt, (geology), stars; learned about constellations and Ojibwe stories and language (astronomy), web page design; learned how

to make a web page on their career plan (technology); Lego cars, putting them together (engineering).

The highlights were making ice cream and erupting volcanos.

SCTC Student Spotlight: Bethany Tarbell

KATHY HART

STEM Recruiter

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will be spotlighting a student every month throughout the school year, this month the student spotlight is Bethany Tarbell.

Bethany is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She started at SCTC as a dual enrolled student while finishing up her high school diploma.

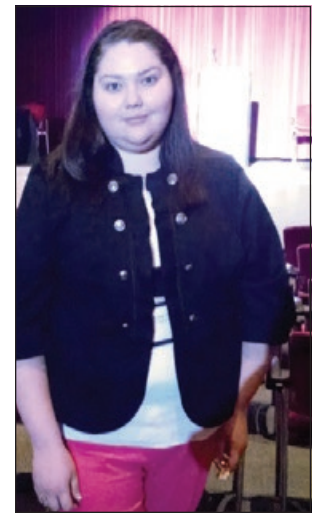
Bethany graduated from high school in the fall of 2014 with 21 college credits. She participated in the Youth Leadership program through higher education receiving an

incentive for going to school.

Bethany is an active member of SCTC Stem Club and AISES. She is also on student congress as the Great Lakes Representative with American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

Bethany has been awarded two certificates of academic excellence and an Eagle Spirit Award from the Saginaw Chippewa Higher Education Department. Mount Pleasant Rotary Club also named her the October Citizen of the Month.

She has a Michigan Nursing Assistant Certification. She plans on graduating from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in May 2016.



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SCIT Member Bethany Tarbell currently attends the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



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Mahnoomin Camp: Held on Oct. 8-10, 2015. In conjunction with 7th Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

About the Instructor, Lee Sprague:

Lee Sprague has been working on Mahnoomin (Wild Rice) restoration efforts featuring climate adaptation and management strategies, forest and wetlands bio diversity from an indigenous perspective in the Great Lakes as essential to Indigenous communities' wellbeing and survival resilient to climate change. Lee's family has been working with tribal communities sharing their love and knowledge of the food that grows on the water, mahnoomin, is the heart of our Anishinabek migration stories, how we came to live in the Great Lakes as Anishinabek. Lee has a long history in policy and lobbying efforts at the state, federal and international levels addressing air, water, land, energy and economic issues facing tribal peoples in the Great Lakes and nationally, advocating for the right to a clean environment as essential to indigenous survival.

For more information, Mahnoomin class schedule or to register for the course, please contact: Mary Pelcher, SCTC Extension Coordinator at mpelcher@sagchip.org or 989.775.4123



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Eagle Spirit Awards honor 2014-2015 higher education students

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In the continued efforts to honor higher education recipients, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Education and K-12 Program held its annual Eagle Spirit Award Banquet to honor 2014-2015 Tribal students.

The SCIT Higher Education program students were also awarded on their academic achievements during the last school year.

College Vocational Recruit and Support Specialist Betsey Alonzo provided the opening remarks.

“SCIT Higher Education honors graduates and students alike because their hard work and dedication to a higher education is an inspiring asset to our community,” Alonzo said. “These individuals are setting

excellent examples to all. The incentives are to reward students and encourage them to keep up the good work. The path to a higher education is not always an easy one, but the opportunities to see so many others striving for the same goals makes the journey appear a little brighter.”

Tribal Chief Steven Pego recognized the students’ efforts.

“Being on Tribal Council, we see that education is the biggest thing we need to be involved with our Tribal programs,” Pego said at the July 31 event.

Drummers performed a welcome song, Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig provided a prayer and the ambiance became set for a healthy dinner with family and friends in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council and advisors presented Youth Leadership Awards.

Louanna Bruner, interim human resources director, expressed gratitude to the Tribal Council.

“I have to give a big thanks to the Tribal Council,” Bruner said. “They have recently passed a motion that you have to earn your high school diploma or G.E.D. to get your per capita for those turning 18. That is great, and a good step in the right direction.”

Bruner announced each graduate and which plaque or award they obtained.

Two Tribal Members received awards for completing their master’s degrees: Samantha Olson for a Master of Science Administration in leadership, and Amy Singer for a Master of Social Work in clinical social work.

Seven Tribal Members were recognized for achieving their bachelor’s degrees: Matthew Springberg, criminal justice; Jerome Pigeon Jr., anthropology; Matthew Bailey, information technology; Kristina Simmons, finance; David



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College Vocational Recruit and Support Specialist Betsey Alonzo shakes Nicole Jackson’s hand and presents her with an award for acquiring her associate degree.

Allen, hospitality; Stephen Raslich, juris doctor; and Eric Skutt, accounting.

Michael Renkema, Nicole Jackson and James Starkey received an award for acquiring their associate degrees.

“It was nice to have so many in attendances,” Alonzo said. “Tables were full of smiles and the room set up was enchanting. It was a night to relax and enjoy the company of family, friends, and peers as recognition of each other’s academic accomplishments was rewarded.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Samantha Olson received a plaque for completing her Master of Science Administration in leadership.

Alonzo has advice for those wanting to enroll in the SCIT Higher Education Program who have not yet made that move.

“Take that leap, challenge yourself, choose to be an inspiration to those around you,” she said. “Lead by example and know that there is always room to grow, learn, and become more than you ever thought you could be. The reward in the end is so much greater than one would imagine. Achieving a higher education is life changing and all it takes is a little courage and dedication to a better you.”

Attention

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Native Skywatchers summer program offers star stories and an outdoor movie

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The highly popular Ziibiwing Center Native Skywatchers series of educational presentations enjoyed a starry, moonlit night on July 29 as Native storyteller Larry Plamondon shared star teachings that have been passed down from ancestors.

Known in many circles by his nickname "Pun," Plamondon father was an Ottawa, his mother was Ojibwe, and his life story of coming home to the good teachings of his ancestors is chronicled in his 2004 autobiography "Lost from the Ottawa: The Story of the Journey Back".

Plamondon and his wife Patricia live in Barry County, Mich., and he travels to libraries and museums to share the star stories that were passed down to him.

One of his teachings focused on three visitors who crossed an Ojibwe village while hunting with their little dog Bright Teeth.

The hunters lacked the knowledge of how to hunt game successfully on the Great Lakes and they were very hungry.

The Chief and the members of the Tribe invited the hunters and Bright Teeth to share in a feast of fish, venison, wild rice



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Native storyteller Larry Plamondon shares a star teaching about Nokomis Giizis (Grandmother Moon).

with plenty of Indian corn soup and strawberries to go around.

The Tribe was generous to give the hunting party a lodge where they could sleep and the warriors of the Tribe were going to share their hunting knowledge of the area with them in the morning.

Hunters weren't satisfied with eating some fish and venison. They wanted bear meat and they saw a bear den near the village and left their lodge in the middle of the night to kill the father and mother bear and the cubs that lived there.

The medicine Elder of the Tribe who was awake and studying the movement of the

star ancestors that evening saw the hunters leaving with their arrows. The medicine Elder, like the Chief and many Tribal Members in the village were bear clan and that is why there was no bear meat in their feast.

The clan teachings tell the Ojibwe they should not eat their brother. The medicine Elder took his bundle and watched as the cowardly hunters shot arrows into the bear den.

As Father Bear came out to protect the family, the medicine Elder reached into his medicine bundle and threw medicine on the three startled hunters and started singing those old songs.

As the Elder sang and prayed for the safety of the bear family, the Father Bear started to rise into the sky followed by the cowardly hunters and their little dog Bright Teeth.

The Great Spirit transformed the Father Bear into what the astronomers now call Ursa Major or the Big Dipper.

The three hunters transformed into the three stars that make up the handle of the dipper. The little dog Bright Teeth transformed into the faint star and can be seen on a clear night as the star next to the end of the handle.

Central Michigan University Physics Professor Glen Williams and his wife Karen served as the

resident astronomers and brought two telescopes to assist with night time celestial viewing.

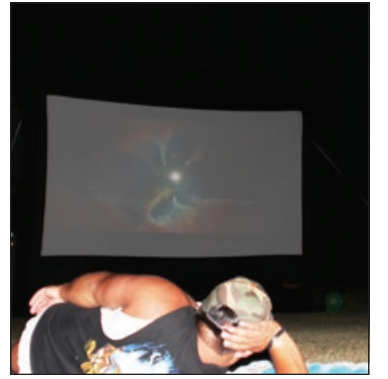
Aided by their powerful telescopes and an impressive high-powered star laser pointer, Williams was able to help participants view the summer skies which included an excellent view of Saturn and other stars.

The evening concluded with a big screen showing of episode one "Standing up in the Milky Way" from the popular Seth McFarland Fox Network remake of "Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey" with host Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson.

As a renowned astrophysicist who credits the wonder of Dr. Carl Sagan and the 1980 PBS program "Cosmos: A Personal Journey" for his love of science, Tyson took Tribal families on an imaginary trip from the dawn of time and into the distant future.

Ziibiwing Assistant Director Judy Pamp said the movie was filled with facts of the cosmos, tidbits of historical facts, and breathtaking photos and imagery to delight and fascinate our guests of all ages.

"It was a beautiful summer evening with a clear sky; perfect for sitting out under the stars listening to Anishinaabek stories by storyteller Larry Plamondon," Pamp said. "One could easily imagine our ancestors also sitting outside listening to these same stories while gazing up at the night sky and the sky world.



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Native Skywatchers were treated to a big screen viewing of "COSMOS: A Space-Time Odyssey".

The movie entertained and fascinated our senses to the sights, sounds, and emotions of our vast universe."

Pamp marveled as the Tribal youth were excited to be junior Native Skywatchers as they gazed upon celestial planets and stars.

"It was an honor to have CMU Professor Williams and his wife join us as they pointed out constellations, planets, and stars with their powerful laser and telescopes," she said. "This family event as part of our 'Reach for the Art in the Sky' Exhibit has helped to strengthen our knowledge of the sky realm to include the Anishinabe stories and teachings about the constellations. We had about 75 participants who left this late night event a little sleepy but wanting to learn more about our place and connection in the universe."

Editorial: A revolution in our time... the Freedom Walk

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Our Tribal Freedom Walk started back in 1991 when Frank and Phyllis Kequom carried the first banner. Some community members were fed up with drug dealers. We wanted to make a statement to them that they were not wanted.

We wanted a drug-free community. So we marched around with signs to create a drug-free Reservation.

In 1996 when I was working as the Tribe's substance abuse director, the Tribal Council passed a set of community standards against alcohol and drug abuse.

That was back then and there are so many of our people struggling, even now. The drug and alcohol battle continues... 20 years later. It seems as if now a lot of our people are hooked on prescription pills.

Actually, it was the treaty

makers that negotiated alcohol into our exchange for land. The documents are at the Ziibiwing Center. Barrels of whiskey were used in exchange at the treaty negotiations for land. Yes, it's very true, and almost unbelievable.

It made me angry. It was bad enough that we spoke a very different language, but to add the alcohol...?

These days, there is a revolution in Indian Country. Many of our people are "On the Red Road," meaning we are sober and drug free.

It's really sad what alcohol has done to our people. It was a part of my life for a long time. It was what we did at the time, in the early '70s. In college, I started my alcoholic career. We went to powwows and got drunk. We all did... now it's almost unheard of.

After quitting, I realized what I did when I was drinking. Actually teaching my kids, that it was OK, to drink and use drugs.

Many of our parents used alcohol, and we actually grow up thinking it is normal. It has created chaos and discontent in our family lives. Almost all of the domestic violence stems from the use of alcohol and drugs in Indian Country.

But there is a new group of survivors of abuse, violence and alcoholism. We are the new generation; creating hope for our children and inventing a new paradigm. It's a new normal, without alcohol and drugs. We can do it; we will do it, for our children, ourselves, and for our future.

We can all walk the Red Road, there is a new sobriety in Native America, together we are strong, and look to help one another.

Many of our people still struggle, but there are new resources today. There are treatment centers.

There are options for people to renew our spirituality, prevention programs for ourselves and our children. We can all do this...

Neighborhood Resource Unit hosts a night out to meet local heroes



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Tribal K9 Police Officer Neil Schiefer talks to visitors during Neighborhood Resource Unit's Night Out on Saturday, Aug. 8 in the Mount Pleasant City Hall parking lot. Tribal Police joined the Mount Pleasant Police Department, Michigan State Police, Central Michigan University Police, Mount Pleasant Fire Department and local officials for a night with community heroes. Crafts, car seat safety checks, and do-it-yourself home/yard projects by Home Depot were provided. The night wrapped up with a 9 p.m. Movies by Moonlight showing of "The Lego Movie".

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Tim McGraw partners with Currington and Bryant for Shotgun Rider Tour

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The 2015 Shotgun Rider Tour brought American country music artists Tim McGraw, Billy Currington and Chase Bryant to Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for a star-studded show.

Twenty-two-year-old Bryant opened the July 26 outdoor summer show with his recent hits “Little Bit Of You”, “Change Your Name”, “Jet Black Pontiac” and “Take it On Back”.

According to chasebryant.com, he was raised in Orange Grove, Texas. His grandfather

played piano in Roy Orbison’s first two bands, and later, for Waylon Jennings. His uncles co-founded the group Ricochet, and from the time he was a kid, Bryant knew all he wanted to do was play music.

He also performed covers of Steve Miller Band’s “The Joker”, and The Doobie Brothers’ “Takin’ It To The Streets”.

Born in 1973, William Matthew, best recognized as Billy Currington, signed to Mercury Nashville Records in 2003. Since then, he has released six studio albums.

Those albums have produced 17 singles, including nine number one hits, many of which he performed for the SECR crowd: “That’s How Country Boys Roll”, “Don’t It”, “Pretty Good at Drinkin’ Beer”, “Let Me Down Easy”, “People Are Crazy”, “Hey Girl”, “We Are Tonight” and his very first number one hit “Must Be Doin’ Something Right”.

Currington’s twang and pop country music style also included “It Don’t Hurt Like It Used To” on his new album, a cover of Bruno Mars’ “Uptown Funk” and ended a crowd-favorite hit, “Good Directions”.

The American country music singer/songwriter, actor and record producer, Tim McGraw,



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Twenty-two-year-old Chase Bryant performs for the July 26 sold-out Soaring Eagle outdoor summer concert crowd.

entered the stage in flashing lights while shouting and beating his chest in passion.

Wearing a gray cut-off shirt, ripped jeans, black cowboy boots and hat, the arena’s energy was instantly upped from McGraw’s liveliness and the upbeat “Truck Yeah”.

The bad boy/real good man presented hits “Something Like That”, “Down on the Farm”, “Southern Girl” and “Real Good Man”.

“Good evening, my name’s Tim McGraw and these are my boys,” he said of his band. “You can travel all over the world and listen to all kinds of music... You could listen to pop, you could listen to rap... but you’ll never hear what’s going to come out of these boys right now.”

While singing “One Of Those Nights”, he noticed a little girl holding the sign “my grandma taught me to love McGraw.”

McGraw expressed he was honored his music has passed down to generations. He brought the little girl up on stage with him during “Just To See You Smile”.

His showmanship excelled and his vocals were on point for the ever-popular “Diamond Rings and Old Bar Stools”, “Last Dollar (Fly Away)”, “Where The Green Grass Grows”, “Shotgun Rider”, “For A Little While” and “Just The Cowboy In Me”.

With an old school, funky piano intro during “I Like It, I Love It”, McGraw changed the lyrics to “I ain’t seen the Chippewa’s play a game all year” to recognize and honor local Central Michigan Chippewa pride.

Onstage, he appeared overly



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Tim McGraw performs during the Soaring Eagle stop of his 2015 Shotgun Rider Tour.

self-confident and haughty. Backstage, McGraw was down-to-earth as he politely shook hands and made eye contact with each fan.

The encore began with an impressive piano solo which lead to McGraw growling and hitting high notes to an Elton John “Tiny Dancer” cover.

“Mexicoma” followed with “Indian Outlaw” and his number one 2004 hit “Live Like You Were Dying” closed the show.



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Billy Currington performs his hit “That’s How Country Boys Roll”.

Def Leppard and Tesla bring the “Rock of Ages” to Outdoor Summer Concert Series

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Pop, rock, metal and memorable choruses came together at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Tuesday, July 21. The bands Tesla and Def Leppard helped fans rock the night away, as part of the Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

American rock group Tesla formed in Sacramento, Calif. in 1984. The group gained popularity throughout the ‘80s and

‘90s beginning with the release of their first album “Mechanical Resonance” in 1986.

According to their website, the band has released 12 albums, which have sales totaling more than 14 million. Three of these albums have achieved platinum status.

Tesla kicked off the night with the single “Edison’s Medicine (Man Out of Time)” off their 1991 album “Psychotic Supper”.

The band also played the hit singles “Hang Tough”,

“Getting’ Better” and “Mama’s Fool”. A highlight of their show proved to be performances of “Heaven’s Trail (No Way Out)” and the classic power rock ballad “Love Song”.

The show also included “The Way It Is”, “Signs” and “Little Suzi”. The show came to a close with the hit song “Modern Day Cowboy”.

The English rock band Def Leppard is known for their polished pop choruses and catchy rock licks. Formed in Sheffield, UK in 1977, they have released 10 studio albums spanning throughout three decades.

According to defleppard.com, the band has sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

After emerging onstage, the members of Def Leppard immediately raised the energy of the crowd with the hit songs “Rock! Rock! (Till You Drop)”, “Animal” and “Let It Go”.

Next up was “Foolin’”, the third single from their breakthrough 1983 album “Pyromania”, followed by “Love Bites” and “Armageddon It”.

After a solo performance by bassist Rick Savage, the rest of the band returned to the stage to perform “Rock On”, “Two



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Def Leppard lead singer Joe Elliott (left) and lead guitarist Phil Collen opened the night with the hit song “Rock! Rock! (Till You Drop)”.

Steps Behind” and the heavy metal single, “Rocket”.

Softening it up, the band then performed ballads “Bringin’ on the Heartbreak” and “Hysteria”.

Saving the best for last, Def Leppard played the crowd-favorite hit, “Pour Some Sugar on Me”. In 2006, the song was ranked second on VH1’s “100 Greatest Songs of the ‘80s”.

The band thrilled audience members with a three-part

encore to close the night. First up was the catchy rock anthem “Rock of Ages”, followed by the hit pop rock melodies “Photograph” and “Kings of the World”.

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit its website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com, “Like” its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle Soaringeagle777.



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Tesla lead singer Jeff Keith (left) and lead guitarist Frank Hannon perform the hit song “Hang Tough” for the sold-out Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort crowd.



Toby Keith's tour draws in good times and pick-up lines

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Toby Keith's Good Times & Pick-Up Lines Tour brought him and American country music newcomers Tyler Farr and Chris Janson to the Aug. 19 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor summer concert series.

The fiery and unpredictable 29-year-old Chris Janson set the redneck-edged tone for the night. Playing guitar and harmonica, Janson carried his own unique sound.

With his wife, Kelly Lynn, he wrote the song "Better I Don't"



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Chris Janson's self-released single "Buy Me a Boat" debuted at No. 33 on the Hot Country Songs chart.

which peaked at number 40 on Country Airplay in 2013.

His self-released single "Buy Me a Boat" became a hit earlier this year. The song debuted at No. 33 on Hot Country Songs.

Janson has written singles for artists including Justin Moore, Hank Williams Jr., Joe Nichols and Randy Houser.

A few days prior, he performed with Tim McGraw during his Shotgun Rider Tour stop in Nashville, Tenn. He wrote McGraw's hit "Truck Yeah", which he also performed for the SECR crowd.

"Thank you for being so kind to us," Janson said to the audience after receiving heavy applause.

Since his first SECR appearance last summer, Tyler Farr has grown to be more and more successful.

The upbeat "C.O.U.N.T.R.Y." began his set, with "Ain't Even Drinkin'" and "Whiskey in My Water" following.

The ballad "Suffer in Peace", also the name of his newest album (April 2015), was performed.

Farr said his band members are all from Nashville, Tenn.

"We love doing stuff for



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Toby Keith brought his Good Times & Pick Up Lines Tour to Mount Pleasant's Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

military folks," Farr said. "I love going hunting with them, but I really love going over there and playing for them."

He then asked anyone who has ever served the country to stand and raise their hands, and for everyone else to look around the venue and shake their hands and thank them.

Farr's emotional delivery on "A Guy Walks Into a Bar" is brilliant. The song served as the lead single to the second studio album. The song made the fifth-longest climb to number one in the Country Airplay chart's 25-year history, as it spent 42 weeks on the chart.

He left the audience with his certified-platinum single and

stalking ex-boyfriend anthem "Redneck Crazy".

Keeping the good times and pick-up lines theme, a scripted video rolled with scenes from a Toby Keith house party, with cheesy pick-up lines from party goers.

The country music artist put on one patriotic show with plenty of pyrotechnics and hit songs.

Keith powered through "American Ride", "Made In America", "I Wanna Talk About Me", "Whiskey Girl" and "Beer For My Horses".

"I don't quite know when I was here last, but it was 1452 beers ago, I know that," Keith said referring to the tune "Beers Ago".



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Tyler Farr, known for hits "Redneck Crazy" and "Guy Walks Into a Bar", opened for Toby Keith Aug. 19.

Dressed in a black button up shirt, jeans and a cowboy hat, and sipping from a "red solo cup" throughout the show, Keith kept the night casual.

Other successful fan-favorites included "Beer For My Horses", "God Love Her", "Who's Your Daddy", "As Good As I Once Was", "Should've Been a Cowboy", "How Do You Like Me Now", and concluded with "A Little Less Talk, A Lot More Action".

After hollers, boot stomping and whistles, Keith returned with his two ultimate patriotic songs: "American Soldier" and "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)".

Comedian, actor and author Bill Engvall entertains Soaring Eagle crowd

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

It's the quality of sharing humor in everyday situations that has made comedian, actor and author Bill Engvall one of the top comedians today and among the busiest.

Engvall made his second Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort appearance on Aug. 22.

Engvall was an integral part of the enormously successful "Blue Collar Comedy Tour" shows, which are some of the most watched movies and specials in Comedy Central history.

His fellow Blue Collar comedian friends Jeff Foxworthy, Ron White and Larry the Cable Guy and others have also graced the SECR stage for multiple appearances.

Engvall recently reunited with Foxworthy and Larry the Cable Guy on the "Them Idiots Whirled Tour", which was filmed as a 2012 special for CMT. He is best known for the catch phrase of "here's your sign," and his certified-platinum album that topped the Billboard comedy charts for 15 straight weeks.

He has hosted numerous television shows including "Lingo" for the Game Show Network, "Country Fried



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Blue collar comedian Bill Engvall keeps the night humorous on Aug. 22 at his second SECR appearance.

Home Videos" for CMT as well as several award shows.

Along with other projects, Engvall has narrated a documentary for the Speed Channel on Darrel Waltrip, enjoyed a recurring role on TNT series "Hawthorne" and played Frank McDowell in the Hallmark Channel movie "Kiss at Pine Lake."

In 1992, Engvall won the American Comedy Award for

"Best Male Stand-up Comedian."

Born in Galveston, Texas, the 58-year-old Engvall now makes his home in southern California with his wife of 32 years and their children Emily and Travis.

"And just when I thought my family had crazy covered, I got married," Engvall said. "And over the years, I now believe there's no kind of crazy like in-laws crazy!"

A star of the big screen as well, Bill has appeared in several films including "Strawberry Wine", "Bed and Breakfast", as well "Delta Farce"

with Larry the Cable Guy.

Erin Stevenson from Mount Pleasant was thrilled to meet him in person before the show and enjoyed her first experience seeing his live concert.

"I loved his 'Blue Collar Comedy Tour' specials over the years and he was so nice and a down-to-earth kind of guy," Stevenson said. "His show was fantastic and had everyone laughing the entire

time. I would love to see him at Soaring Eagle again. I liked that he could laugh at himself. It was a great show."

The audience had many fans like Stevenson that brought their families with them and that made Engvall reminisce on stage about some of his own family experiences.

"They still talk about my grandma when the tow truck drivers get together," Engvall said. "They came out to the house one day to help her and they still wonder how she got that car parked sideways in a one car garage. And just when I thought that was funny, I heard one of my neighbors down the street called 911 because the meals on wheels driver was late!"

Engvall shared a personal thank you to everyone in Rockford, Ill. at the Aug. 21 taping of "Just Selling Him for Parts" via twitter before the show.

"The title comes from the fact that ever since I did 'Dancing with the Stars', I've had a knee replacement, kidney stones and I've got shingles, so I told my wife Gail I don't even want to go to the doctor anymore because he's just going to look at you and say 'just sell him for parts,'" he said. "(Rockford) was a great show and the special is

going to be amazing, and I'm glad it's done because now I can relax and do the show at Soaring Eagle and not have to worry about everything."

Engvall shares a lot from the stage about his family and is a great example that observational comedy can be clean and funny.

"I have been doing this for 35 years and I have surpassed many people who do dirty comedy so for me, you look at the lifetime of guys like Bob Newhart and others who work clean, people want to see that," he said. "Please don't get me wrong because I love a good a dirty joke as much as the next person, but I don't want to sit through 75 to 90 minutes of it because after a while people start thinking, can he do anything else? When you're clean, you don't have to worry about that."

With a wealth of experience on both stage and screen, Engvall still finds time to share advice with others about his chosen profession.

"I always tell young comedians that they too can talk about whatever you want, but if you do it in a clean way, everyone goes home happy with a smile on their face," he said.

Rest assured, Bill Engvall left the stage with a sure sign of laughter and smiles from an appreciative crowd.



Fruits and veggies: Do you eat too few?

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(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted, with permission, from The Athlete's Kitchen, August 2015, written by Sports Nutritionist Nancy Clark, MS, RD, and submitted by Nimkee's Sally Van Cise, RDN, nutritionist. Clark has a private practice in the Boston-area, where she helps both fitness exercisers and competitive athletes create winning food plans. Her best-selling "Sports Nutrition Guidebook", and food guides for marathoners, cyclists and soccer players, as well as teaching materials, are available at www.nancyclarkrd.com. For online and live workshops, visit NutritionSportsExerciseCEUs.com.)

Feeling ashamed and embarrassed, many of my clients "confess" they eat too few fruits and vegetables. They totally understand fruits and veggies are good for their health and better than vitamin pills, but they can't figure out how to enjoy them more often or how to get inspired to learn to like them.

Sound familiar? Maybe this article will help you boost your intake of these healthful sports foods.

I know I should eat more fruit for snacks, but I just don't... When hunger strikes,

a piece of fruit is unlikely to be your snack of first choice because it is not very hearty. That is, calorie-dense apple pie with ice cream can easily be far more appealing than just an apple.

One solution: Plan to make the snack heartier by pairing fruit with protein. For example, enjoy an apple (or grapes) with cheese; smear a banana with peanut butter; or combine raisins with nuts. Would that boost the snack-appeal?

How many fruits/veggies are enough? Ideally, you should eat a fruit or vegetable at each meal. If you don't/won't/can't do that, at least eat a pile of veggies with dinner to compensate for no produce at the other meals.

You could also create a loaded smoothie at breakfast that has enough fruit (and veg) for the whole day. Other suggestions include:

- Breakfast: Large banana on cereal; lots of berries in yogurt; tall glass of orange juice.
- Lunch: Extra tomato and spinach in a wrap; big bowl of fruit salad; large apple (with cheese) for dessert.
- Snacks: Tart cherry, grape or blueberry juice; banana (with peanut butter); dates; dried pineapple; V-8 juice.
- Dinner: Pre-dinner, munchies: Baby carrots (with hummus), cherry tomatoes; at dinner: Big pile of cooked veggies; extra-large side salad.

What if I don't like kale? Although kale is nutrient-rich, it is not the only green vegetable with health-value. Here's how some green veggies compare, based on a 50-calorie cooked portion. (Note: "%" = Percentage of the amount you should consume each day).

Vegetable (50 calories)	Vitamin A	Vitamin C	Calcium	Magnesium	Folate
Kale (1.5 cups)	188%	106%	14%	11%	6%
Spinach (1.25 cups)	167%	30%	30%	63%	82%
Broccoli (1.5 cups)	16%	125%	6%	10%	40%
Asparagus (1.25 cups)	16%	23%	5%	10%	183%

The more you eat, the more nutrients you get. Eight ounces of orange juice offers all the vitamin C you need for the day. So does one stalk of cooked broccoli and half a green pepper. Could you consume a taller glass of OJ, a bigger pile of broccoli, or munch on a whole pepper (like you'd eat an apple)? You'd consume double the vitamin C — plus electrolytes and many other health-boosting compounds.

Don't like many veggies? Because fruits and vegetables offer similar nutrients, you can swap one for the other. That is, if you don't enjoy red tomatoes, at least try to have red strawberries, red apples or red peppers. In general, you want to consume a variety of colors of fruits and/or veggies—and enjoy a rainbow of health:

- Red: Strawberries, apples, watermelon, tomato
- Orange: Oranges, mango, papaya, sweet potato
- Yellow: Pineapple, peaches, summer squash
- Blue/Purple: Blueberry, plums, eggplant, purple grapes
- Green: Kiwi, honeydew melon, green grapes, broccoli, spinach, kale, peppers
- White: Banana, onion, potato, cauliflower

But they rot... Many athletes live alone, rarely cook, and get tired of wasting money tossing out rotten produce. If that's your case, some solutions include:

- Buy bags of frozen vegetables and fruits (freezing retains the nutrients); even canned ones are nourishing.
- Buy the desired portion of greens and other salad (or stir-fry) ingredients at the salad bar. Instead of buying a whole head of lettuce, of which half might end up rotting in your refrigerator, buy just what you need.
- Cook enough veggies for several days. For example,

bake several sweet potatoes at once, or make a big pot of ratatouille with eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini and onion.

Can I eat too many fruits and vegetables? Doubtful, unless you eat them to the exclusion of other foods. For example:

- If your dinner is just rice with stir-fried veggies (no tofu, chicken, or protein-rich food), the meal lacks adequate protein to build and repair muscles.

Solution: Either add a protein, include a glass of milk with the meal, or enjoy Greek yogurt for dessert.

- If you follow a Paleo-type diet and eat just protein and veggies for meals (no grain), your meal could easily lack adequate carbs to refuel from hard exercise.

Solution: Include starchy root vegetables, such as carrots and beets.

- If you are a vegetarian and prepare pasta with just tomato sauce (no meatballs), the meal lacks protein.

Solution: Choose protein-enriched pasta and add a salad with beans, nuts, extra cheese.

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

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Term of office is temporary with Tribal Council approval.

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

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

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
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*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

*When the letters are received at the end of the time period they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule September 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Women Weight Training Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Warrior Wednesday Jaden	Women Weight Training Jayme	
1:10 p.m.			Turbo Kick Beth		Turbo Kick Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Beginner's Running Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni	Beginner's Running Jayme		
5:30 p.m.			Belly Dance Deanna		

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Course:
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Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise offers a simple recipe that is hard to "beet"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There's always a new taste sensation that can be found at the weekly Tuesday Native Farmers Market and on Aug. 11 Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise offered a simple recipe that is hard to beet (pun intended).

"I had to try this, guessing it would be unusual for many," Van Cise said. "I actually have never liked the canned pickled beets, but I do love beets. I think they are a vegetable that offers a bit of the sweetness of a carrot, combined with a bit of earthiness."

In her beet recipe, Van Cise said beets are very easy to cook and they can be boiled, steamed or roasted.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Kayden Weekley enjoys the beets while listening to beats.

Sally's Beet Recipe:

Cut off the greens (*save these for cooking later!*) and the root, rinse off, and throw in the pot. There is no need to peel ahead of time! The beets cook quickly, depending on size (a medium beets takes about 20 minutes if boiling). Like many vegetables, test if they are done by piercing

them with a fork. The beets should be tender all the way through. Once they are cool enough to handle, simply slip the skin off with your hand, and there is your beet, ready to eat or prepare further!

Tribal youth Kayden Weekley had his first encounter with the tasty beet red vegetable.

"I wasn't sure at first, but the beets were pretty good and it's always amazing to see the new things they have at the market," Weekley said.

Tribal Member Jacqueline Graveratte came to the Native Farmers Market for the first time and jumped right in line for the impromptu beets tasting.

"I think it's good and has a more sour, vinegar taste to it, and I think others will like it too,"

Graveratte said. "This is a good opportunity for everyone to get out and try what these booths have to offer. Besides, you have to like all the free samples!"

Graveratte had to ask the million dollar question that any nutritionist would like to hear.

"Are they nutritious? You bet... they are a low-starch veggie, with antioxidant benefits, among several attributes," Van Cise said. "I do advise caution for all the beet eaters because beet juice will permanently stain your clothes. In fact, it can be used as a natural dye!"

Elder and Native Market vendor Vera Hinmon said it wasn't her first experience trying the highly nutritious vegetable.

"I happen to like beets and I really like this easy recipe that Sally brought with her, and it's very tasty," Hinmon said. "Trying something new is always fun and the youth... will enjoy eating this vegetable like I have over the years."

Vendors at the Aug. 11 Native Farmers Market included the Cosmic Kitchen



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Elder Vera Hinmon (left) loves Chef Sally Van Cise's beet recipe.

selling quesadillas and wraps; Vermeesch Farms selling canning tomatoes, corn, radishes and cucumbers; Spanky's Kettle Corn; Papa's Pumpkin Patch selling sweet corn, tomatoes, peaches, honey sticks and homemade fruit bread; Bush Products selling remix jewelry and shell earrings, wood and copper items and braids of sweetgrass; Love That Soap selling handcrafted soap bars of sweetgrass and sage; Kabob Stop selling beef and chicken kabobs; Real Food Grows selling handcrafted walking sticks and fresh produce; Rittmaier selling beadwork, key chains, necklaces, bracelets and chokers; Hinmon Handmade Doll Clothes selling doll clothes including fancy shawl and traditional outfits for 18" dolls and Helen's Eggs selling farm fresh eggs.

Breast cancer awareness Feather Link Tea crafters

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Women's Health

In celebration of the 20th annual, Nimkee Women's Health will be holding its Feather Link Tea this year on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

We would like to invite all crafters including community members, friends, and employees to contribute items to our silent auction benefiting Community

Cancer Services.

Items can be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health any time prior to the event if you wish recognition in our program; or to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort convention area on the day of the event. We are accepting all handmade items.

Please contact Judy at **989-775-4629** or Jenna at **989-775-4604** for more information. We appreciate your donations!



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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.

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"Under the Eagle Wing"

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

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

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

- Batterers' Intervention Program
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- Case Management
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- Victim Advocacy
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Topics covered include:

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



The 2015 Glow Run 5K receives Pure Michigan FITNESS Endorsement

(Editor's note: The following article is provided by Central Michigan District Health Department "Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities." This article has been submitted by Andahwod. For more information, please call 989-773-5921 ext. 8409.)

The Governor's Council on physical fitness, health and sports and the Michigan Fitness Foundation have endorsed "Get Your Glow On: The Glow Run 2015 5K" as a quality, physical activity event through the Pure Michigan FITNESS Series endorsement program.

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) is committed to the belief that all people have dignity and worth and are entitled to the highest quality of life by providing a voice, leadership, education, medical and support services for those people affected and living with HIV / AIDS.

The Get Glowing Glow Run is aimed to raise funds to help people who have been diagnosed and living with HIV/AIDS within CMDHD's program service area by providing comprehensive support, including medical care, case management, and social service referrals to address needs like insurance, primary medical care, food, housing, transportation and counseling.

This year's fundraiser is a competitive, 5K chip-timed run or a 5K fun walk held at Island Park in Mount Pleasant on Sept. 11.

Medals will be given out to first place male and female runners in all age groups. The first 150 participants will receive a choice gift of a runner's headlamp or handheld flashlight (while various supplies last). We encourage racers and spectators to come in their glow attire.

This is a family-friendly event so we encourage all age groups

to attend. To register, log onto runsingup.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/5KGetYourGlowOn and sign up. Pre-registration is \$25 or \$30 the day of the race. Kindergarten through 12th grade pre-registration is \$10 or \$15 the day of the race.

Registration/check in will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the day of the race and the run will begin at 8 p.m.

The racers will be eligible for the lottery drawing of the

Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Run of 2016. More information is available by calling Patti Nowak at 989-773-5921 ext. 8460.

The Pure Michigan FITNESS Series program endorses local, regional and statewide events that are consistent with the Governor's Council and the Michigan Fitness Foundation mission to promote healthy choices while offering a physical activity event that is open

to all participants, regardless of skill level or age.

"By endorsing local events, we have the opportunity to highlight the positive impact of incorporating physical activity into your daily life," said Mike Maisner, vice president of Active Communities. "Pure Michigan FITNESS events promote physical activity for individuals and communities while providing a fun way for us all to get moving."

What to look for in a medical alert system

(Editor's note: The following information was taken from ConsumersReport.org from "What to look for in a medical alert system: They offer peace of mind, but the costs can add up." This article was submitted by Andahwod Elder Services.)

Television viewers may have seen the commercial about the elder who said, "Help I've fallen and I can't get up." As we grow older, thoughts about getting a medical alert system may occur, but what criteria should one consider when choosing a medical alert system?

Here is a list of criteria to keep in mind when choosing a medical alert system.

- **Does it work for a user's specific disability?** For example, a stroke survivor may need a device he or she can activate with one hand.
- **Does it offer a choice of a wristband and/or neck pendant?** Cords worn around the neck can pose a strangulation risk; wristbands may irritate those with skin ailments.
- **Does it include help buttons** that can be wall-mounted

near the floor in multiple rooms in case the user falls and isn't wearing the pendant?

- **Does it offer multiple choices?** For whom to contact if you need help, from emergency services to a friend or relative who lives nearby.

- **Does it have a battery backup** in case of a power failure?

- **Can the base station be contacted from anywhere on your property?** Even in your yard or at your mailbox?

- **Does the company have its own monitoring center**, in the U.S., and employs its own trained emergency operators (rather than contracting that function out?)

- **Has the monitoring center been certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL)**, a nonprofit safety and consulting company?

In addition, here's more to consider before you have a medical alert system installed:

1. Does it work when you are traveling away from home?
2. Will it place a call to local 911 services if you're out of your normal service range?

3. What services are included and what services are there extra fees for?

4. If the user dies or goes into around-the-clock nursing care, can the contract be voided?

5. What are your payment plan options?

6. Is the device and company certified by ETL, a standards-testing organization?

If you are considering getting a medical alert system for your home, or if you are on the go and are considering something mobile, the Andahwod Elders Services case manager or Elders advocate can assist you with researching your options, making the appointment with the company you choose, and being that extra set of ears to listen to the person selling and installing the device.

Keep in mind that some cell phone companies are beginning to offer this service for those elders that are on the go. Please call Julie at 989-775-4306 or Estella at 989-775-4307 if you need assistance. More information can be found at www.SeniorsList.com

SEPTEMBER 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 Timothy Pete	16 Joseph Smith Sr.
2 Jamie VanDerSteen	17 Roger High, Clifford Collins, Darcy Crampton, Barbara Huffine, David Otto, Lela Walker
3 Joyce Ervin, Diane Leksche, Nancy Coleman, Alma Smith, Bonnie Jackson, Mark Ojeda-Vasquez	18 Delmar Jackson Sr.
4 Garland Moses, Laura Schaad	19 Michelle Garvey
5 Genevieve Chippeway, Ronald Jackson, Jacqueline Baker, Jean Lang, Sherry Obrecht, Marion Roth	20 Raymond Fisher, Charles Jackson
6 Burt Hunt II, Christopher Fallis	21 Perry Bailey Jr., Lester Chippeway Sr., Michael Bearden, Brian Peters, Delores Smith
7 Mark Chapoton, Elizabeth Hughes, Salina Jackson, Dianne Goodwin, Forrest Jackson, Robert Wayne Jr.	22 Frances Fisher, Cora Leauteaux, Lori Nahdee, Robert Netmop, Angela Peters, Mildred Allen
8 Barbara Bennett-Fleming, Sharon Cole, Florence White, Ramona Shawa	23 Janet Hodges, Ruth MacGregor, Judith Mays, Henry Ruben III, Louise Smith, Clarence Squanda
9 Dolly Ruechert Sr., Wilma Bennett, David Chatfield, Celeste Hamner, Janet Neilson	24 Jerry Douglas, Selene Moore, Maruice Pego Jr., Theodore Stevens Sr., Garry Douglas, Jeanette Shambo
10 Judith Hunt, Kimberly Lewis, Patricia Tarkowski	25 Cynthia Floyd, Feliz Perez, L.E. Reed Jr., Rita Bills, Mark Godbey, Kevin O'Brien, Rose Raslich, Richard Starkey
11 Darlene Watkins	26 Matthew Seger, Keith Davis, Lucinda Graverette-Smith, Janet Kerns, Alexander Walraven
12 Myria Carr, Wayne Dutton, Cecil Isaac	27 Tonia Bleuer, Sheridan Pelcher, Carol Wheaton
13 Loralee Werth, William Davis, Darci Tucker	28 Theresa Rubin, Fitzgerald Stevens
14 Doreen Eggleston, Jeffrey Brown, Eugene Ives Jr.	29 Agnes Flynn, Nancy Cisneros, Marcella Wing
15 Gary Rueckert Sr., Andrew Byce Sr., Kimberly Fisher	30 Donald Chippewa Sr., Sonja Sowmick

The Andahwod Elders enjoy a "Taste of the Rez"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

That guy that said "no soup for you" from a "Seinfeld" episode wasn't around, so the Andahwod Elders and community enjoyed a "Taste of the Rez" on Aug. 21.

The homemade efforts of three master chefs competed for bragging rights and gift cards while judges rated the soups on an independent point based system.

The 11 soup connoisseurs included Duane Pelcher, Joe Kequom, Phyllis Kequom,

Sue Kequom, Mike McCreery, Marilyn Bailey, Dolly Rueckert, Vanessa Sprague, Jennifer Lindstrom, Jeff Colwell and Joe Sowmick.

Andahwod Assistant Elder's Advocate Estella Halliwill announced the first place winner of the contest was Barb Sprague with her vegetable soup creation.

Second place honors went to Carole Tally and her potato soup entry, while Dianna Chamberlain took third with her traditional wild rice mushroom soup.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Vanessa Sprague prepares to ladle out a healthy helping.

Please congratulate the winners if you see them around the Rez and maybe they will share their award-winning recipe with you (or maybe not).

Andahwod Events - September 2015

<p>Jewelry with Kay September 1 at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo September 3 at 1 p.m.</p> <p>Elders Breakfast September 9 & 23 at 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Grandparents Day Extravaganza September 13 at 2 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo with Friends Trip to Saganing September 15 at 9 a.m.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">**Activities and events are subject to change.</p>
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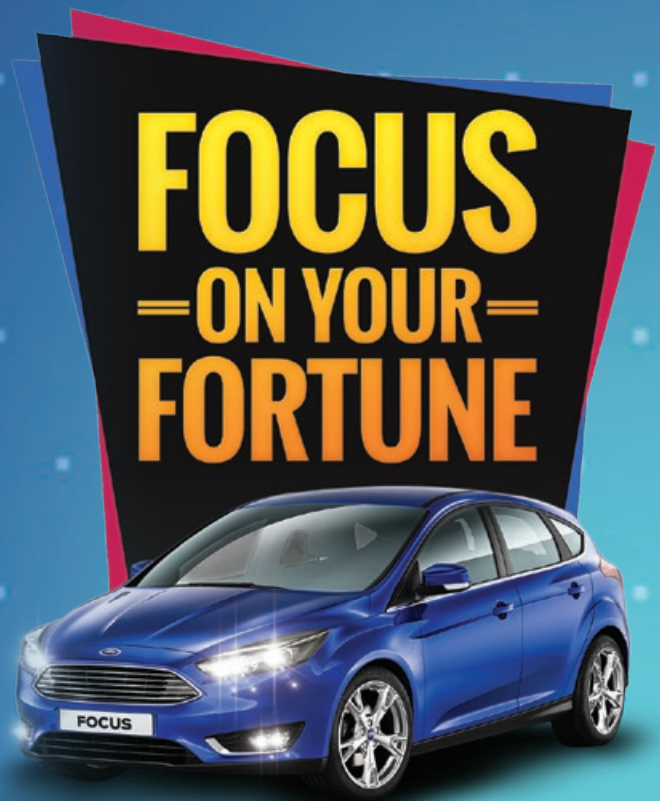
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NATIVE AMERICAN BINGO DAY!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 7PM SESSION

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SEPTEMBER 2015 EVENT PLANNER

Native Farmers Market

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Location: Corner of Broadway and Leaton Roads
- Contact: 989-775-4059

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-3742
- Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

Mama & Baby Stroller Class

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

- Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center
- Contact: 989-775-4696

SCA Open House

September 3 | 5 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- Contact: 989-775-4453
- Family fun and food.
- Meet SCA teachers.
- Tour the classrooms.

Women's Tradition Society

September 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

- Location: Behavioral Health
- Contact: 989-775-4879

Labor Day Picnic

September 7 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Tribal Campground
- Contact: 989-775-4121
- Food, watermelon eating contest, music, inflatables, games and prizes!
- Bring your own potluck dessert.
- Games include: Tug-o-war contest, corn hole toss and horse shoes.
- Lunch will be provided by Nbakade Family Restaurant from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Corn Hole Toss Tournament: 2 p.m.

Women's Support Group

September 15 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

Digital Storytelling Workshop

September 15-17 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4618
- Make a three to five minute movie about surviving cancer or cardiovascular disease.

nDigiFest Film Festival

September 18 | 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4618
- Digital stories will be screened at the nDigiFest.
- Snacks will be provided. Funded by ITCM.

Childbirth Education Class

September 18 | 3 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center
- To register: 989-775-4621
- Free class with healthy snack provided.

Housing Financial Workshop

September 17 | 12 p.m.

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

Reunification of children after a disaster or emergency event

September 22 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- To register: 989-775-4621
- Seating is limited so please register early.
- Disaster can happen any time. Is your family ready?

Grandmother Moon Ceremony

September 28 | Ceremony begins at 9 p.m.

- Teachings and preparation from 5 - 7 p.m.
- Location: Behavioral Health Lodge
- Contact: 989-775-4879

SCIT Golf Membership Tournament

October 2 | Check-in: 9 a.m., shotgun start: 10 a.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Course
- Contact: 989-775-4000
- \$25 per person, 18 holes, cart and lunch included.
- 2015 SCIT Golf Membership holders only.
- Register by 5 p.m. on Sept. 24, 2015.
- Two flights and four places per flight.
- Teams: Bring two/draw two.
- Teams are drawn by impartial Tribal Council Member after registration is closed.

Curbside Collection Delay

Curbside Collection will be delayed one day. Thursday, Sept. 3 to Friday Sept. 4, and Friday, Sept. 4 to Saturday, Sept. 5.

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 | SEPTEMBER 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 	1 Jake & Mary Pine 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m.	2 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	3 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	4 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	5 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 6 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
7 Tribal Ops Closed Labor Day Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	8 Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	9 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. D. Dowd: Sweat Lodge B. Health 5 - 8 p.m.	10 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. D. Dowd: Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	11 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	12 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 13 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!



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Economic Development Director

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, economic development, public administration or community planning plus five years of work experience in a relevant and progressive leadership position. Provides key guidance and methodology strategies to determine the feasibility of potential economic development projects for all SCIT interests both locally and abroad.

SCTC Tutor: Mathematics

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree in mathematics, or significant course work towards a degree emphasizing mathematical skills. A completed degree in mathematics or related field is preferred.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

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

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

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

Social Services Supervisor Protective Services

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

Comm Services Web Store Clerk

Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED required. Must have good communication skills, basic computer skills, and the ability to handle tasks in a busy environment. Must pass a competency test with 65 percent or greater.

School Based Consulting Clinician

Master's degree in psychology, social work, or closely related field. Two years of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances in an academic setting. Teaching certification preferred.

Sasiwaans Early Childhood Manager

Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree in education field required. Candidate must possess a valid State of Michigan Early Childhood Certification and/or ZS endorsement. Prefer two years of experience and/or combination of related experience and training in early childhood education. Prefer knowledge of Anishinaabemowin.

Behavioral Health Administrator

Open to the public. Management and leadership principles and practices, including goal setting, program and budget development and administration required. Must possess a master's degree in social work or equivalent in human services with appropriate, active licensure. Must have a minimum of five years in the field of both clinical work and administrative experience in working with the tribal community and outside systems.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services or human services related field. Must have supervisory experience in social services or human services related field. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Administrative experience in working with the Tribal community and outside systems. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS. This includes prevention and outreach services, protective services, ICWA and licensing services.

Certified Aide PT

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan. Must meet general health requirements, including a medical and physical examination.

Leadership Apprentice

SCIT Tribal Members only. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process. Must successfully pass a fingerprint/background check.

Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid Michigan elementary teaching certificate. RTI experience required in reading and math. Knowledge and/or experience working with Native American students or diverse populations preferred. Must be willing to attend training.

Secondary Lang 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 Anishinaabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred.

Tribal Schools Principal

Open to the public. M.A. in educational administration with five years teaching experience or bachelor's degree in education field with eight years experience. Prefer knowledge of Ojibwe language and culture of Ojibwe Language speaker. Must have administrative experience. Must have working knowledge of school budgets and grant writing. Must be able to facilitate the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the Tribal community.

Water Operator Intern

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills is helpful. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

SECR

Inventory Control Warehouse PT

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.

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.

Line Cook FT

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

Security Officer PT

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. Must be able to walk and/or stand for long periods of time, carry up to 30 lbs; and safely climb up and down several flights of stairs.

Pastry Line Cook FT

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

Lead Cook FT

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

Host/Hostess PT

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

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.

Steward PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Casino Housekeeper PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required.

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

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

alent. Six months to one year prior related food experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in house training.

Cashier 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.

F&B Custodial Worker PT - Casino Beverage

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have basic knowledge of power washing equipment, power vacs, and hydraulic lifts.

Call Center Agent PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to pass a typing test of at least 30 words per minute. Must have at least one year work experience that included customer service responsibilities ideally with experience in dealing with customers over the phone or in person.

Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

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.

Kitchen Equipment Worker

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma. Must have three years experience in commercial food equipment repair. Universal certification and/or within 30 days after employed. Working knowledge of plumbing, refrigeration and cooling, electrical, wiring and solid state circuitry.

Inventory Control Warehouse FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain

Waitstaff PT

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

Server Assistant PT

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

SELC

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 and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Requires a chauffeur's license.

Saganing Transit Driver FT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal drivers license and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffeur's License.

Saganing Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal drivers license and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffeur's License.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF BRANDON MANDOKA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case No 15-CI-0421 Plaintiff: VJD Inc. dba Cash Plus no. 148 515 A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-953-9700 Defendant: Brandon Mandoka 11258 W. Genuine Rd. Clare, MI 48617 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 19, 2015.**

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH ROBERT::

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Case No. 15-CI-0420 Plaintiff: VJD Inc, dba Cash Plus no. 148 515 A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-953-9700 Defendant: Elizabeth Robert 3823 Miigwan Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Dec. 19, 2015.**



“RezBall 2015” pumps up the jam during the 11th annual basketball tournament

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Out of all the Tribal events that occur, there’s nothing like “RezBall 2015” where pulse-pounding rhythms meet high-flying, above-the-rim excitement.

The Saginaw Chippewa Recreation Department took to the pavement for its 11th annual three-on-three double elimination basketball tournament held at the Tribal Operations parking lot Aug. 12.

RezBall 2015 brought plenty of action both on and off the court as participants competed for trophies and Rez street cred.

“The temperature was in the 90s but we had plenty of water and Gatorade to go around with four courts of action going for most of the afternoon,” said Lucas Sprague, organized sports specialist. “We appreciate the community coming out to support us and it was great to see the Tribal Ops employees and Tribal Council coming out to watch some of the competition.”

Interim Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner said basketball is her kids’ favorite sport and as they play year round, they look forward to RezBall.

“This year, they invited several friends from their



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Coach Kevin Ricketts serves up some all American favorites as youth Paige Luneack learns about grilling.

various teams; some traveled great distances to participate,” Bruner said. “We had a young man from Grayling and Clare come in and make the trip. My daughter, Jenna Rios, entered her girls’ team consisting of former players from the Tribe’s Recreation Department: Madison Pelcher and Satori Griffin. Unfortunately, they didn’t have another girls’ team to play against and found themselves having to compete with the older boys. They tried their hardest and were able to score a few baskets, but ultimately the boys were too much for them.”

Bruner said all of the parents were really impressed with the event and how family-friendly

the environment was and complimented the Recreation staff for organizing the event.

Organized Sports Specialist Lindsey Sprague said it was another wonderful year for the community.

“We had a great turn out with lots of help from our staff, the SCIT Maintenance Department, Behavioral Health, and those who just wanted to lend a helping hand,” Lindsey Sprague said. “We would like to extend our appreciation to Behavioral Health for donating the food and for Prevention employees Kevin and Alice Jo Ricketts for grilling up free hot dogs and providing chips. This is my second year... setting up... and I really enjoy being able to plan these great events for our community.”

Lindsey said youth are always hyped up about these sorts of events and she knows it means a lot to them to be able to participate in the sports they love.

“When I was younger, I remember sports meant so much to me, especially basketball... so being a part of the Recreation Department’s team makes me very happy as we thrive to keep our future leaders active, healthy, and on a good path in life,” she said.

The official results in the boys’ division ages 13-15 saw



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Trey Wemigwans, Walter Trepanier, Kyle Shomin and Luke Sprague (left to right) dominate the men’s division.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Misheka Vasquez, Grant Trepanier and Tai Sprague (left to right) hoist first place hardware.

the first place trophy awarded to Team M.P. (Caleb Vasquez, 15; Trey Wentworth, 15 and David Israel, 15.) Second place honors went to the “Mid-Michigan White Boys” (Shane Jenkins, 13; Mason Wojtusik, 13; Alez Wetherbe, 12 and Logan Chilman, 14.)

In the girls’ division, Team “Lady Eagles” (Jenna Rios, 12; Madison Pelcher, 12; Mattea Merrill, 12 and Satori Griffin, 11) were given a first place trophy even though they were the only girls’ team to register this year.

In the boys division ages 16-18, Team “Raw Dawgz” (Misheka Vasquez, 17; Grant

Trepanier, 17 and Tai Sprague, 17) took home first place hardware while Team “Swamp Boys” (Terrence Hunt, 17; Ethan Hunt, 18 and Lenny Shomin, 16) received second place medals.

In the highly competitive men’s division ages 19 and older, Team “Parks n’ Rec” (Kyle Shomin, 20; Walter Trepanier, 21; Trey Wemigwans, 19 and Lucas Sprague 25) out-hustled Team “Old Dudes” (Eric Pierson, 37; Charlie Isham, 41; Bear Raphael, 38 and Kashtin Owl, 24) in the championship game as they breezed through the tourney undefeated.



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Coach Gene Vasquez goes old school as he floats a three-pointer over a leaping Trent Trepanier.



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Lady Eagles power forward Jenna Rios shows the boys how it’s done as she drives for the layup.



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Aaron Chivis looks for an open shot as Wayne Young goes for the block.



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Charlie Isham denies the paint and plays some tough defense at RezBall 2015.



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The Lady Eagles (aka. Jenna Rios, Madison Pelcher, Mattea Merrill and Satori Griffin) feel the moment.



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Trey Wentworth, Caleb Vasquez and David Israel (left to right) come straight from football practice to take trophies.