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# TRIBAL OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"

## Attention All Tribal Members

Oct. 2, 2015 is the last day to register to vote for the General Election.

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**2015 Primary Election**  
Featured profiles of Tribal Council candidates on the ballot.



**nDigidreams Workshop**  
Community members share their story at Ziibiwing Cultural Center.



**Edge of Summer MX**  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosts weekend of thrilling motocross racing.



**BACK Labor Day Picnic**  
SCIT Recreation Department provides fun-filled Labor Day celebration.

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## Primary Election: Oct. 13, 2015 - Polls will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### First Healing to Wellness recovery program graduates honored

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Healing to Wellness Program was created more than a year ago to assist Tribal Members in the recovery process.

The Healing to Wellness Program is a voluntary, alternative sentencing program that allows participants to obtain a full range of services to assist them in leading a drug and alcohol-free life.

The program offers services that are specifically coordinated, managed and comprehensive including substance abuse treatment, judicial oversight, random drug screenings, assistance in obtaining housing, education, mental health, family counseling, traditional teachings.

SCIT's Behavioral Health provides the Healing to Wellness treatment health services.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Cathy Fisher and Chief Pego honor Nicole Chippewa-Starkey with a Pendleton blanket on Sept. 14 for completing the Healing to Wellness Program.**

On Monday, Sept. 14, two women were honored at the first Healing to Wellness graduation ceremony for completing the program.

Nicole Chippewa-Starkey and one woman who wishes to remain anonymous were commended.

"I have had the honor and pleasure of assisting our two graduates on their path to wellbriety," said Cathy Fisher, Healing to Wellness coordinator. "They have done an outstanding job with their dedication to the program, Tribal community, and to living a healthy, sober life."

Fisher described the program's objectives.

"Our mission is designed to reduce recidivism, family violence and death caused by substance abuse by leading them down the Red Road," she said.

"Thus, giving them life and a sense of pride and responsibility to their Tribal community."

Fisher and Robert Pego Sr. launched the program and took in their first client on Sept. 29, 2014.

"When we first started the program, I thought it was just

for one person," Pego said. "I get to work (not realizing how many clients we'd have), and there's Cathy, I think, looking at me the same way."

Along with Fisher and Pego, the Wellness Team members in presence included: Donielle Bannon, tribal police captain; Patrick Shannon, senior judge; Carol Jackson, magistrate; Michael McCreery, probation officer; Jennifer Wassegijig, Tribal Council chaplain; Graham Leach, prosecutor; Joelle MacDonald, probation officer; Faith Carmona-Pego, social services supervisor; and Steven Pego, tribal chief.

The group is a multidisciplinary team whose purpose is to provide the best intervention with each participant to allow them to become healthy and productive members of the community.

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### SCIT participates in Indigenous Peoples' Day and Lake Huron Discovery Tour

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Photojournalist

The weekend of Oct 9-12 takes on a more important context as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe participates in Indigenous Peoples' Day and Lake Huron Discovery Tour festivities planned on the sunny side of the state.

The core reason of the events relative to the Tribe is about taking a stand against racism and discrimination.

SCIT is seizing the chance to educate the public to learn about the history of Columbus and transforming this day into a celebration of indigenous people and a celebration of social justice.

It allows indigenous people to make a connection between the painful past and the ongoing marginalization, discrimination and poverty that indigenous communities face to this day.

SCIT Chief Steven Pego is looking forward to the Oct. 9

launch of the Discovery Tour from the Saganing Tribal Center Oct. 9.

"I will be reading proclamations from several north east governmental entities proclaiming Monday, Oct. 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples Day," Pego said. "It will be a proud day to be Native."

Pego signed a unanimously approved Tribal Council Resolution 14-152 on Sept. 10 where the Council encourages other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The City of Mount Pleasant was the first in Michigan to adopt a similar resolution of support.

Other resolutions supporting Indigenous Peoples' Day include the City of Alpena, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Ostego County Board of Commissioners, the City of Traverse City and Central Michigan University.

Tim Kuehnlein of Michigan Arts and Culture Northeast has been working with Frank

Cloutier, SCIT public relations director, in coordinating events for the Lake Huron Discovery Tour along the 200-mile scenic route.

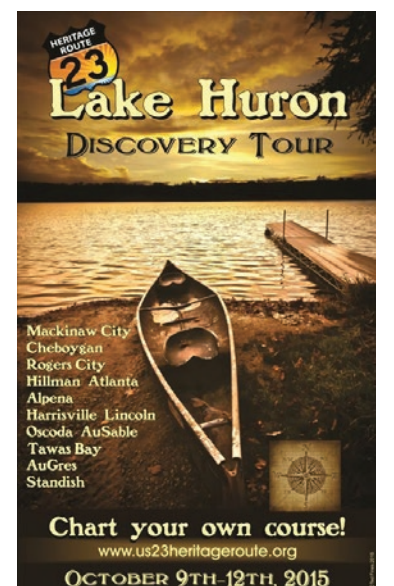
"We are honored to have Chief Pego and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a part of the Indigenous Peoples' Day events," Kuehnlein said. "The tour is a way to promote tourism to the area and highlight unique features and activities along U.S. 23 Heritage Route."

With Columbus Day approaching, the idea of replacing the holiday with a day celebrating the indigenous people of North America came from the 1977 International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, sponsored by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1990, 120 indigenous nations at the first Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance passed a resolution that transformed

Columbus Day into an opportunity to educate the rest of the country about pre-existing Indian cultures that have survived the violent colonization process.

Even though the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is participating in Indigenous Peoples' Day and Lake Huron Discovery Tour festivities, SCIT offices will remain open despite the federal holiday declaration.







## Mildred Sepulveda

May 15, 1938 - Sept. 2, 2015

Mildred Sepulveda, 77, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015 at Horizon Senior Living Center of Standish, following a lingering illness.

Mildred was born in Standish Township on May 15, 1938 to the late Emerson and Eliza (Thomas) James. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a lifelong resident of the Standish area.



She was survived by her children Judy and Randy Jackson, David and Mary Lou; a sister Bernice and Lawrence Nelson and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank; a son Richard; brothers and sisters Leonard, Russell, Clifford, Ralph, Jeanette, Judy and Helen James and Lena Rangel.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2015 at 11 a.m. from the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home-Standish Chapel with Yvette Chisholm presiding with burial in the Saganing Indiana Cemetery.

## Steven Hawkins

Jan. 24, 1988 - Sept. 20, 2015

Steven "Steveo" Lee Hawkins, age 27, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 at his home under the care of Mid Michigan Hospice.

Steven was born Jan. 24, 1988 in Lansing, the son of Andrew Mejia and Sherry Hawkins.

Steven was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He enjoyed fishing, bow hunting, video games, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Steven was a loving father and friend. He will be remembered for his sense of humor.

He is survived by his children, Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, and Sherry Gonzalez-Hawkins; mother, Sherry Hawkins; father, Andrew (Julie) Mejia; siblings, Andrew Mejia Jr., Johnathan Hawkins, Jessica Hawkins, Leticia Hawkins, Alexander Mejia, and Cheyenne Mejia; significant other, Victoria Gonzalez; mother and father-in-law, Angela (Luciano Escamilla III) Gonzalez; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. Steven was preceded in death by his grandmother Lucille Jackson.

Funeral services were held at the Tribal Gym on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015, with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating.

## Tribal Conservator

Conservator experience in other county or tribal probate court. Shall have experience in the areas of tax preparation, accounting, financial services, or law and estate planning. Shall pass a background check and may be required to provide security in the form of a bond.

**This is a Tribal Council appointed position, interested parties should submit their credentials to the Human Resources Department.**

## SCIT Higher Education

### Fall 2015 Scholarship Deadline

Fall 2015 schedules are due for current SCIT Higher Education students on or before Oct. 15, 2015 to be eligible for fall 2015 funding.

New or Returning SCIT Higher Education students must submit all required documents on or before Oct. 15, 2015 to be considered for fall 2015 funding

SCIT Higher Education applications and scholarship information can be found on SCIT tribal website at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)

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K-12 Education Services  
**HOMEWORK LAB**



**Monday - Thursday • 3 - 5 p.m.**

Located next to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
Lab Starts Monday Sept. 14, 2015

*K-12 Staff will be on site for homework assistance and tutoring. Homework lab will have internet access and a quiet reading area. For more information you may contact Tasha Wemigwans at 989.775.4506*



**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**  
Artisans & supplies

**Every Tuesday!**

### LOCATION:

New Farmers Market Pavilion at the Corner of Broadway and Leaton Roads

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

### Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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



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

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



## Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

### Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

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

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



**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police**  
Dispatch: 989-775-4700  
Tip Line: 989-775-4775  
**Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)**  
Tip Line: 989-779-9697  
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## Public Notice

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

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

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

## ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw  
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



### Meetings Will be Held

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

## Pleasant Optics

**New address starting Sept. 14, 2015:**

2865 S. Lincoln Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

*\*Old address was 500 S. Mission Street, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858*

**Phone number has not changed: 989-773-7747**



Check out the  
**Tribal Observer**  
**ONLINE**

[www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver](http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver)



## NOTICE

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

### Charlene Kerby

*Independent Contractor required to adhere to professional and ethical standards*

**Located at the At-Large Offices**

Email: [ckerby@sagchip.org](mailto:ckerby@sagchip.org)

Phone: 989.775.4948

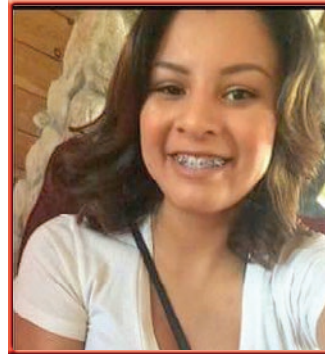




## Election Timeline 2015 Primary and General Elections

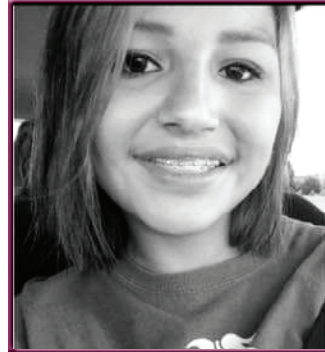
- Oct. 2** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election
- Oct. 12** | 5:15 p.m. — Certification of Voting Machines
- Oct. 13** | Primary Election Day — Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- Oct. 16** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed
- Nov. 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.

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



**Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Marjorie!**  
*Love, Mom*



**Happy Belated Birthday**

**Mattea!**  
*Love, Mom*



**Happy Birthday**

Shane Neyome  
*Love You Bro*  
October 4th



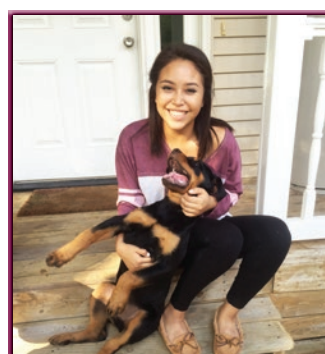
**Happy Birthday**

**Kobun!!**  
*We love you so much!*  
*Have fun!*  
*Love, Mom & Dad*



**Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

**Emmoni**  
**"Emmett"**  
*Love, All your families*



**Happy Sweet 16**

*to our princess*  
**Lauryn Leureaux**



**Happy Birthday**  
**Waabs & Sean**

## Seventh Generation Assessment Committee

**Committee Responsibilities:** The committee shall assess the Seventh Generation Program using SWOT analysis model. (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats.) Make recommendations to Tribal Council regarding the future path of the Seventh Generation Programs (woodshop, stone shop, cultural programs, and agriculture.)

Complete the analysis and submit report and recommendations to Tribal Council by March 30, 2016. Meet a minimum of twice a month after 5 p.m.

**SCIT Tribal Members:** Please submit letter of interest to: Tribal Council 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858. Please include information regarding your cultural knowledge, management experiences, and understanding of the SWOT process. Seven individuals will be appointed with one alternate. The deadline for submissions is Oct. 23.

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

Ordinance 4, section 19. **Prohibition against interference with Elections.** On election day for any Council election, including any Primary, General, Special, Run-Off or removal Election, a person, including any Tribal official, employee or representative, shall not:

(a) On any land owned by the Tribe or held in trust for the Tribe, excluding property leased for residential use:

(i) post, display, or distribute, any material that directly or indirectly makes reference to an election, a candidate, or a ballot question (this subsection does not apply to official material that is required by law to be posted, displayed, or distributed in a polling place on election day);

(ii) solicit, persuade or endeavor to persuade, intimidate or threaten a person to vote for or against any particular candidate or for or against any ballot question that is being voted on at the election;

(iii) either directly or indirectly, for the person's own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree, or contract for valuable consideration for voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, or for refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting; or

(iv) either directly or indirectly, give, lend, or promise valuable consideration, to or for any person, as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question, or as a reward for refraining from voting; or

(b) loiter within a building where a polling place is located or within 500 feet of any entrance to such building, including any parking areas adjacent or appurtenant to such building; or

(c) Directly or indirectly utter or addresses any threat or intimidation to an election official or other person authorized to administer or enforce election laws; or to conduct, oversee or monitor an election, or to assist in the carrying out of such duties, with the intent to induce such person to do any act not authorized by law or to refrain or delay in the performance of any duty imposed by law.



**Happy 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

October 18  
**Ariel Hinmon**  
*Love, Grandma Sandy*



Look whose turning  
8 on Oct 5th  
**Happy Birthday**  
**Jayden**  
*We love you,*  
*Mom, dad, Sandra*  
*& Katelyn*



*Please wish*  
**Meredith Marcelle**  
**A Happy Birthday**  
on Oct. 6  
*Love, Mom, Brian & Phoenix*





## Tribal Council

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

## Seven Grandfather Teachings

### Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

### Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

### Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

### Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

### Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

### Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

### Debwewin ~ Truth

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



## MIIBS Project Management: Request for proposal

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Tribal Council is preparing to receive all interested proposals for project management and oversight to an important community investment.

Tribal Members and/or Native Americans are strongly encouraged to apply.

The proposed project manager must include development and future plans for the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) including a community survey in which to assist with guidance.

The Council is seeking a project manager with experience and can demonstrate the key components necessary to complete this important project on time and within a developed budget.

Please include within your proposal: A cover letter outlining your educational background and key project experiences, an overview of your project approach (project scope of services) and proposed fee required to complete project phases (pre-design, design, construction, and closeout) and any reimbursable fee.

### Tribal Council will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

- Tribal Member/Native American Preference
- Education Level
- Relevant Experience examples such as:
  - Management of construction documents (AIA)
  - Feasibility studies
  - Budget management
- Leadership Capability
- Past Performance (if applicable)
- Fee

### This position is open until filled. Please forward your detailed proposals along with references to:

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

## Scope of Services Project Management

*For Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Board School (MIIBS) Project*

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

## Public Notice: Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Publication on Notice of Hearing

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the liquor license renewal application presented to Tribal Council by Lisa Darnell, CEO of Migizi Economic Development Company, d/b/a Soaring Eagle Water Park & Hotel. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

1. Renewal of Tribal License for Retail On-Premises General License for the Soaring Eagle Water Park & Hotel; Green Suites located at 5665 East Pickard Road. Such License, if approved, would cover Nbakade Restaurant, Wiisinidaa Food Court, outdoor beverage cart where permitted, any indoor service on the premise of SEWPH, and any outdoor service on premises of the SEWPH, Indoor bar service, outdoor bar service, and Special Event/Activity/Function services such as meetings, weddings, etc., to be consumed by buyer on premise. The Licenses, if issued, would be for the duration of one full year with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales. Dated: Sept.15, 2015

## Tribal Observer

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



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

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

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

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

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## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)





## Healing to Wellness

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They meet weekly to review the progress and compliance of each participant.

"The nice thing about the team is we're willing to walk with all of you and not get in your way," Shannon said about those in the program.

Chief Pego said the graduation was a special occasion and he's very thankful for the wellness program.

"I struggled, myself, with the same disease," Chief Pego said. "I will never go back to drugs and alcohol. When you get to that dead end road, dust yourself off and begin that walk on the Good Red Road."

The Snowbird Singers performed and introduced themselves. A couple of the singers both lost their sons to addiction, and they said they were glad to be in attendance to support those going through recovery.

"Our group is drug and alcohol free," said Snowbird Mae Pego. "We try to be an inspiration to the members of this community, and in doing so, we always try to welcome that 'good way' that's a part of the Anishinabe nation of being a Snowbird."

Pendleton blankets were gifted to both graduates.

"I'm very grateful for everything I've accomplished and for everybody that has supported me," Chippewa-Starkey said.

As a recovering alcoholic and addict, Tribal Member Christina Otto shared her story.

"Today my most precious gift is sobriety," Otto said. "(To those struggling), find what works for you, get help, talk to others and counselors."

Healing to Wellness hopes to: Reduce criminal recidivism among chemically-addicted offenders, increase the number of offenders who remain alcohol and drug free, and increase the benefit/reduce the cost to the community for providing services to chemically-dependent offenders.

"I know we all have lost someone close to us to addiction, and we were at a point where we wondered who was going to be next," Fisher said. "The struggle

is real here on our Reservation, as it is all over the world."

In order to complete the program, participants pass through four phases of different lengths, throughout a minimum of a 12-month period.

The program's length, determined by each participant's progress, will not be less than 43 weeks.

"This is our very first graduation and it's been an interesting year because, from my standpoint, getting to know all of the people in this program; not from criminal justice, but from a very social, medical viewpoint, means a lot to all of us," Shannon said. "We can't say enough. We were fortunate to have these two ladies go through the program first."

During the program, participants are required to: Maintain sobriety, attend at least three Alcoholics Anonymous meetings per week, submit to random drug tests, establish a daily planner and journal, attend all Behavioral Health appointments and follow all recommendations, not enter any establishment that serves alcohol as their main focus, obey all tribal, state and federal laws, and obtain permission from the team before leaving the area overnight.

Currently, 23 Tribal Members are enrolled in the program.

A Tribal Elder is presently needed to join the Healing to Wellness Team. Any interested members may contact Cathy Fisher at 989-775-5811.

## Two Tribal police officers participate in Special Olympics' Law Enforcement Torch Run

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Two Tribal police officers ran the streets, and all for a good cause: The Special Olympics Michigan.

Tribal Police Sergeant Scott Bailey and Dispatcher/Corrections Officer Renay Ehren participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) and ran roughly 40 miles throughout Michigan.

The "Central Route" running team started the run on Saturday, Sept. 12 in Copper Harbor, and finished in Sterling Heights on Sept 18.

Three other running teams joined in community runs; Michigan Department of Corrections ran the Upper Peninsula, the "North" team (Ehren's team) covered northern and central Michigan, and the "South" team (Bailey's team) traveled central and southern Michigan.

On Sept. 17, the Mount Pleasant Community Run for LETR took place at 2:15

p.m. at the old Michigan State Police Post, finishing at the Special Olympics office.

Probation Officer Joelle MacDonald joined Bailey and Ehren for the Mission Street run, with Tribal Police Captain Donielle Bannon at the finish line to cheer them on.

Runners register for \$25 and raise money along the way from local businesses, charities and individuals who donate.

Through online donations, the runners' and local area contributions, \$70,000 was raised. This does not include the additional funds raised throughout the year and T-shirt sales.

"The week raised money for more than 20,000 athletes living in the state of Michigan," Bailey said. "This was a very busy but fulfilling week for Renay and I. We are both grateful for the opportunity to be involved."

Ehren participated in 14 community runs, and ran 32.6 miles.

Bailey participated in 16 runs, traveling all over Michigan from Royal Oak and Lansing to Ann Arbor and Sterling Heights.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Special Olympics Michigan athletes and law enforcement representatives participate in the Mount Pleasant Community Torch Run down Mission Street.**

"There were 44 community runs throughout the state, which included a midnight Michigan State Capitol five-mile run," Bailey said. "The run week concluded on Friday, Sept. 18."

Central Route ran more than 850 miles during the week.

Ehren has been involved in the Special Olympics for more than 12 years.

"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."

According to specialolympics.org, LETR is the single largest grassroots fundraising effort for Special Olympics International.

As Michigan's Special Olympics program continues to grow, more funding is needed to support the athletes and their families because there is no cost to participate. This is where the support of



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**(From left to right) Tribal Police Captain Donielle Bannon, Probation Officer Joelle MacDonald, Dispatcher/Corrections Officer Renay Ehren and Sergeant Scott Bailey show their support for Special Olympics Michigan.**

the law enforcement community becomes crucial, according to the website.

"Words cannot express what I take away," Ehren said. "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 Tribal Police Department for allowing this to happen."

## The Inaugural 2015 SCIT Golf Invitational Results at Waabooz Run and Pohlcat

**BERNARD SPRAGUE**

Event Organizer

The 2015 Inaugural SCIT Golf Tournament occurred Aug. 21-23 at Waabooz Run and Pohlcat. The event began at Waabooz with the women's and senior's divisions.

There were six teams in each division with a purse of \$3,600 for each division. Par for the course was 61.

The inaugural Invitational was played Friday and Saturday. The par for the two courses combined is 133 (W.R. 61 P.C. 72).

Men played the whites tees at Pohlcat and the ladies played the red tees. At Waabooz, all players played the blue tees with 24 teams competing.

A total of \$26,800.00 was donated for giveaways. All players also received polo shirts, donated by Adidas.

Seven places were paid in each flight A and B. Fourteen of the 24 teams received a payout.

The Inaugural Invitational was competitive and eventful.

Congratulations to the 14 teams that placed and thank you to all of the players for participating.

Players competed from California, Wisconsin, Canada, Florida and Clare, Mich. It was challenging but rewarding, and we hope to see all of the teams again in 2016.

Thank you to Steve Norbury and Jason Clark for their commitment, professionalism and dedication to the event. They are both great to work with and deserve high praise for their efforts. And thank you to Chris Sineway the advisor and another event staff member.

Thank you to the sponsors:

The Slot Guru provided funds for all first place payouts in all

divisions, Jim's Body Shop provided funds for second place payouts, Pepsi, Sonifi, Atrient, Prime Brother's, Graff of Mount Pleasant, Real Integrated, PLI, WCFX, Nichols and Fire Keepers Casino.

Also, thank you to the Waabooz and Pohlcat employees, their service and kindness to the players was exceptional, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage team for the great meal and service at the awards banquet and we can't forget Kevin from the Sales Department for his assistance with the menu and the set up.

Also thank you to Tanya, Consuelo, Josh, Kristina, Tim and Raul from the SECR Marketing Department. Together, we made a very successful event and we look forward to working with you in 2016.

### Women's Division

**1st:** Darcy Crampton, Kyle Crampton and Jill McIntyre | -6  
**2nd:** Carol Hubble, Shellie Pelcher and Linda Loar | -5  
**3rd:** Gayle Ruhl, Shirley Tooshkenig and Dana Neyome | -5

### Senior's Division

**1st:** Les Riley, Ted Kewayosh and Rick Kewayosh | -9  
**2nd:** Bean Sprague, Tony Jackson and Tom Konwinski | -8  
**3rd:** Robert Brown, Robert Antone and Alfred King | -6

### A Flight Results

**1st:** Eric Rodriguez, Mike Mieske, Andrew Kreger | -24  
**2nd:** Brian Denny, Waylon Denny, Kokomoss White | -21  
**3rd:** Steve Tooshkenig, Conrad King, Jeff Arsenault | -20  
**3rd:** Ryan Sprague, Billy Nelson, Steve Chachuiski | -20

### B Flight Results

**1st:** Frank Romer, Jeremy Hack, Randy Wylie | -11  
**1st:** Rick Kewayosh, Les Riley, Geoffrey Riley | -11  
**3rd:** Kashton Owl, Steve Hoffman, Ben Schilling | -9





## “Powwow Dancers: Photography by Marcella Hadden” exhibit on display until Oct. 15

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Marcella Hadden, Tribal Member and public relations manager of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, has her photography showcased in a Saginaw exhibition until Oct. 15, as part of the “Art @ Andersen” at the Andersen Enrichment Center.

The exhibit “Powwow Dancers: Photography by Marcella Hadden” opened Aug. 24 and features photographs of Native American dancers from the “Honoring the Water,” the 31st annual Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Powwow.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

**Hadden’s photo of Tatanka Gibson, Traditional Dancer of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe is featured in the exhibit.**

Inspired by her own Ojibwe culture, Hadden captures photographs of various powwow

dancers in beautiful regalia from tribes throughout the United States and Canada.

“I wait all year to take photos of dancers at our annual powwow,” she said. “It’s one of the highlights of the year for me.”

Hadden began taking photos at a young age and continues to study photography by attending numerous workshops and classes, and meeting regularly

with other central Michigan photographers to share knowledge.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and Seventh Generation have Hadden’s work on display.

Hadden also has a repatriation photo on display at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. as part of the “Nation to Nation” exhibit.

Her photography company is listed under her Ojibwe name, Niibing Giizis or Summer Moon. She owns a studio in Mount Pleasant,

surrounded by inspirational nature scenes.

She frequently photographs Tribal events, newborns, high school seniors, families, pets, and hopes to book more weddings in the future.

The Andersen Enrichment Center is located at 120 Ezra Rust, across from Ojibway Island, Saginaw, Mich. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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## SCIT Recreation Department golf outing asks “Who’s Your Caddy?”

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The SCIT Recreation Department was looking for a good name for their annual golf outing so they went right to the 1980 comedy classic “Caddyshack”.

The 2015 “Who’s Your Caddy” golf outing on Aug. 8 got both a new name and new location.

“We called the last two years’ outings the ‘LEADERboard Open’ and we had those at Maple Creek Golf Course in Shepherd,” Lucas Sprague,

organized recreation sports specialist and event coordinator said. “Because we are now called the SCIT Recreation Department, we changed the name of the event and decided to have the outing at the PohlCat Golf Course in Mount Pleasant this year. We had a competitive field of 13 teams and were able to do some proximity contests along with awarding trophies for two flights.”

Team Chamberlain (Kelly Chamberlain, Vinnie Kequom, Steve Sacco and Kyle Concannon) shot a 16 under

par 56 to claim the first place Flight A trophy on the par 72 championship course designed by former PGA professional Dan Pohl.

The second place Flight A honors went to Team Rodriguez (Erik Rodriguez, Chase Owl, Mike Mieske and Andrew Kreger) who found themselves one stroke behind with a 57.

Proximity winners were as follows: Beth Coughlin (closest to the pin women 17th hole), Mike Mieske (closest to the pin men 17th

hole), Mike Mieske (longest drive men ninth hole), Beth Coughlin (longest drive women first hole) and Team Bean (longest putt coed seventh hole.)

Ronnie Ekdahl, recreation youth activities manager, appreciated the sponsors who donated various prizes for the golfers:

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Ziibiwing Cultural



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Team Chamberlain display their top finish hardware. (Pictured left to right: Kyle Concannon, Steve Sacco, Kelly Chamberlain and Vinnie Kequom.)**

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## Re-Elect Council Member Chip A. Neyome

### My Vision of Our Future

My Vision for our Tribe is one of success in both economic development and community health; Our Tribe will successfully evaluate financial opportunities; our MIGIZI Corporation will be abundantly successful; Profits from our Gaming and Migizi Corporation will replenish our Trust accounts which will allow us to save for the future while maintaining high quality services to members; our cultural programs will be stronger than ever; Cultural leaders will be cultivated and their numbers will multiply through our continued understanding of the 7 grandfather teachings. My vision for our Tribe is one of Health where our Courts, Police, ACFS, Behavioral Health & Medical providers begin to see a reduction in caseloads; lowering costs over time. Our children will be raised in loving cultural homes with a keen understanding of the Medicine Wheel. Our leaders will be elected based on Wisdom, Honesty, Bravery, Humility, Respect, Love, Truth; not based predominately on family or friendship ties. Our future will see cleaner waterways, and a more fiercely protected environment; our people will have more access to hunting, fishing and gathering activities. I see our people relaxing and enjoying the swaying leaves of the oak, maple, and aspen again as we sit on the river banks; I see the next generation relaxing in the knowledge that past generations have fought to preserve natural resources; and that grains grow on our land, a pride in work and a responsibility to always prepare our land and resources for our future generations. This vision is one of Unity of strength; as we begin to unify and focus our positive energy our community will become stronger, healthier, and ultimately happier where less drug and alcohol use will take place and we will instead support one another in our path along the red road... A Reservation where our Elders are truly empowered to impart wisdom where our young men are warriors for peace, A Reserve where our women are honored and raise healthy children who are protected and allowed to grow in the absence of fear and violence. I see our people regaining that which was lost and living in abundance; I see our people Sharing, Giving, and Helping others.

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### Frank Cloutier, candidate for District III Tribal Council

Tribal Election year 2015 has brought about a lot of interest. Having six individuals run for the District III representative clearly shows change is desired. District III has the most members of any of the districts and yet only one representative. Each one of our members deserves an experienced advocate. That is why I am asking for your support and vote this election season.

Many have told me that they have not voted for me in the past because they appreciate the work that I do as the Director of the Public Relations department. I appreciate the sentiment and I am confident we can identify a capable individual that would fill in for me while I serve on Tribal Council. I assure you that with my experience and knowledge of policies and ordinances I will make a solid advocate for District III. Our tribal community is a great source of pride for me and I know if given the privilege of being part of the decision process we can do great things while articulating the progress and direction you the membership determine the leadership take.

I am a firm believer that when given the privilege of leadership we should lead by example. The younger membership needs that example to follow as we continue to grow and become more sophisticated. It is our responsibility to gift our future generations with the knowledge we have been blessed to learn. If elected I will actively encourage our At-Large talent and experience to become involved, employed and advocate for our district and our tribe.

The At-Large district continues to be marginalized by agreements that give privilege to a few and not every member. These agreements go against the very traditional values we strive to protect.



“What is best for the many is best for the tribe as a whole”. Values like this are one of reasons the tribe does not have an “Individual Bill of Rights” for its membership. Tax benefits for a few and not every member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is divisive and unfair. We need consistency, equitable change with equal benefit throughout the entire membership and not just a select group.

Each member deserve an individual who leads by example, forms alliances, establish and nurture relationships that are supportive of District III values and goals. I have proven for many years that I can do just that for the tribe as a whole and I believe I can do that for At-Large at the Tribal Council. I am respected and valued due in part of the knowledge I possess but more importantly for the tenacious way I advocate for our community.

I will do everything in my power to make sure our district is equal in our benefits and voice once again. We have come too far as a district to lose any more ground. You deserve a confident, respected and true advocate for our district. Chi Miigwetch for your support and belief in our future.

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## RCH Soaring Eagle racing team educates community on safety importance

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

In an effort to educate on the importance of safety, the RCH Soaring Eagle racing team flew in to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Aug. 29 as part of the spectacular 2015 "Edge of Summer MX" series.

Raul Venegas, director of marketing and entertainment for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, coordinated the event and served as master of ceremonies, with support from Administrative Assistant Consuelo Gonzalez.

The G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) motocross superstar Ricky Carmichael brought fellow Soaring Eagle racing team members Carey Hart, Ken Roczen and Broc Tickle with him to talk to the Tribal community about motocross safety and to sign autographs.

All four racers were united in providing a message on the importance of safety, whether racing for competition or recreation.

"A lot of riders get injured when they start thinking about jumping something they can't," Carmichael said. "That is probably one of the most important things I can think of because you are taking a couple seconds thinking about what you are doing on your



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The RCH Soaring Eagle racing team and SECR Marketing present the community with a generous donation for Tribal youth activities. (Pictured left to right: Carey Hart, Broc Tickle, Ronnie Ek Dahl, David Merrill Jr., Ken Roczen and Ricky Carmichael.)**

motorcycle. If you can do this before you ride, you are going to eliminate a lot of wrecks and the stuff that isn't too fun about motorcycles."

"My advice to help younger riders is to just do what you feel comfortable doing... if it doesn't feel comfortable, don't do it," he said.

The inventor of the "Hart Attack," the first rider ever to complete a backflip on a 250cc motorcycle, offered some of his basics of riding bikes safely.

"I feel there are basically three key components to the discussion on safety with the first being protective gear," Hart said. "At the bare minimum, that would be knee pads, knee braces, long sleeve shirt, pants,

helmet, goggles and gloves. If you're going to spend the money on the bike, you don't want to cut corners on the protective gear. Second is bike maintenance by making sure your spokes, chain, filter and all aspects of the bike is ready for the ride. You need to learn

about your motorcycle and how to take care of your bike. Third, make sure everyone is going in the same direction on the track and being aware of your surroundings. When you find your local motocross track, you will find everyone is going around the track in the same direction and these safety components are being respected."

As a 250-class motocross world champion, 250 class west coast supercross champion and 450-class U.S. motocross champion, Roczen his advice.

"You want to make sure your gear is fitting properly," Roczen said. "When we're talking about safety, your gear is an investment in yourself. I know this stuff is expensive and equipment is

handed down to others in the family but other athletes in sports like football and baseball make sure their gear is properly fitted for safety."

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Fire Department personnel were also on hand to provide Michigan handbooks about motorcycle and ATV off road vehicle safety, rules and regulations.

Venegas said one of the things SECR Marketing is working on with RCH is to provide a safe track to ride on the Reservation.

"We are not going to have the kinds of jumps you will see at the Edge of Summer,

but parents will know we have a practice track that was designed by professional riders for the Parks and Rec Department with safety in mind," Venegas said. "The track is in the works for a design in 2016 and we will work... to develop a plan on how to care and maintain the track. We definitely have all the tools in place to do that."

The community cheered as Venegas mentioned a generous contribution of \$22,835.50 was being made on behalf of a celebrity golf outing held by SECR Marketing and the RCH Soaring Eagle racing team.

## PEYOTE Stitch Class



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**Community members tested their skill with peyote stitch beadwork. The two-day workshop was hosted by the Seventh Generation Program Sept. 16-17.**

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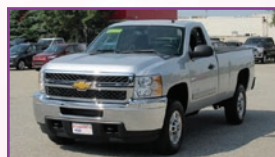
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## “nDigiDreams” workshop promotes “healing our communities one story at a time”

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Community members gathered together to create digital stories: Three to five minute “mini-movies” to increase health education, prevention and advocacy about cancer and cardiovascular disease among Native peoples on Sept. 15-17, 2015 at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center.

The digital storytelling workshop promoting “healing our communities one story at a time” was facilitated by nDigiDreams, LLC, a woman-owned indigenous-focused training and consulting company from Santa Fe, N.M.

Funding was provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services with support from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Since 2008, nDigiDreams has traveled extensively across Turtle Island working to train and build capacity among Native peoples by tapping into user-friendly, low-cost technology to create first person narratives of healing, survival and resilience.

To date, nDigiDreams has trained more than 1300 individuals from throughout 80 tribal nations across 15 states.

In 2011, they conducted their first training in Michigan and have co-created digital stories with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa



**Little Traverse Bay Band Elder Linda Smith (left) finds pictures of her ancestors with the help of Navajo Elder Brenda Manuelito.**

& Chippewa Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake Tribe.)

The digital storytelling facilitators for the Saginaw Chippewa workshop included Brenda Manuelito (Navajo) and Carmella Rodriguez from Santa Fe, N.M. and Arlene Kashata (Grand Traverse Band Elder) from Traverse City, Mich.

Manuelito said as Native peoples, core values and manner of teaching through oral stories and first-hand experience may never change, but the tools and technology used to share Indigenous knowledge and wisdom has undergone rapid change.

“Today we are able to express, share, and heal each other through the making and sharing

of first-person stories using the laptop computer, Internet, and various digital photos, videos, and songs,” Manuelito said. “Most importantly, we use our authentic voice to ‘tell our own story,’ which raises the vibration around and within us which includes our families, our communities, our ancestors as well as the land, trees and water.

“It’s important to share our life stories to help each other and to let the world know, like our ancestors, we are still standing, living, drumming, singing, and praying for our people and all that surrounds us,” she said. “The time is now. The time is critical.”

Rodriguez said the nDigiStorytelling approach uses a four directions model that taps into all parts of Native’s being and seasons of the life cycle to



**Carmella Rodriguez (left) and Grand Traverse Band Elder Arlene Kashata (middle) assist SCIT Elder Barb Sprague with her digital story.**

ignite the teachings and wisdoms that lie within on the journey to the Good Life.

“On the first day, we show examples of other Tribal Members’ digital stories across Turtle Island, then, we gather into a story circle for individuals to share their life experiences through their sacred breath, songs, dreams, and stories,” Rodriguez said. “After the three-day workshop, the digital storytellers walk away with their finished movie to do whatever they desire, perhaps watch it at home with their family, share it on their Facebook, or take it to meetings and conferences to educate others.”

Participants were each asked to “share a story that only they can tell” about an important turning point in their life, regarding a health-related experience.

The messages focus not on health disease and disparity, but on the importance of family, traditional teachings, spirituality, and resilience.

Kashata said women guarantee the future of generations.

“These digital stories, too, can carry on the wisdom and knowledge for the next generations,” Kashata said. “By Native digital storytellers sharing parts of their life experiences... they share their legacy of strength, wisdom and love for their children and grandchildren to listen and learn from.”

A community-wide screening of the first set of Saginaw Chippewa health-related digital stories took place on Sept. 18 at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center. The stories can be found on the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center website at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org).

Behavioral Health Business Services and ATR Coordinator Elizabeth Evans said Behavioral Health, in partner with the Access to Recovery Initiative, will be hosting a digital story workshop slated for Dec. 1-4.

“We would like to have community members who are in recovery come and work on a story to share with the community to possibly inspire someone else new to recovery,” Evans said “We have space for 10 individuals and this is an opportunity for individuals to share that hope and recovery is possible.”

## Editorial: I’m wondering if things ever change or do they stay the same

**CHARMAINE SHAWANA**

Contributing Writer

Some of the things I saw my grandmother do when I was a child, I find myself doing in my old age.

I remember watching her do the dishes. She would haul the water or have us kids haul it. Then she would wash the dishes, and when she was done, she would pour scalding hot tea pot water from the stove on the freshly washed dishes to rinse them clean. That’s the way she washed dishes, all the time.

As a child, I was fascinated

with daily routines of life. They were so different at Grandma’s house. There was no running water, no electricity, and no flush toilet.

We always came home to Mount Pleasant, between going from base to base; as my father was in the Army, and we traveled around a lot.

We have a cabin in Canada, and like Grandma’s house, there is no running water, electricity, or flush toilet. I remember the way she washed the dishes and I do them the same way at the cabin. I also have a wringer washer that I use up there as well.

One day I caught myself pulling the hair out of the hair brush and putting it in the woodstove just like she used to do. Some things never change.

I recall some things my mom used to talk about... food offerings, the traditional use of semaa, (tobacco), covering the mirrors in the lightning storm, and other traditional teachings.

Even though my mom went to boarding school, she remembered her upbringing and tried to pass those things on to us.

I think about my own grandkids nowadays. I was so happy to put my granddaughters out

on their Berry Fast, when they started their First Moon. I made sure they all had their Spirit Names and knew about the ceremonies of our people.

In life, I think we all do the best we can with what we have. We have to be patient with ourselves and know where we come from and where we are going.

Our ancestors and grandparents knew the natural world around us and how to best deal with life on a day-to-day basis.

As the leaves change on this autumn day, I’m wondering if things ever change or do they stay the same?

Are you doing your best to teach your children and grandchildren some of the teachings our grandparents gave us?

If we don’t know our language, don’t practice our traditions, don’t know our heritage, then what is to become of us a people? How are we politically, socially and spiritually different from the non-Indians? Sometimes I wonder what will become of us... as a people...

I know there are a lot of us that are practicing our traditions and learning our language, but probably twice as many that are not...

Are we the same as the non-Indians?

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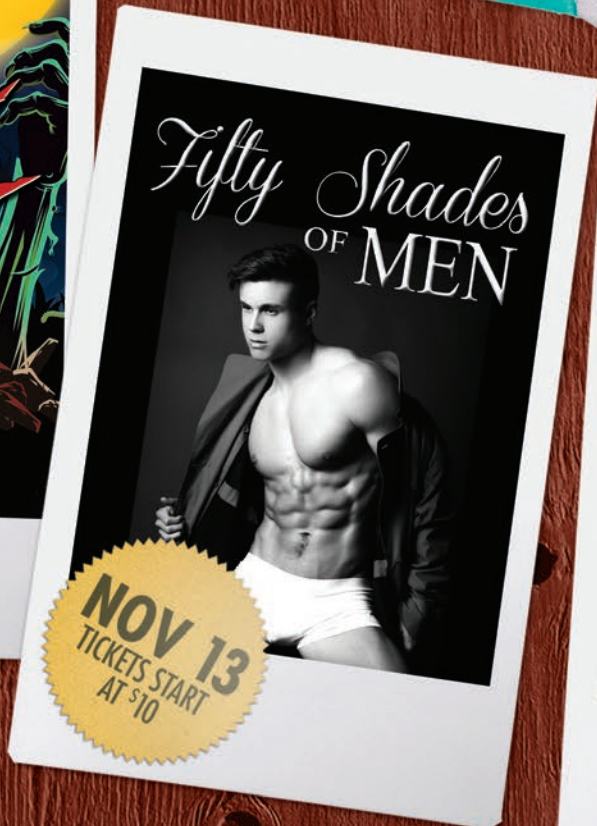
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## Lauri Cloutier-Lee honored as "Sage Woman of the Year"

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Tribal Descendent Lauri Cloutier-Lee received "Sage Woman of the Year" at the July 2015 Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) annual banquet in Bay City.

Cloutier-Lee received the honor from Women of Color Institute for her activism to end violence against women.

As a survivor of physical assault, domestic violence and incarceration, Cloutier-Lee gained the courage to share those experiences in her activism and advocacy. She has shared her experience with survivors for more than 30 years,

helping them begin their faith and healing journey.

She has been an advocate in the movement to end violence against women since 1978, and has worked as a crisis, legal and emergency response advocate in rural Alaska, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota.

Throughout her career, she has fought to bring awareness to the needs of domestic and sexual abuse survivors who are incarcerated.

In 2009, she joined MCEDSV as the Open Doors project coordinator.

The Open Doors Project, funded primarily by the Department of Health and Human Services, was a national project intended to build program and community capacity

focused on comprehensive survivor-centered, evidence-based advocacy, specifically designed to meet the needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated battered women.

Cloutier-Lee understood firsthand how important it was for domestic violence and sexual assault service providers to understand abuse and the vulnerability of incarcerated women.

She enhanced the project with her correction's system knowledge and speaking tours with prison and jail systems throughout the country.

The following is an excerpt from the July speech recognizing Cloutier-Lee:

"If you are fortunate to know Lauri personally, then you know

she is a proud Native American woman, who holds her traditions and culture close. In her last year at the 2011 coalition, Lauri took the lead in planning one of the most memorable Women of Color Institutes. If you attended that year, then you remember the warm welcome from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe at the beautiful Zibiwing Cultural Center in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

We were treated to a wonderful private tour of the cultural center and gifted with stories of the Tribe and many other Native American traditions. It was an amazing evening topped with a delicious buffet.

Lauri worked tirelessly to make that evening as special as it was, but that's just Lauri; always taking care of others and making sure no one feels left out. It's the very thing that makes her such an incredible advocate. Her compassion for people and her contemplativeness is often a source of comfort to others in crisis."

Cloutier-Lee also worked as a legal advocacy and the emergency response team coordinator



Courtesy of Myron Cloutier

**Lauri Cloutier-Lee (center) received "Sage Woman of the Year" at the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCEDSV) annual banquet in July 2015.**

at the YWCA Flint, and crisis line trainer and domestic violence court advocate.

She also worked seven years at the Safehouse Center in Ann Arbor.

The speech concluded with, "Lauri has been greatly missed in the work, though she has been away, she has not been forgotten. We miss her humor, her tenaciousness, her creativity, her kindness, her love of sisterhood, her compassion, her generosity, her loyalty, and most importantly, her beautiful spirit... Lauri has definitely inspired us all and has made a difference in the lives of so many survivors. That is why she is the Sage Woman of the Year."

## Zebra or quagga mussels remove green algae and phytoplankton from rivers and lakes

**AIMAN SHAHPURWALA**

Water Resource Technician

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and phytoplankton from rivers and lakes, which are essential to healthy ecosystem functions. In doing so, they leave behind blue-green algae, which can then begin to gather in large quantities.

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This provides adequate amount of sunlight for blue-green algae to thrive. The removal of these invasive species may help control blue-green algae populations in the Great Lakes region.

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

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**Dear WW:** I just started dating a man, and I feel like I'm being dishonest. Or maybe it's really no one's business, I'm not sure, but I have been diagnosed with a mental illness and am on medication. I have not always been as stable as I am now and that's what scares me. I get regular check ups and go to counseling. I'm afraid if I tell him, it will scare him off or worse, he'll think I'm loony. If I don't tell him and he eventually finds out, he might be upset I never told him. We are ready to go on a trip together and I'll have to bring my medication, what if he asks me about my medication? **Doing Well Now**

**Dear Well Now:** It could be none of his business, but I would recommend that you be honest with him. Ask yourself what you have to lose? You want someone to be supportive of you, right? If he can't deal with it, now is the time to find out. You can offer him to go to one of your appointments and/or counseling so a professional can explain and answer any questions. Under no circumstances should you ever not take prescribed medication because you are afraid of what others might think. If you aren't prepared to discuss it yet, you can always take your medication in a pill box for confidential purposes during your trip.

**Dear WW:** My husband is a truck driver and has been doing so for several years now. It wasn't so bad in the beginning when the kids were little but now that they are getting bigger, it's getting harder and harder when he leaves. Long story short, our kids do not listen to me. I get tired of threatening them, and he always has to be the bad guy when he gets home because he does the disciplining. Now I dread when he leaves and when he has to come home and discipline the kids. I don't know what to do! **Wait Until Your Father Gets Home!**

**Dear Wait:** Parenting is best when two people act as parents. You are more than capable of parenting your own children than you know. Do not wait for your husband to come home to discipline them. Get a backbone and do it the minute they act up. Good parenting is not always being the nice guy and turning the other cheek. Your children will actually appreciate you more when you do step up to the plate to take action instead of being a doormat. You can also request that your husband get another job so he is home with you to help raise the children together. His presence speaks louder than any pay check!

**Dear WW:** I have a problem with my husband being mean to my children from a previous marriage. I guess he has always been like this but now it is getting worse. Before, it was his attitude and looks that no one really noticed except me. Now he is starting to say rude things. Last week, when my ex came to pick them up, he didn't even say goodbye! **If Looks Could Kill**

**Dear Looks:** Being rude is never acceptable. You need to speak up and say something on behalf of your children. I highly doubt that no one really noticed but you. Lack of good, honest communication is why a lot of marriages fail. The bigger question is—why would you ever think it is acceptable to be in a relationship where your children are not treated with the utmost respect?

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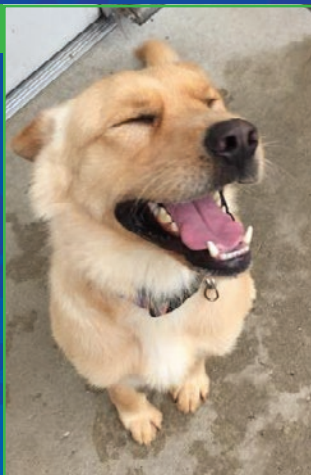
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## 2015 Primary Election: Candidate Profiles

The Tribal election year is upon us again; as SCIT Tribal Members cast their votes in the Primary Election on Oct. 13, the Tribal Observer is providing the Tribal Membership with a platform spread that features candidates on the Primary Election ballot.

These profiles provide voters with an opportunity to learn more about these candidates. All primary candidate photos are included. Candidates that have opted to include their profiles are also included.

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



Chamberlain,  
Kelly J.

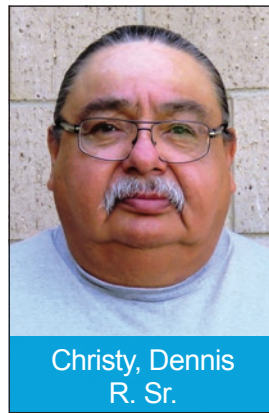
I was born and raised on the Reservation. I've worked within the Tribe in various positions since my teenage years and I currently work at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Management. I do have over 6 years of schooling or education and the determination to take us to a higher level of success. I'm sincerely concerned about the Tribe's Enterprises and the future for the members. I will be innovative with increasing revenue for the tribe. I will continue to support current and future programs that are in the best interest of the people. If our future is to be successful, difficult decisions and change must be made. I love my Reservation and am Proud to be Native. I will work hard and smart to reach our goals to make our Tribe successful. To whom ever it may concern thank you for your support. Chi Miigwetch



Benzinger "Chippewa,"  
Candace B.

Boozhu,

My name is Candace Benzinger a married mother of two children and blessed with one grandchild. I've been born and raised in Mt. Pleasant. I am a loyal, dedicated and longtime employee of The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with 28 ½ years of service; 8 years in Gaming and 20+ years for Tribal Operations. If elected I would like to see our Tribe be more prosperous by looking into different options to generate more revenue towards our future funds. I also would like to help make our Reservation a drug-free zone for our residents. I appreciate your support and would be honored to serve our Membership if selected. Miigwetch!!



Christy, Dennis  
R. Sr.

Aanii, My name is Dennis R. Christy, Sr. "Boon". I graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1974. I graduated from IAIA in 1976 with an Associates degree of Fine Arts. I have been an active sculptor for the last forty years where I have ran and managed my own successful art business called Thunder Hammer Studios in New Mexico and Rosebush Michigan. While running my business I have dealt with contracts and had numerous business relationships around the nation. I am now in a place in my life where I can devote my time and energy to the well being of our people and community by being a just and sincere Tribal Council Member. I will not make false promises. I can promise you that I will do my best to do whats right for our people. I would greatly appreciate your vote. Chi Miigwetch, Dennis R. Christy, Sr.



Cantu, Denise M.

Boozhu, my name is Denise Cantu. I reside in district one and will be running for a seat on Tribal Council this fall. I have an Associates degree in Business from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and am pursuing a Bachelors degree in Economics with a minor in legal studies at Central Michigan University. Majority of my work history is in the gaming operations in Finance operations and Management. I have eight children and 14 grandchildren. I enjoy working for the tribe and desire to see our people succeed. I feel together we can strengthen what we have and improve the futures outlook. I ask for your consideration and vote in this election, Miigwech.



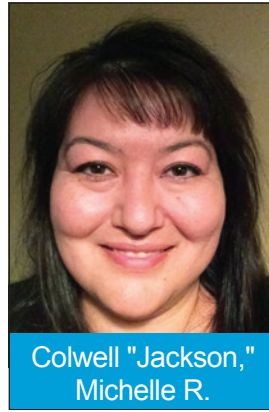
Coffin, Melinda M.

Melinda Coffin is currently employed as the Associate General Manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel. Her strengths include researching ways to become more efficient to reduce costs and increase revenue. She is knowledgeable of all our Tribal businesses and believes in the potential that we have to continue to increase business, which will sustain for future generations. Melinda is a strong advocate for Education and currently serves on the Tribal Education Advisory Board. She earned her MBA degree from CMU and uses her education and experience to make sound business decisions. Her decisions have been and will always be made with the best interests of our Tribal Nation. Through her education and work experience, Melinda has gained valuable knowledge of the hospitality and gaming industries which would be a great asset to bring to a seat on our Tribal Council. Thank you for your consideration. Miigwetch!



Cantu, Federico Jr.

My name is Federico (Fred) Cantu Jr., I am running for district 1 Tribal Council. I currently work for the Tribal Fire Department as Fire Chief and have been employed with the Tribe for over 27 years. Working for the Fire Department gives me the opportunity to serve my community knowing that what we do makes a difference. I also have experience in Gaming management as well as administrative duties. I have also served on Tribal Council in years past and assisted in the development of Migizi EDC, along with a number of different revenues opportunities. My goal is to continue to find ways to strengthen our Tribe and its position in the market place, to create opportunities for our members and a place for our members to work. I am married and have 8 children and 14 grandchildren. I ask for your consideration and vote for this upcoming election.



Colwell "Jackson,"  
Michelle R.

My name is Michelle (Jackson) Colwell. I work in Tribal Administration and have spent 17 years of my tribal career in Council and SEBD meetings listening and typing the official minutes. I've seen many Councils ignore the same major issues still lingering today. We are facing difficult times and difficult decisions are required! It's time that each one of us vote to elect strong people with integrity, a sense of obligation to the Tribe, and a transparency that will keep the membership informed. A Council that will stand behind their decisions no matter what. Those that know me know I am that type of person and I promise nothing but to do my very best if elected. I guarantee I will stand behind my decisions which will always be based on the Tribe's best interest, not my own or my family's. My sole concern is the future of our Tribe.



Carmona-Pego,  
Faith D.

Boozhoo! My name is Faith Carmona-Pego. I am a candidate for Tribal Council District 1. I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Primary and Tribal Election. I have over 3 years experience as the Chairwoman of the Indian Child Welfare Committee. I have worked with a group of Nokomis who share the same concerns as I do. We look out for the well-being of our tribal children, tribal families, tribal community. I am asking for your vote. I will uphold the Tribes Constitution. I will make informed decisions for our tribe. I would also like our tribe to hire an attorney to protect our sovereignty. Miigwetch for your support and vote in the upcoming election. Vote for Faith Carmona-Pego!



Davis, Timothy J.

Hi Tribal Member;

I'm counting on your vote for me in the Election next month. I will give you 100% to the Tribal issues I will work on your issues as you present them to me. I will get you a answer.

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Thank you,  
Tim J Davis



Bailey, Shelly M.



Bennett, Gary R.



Bonnau, Terry L.



Chamberlain,  
Kevin R.



Hunt, Lindy M.



Jackson, Delmar  
J. Sr.





# DISTRICT 1 | Isabella



Ekdahl, Ronald F.

My name is Ronald Ekdahl, everyone knows me as Ronnie. I am asking for your votes in this upcoming election because I want to work for change within the Tribe. I have worked for the past 7 years as a manager and director of the Parks and Recreation department. I have an understanding of the Tribal operations side of our government and businesses. My heart and focus has been and always will be on bettering our youth's future and how we as a tribe can assist them. In order to ensure that our membership continues to receive the benefits of per capita payments, I would like to work on expanding our portfolio into industry-based investments. Some ideas that I have are based on sustainable noninvasive or "Green" industries that are trending in the real world. I would also like to work for improvements in our already successful gaming businesses. Miigwech



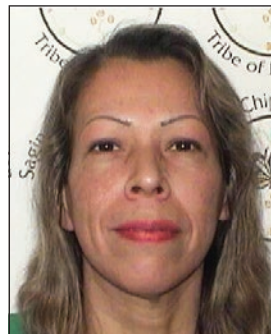
Graveratte, Craig A.

I have worked for the Tribe since 1994 with a few breaks in between. I have worked in Gaming, Recycling, Career Development Program, Leadership Program, Environmental Resource Program Specialist, At-Large Supervisor. I have at least 5 ideas that I would like to mention that if elected I will dedicate and advocate to get done, now remember that I will only be one voice. I will strongly voice these ideas and hope that others elected will see the importance of these ideas and make it a priority to pursue as well. The ideas are as follows: Re-Invest, Increase Revenues, Education, Sovereignty, and Department Stability & Service Retention. Your vote will assist me in helping restore our Tribes Financial Downfall and begin the rebuilding of our economy. I am making no personal promises, but only to do my best for the Tribe and brighten our future. Thanks for your confidence in me.



Federico, William "Bill," A.

Hello, my name is Bill Federico. I am a former council member with some experience dealing with our tribal affairs, both at the national and local level. I consider myself an independent thinker with the ability to formulate new and fresh ideas to help the tribe prosper with the changing times. I would like the membership to know that I will pursue a greater accountability of our tribal businesses and the income that it generates. My hope is that some day the Tribe will be able to increase the memberships per-capita payments. We need to get past this idea of blaming it on a bad economy as the reason we must continually lower these payments. If we continue to allow this as our excuse, we may find ourself back to picking up a frozen turkey in the old Bingo Hall again. I'm just exaggerating, but you get the point.



Hinmon "Peters," Juliane L.

My name is Julie Peters Hinmon and I am asking for you to consider voting for me this year. My experience comes from the many years that I have been a Tribal Member. I heard about many issues facing our Tribe today, each issue must be corrected and solutions needed. My priorities to consider: how do we improve each department or program by it's importance, how do we improve Tribal Council that should be reliable all week when complaints do happen and take immediate action on a tribal member's behalf, how do we re-evaluate and hire new lawyers who will work in our best interest not for those outside our community, how to solve the many complaints about the Tribal Police because tribal members are retaliated against by other people and aren't allowed to file complaints for their own protection, help improve casino and water park for more business opportunities.



Fisher, Cathleen K.

Boozho, My name is Cathy Fisher (Matthews). I am the Healing to Wellness Coordinator (assisting addicted persons to sober living). I have two wonderful sons David and Garret; who also work for our tribe and three beautiful granddaughters; Aria, Alexis and Shanee. I am the newly elected Interim Chairperson for the Indian Child Welfare Committee. I have been on this committee for 2 1/2 years. I have a commitment to our children and elderly. I have an Associate in Liberal Arts with an interest in Social Work. I have lived here for 43 years. I have 14 years of service to our tribe and these spans 19 years. I have seen the Policy and Procedures change three times in this time. I also have worked in several departments including the casino and know what can be changed to better our tribe and membership.



Jackson, Brent D.

Hello, my name is Brent. I believe I'm a respectable candidate for Council because I understand the long term impact that Council's decisions have on the SCIT Membership, tribal sovereignty, tribal affairs, and our businesses. I am a father as well as a grandfather of two beautiful girls. I have worked for the Tribe since 1989 in various capacities in Table Games from Dealer to my current position of Director. I've also been a Gaming Commissioner and have served two terms on Council. I have lived a clean and sober life for over two decades. I believe sobriety and a clean background are important attributes for any candidate. I value teamwork, dedication, and hard work and believe that Tribal Council Members should hold themselves to the same standards. These experiences have given me a well-rounded view of the operations of the Tribe and Gaming enterprises. Thank you for your time.



Fisher, Damian S.

My name is Damian Fisher. I am a tribal elder living at Andahwod. Every morning you can usually find me at Nimkee Fitness Center working out to keep healthy. I work in Mt. Pleasant as a lawyer at my law firm called GraySky & Associates PLLC. My firm specializes in community and economic development, and I also help Tribal members with any legal problems they may face. I help in the tribal community with the Native Farmers Market, Michigan Indian Family Olympics, Tribal Education Advisory Board, and the Ogitchidaw Warriors Society. I help in the Mt. Pleasant Community with Real Food Grows and at the Central Michigan University Research Corporation. I've worked in Michigan Indian Country for 20 years; I know the hard work we have ahead of us. Please vote for me because I care about our children, our elders, our veterans, our future, and you.



Jackson "Peters," Theresa L.

I have lived in Mt. Pleasant my entire life. Throughout the years our Tribe has grown and prospered enormously. I know we can continue to expand and diversify to become bigger and better. One of the most important issues is to build a better legal department. A department that will have the legal knowledge and tenacity to uphold the Tribal Constitution, civil rights of Tribal Members, and our Treaty rights. We are the Tribe and need to take a stand by reminding others that we are not only Tribal Members, we are also U.S. Citizens with civil rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution and the 1968 Indian Civil Rights Act. I know there are many other issues concerning the Tribe, but we must not forget to protect our Members. Another issue is to expand educational opportunities for our Tribal Youth, our future. Education is an important factor in maintaining Sovereignty.



Flamand, Jean V.

My name is Jean Flamand and I have been employed for the Tribe for almost 21 years. I started working at the little casino, then 2 years in the Public Relations Department and for the past 18 years I've been with the Tribe's Human Resources Department. My current position is Assistant HR Manager for the SECR Hospitality Division. I am currently serving on the Pow-Wow Committee and previously served on the American Indian Business Leaders Committee, Education Committee and the Parks & Rec Committee. Most of my life has been here on the reservation raising my five children ages 20, 19, 16, 14, and 9. Family is very important to me and that is why my voice will focus on our Elders and youth. Other areas that also need focus is our Tribal School/ College, updating and communicating with Tribal Members and exploring other business opportunities to increase revenue.



Kahgegab, Maynard N. Jr.

Anii Boozhu Nijjiis, My name is Maynard Kahgegab Jr. I am the grandson of Nelson (Emily) Kahgegab and Wilfred (Julia) Peters. I am the current Director of Finance for the SECR. As Director it is my responsibility and duty to secure Tribal assets. A job I do not take lightly. I have always supported programs for the Elders and our children. Preserving our language and way of life has become paramount as we move forward into our future. Education and Behavioral Health have my special attention because we need to help our struggling brothers and sisters—not judge them. I have served as Councilman and Chief. I have Government and business experience that will help me guide the Tribal Community. I pledge to you my commitment to serving you with dedication & compassion while protecting our sovereignty and our future for generations to come. Miigwech.



Peters, Stephanie M.



Sprague, Kenneth W.



Kequom, Dennis V. Sr.

My name is Dennis Kequom (sr) and I'm running for tribal council district 1.

I have already been on tribal council for four years and took a little break. I already know protocol and believe it won't take me long to get back up to speed. As I have found out thing's don't happen very fast when I was on council before.

I have been staying informed of current and past issues with the tribe. Such as union activity, off-reservation gaming, enrollment.

I have an open mind and listen to both side's of the story. My main goal is the successful survival of our tribe and the future of our children.

Thank you for your time





Kequom, Dennis  
Vinnie III

My name is Dennis V. Kequom III. I am the Assistant Director of the Information Technology department. I was raised on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation and have lived here my entire life. I care a great deal about our community and the success of our enterprises and its long term effects on our membership and future generations. Having been employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Information Technology department for 21 years consecutively, I have had the opportunity to work directly with many departments and Tribal projects. This experience has given me insight on the operations for both gaming and non-gaming, to which I look to continue to make positive changes. I hope you will vote for me in the upcoming elections. ~ Miigwetch!



Miller, Rodney  
A. Sr.

My name is Rodney Aaron Miller I am 40 years old and the father of two minor children. I respectfully request your support in my bid for Tribal Counsel. I offer a calm voice of reason and vision for our future as a nation. It is time for fresh ideas and forward thinking leaders. Leaders who care for our elderly and our children by increasing services to benefit our elderly, and creating after-school and extra curricular programs to benefit our children. Our future is brighter than ever, we will continue to forge an even brighter future for our children and our children's children. Envision a greener tomorrow. A greener, energy efficient tomorrow includes solar panels, wind turbines, inverters and other efficiency products. Our Tribe has the ability to be totally self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency includes producing our own consumables – such as food and energy. Vote for me for a more self-sufficient nation.



Kequom,  
Thomas J.

Boozhu, my name is Nibwaakawin or Thomas J Kequom. The pursuit of improved health, well-being, prosperity, and financial security of our Tribe and members, are my top goals and priorities. I respectfully and humbly ask for your vote in the up-coming primary election. It would be a great honor to serve our Tribe, as a Tribal Council member. I have 28 years of experience, working with the Tribe, my education and professional experiences are the following. Education: B.S. Industrial Engineering - CMU, Construction and Business Management Certifications - MSU, M.B.A. at CMU, near completion. Michigan Builder Contractor, License No. 2101123668. SCIT Council Member three terms, & Gaming Commission, Finance and Planning Committees. Professional Experience: SCIT Construction Manager, Chairman - Economic Development Authority, Union Twp., General Manager SCIT: d.b.a. Ojibway Construction Ent., and Anishnabe Communications Ent. Inc.. Professional Memberships: Mt. P. Chamber and CVB, Mid Michigan Development Corp., Home Builder Association.



Neyome, Chip A.

Chip A. Neyome  
**I CAN**

Growing up the word can't was considered a dirty word in our home; my brothers and I were not allowed to use it and were encouraged to always find a way to get things done. By working together and spending time problem solving; solutions become easier and easier to come by. Avoiding difficult situations is not a good quality for people in leadership positions; as a current council member I assure you I do not shy away from Adversity. I regard success as consistent growth which we must be able to apply openly to all aspects of life. An **I CAN** attitude is necessary for our journey; I encourage your vote to support people who CAN make a difference and who have done so historically.



Leureaux,  
Sheila A.

Hello, my name is Sheila Leureaux. I have been employed with the Tribe for 12 years and I'm currently the Travel Coordinator. To me, our youth and education are a top priority. Our children are our future; we need to educate and guide them so they can become strong leaders. This also applies to our young adults as well, especially given the recent changes that have been made with the per cap plan. In order for our tribe to be successful, we need to get out of our comfort zone and begin to accept that change is needed. A strong Council and a new direction are needed so that the tribe can begin to prosper. We've lost market share to competitors that may never be regained, we cannot continue to let SECR fall by the wayside. What happens at SECR impacts the youth and our entire tribe!



Ojeda-Vasquez,  
Mark J.

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



Leureaux,  
Tonia S.

Hello, my name is Tonia Leureaux and I'm an Assistant Tribal Administrator for the Tribe. I have a Masters Degree in Human Resources and have worked for SCIT for approximately 15 years. If elected, my priorities would be to develop a Code of Ethics for Tribal Council to adhere to. Elected officials should be held to higher standards and right now there doesn't seem to be anything in place. Another priority would be to develop a community strategic plan with membership input so that the Tribe has a clear sense of direction for the future. Lastly, we need to bring back the town hall meetings where Council would hold regular meetings with the membership. This was a great way for the Council to share relevant information, maintain contact with members, and also field questions from them as well.



Oldman "George,"  
Amanda

Boozhu! I am a candidate for Tribal Council. If elected I will uphold the constitution and represent our Tribal membership fairly and equally. I have been employed with the Tribe for 21 years and currently work for the Tribal College as the Grants and Special Projects Coordinator. I have sat on many respective committees and active within the community. There are many issues of concern within our Tribe. My top priorities are education, health and wellbeing of our membership, improving and increasing our Tribal businesses and infrastructure, and our sovereignty. It is time for the Tribal government to carefully review what works best for the Tribe, what doesn't work, and not be afraid to make necessary changes. I have the knowledge of our tribal history, our constitution, our struggles, our successes, and will use my voice to make a difference in our community. Miigwetch!



McCreery,  
Michael P.

I Michael McCreery am asking for your support for Tribal council. I have served in several capacities. Currently as Probation Officer at our Tribal Court- on the Healing to Wellness Committee. Prior to that with Youth Lead Empowerment (K-12). Where I started a men's group / Rite of Passage (with the goal of mentoring our youth). With 20 years as Tribal Officer/Conservation Officer, patrolling 1836 and 1855 Treaties protecting Tribal hunting and fishing rights within the boundaries of the Ceded territory. Volunteering at my church for fundraising. 10 years Regulatory Board, Natural Resources committee. Core Values of a servant's heart, lead with Love, Truth, Honesty, Wisdom, Respecting each other, Bravery doing what needs to be done with open communication and Humble asking how to better serve you. Being a living example of these words our ancestors believed. I am excited to serve a great community where we always come together.



Olson,  
Samantha A.

My vision for the Tribe is to regain our success. I would like to give back to our community while using the education the Tribe assisted me with. I have received my Bachelor's Degree in Business and my Master's Degree in Leadership from Central Michigan University. There are many tough decisions that need to be made for the wellbeing of the Tribe. We talk about the next seven generations, however, our current path is focusing on "now" fixes and not the future. Many areas are in need of improvement with a thorough analysis conducted and exploring expansion possibilities is necessary for our growth. If you are interested in learning more about my stance on solving the problems please feel free to reach out to me at SamanthaForCouncil@gmail.com, I am willing to sit down with anyone that wants to talk.



Merrill, Bethel L.

I am a mother and a grandmother, who has always been a strong supporter of education. I have two Associates – one in Language Arts and another in Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement. I am about a year shy from obtaining my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University ~ which was originally put on hold to focus on family. My life is my family and this community. I have approximately 20 years of service with the Tribe, with 8 years of experience in gaming and 12 years of service in tribal government positions in education, cultural programs, human resources, and law enforcement training. As a member of the tribal community, I've served on various education committees and boards. It is my hope that I can assist our Tribe in becoming a sustainable system by focusing on the emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual needs of our Tribe. Chi-miigwetch.



Otto Bartow,  
Michelle L.

I would like to take this time to let the Community that I'm ready to take on the task of getting our "Future" financial priorities set again. Our tribe has so many Business opportunities' being here in the Middle of the State. I have worked in a few of our Departments within the Tribe and would like to help upgrade some of our systems (that need it). I'm willing to listen to the community that see how we can prosper once again. I hope that I'll get a chance to let people know my views on some topics. I look forward for your support in the coming Election Days! Michelle Otto Bartow





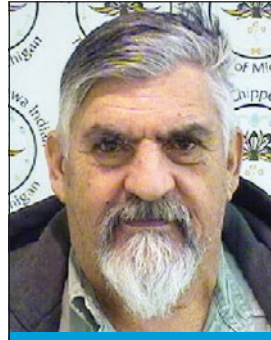
# DISTRICT 1 | Isabella



Pego, Robert  
G. Sr.

Boozhoo, My name is Robert Pego Sr. and I would like to briefly introduce myself. I am the son of Bud and Grace Pego, two tribal members who loved their Tribe and supported the laws and constitution. These convictions are grounded in our Christian belief to "obey the laws of the land". I have 35 years experience pastoring where I cared for my Tribal members spiritual needs. I am also concerned about our financial losses that we have suffered and think it is time to start thinking outside the box and expand our enterprises into our original territories. These areas include as far north as Oscoda to Grand Rapids, to Detroit and Lansing, if we do not act others will. I vow if elected to make the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe the financial powerhouse that it once was!

Sincerely, Robert "Reverend Bo" Pego Sr.



Ritter, Wayne  
D. Sr.

If elected, I will work on better and more open communication with the community. Ideas will be encouraged to help our business thrive and grow. My focus will be on honesty, transparency, and working hard to achieve our goals together.

Wayne Ritter



Pego, Steven J.

Boozhoo!

Chi anishinabe ndiznakas. It's been an honor to be your Tribal Chief these last two years and to serve my people. We love the four gifts that the Creator gave us (Anisnabemowin, our Spirit Name, our love of heart and free will). When we walk in a good way, we know all these doors will open for our people. The wellness of our Tribe can begin as we follow these teachings that will lead us into the future.



Ruhl, Gayle E.

PLEASE VOTE! This is the most important thing members can do. Vote for candidates who are not afraid of doing the hard work, those who are capable of carrying the Tribe forward, increasing revenue in both gaming and business ventures. Vote for candidates who will investigate and ask hard questions before making decisions that impact us all. What type of person do you want in council? Do they lead with integrity, can they be trusted, do they have blood lineage; will they fight for the tribe or amongst and against members, are they open minded; these questions and more need to be asked. Who will really be able to take on this responsibility? We need a council to fight for: tribal members, elders, children, education, business, language, culture, rights, and environment. I only ask that each member make a well-educated choice. For more contact me on Facebook Gayle Elizabeth Ruhl.



Pelcher, Clinton  
R. Jr.

Boozhu, my name is Clinton Pelcher. I currently work for the Seventh Generation Program. I have worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for many years. I have been director of Substance Abuse for the Hannahville Indian Tribe. I have served on the State wide Elders Health Board. I have also been on the Tribal Health Board for a number of years. I also carry an associate degree. I have been sober and smoke free for over 20 years. I would like to serve the people.



Sawmick,  
Jeremy M.

Hello, my name is Jeremy Sawmick and I'm running for Tribal Council, I've lived here most of my life. I was a youth for our Tribe; I was hired in 1987 as a Security Officer, retired as Security Director in 2012, and now work for Public Works. I've seen the growth of all our businesses which benefited our future. My knowledge of gaming and managerial experience, I feel I could benefit the council. I feel that our businesses should be one of our top priorities. We were once a top travel destination, other tribes looked up to us, so we need to keep our casino at the top. I also believe that our elders and children are important issues. Keep in mind enrollment issues will always be here. If we don't act on our issues our businesses, our future may be in jeopardy.



Pelcher, Milton  
"Beaver" C.

Aanii, my name is Milton Pelcher, I have worked for the tribe for many years, I have also served the membership as council member for many years. I started 7th Generation on a Grant, brought culture and tradition and agriculture to our membership for years. I have been working on agriculture for a number of years, and have held a conference on climate change. Thru the Seventh Generation Program we have held conferences on opiate and heroin, to educate the community. I hope to keep working on these areas for the membership. I want good things for our membership. I am for our people and the good our people.



Shawboose,  
Amy K.

Boozhu. My name is Amy (Silas) Shawboose. I am well educated (with degrees from CMU and our Tribal College) and I care about our community. I have lived here with my husband whom is also a TM and our children for a little over 20 years. I am running for my father (Rogers Silas, deceased), my family, your family and our ancestors. They all believed in our people and always protecting the future for our children, and grandchildren etc. They were smart without degrees and built our Tribe by fighting for our rights. I will always do the right thing for our community, our Tribe and our ancestors no matter how difficult the situation. A friend recently stated, "I know you would do the right thing no matter what issues you faced and that is the most important value needed as a friend and a leader." Miigwetch, Amy Shawboose



Peters, Patricia A.

My name is Patricia Anne, my experience if I were to be elected to Tribal Council is my knowledge of our Constitution, Resolutions and Ordinances throughout the years. I give more credit to that knowledge as a Tribal Member than my Bachelor's Degree from C.M.U. 2006. My first priority will be our Children, their Children's future per capita income because deficits in per capita income were announced at the July 23, 2015 community meeting. We need immediate solutions to stop the deficits. My other priorities will be restore our Tribe to a better place, let the Membership decide what irresponsible resolutions and ordinances should be stopped and if they want voting by secret ballot to stop, put Membership concerns first because of foreclosures, some need housing and have other emergency needs, stop outrageous lawsuits because people sue the Tribe for millions of dollars, complaints go unheard and need solutions now.



Sprague, Sandra

Serving on Tribal Council in an executive capacity this current administration has been a distinct honor. If elected for another term, I will continue to concentrate on securing our financial future. Although, the casino resort is an area that requires attention to stay competitive and thriving, economic development is also another area of focus. I will continue to support efforts and educate myself to protect our reservations from the infiltration of illegal drugs. Additionally, I will continue to encourage all Tribal members in reaching their educational endeavors and employment goals. I respect opposing opinions, yet know that by standing together on tough issues we become stronger. As an elected official, I've learned the importance to know all aspects of our people, because we are unique and that's what makes us a Tribe.



Quigno-Grundahl,  
Diana L.

Hello, my name is Diana Quigno-Grundahl. I am running for a seat for District One representation. I have 20+ years of service working for the Tribe and have served on four previous Council Administrations. I am running in hopes of helping our community set and obtain goals that will help our foundation stay strong. We have seen our core source of revenue come under attack from increased competition and market saturation. This is a big deal and has a real impact on real lives. I want to help move our Tribe forward and I'm ready for that task. I am confident that I can bring valuable experience and a fresh perspective to the table. I am intimately familiar with both our Tribal and Gaming Operations. This will allow me to be an effective voice for the Tribe and an effective voice for you. Together, we can do great things.



Tally, Carole A.

Aanii my name is Carole Tally and an Tribal Elder of the District 1 Community. I have worked with the Tribe for twenty years. My experience working for the Tribe was with the Ojibway Substance Abuse Program and also working at the Saginaw Outreach Center as a Substance Abuse Counselor and an Elder Advocate. I have worked at the ACFS Program as a Social Service Tech. I am presently retired, but am still involved with the Community by being on the Elder Advisory Board and the ICWA Board. I had graduated from TL Handy High School in 1966. I have also been certified with CEU Certification with Substance Abuse.





Vasquez, Mark J. Jr.

Aani, My name is Mark Vasquez Jr, currently working toward a degree in Entrepreneurship in Business at CMU and believe education is important. We have a substantial amount of strong, talented people within our tribe with exceptional qualities and given the chance, these talented people can help cultivate and enrich our Tribe. There has been too much division, but as a whole our future provisions can be strengthened and protected. As a whole we can instill the needed encouragement our people, young and old, need to see a better day. My service to our Tribe would be to ensure that we grow in education, community well-being, and to see our financial stability secure. We're an abundant Nation, given that our members have the best opportunities and the right encouragement to rise above our potential. I assure my service as council member will help contribute to make us a great Nation.



Willis, Kelly R.

Aanii, my name is Kelly Willis (Sprague). I humbly ask for your support as I run for District 1 Tribal Council. It has been my great pleasure to live and work in this community the past 25 years. I've had the opportunity to serve in the U.S. Army in my earlier years and gleaned much knowledge and experience from those years of service. Following my honorable discharge, I began my College career, and entered the work place. My personal career choices were here at our very own SCIT & SECR properties. I have graduated from College and hold 2 degrees, and presently working towards my Doctorate in Naturopathy. I teach on a volunteer basis within our community. It has been a GREAT blessing to be amongst our elders and our young people all these years and look forward to being your strong advocate in the future, Miigwetch for your consideration.



Wassegijig "Vasquez", Jennifer L.

My name is Jennifer Wassegijig and I currently have the honor to serve the Membership as Tribal Chaplin. My vision includes growth and prosperity for our Tribe. My work history includes Substance Abuse, SECR, and the Tribal Court. Currently, I serve on the ICWC, Healing to Wellness Committee, and Youth Council as a Youth Advisor. The 3 committees I serve on I do my best to safeguard the wellbeing of our children and commit to helping our members' live healthier lifestyles free of drugs and alcohol. As a Youth Advisor for the Youth Council, I encourage our youth to strengthen the community through volunteer work and becoming role models for future generations. When making tough decisions I always consider our children, elders, and membership's wellbeing, safety and benefit of my choices. If I am re-elected for the next term, I will continue to serve you with integrity, honesty, and fairness



Wemigwans, Courtney N.

Hello, I would like to introduce myself as Courtney (Kahgegab) Wemigwans, I am running for a District 1 Council seat. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I did serve a brief time on Council in 2012 and during that time I really had my eyes opened to what a vast business the Tribe has become. I see myself as a visionary. I don't like to think about the here and now, I think down the road, in our Future. What are we going to do right now to ensure prosperity and wellbeing in the Tribe's and its Members Future? Education is always on the top of my list, and I would and will support any endeavors that will entail a new School being built along with a new Tribal College. I also am open-minded, fair, and honest. Thank You for your Support.

## 2015 Caucus Committee Members



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The 2015 Caucus Committee will serve the Tribal Membership at the Oct. 13 Primary Election and the Nov. 3 General Election. (Pictured left to right: Thelma Henry-Shipman, Alexis Doris-Mae Pelcher, Alice Jo Ricketts, Angela Trofatter, Lanette Zaleski and Joseph Sowmick. Not pictured: Consuelo Gonzalez.)

## DISTRICT 2 | Saganing



Nelson, Ronald L.

I am honored to have served as the Saganing District 2 Representative, continually focusing to keep the growth & success of our Tribe at the forefront of my thoughts and actions for every decision made. We all strive to focus on the foundation our ancestors firmly set, to ensure the continuation of our Tribe and its success, working together as one people, for our two reservations to move as one Tribe with successful progression. Our Tribe will bring dedication and support so it can move forward to a brilliant future and an open mind for a better Tribe. Supporting past accomplishments on our Saganing reservation (the opening and success of the SELC) have brought us dominance in Gaming and Hospitality helping to firmly secure our future. Constantly looking at all possibilities for sustaining all that our Tribe currently encompasses that will best protect our investments and our people.

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#### Primary Election on Tuesday, October 13, 2015

##### DISTRICT 1 VOTE FOR UP TO 20

Bailey, Shelly M.	Leaureaux, Sheila A.
Bennett, Gary R.	Leaureaux, Tonia S.
Benzinger "Chippewa", Candace B.	McCreery, Michael P.
Bonnau, Terry L.	Merrill, Bethel L.
Cantu, Denise M.	Miller, Rodney A. Sr.
Cantu, Federico Jr.	Neyome, Chip A.
Carmona-Pego, Faith D.	Ojeda-Vasquez, Mark J.
Chamberlain, Kelly J.	Oldman "George", Amanda
Chamberlain, Kevin R.	Olson, Samantha A.
Christy, Dennis R. Sr.	Otto Bartow, Michelle L.
Coffin, Melinda M.	Pego, Robert G. Sr.
Colwell "Jackson", Michelle R.	Pego, Steven J.
Davis, Timothy J.	Pelcher, Clinton R. Jr.
Ekdahl, Ronald F.	Pelcher, Milton "Beaver" C.
Federico, William "Bill" A.	Peters, Patricia A.
Fisher, Cathleen K.	Peters, Stephanie M.
Fisher, Damian S.	Quigno-Grundahl, Diana L.
Flamand, Jean V.	Ritter, Wayne D. Sr.
Graveratte, Craig A.	Ruhl, Gayle E.
Hinmon "Peters", Juliane L.	Sawmick, Jeremy M.
Hunt, Lindy M.	Shawboose, Amy K.
Jackson, Brent D.	Sprague, Kenneth W.
Jackson, Delmar J. Sr.	Sprague, Sandra
Jackson "Peters", Theresa L.	Tally, Carole A.
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Kequom, Dennis "Vinnie" III	Wemigwans, Courtney N.
Kequom, Thomas J.	Willis, Kelly R.

##### DISTRICT 2 NO PRIMARY ELECTION

Nelson, Ronald Lawrence

##### DISTRICT 3 VOTE FOR UP TO 2

Cates, James "Jim" W.	Stanley, Michele G.
Cloutier, Frank J.	Walker, Paul J. Sr.
Sineway, Christopher D.	Willard "Federico", Linda M.



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Cates, James  
"Jim" W.

My name is Jim Cates and I am running for Tribal Council representing the At Large District 3. I have always had a desire to protect and serve those in need. I am a veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy and continue to honor and support as a member of the Ogichedaw and Marine Corps League. I have served the community as an LPN, paramedic and certified police officer. In 2014-2015, I was the Captain of the Tribal Police Department. My interests include coaching my son James's baseball and football teams, member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and elected Elder of Lamb of God Church. My late mother, Kathy Cates and great-grandmother, Nancy Owl, taught me to be respectful and honor our native traditions. I would like the opportunity to protect and serve as the At-Large District 3 representative of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.



Stanley, Michele G.

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Cloutier, Frank J.

As an At-Large community member who has worked for the Tribe for over 17 years I feel I can navigate Tribal departments with ease. I am currently 49 years old and live in Pinconning Mi. My work in Public Relations gives me the ability to bring to the table a fresh perspective and a professional representation serving on Council. Leadership should be by example and not by assumption. I believe if elected I will be able to bridge gaps and establish much needed unity between all three districts. I am asking that you give me the chance to represent you as well as I have represented our Tribal community as the Director of Public Relations.



Walker, Paul J. Sr.

Paul J. Walker Sr, District 3 Candidate

As a Tribal Elder I have almost 20 years of experience working for the Tribe, 13 years in Gaming and 6.5 years in Tribal Ops, with this comes a lot of knowledge on the workings of both operations. I've been involved in a lot of committees and held many roles with the Tribe during my tenure, such as the Emergency Planning Committee, MIIBS, and have held jobs from Maintenance Worker up to TOPs Director of Facilities and am currently working at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino as a Maintenance Supervisor. I have and will always keep the best interest of the tribe as a top priority, and am willing to work on the issues that our people are currently facing. Thank you and make sure you get out there and vote!



Sineway,  
Christopher D.

I am a graduate from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College where I received an AA in Business; I also received a BSBA in Hospitality Services Administration with a concentration in Gaming & Entertainment Management from Central Michigan University. I have worked for the Tribe for the past 18 years and during this time I have worked as a Softcount worker, water operator, Leadership Internship, Casino Administrator, Casino Analyst Manager and Business Regulations Director. I feel confident that my experience, coupled with my education, will help me fulfill the duties and responsibilities of serving on the Tribal Council and working with the government and business enterprises of the Tribe. In this time of economic uncertainty the tribe is faced with numerous complex issues and it is imperative these matters be addressed to insure the future of the Tribe.



Willard, "Federico"  
Linda M.

My name is Linda Willard (Federico) and I have lived in Saginaw Michigan my whole life. For reference, some of you may know my grandmother, Elizabeth Smith, affectionately known as granny to most that knew her on the reserve. She was the little lady that would call bingo and not have one after everyone had cleared their cards. I am also a member of the elders trip committee and have enjoyed meeting the numerous tribal members throughout this state as well as others. If elected to Council I plan to keep the at-large membership informed of tribal programs, important business decisions and legal affairs that are not designated as confidential in nature. I realize that our district only has one representative on Council, but I will make sure that our concerns are brought to the table for discussion and action. I humbly ask for your vote, respectfully Linda Willard.

**Tribal Library's Summer Reading Program focused on Seven Grandfather Teachings**

**LEE-ANNE DISEL**  
Contributing Writer

This year, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library's Summer Reading Program was focused on the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Each week, participants were given a different teaching to research. They would then find books that corresponded with that teaching, and hand in a small report on why that book represented that teaching.

For each book read, participants received a ticket to be entered into a drawing for a prize of their choosing.

It was a seven-week program (one week for each teaching,) starting June 15 and ending July 31.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library would like to thank everyone that participated in the summer reading program and all the departments that donated prizes; without them, this wouldn't have been possible.

**2015 Program Winners**

- Helena Condon  
*(Grand Prize Winner)*
- George Hill
- Zoey Disel
- Alayna Disel
- Sadie Disel
- Debra Tworek
- Logan Condon
- Kelly Willis
- Marta Escamilla
- Izabella Benzinger



Courtesy of Lee-Anne Disel

**Alayna, Zoey and Sadie Disel were awarded for reading so many books this summer.**



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**Debra Tworek, a 2015 Tribal Library Summer Reading Program winner, took home two bags as a prize.**

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## SCTC Extension presents special mahnoomin project

### MARY PELCHER

SCTC Extension Coordinator

The fall season is upon us. As we move into the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year, it seems as if it is a time of new beginnings, new classes, children back in school.

These new beginnings include a special wild rice project funded by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program.

SCTC Extension is funded by a grant from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) because SCTC is a land-grant college.

The Mahnoomin (wild rice) Project began in August when



Courtesy of SCTC

The mahnoomin class visit the Nottawaseppi Tribe to learn about their special variety of mahnoomin.



Courtesy of SCTC

Sprague gives a lesson among the mahnoomin.



Courtesy of SCTC

The mahnoomin class enjoy a meal together at Tubbs Lake camp.

Instructor Lee Sprague began scouting the mahnoomin beds.

Mahnoomin is the "food that grows on the water."

Mahnoomin has been a staple food of the Anishnaabeg

for centuries. Long before the contact with non-natives, the Anishnaabeg were harvesting mahnoomin. There are many stories and lessons that are transmitted through the mahnoomin.

The SCTC Extension program is honored to be able to bring the knowledge of the food that grows on the water back to the Tribal community through a community education class.

Sprague has been involved with mahnoomin for many years. He has graciously offered to share his extensive knowledge with interested individuals through the class at the Tribal College.

The class meets Tuesday for lecture and discussion, with a hands-on lab.

The class also meets on Thursday for a field experience.

The mahnoomin class has visited a nearby lake several times to observe, and the harvest is in now in full swing.

All class participants receive the book "Wild Rice and the Ojibway People" by Thomas Vennum Jr.

The class will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. until the first week of December.

Anyone interested in dropping in to visit the class at any time is welcome. This is a free event open to all people.

A Mahnoomin Camp will be held at Seventh Generation on Oct. 8-10. All are welcome to attend and learn more about how to process mahnoomin.

For more information on how to be involved with the mahnoomin project, please contact Mary Pelcher at [mpelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:mpelcher@sagchip.org).



Courtesy of SCTC

Lee Sprague instructs Bonnie Ekdahl and Daisy Kostus how to make rice knockers.



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Harvesting mahnoomin on Tubbs Lake with Kathy Hart and Clinton Pelcher.



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## RCH Soaring Eagle Racer Broc Tickle takes the 2015 Edge of Summer Pro MX title

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The RCH Soaring Eagle racing team was in winning form as Broc Tickle took the 2015 Edge of Summer Pro Motocross title at the Aug. 28-30 event.

Michigan's own Broc Tickle dominated the Pro class final aboard his Suzuki RM-Z450 at the second annual Edge of Summer MX at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Tickle cruised to a 13-second victory over heralded veteran Mike Alessi.

"Just to be here and hang out with my team and friends, do what we like to do and make some money: You can't ask for much more than that," Tickle said. "And I'd like to thank Soaring Eagle for putting on such an epic event to wrap up the summer's racing season."

In other action, MX superstar Ricky Carmichael dominated the field in the 30 and over veteran division, taking the first place checkered.

SCIT Tribal Member Lucas Sprague competed in RedBud MX 25 and over category and rode his #537 Honda for one second place and one third-place finish in a field of 13 other riders.

"There was a lot of action out there and I wish I could have taken both of



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**High-flying action could be seen at the finish line and throughout the 2015 Edge of Summer MX course.**

those races," Sprague said. "I appreciate the Tribal Members and my family who were right there cheering me on. I would like to thank the Tribal Council and Soaring Eagle for bringing this event to our community. I hope that other Tribal youth can see what I do out there and maybe they will one day compete in motocross."

This year, the Edge of Summer MX brought some four wheel excitement to the mix.

Yamaha Racing #345 Cole Sepesi from Milan, Mich. has been riding ATVs for 13 years since he was 16, and loves racing at Soaring Eagle in front of his family and hometown friends.

level of competitors who came to win. I train and ride on a dirt bike and first rode on an ATV when I was 4 years old, so having both



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**ATV rider Joel Hetrick does a double-kick move with his four wheels grabbing air.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Member and motocross rider Lucas Sprague takes a leap with his Honda.**

"This is so awesome to be racing here at Soaring Eagle and to have this opportunity to meet the fans and to put on a good show for them," Sepesi said. "I would definitely put this track right up there compared to others I've raced on. It got kind of rough out there but it shows the

of these sports together is a good mix for the fans." JB Racing #728 Can Am pro Jeffrey Rastrelli has been racing since he was 10 years old and has been racing professionally for 12 years.

Rastrelli posted his first win at Soaring Eagle since joining the pro ATV circuit four years ago.

"This track is a little different with some tight sections that you find primarily on motocross track, but that meant you had to adjust your strategy like any



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Can Am rider Jeffrey Rastrelli (center) celebrates his first ATV win of his career with second place finisher John Natalie (right) and Joel Hetrick taking third.**

professional does in any outdoor style competition," Rastrelli said. "It did have some nasty whoops out there but that's what made it a raceable track and a lot of fun."

## Grandfather of Funk George Clinton makes first Soaring Eagle appearance with friends

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The world-renowned Grandfather of Funk made his first-ever appearance at Soaring Eagle on Sept. 10.

The eclectic George Clinton had his band the P-Funk Mothership dock into a Motown-fused festival that included a double opening act featuring the '80s electro-funk supergroup Midnight Star, and the legendary funk/R&B Memphis group The Bar-Kays.

Midnight Star took the stage first and launched into their electro-funk, disco and soul hits "Operator", "Midas Touch" and "Freak-a-Zoid".

Midnight Star also performed their seminal hit "No Parking on the Dance Floor". The band is comprised of dancers, musicians and vocalists Melvin Gentry, Kenneth Gant, Bobby Lovelace, Bo



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The Bar-Kays founder James Alexander was ready to boogie in his red sequined suit.**

Watson, Bill Simmons and Belinda Lipscomb.

Kimberly Mears from Flint, Mich. was blown away by Midnight Star's in sync dance moves and the stellar vocals.

"I've never seen Midnight Star in concert but I listened to

the music growing up, so it was good to hear the songs again and support the members of the band from my hometown," Mears said. "You don't hear music like that where 20 and 30 years later people are still jumping to their feet singing ever word."

The Bar-Kays came in strong with their Motown staple "Soulfinger" (featured in the 1985 movie "Spies like Us" and the 2007 film "Superbad").

The band features founder and bass player James Alexander, and lead singer Larry Dodson.

"The Bar-Kays are a little before my time, but I have heard their music," Mears said. "It's rare to have a group still performing together 50 years later. I enjoyed looking at the music video on the screen and the hairstyles they had back then. They also did an awesome job!"

The encore included The Bar-Kay's classic "Shake Your Rump to the Funk" and "Freakshow on the Dance Floor."

As good as both opening acts were, the night belonged to the 73-year-old outrageous funkmeister.

George Clinton and the P-Funk Mothership took the audience back in time revisiting big hits like "Flashlight", "One Nation Under A Groove", and "(Not Just) Knee Deep, Funkadelic".

Clinton ranks second on the list of most-sampled artists in music

history, with more than 400 times to date, including the music he made with and for Parliament, Funkadelic and Bootsy Collins' Bootsy's Rubber Band.

Although Clinton is a pioneer of funk, and began his career in the '60s, he keeps up with modern music by touring and finishing up a new album with guest appearances from Snoop Dogg and Kendrick Lamar.

Al Credit and his wife made the drive up from Waterford, Mich. and enjoyed the show.

"All three of the groups performed outstanding," Credit said.

"They really lived up to their previous abilities. I feel that these groups should continue to tour the United States so that others can enjoy them."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The Grandfather of Funk George Clinton performs the Parliament/Funkadelic hit "Flashlight."**

During his "Atomic Dog" encore, Clinton told the audience there is nothing he'd rather do than make music and play it for the world.

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## Rock and Roll Hall of Famers ZZ Top bring timeless tracks to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a trio of sharp dressed men on Friday, Aug. 28.

The Texas trio ZZ Top joined southern rockers Blackberry Smoke on the Entertainment Hall stage.

The members of the Atlanta-based rock band Blackberry Smoke opened the night. The group thrilled the audience with a spirited display of southern rock tracks including hit singles "Good One Comin' On", "Pretty Little Lie", "Ain't Much Left of Me" and "Living in the Song".

Since forming in 1970 in Houston, Texas, ZZ Top has released 15 studio albums, which have sold more than 25 million copies in the U.S.

Their chart-topping music has included six number one singles

on the Billboard Mainstream Rock Chart.

In 2004, the group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

According to their website, lead singer/guitarist Billy Gibbons and bassist Dusty Hill have been growing their signature beards since the '70s. Ironically,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Charlie Starr, lead vocalist for Blackberry Smoke, rocks out on the SECR Entertainment Hall stage.**

drummer Frank Beard is the only member not sporting facial hair.

Dressed in Stetson hats, ornate black jackets and sunglasses, the members of ZZ Top started the night off with "Got Me Under Pressure".

The band transitioned straight from the swagger filled "Waitin' for the Bus" into the laid back grooves of "Jesus Just Left Chicago". Both songs combined to make the opening tracks off their 1973 album "Tres Hombres".

The fast-paced "Gimme All Your Lovin'" was followed by "I'm Bad, I'm Nationwide" and "Pincushion".

Taking a break between songs, Gibbons used the chance to interact with the audience.

"Hey Michigan," he said, causing a roar. "We've been coming around you people here for four decades; same three guys... same three chords."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**ZZ Top members Dusty Hill (left) and Billy Gibbons show off their choreographed moves during "Got Me Under Pressure".**

Next, the band played "I Gotsta Get Paid", "Flyin' High", "Catfish Blues", "Cheap Sunglasses" and "My Head's in Mississippi".

Changing it up, the band performed an energetic cover of the classic Jimmy Hendrix song "Foxy Lady".

A twosome of hits off the 1983

album "Eliminator" closed the main set with "Sharp Dressed Man" before brandishing fuzzy white Gibson guitars for "Legs".

To close out the night, audience members were treated to an exhilarating two-piece encore of the popular singles "La Grange" and "Tush".

## Middle of the Mitt Music Festival delivers head banging with heart

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Sept. 19 heavy metal onslaught at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort delivered head banging with heart as five bands rocked an appreciative crowd from 5 p.m. past midnight during the Middle of the Mitt Music Festival.

The sixth annual music festival, founded and designed by Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and SECR Table Games Director Brent D. Jackson, AKA Dino (Mad Turtle Productions), drew hundreds of people into the venue to "rock the Eagle".

SECR security employee Jesse Brennan also works with Jackson as co-director of the festival for the last two years.

"This year's festival featured three regional bands with Michigan roots (Raggedy Ann, Dies To Rise and Sahara Steel) and a double headliner with Quiet

Riot and Gamma+ featuring legendary Scottish vocalist Davey Pattison," Jackson said. "We were honored to have Davey and Gamma+ join an exciting lineup and every one of these bands knew this was a fundraiser where all the ticket revenue benefits The Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund (FWSF)."

Backstage, Pattison said music has been his career for more than 50 years.

A consummate vocalist and living legend among music critics and fans alike, Pattison reflects on his roots.

"Regardless of what I am singing, I keep the blues in my mind," he said. "Over the years, I've sang on blues, country and jazz records and, for me, it all starts with the blues. It's kind of like when Ray Charles is singing country music. A lot of people listen to it and hear Ray singing the blues. I approach my music in the same way."

Pattison commended the effort of the music festival.

"I'm more than happy to give back to the veterans, because from what I see, the government doesn't," he said. "They send these kids out there and they come back mangled and nobody is paying attention to them and we say nothing about the mental trauma. There are veterans who lose a limb but we don't talk about the mental thing that happens to them... Today we have musicians and rock fans doing their part to give back and I'm just honored to be there to help."

Pattison took the stage with his Gamma+ mates (bassist Van Spragins, drummer Dan Buch, keyboardist Brad Barth and guitar slinger Tommy Merry) and launched into an extensive catalogue featuring hits like "Passion," "Tear It Up" and "Bridge of Sighs" from his days as lead singer for Robin Trower and Ronnie Montrose.

Heat started burning up the stage and front barriers as fans cheered the band through their Gamma hits "No Tears," "Razor King" and "Thunder & Lightning."

Quiet Riot closed as vocalist Jizzy Pearl, drummer Frankie Banali, bassist Chuck Wright and guitarist Alex Grossi encouraged the crowd.

The frenzied audience followed Pearl with their smart

phones as he led the Los Angeles rockers through "Sign of the Times," "Party All Night" and "Bang Your Head".

Progressive metal rockers Raggedy Ann opened with front man Brian Carson leading Steve Bolla (bass), Mike Lunden (drums) and dual guitarists Aaron Reames and Eric Strayer.

Dies to Rise, a melodic power metal band from Saginaw, Mich., was up second with John Cudworth (vocals), Darren Mallace (drums), Ryan Scott (bass), with James Walkowski and Matthew Milkosovic on guitars.

Dies to Rise was followed by the heart of fire heartbreakers, Sahara Steel.

Sahara Steel, forged with a hard rock and glam metal edge, features lead singer Jack Klunder, guitarist Patrick Sheppard, bassist Steve Heimburg, keyboardist Tim Carnes and drummer Brian Eckhart.

Central Michigan University student Alaina Jaster from Sterling Heights, Mich., was a first timer and left with ringing in her ears and a smile on her face.

"I haven't been to the Middle of the Mitt show before nor have I seen any of these bands, but I am very into rock 'n' roll and

have gone to shows like Mötley Crüe with my dad," Jaster said. "I really enjoyed everything and thought it was well put together. I can't wait to see who they have coming next year."

Alma rock fan Vickie Dancer attended her first Middle of the Mitt show and had her first-ever backstage meet and greet experience at Soaring Eagle.

"I had the best time and I love this place," Dancer said. "I grew up listening to Quiet Riot but never had seen them or the others perform in person... I was very impressed with the stage crew and how quickly they set up between each performance. Everyone within the event that I encountered was very professional and went above and beyond their jobs! Hats off to the Soaring Eagle Casino for hosting such a charitable event."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Quiet Riot vocalist Jizzy Pearl excites the head bangers as drummer Frankie Banali pounds the toms.**



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**Gamma+ front man and lead singer Davey Pattison makes a point during the sixth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival.**

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**Five Finger Death Punch and Papa Roach highlight Labor Day weekend at SECR**

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Excited fans packed the outdoor concert venue at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to see three hard rocking acts on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Headliners Five Finger Death Punch along with Papa Roach and From Ashes to New combined to close out the Outdoor Summer Concert Series.

Alternative metal band From Ashes to New kicked off the night's festivities.

Hailing from Pennsylvania, the six man alternative metal group played an eight-piece set list including their hit singles "My Fight" "Lost and Alone" "I Will Show You" and "Stay this Way".

California-based American rock band Papa Roach has sold more than 20 million albums throughout the course of their two decade-long careers. The group has recorded eight studio albums including their breakout platinum certified album "Infest" (2000) and the recently released "F.E.A.R" (2015).

The pumped up Papa Roach members took to the stage to play "Face Everything and Rise", "Between Angels and Insects" and "Getting Away With Murder".

Papa Roach continued playing hits "Warriors", "Forever", "Kick in the Teeth", "Falling Apart" and "Blood Brothers".

After softening it up with the rock anthem "Scars", the band transitioned into the hard rock singles "Broken as Me" and "Burn".

A raucous rendition of their breakout single "Last Resort" brought the audience out of their seats.

To close the set, the band performed "...To Be Loved",



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Members of From Ashes to New take to the SECR outdoor stage on Sunday, Sept. 6.**

the first single off their 2006 album "The Paramour Sessions".

Las Vegas-based metal heads Five Finger Death Punch have released six studio albums since their inception in 2005.

According to their website, the debut album "The Way of the Fist" (2007) launched the band into the forefront of the heavy metal scene. Their subsequent albums produced three No.1 albums and three No. 1 songs rankings on the Billboard U.S. Rock chart.

Five Finger Death Punch busted on to the stage, setting the tone for the remainder of the night.

Drummer Jeremy Spencer donned a full skeleton body costume. Dual guitarists Zoltan Bathory and Jason Hook shredded effortlessly, while lead singer

Ivan Moody pumped the crowd up with their loud and unapologetically aggressive metal display.

The band jumped straight into the music with "Lift Me Up", "Hard to See", "Never Enough", "Got Your Six", "Coming Down" and "Here to Die".

Fans were treated to a heavy metal infused cover of '70s rock band, Bad Company's, self-titled hit single.

Next, Five Finger Death Punch played hit "Jekyll and Hyde" off their recently released album "Got Your Six".

The acoustic guitars were brought out as the band slowed down for "Wrong Side of Heaven" and "Battle Born".



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Lead singer Ivan Moody entertained audience members with all Five Finger Death Punch hits.**

The band kept the rock coming, as they blazed through a three-piece encore of hits songs "Under and Over It", "Burn It Down" and "The Bleeding".

For more information on upcoming shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, visit its website at [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com), "Like" its Facebook page or add the Twitter handle Soaringeagle777.



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**Papa Roach lead singer Jacoby Shaddix points to the crowd during the hit single "Face Everything and Rise".**

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## The Employee Wellness Interest Survey results are in

### TONI SMITH

Wellness Coordinator

An employee "Wellness Interest Survey" was recently conducted. The survey was accessible to employees online through the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's website and the employee intranet.

The survey was endorsed by Tribal Chief Steven Pego.

A total of 1088 employees from Tribal Operations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino, and Migizi completed the survey.

The survey was quick and took only about five to eight minutes to fill out.

As an incentive to complete the survey, I was able to give out Native Farmers Market lunch bags. I also gave survey participants \$4 in Native Farmers Market bucks, which could be spent on fruits and vegetables at the pavilion on Tuesdays.

The market bucks and lunch bags were made possible through

the REACH Journey to Wellness grant received by SCIT.

I contacted various SCIT departments and received 68 donated prizes for a raffle for participants of the survey.

The raffle took place on Aug. 4, 2015.

Tribal Council graciously donated a summer package, which included an overnight stay at SECR, two concert tickets, and a dining gift certificate. Gaming Commission Vice Chairperson Shellie Pelcher won the prize.

It was very exciting to receive so many gifts and to see the support from SCIT departments.

The departments that donated gifts included Public Relations, Housing, Nimkee Public Health, Andahwod, SECR Bingo, SECR Marketing, Soaring Eagle Spa, SECR Hotel and Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

I also had some prizes donated by Naturopathic Institute, Central Michigan University, and Morey Courts.

I want to especially thank all of the employees that completed the Wellness Interest Survey.

I am very thankful to all the SCIT departments for helping to make the Wellness Survey such a huge success.

The REACH Journey to Wellness grant made it possible for me to work with a wellness consultant to develop a Wellness Program Proposal for SCIT.

The survey data was used to develop the Wellness Program Proposal. The survey results will be used to direct future wellness programming. According to the survey results, 74 percent of employees said they would participate in a Wellness Program.

Seventy-two percent of employees said that they would prefer an incentive to help motivate them.

Twenty-four percent of employees said they have been thinking about making changes for a healthy lifestyle, and 46 percent of employees have made some healthy lifestyle changes, but still have trouble maintaining wellbeing.

All of the survey's data received indicates the support and need for a Wellness Program to provide support and help employees to live healthy lifestyles.

### The top areas of interest for Wellness Program activities are:

- Weight Management Program
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- Reduced absenteeism/sick days.
- Reduction in healthcare costs.
- Healthier, motivated, and happier workforce.

## Twentieth annual Feather Link Tea

### JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Women's Health

Nimkee Women's Health cordially invites the community to our special 20th annual Feather Link Tea and luncheon in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

All community members and employees are invited to the Soaring Eagle Convention Center Saginaw Room on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event this year will again include a silent auction of handmade items to benefit Community Cancer Services.

Anyone wishing to donate to the auction may still do so up to the auction time. To be included in the program, however, items must be dropped off at Nimkee Public Health at least one week prior to the event.

In addition to recognizing cancer survivors, the two guest

speakers this year are Margaret Steslicki, Nimkee medical director, and Char Hewitt, creator the Feather Link program while at the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

As the first Tribal women's health coordinator, Steslicki planned the original Feather Link Tea.

For more information on the silent auction or the Tea, contact Jenna at 989-775-4604 or Judy at 989-775-4629.

## Nimkee walk-in flu clinic

Sue Sowmick, RN, and Twila Schrot, LPN, will host a walk-in flu clinic on Oct. 6 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for ages 6 months and older in the Nimkee Clinic Lobby. You do not need an appointment, minors will need a parent or guardian with them. Hope to see you there!

For more information, please call 989-775-4923 or 989-775-4699



# Behavioral Health PROGRAMS

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## Outpatient Services

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

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

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

## Residential Services

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

### Program Goals:

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

## Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan "Under the Eagle Wing"

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

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

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

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

# Struggling?

Need Support? Need skill reminders?

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

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

**Come when you can! As often as you want!**

### Topics covered include:

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





## Environmental Nutrition presents: Eating to ease arthritis pain

**CARRIE DENNETT**

MPH, RDN

*(Editor's note: The following article is written by Carrie Dennett, MPH, RDN, and reprinted, with permission, from Environmental Nutrition, September 2015. This article has been submitted by Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise, RD.)*

A targeted diet, rich in omega-3s, fruits, and vegetables, may help reduce arthritis pain so you can keep moving.

More than 50 million Americans—one in five adults—have arthritis, according to the Arthritis Foundation, making it the number one cause of disability in this country. The condition is marked by inflammation in one or more of your joints, resulting in joint pain and stiffness.

The two most common types of arthritis are rheumatoid arthritis (RA), in which the synovial membrane that protects and lubricates joints becomes inflamed, and osteoarthritis (OA), which involves the wearing away of cartilage that caps the bones in your joints. Aging and accompanying body changes may contribute to arthritis onset and progression.

When the body's inflammatory response is functioning normally, it protects and repairs tissue; when stress on the joints or

an autoimmune response causes inflammation, it functions in an out-of-control manner that can harm more than it heals. Experts think diet may indeed help ease the pain of arthritis.

**Managing arthritis with your diet.** Rebecca Manno, MD, MHS, assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Rheumatology of the Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, said a healthy diet can help people stay active, manage arthritis symptoms, and reduce dependence on medications—though it may not be enough to delay the progression of the disease for everyone.

Beyond a well-balanced healthy diet, particular nutrition strategies offer promise in managing arthritis. EN provides you with the best-odds approach:

**Eat whole, anti-inflammatory foods.** A small study published in the journal Arthritis found that a whole-foods, plant-based diet may help relieve OA symptoms.

A few other studies have found that a Mediterranean-style diet—rich in vegetables, fruits, beans, whole grains, and healthy fat from olive oil, nuts, and fish, while limiting meat, refined grains, and other highly processed foods—may help reduce RA pain and stiffness. Such plant-based diet patterns may reduce the levels of inflammation in the body.

Manno said she advises her patients to “avoid processed foods, cook for themselves, and eat real foods.”

**Ramp up the omega-3s.** Research supports the anti-inflammatory power of omega-3 fatty acids from fatty fish, such as salmon or from fish oil supplements for the medical treatment of arthritis, Manno said.

The Arthritis Foundation recommends two 3-ounce servings of fish per week, and fish oil supplements of up to 2.6 grams twice a day to treat RA and OA. Discuss taking supplements with your health care provider before starting a regimen.

**Get enough protein.** RA patients tend to have more fat and less muscle, in large part due to increased protein breakdown in the body from inflammation, said Manno.

Exercise, especially resistance exercise using weights, resistance bands or even your own body weight, combined with feeding the muscles adequate protein can help preserve lean muscle.

Aim to include a good source of protein-rich food—poultry, fish, legumes, low-fat dairy, eggs—at each meal and snack.

**Eat your vegetables and fruits.** These plant foods are packed with antioxidants and phytonutrients that may help reduce inflammation. Adults should aim

for 1.5 to 2 cups of fruit and 2.5 to 3 cups of vegetables per day. Eat the “rainbow” so that you enjoy the full spectrum of nutrients.

**Don't skip nightshades.** The claim that nightshade vegetables—like tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants and peppers—aggravate arthritis pain has no research to back it up. In fact, nightshade vegetables contain antioxidants and phytonutrients that may have anti-inflammatory benefits.

**Ward off a “D” deficiency.** Although vitamin D is important for health, research results conflict on whether vitamin D deficiency contributes to the progression of knee and hip OA. Aim to meet your daily requirement of 600 IUs for adults, which may not be enough if a blood test indicates you are D-deficient.

**Maintain a healthy weight.** Excess body weight can increase joint pain and inflammation. Thus, weight loss can offer relief by reducing pressure on the joints, as

well as cutting inflammation in the body that results from inflammation-promoting compounds found in body fat tissue.

**Exercise regularly.** Studies show that regular exercise may help reduce joint pain and stiffness, making movement easier. It also increases muscle strength and produces endorphins, which help control pain and improve your overall health and wellbeing.

The Arthritis Foundation suggests that you ask your health care provider what types of activities are safe and appropriate for you based on your current health.

**Keep a food log.** Certain foods may trigger an autoimmune response in people with RA, according to Manno, but because trigger foods vary from person to person, she advises keeping a food log.

“Pay attention to what you eat, and if you notice something that affects how your joints feel, don't ignore it,” she said.

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**JENNA WILCOX**

Women's Health Coordinator

This October, Nimkee's Women's Health is proud to participate in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the second most common type of cancer in women.

About one in eight women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.

- If you are a woman age 40 or older, talk to your medical provider about yearly mammogram screenings.

- Know your risk: Talk to your family about cancer history and talk to your doctor about your personal risk factors.

- Get screened: Ask your provider what screening tests are right for you; have a

mammogram every year starting at age 40; do your self-breast exam monthly; and have your breast examined by your medical provider every year.

- Know what is normal for you: See your healthcare provider right away if you notice any unusual symptoms:

- o Lumps, hard knots or thickening inside the breast
- o Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening of the breast
- o Change in the size or shape of the breast

- o Dimpling or puckering of the skin

- o Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple

- o Nipple discharge that starts suddenly

- o New pain in one spot that does not go away

- Make healthy lifestyle choices: Maintain a healthy weight, add exercise to your daily routine, limit alcohol and

nicotine intake, and breastfeed if you can.

- Talk to a doctor about your risk for breast cancer; especially if a close family member had breast or ovarian cancer.

- Remember to do your self-breast exam every month to be familiar with how your breasts look and feel.

- Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015 at the Feather Link Tea as we honor those who have battled cancer.

- As your medical home, we, at Nimkee Clinic, strongly recommend that you have your yearly women's health screenings every year: Clinical breast exam, mammogram (as ordered by provider), pelvic exam, Pap smear (per guidelines), and rectal exam.

To be scheduled for your yearly women's health screening, please contact Nimkee's Women's Health Coordinator Jenna at **989-775-4604**.

### Tomato Cantaloupe Salsa

Nutritional Stats Per Serving (1/2 cup): 30 calories, 1g protein, 7g carbohydrates, 0g fat (0g saturated), 0mg cholesterol, 2g fiber, 81 mg sodium

Prep Time: 10 min. Cook Time: 5 min. Total Time: 15 min.

#### Ingredients:

- 4 large plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 & 1/2 cup chopped cantaloupe
- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 2 fresh Serrano or Jalapeño chilies, seeded, minced
- Juice of one or two fresh limes, (about 2 tablespoons)
- 1/4 cup packed chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



The combo of heat and sweet says summer to me. Cantaloupe sweetens this perky tomato salsa flavored with hot green chilies. And if you're not a fan of the heat, just omit or reduce the amount of chili. And as for most tomato salsas, even beginning cooks can hit it out of the park with these easy yet delicious summer dishes, kicking it up with cantaloupe for one of summer's best calorie-friendly dishes. Serves 8

#### Instructions:

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients.
2. Stir to combine and serve immediately.

[www.skinnychef.com/recipes/tomato-cantaloupe-salsa](http://www.skinnychef.com/recipes/tomato-cantaloupe-salsa) • Written by Jennifer Iserloh

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

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## RUN ON THE Rez

5K • KID'S RACE • 1 MILE RUN/WALK

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015**

Where:  
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Operation's Parking Lot (Southeast corner of Broadway & Leaton) 7070 E. Broadway | Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Time:  
Registration: 8:30 AM - 10 AM. 5K starts at 10 AM. Kids 30 Meter Dash starts at 9:30 AM

Fee:  
\$15 post-marked by October 7, 2015 - Family Rate: \$35  
\$20 after October 7, 2015 - Family Rate: \$40

Course:  
The race course is flat and will be run through the reservation on both the road and through fields on dirt and grass paths.

Awards:  
The first 200 participants to finish the 5K and 1 Mile will receive a medal (there will not be awards given to age groups).

Gifts:  
Long sleeve moisture wicking shirts are provided to the first 150 registered participants. Limited amount of long sleeve cotton youth shirts available.

**For More Information:**

Contact Jayme Green  
989-775-4696  
jgreen@sagchip.org

Nimkee Fitness Center  
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**FREE KIDS 30 Meter Dash**  
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Each child will receive a miniature trophy!

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. To do our part, a donation to Breast Cancer Research will be made for every prize redeemed. On the First 4 Saturdays in October the first 500 guests who earn 700 points between 12PM and 9PM will receive an owl stuffed with a prize valued at up to \$1,000. Then on October 24 a grand prize drawing will take place at 10PM where 2 lucky winners take home \$10,000 each!

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**SATURDAY, OCT 31 | 1:30PM SESSION**  
**THIS HALLOWEEN, CELEBRATE AS A WINNER!**  
**NO TRICKS. JUST TREATS FOR ALL OUR PLAYERS!**

Pumpkin game • Free Beads  
Cider and donuts before the session





## Andahwod Grandparents Day Extravaganza brightens up autumn spirits

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The annual Andahwod Grandparents Day Extravaganza on Sept. 13 served to brighten up 77 autumn spirits with smiles and laughter.

The Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services program provided a bounce house and an ice cream sundae bar for the kids and the young at heart.

Youth Council representatives Elissa Schlegel and

Kathryn Pierce served cotton candy to the appreciative crowd while Andahwod staff grilled hot dogs and served mac and cheese.

Proceeds from cotton candy-donations will help fund Youth Council activities.

Andahwod Administrator Gayle Ruhl was impressed with the event's turnout and her staff's teamwork.

"I would like to offer a thank you to everyone who helped out and special thanks for our staff that showed up on their



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Gloria Narvais makes Grandparents Day a family affair.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Mezziniis Wassegijig takes his bean bag to the air as Grandma Rose offers encouragement.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**SCIT Youth Council reps Elissa Schlegel (left) and Kathryn Pierce love their cotton candy.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Little fan Miguel Chippeway looks great in his matching Detroit Lions jersey with his grandpa Brian.**

day off and put in the extra effort above and beyond their regular job duties," Ruhl said. "It was really great beyond words. You can tell by all the people who showed and stayed because they were enjoying themselves. It went so much better than I expected... ten-fold and more!"

Elder Community Activity Assistant Tomarrah Green coordinated the event registration and provided oversight of the popular kids treasure chest hunt.

"The kids had a lot of fun digging around in the treasure chest for winning poker

chips, candy and mechanical pencils as consolation prizes," Green said. "The grand prize winner of the treasure hunt was Brittany Benson. She was very excited to win an authentic Detroit Tigers glove and baseball."

Administrative Assistant II Sheligh Jackson took the lead on the "grandparent and grandkid" bean bag toss tournament won by the team of Feliz Perez and Sara Saunders.

In the SCIT Elders Raffle, Phyllis Kequom, Philemon "Bean" Sprague and Jo Kathy Sprague won Celebration Cinema gift cards.

SCIT Elder Linda Schramm won the grand prize: A \$300 Home Depot gift card.

Other winners who received prizes include Mike Schramm, Sue Kequom, Eliza Owl, Feliz Perez, Dorothy Netmop, Jean Hancock, Tony Carmona and Faith Carmona-Pego.

## Tai Chi exercises proven to reduce falls in elders

**ANDAHWOD ELDER SERVICES**

Every year, one of every three adults, aged 65 or older, fall and the consequences of that fall could be devastating. The research on Tai Chi has been found to be helpful in preventing falls in elders.

Tai Chi is centuries old and was originally practiced in China. In the U.S., it is employed as a form of physical exercise and mental focus, similar to yoga. Tai Chi is a series of 19 slow movements and one pose.

Many senior centers are offering the classes because there is no expense for

equipment (you don't need any) and not only does the exercise reduce falls, there are other benefits too including the following:

1. Relieves physical effects of stress
2. Promotes deep breathing
3. Reduces bone loss in menopausal women
4. Improves lower body and leg strength
5. Helps with arthritis pain
6. Reduces blood pressure
7. Requires mind and body integration through mental imagery
8. Accumulates energy by releasing endorphins rather than depleting it
9. Enhances mental capacity and concentration

10. Improves balance and stability by strengthening ankles and knees

11. Promotes faster recovery from strokes and heart attacks

12. Improves conditions of Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, and Parkinson's

The Commission on Aging has Tai Chi for arthritis, Tai Chi Qigong Shibashi and Zen Yoga with Tai Chi. Call the Commission on Aging for more information at **989-772-0748**.

Sources: [www.insideelder-care.com/health/the-12-benefits-of-tai-chi-for-seniors/](http://www.insideelder-care.com/health/the-12-benefits-of-tai-chi-for-seniors/)  
[www.webmd.com/fitness-exercise/tai-chi-more-you-sway-less-youll-fall](http://www.webmd.com/fitness-exercise/tai-chi-more-you-sway-less-youll-fall)

## OCTOBER 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|--|
| 1 Joanne Butzin, Ross Francis, Rebecca Gallery, Sandra Johnson, Lou Martinez                            | 17 Cynthia Dalton, Marjorie Dubay, George Francis, Eva McDonald                        |
| 2 Beatrice Seger, Oren Brown, Valerie Quinn   | 18 Terry Chamberlain, Robert Federico, Lindy Hunt, Kelley Stevens                      |
| 3 Trudy Ralston, Mark Rueckert, Aaron Camburn, Lavern Pelcher   | 19 Jackie Gibbs, Gordon Hart, Yvonne Keshick, Blanche Kuhn, Paul Pego                  |
| 5 Debra Cicalo, Elise Sanders, Joyce Moore, Sandra Chappel, Cheryl McKee                                | 20 Lawrence Sprague Sr., Linda Willard, Kevin Wray                                     |
| 6 Alexis Pelcher, James Smith Sr., Susan Byme, Helen Huyser, Nonda Lynn, Daniel Sawmick, Kathleen Yacks | 21 Judy Pamp, Krystal Pelcher, Gypsy Angiano, Susan Coon, Spencer Kerby, Donulus Otto  |
| 7 Rebecca Bratten, Kathleen Koenig, Colleen Sisco, Kelly Trombley, Robert Weaver                        | 22 Kimberely Stigger, Robert Rodriguez Jr.   |
| 8 Ellen Kellogg-Bachert   | 23 Scott Saboo, Jeffrey Smith, Ramona Walker   |
| 9 Phyllis Brodie, Sharon Sasse  | 24 Wayne Sprague, David Brodie, Gerald Gould, Donette Maney, Annette Ott               |
| 10 Terri Rueckert, David Perez Jr., Marilyn Sprague   | 25 Roy Carranza, Sandra Rood, Philemon Sprague Jr., Tom Bailey, Connie Jackson         |
| 11 Kenneth Lee, Dorothy Netmop, Jonie Abella, Samson Sawmick  | Daniel Rodriguez, Ann Koning, Audrey Nelson, Mariann Pelcher-Wright                    |
| 12 Kim Elliott, Barbara Krause, Lahy Bailey Jr., Tina Montoya   | Gonzalo Ramirez Jr., Frederick Stevens, Ruthie Pelcher, Theodore Robinson              |
| 13 Phyllis O'Neal   | 27 Julia Hay, Jeanette   |
| 14 Daniel Bailey, Dennis Kequom, Roger Rusch, Carrie Farr, Lauren Lopez                                 | 28 Mandoka, Michael Randall  |
| 15 Christopher Bailey, Dejay Elk  | Kenneth Fallis, Donna Proper   |
| 16 Marvin Davis   | 29 Colleen Chippewa, Dinah Griffus, Gloria Mulbrecht                                   |
| 17 Sarah Martin, Minnie Stevens, Linda Chism, Jody Clark,   | 30 Brenda Champlin, Ronald Falcon, Antonio Rodriguez, Joseph Snyder Jr., Stacey Fallis |

### Andahwod CCC & ES Events - October 2015

**Crafts with Roger**  
Mondays at 1 p.m.

**Euchre**  
Mondays at 5 p.m.

**Exercise with Elisa**  
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Therapy Dogs**  
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

**Elders Breakfast**  
Oct. 2 & 4 at 9 a.m.

**Language Bingo**  
Oct. 1 at 1 p.m.

**Jewelry with Kay**  
Oct. 6 at 1 p.m.

**Beading with Elisa**  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

**Therapy Dogs**  
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

**Knitting with Elisa**  
Oct. 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 1 p.m.

**Elders Costume Contest**  
Oct. 30 before trunk-or-treat

**District 1 Elders Halloween Door Decoration Contest**

- Oct. 26: Last day to submit your decorated door photo
- Oct. 30: Deadline to vote

\*\*Activities and events are subject to change.

### Elders Frankenmuth Day Trip

Keep an eye out for this event! Elder Services are taking District 1 Elders to Frankenmuth for the day the second week of November. Exact day and time to be determined. More information on this day trip coming soon!

### Psychic Fair

Elder Services is planning a Psychic Fair in November! Please look for more information soon!





## OCTOBER 2015 EVENT PLANNER

### SCIT Golf Membership Tournament

October 2 | Check-in: 9 a.m., shotgun start at 10 a.m.  
 • Location: Maple Creek Golf Course  
 • Contact: 989-775-4000

### Native Farmers Market

October 6, 13 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 • Location: Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads  
 • Contact: 989-775-4059

### Women's Tradition Society

October 5, 12, 19, 26 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4879

### Mama and Baby Stroller Class

October 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
 • Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center  
 • Contact: 989-775-4696

### Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

October 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5 p.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-3742  
 • Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers.

### Run on the Rez

October 10 | Registration: 8:30 a.m., 5K: 10 a.m.  
 Kids 30-meter dash: 9:30 a.m.  
 • Location: SCIT Tribal Operations Parking Lot  
 • Contact: 989-775-4696

### Feather Link Tea & Luncheon

October 13 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 • Location: Saginaw Room at SECR  
 • Contact: 989-775-4629

### Housing Financial Workshop

October 15 | 12 p.m.  
 • Location: Housing Conference Room  
 • Contact: 989-775-4552

### Paint the Rez Purple

October 24 | 11 a.m., registration starts at 10 a.m.  
 • Location: Behavioral Health  
 • Contact: 989-775-4858  
 • 1.5 mile domestic violence awareness walk/run  
 • Free event T-shirts, water bottles and sunglasses will be provided on a first come, first serve basis!  
 • A healthy lunch will be provided following the race.  
 • Celebrate with DJ Lupe Gonzalez at the finish line!  
 • This untimed event is for people of all ages, fitness levels, and backgrounds.

### October Jubilee

October 22 | 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 • Location: Tribal Campgrounds  
 • Contact: 989-775-4522

### Halloween Haunt

October 23 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 • Location: Tribal Campgrounds  
 • Contact: 989-775-4522

### Digital Storytelling Workshop

December 1-3 | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
 • Contact: 989-775-4893  
 • Make a three to five minute movie about recovering addictions

### nDigiFest Film Festival

December 4 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
 • Contact: 989-775-4893

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan is committed to bringing awareness to violence against women.*

#### The Clothesline Project

The Clothesline Project aims to bear witness to the issue of violence against women. Women affected by violence share their story on a T-shirt and display it for the community to see. Interested in making a shirt? Come to Women's Support Group Oct. 20!

#### Purple Ribbon Campaign

Wear your purple ribbon all month long!  
 You can even add one to your car antenna.

#### Bathroom Campaign

Informational posters containing statistics will be hung throughout Tribal Departments.

#### Women's Support Group

5:30 - 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at Behavioral Health. This is your chance to create a T-shirt for the community clothesline project!

#### Paint the Rez Purple Color Run!

11 a.m. Oct. 24 at Behavioral Health.

#### Elders Breakfast

Join NMN as they serve Elder's Breakfast from 9 a.m. on Oct. 28 at Andahwod.

#### Paint the Rez Purple Office Competition

May the best department win!



#### Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault & Stalking Services

**Call us at 989.775.4400 to receive assistance.**

## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | OCTOBER 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul>	<h3>Talking Circle</h3> <p>Wednesdays at 7 p.m.                  Andahwod Maple Room</p> <p>For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937</p>		<b>1</b> 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   5 - 8 p.m. Ashinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>2</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m. D. Dowd: Sweat Lodge B. Health   10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	<b>3</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. <b>4</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>5</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m. Jake & Mary Pine 7th Generation   8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Euchre Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Teaching Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch Bunch Language Center   12 - 1 p.m.	<b>8</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>9</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>10</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. <b>11</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>12</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Euchre Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Drum Making Class 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m. Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch Bunch Language Center   12 - 1 p.m.	<b>15</b> Drum Making Class 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m. Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>16</b> Tribal Observer Deadline   3 p.m. AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>17</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. <b>18</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>19</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Euchre Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>21</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Lunch Bunch Language Center   12 - 1 p.m.	<b>22</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m. Medicine Wheel Teaching 7th Generation   5 - 8 p.m.	<b>23</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>24</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m. <b>25</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
<b>26</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Grandmother Moon B. Health   9 p.m.	<b>27</b> Euchre Andahwod   6 - 8 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>28</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lunch Bunch Language Center   12 - 1 p.m.	<b>29</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 - 5 p.m. Anishinaabe Language Class Language Center   6 - 7 p.m.	<b>30</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>31</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.

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





## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language ac-

quisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting.

##### 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.

##### Certified Aide PT

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

##### 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.

##### Teacher Assistant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and must have passed a formal state or local academic assessment as approved by the Michigan State Board of Education; or successfully completed at least two years of

study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours); or must have an associates degree.

##### Police Officer FT

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

##### Dispatcher/Corrections

Open to the public. High school graduate or equivalent. Successful completion of Michigan Law Enforcement Office Training (MLEOTC) corrections course and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs Corrections Course.

##### 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.

##### Gift Shop Retail Clerk PT

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

##### Tribal Schools Principal

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

tion field with eight years experience. Prefer knowledge of Ojibwe language and culture of Ojibwe Language speaker.

##### Water Operator Intern

SCIT Tribal Members Only. 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.

##### Social Services Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human service related field required. Master's degree preferred. Must submit to and pass a background check.

##### Human Resources Director

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

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### Clerical Pool

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

### SECR

##### 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.

##### Entertainment Usher Seasonal

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

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### Casino Housekeeper PT

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

##### 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.

##### Stage Hand PT

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

### 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.

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

##### Saganing Maintenance Worker

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

##### Saganing Casino Shift Manager

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Bachelor's degree preferred. Five or more years of progressively responsible experience in gaming operations. Three or more years of management experience required, preferably in managing a department.

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#### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS IN THE MATTER OF ALICE RICKETTS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 15-CI-0340 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law Scott Schisler P488832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Alice Ricketts 1425 W. Pickard Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Nov. 26, 2015.**

#### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS IN THE MATTER OF VANESSA HART:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 15-CI-0242 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Vanessa Hart 5180 Jonathon Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief request in the plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Oct. 24, 2015.**





## Labor Day celebration provides community recreation in fun environment

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Recreation Department scored another win as the Sept. 7 annual Labor Day celebration provided community recreation in a fun environment.

Youth Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl and Organized Sports Specialists Lindsay Sprague, Lucas Sprague and Walter Trepanier were joined by Youth and Family Recreation Specialist David Merrill in coordinating one of the department's signature events of the year.

"This year's events included a two-person corn hole/bean bag tournament, a horseshoe tournament, egg toss, bingo, tug of war competition and a watermelon eating contest for all ages," Ekdahl said.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal youth Zaagidiwin Traver finds watermelon is good to the last drop.**

Lucas coordinated the annual double elimination horseshoe tournament that featured nine two-person teams competing for cash prizes.

"The team of Greg Lambert and Lester 'Goober' Chippeway made it through the first rounds without a loss, while coming up through the loser's bracket was John Underwood and James Wilson," Lucas said. "The two teams faced off in the finals setting up for an exciting championship match."

Greg and Goober were the first to 21 and crowned the 2015 horseshoe champions.

"This event is always competitive, with three different championship teams in the last three years," Lucas said.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague coordinated the corn hole tournament and donated the prizes for the event, along with his wife Bonnie.

Brian E. Chippeway and Brian W. Chippeway were the 2015 corn hole champions and each received a \$25 gift card from SECR.

Brian Wemigwans Sr. and Brian Wemigwans Jr. took second and each received \$10 in Doozie (ice cream) dollars.

The corn hole game boards were provided by Bernard Sprague, Bean Sprague, Brian E. Chippeway and the kids board was provided by Chris (Action) Jackson.

"There were 11 teams in the tournament and approximately 12 kids received Doozie dollars for making a ringer," Bernard said.

The event also included inflatables, a water balloon



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**It looks like the Michigan Indian Family Olympics again as Tribal youth pull during tug of war.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**A capacity crowd of youth and Elders flood two pavilions to play Labor Day bingo.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Brandon Haught (left), Michael Albidrez (center) and Willie Johnson can't believe they ate the whole thing.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Elder Barbara Krause is hungry for that Nbakade cuisine.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Nebin Floyd is "poultry in motion" during the egg toss.**

game, music, and Nbakade Restaurant catered.

Human Resource Manager Samantha Olson helped with registration along with Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig and Ethan Hunt.

"I think there was great support to help get the picnic set up," Olson said. "It was great seeing everyone working together so well and everyone was eager to get the set up done as quickly as possible."

Lindsay Sprague said there were about 230 people in attendance.

"I would like to thank all of the families who came out this year and faced the scorching heat with us," she said. "A big thank you goes to Jennifer, Ethan and Samantha for assisting with the registration. With everything that was going on that day, I don't think I could have done it without them. We

had over 20 volunteers (including Behavioral Health's RTC, the Youth Council and community service workers), show up that day and we cannot thank them enough for their help throughout the day."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Andahwod Administrator Gayle Ruhl gets ready to call the next bingo number.**



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**Tribal Member Bill Leksche tosses his bag high toward the corn hole.**



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**Simon Quigno makes a splash at the "Pitch Burst" water balloon game.**



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**It was close, but Tribal Member Karen Bond had good hands and caught it.**



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**Tribal Member Bonnie Sprague drops the egg.**