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Chief Cloutier delivers Jan. 23 State of the Tribe Address

(Editor's note: The following is Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier's 2016 State of the Tribe speech during the Jan. 23 community meeting in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.)

"Aanii and good morning. I trust the New Year is treating you well, and I truly hope you are in good health.

Thank you to those Tribal Council members that have taken the time to introduce themselves and share a few words. Myself, I feel honored and privileged to be here today representing our Membership.

This meeting is a constitutional requirement and is agenda-driven to ensure you know where we are and where we intend to go in the next two years.

This administration has a very small window of opportunity during this two-year term with many decisions in front of us so we have to make the most of it.

Tribal Council started this term on Dec. 2, 2015, with introducing two motions. The first was (Council Secretary) Michelle Colwell who introduced a motion to change the Oath of Office to

reflect Tribal Council following policy in addition to Constitution, Ordinance and Resolutions.

(Council Member) Amanda Oldman introduced the motion to direct Administration to develop a Code of Conduct that would enhance Ordinance 19, giving them one year to develop that code.

Both were introduced as a means to establish an environment whereas we, and future Councils, lead by example. This is one of the benchmarks of our term of office.

Today, you will be hearing presentations from various departments throughout the Tribal Government who will be providing information about the State of the Tribe, on what is to come in the near future for our Tribal community and our business operations.

To date, Saganing (Eagles Landing Casino) and Soaring Eagle (Casino & Resort) are exceeding the numbers from this time last year. There are signs of growth within our market and we have the responsibility, as well as the opportunity, to capture as much of that growth as we possibly can.

Migizi enterprises are standing their own ground and making strides toward one of their best years ever. However, there are a lot of items we have to consider and much more room for improvement.

Development and expansion of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino is under way with plans being finalized and design close to completion.

Looking at land use and the opportunities for the future, we have to be calculated and look toward the future on all projects we start this year. We need to make sure the infrastructure developed is mindful of future growth and expansion.

Later this morning, you will be briefed on the multiple projects that make up the Saganing expansion project. Much needed projects that will not only allow us the opportunity to capture more market share but also provide us with the privilege of exercising our sovereign right in the market place as stated in our "Vision Statement."

The Electrical Sub Station planned has already captured the attention of other tribal



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier delivers his inaugural State of the Tribe Address on Jan. 23, 2016.

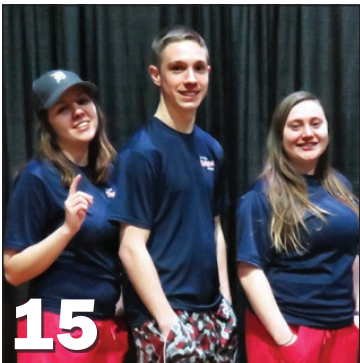
jurisdictions and they are eager to learn how we have gotten to this point in our efforts toward utilities independence.

With the assistance of our vision makers from our Human Resource training, Tribal Council and key members of the operational staff went through an Action Planning exercise. This exercise gave us clear goals and objectives that can be reached and are attainable within our first six months on Council.

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12 Art Reach exhibit
Marcella Hadden's powwow photography featured in art gallery.



15 Tribal associate dodgeball
Hospitality Challenge Dodgeball Tournament offers exciting action.



17 SCIT Eagles Basketball
New season of youth basketball kicks off in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.



BACK Baby Celebration
Seventh Generation welcomes the newest members of the community.

Saganing expansion plans unveiled at State of the Tribe Meeting

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

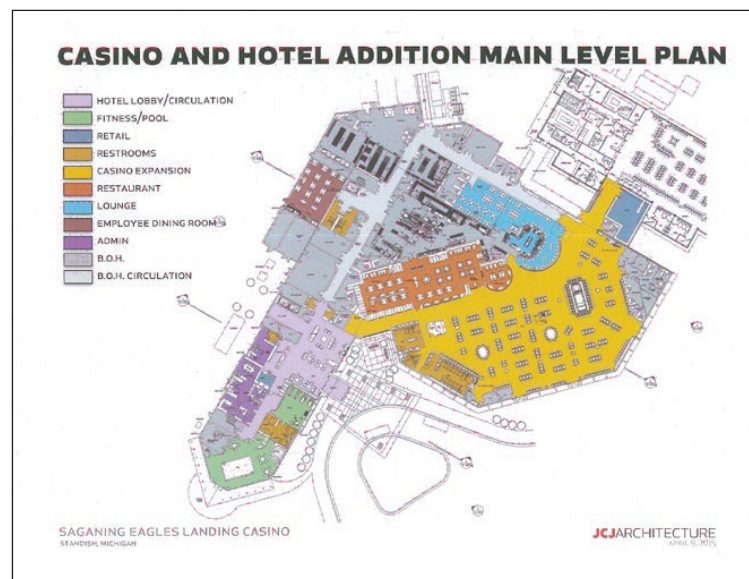
The State of the Tribe address is one of the most important community events exclusively for the Tribal Membership where many departments and business opportunities are brought forward.

Director of Facilities Steven Jablonski had the membership listening as he outlined the latest activity related to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino development projects.

"I remember when I first started in the organization reviewing multiple studies regarding constructing a casino in Saganing," Jablonski said. "(Each study) emphasized the lack of utilities, infrastructure and feasibility which equated to it couldn't be done."

But somehow, this vision had to be achieved, Jablonski said.

"It was critical that the Tribe establish an economic



Courtesy of J.C.J. Architecture

The new developments and expansion of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino property include a hotel component complete with meeting space, restaurant and lounge.

presence on the east side of the state and we needed more sources of revenue," he said. "We had to think out of the box to make the vision a reality. In order to initially construct the Saganing casino, we had to haul in water and

construct a temporary mound sewer system."

As Tribal Council looked over the infrastructure needs, Jablonski and Utilities Director Barry Skutt and their team continued to move forward in solving the

limitations which prevented further development.

"As the water and sewer were temporary connections to the casino, the Tribe moved forward in constructing their own water and sewer plants," Jablonski said. "This has been accomplished, and today, both of those plants are in operation providing critical services to Saganing."

"We are currently working on continuing the development of the Saganing properties for future development, increased revenue and job opportunities for the Membership, he said."

The projects currently in the works are a combination of master planning, property development, adding amenities to the casino and continued expansion of the utility infrastructure.

"The membership viewed a planned relocation of Worth Road which will help simplify development between

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Bruce Dean Bennett

April 2, 1972 - Jan. 15, 2016

Bruce Dean Bennett, age 43, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at the McLaren Central Michigan Hospital.

Bruce was born on April 2, 1972 in Mount Pleasant, the son of Patricia Bennett. Bruce was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and worked several positions at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Bruce was an avid golfer, enjoyed watching UFC, and traveling.

He will be remembered for being a loving and caring person who enjoyed taking care of close family and friends and their children.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Lynette Bennett; children, Theresa and Thalia; siblings, Glenn Bennett, Gary Bennett, and Tony Bennett; parents-in-law, Allen and Diane Pego; brother-in-law, Waylon Pego; sisters-in-law, Paula Pego, Tonya Paul, and Candice Pego; and many aunts, uncles, cousin, nieces, and nephews.

Bruce was preceded in death by his mother; infant sister; brother-in-law, Allen Pego; sister-in-law, Terri Paul; uncle, Stanley Bennett; and aunts, Cheryl Bennett, Jean Bird, and Betty Nahmabin.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Interment followed in the Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Arthur R. Henry

March 15, 1929 - Dec. 26, 2015



Save the Date!



June 18 & 19, 2016

Conservation Committee Seats

The Planning Department has been tasked by Tribal Council to solicit letters of interests for adult members to fill two vacant seats on the Conservation Committee for the remaining year of two year terms per Ordinance 11, section 102, subdivision 2 and the approved Ordinance 11 Committee By-Laws.

Please submit a letter of interest along with your qualification and experience to:

Donald Seal,
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Planning Department
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

All letters of interests must be received no later than Friday Feb. 12, 2016 at 3 p.m.



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ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Attention Tribal Members

At-Large/Member Services would like to remind you that it is Tax Season and that everyone MUST file FEDERAL, STATE and in some cases CITY income tax.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact our office at 989.775.4944 or stop in.

At-Large/Member Services

has a limited number of health grants available to any member who lives outside of Nimkee's five County Purchased Refer Care area. (*Arenac, Clare, Isabella, Midland and Missaukee.*)

Grants Available:

Hearing Aid | Vision | Braces
Substance Abuse | Mental Health

You can get the guidelines and grant applications:

- In the At-Large/Member Services office
- Call us: 1-800-884-6271 and we will mail them to you.
- Online at: www.sagchip.org/Member%20Services/

Please read the guidelines very carefully as the grants have changed.

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

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Tip Line: 989-775-4775

Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)
Tip Line: 989-779-9697
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Powwow Committee Vacancies

Attention Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee currently has six vacancies on the committee to fill. If you are interested in serving on this committee that will assist in the planning, coordination of activities, set up, and daily operations of the event, please submit a letter of interest to the Powwow Committee.

SCIT Powwow Committee
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

All submissions will be recorded and then forwarded to Tribal Council for selection and notification purposes.

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.

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

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

There is currently one vacancy

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by March 1, 2016. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

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

Send letter of interest to:

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



Attention: Tribal Clerk/Enrollment Hours

Beginning this month, the Tribal Clerk's/Enrollment office will now be closed on Fridays for walk-in/desk services for Administrative Office days, until further notice.

The Clerk's office will still be open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for regular business.

With one exception, the office will be open for the Tribal Children's Welfare Affidavit Deadline on Feb. 5, 2016, with regular business hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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the casino site and the land south of Worth Road," Jablonski said. "This will require planning of utility corridors for future utilities for development yet making sure utilities are placed in areas that will not hamper future development."

Skutt said the Tribe's electrical substation will provide future power to Saganing development projects.

"We will have the construction of the hotel attached to the existing casino and the substation will be a tremendous asset for utilities of those business operations," Skutt said. "We are still finalizing designs and feasibility of these projects which all will have to be sequenced with one another to ensure we meet the expectations planned by Tribal Council for the Tribal Membership."

The project program components of the hotel will include 135,500 square feet of new construction with 15,200 square feet of renovation to the existing back of house for the casino.

The expansion includes 148 hotel rooms, expanded gaming area with potential of 400 additional slots, a 185-seat service restaurant and a 124-seat combination bar and entertainment lounge.

"The plan also includes needed expansion of the back of house areas for the existing casino including an enclosed Brinks truck pickup area, expanded employee break areas and improved finance and cage



Courtesy of JCJ Architecture

The Tribal Membership witnessed the unveiling of conceptual drawings provided by nationally-known casino firm JCJ Architecture.

operations," Jablonski said. "The hotel is planned to be six stories with an exterior finish similar to Soaring Eagle Waterpark (and Hotel in Mount Pleasant.) The usage of materials and colors to accomplish a more modern look but will include finish elements that will match the existing casino especially on the ground floor level."

Jablonski believes with Tribal Council's guidance over the next few months, they will complete the remaining design elements and develop a master project schedule for the four projects to ensure that they will support and complement each other.

2016 Powwow Logo Contest: "Honoring Anishnaabe Artists"

Attention all Artists: The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee is having a logo design contest for this year's upcoming powwow. If you would like to enter, please send your entries to the Powwow Committee.

Your logo design should be designed around the theme "Honoring Anishnaabe Artists" entries can be in color (four color max).

Your designs can be hand drawn or created electronically. Please mail your design entries to:

Attn: Powwow Committee
7070 E Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

They can also be dropped off at the At-Large Office C/O Craig Graveratte. If you create an electronic version, it can be emailed to cgraveratte@sagchip.org.

All entries must be received no later than March 11, 2016 at 5 p.m. Please include your contact information along with your entry.

And for the best part the winning design will be displayed on the T-shirts for this upcoming year. Also the winning logo design will receive \$200 and a free T-shirt or hoodie with your design. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third place as well. (Yet to be determined).

If you have any questions please contact the Powwow Committee at 989-775-4942.

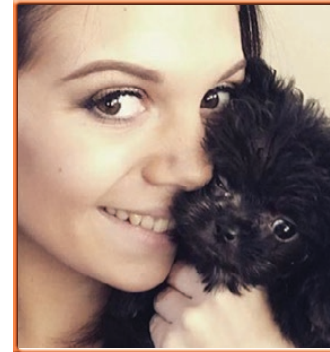


Happy Birthday Dad,

God bless you in many more years to come!

Thank you for your love and guidance through everything!

Jeanette & Derwin



Happy 19th Birthday

Abbi Mezey!

We are so very proud of you & love you so much!!

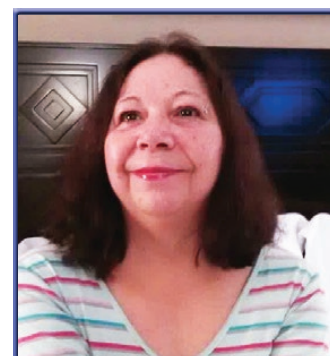
Love, Mom, B, & Kids



Happy 2nd Birthday

Phoenix Caden

Love, your family



Happy Birthday to you...

Love Rick, Donna and Dasia ☺



Happy 14th Anniversary

♥ Rick & Marcia ♥



Happy Birthday

to my beautiful daughter ♥!

♥ Love U! Mom



The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library invites you to spice up your reading life by going on a "Blind Date with a Book".

"Blind Date with a Book" is a reading program for all ages from Jan. 25 to Feb. 12. Everyone is welcome.

Join us for your chance to win great prizes!

Happy Valentine's Birthday!

Mom, Granny Flossie Sprague

Love, the Remus Rd. Gang

Happy Birthday

Kaylyn 16th

& KJ Kingbird 18th

Love, Mom



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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.

Selfie submissions are needed for Mount Pleasant community portrait

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

But first, let's take a selfie.

Attention all community members: Your selfies are needed to create a public portrait.

Art Reach of Mid Michigan is partnering with artist Al Wildey, who will layer hundreds of selfie portraits.

Everyone with a connection to Mount Pleasant is encouraged to submit a selfie for the project.

"Al worked with the 515 Gallery in Clare to create their community portrait and it was so engaging that we approached him about the idea of doing a Mount

Pleasant community portrait too," said Kathryn Hill, executive director for Art Reach.

The minimum number of selfies to make the project successful is 500. The Clare community had more than 800 submissions.

All interested parties may submit their selfies at art-reachcenter.org.

Hill said the submission process is user friendly and quick.

"We are most excited at the thought of having this snapshot of our community as a public art piece to be enjoyed for years to come," Hill said.

The portrait will be printed on 4x4 tiles, installed at the Jockey Alley entrance to Art Reach.

Submissions are being accepted now through Feb. 19.

Tribal Observer

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



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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State of the Tribe

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Income growth, per capita plan, hiring of more members, member and associate expectations, elimination of micro-management, a plan to value employees and asset inventory.

The main points rose during that two-day work session. Each one of these efforts begin with collaboration and knowing where our assets are and how best to leverage them. We have developed plans to address each one of these key points and the work has already begun.

Our current gaming facilities here at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort have needed attention for a very long time now.

Parking lots, new roofs, gutters, windows, trim, doors, surfaces and paint are just some of the exterior items.

The roof alone would be one of the largest steel roof replacement projects the mid-west region has ever seen. We are in desperate need of room upgrades, fresh trimmings and new linens throughout the hotel and property. What we have done was ask the staff to compile a complete list of renovations that are needed so we can look at the possibility of scheduling this makeover to begin this spring.

During this remodel, we can identify those areas where we can create efficiencies and take advantage of unidentified opportunities for further rehab and or infrastructure reliability. This effort could cost anywhere from \$14 to \$22 million, but it would place us firmly in the market as the newest showplace for fun and excitement.

Without these much-needed updates, we will continue to lose footing in our market and make it easier for others to develop around us.

Per capita is one of the biggest challenges and one of the most urgent concerns before Council at this time. We have been working with Accounting and Treasury to find the most amicable way of dealing with the per capita short falls and how best to address them.

If adjustments are not made, we will run out of future's money within the next two years, thus giving us no choice but to change our per capita distribution plan to a variable plan and begin distributing per capita dollars as they are available.

If we decrease the amount paid to each member, we can extend the life of the future's trust. This allows all of us more time to adjust to our new found realities that per capita will always be there as long as we remain profitable. It is our responsibility to ensure we take the necessary steps to remain profitable and sustainable.

I assure you that once we have agreed on those changes, we will communicate directly with you and allow time before implementing those changes. You should know that many have discussed an adjustment as early as July 2016. We understand that many of you rely on those per capita payments and any adjustment will have a direct effect on you.

We want you to have a firm understanding of all of the Tribes trust accounts and what they are intended for.

Gayle Ruhl, our treasurer, has been working very hard to develop her presentation for today's meeting. I

am confident that what she is going to share will bring understanding and clarity to our financial position.

Your Tribal Government provides many benefits to its membership. These benefits are there to create a quality of life our ancestors did not have the privilege of enjoying. We want to continue to provide those benefits and expand and/or change them as your needs change.

Tribal Council has given direction to Administration to fill the Statistical Analysis position. This position will begin the process of rating our Tribal departments and the benefits they provide to ensure we have a high level of efficiency and no redundancy.

Health benefits and cost to the Tribe continue to rise. What cost us \$27 million in Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage for the membership this year, could cost us upwards of \$47 million in the future. This expense is paid from the Gaming Trust.

This trust was meant to support expansion of gaming for the future and today we use it to fund the Member Health coverage. We need to build in efficiencies and cost saving measures that will allow us to reduce this expense while still providing competitive coverage for each member who needs it.

In the spirit of providing as much information as we can, we have asked certain individuals from our gaming and Tribal government to provide briefings for you on their activities.

Sean Reed, general legal counsel, is here today and will be briefing us on the off reservation gaming, organized labor, collateral enrollment and compact issues.

There are legislative updates from PAA and Ietan consultants who will be updating us on the legislative happenings relative to our community.

Marketing and Casino Management are here to discuss our direction and what is planned for the future.

Steve Jablonski and Barry Skutt will be explaining the construction projects scheduled to begin in Saganing this April.

Tribal Council is working with Information Technology to develop our first-ever Tribal Council Blog. This blog will be used by Tribal Council to communicate with you, the Membership, about weekly activities.

The Public Relations department is writing the standard operating procedure for this effort. Look in the near future on our website for beginning dates and times.

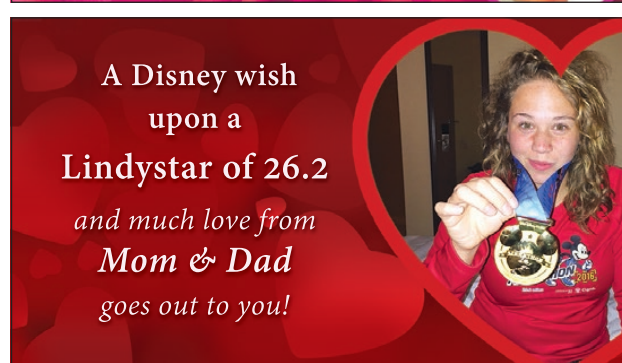
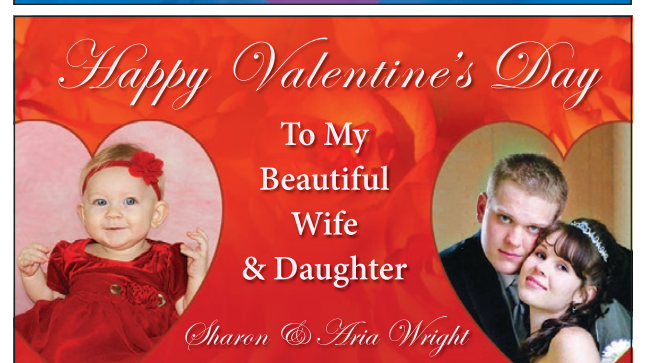
Ladies and gentlemen, we have a very proud heritage and a very resilient nature. This is our time to reinvent ourselves and return to a place of leadership within our industry. We need to focus on what is needed to support growth and further prosperity.

This Council will be a data-driven Council, making decisions that are supported by data and the numbers, not the wants and desires of the few.

We have committed ourselves to valuing our associates and will trust those professionals we have hired to do their job and not allow ourselves to fall into the trap of micro-management.

We will focus on you, our community, and making us whole again.

Chii-miigwetch for your attention today."





Editorial: Recognizing our addiction to the electronic age

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Nowadays with lots of people on Facebook and video games, I wonder how we ever managed without them.

I see our children and young ones, playing games and constantly on it.

We check our Facebook, the weather, our Messenger, check our Snapchat updates, play games and even communicate with it. But, what was it like before we had our precious cell phones and tablets?

In thinking about our by-gone days, winter time was spent busy-ing ourselves with preparing for the summer months, and always thinking about the future.

We spent our time sewing, doing beadwork, telling stories to our young and constantly thinking about what the future

would bring. We would spend hour upon hour doing beadwork, quillwork and preparing clothes, tanning hides, making tools that we would use in the future.

Today, I look at us and wonder: How can we spend hour upon hour looking and commenting upon what others are doing?

We spend our time playing games, "liking" what others are posting, commenting on useless jokes and wasting our time on some small electronic gadgetry.

Even television has captured our minds with all kinds of imagery and story.

We know instantly what's going on the other side of the world.

Electronic media has taken us by storm and we welcome it. We have become addicted.

Oh don't get me wrong, I applaud the wonders of the mass media and the electronic age.

We live in a technological wonderland. We can capture every whim and wish we desire by electronic means.

We can be entertained, day in and day out by our technological gadgetry.

We start our day by the buzzing of our phones, we prepare ourselves personally by the streaming of music from our phones, or by the television spitting out a constant array of information from news from the other side of the world to how our drive will be as we prepare to go to work.

All day long, information is pumped into our brains; news, weather, sports, and information about our retirement savings... local news, national news and politics.

Did you know that you can now order food online and never even have to talk to a human being until

they come to the door to deliver it? Yup, ordering pizza and other fast food is easy now and all electronic.

We have become a nation of electronic robots. Information is constantly entering our brains and being processed.

Sometimes I wonder what it would be like without all the electronic gadgetry.

At our cabin in Canada, there are no electronics. It's too far in the woods to capture any satellite signal; it's very quiet, except for the passing screech of a Sandhill Crane or fish eagle.

I love the sound of quiet, you can hear the wind through the trees, a sea gull every once in a while or a squirrel. It's the perfect escape from the mass media.

Our days are spent looking over the cove for different kinds of birds through binoculars. Walking through the woods looking for deer

or moose and wondering where do they hide in the daylight?

But it doesn't last for long, as soon as the day is through and we are on our way home, the truck radio starts to blare the latest song, temperature and weather are posted on the digitized screen in my truck as I turn it down and drive back into civilization to the blare of the news from my self-made isolation.

The irony is there if you look for it. Constant streaming of Wi-Fi, radio signals and other digitized waves go through our bodies all the time. Sometimes I wonder if it will become some type of hazard to us, that we will realize in the future.

But then again, oh wait, I gotta go check my Facebook, I haven't checked it all morning and the news... I'm missing Robin Mead and Headline News...

Art Reach of Mid Michigan announces scholarships for high school students

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Attention creative youth: Art Reach of Mid Michigan is offering two art-related scholarships.

The Folkert-GFWC Scholarship offers \$500 towards one two-week summer session at Blue Lake Fine Arts

Camp in memory of Kendall Folkert. This scholarship is available to any student entering ninth grade in the fall.

The applicant must demonstrate enthusiasm, ability and passion in instrumental music, choir, theatre, dance or visual arts, but formal training is not required.

Students must exhibit proof of acceptance to Blue Lake

Fine Arts Camp. Along with Art Reach, the General Federated Women's Club of Mt. Pleasant offers this scholarship.

The Stephenson Creative Writing Award will offer \$300 to benefit the recipient's writing ability. The applicant must be in their senior year of high school.


Through Art Reach, the award was established in


memory of Jo Stephenson, a professional journalist employed by Central Michigan University until her death in 1991.

The application deadline is April 15. Applications are available for download at www.artreachcenter.org/scholarships-grants or by calling 989-773-3689.

Art Reach is a collaborative, creative community space in the heart of mid Michigan that cultivates artistic passion, provides educational tools and promotes the arts.

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Interim CEO Bob VanWert discusses SECR's gaming future during community meeting

(Editor's note: The following is the speech to the Tribal Membership from Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Interim CEO Bob VanWert during the Jan. 23 community meeting.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick
SECR Interim CEO Bob VanWert speaks at the Jan. 23 community meeting.

“Good morning. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Bob VanWert. I have worked for the Tribe, here in the casino, for nearly 18 years in various capacities, for the past year and a half as interim CEO.

I've been asked to provide you with an update today regarding our gaming operation.

Let me first start off by providing you with a brief recap of our last year's performance.

Fiscal Year 2015 was a year of change and improvements for both Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino with both properties outperforming the prior year in net income.

I am pleased to report that this is the first time in the past 14 years that we could make this statement!

Our food and beverage areas here in the Soaring Eagle had a record year in revenue production as did our entertainment department.

Our Saganing property had the best financial performance of its eight year existence. We have continued this trend through the first quarter of this fiscal year and look to build on this momentum as we move forward.

I would like to mention that we have a committed team of professionals at both properties all working together to ensure the future success of your businesses. It was the hard work and dedication of these people who made this possible.

We're faced with several structural challenges that come with operating an aging facility, our infrastructure needs to be shored up and at the same time, we need to update and improve our appearance and functionality.

We have started the “rebuilding process.” As you walk through the property, you will notice some of the physical improvements we've been working on such as:

1. The main entrance/snow melt project which is winding down to completion.
2. The upper mezzanine area has been updated with new wallpaper.
3. The freshly painted ceiling in the main casino.
4. The self-service beverage station was put back in the middle of the floor to better service our guests' demands.
5. Placed several new slot machines added to our existing inventory of games filling in this area.

6. We installed new fabric wall panels in our ballroom, renovated the Spa, added new televisions in our guest rooms, replaced paper signage with plasma screens, the list goes on and on...

A quick service announcement: The “C” restroom in the rear of the casino is closed currently for renovations.

During this fiscal year, we will continue to improve the facility here at Soaring Eagle and enhance our guest experience, we are committed to restoring the quality and perceived value which the casino and resort was founded on back when I first started here in 1998.

A few upcoming projects we will be working on include:

- Starting this summer, a complete new steel roof will be installed on the main casino.
- Planning and design of the casino floor decor including removal of the old rock formations and the addition of a handicap ramp to the main entrance area.
- Planning and design for renovations to the entertainment hall, to incorporate the new casino floor elements.
- The swimming pool in the hotel will have all new glass tiles installed.

In addition to these items, I look forward to addressing, with Council, some much-needed and well overdue hotel renovations proposals and options.

As mentioned earlier, our Saganing property had an exceptional year last year, a few of the projects completed at that location include:

1. The food and beverage area underwent a remodel with the entire kitchen being overhauled and new equipment being added with very favorable results.
2. We added a self-contained walk in refrigerator/freezer to the property to allow us to expand the available inventory of supplies and expand our menu offerings.

I look forward to the much-anticipated expansion at that location which will only lead to revenue growth for future years to come.

As we move forward, we also must change the way we operate.

A good number of years ago, I received a piece of advice from a Council Member who told me to run it like a business, I assure you we are doing just that!

I thank you.”

Editorial: My role as the Planning Department's watershed outreach coordinator

TAYLOR HOLLIS

Watershed Outreach Coordinator



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Taylor Hollis joined the Planning Department as the new watershed outreach coordinator.

Hello, I would like to take some time to introduce myself. A new position has been created in the Planning Department's Environmental Team.

My name is Taylor Hollis, I have been hired as the watershed outreach coordinator.

I will be working with the community to develop a better understanding of the environmental priorities of the Tribe.

It will be imperative, as I will also be communicating these priorities with external government agencies and organizations.

I will be assisting the United States Environmental Protection Agency with creating a plan to restore the water running to Lake Huron from Mount Pleasant to the Saginaw Bay. I will be coordinating and attending community outreach events to get input on these issues so we can find solutions.

I am thrilled to have this opportunity to work for the Tribe,

become familiar with the culture, and be able to make a difference in the community. I believe this position will allow me the opportunity to pursue my career goals of improving human health, safety, and quality of life.

Let's get to know each other!

Here is a little information about me:

Last August I graduated from Central Michigan University

with a degree in environmental health and safety. During my schooling, I completed an internship with CMU where I became familiar with water and sediment sampling on Beaver Island.

I also worked as a student assistant with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, where I worked for Remediation and Redevelopment Division to update cleanup criteria of polluted sites. Once a site has been found to be contaminated, the criteria provide the levels that

must be met for cleanup, through a process called remediation.

Additionally, I participated in field work to take soil, water, and gas samples at various sites throughout the state. The Tribe has a similar program.

In my free time, I enjoy hiking, snowboarding, swimming, kayaking, and boxing. Having grown up in Traverse City, Mich., I had many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

I live a quiet home life with two roommates. We have two adopted cats, one of which is

blind, but that does not slow her down! They keep us very busy by constantly getting into mischief.

I really enjoy being able to talk with others about my passions, including environmental health. I really look forward to meeting community so I can gain insight on the Tribal perspective of environmental protection.

Please feel free to contact me at **989-775-4162**, thollis@sagchip.org, or stop in the Planning Department and say hello.

Amended Order Fishing Season 2016 - Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 107 subdivision 2(B), the 2016 Fishing Season that began Jan. 25, 2016 and will close Dec. 31, 2016 unless ordered otherwise. Licenses and Permits are available at the Tribal Planning Department now. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

SCIT Ordinance 11 Fishing Seasons and Possessions Limits

Species	Seasons	Location	Limit	Min. Length
Trout	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	10 inch
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Largemouth Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	12 inch
Smallmouth Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	12 inch
Northern Pike	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	20 inch
Muskellunge	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day	42 inch
Sauger	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	14 inch
Tiger Muskellunge	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	1 per day	42 inch
Walleye	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	15 per day	14 min.
Bluegill	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Sunfish	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Crappie	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Rock Bass	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	50 per day	No min.
Perch	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	100 per day	No min.
Lake Whitefish	No closed	Inland streams and rivers	10 per day	No min.
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CMU celebrates legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at CommUNITY Peace Brunch

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Central Michigan University community came together on Jan. 18 at Finch Fieldhouse to celebrate and honor the rich legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the CommUNITY Peace Brunch.

CMU President George Ross gave opening remarks with the CMU Office for Institutional Diversity's Associate Vice President Carolyn Dunn, University Communications' Vice President Sherry Knight, Multicultural Academic Student Services' Executive Director Traci Guinn-Buckley, Native American Programs' Director Colleen Green and Nijjkewhn Mentoring Coordinator Nicole McLachlan in attendance.

"This is the kickoff for Martin Luther King Jr. week, and this brunch brings our students, faculty, staff and community members together to celebrate Dr. King's work and dream of diversity and inclusion for all peoples," Ross said. "It's just a great way to start and we have a number of educational activities for people to participate in. We bridge our difference by conversations that lead to action. We value and respect our relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe."

Ross views the tradition that continues between CMU and the Tribe as partners in educating students, and is very proud of Native enrollment on campus.

"I'm very proud of the Native American Programs and Nijjkewhn Mentoring Program that brings CMU



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

CMU President George Ross informs the audience of the university commitment toward diversity and inclusion.

students together with Tribal students in the local area schools," Ross said. "As we celebrate the rich legacy of Dr. King, we can also celebrate the heritage and culture that brings our people together."

Green, also a doctoral student, and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Member, believes Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. brought his energy to the fight for equal rights in this country.

"Through his words, he has encouraged me to give back to my community and through my sorority, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. by giving more than I receive and by helping those who do not have a voice," Green said. "It is well deserved to have a national, federally-recognized holiday to commemorate his civil engagement and advocacy."

On the calendar as one of their signature annual events, the third week in January kicks off the celebration

of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy with a week of activities organized by the Multicultural Academic Student Services.

"A Day On, not a Day Off is how Martin Luther King Jr. Week is celebrated at CMU.

Olivia Maniwabi-McCullough, a CMU junior and a Potawatomi from the Hannahville Indian Community, joined other Native students at the peace brunch.

"To me, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a reminder for us to love and respect one another and to not judge one another for the color of our skin," Maniwabi-McCullough said. "It's a day to celebrate the life of a man who fought so hard for equality for all. It also serves as a reminder for us that there is still work to be done to finish what he started."

Sophie Maniwabi, also from the Hannahville Indian Community and a Mid-Michigan Community College student joined the celebration.

"To me, MLK Day is a day that honors and remembers the many achievements Martin Luther King Jr had during the Civil Rights Movement," Maniwabi said. "I think it's a day to remember the speeches he gave and the amount of effort he put into the movement despite all the racism and prejudice he faced during that time."

Delivered by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, "I Have A Dream" still stands as one of the most inspirational oratories in American history.

In the spirit of a great American, the Tribal Observer offers the following excerpt from the iconic speech:



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Rho Delta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha stomp out a spirited message at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. CommUNITY Peace Brunch.

"I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring!

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Saganing Eagles Landing December Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant

Please help the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and its staff congratulate Tammy Mansfield and Wendy Bartys, the December Employees of the Month.

Mansfield is a guest service representative and has been nominated by her supervisors many times.

Customer service, promotion knowledge and the ability to

lead are just a few of the reasons Tammy was nominated.

The Guest Service department is an ever-changing department with the different promotions and displays, and Tammy adjusted easily to the changes and take pride in her job.

Thank you, Tammy, for being a team player and doing such a terrific job!

Bartys is a supervisor in the Guest Service Department and was nominated for her compassion and problem solving skills.

Every day, Bartys comes in with a smile on her face and speaks with her coworkers to update herself on what has been and what needs to be done.

If she sees an associate struggling with something she takes the time to talk to them and help them in any way she can. Diverting disasters and keeping a cool head under pressure are her strong points.

Thank you, Wendy, for being awesome at what you do!



Tammy Mansfield



Wendy Bartys

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Saganing Tribal Center hosts Jan. 11 blood drive

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant

Michigan Blood held a blood drive at the Saganing Tribal Center on Monday, Jan. 11.

Despite the dangerous weather and icy roads, there was an excellent turnout.

A total of 193 people came out, and 152 of those individuals were successful donors.

Two of those donors volunteered to do the "Double Red donation," which in total, 154 life-saving pints of blood collected.

Double red cell donation is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two unites of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you.

Michigan Blood stated that they are in need of Type O negative blood right now. For healthy individuals with Type O negative blood, your donation would be greatly appreciated and needed.

The next scheduled blood drive at the Saganing Tribal Center is Tuesday, March 8.

Call **1-866-MIBLOOD** or go online at www.miblood.org to make an appointment.



Tribal community shares the bounty at Seventh Generation's annual Winter Feast

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It has been said that biboon (winter) is the time when elders tell stories and the git-chi mukwa (great bear) hibernates. It is also a time to celebrate the changing seasons and all the blessings the Creator has given us.

The spirit of community was present as 100 people shared the bounty at Seventh Generation's annual Winter Feast on Jan. 20.

Dawn Morrow, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, made biscuits to go with the waabooz (rabbit) stew and reflected on how the food was prepared.

Cultural Representative Lacey Mandoka prepared the waabooz that are locally raised by Tribal Members Quinn and Sarah Pelcher.

"There was a lot of laughter and good prayers put into making the food," Morrow said. "We do a smudge for the building and the kitchen and we put that love into the preparation. We make the feast like we were taught back in the day; and my grandmother, mom and aunties would do the same to put the good spirits into the food. I couldn't think of doing it any other way."

Morrow thanked Anishinaabe Kwe Yvette Pitawanakwat for bringing the fish along with the many other people who brought dishes to pass.

The Mino Ode Singers offered their drum songs, and brought some tasty homemade oven bread.

Other feast offerings included a buffalo roast and



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Bay Mills Indian Community Tribal Elder Bucko Teeple offers cultural teachings during the Seventh Generation Winter Feast.

homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, wild rice soup, green bean casserole, salad and a wide array of assorted pies and desserts.

Administrative Assistant II Lee Ann Ruffino said in 1994, one of the first cultural gatherings Seventh Generation brought to the community was the seasonal feast.

"Tribal elder and former Seventh Generation director Milton Pelcher believed it was important to make use of tobacco, pipe ceremonies and drums available to all community members, and that is what traditionally went on at these feasts," Ruffino said. "The seasonal feasts were very successful in Seventh Generation's beginnings from then on. Milton added events such as baby celebrations, semaa gatherings, cultural presentations for local school



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Low in fat and high in protein and flavor, the buffalo roast ready to serve, according to Lacey Mandoka.

systems and sugar bush to the cultural sharing and those events continue today also."

Mandoka also prepared the special treat of buffalo roast for the gathering. Known by many Tribes as a staple of the feast, the offering of buffalo tends to be a big draw.

"There were many new faces at the event, which was really great to see," Mandoka said. "Our staff was pleased to see so many attendees that brought a dish to share, and giveaway gifts to put on the giveaway table. It feels so good to know that our community enjoys these events because we sure enjoy offering them and seeing the community together."

Tribal Elder Daisy Kostus offered an opening prayer in Anishnaabemowin and a spirit plate was offered to the Sacred Fire in reverence to our Ojibwe teachings.

Tribal elder Bucko Teeple, of Bay Mills Indian Community, shared his wisdom on why Native people still gather for the seasonal feasts.

"This is a time where the snow is on the ground and we have the protection of... the elders," Teeple said. "It is a time for fasting and a time where elders reflect on what they have learned and to tell their stories. They talk about what is going on in their community and what is also going on in their life and the things that they've done during their lifetime. That's when you hear the stories on how the birch tree got its bark or how whitefish came to be."

Teeple gave a message concentrating on the positive things in life like how young people can follow this traditional way and embrace the values that have been passed down to us.

"Bravery, honesty, wisdom, truth, love, respect and humility are the Grandfather Teachings we share with each other," Teeple said. "It is a part of who we are as Anishinabe people. We still have some of our elders that carry that indigenous wisdom and stories in the language. I have heard many of those stories but I'm not a fluent speaker in the language. I don't feel comfortable telling those stories in English because the stories can lose their meaning in the translation."



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Cultural Representative Dawn Morrow is all smiles in the kitchen while she prepares the feast food.

Teeple is also a professional photographer and is well respected as an artist in that medium. He fully believes individuals can learn to tell those stories with technology also.

"For me, I believe young people have an opportunity to explore the many different indigenous cultures around the world," he said. "I have seen it in Germany and in Australia where the aboriginal people have had similar experiences to ours. They have no treaties and no programs, like Seventh Generation, to promote their cultural teachings. And even in Australia, they have seen the need of passing down the language and the stories of their people. So what they are doing is embracing technology and helping their elders record the richness of their stories and language. And we have seen with the Saginaw Chippewas and our Tribes in Michigan and across the U.S. and Canada do that same kind of cultural preservation."

Pink Gizi breast cancer awareness cards raise funds for McLaren Central Michigan

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Nov. 24, Karmanos Cancer Services of McLaren Central Michigan joined with officials at the Migizi Economic Development Company as Regional Director Nancy King accepted a \$1,700 donation

during a breast cancer awareness campaign.

"First and foremost, we are always grateful to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for supporting cancer services in our community," King said. "It is through this partnership we have been able to serve our patients appropriately and to truly be able to help those in need."

King said she is grateful the Tribe chose to partner with them to raise awareness and funds.

"Cancer is a serious business and it is always fun when you can bring a lighthearted feel to it," she said. "To be able to use Gizi, who is friendly and robust, just an enjoyable way to highlight breast cancer



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On the behalf of SCIT, Frank Cloutier presents a \$1,700 donation for breast cancer awareness to McLaren Representative Nancy King (center) with Migizi CEO Lisa Darnell.

awareness and the serious side of it in the community."

King said cancer is a scary word, and looks to the loving way Gizi was used in the Migizi promotions at the Sagamok Shell, Nbakade and other properties to promote the cause.

"I think seeing all the pink cards warm the hearts of those who want to give and it encouraged others to give more," King said. "I think the people

liked signing their names on the pink Gizi cards showing they and their family supports the fight against breast cancer.

Migizi CEO Lisa Darnell and Marketing Director Frederick Kuhlman were joined at the brief presentation by Chief Frank Cloutier, public relations director at the time.

Cloutier also serves on the McLaren Central Michigan Board of Directors.



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Attention Adult Tribal Members

Migizi EDC has one vacancy on its Board of Directors to fill a Community Member seat. Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested party should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding of business management, administration, accounting, finance, law, advertisement, public relations and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings and special meetings. This appointment and its term will run concurrent with Tribal Council elections.

A Letter of Intent will be accepted until March 11, 2016 and should be mailed to:
Migizi Economic Development Company, c/o Melanie Burger, 7070 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858



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WIGWAM WISDOM

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

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

Dear WW: I feel like I know what I should do, but my heart won't let me. Logic escapes me when I'm around him. When I met my new boyfriend, he was the nicest man to me and I am so taken back by it. It's so refreshing compared to my last relationship. The problem is that he told me he only had two kids but come to find out he actually has seven! I suppose you'll want me to break it off now. **Nice Guy**

Dear Nice: No, I want you to start another family with him so he can lie to the next girlfriend! Let's just start with the basic, if he lied about his children, what else is he keeping from you? What else will he lie about? Now ask yourself what would you rather have: A nice guy who lies or a nice guy who tells the truth? Please find a little self-esteem and move on.

Dear WW: I want to buy my girlfriend a new pet for Valentine's Day! I just got a new job and will be working out of town. I think the new pet will help keep her company while I'm gone. We have no kids and it will help us see if we can handle more responsibility. I'm not sure if I should get her a cat, a dog or a pig. What do you suggest? **New Pet**

Dear Pet: You should never give a pet as a gift unless you know the recipient is responsible and completely ready to care for one for its entire life. Since you are using the pet as a test to see how responsible you both are, I would recommend against it. A pet is a big commitment that requires constant care and should not be taken lightly.

Dear WW: I'm not sure what to think but after only dating a woman for a couple of months, she told me she's in love with me. I like her (a lot) but I'm not at the love level she is. Actually, I'm hoping she doesn't turn into a fatal attraction. Is this normal? Should I give it more time? **Not In Love**

Dear Not: I would think that a couple of months is soon but that can only be determined by an individual. She obviously knows what she wants or does not expect a lot. You didn't mention your ages so I'm not sure if this would be a first love or perhaps a rebound from another relationship. If you feel okay with how things are progressing, I would not worry.

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Email your submissions to observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Tribal Operations building.

Adopt a Pet

Odin

Odin is a 2-year-old male Bloodhound mix. Odin smells everything; smelling isn't just a hobby for him, it's his job. With his size (117 pounds) and sharp mind, he needs to keep busy. His ideal family not only has time to play and work with him, but would also leave him with toys to keep him busy when they step out. He would prefer a household with no cats.



Breyer

Breyer is a male orange Domestic Shorthair mix. Breyer is almost one year old. He is a shy boy with loads of energy. Loud noises and small children tend to scare him, so he would prefer a quiet household. He loves to cuddle and play. He gets along with other cats, and with most other dogs. He has been at HATS since Sept. 8, 2015 and is patiently waiting for his forever, loving home.



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Art Reach exhibit features Marcella Hadden's "Powwow Dancers" photography

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

If there's one thing that Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder Marcella Hadden has a passion for, it's photography.

Photographing swirling regalia colors in action is one of her favorite objects to capture.

As of Jan. 8 and until Feb. 6, Hadden's powwow photography is featured in the Art Reach of Mid Michigan's Morey Family Gallery exhibit entitled "Powwow Dancers."

"I call attention to the primary colors of the traditional dancers and the vibrant/neon colors of the fancy dancers," Hadden said. "In capturing facial expressions of the dancers, the viewer sees that they are no longer human, but spirits of the rhythmic drums—Spirits that come back to life in music and dance."

On Thursday, Jan. 14, Art Reach hosted a reception for the camerawork of Hadden,



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Photographer Marcella Hadden (center) poses with Sandy Sprague and Dan McCreery during her Jan. 14 Art Reach reception.

who also owns Niibing Giizis (Summer Moon Photography.)

Numerous community members attended to view Hadden's snapshots.

Tribal Elder Steve Pego played the flute, and told the story of the history of the flute.

The exhibit features 16 of Hadden's powwow photos.

"My work is one snapshot at a time that is frozen for eternity," she said. "I study the dancers and notice the fine details long after the powwow is over. I like to enhance the colors of my

photographs to make them more dramatic. The challenge, as with any important decision, is to decide which photographs get to live and speak to the world in way that only culture intends."

Every second Friday each month, Art Reach, in collaboration with Helios Gallery in downtown Mount Pleasant, will have a gathering for the selected art galleries until 8 p.m.

Hadden's gallery was the first featured in the 2016 schedule.

"The object of this event is to provide a cultural experience

and encourage community members to experience the artwork of local artists," said Kathryn Hill, executive director for Art Reach. "First Friday events are pretty common in larger communities. We are tweaking the idea to fit our community and see if we can't encourage people to stay downtown on a Friday night, take in an art exhibit, maybe go out for dinner or a drink and call it a date night."

The Art Reach of Mid Michigan's Morey Family Gallery business hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.



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The Art Reach of Mid Michigan's exhibit features 16 of Hadden's powwow photos.



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Hadden's friends attend the open house to view her photos, on display until Feb. 6.



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In Art Reach's Morey Family Gallery room, a large crowd listens to Steve Pego tell the story of the flute and its history.



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Hadden's "Powwow Dancers" exhibit features a photo of youth dancer Christopher Spencer-Ruiz.



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Chase Stevens, holding Gunner Stevens view Hadden's camerawork.

Upcoming Art Reach gallery calendar

- **Feb. 10-March 5:** Dillon and Payton Pringle
- **March 9-31:** Shirley Brauker
- **April 4-30:** Small Works Juried Show
- **May 4-20: Mt. Pleasant Area Schools Exhibit**
- **May 25-June 18:** Tim Billman & Laura Coffee
- **June 22-July 16:** Second Sight Artists
- **July 20-Aug. 10:** Tatsuki Hakoyama
- **Aug. 17-Sept. 10:** Art Walk Central

Anishinaabemowin maadziimgad at Jan. 23 community meeting

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Jan. 23, the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department made the Ojibwe

language maadziimgad (come alive) at the Saginaw Chippewa State of the Tribe community meeting.

Isabelle Osawamick, tribal elder and outreach specialist

for ALRD, said attendees that came to the information booth were gifted with pencils that had the Seven Grandfather teachings on them.

"Each of the seven pencils had one of the teachings written in Anishinaabemowin, with the smaller translation in English," Osawamick said. "We also had various handouts with different designs to attract people."

Osawamick said amongst the handouts was the serenity prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

"This was a gift from our program that was well-received by attendees that visited the booth and the handouts were gone quickly," Osawamick said.

Osawamick said ALRD will assist with translating specific prayers into Anishinaabemowin.

The ALRD booth also offered pamphlets with personal valentine sayings, and pictures of stretches and movements with accompanying Anishinaabemowin vocabulary.

"The Anishinaabemowin syllable and sound chart was also available for participants," Osawamick said. "This helps

second language learners to sound out the Anishinaabe word by looking at the chart. For those that wanted to put time and challenge into Anishinaabemowin, there was a crossword."

Pictures of Sasiwaans students were on display, depicting different activities that they partake at the school including: Smudging,

reading, planting, drumming, working together, play and students playing together.

"We did not lose our language overnight so we are not going to get back our language overnight," Osawamick said. "It requires commitment. ALRD is committed to sharing all aspects of Anishinaabemowin."

Be-kaa-den-da-mo-win Na-me-win

(Serenity Prayer)

Gzhe-mni-do (God/Creator)

Bi-gid-naa-mwi-shin (grant me)

Be-kaa-den-da-mo-win (the serenity)

Ji-mna-daa-pa-na-maa (to accept the things)

Gesh-toos-waanh (I cannot)

Wii'aaanj-too-waanh (change)

Jim-shko-wen-da-maa (the courage)

Ji-gwek-si-doo-waanh (to change)

Gesh-too-waanh (the things I can)

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Migizi spotlight: A 2015 recap and what's in store for 2016

FREDERICK KUHLMAN

Migizi
Marketing Manager

It is with pleasure that all of the employees of Migizi Economic Development Company wish you a happy New Year.

We are happy to be working with the Tribal Observer in the coming year to keep you informed of the exciting new developments and operations here at Migizi.

In the coming issues, we will visit Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Waabooz Run Golf Course, Soaring Eagle Hideaway R.V. Park, Cardinal Pharmacy, Saganing Sagamok Shell, Aking Holding Company and Eagles Landing gift shop at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

We are excited to announce in 2016, the Isabella Sagamok

Shell will be undergoing a full renovation.

For the first time in 20 years, there will be a change in brands switching from Shell to Exxon/Mobil.

The Migizi Board of Directors has approved a new supplier agreement that will allow us to move forward with upgrades in the early summer.

The station will see new and more convenient pumps, a repaved parking lot, an interior redesign with many more food options and an updated building exterior reflecting the new brand.

A main goal will be to reduce wait times that can occur at periods such as shift change and will also allow the tracking of the tax agreement discounts to be automated.

This rebranding will be a much-needed improvement to this important tribal enterprise and you will start to



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see the change as soon as the weather allows.

Eagle Bay Marina will continue a positive path in the coming year.

Year 2015 saw many upgrades to this wonderful property: Restroom and shower facilities were renovated and upgraded, the service department returned headed by Tribal Member Stacy Pamame, and many exterior upgrades were made.

The Marina also hosted two Walleye fishing tournaments last season including a national event.

In 2016, we will add more attractions and activities for families and continue improvements

to make Eagle Bay Marina a boating destination.

Eagle Valley Outfitters embarked on a new path last year.

At Eagle Valley Outfitters, you will find the things you want and need for a day on the bay or in the field backed up by a knowledgeable staff and service department.

The store now offers a four-lane indoor archery range; open all year and a very unique indoor laser virtual firearm range for training and competition.

Laser cartridges are inserted into a firearm instead of live ammunition allowing indoor practice. Shooters can bring their own firearm or rent one at the store.

While both ranges are open without appointment, if you would like to reserve a session just call **989-846-1809**.

Eagle Valley Outfitters also hosted a buck pole contest during deer season with a winning buck that was a 26-pointer. That'll be hard to beat in 2016!

In the new year, the challenge will be to continue to add new product lines and services not found anywhere else and to spread the word about the best little sporting goods store on the sunrise side.

We encourage all Tribal Members to stop in and visit their businesses and get to know the stores and the staff. Migizi Economic Development Company is here to serve the Tribe and we welcome your input and feedback.

Remember, when you shop Tribal businesses your dollars stay in and support the Tribal community.

Hunters need to submit 2015/2016 game harvest surveys

HEATHER SHAW

Wildlife Biologist

I hope everyone had a safe and successful harvest season. On behalf of myself and the Saginaw Chippewa

Conservation Committee, we would like to request your hunter harvest information for the 2015/2016 deer, turkey, and trapping seasons be submitted as soon as possible.

Hunters provide two critical pieces of information: Where

and when all game species were harvested.

This data will then be used to guide harvest seasons and harvest limits for the following year, and determine game harvest patterns between seasons and years.

Please note: If this information has not been received, it will be requested when purchasing your 2016/2017 tags.

Please do your part to provide the most accurate game harvest data so that conservation efforts may be properly directed.

Harvest forms for deer and turkey are available online at www.sagchip.org/planning, and are available in the Planning Department.

Please contact Heather Shaw, tribal wildlife biologist, at **989-775-4146** for any questions.

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First “Walking with Our Sisters” community conversation draws generous crowd

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The “Walking with Our Sisters”, first community conversation was held at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways on Friday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m.

Former Tribal chiefs, Ogitchedaw and pipe carriers, Tribal school and college educators, domestic violence awareness advocates, Tribal community members of various interests and ages, and people, who traveled a good distance on a Michigan winter evening, came together to acknowledge and support an issue that has touched far too



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Ziibiwing Center Director Shannon Martin and Curator William Johnson led the first “Walking with Our Sisters” community discussion on Thursday, Jan. 7.

many families and individuals in Native country – the issue of the rampant and horrendous numbers of missing and murdered Indigenous Women of Canada and the United States.

Walking with Our Sisters is a commemorative art installation, a memorial, a project, a movement, a coming together of those who support an effort to bring awareness and hopefully an end, to this brutally

painful and senseless loss of those we dearly cherish: Our girls, our young ladies, our mothers and sisters and those who never got the chance, whose lives are cut too short, too soon and way too often.

Walking with Our Sisters will be at the Ziibiwing Center (one of only two locations in the nation scheduled at this time) from April 23 until May 7, 2016.

This memorial will include nearly 2,000 moccasin vamps (moccasin tops).

Only the top of the moccasin is included to represent the unfinished lives of the women and girls.

These vamps were made by people of various tribal

communities including the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal community. The arrangement of the display and all of the ceremonial handling of these items will be decided on and maintained by the Tribal community.

Conversational meetings will be held every two weeks at the Ziibiwing Center until the opening date of the memorial to make the decisions of who will be involved and how everything will be handled.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Dinner is served at each meeting.

The community is invited to come and be a part of this unique and important project. For more information, please call 989-775-4750.

Ziibiwing Center a venue for Art Reach of Mid Michigan’s “Kids and Culture”

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Ziibiwing Center, along with several other Mount Pleasant cultural organizations, will participate in Art Reach of Mid Michigan’s “Kids and Culture”, a new program sponsored by McDonald’s and 95.3 WCFX.

Kids and Culture began in January to provide area families

the opportunity to visit a highlighted cultural organization, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month in 2016.

In addition to free admission, highlighted venues provide hands-on children’s activities and a chance to win a prize.

Ziibiwing will be the highlighted venue on March 19 and July 15.

McDonald’s will provide refreshments and Arch Cards to participants.

More information is available on wcfx.com or by calling Art Reach at 989-773-3689.

ART REACH

Of Mid Michigan

Additional highlighted venues and dates

- Feb. 20: Art Reach of Mid Michigan
- April 16: CMU Museum of Cultural and Natural History
- May 21: Veterans Memorial Library
- June 18: Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum
- Aug. 20: Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum
- Sept. 17: CMU Museum of Cultural and Natural History
- Oct. 15: Art Reach of Mid Michigan
- Nov. 19: University Art Gallery, CMU Libraries: Baber Room and Clarke Historical Library
- Dec. 17: Veterans Memorial Library

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Saturday, February 6, 2016
10am - 3pm

On February 6th, join William Johnson, Curator of the Ziibiwing Center, for this special event.

Ms. Lillian Osborne of Saginaw, MI donated six Smokey Joe Jackson carvings to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Ziibiwing Center in 2015.

These objects plus other Smokey Joe Jackson carvings from the Chippewa Nature Center will be on display.

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Sundance Institute and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways invite Native youth between the ages of 16 and 24 to a youth filmmaking workshop and the community to exclusive film screenings with the films’ directors.

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Film Screening: *Drunktown’s Finest*, 6pm
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016
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6650 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI
Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Glenna Genereaux at 989.775.4744 or ggenereaux@sagchip.org

Film Screening: *Mekko*, 6pm
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Hospitality Challenge Dodgeball Tournament offers exciting action for Tribal associates

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the players assembled, their strategy was clear: How were they going to be the last ones standing.

Excitement and hopes of taking home hardware drove 14 teams to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall Jan. 18 for the competitive Double Elimination Hospitality Challenge Dodgeball Tournament.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police team was victorious by posting a down-to-the-wire finish (a one-on-one, last man standing contest) with "Jenny's Servers."

Other teams competing included "Recreation," "Toni's Tigers," "Spa-lettes," "Aim at the Fat Kid," "Balls of Fury," "Hot Balls," "SEWPHers," "300 Bang Bang," "Aquatics," "Do You Want a String with That" and "Sprinkles R 4 Winners."

SECR Director of Hotel Operations Bernard Sprague was behind the microphone announcing the play-by-play.

Sprague said the hospitality valet and bell staff put out the initial challenge to all interested departments.

"I supported their idea and posted the challenge to all SECR Departments,

Migizi and Tribal Operations (employees), and to my surprise we ended up with 14 teams," Sprague said. "With the great response, I knew we had to organize a full-fledged tournament complete with officials and rules so the games would be as fair as possible. We used the Amateur Dodgeball Association rules, complete with accurate court dimensions and regulated equipment right down to the balls and nets."

The action was fast and furious as the first upset came in the third match where the managers from hospitality defeated the valet and bell staff.

The managers went on and lost a close one in the second round to Jenny's Servers (Water Lily Lounge bartenders and wait staff).

"There was plenty of exciting matches in the tournament, but the one that I thought was the most shocking was the victory by the Spa-lettes over the Hot Balls team," Sprague said. "The Spa-lettes were down 4-to-1 with their last player

(Spa Receptionist Shelby Beckman) having to somehow take out four players to win the match. One-by-one, the Hot Balls players fell and with eight seconds on the clock, the last one was out

and the Spa-lettes celebrated their lone victory in the tournament."

Sprague said the Aquatics team from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and the Balls of Fury team from Table Games team were also competitive in the semi-finals.

The Aquatics team and Balls of Fury posted identical 3-2 records to make the final four and was swiftly knocked out of the tourney.

"There were plenty of great plays, a lot of good dodging and all players showed good sportsmanship in victory and defeat," Sprague said. "We hope to host the 2017 Challenge and will do our best to improve the event. I would like to thank the officials (Rachael Ebright, Barb LaBree, Justis Pope and Robert Villareal), timer Carli Sprague, the staff, the players and the team from SECR Food & Beverage (for supplying pizza) that helped making a successful event. Together we worked as a team and made the event fun, competitive and exciting."

SECR Front Desk Supervisor Barbara LaBree served as an official and was very pleased with the turn out.

"It was a lot of fun officiating the game with my fellow co-workers and all of the associates seemed to be having fun," LaBree said. "Sometimes you don't see everything on the field so it can be a little stressful at times. For me, the best part of it was watching the competitiveness out there. There were a lot of great teams and I hope that we will continue to do these tournaments in the future with even more participants."

Soaring Eagle Spa Manager Molly Burhans said the tournament was something for the associates to look forward to, and brought some "bragging rights."

"What a great moral booster for employees, to



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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police took down Jenny's Servers in the championship game to win the 2016 trophy. (Left to right: Officers Trent Vatter, Anthony Keller, David Feger, Nathan Bazan, Ryan Nau and Derek Williams.)



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The team from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel had their own mascot rooting for them. (Front row: Angela Town, Candace Salliotte and Kristian Campbell. Back row: Timothy Simmons, Sean Weeks, Gizi, Esteban Rivera, Mitch Paul.)



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Providing insight for the event was (pictured left to right) Richard Peach, front desk agent; Barbara LaBree, front desk supervisor; Rachael Ebright, administrative assistant; Bernard Sprague, director of SECR hotel operations; and his daughter, Carli Sprague.

have something like this to get all departments together," Burhans said. "This was something that was very inexpensive to do, and brought together that team building that hasn't been around in a while. A special thank you to Bernie Sprague for organizing the event, and to all of the other volunteers that helped make the night successful. Hopefully this is something we can continue to do!"

SCIT Chief of Police Donielle Bannon offered a sincere thank you to the organizers.

"This was a great opportunity to get out and have some fun with fellow employees of the Tribe," Bannon said. "Tribal Police Department personnel always enjoy taking part in community activities



The "Hot Balls" from Hotel Guest Services had a "Nacho Libre" flair to their team.

and really liked the dodgeball tournament. I am proud of the men who made up the Tribal Police Dodgeball team; they represented our department very well. We look forward to participating in more community events like dodgeball in the future."

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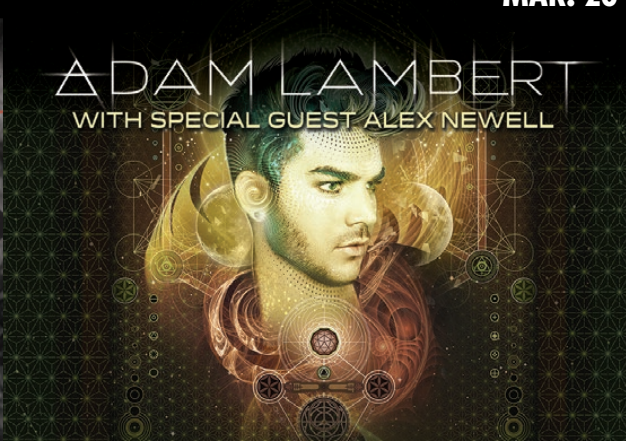


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SCIT Eagles basketball lands at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym for another season

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Central Michigan Youth Basketball Association league basketball lands at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym for another exciting season for the Tribal sixth grade boys and seventh grade girls team.

On Jan. 16, the boys stormed the home court taking on the Morley Stanwood Mohawks and the St. Charles Bulldogs.

Coach Alan Vasquez and first-year Coach Keith Bennett had the 2016 version of the SCIT Eagles boys' team ready to compete.

The Eagles roster included Jimaga Nish Martell, Giizhig Martell, Albert Shomin, J.J. Wemigwans, Paul Shomin, Kentae Flory, Daniel Bennett, Devin Bennett, Daniel Wemigwans, Migizi Wemigwans, Parker Anzalone and Damion Hagard.

The Eagles split their games losing to the Mohawks 17-22 and rebounding against the Bulldogs in a hard fought 27-26 victory.

"The boys still need a lot of work, but it's early in the season, and they are listening for the most part," Keith Bennett said. "Me and Coach Vasquez are going to keep working with them and we will see how far we can go. To have youth basketball and sports at the Tribal Gym helps keep the kids on the right path. This helps them learn some good life lessons and keeps them



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Lady Eagles point guard Madison Pelcher makes an aggressive basket in the paint during their game against the Panthers.

focused on the positive things we can do as a team."

Keith Bennett appreciates the support given from the Tribal Members and parents coming out to see the boys' and girls' teams play.

"We like it when the community is here because this is their home team and this is our home court," Keith Bennett said. "It's been like that for years and many of the kids grew up right here in this gym."

Tribal Member Kyle Shomin played at the Nest before becoming a breakout player with the Mt. Pleasant Oilers and the Mid-Michigan Community College Lakers.

"This is where it all started for me," Shomin said of the Tribal Gym. "I was playing hoops here when I was 7 years old, and to come back and see the kids out there running around and being competitive, means a lot to me. It's nice to see a lot of Native kids out here having fun on the weekends and not getting into trouble and replacing that negative stuff with sports."

Shomin had a chance to work with the kids during practice and he stressed the basic fundamentals of playing on a team as an important part of his success.

"You use the practice to get better and you only get to practice together a couple times a week," Shomin said. "That is why it is important to show up for practice and to give the coaches your complete attention and best effort. Every time you do a drill, you do it hard just like you're playing in a game and that will translate from shooting two for five to four for five. You will make progress and get better when you practice your shooting and fundamentals. That's what it's all about."

Ryan Nau, police officer for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, came out to support the teams and saw the excitement generated by league basketball at the Eagles Nest.

"The Tribal Police is proud to support athletics on the Reservation because it teaches discipline, respect, and a lot of characteristics it takes to become a productive adult in this community," Nau said. "It definitely gets the word out when others come from outside the county and see the positive things we have going on the Reservation. This is a fun, enjoyable atmosphere not just for Tribal Members, but for everyone. I'm already looking forward to coming to the next game to cheer on our kids."

Coach Rosemary Ekdahl led her SCIT Eagles girls' team in a Jan. 17 doubleheader against the Shepherd Blue Jays in the first game and ended their doubleheader with an exciting



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Eagles Coach Alan "Gene" Vasquez gives some encouragement as the Eagles Nest draws another capacity crowd.



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The Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council has stepped up once more to run concessions at the Eagles home games. (Pictured left to right: Nevaeh Badger, Jennifer Wassegijig, Kendra Cyr, Kenson Taylor and Joseph Wemigwans.)

back and forth game with the Alma Panthers.

The Lady Eagles included Madison Pelcher, Jenna Rios, Binayshee Wemigwans, Satori Griffin, Kiara Ekdahl, Eboney Jones, Justice Griffin, Ivy Little, Aiyana Sprague and Jasmin Jerrano.

The Lady Eagles flew past the Jays 23-14, but lost an exciting match with the Panthers in the last minute 20-24.

"The basketball season is something I look forward to every year," Ekdahl said. "I've coached seven out of the 11 girls for the past three years. It has been fun seeing them grow, not only as basketball players, but also as young women. I can count on them to work hard and give everything they have in practice and in a game."

Ekdahl said the Lady Eagles came out aggressive on defense.

"We didn't allow them to run their offense the way they wanted, and were able force a lot

of turnovers," Ekdahl said. "The Alma game was a very competitive game, too. It was fast-paced game. The girls stuck with it and never gave up. We came up four points short, but we didn't lack in effort. We will see them again this season and hopefully get a different outcome."

Referees Eric Pierson, Bear Raphael, Eric Harrison and Tim Rassmusson officiated the games.

Rassmusson has been a referee for 10 years. He said he seems a lot of competitive basketball at the Eagles Nest and that's how the youth athletes get to the next level.

"We strive to see them learning, and as a referee, we get to help the players with that," Rassmusson said. "Anytime you can get family like this coming out to support a child, it's awesome. Besides, when you have the music going and giving those kids a real introduction, it is one of the most exciting gyms to play and referee in."



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Lady Eagles Coach Rosemary Ekdahl gets some help from her bench, making sure other players get some court time.

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School Bus Driver Therese Kennedy receives "Educator of the Month"

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

Congratulations Therese Kennedy for being selected as the December Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Kennedy:

Which program do you work for? Saginaw Chippewa Academy - Transportation.

What is your title? School Bus Driver.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? I have worked for the Education Department since Jan. 4, 1994.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Greeting the students at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy with a positive attitude and a smile.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Dylan Bennett, Mya Chippeway, Gabriela Escobedo, Kaden Fair, Hannah Fleming-Foster, Tehya Florez, Rosemarie Green, Darien Haggard, Aaron Hendrickson, Konner Hilleger, Allison Lindstrom, Kaden Mena, Nadia Mills, Ramon Negrete-Ledesma, Miah Perez, Ethan Reed, Darrion Rueckert and Paul Rueckert.

Do you have any pets? Yes, I have a female Yorkie named Minnie.

What is your favorite vacation spot and why? Walt Disney World in Florida. There is so much to see and do, the warm weather, and seeing my son who lives in Tennessee.

What is one of your favorite quotes? "It is what it is."

What is your favorite candy/snack? Popcorn and chocolate.

What is your favorite Disney movie? I like them all.

What is the one thing that you love to do? Why? Camping, and I love spending time with family and friends.

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

Kinney

The following student earned perfect attendance for December: Dakarii Graveratte.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Tavia Agosto, Arianna Altman, Kadenn Rose, Emily Stevens, Kyrah Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Tayden Davis, Malakai Demoinis, Isaiah Harris, Jimaganish Martell, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Riley Chamberlain, Bird Hendrickson, Giizhig Martell, Taleah Pelcher, John Stevens and Makayla Stevens.



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School Bus Driver Therese Kennedy accepts her award. (Pictured left to right: Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Sharp, Kennedy and Education Director Melissa Montoya.)

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova, Heath Jackson-hofer, Natalia Martin, David McClain, Ava Mena, Kyven Rose, Owen Seybert, Micha Wagner, Braden Bennett, Leticia Hawkins, Alex Hinmon, Talon McClusky, Arilynn Peters, Remy Weldon, Caleb Burger, Trevor Isham, Maisie Mena, Javanni Perry, Miiki Prout, Isaiah Rodriguez, Kaya Rose, Alex Taylor, Isabelle Terrill-Leathers, Cruz Vaquera, Damey'n Weldon, Bailey Burger, Grace Davidson, Jasmine Davis, Ryan Flaughner and Leonard Pamp-Ettinger.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for December: Kearnin Alexander, Aiyana Bross, Dayton Bross, Trey Bross, Chayton Chatfield, Samuel Cloud, Johnathan Cogswell, Eyhana Feliciano, Angelica Hinmon, Alize Jackson, Hunter Jackson, Sarah Osawabine, Layla Pigeon, Maya Ryan, Madalynn Sineway, Olivia Sineway, Sandra Slater and Xander Starr. The following middle and high school students earned perfect attendance for the first trimester: Taylor Burton, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Olivia Lawson, Damien Martinez, Jacob Sineway, Jarek Chamberlain, Hayley Cogswell and Tyler VanHorn. The following middle and high school students earned recognition for their GPA in the first trimester: Aiyana Borton, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Luciano Escamilla, Tony Garcia, Quincey Jackson, Jarrad Johnson, Andee Raphael, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Jacob Sineway, Matt Smith, Emma VanHorn, Okilani Alaniz, Jarek Chamberlain, Hayley Cogswell, Kira Fox, Kaila Garcia, Arionna Mejia, Sedona Mejia, Dia Niezgod, Alicia Raphael, Taylor Seegraves, Allyssa Shawboose, Joey Sineway, Abbey Sura and Scott Sura.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Adamina Bailey, Aaliyah Dunlap, Augustine Gibbs, Metao Harris, Joaquin Jackson, Kaden Kjolhede, Isabell Lerma, Zamiah Marshall, Mariana Mays, Gavin McCreery, Mia McCreery, Ringo Stevens and Nathan VanBuskirk.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Jadrian Jackson, Emma Henry, Novaly Hinmon, Nixie Snyder, Erica Hinmon, Kyla Henry, Tyler Snyder, Brysen Chamberlain, Kayana Pope, Elijah Otto, Cordelia McDaniel, Sway Mandoka and Makayla Jackson.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned Student of the Month for December: Rocky Shomin, Donovan Harris, Kaleb Potter, Quinn Pelcher, Anita Pelcher, Peyton Brabbs, Alberta Trepanier and Chelsea Pelcher. The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Jeydan Arbogast, Aiyana Sheahan, Bradley Woodworth, Clara Begay, Donovan Harris, Duane Sheahan, Liam Arbogast, Landon Pelcher-Harless, Joshua Velasquez, Azhiyen Wemigwans, Alex Grice, Frederick Highley, Dakota McQueen, Robert Saunders, Zoey Disel, Thomas Pelcher, Felicia Saunders and Annie Lada.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Gloria Altman, Caedynce Bailey, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Daniel Bennett, Damion Haggard, Zoey Haggard, Lucus Jackson, Matthew Jackson, Trent McConnell, Collyn Morrow, Zamil Rueckert, Kaylie Sprague and Dawnseh Wilson.

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Editorial: The history of tribal colleges and how mine has impacted my life

TASHA WEMIGWANS

Contributing Writer

(Editor's note: The following article is an essay written by Tasha Wemigwans for Nina Knight's English 101 Composition at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. Wemigwans wrote the article for the Summer II 2015 course.)

When thinking about tribal colleges, I am sure people have the same stereotypes regarding native schools that they do about Native Americans in general.

People may believe that tribal colleges receive their operating revenue from profits drawn from casinos. They may also believe tribal colleges do not provide their students with a quality education, and that their students are all handicapped due to alcohol and drug addictions.

However, that is far from the truth, if you ask me.

My tribal college, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, is far from that and I am proud to call it my school, as I am sure many other students would say the same thing about their schools.

The American Indian College Fund said tribal colleges were established to educate Native people and preserve Native ways and I couldn't agree more.

Although people may assume tribal colleges receive funding from the revenue that some

tribal reservations see from casino, that is not the case.

The American Indian Higher Education said most tribal colleges are located on the reservation lands; therefore, property taxes cannot be levied for the states support to fund them.

So, because of these guidelines associated with federal reservation land, tribal colleges started receiving federal funding because of the Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act of 1978, a point that the American Indian College Fund makes clear when talking about their history.

In 1989, the American Indian College Fund was founded to help support the Native American Students with scholarships and to provide funding to tribal colleges.

Tribal colleges also receive funding from the Title III of the Higher Education Act which was identified from the American Indian Higher Education.

Although it may seem, on paper, that tribal colleges receive a massive amount of funding; that is not the case.

Tribal Colleges are the most poorly-funded of higher education institutions in the country, yet they continue to keep the tuitions low for their students with an average cost of \$14,168 per year in 2013-14 with that including room, board, books, and tuition.

We need to know the history of tribal colleges and how they came about – financial struggles are

only one part of the story.

The concern for formal education for Native Americans dates back to 1723, according to the article Focus on Tribal Colleges. In 1723, William and Mary College opened "special facilities" to house Indian students. Later, the Continental Congress allocated \$500 for the education of Indians at Dartmouth College in 1775.

After years of treaties between the U.S. government and Indian nations regarding the education of Indian children, the Snyder Act of 1921 came about authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide educational services.

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 then came about, which established powers of Tribal governments and authorized loans to pay tuition and other expenses of Indians in postsecondary educational programs.

When looking at the facts, it seems the white man has always been concerned with teaching Native Americans; however, most of these colleges lacked the ability to learn about Native heritage that was being stripped away from us, and that is something tribal colleges offer.

Little Big Horn College has a quote from Chief Plenty Coups, a tribal leader, written on the building when entering that reads, "Without education, you are the white man's victim."

When exiting campus, you will see another quote from Chief

Plenty Coups, "With education, you are the white man's equal."

When Dine College was founded in 1968 by the Navajo nation, it was the very first tribal college.

Today, there are 34 accredited tribal colleges that serve more than 30,000 Native students, according to the American Indian College Fund.

Tribal colleges are required to meet the same academic standards as other college and universities, but they also are able to provide other important services like GED coursework, daycare, health centers, libraries, computer centers, language preservation classes and community activities.

The American Indian College Fund said tribal colleges also create economic and social change in Native and rural communities, and I couldn't agree more. SCTC provides opportunities to students to obtain a higher education, rather than attending a demanding university, and in return, we are gaining a positive role model in the community and for the future of the Tribe.

SCTC provides computer centers for the students, a library center, learning center, tutors, and Native American classes including language, beading, and arts and crafts. It provides community and student involvement through clubs and community activities.

The most important role of tribal colleges has been their deep-rooted commitment to cultural knowledge and the ceremonial and ritual life of their people, according to the Tribal College Journal.

An extensive class offering in Native education will not be found at other universities. Not only do tribal colleges offer Native classes, they accommodate to their surroundings on their reservations to their people.

According to the Tribal College Journal, poverty is one of the hardest struggles that

tribal colleges face for their institutions but also tribes.

Sitting Bull College addresses this issue with a Tribal Business Information Center to provide support for businesses, offering consultative services and training for community members.

Business is the number one major at tribal colleges.

Native American heritage is important for an education in business and tribal colleges recognize that, which is why they offer both classes to students to help overcome the struggles of poverty by giving their students the opportunities to be successful in the business world, but also a sense of identity through knowledge of their heritage and that is a great impact on reservations.

When looking at SCTC, I am excited to call it my school. I am saddened to think that my time is getting short and that soon I will have to venture on to another institution.

The impact the tribal college has had on my life has been tremendous.

I am happy I was able to attend a tribal college and get the knowledge of the Native history that I hadn't had the slightest clue of.

Not only has SCTC had an impact on me, but also for other members in our community; encouraging them to further their education and obtain bachelor's degrees and master's degrees and being successful role models in our community for generations to come.

(Wemigwans used the following sources: "American Indian College Fund", "American Indian Higher Education Consortium", "Politics And The Presidency" by Tom Allen and Dave Archambault, Tribal College Journal, "Engaging Life: Tcus And Their Role Building Community" by Cheryl Crazy Bull and American Psychological Association)



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Hits abound as Rick Springfield and Eddie Money take to the SECR stage

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Rock fans were able to reminisce about the '80s on Monday, Dec. 28. The Entertainment Hall featured a plethora of hits as Rick Springfield and Eddie Money took the stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Eddie Money, born Edward Joseph Mahoney, released his first album in 1977. The self-titled "Eddie Money", achieved platinum status.

He would go on to release 10 more studio albums, three of which also achieved platinum status: "Life for the Taking" (1978), "No Control" (1982), and "Can't Hold Back" (1986).

The concert kicked off with Money's hit "Baby Hold On". After grabbing a saxophone, he returned to perform "Wanna Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star" and "Walk on Water".

Stopping for a moment, Money explained the story behind his recently released single, "One More Soldier Coming Home".

The song is a tribute to fallen service members. According to his website, 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

The hits continued with "No Control" and "I Wanna Go Back".

Next, Money played his number one hits "Take Me Home Tonight" and "Think I'm in Love".

To close the first act, Money performed fan favorites "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Shakin'".

Australian artist Rick Springfield has released 17 studio albums, including his first album "Beginnings" in 1972.

Springfield jumped into the spotlight upon moving to the U.S. and released his fifth album "Working Class Dogs" in 1981. The album spawned three top 40 hits and achieved platinum status.

He would go on to release a succession of platinum albums including "Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet" (1982), "Living in Oz" (1983) and "Hard Boiled" (1984).

Springfield also found a career as an actor, appearing on television shows including "True Detective", "High Tide" and "General Hospital".

Springfield kicked off the night by playing "Light This Party Up". The single come from the upcoming album "Rocket Science", which releases Feb. 19, 2016.

The set list also featured another unreleased song "Down".

The audience was treated to all of Springfield's hits,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Eddie Money, with saxophone in hand, belts out the lyrics to "Wanna Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star" during the Dec. 28 show.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rick Springfield smiles at the audience members during his top 10 hit, "I've Done Everything for You".

including the Billboard Top 10 U.S. hits, "I've Done Everything for You", "Affair of the Heart" and "Love Somebody".

During another top 10 hit, "Don't Talk to Strangers", Springfield held out the microphone and gave lucky audience members a chance to sing the chorus line.

Changing up the pace, he played spirited covers of Katy

Perry's "Roar" and The Troggs' "Wild Thing".

The night also featured the songs "I Get Excited", "Love is Alright Tonight", "Human Touch" and "Our Ship's Sinking".

Springfield riled up the audience with his hit song "Jessie's Girl". The hit song reached number one on the Billboard U.S. Chart, and also earned

him a Grammy Award in 1982.

To close out the night, he performed "I'll Make You Happy" and "Kristina".

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Country legend Tanya Tucker and soulful Collin Raye shine in the spotlight

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort is known for bringing international musicians of all genres to its stage.

On Wednesday, Dec. 30, the night was all about American country music as legend Tanya Tucker and soulful country star Collin Raye took to the stage.

It was Raye's Soaring Eagle return after 15 years, and he delivered.

In a black vest over a white shirt, jeans and a black "poor boy" hat on, Raye held his acoustic guitar, more than ready to perform.

"I like acoustic shows because I feel I have more control of it," Raye said.

Raye was born Floyd Elliot Wray on Aug. 22, 1960 in De Queen, Ark.

Raye said his first record is 25 years old, and it went to number one in December 1991.

"When I wrote this next song, the walls came down," Raye said of "Start Over Georgia".

His vocals shined during "Little Rock", and he also performed "One Boy, One Girl", "I Think About You" and "That's My Story".

He took some time to discuss his musical influences.

"I want to be known as a singer of great songs," he said.

"I like to bring back old music; I'm a 'dinosaur' when it comes to music. I idolized Glen Campbell growing up. He was always so good to me, and it breaks my heart he's suffering from Alzheimer's in a nursing facility. Now, I'm going to do a couple of his songs to pay tribute to him and remind young people how great music once was."

He then performed Campbell's "Gentle On My Mind" and "Galveston".

Discussing his sentimental hit "In This Life", Raye said fans tell him they still play this song at weddings and sometimes, even at funerals.

He also performed Elton John's "Sorry Seems To Be the Hardest Word" and Hank Williams' "Ramblin' Man".

"I wrote this next song when my family was going through a rough time," he said of his song "Undeclared". "When you think nothing bad will happen to you, but it does."

He ended his portion of the show with "Little Red Rodeo" and received a standing ovation with his 1991 hit "Love, Me".

Raye said his band was "just the appetizer for the night" and he was "looking forward to" hearing Tucker.

In 1972, singer Tanya Denise Tucker achieved fame at 13 years old with her first single "Delta Dawn".

With her sass and country twang, Tucker got her show started with "Some Kind of Trouble", "I'll Come Back as Another Woman" and "Hangin' In".

"It's so great to be here, and it's our last show of the year," Tucker said to the Soaring Eagle crowd. "It's great to see Collin again. I haven't seen him in a few years."

Tucker introduced "Strong Enough to Bend" (1988) as one of her favorite songs.

She also performed "Walking Shoes", "Little Things" and "If It Don't Come Easy".

"We're going to take you back because my songs span four decades - this is from 1973, a song from my second record," Tucker said to her audience about "Jamestown Ferry".

Tucker also performed "It Won't Be Me". It was released in October 1990 as her third single from the album "Tennessee Woman".

According to tanyatucker.com, in 1972, she earned the



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sassy American country music legend Tanya Tucker performs "Some Kind of Trouble" during the Dec. 30 show.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Soulful country star Collin Raye delivered during his acoustic set on the Soaring Eagle stage.

"Top New Female Vocalist" award by the Academy of Country Music.

Tucker's first number one single, in 1973, became "What's Your Mama's Name".

The '90s gave rise to some of Tucker's most career-defining songs including "Two Sparrows in a Hurricane" and "It's A Little Too Late".

Fans received the same edgy, unpredictable and classic Tucker from the '70s.



Comedians Mike Epps and D.L. Hughley bring the funny on The Real Tour

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Photojournalist

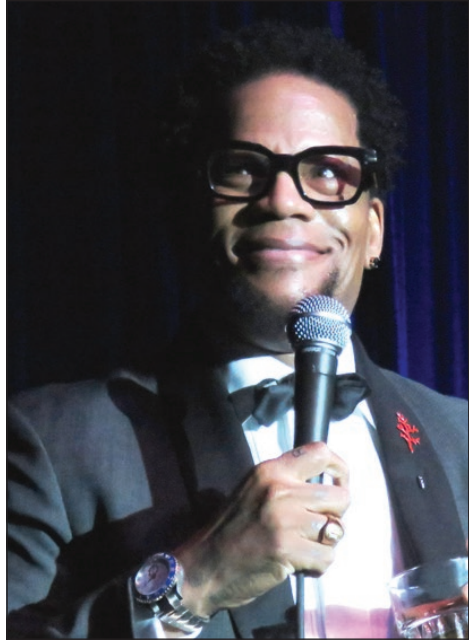
The laughter flowed like water as two superstar comedians, Mike Epps and D.L. Hughley, brought the funny as The Real Tour stormed into the Soaring Eagle on Dec. 29.

The show marked the second appearance for Mike Epps at the venue, and just like the last performance in 2013, it became a sold-out show.

Epps seized the spotlight when his stand-up set was featured on the Def Comedy Jam Tour in 1995. It was his appearance as an actor in rapper Ice Cube's "Friday" movie sequels that gave Epps widespread acclaim.

As a producer and actor, Epps still feels the excitement of the stand-up comedy throughout the years.

"You know, everything compliments each other," Epps said. "The acting compliments stand-up, the stand-up compliments working with others as producers and the fans can respect how that works as they come out to the shows. It's good to bring my friends and family on the tour. Wherever I go, especially in Michigan with my friends in Detroit, Lansing, Flint and 'Sagnasty,' we get a chance to spread the wealth. And with The Real Tour, we keep it real



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The multi-talented D.L. Hughley cracks a smile during one of his comical observations.

and everyone gets to enjoy a variety of comedy when they come out because each show has its own energy."

D.L. (Darryl Lynn) Hughley is best known for his performances on The Original Kings of Comedy tour with fellow comedians Steve Harvey, Bernie Mac and Cedric the Entertainer.

He was also the driving force and inspiration on the ABC and UPN sitcom The Hughleys.

It was evident Hughley is fully vested to his craft of stand-up comedy.

"I'm selfish when it comes to my love to doing live stand-up," Hughley said. "I don't

have to consult with anybody else and the selfish part of me digs that on stage. It's more like immediate gratification and at the end of the day, we are all wanting everyone to leave as satisfied fans."

Hughley took a lighthearted spin on his ninth place finish on the 2013 season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars".

"You don't ever want to see me dance again... all those fans out there saw what happened (laughs)," Hughley said. "But I'm

proud of myself and getting out there to do (the show) and to kill the myth that all black men have rhythm. I single-handedly destroyed a stereotype on that network."

"I'm currently working with Mike on the Comedy Get Down tour along with Cedric the Entertainer, Charlie Murphy, George Lopez and the voodoo child (Las Vegas performer and undercover brother) Eddie Griffin," Hughley said. "That will be released as a television show later this year. I'm also working on a network television drama that comes out in March."

Hughley will star as Dr. Hackett on NBC's new medical series "Heartbeat".

Tony Sculfield, comedian and Chicago morning radio personality from WSRB Soul 106.3FM, kept the frenzied pace of the show moving while inserting his own brand of humor as the emcee.

"There's nothing like working with stand-up comics who love what they do," Sculfield said. "I'm a stand-up comic at heart... The radio thing is great, but if I didn't trust my instincts as a comedian, I

couldn't do radio. When I throw it out there on the radio, you don't know how they're reacting to it. But when I trust my instincts and comic background, I don't second guess myself when doing radio."

Opening act "Uncle" Kenny Howell is referred to in comedy circle as "insanely ignorant."

"Kenny Howell is one of my best friends in comedy and we have been 20 years in this game and I see his maturation and how he still loves the stage," Sculfield said.



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Headlining comedian Mike Epps shares a laugh with a sold-out Soaring Eagle audience on Dec. 29.

Latwonna Childress and Elias Mills drove two hours from the Battle Creek area for the show.

"We both loved the show," Childress said. "The prices were affordable and our seats were pretty close to the stage... we enjoyed it so much we are even talking about coming back for the March 4 Tracy Morgan show as well."

For anyone who missed their Soaring Eagle show or would enjoy an encore, Mike Epps and The Real Tour return to Michigan on March 25 at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.

Cameo and Morris Day deliver the funk to Soaring Eagle

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Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort was all about the funk on Sunday, Dec. 27 when it hosted groups Morris Day and the Time and Cameo.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Shortly after checking himself out in a mirror, the egocentric Morris Day got the audience on their feet and moving.

Morris Day and the Time took the stage a little after 8 p.m.

In a bright lime green suit, with a handkerchief in his pocket, Morris Day and his high-energy performance roused applause.

Day is known for his multiple hits including "Cool", "777-9311", "Girl", "Fishnet", "The Oak Tree", "The Bird" "Ice Cream Castles" and "Jungle Love".

In high school, Day was in a band with Prince and André Cymone. In 1984, the Time became the most productive when Day acted with Prince in feature films "Purple Rain" and "Graffiti Bridge".

Day's playboy image became reality onstage when his assistant and fellow band mate, Jerome Benton, rushed over to bring Day a vanity to check himself in the mirror.

In Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk", when he says, "Got to kiss myself, I'm

so pretty" and "I'm too hot," where do you think he got that from?, Day asked.

"From you!" the audience shouted.

The Time scored their first number one R&B hit in 1990 with "Jerk Out" from their fourth album "Pandemonium".

Up next, and with each band member in unique wardrobes, the American soul-influenced funk group Cameo appeared on stage to close the show.

Formed in the early '70s, Cameo was originally a 13-member group known as New York City Players. The name was changed to Cameo to avoid any lawsuits affiliated with the American funk and R&B band, The Ohio Players.

Some of the original members remain in the group today, while two were hired by Outkast, the hip-hop group.

Cameo is known by their fans for the songs "She's Strange", "Single Life", "Alligator



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Cameo guitarist Anthony Lockett performs during the Dec. 27 Soaring Eagle concert.



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Lary Blackmon, founding frontman of Cameo, started the band in 1971.

Woman", "Candy" and "Attack Me With Your Love".

Their first single "Rigor Mortis" (1977) became the stepping stone for the group's success.

Their best-known hit remains "Word Up!" the R&B and funk song from 1986.

"Word Up!" was Cameo's first U.S. Top 40 hit, peaking at number six on the Billboard Hot 100, spending

three weeks at number one on the U.S. R&B chart, and one week as number one on the U.S. Hot Dance Singles chart.

Cameo brought their rare, rhythmic funky beats to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The upcoming Soaring Eagle show list is available at soaringeaglecasino.com/new_entertainment.aspx.



American Red Cross urgently in need of winter blood donors

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Editor

The American Red Cross urgently needs blood donors to schedule appointments to contribute this winter.

Eligible blood donors of all types are needed, especially those with types O, AB, A negative and B negative.

“The Red Cross continues to need blood donors to help replenish the blood supply and is urging eligible donors to give now,” said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for American Red Cross.

Large and small emergencies happen across the country every day where blood donations are needed.

For Heather Von Glahn, it was her 8-year-old daughter’s



leukemia diagnosis that inspired her to give blood regularly.

“I’ve seen blood save (my daughter’s) life at least 10 times,” Von Glahn said. “When friends and family ask what they can do for my daughter, I tell them to donate blood. It matters so much!”

Appointments to give blood can be made by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting redcrossblood.org, or calling **1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by

visiting redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to complete their pre-donation and health history questionnaire online on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families.

The Red Cross is a non-profit organization that

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depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

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The signs of a heart attack and how to prevent one

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Wellness Coordinator

February is American Heart Month. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in the United States.

Millions of Americans live with heart disease, stroke (which is the fifth cause of death), or a cardiovascular condition.

Every 34 seconds someone experiences a heart attack in the U.S.

Now is the time to live a healthy lifestyle in order to prevent heart attacks from



Courtesy photo

occurring! It is very important to prevent a heart attack because the first symptom is sudden death in 50 percent of Americans.

What is a heart attack? The heart muscle needs oxygen to

survive. A heart attack occurs when oxygen is reduced or completely cut off to the heart, which causes death in the heart tissue and results in a heart attack.

Over time, the coronary arteries that lead to the heart can fill

up with plaque, which can cause a blockage. When this happens, the heart is starved from receiving oxygen and there is death to some or all of the heart tissue.

A person would experience a heart attack due to blockage in the arteries leading to the heart.

What are the signs of a heart attack?

1. Chest discomfort or pain in your chest, it can also feel like pressure, fullness or squeezing pain. Pain lasts more than a few minutes or pain can stop and then come back.

2. Shortness of breath.
3. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach.

4. Other signs could include nausea, lightheadedness, or breaking into a cold sweat.

What can you do now to prevent a heart attack? Following the simple ABC’s can prevent a heart attack. (See image.)

If you experience these symptoms, don’t hesitate to call 911.

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Step #2 – Know your Numbers

Call your doctor and ask for an appointment for your annual exam. **Here is a list of information you will want to obtain:**

1. Blood Pressure	3. HDL & LDL	5. Blood sugar
2. Total Cholesterol	4. Triglycerides	6. Height, weight, and waist measurements

Step #3 – Take the BCBSM Health Assessment online! (Takes 15 min.)

1. Go to BCBSM.com and register online. You will need your BCBSM ID card to do this.
2. Click the Health/Wellness Tab to enter the BCBSM Wellness site.
3. Click on “Take Your Health Assessment and complete it.”
4. Once you’ve finished your Health Assessment, you will automatically be entered to win a Fitbit or various other prizes. (Information obtained is confidential.)

It’s quick, easy and fun! Do it now... don’t delay!



Environmental Nutrition presents allium vegetables: Timeless staples

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Call upon this family of pungent vegetables: Onions, leeks, garlic, and chives; for health and flavor rewards.

Allium vegetables—edible bulbs including onions, garlic, and leeks—appear in nearly every cuisine around the globe. They are fundamental in classic cooking bases, such as French

mirepoix (diced onions, celery, and carrots), Latin American sofrito (onions, garlic, and tomatoes), and Cajun holy trinity (onions, bell peppers, and celery.)

While we sometimes take these standbys for granted, the flavor of allium vegetables cannot be replicated. And neither can their health benefits: Protection from heart disease and cancer.

Allium vegetables have been treasured over the millennia; onions, with origins in Asia, Iran, and West Pakistan, are the most widely-cultivated species of the allium genus and have been grown for more than 5,000 years.

The allium genus consists of more than 1,250 species, many of which are grown as ornamental flowers.

Health benefits in the bulb: Allium vegetables have a long rich, history in traditional medicine. A review article in the Journal of Nutrition reports that garlic was one of the earliest documented plants used for health benefits and disease treatment in medical texts from Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, and India.

Today, scientists know that allium vegetables have antimicrobial, anti-tumor, anti-arthritis, anti-clotting, and blood sugar-lowering actions.

These benefits are likely related to allium's many health protective compounds, including vitamin C, the phytochemical quercetin, and organosulfur compounds, which are responsible

for alliums' characteristic flavor and aroma.

In particular, alliums may be beneficial for cardiovascular disease and cancer protection.

Cardiovascular disease: Quercetin has been linked with cardiovascular health. Onion supplements containing quercetin lowered blood pressure in people with hypertension, according to a recent study in the British Journal of Nutrition. And garlic has a long record of use as a heart remedy.

A recent meta-analysis of more than 100 studies found garlic was linked with reduced blood lipids, blood glucose, and blood pressure levels

Cancer: The European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition study found that higher intakes of onion and garlic were associated with reduced risk of intestinal cancer.

Data from The Iowa Women's Study showed that women with the highest garlic consumption had a 50 percent reduced risk of distal colon cancer compared with those eating the lowest amount.

While the mechanisms for cancer prevention are not yet fully understood, the organosulfur compounds are thought to play a role.

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5:10 p.m.	Running Jayme				
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy	Belly Dance Deanna	Yoga Tammy	

Potato Leek Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. russet potatoes, peeled, diced
- 3 leeks, diced
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 4 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup water
- 4 sprigs lemon thyme
- 1 carton (7 oz) plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Chives, for garnish



Instructions:

1. Add all ingredients to a large pot, except for the Greek yogurt. Cover and cook on medium high heat for about 1 hour. (May use a slow cooker on high setting for 3-4 hours or on low for 7-8 hours.)
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Andahwod celebrates “the King of Rock and Roll’s” 81st birthday

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Photojournalist

Anyone who has heard “Hound Dog”, “Don’t Be Cruel”, “Blue Suede Shoes” or “Jailhouse Rock” on the radio can recall the rich legacy Elvis Aaron Presley left on rock music.

On Jan. 8, Andahwod turned into a Graceland-like (Elvis’ famous home) venue as the elders celebrated what would have been “the King of Rock and Roll’s” 81st birthday, with the assistance of the SCIT Human Resources Training & Development Department.

Sheligh Jackson, administrative assistant II for



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Andahwod resident Sue Kequom takes the Graceland challenge as she wins the Elvis contest.

Andahwod, said nine elders competed for prizes and bragging rights as HR Training Instructor John Gerhard and

Central Michigan University exchange student from China, Yoyo Wang, tried to stump music trivia competitors.

“The elders enjoyed the ‘Name that Tune’ contests; they were split into three teams and got to choose their team names, ‘Graceland’, ‘the Rascals’ and ‘the Trump,’” Jackson said.

The Rascals, consisting of Barb Sprague, Duane Pelcher, Marilyn Bailey and Dorothy Smith, won the game.

Gerhard donned an Elvis wig and said Wang really enjoyed keeping score.

“It is a true pleasure to interact with the community elders,” Gerhard said.

“Hearing the Elvis music had the Elders dancing and singing along, and it was a lot of fun.”

Sam Anglin, assisted living support services manager for Andahwod, said the day’s lunch consisted of some of the King’s favorite food (pretzels, cake, chicken wings, fried pickles and his signature favorite; peanut butter and banana sandwiches.)

“The Elvis peanut butter and ‘nanner’ sandwiches were made with Aunt Millie’s white bread, Chiquita bananas and Jif creamy peanut butter,”

Anglin said. “When we do our catering and special events, we like to do fun stuff related to the event and the menu for an Elvis Birthday Party requires those specialty favorites the King liked.”

Andahwod resident Tweedie Van Cise won second place honors in the King look-alike contest.

“We had fun and I like how John would give us stories about the songs and their history,” Van Cise said. “It made the contest educational and made us more knowledgeable of Elvis.”



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Tribal Elder and Andahwod resident Marilyn Bailey (left) scored another point during “Name That Tune” as foreign exchange student Yoyo and her host father John Gerhard keep score.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tweedie Van Cise is making those sideburns work for her second place finish in the King look-alike contest.

The information you need on the Tax Refund Anticipation Loan

JULIE PEGO

Elder Services Case Manager

A tax Refund Anticipation Loan is a loan to get your tax refund without the wait of it getting processed by the IRS. There are draw backs to getting this loan.

In most cases, the interest rate and fees adds up to a higher

interest rate than the worst credit card fee.

Some fees can be upwards to 200 percent. If your tax return is held up for some reason or it is confiscated, you will still have to pay it back, and could end up losing a lot of money, especially if you can’t pay the full loan amount right away.

While it would be nicer to

have the money in your pocket right away, it is better to wait for your refund.

When you file your tax return electronically, it could take two weeks or less to get your return, but waiting a few days could save you hundreds in fees and interest. In the long run, it would put more money in your pocket for the things you and your family need.

Andahwod elders ring in the New Year

New York City is well known for its tradition where the crystal ball descends from the spire on Times Square to usher in the New Year. The Andahwod elders also have a tradition and the celebration is just as exciting.

The elders rushed toward the balloons that contained numbers inside for redeeming prizes.



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Andahwod CCC & ES Events - February 2016

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Feb. 2 | 1 p.m.
• Contact: 989.775.4302

Margy & Dogs

Feb. 3 | 1 p.m.
• Contact: 989.775.4300

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Feb. 4 | 1 p.m.
• Contact: 989.775.4300

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Feb. 10 & 24 | 9 a.m.
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FEBRUARY 2016 EVENT PLANNER

Women's Tradition Society

February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 5 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Al-Anon Family Group Meeting

February 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5 p.m.

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

Snowball Family Dance

February 6 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4850
- Light Refreshments
- DJ Lupe Gonzalez will provide music.
- Niibing Giizis will be on site to take family photos available for purchasing.

Healthy Heart Breakfast

February 11 | 8 - 10 a.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4649
- Start your day with a delicious Egg McNimkee.
- Join us for bingo while you enjoy breakfast.

SCTC Sledding Party

February 11 | 4-7 p.m.

- Location: Mission Creek Woodland Park
- Contact: 989-775-4123
- Cocoa and cookies provided.
- Extra sleds available.

Crystal Mountain Family Ski Trip

February 13 | TBD

- Location: Crystal Mountain, 12500 Crystal Mountain Dr., Thompsonville, MI 49683
- Contact: 989-775-4115
- Registration: Friday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m. in the front main entrance of the Tribal Operations building.
- Space and passes are limited. Open to Tribal Members and their families.

Housing Tax Q & A Workshop

February 13 | 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4552
- Please RSVP to skennedy@sagchip.org

Red Dress Fashion Show

February 17 | 5:30 p.m.

- Location: SECR Conference Center
- To sign up: 989-775-4613
- Raising awareness of heart disease in Native women.
- Models of all shapes and sizes welcome.
- Walk down the aisle for a loved one or just for fun.

Housing Financial Workshop

February 18 | 12 p.m.

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

Social Security Workshop

February 18 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Location: Housing Conference Room
- Contact: 989-775-4942

Tribal Ops Employee Appreciation Banquet

February 20 | 6 p.m.

- Location: SECR Ballroom
- RSCP due by Feb. 5

Family Bingo & School Supply Restock

February 23 | Bingo: 7 - 8 p.m., Restock: 6 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4506

Current Alcohol, Drug and Concealment Trends

February 25 | 7 - 9 p.m.

- Location: SECR Conference Center
- Speaker: Officer Jermaine Galloway

Elders Winter Giveaway Raffle

Tickets on sale at Andahwod or through EAB Board Members.

- Tickets: \$5 each or 4/\$10
- 1st Prize: 50" VIZIO Smart LED TV
- 2nd Prize: \$400 VISA card
- 3rd Prize: Waterpark Spa Getaway

Drawing on Feb. 24, 2016 at 10 a.m. after the Elders Breakfast



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2016



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1 Women's Traditions Society B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	2 Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m. Euchre Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Sasiwaans Classes Tribal Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	3 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Traditional Teaching Saganing 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Parent Advisory Meeting SCA 5 - 6 p.m.	4 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Healing 7 th Generation 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	5 AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	6 Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m. 7 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Social Services Supervisor ICWA Licensing

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. At least one year experience in a social services setting. Must have knowledge of applicable tribal and federal law as they pertain to tribal children and families. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. The social services supervisor's concentration will be in ICWA compliance and licensing in the state of Michigan along with working in conjunction with the supervisor management team.

Police Officer FT

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

General Labor Pool

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

Interim Senior Assisted Living Administrator

Open to the public. Must possess a master's degree in health or human services or similar degree. Must have a minimum of five years administrative experience and a history in personnel management. Experience working with tribal communities and outside systems is required. Knowledge of aging services, assisted living services, Medicare and long term care services required.

Dentist

Open to the public. Minimum requirements include DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school and a Michigan Dental License. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Duties include the provision of dental services associated with a general dentistry clinic to patients served at the facility assigned, or to any other facility or program where the Tribe provides services in accordance with privileges granted. The staff dentist will be responsible for daily activities under the supervision of the chief dental officer.

Anishinabe Language Revitalization Director

Open to the public. Minimum five years specific demonstrated experience developing and working with Anishinabemowin programs/projects. Knowledge and certification in native lan-

guage instruction or bachelor's degree or equivalent combination of education and Anishnabemowin-related experience. Applicant must demonstrate fluency and a strong working knowledge about Anishinabemowin. Person must possess experience developing new programs through research to successful implementation.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license.

Certified Aide

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent and must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess and maintain a current, valid Nurse Aide Certification required by the State of Michigan. Previous experience assisting older adults preferred. Basic computer literacy required.

Social Services Supervisor Protective Services

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

Reading and Math Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate. RTI experience required in reading and math. Knowledge and/or experience working with Native American students or diverse populations preferred.

Human Resources Director

Bachelor's degree in business or human resource management; masters degree preferred. A minimum of 10 or more years experience in human resources management. Must have an in-depth background in developing, implementing and managing human resources programs, benefit contract negotiations, compensation programs, familiarity with governmental regulations and complex organizational structures, as well as training and development.

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. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services director will direct, estab-

lish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS.

Strategic Grant Specialist

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

Special Education Teacher

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

Elder Community Activities Assistant PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required. Six months to one year minimum experience working with elders or actively pursuing a degree in the field of recreation or recreation therapy.

Clerical Pool

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

SECR

Sous Chef

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

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must have be organized and thorough in work ethic and have a strong desire to provide service. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly.

Cosmetologist PT

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

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Ability to handle irate, disorderly or intoxicated guests in a professional manner. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire.

Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain/maintain a tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs that require CDL designation.

Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years housekeeping supervisory experience in either hospitality or casino field. Must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, attuned to details and self-motivated.

Gift Shop Retail Clerk

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus. Must demonstrate/show strong communication skills as it pertains to customer service. Honest, energetic, personality a plus. Must be willing to learn about the culture and heritage of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as it relates to customer service.

Maintenance Supervisor Bedding

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have a minimum of two year college degree in related field or three years experience in horticulture gardening or landscaping environment. Previous supervisory experience preferred but not required.

Table Games Dealer PT

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

Entertainment Usher Seasonal

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must possess a friendly attitude and work well with the public. Ushering experience would be helpful but is not a requirement.

Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus. Must pass training test on truck mount operation within 90-day probation period.

Lead Cook

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

lent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills. rience requirement.

Steward PT

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

SELC

Saganing Maintenance Worker PT

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

Saganing Line Cook PT

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.

Saganing Waitstaff (Level 1) PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations.

Saganing Players Club Guest Service Rep

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF MARGARET ROSARIO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and complaint Case No. 15-CI-0529 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Margaret Rosario 8485 E. Broadway Mount 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 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 Feb. 7, 2016.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SONYA ROMERO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and complaint Case No. 15-CI-0581 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Sonya Romero 8485 E. Broadway Mount 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 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 March 1, 2016.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF MARCI MAGNELL:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 15-CI-0793 Plaintiff: Crossing at Broadway MP, LLC 5402 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's Attorney: Gavin W. McClintic (P70368) 1234 E. Broomfield, Suite 4 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 772-4206 Defendant: Marci Magnell 2148 MacDonald Drive 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 to the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires May 10, 2016.**



Seventh Generation hosts its first 2016 Baby Celebration on Jan. 6

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Family, friends and loved ones gathered together as the first Baby Celebration of 2016 drew a large crowd to the Seventh Generation Program Elijah Elk Cultural Center on Jan. 6.

Lee Ann Ruffino, administrative assistant for Seventh Generation, said the first Baby Celebration was held March 21, 1994 at the Soaring Eagle Bingo Hall.

“At that first celebration, there were 150 people attending including 25 infants,” Ruffino said. “The event coordinated under the Seventh Generation Program was a success, and the twice a year celebration still is to this day. Project Coordinator Milton Pelcher stated then, “it is important to work toward values and morals as did our ancestors of years past, our unborn and new born represent our future.”

Dawn Morrow, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, served as emcee and mentioned the year’s first Baby Celebration brought in 59 guests, involving 20 mothers and their babies.

“This community event is truly a team effort coordinated through Seventh Generation and is co-sponsored by Nimkee Healthy Start and Anishinabe Child & Family Services (ACFS), Debbie Peterson from Tribal Education who made photo buttons, and Tribal Elder



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Bay Mills Tribal Elder Kathy LeBlanc speaks on the importance of welcoming little ones.

Sandy Smith from Behavioral Health who made the beautiful blankets for all the children,” Morrow said. “This event is a great start for the New Year and to celebrate the circle of life.”

Smith has been making blankets for the celebration for 20 years. She made 17 blankets this year and considers it her gift back to the families and community.

“The very first blanket I made, my sister (the late Mary Alison) said I needed to make a blanket for Beaver’s daughter,” Smith said. “And she (was at the event) with her baby and she has her blanket... it continues generation after generation with all these new mothers.”

Anna Hon, healthy start child nurse of Nimkee Public Health Services, said it is always one of her cherished events twice a year to collaborate with the

partnering Tribal departments, and the others who volunteer to make a welcome to new little ones in the community.

“It’s truly a blessing to witness the great atmosphere of the young parents and their families, while they gather to enjoy a wonderful hearty meal, welcomed by the drum and gifted by departments who so generously purchase things for our young families,” Hon said.

“The buzz of the older children was music to my ears,” she said. “This time, the older children could do a variety of activities such as playing with kinetic sand, and making magnets and creating a button to wear proclaiming they now have a new brother or sister.”

Helen Williams, fellow child nurse, said Healthy Start is a maternal health program for pregnant women and their children up to 2 years old.

“It is our great pleasure to provide care for the community mothers and their children,” Williams said. “It is especially nice to be able to celebrate the joy of new life with the friends and family of the babies.”

Williams believes the celebration is a great way for all of the community children and parents to get to know each other.

“It has been my privilege to serve the Tribal community as a healthy start nurse for the last 10 years, and it has been wonderful to watch the babies grow into teens,” she said.

Tribal Council Sergeant-at-Arms Ronald F. Ekdahl attended the event with his wife Rosemary, their son Michael and their newborn son Ronnie.

“I really enjoy this event,” Ekdahl said. “The staff does a great job and it is so wonderful to see all of the babies in the community. The speaker (Kathy LeBlanc) did a great job and had a very unique and interesting message.”

Ekdahl enjoyed the photo buttons by Peterson, and photographed by Ruffino.

“Also, we got a beautiful blanket for our new baby boy, that is so appreciated,” Ekdahl said. “I would like to say miigwetch to the entire staff for the hard work and wonderful event for the community to enjoy.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Marsell Schocko Jr. is in good hands with his mom, Aleisha Owl.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Ashlee Rutter looks lovingly at her bundle of joy, Simon Shanks.

LeBlanc, a Bay Mills Ojibwe elder, sat by the sacred fire and said the community comes together to celebrate the babies and the new life coming on earth.

“I had an elder tell me when babies were born, the elders, grandparents and old people would be so happy and at the same time they would cry,” LeBlanc said.

“They cried because they knew the hardships those babies would have to face. It is still a time of great happiness to have life continue, and the gifts that come in from the Creator are born within our children. This is a reminder to all of us that there is a sacredness in life and that as a community, we need to raise our little ones in a good way.”

LeBlanc said in the importance of the day, these celebrated babies will look back when the community welcomed them to the Tribe in this special way.

“A long time ago, people came together and we had naming ceremonies and sometimes we would do that collectively because it was easier to have a feast with other people,” LeBlanc said. “The elders that they chose would be there to pass their names to them. I think they would



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Brandon Koons and Samantha Chippeway present their beautiful daughter, Kyleigh.

be normally do those after the thunders came back in the spring. That is something I see that we could add to this where those families who wanted their children to receive their name, it could be done at a baby celebration. It does offer protection to us throughout our life to have our name.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth Kyla Owl really likes her apple juice!



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Jeremy Haught enjoys his "nuk" as Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya holds the future student.



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Courtney Anthony holds the youngest baby at the celebration, Addolyn Lowerie.



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Bundled in white, Theresa Pelcher sleeps in the loving arms of Jovilyn Perez.



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Tribal Elder Isabelle Osawamick (left) and Healthy Start Nurse Helen Williams converse at the registration table.



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Jasmine Gonzalez and Calvin Francis take a Pendleton photo with their son Isaac.