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## New economic development director promotes diversity in future investments

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The new economic development director for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Brian Smith, has hit the blocks running since starting his position.

Smith previously worked as the Union Township manager for six years before accepting the newly-created position by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.

If Brian Smith's name sounds familiar, it should. He has worked in various aspects of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during his 16-year employment with the Tribe.

"Working as the SCIT economic development director is like a homecoming to me, and I look forward to working with the many business and governmental interests within the organization," Smith said. "I feel fortunate that the Tribal Council has selected me for this position and I will work diligently with the Migizi Economic Development Board of Directors and all gaming and non-gaming economic development projects of the Tribe."

In his State of the Tribe Address, Chief Frank J. Cloutier said "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."

The rationale from Cloutier and the Council ensures that any future development needs to be made by utilizing sound economic principles that take in account the Tribe's overall financial health.

"Hiring someone who is well aware of what we do best takes a possible learning curve out of the way because Brian is keenly aware of our challenges at the present time and will be providing recommendations to Council on how to best use our economic resources to their best potential," Cloutier said. "I have personally worked with Brian and have followed his career as the Union Township manager with great interest. Brian will be fully engaged in the task at hand and Tribal Council is giving him the

tools he needs to succeed in economic development."

Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl believes an economically diverse portfolio is necessary to stay viable in an ever-changing marketplace.

"With the number of casinos in the State of Michigan, Windsor, and Ohio, there is a need to diversify the economy of the Tribe into non-gaming related businesses," Ruhl said. "It is the direction many businesses across the country are embracing with good results. The need to diversify Tribal economies is not limited to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and we know with our communication with other Tribes and our people in Washington, that diversification process is occurring throughout most Tribal lands in the United States."

Smith offered the Tribal Observer one example that was recently brought forth as an economic development strategy.

"One project I can share is the tribe recently submitted a grant request to the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development for a feasibility study to determine if there

is a need for a hops processing plant in the area," Smith said. "This is all part of the overall diversification strategy needed to create a strong economy for the Tribe and the neighboring communities."

Smith currently serves and attends many boards and meetings that support the Tribe's mission of economic development.

"I attend the quarterly Middle Michigan Development Corporation meetings along with the East Michigan Council of Governments Regional Economic Development quarterly meetings. In addition to that, I regularly attend the economic development briefings by Mid-Michigan Community Pathways," Smith said. "I also serve as a board member on the Arenac County Economic Development Corporation, Great Lakes Bay Region Alliance and the Arenac County Broadband Initiative."

Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez appreciates the community mindset that Smith brings and commended him on his involvement.

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## Reduced income... now what: Workshop offers financial tips to consider

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

On March 17, many people took part of the St. Patrick's Day tradition of wearing green, but what happens when your "green" starts to disappear?

With the reality of a pending per capita reduction announced by Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier at the Jan. 23 State of the Tribe address, Tribal departments are coming together to address concerns.

Housing Manager April Borton hosted the reduced income financial workshop along with Sherrill Kennedy, credit homebuyer counselor/loan specialist, who served as a presenter.

"This dreaded reality impacts people every day and not having a plan in place can really take a



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Co-presenters Sherrill Kennedy (left) and April Borton answer financial questions from the packed audience.**

toll on individuals and their family," Borton said. "In a perfect world, people would keep their debt levels down and have at least six months worth of their monthly income in the bank for things like this. So, if you know that you are facing this reality due to a cut in pay, loss of a job,

having to take an early retirement or whatever the reason may be that causes an impact on your normal earnings, there is help."

The Housing Department will assist with setting up an action plan to make sound decisions on identifying ways to still meet necessary financial obligations, Borton said.

Kennedy offered advice on five basics to beginning a new budget plan for people who are facing an income reduction, or in the case of Tribal Members in July, a per capita reduction.

"This can be an overwhelming experience for anyone to do alone," Kennedy said. "We

are here to help you and give some practical steps to consider. There is much interest in the financial program we offer and we will continue to make these efforts with the support of other departments."

Kennedy recommends one should consider:

- 1) Paying your mortgage and house expenses first.
- 2) Reduce services you don't need.
- 3) Communicate with your creditors ahead of time about your possible income reduction.
- 4) Revise and evaluate your current budget and spending plan.
- 5) Don't hesitate to take the first step and ask for help to seek help.

Kennedy may be reached at 989-775-4552 for assistance.

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## Lahy Antoine Bailey Jr.

Oct. 12, 1944 – March 2, 2016

Lahy "Buddy" Antoine Bailey Jr., age 71, of Simi Valley, Calif., formerly of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at the Simi Valley Hospital.

Buddy was born on Oct. 12, 1944 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Lahy and Gladys (Strong) Bailey.

He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Buddy loved to get together with family and friends to pick his guitar and sing. He enjoyed going to powwows and family reunions. He was a very giving and kindhearted man who was a strong believer in helping those disadvantaged and oppressed.

Buddy is survived by his children, Victoria "Vickie" Fisher of Mississippi, Victor Bailey of Las Vegas, and Shelly Bailey and Joie Reihl of Rosebush; grandchildren, Randy Fisher, Daniel Fisher, Jeremy Fisher, Cori Edward Bailey, Nicki Saum, Kelly Woodworth, Heather Foster, and Thomas Foster; several great-grandchildren; siblings, Robert (Jean) Bailey of Farwell, Mich., Fred (Linda) Bailey of Beaverton, Judith Banister of Mt. Pleasant, Ramona (Tom) Walker of Flushing, Janet Kerns of Kent, Wash., and Eleanor VanHorn of Mt. Pleasant. Buddy was preceded in death by his parents; great-grandson, Jaxon Saum; a brother-in-law Kevin Banister, and nephew Joshua VanHorn.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, March 16 with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Animal Treatment Society.



## Lynnova Rose Sheahan

Jan. 7, 2015 – March 13, 2016

Lynnova Rose Sheahan, age 1, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Sunday, March 13, 2016 at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Lynnova was born on Jan. 7, 2015 in Alma, Mich the daughter of Colton Germain and Amber Sheahan. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Lynnova loved Minnie Mouse, Lucky Duck, and elephants. She enjoyed going for walks, out to eat, shopping, and watching fans.

Lynnova is survived by mother and father; nana, Carla; grandmother, Stephanie; aunts, Leah (best friend) and Ashley; uncles, Makwa, Eli, Blake, and Dustin; great-grandparents; great-great-grandparents; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Lynnova was preceded in death by her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Tribal Gym on Thursday, March 17 with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## In Loving Memory of Stacy Jo Johnson

"Boo-Boo"

6/9/79 – 4/8/15

Daughter, Mother,  
Sister, and Auntie

It was a year ago that GOD called you home, some days it seems longer, some days it feels like yesterday. We love and miss you so much. Not a day goes by that we don't wish you were still here. We are thankful for the time we had with you. We love you and will see you again...

Your Family



## Marylin C. Sprague

Oct. 10, 1942 – March 18, 2016

Marylin C. Sprague, age 73, of Shelbyville, Mich., passed away Friday, March 18, 2016, at Borgess Medical Center-Kalamazoo.

Marylin was born Oct. 10, 1942, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., the daughter of Thomas Chancey and Leona M. (Davis) Chamberlain. She married Richard Sprague on Nov. 21, 1993.

Marylin was a substance abuse counselor and secretary for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Bradley Indian Methodist Mission Church. She enjoyed Sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, playing scrabble and going to the movies. She was a devoted Detroit Tigers fan and loved her Chihuahua Paulie Pockets.

Marylin is survived by her husband, Richard Sprague, of Shelbyville; children Marion Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Alice Jo Ricketts (Kevin Sr.) of Mt. Pleasant, Robert "Bobby Duke" Williams of Mt. Pleasant, Leah Wiser (Curt) of Kalamazoo, Albert "Josh" Sprague of Kalamazoo, Scott Sprague (Mary) of Shelbyville, and Marilyn Schmidt (Larry) of Portage; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother Alvin Chamberlain of Mt. Pleasant; sisters Alfreda Jenkins (Mike) of Mt. Pleasant, Juanita Slater of Shepherd, and Esther Chatfield (Wallace) of Mt. Pleasant.

Marylin was preceded in death by her first husband John Michael Williams, her daughter Meghann Williams; grandson Nicholas Mena, granddaughter Rebekah Williams; parents; brothers, Thomas "Tommy Boy" Jr., Robert "Bobby Boo"; sisters Joyce Kay Francis and Margaret and her husband Arnold Sowmick.

The first funeral service for Marylin was held on Monday, March 21, at the Luella Collins Community Center in Shelbyville. A second funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 22 at Clark Family Funeral Chapel with Todd Williamson officiating.



## 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/](http://www.sagchip.org/Member%20Services/)

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

## 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.

## Attention Tribal Members

If you receive any notices from the IRS (Internal Revenue Service), Federal Taxing Authority, or State of Michigan, please contact At-Large/Member Services at 989-775-4944 before you take any action.

## Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

### 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule

April 14 • 12 p.m. • Saganing Tribal Center

April 28 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

May 12 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

May 26 • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

Meetings for June - December are to be determined.

\* All times and locations subject to change by committee

## Order Establishing Spring Wild Turkey Season 2016

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2016 Spring Wild Turkey Season shall begin Friday, April 1, 2016 and will close Sunday, June 5, 2016 unless ordered otherwise. The 2016 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two bearded Turkeys per hunter.

Licenses and harvest tags are available starting March 28, 2016 at the Tribal Planning Department office. \$15 per harvest tag, only two tags allowed per license. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

## Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity!

### Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

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

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



**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police**  
Dispatch: 989-775-4700  
Tip Line: 989-775-4775

**Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)**  
Tip Line: 989-779-9697  
Anonymous and Confidential

## 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.

## Michigan Indian Leadership Program (formerly the Pre-College Leadership Program) at Michigan State University

July 10-15, 2016

**Contact Information:**  
Stephanie Chau,  
Assistant Director of Undergraduate Diversity  
(517) 355-0177  
(517) 355-0234  
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## Attention: Tribal Clerk/Enrollment Hours

Tribal Clerk's/Enrollment office is 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.



**Izzy**  
**Happy Belated Birthday!**  
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## Attention Tribal Members: Home Affordable Refinance Program

The Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP) is designed to help homeowners who do not normally qualify under traditional financing programs by allowing them to refinance even if their mortgage amount is great than their home's value.

### Benefits:

- No appraisal minimums – your home's value does not limit your ability to refinance\*
- Low and no minimum credit score options
- Primary, secondary home and investment properties are eligible
- Flexible terms

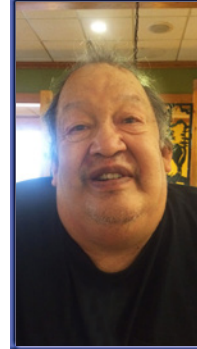
*\*Interest on the portion of your loan balance that is greater than the fair market value of the dwelling is not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. You should consult a tax advisor for*

*further information regarding the deductibility of interest and charges. Program is available only to qualified borrowers. Program is subject to change without notice. All borrowers subject to underwriting and qualification. Some restrictions may apply.*

### Get started today, contact:

Scott Ashcraft, Loan Officer  
 248-312-6463

*\*\*Tribal Members, once you call Flagstar and talk to Scott, you will receive paperwork in a FedEx package. If you have any questions, please call Sherrill Kennedy in the Housing Department at 989-775-4552. Sherrill can help you on how to fill out the paperwork and return it. This program is available for a limited time only.\*\**



Lester Edward Solomon is at the Birch Haven Care Facility in Ashland, Wisconsin and is in need of some get well wishes. He says "Hi to everyone who knows him back home."

### Cards can be sent to:

Lester E. Solomon c/o  
 Birch Haven Senior Living  
 218 22nd Ave W, Ashland, WI 54806

## Development

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"It's important for the Tribe to have a voice at the table, whether that voice is dealing with governmental or business interests," Rodriguez said. "I have seen in the work that we do with various organizations, that economic development and government can complement each other. If it wouldn't have been for the investment the Tribe has made in government relation in Arenac County, many of the opportunities we have in front of us wouldn't be possible."

Throughout the years, the Tribe has made significant investments in infrastructure in Isabella and Sagaming, and Smith offered some insight on those investments and what they mean to future economic development projects.

"(SCIT) has made many investments into infrastructure with water and sewer capacity, and roads being the most visible," Smith said. "Economic development is not possible without these major components and the Tribe is fortunate that most of this vital infrastructure is already in place."

"Another investment in the Tribe's infrastructure is the forthcoming electrical substation in Sagaming that will serve the Soaring Eagle Landing Casino and other Tribally-owned properties," Smith said. "Having this substation will allow the Tribe more flexibility in project developments in the Sagaming area because of this lower cost of energy."

Smith's office is located in the Tribal Operations main headquarters at 7070 East Broadway in Mount Pleasant. He also may be reached at **989-775-4091** or **BASmith@sagchip.org**.

## Migizi Spotlight: Isabella Sagamok to become ExxonMobil outlet

**FREDERICK KUHLMAN**

Marketing Manager Migizi EDC



**MIGIZI**  
 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CO.

It seems odd to talk of spring since as this is being written, we are under a winter storm warning awaiting winter's final visit. However, spring is upon us: We pass from one season to the next and welcome the change.

We want to take this opportunity to let you know of an important change occurring in the Migizi Economic Development Company family.

After more than 20 years as a Shell gasoline affiliate, Isabella Sagamok is in the process of becoming an ExxonMobil outlet and will undergo a full exterior and interior renovation.

The initial changes will occur around May 1 with the replacement of the gasoline pumps.

The installation will happen throughout a two-week period with three pumps being replaced each week. This will ensure that half of the pumps will be open at all times. When this is complete, new and updated pumps will make your visit cleaner, smoother and quicker.

During this period, the discount for cash sales will be stopped as the store switches to the Mobil Plenti Rewards program.

The Plenti program has benefits nationwide and will provide more opportunities for savings to the customers. This transition will occur upon completion of the pump renovations. Information about the

program will be available at Sagamok in the very near future and the staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Once pump replacement is complete, throughout the spring and summer, the price signs, canopy, and exterior lighting will be replaced. The entrances and parking will be repaved and the building will take on an entirely fresh, new look.

As the exterior is completed, the work will turn inside where the store will undergo a complete makeover. This will reduce wait times and speed transactions. You will see updated lighting, a new floor layout, more efficient coolers and an expansion of available foods.

While changes such as these bring challenges, every effort will be made to make your stop at Isabella Sagamok as convenient and fast as possible. Once complete, you will have a store that will be new from front to back and one that will make community life more convenient and your visits more enjoyable.

A grand opening event is being planned for June, and we are looking forward to sharing the details. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at Migizi, we are here to serve you.

## Elders Homecoming Powwow Trip

### Lodging choices include:

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

*\*Limited rooms available at SEWPH. First come, first serve basis.*

### For more information, please contact:

At-Large/Member Services at 989.775.4944

## PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

To the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700  
 Tip Line: 989.775.4775

## ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw  
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## Meetings Will be Held

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room  
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## Tribal Council

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### Council Member

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## Financial workshop

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At-Large/Member Services Supervisor Craig Graveratte and Elders Advocate Lisa Ayling are ready to assist the Tribal membership with financial matters that impact their families.

“As we all face the reality of a per capita reduction in a few months, now is the time to start preparing for them,” Graveratte said. “A small but steady process is best and will be easy to stick with rather than making drastic changes. For example, cut back or stop those morning coffee runs by making a to-go cup from home or cut back on going out to eat. Those little things will begin to add up and will make surviving the cut more bearable.”

Renata Borton, visitor services coordinator for the Ziibiwing Center, joined her mother April at the workshop, and explained how she personally protects her credit cards from identity theft.

“I invested in a (radio frequency identification blocking) wallet because it provides me with security for my identity,” Renata said. “If my identity

is taken, the hassle of proving my information was taken illegally can be very damaging to my future. I know that I am doing everything I can to keep myself protected that is why I have invested in a RFID card and continue to educate myself on the dangers.”

Renata’s RFID wallet idea was well received by the 38 people in attendance. The wallets are designed to help insulate card holders from a very particular brand of electronic pickpocketing, called RFID skimming.

Remember, there are people out there with credit card scanners that can steal an individual’s credit card numbers.

Scanner-proof card cases and scanner-proof wallets can be found at local Sam’s Club and Walgreens stores. It is an easy upgrade in security that one can make and would be the cheaper alternative to pay for this instead of all the identity theft hassle.

For further assistance, please call the At-Large/Member Services office at 989-775-4942. Or drop in its office located at northwest corner of the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center at 7070 East Broadway in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

## 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.



## Attention All Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, Director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Sale General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such License, if approved, would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resorts premises, Main Casino Floor (Bar #'s 1-4 & Floor Lounge) Isabella’s Italian Restaurant, Water Lily Lounge, Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Room Service, Banquet & Conference Rooms & Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#22, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Slot Palace & Slot Palace Pub, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Pizza Cart, Pool & Spa areas; Mijim Convenience Store, Cart Services, and includes Indoor & Outdoor Bar Services, Beverage Service on the Gaming Floor, and Special Event/Activity/Function Service, SECR Concession Trailer when on premises, and outdoor spaces under auspices of SECR. This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2016 through May 24, 2017, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

## Mount Pleasant spring tee-ball registration now open

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation announced the Start Smart™ Tee-Ball registration is now open until April 26 for girls and boys, ages 3 to 5.

Start Smart™ Tee-Ball is a six-week program designed to teach baseball fundamentals through tee-ball.

The program’s emphasis is placed on children’s development of basic motor skills and good sportsmanship necessary to achieve success and confidence for a

lifetime of physical activity, along with teaching throwing, catching and batting skills.

Players meet once a week. There are four different sessions for participants to meet on, including:

Tuesdays (May 3 to June 7) or Wednesdays (May 4 to June 8) from 5:30-6:20 p.m. or 6:30-7:20 p.m.

The cost is \$40 for city residents and \$55 for non-residents. Register by April 12 to save \$10.

Sign up online at [www.mt-pleasant.org/recreation](http://www.mt-pleasant.org/recreation) or at the Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation office at 320 W. Broadway in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

## Tribal Observer

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



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

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

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

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

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Please mail form to:

Tribal Observer  
Attn: Subscriptions  
7070 E. Broadway Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Contact Information:

Phone: 989-775-4010  
Email: [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)

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



## MSHDA award recognizes SCIT and CMU archaeologists collaboration

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

What started in the spirit of a collaborative effort, the partnership of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Central Michigan University archaeologists to conduct field schools at the site of the abandoned Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, or MIIBS, has garnered statewide recognition.

The collaboration between the two groups and the City of Mount Pleasant to honor and research the history of the site led to a 2016 Michigan Governor's Award for historic preservation.

Gov. Rick Snyder, the State Historic Preservation Office and Kevin Elsenheimer, executive director for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, will recognize six recipients for the historic preservation Governor's Award.

"Each year, we recognize the contributions of people who devote time, energy and money into preserving Michigan's historic structures and archaeological sites," Snyder said. "These sites are irreplaceable and are important to maintaining a sense of place and our authentic Michigan identity."

Misty Miller of MSHDA Communications Department said the award was given to SCIT, the CMU Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work and the city for the MIIBS archaeological investigations.

Marcella Hadden, public relations manager for SCIT, said the awards will be presented at a public ceremony in the Michigan State Capitol Rotunda on May 3, which is National Historic Preservation Month.

"The MIIBS Committee is fortunate to have a good working relationship with CMU, the City of Mt. Pleasant and, more importantly, Dr. Sarah Surface-Evans, CMU assistant professor and field school archaeologist, who is a great asset," Hadden said. "We have to explore and educate people whenever possible so that what happened to our ancestors during the boarding school era never happens again."

The preservation office at MSHDA initiated the Governor's Awards in 2003 to recognize outstanding historic preservation achievements that reflect a commitment to the preservation of Michigan's unique character and the many archaeological sites and historic structures that document Michigan's past.

"We recognize partnerships, innovation, creativity and excellence with these awards," said Elsenheimer. "Good historic preservation projects reflect a desire to connect the past with the future, they involve collaboration, and we are pleased to recognize 26 different organizations this year."

MIIBS operated from 1893 to 1933 and was part of the federal government's efforts to assimilate Native Americans following the Civil War. During that time, 300 Native children per year were taken from their homes and re-educated to conform to non-native culture.

In 2011, the State conveyed separate portions of the MIIBS property to SCIT and the city.

The field school established in partnership with SCIT and CMU archaeologists resulted in new information about the school and its resident students. In addition, SCIT undertook outreach initiatives to foster knowledge about the federal Indian boarding school program.

William Johnson, curator for the Ziibiwing Center, works closely with the MIIBS Committee and said the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior has approved a Memorandum of Agreement with SCIT.



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The Mount Pleasant Industrial Indian Boarding School served as the location for the June 8, 2015 Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremony.

"This (Memorandum of Agreement) regards our National Historic Preservation Act responsibilities. One of those responsibilities is to ensure that reservation historic properties are taken into consideration during the planning and development of projects and that any harm to those properties is reduced or mitigated," Johnson said.

Johnson said the MIIBS Committee has been working carefully and cautiously to document the history of the MIIBS through archaeological investigations.

"The committee has also accepted the responsibility of protecting the boarding school property for future generations," he said. "As historic preservationists at heart, we're helping to

safeguard an irreplaceable part of our collective history including the many tribes of the Great Lakes Region."

Johnson said he is thankful for all of the support given from the Tribal Council, CMU and the city.

"Without their confidence in our committee, it would be difficult to achieve all that we have worked so hard for," he said. "The Governor's Award for historic preservation is acknowledgement that this effort is truly deserving of state-wide recognition."

Johnson said the next goal is to establish the MIIBS property to the National Register of Historic Places.

"I trust that this will be our next accomplishment," he said.

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## Annual banquet honors employees for dedicated years of service

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Operations and Migizi Economic Development Corporation employees were honored for their dedication to working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe during a Feb. 20 banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Frank J. Cloutier and Interim Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez both provided welcoming remarks, and Tribal Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl provided a prayer after the Mino Ode Singers performed a welcome song.

After the dinner and in between numerous giveaways, employees were awarded for years of service.

Twila Schrot, LPN, was recognized for her 35 years of service to the Tribe.

In 1980, Schrot began as a licensed practical nurse and has been with the Nimkee Clinic ever since.

"I have had the pleasure and honor to have known Twila for over 20 years as a co-worker and as a friend," said Margaret Steslicki, medical director for Nimkee Clinic. "It is rare to find an employee who has dedicated 35 years of her life to one organization and to be in the same role for all these years. Twila is a true gem and we are so fortunate to have her on our medical team."

Schrot has assisted generations of families throughout the years.

"The day she retires, this whole community will have lost a great, respected Nimkee nurse," said Karen Naganashe, administrative assistant for the medical clinic. "She has such a kind heart for all the patients... it has been such an honor working with a legend like Twila. She is so caring and always pleasant to be around. She absolutely makes my day!"

Dec. 9, 2015 marked Schrot's 35-year work anniversary.

"When Tribal Council came down to the Clinic on Dec. 9 to honor me, that meant the world to me," Schrot said. "They said wonderful things and my co-workers were all present. Tribal Council presented me with a beaded medallion of the Tribal logo."

Schrot said she was "moved to tears" and it was one of the "happiest moments that has ever happen to her."

After more than 35 years, Schrot said, "I still love what I do. I'm honored to work for the Tribe."

Four recipients were honored for 30 years of service including: Lorna Kahgegab Call, former sub-chief; Carla Sineway, president of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College; Bonnie Sprague, general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel; and Carol White-Pigeon, bookkeeper.

In 1970, Lorna Kahgegab Call was the contract health representative for more than 15 years. She has been a nurse, research assistant, tribal clerk, membership commissioner and has served on several Tribal Councils.

"I have had the opportunity and privilege of working with many administrations of which Lorna served on as Tribal Council," Chief Cloutier said. "One thing I have always found admirable is her continued genuine concern for our members and the Tribal youth... I have learned a great deal from her over the years, and have the utmost respect for her and use her as a model in my every day work."

Kahgegab Call's granddaughter, Noelle Wells, explained why she sees her grandmother as an inspiration.

"Knowing that my nokomis was a nurse and wished to continue her education, but needed to raise four children," Wells said. "She helped as a pioneer to bring gaming, such as bingo, to the Rez... She has devoted her life to the community."

Tribal Council member Amanda Oldman said another 30-year recipient, Carla Sineway, has been the voice of Indian education for SCIT for many years. Knowing the needs of Tribal children on the Reservation, Sineway played a large role in the creation and development of the Education department, Oldman said.

In 1991-1992, Sineway collaborated with Bay Mills Community College to bring a satellite campus on the Isabella Reservation. At that time, the need for a tribal college was established, which led to the development of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



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Recipients of 20 years of service pose for a photo with the Tribal Council at the employee banquet.

"Chartered in 1998, SCTC is now a fully accredited two-year public institution and also a land grant institution," Oldman said. "Population has grown tremendously with Carla's leadership... I have witnessed Carla through a lot of ups and downs, however, she has always remained a compassionate human being... She always soldiers on and relies on her faith and commitment to the SCIT community to make sure we all have a better future."

In 1977, Bonnie Sprague began her career with the Tribe in the Housing department. She held several positions, and then became the general manager for Soaring Eagle gaming in 1995.

"I have found that (Bonnie) places a very high priority on family, the tribal community and her work," said Skip Steere, guest services manager for SEWPH. "She is a strong leader and a great team builder."

Melinda Coffin, associate general manager for SEWPH, said Sprague is always willing to arrive early, stay late and come in on her days off when needed.

"Her professional career often resulted in less family time and that was a huge sacrifice for her in order to help our Tribe succeed," Coffin said. "Bonnie is a trail blazer and I am proud to have the opportunity to work alongside her."

Carol White-Pigeon was unable to attend the employee banquet, so on March 11, her co-workers and Tribal Council surprised her with an award presentation in chambers.

Council members expressed their profound gratitude toward White-Pigeon and her years of dedication to the Tribe.

"We (Tribal Council) recognize the hard work of our employees and it doesn't go unnoticed," Oldman said. "It's individuals



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

On March 11, Tribal Council honored Carol White-Pigeon (center) in chambers for her 30 years of service.

like Carol who have contributed prior to our successes, and beyond, who make our businesses successful and prove to be role models within our tribal community. Thank you, Carol, for your dedication to the SCIT."

Council Secretary Michelle Colwell said miigwetch to the employees achieving 30 years.

"Wow! Thirty years is quite an accomplishment," Colwell said. "Congratulations to Carol and our other 30-year recipients at the employee banquet! Carol has always been a pleasure to work with and her dedication to the Tribe is impressive. We are nothing without our employees and we appreciate each and every one of them."

Jason Casner, Margaret Grewe, Leonard James, Carla Jeffrey, Walt Kennedy, Chris Pego and Earl Pelcher were the 25 years of service recipients.

Employees receiving 20 years of service honors were Nicole Aasved, David Blaisdell, Leigh Chippewa, Gene Davidson, Newell Dennis, Jean Flamand, Kelli Henry, Deanna Huffman, Therese Kennedy, Dennis Kequom, Susan Landon, Phillip Lerma, Walter Nelson, Amanda Oldman, Steven Pelcher, Lisa Peters, Carolyn Reinking, Joseph Sowmick, Susan Sowmick, Kenneth Sprague and Nettie White.



Courtesy of SCTC

Carla Sineway, president of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, has achieved 30 years of service to the Tribe.



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Councilman Kenneth Sprague gives Twila Schrot a hug after she is honored for her 35 years of service to the Tribe.



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Sub-chief Brent D. Jackson (left) and Chief Frank J. Cloutier pose with Schrot as Louanna Bruner (back), interim HR director, reads off comments from Schrot's co-workers and friends.



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Bonnie Sprague (left), general manager for Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and Lorna Kahgegab Call, former sub-chief, were honored for 30 years of service at the employee banquet in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.



# SCIT Recreation turns Eagles Nest into a tropical paradise at annual Hawaiian Luau

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

SCIT Recreation Department turned the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym into a tropical paradise on Thursday, March 10.

The Soaring Eagle Food & Beverage department provided the ninth annual Hawaiian Luau with a feast that would have made even the Polynesian islanders proud.

Lucas Sprague, youth activities manager, commended his fellow staffers – Organized Sports Specialists Lindsey Sprague and Jonathan “JT” Updegraff and David Merrill, youth and family recreation specialist – on coordinating the events and making the luau fun for everyone.

“I appreciate Tribal Council Chaplain Diana Quigno-Grundahl for bringing her family and blessing the meal,” Lucas said. “David did an excellent job as the emcee for the luau and Lindsey and JT kept the contests moving.”

Lindsey said there were 160 Tribal members, employees and community participants registered.

“The annual luau event gets better every year,” Lindsey said. “The food is always amazing and watching the games was intense. Everyone in the gym was eager to get involved which made the competition fierce, while the crowd laughed and cheered them on.”

Updegraff watched his wife Chloe, physical education instructor for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, win the adult hula hoop contest.

“My family and I had a blast,” Updegraff said. “I just started working for the Recreation department this year and I heard this was one of the events people look forward to every year. It was fun to see the community out and about enjoying the event and I can’t wait for the next one.”

Tribal Member Heather DeMoines fondly remembers the annual event and attended the luau with her 11-year-old



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**Pullen student Caleb Burger shares a shy moment with emcee David Merrill as he was interviewed for taking first place in a limbo contest.**



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**Coach Rosemary Saboo shows how low she can go in the limbo contest as eventual winner Melanie Burger looks on.**



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**Tribal youth Asalia Quigno Grundahl participated in the hula hoop contest and won an art set.**

son Malakai and his two friends, Brady and Elise.

“I have attended the luau in the past and I believe this is our family’s sixth year. It never disappoints,” DeMoines said. “It was great to see the children laughing and enjoying the contests.”

Richard Hon came with his wife Anna, healthy start child nurse for Nimkee Clinic, to enjoy the festive occasion.

“It was a fun time and I see how much work the Tribe puts into doing the annual Hawaiian Luau,” Hon said. “The chefs did an excellent job and we really enjoyed the food and the great effort everyone put into this fun event.”

Christopher Nadobny, executive chef for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage, said it was a privilege

to be chosen to supply a menu and cater annual event once more.

“This is always a fun event for the (food and beverage) Banquets team as the menu options are varied and allows us to work with products that we do not often see,” Nadobny said. “The whole roasted pig is not only a hit and spectacle with the children attending the event but also possess a unique and fun challenge to Chef Betty and her team to prepare and transport the pig to the event.”

Nadobny said Chef Betty and Chef Soo and their respective culinary teams including Banquets supervisors Tara Goulette, Dan Pieper and Josh Williams once again exceeded all expectations executing this event.

The tropical-themed buffet did not disappoint as the event went whole hog with a whole

roasted suckling pig. Other luau fare included smoked pork, Hawaiian fried rice and a grilled vegetable medley.

A fresh fruit display and garden salads with a variety of dressings were offered along with Kahlua cheesecake and chocolate trio torte for dessert. Also back by popular demand were a Hawaiian luau favorite – tropical slushies!

Alma resident Roger Seward attended his third luau with his wife and commended the Tribe on the event.

“It’s nice to hear the Hawaiian music and see all the people enjoying the contests,” Seward said at the event. “I also appreciate the effort the Tribe does on providing the food for the luau. I’ve been to luaus on the Hawaiian Islands and the chefs here are right up there with what they do.”

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## Dancers throughout the nation attend CMU's 27th annual Celebrating Life powwow

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Each year, Central Michigan University hosts its Celebrating Life powwow. The powwow creates new friendships and also brings together longtime friends through dancing and singing by preserving Native American culture.

This year, the 27th annual powwow took place on March 19 and 20.

In the McGuirk Arena, nearly 200 jingtamok dancers, with roughly 56 singers, gathered each day for grand entries that began at about 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and on noon Sunday.

Dignitaries included emcee Jason Whitehouse, head veteran George Martin (Korean, Vietnam wars), arena director Dave Shananaquet, head female dance judge Grace Pushetonequa and head male dance judge Nigel Schuyler.

The competitions lasted around four hours each and were open to children, teenagers and elders. On Saturday, a three-hour break occurred for dinner before the adults continued dancing into the night.

The competition was exciting as adult dance contests gave away cash prizes. First place won \$400, second place won \$300 and third place won \$200. In the drum contests, first place won \$3,000, second place won

\$2,000 and third place won \$1,000.

Harvey Dreaver won \$500 when he placed first in the hand drum contest.

Colleen Green, director of CMU's Native American Programs, and Cheryl Merryman, administrative secretary, serve as student powwow committee advisors.

Green said the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is a major sponsor each year.

"I contacted the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and requested funding for the annual scholarship, as well as discounts for room reservations (for event attendees) and the hotel shuttle buses," Green said.

SCIT also sponsored the Native American Scholastic Award scholarship given to two students, Alexis Syrette and Carmen Wright.

The CMU powwow brings people together from throughout the nation. This year, more than 20 tribes were involved.

Green said numerous new dancers traveled from various locations including Ontario, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Florida and California.

CMU student Larissa Schneidewind served on the student powwow committee.



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**Anishinaabe women's traditional dancer Julie Whitepigeon prepares to enter the arena.**

Prior to the event, Schneidewind said she helped coordinate the event and focused on the logistics side of planning, making sure all tasks are completed in an efficient manner.

"On the days of the powwow, I serve as co-chair and I made sure volunteers were where they were supposed to be and that (the event) ran smoothly," Schneidewind said.

Schneidewind said she is non-native, but has attended and enjoyed many CMU powwows.

"My favorite part is always the intertribal dance because it gives everyone an opportunity



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**The sounds of the drummers' honor song resonated throughout CMU's McGuirk Arena.**



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**The women's fancy shawl dance is poetry in motion, Native style.**

to get involved; native and non-native," Schneidewind said.

The powwow also featured more than 20 vendors selling beadwork, dream catchers and

other Indian artwork.

"We thank the community for their continued support and for coming to the event," Schneidewind said.



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**Men's traditional dancer Adam Nordwall glances at the crowd during grand entry.**



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**Head Veteran George Martin leads the 2016 CMU Powwow grand entry with the eagle staff.**



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**The drum is considered the heartbeat of the Anishnaabe and provides the rhythm for the powwow.**



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**Stewart Doof Boivin Jr. displays his colorful regalia during his high-energy fancy dance.**



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**Two Tribal junior dancers show off their jingle dress moves.**



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**Men's traditional dancer Tim McGregor readies his regalia for the arena.**



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**Tribal royalty graces the CMU McGuirk arena.**



## “Tall Cop” Jermaine Galloway shares “you can’t stop what you don’t know” message

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

At 6 feet 9 inches, “The Tall Cop” Jermaine Galloway looks like an intimidating presence, but he is devoted to alcohol and drug abuse prevention and training.

Officer Galloway is a nationally and internationally recognized instructor who shares a message of “you can’t stop what you don’t know” that resonated with attendees.

Galloway provided two presentations on Feb. 25; one for local leaders, health professionals, law enforcement and court personnel and the evening message was for the Tribal community and their families.

“I have worked as an Idaho law enforcement officer since 1997 and have more than 15 years’ experience in educating the public on topics of underage drinking, drug and alcohol enforcement,” Galloway said. “I have also worked several different assignments including alcohol compliance and enforcement officer, crime scene investigations, DUI task forces, officer mentoring and as a field training officer. I have presentations for other tribes across the country but this is my first for a tribe in Michigan.”

Jennifer Crawford, prevention coordinator for Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health, helped promote the event to the Tribal community.

“Officer Galloway had a mock teen room on display – identifying drug-related items that you otherwise might not recognize – and (discussed) new drug clothing, marijuana concentrates – including edibles and homemade products – along with underage drinking,” Crawford said.

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl listened as Galloway indicated a trend toward youth stealing prescription medication from elders.

“Personally, I believe it is not just the elderly but people in all age categories who are potential targets,” Ruhl said. “An individual who wants prescription medication bad enough does not care where or who they obtain it from. It is important for everyone to not disclose what types of medication they have, where it is located or store medication in an easily accessible place. Just one loss of life is too much of a cost for not taking care of medications properly.”

Prevention Specialist Alice Ricketts attended both presentations and was impressed by the wealth and scope of the knowledge given.

“(Galloway) offers many examples on how substance abuse is hurting our country and I found a lot of information will be helpful for the Tribal community to know,” Ricketts said.

Michael Main, interim sheriff for Isabella County, served as a moderator.

Main said marijuana is typically the most popular drug of choice for youth, with prescription pills as a close second.

“I do believe that the level of information given by Officer Galloway would be more than we would want to deliver to the student population,” Main said. “The last thing that any one wishes is to educate the youth on what is out there in terms of drugs and alcohol. I would, however, be supportive for some sort of continued education and awareness for the students.”

Each year, Galloway spends countless hours talking to youth at school assemblies and town hall meetings. Currently, Galloway has trained more than 75,000 people.

Phil Mata, criminal investigator for Tribal PD, said he found



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Officer Galloway made many friends during his first visit to a Michigan tribe. (Left to right: Goldie Wood, Tall Cop Jermaine Galloway, Carolyn Johnson, Jasmine Vandyke, Warren Ricketts, Kevin Ricketts, Alice Jo Ricketts, Michael Main, Tina Lightfoot, Jennifer Crawford and Pam Millhisler.)**

the presentation informative on current drug trends.

“I learned there are things out there I never would have considered to be related to (drug) culture,” Mata said. “The examples he brought with him and what he showed on screen helped; it was definitely an eye opener for me and a lot of the community present.”

Pam Millhisler, chairwoman for the Isabella Substance Abuse Coalition, attended Galloway’s presentation in Ottawa County with fellow coalition members Carolyn Johnson and Kathleen Fields, drug court coordinator for Isabella County.

“Back then, we got to talking how this would be a great training to bring to our community,” Millhisler said. “That was the start and I firmly believe that the information Officer Jermaine Galloway presented is very pertinent to our community.”

SCIT Behavioral Health and The Morey Foundation were the primary sponsors of the event with support from the Isabella Substance Abuse Coalition, Central Michigan Pregnancy Services, Gratiot County Substance Abuse Coalition, Gladwin County Communities That Care and Clare County Communities That Care.



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**Dear Smiles:** There is nothing wrong with your father's fiancée. The problem appears to be you. He did not choose her by your standards, he chose her by his. She appears to be perfect enough for him to choose to spend the rest of his life with and that should speak volumes. This is not about what you want but about respecting your father's decision. Maybe you can engage in a conversation that is of interest to her. What are her hobbies? What is SHE interested in? In general, people like to talk about themselves so keep that in mind. Ask her about a piece of jewelry or clothing she is wearing. Let down your guard and be approachable. Maybe once she knows your stand, she will become more open.

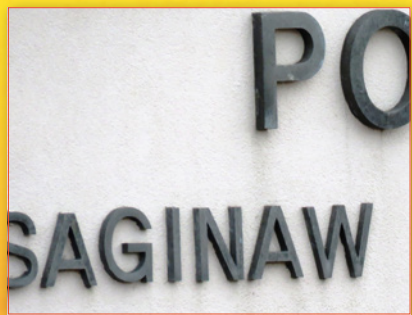
**Dear WW:** I have a friend who needed a place to stay until she could resolve some problems with her husband. She has two kids that I adore. However, I need my space and privacy back. It's been four months now. My house is just not big enough to be cramped with extra people not matter how much I love and adore them. My electric bill went up, my grocery bill is at an all-time high and all they want to do is watch movies that, of course, show up on my cable bill. I have enough money to cover everything but she has not offered to pay anything. I know I'm being taken advantage of but I am not assertive enough to ask them to leave. How should I go about this and get my house and life back? **Roommates for Life**

**Dear Life:** There is nothing wrong with asking her to give back your home and to move out. Four months is more than reasonable. You can only be taken advantage of if YOU allow it. Give her at least a month's notice so she can find another place or go back home. Let her know that you will do whatever it takes to support her in her next decision. Once this situation is resolved, I hope you can learn from it. If you want to ruin a relationship, allow her/him to live with you. Ground rules and a timeline should have been established in the beginning.

**Dear WW:** I live out of state from my parents. It was just brought to my attention that my mother is going to have a serious operation. Although I want to be there, the problem is my brother. We have a strained relationship ever since he was arrested for drug charges, and it happened while living with my parents. They enable him and think they are doing him a favor when he is more than capable, as a grown man, to live on his own. However, how bad would it be if I didn't go to hospital for the surgery? **Sick Parent**

**Dear Sick:** Bad. So, go to the hospital for the surgery and put your feelings for your brother aside for the sake of your parents. No one says you have to agree with their living situation, but that doesn't mean you have to avoid them all together. This is more about your parents than your brother. Your mother will appreciate you being there so just go and be nice.

## WHERE ON THE REZ?



**Do you know where this is?**  
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## LAST MONTH:



Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene

**Last Month's Winner:**  
Gloria Disel

# Hoop Life Tournament

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Players of all ages took to the courts of the Mount Pleasant High School gym on Saturday, March 19.

The inaugural Hoop Life 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament saw nine teams from three different divisions compete on the hardwood.

The event was a collaboration between the SCIT K-12 Educational and Recreation departments.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**The middle school division winners are all smiles after a fun-filled day of basketball. (Pictured left to right: Justice Griffin, Madison Pelcher, Satori Griffin and Alysse Clark.)**

### Winning Teams

#### 18+ Mens' Division

- Trey Wemigwans
- Jesse Swindlehurst
- Jake Loomis

#### High School Boys' Division

- Tai Sprague
- Lenny Shomin
- Terrence Hunt

#### Middle School Division

- Justice Griffin
- Madison Pelcher
- Satori Griffin
- Alysse Clark



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**The junior high boy's team poses with their trophies. (Pictured left to right: Daniel Wemigwans, Jimaganish Martell and Giizhig Martell.)**



## CMU Native American Programs Director Green receives Woman of Excellence award

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Colleen Green, director of Native American Programs and Student Transition Enrichment Program at Central Michigan University, has been awarded as a 2016 Woman of Excellence.

Green was honored for her commitment to excellence at a Tuesday, March 15 luncheon in CMU's Bovee University Center Rotunda, presented by the CMU American Council on Education.

Green is a tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She is an undergraduate advisor for social and service sororities at CMU, Northwood University and Saginaw Valley State University.

"Colleen also serves on the youth committee of an organization that provides mentorship and guidance to young girls and women ages 4 through 18," said emcee Claudia Douglass.

Green accepted her award and shared a few words.

"This is a humble honor for myself," Green said. "I would first like to congratulate Dr. Tracy Galarowicz for her accomplishments for receiving the Woman of the Year award. It shows a great asset to our institution and she is a wonderful person to work with. I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Dean Pehrsson for sharing the Woman of Excellence award with me. She

has done an amazing job in her tenure at CMU by reaching out to the underrepresented populations and embracing the cultural diversity."

Green also wished to thank her extended family colleagues from CMU, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, her sorority and her three sons.

Galarowicz, biology chairperson, was selected as the 2016 Woman of the Year by the American Council on Education. Galarowicz has mentored dozens of young women and supervised graduate and undergraduate research.

"Tracy recognizes the importance of women's voices in

the College of Science and Engineering and has helped numerous young women excel in these fields," said Amy McGinnis, management faculty member. "She also serves her community through volunteer work and by organizing events for women to connect with each other and grow as leaders."

Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, was also a Woman of Excellence recipient.

Woman of Excellence honorable mention recipients were Mary Henley, director of the GEAR UP and Pathways programs; and Mary Senter, director of the Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies.



Courtesy of Robert Barclay

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## Editorial: The Round Dance and Waas No Deh (The Northern Lights)

**CHARMAINE SHAWANA**

Contributing Writer

My sister Mercedes died in December 2007. She was way too young to die. It was some type of liver disease. I, myself, believe it was the Tylenol.

I was in Canada at the time, learning the language from some of the elders and community members on Manitoulin Island. She asked me to come home and help take care of her, which I did. She was dead within six weeks.

It was hard on everyone. It was just before Christmas.

It was a terrible tragedy. We were all in shock. How could that have happened to someone so alive, so vibrant? It was incomprehensible. I know we are all still wondering how could it have happened.

I told myself that I wanted to grieve. I took some time to be by myself. I stayed alone at my house; reading, writing, and watching TV. I tried to stay by myself, trying to comprehend the awfulness of what happened.

She was not only my sister, but my best friend. I still feel envious sometimes when I see

some families with lots of sisters and wish I hadn't lost mine.

I stayed at home alone that winter, trying to make sense of the horrible act that had just happened. It has been nine years but sometimes it feels like it just happened.

My dad would come and check on me every day. He would read the paper and I would sit there with him. Life goes on, I was told. I tried not to let the grief consume me.

Then I heard about the round dance. I looked forward to getting out of the house, and seeing everyone again.

It wasn't quite winter because we'd gotten a few warm breezes, and it wasn't warm enough to call it spring yet. It was kind of in-between. Never the less, I made it out.

Magical is the only way I could describe it. It was so nice to get out of the house.

A friend of mine made Baby Dave a ribbon shirt and she wanted to give it to him there. He wore it with pride.

We were all together again, sitting there listening to the drums and visiting. It felt good to be out. It felt good to see each other and visit with friends. For

some odd reason, it felt like a new beginning.

We are told when we see the Northern Lights, they are our ancestors dancing in the sky. They are so happy to see us. It has significance for us today though.

We are told we are all related, and that the Round Dance is a healing and happy time. The music brings us together in our common heritage and ancestry. We dance together, for each other, and our families.

Our people, one tribe, we are all one... we are all related...

Ni con ni gah na.

## Understanding how the color of the river can offer insight on its health

**AIMAN SHAHPURWALA**

Water Resource Technician

The colors of the river may vary. The colors may range from clear, brown, milky brown, gray, green, and even yellow or red.

The river's color can tell a lot about its health. A healthy river typically looks clear, but it may contain debris and organic matter from plants and other organisms.

Michigan rivers, including the Chippewa or the Saginaw River, may contain different colors at different times, and here is what they might mean:

**Milky white or brown** – If the river looks a bit like chocolate milk; it is most likely due to sediments. When it rains, water runs off the

landscape from agricultural fields and urban areas and contributes sediment to the water. This typically occurs if the river does not have good riparian buffers, which are trees and plants along the stream bank that help to filter sediment out. Excess sediments clog up streams and degrade aquatic habitat.

**Brown** – Brown water that looks like tea or coffee can be an indication of tannins in the water. Tannins are not harmful and they typically come from decaying plant matter. Tannins are more common in the fall due to leafy debris falling into the river.

**Gray** – Gray water can indicate a more serious issue. Gray water typically comes from raw sewage and illicit discharges into the river.

Gray water can be toxic and harbor pathogenic bacteria and disease.

**Yellow** – River water may be colored yellow by the addition of lampricides to the water which help prevent the spread of sea lampreys in Michigan rivers. The Chippewa River is routinely treated with lampricides by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Red** – Red colored water may arise from naturally

occurring iron found in the soil or bedrock. Iron in the water is not harmful.

**Green** – Algal plant growth in the river can turn the river shades of bright green. Cyanobacteria are a type of algae known for turning water green. Certain strains of cyanobacteria can be very toxic.

**Black and rainbow** – Black and rainbow colors are a cause for concern, they may come from oil spills or industrial

oil waste. Oil in the water is extremely toxic. If found, authorities should be notified and proper safety precautions should be taken.

If you find the river in your local area has a suspicious coloring, or if you see anyone dumping waste into the river, please call the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Pollution Emergency Alert System (PEAS) at **1-800-292-4706**.



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**2007 Dodge Caliber SXT FWD**  
Auto, 75k Miles, Gas I4. #GU015  
**48 mos/\$161**/\$7,133



**2012 Ford Focus S**  
FWD, Auto, 47k Miles, Gas I4 2.0L, MP3, Keyless Entry. #FU214  
**72 mos/\$178**/\$11,300



**2007 Saturn Outlook XE AWD**  
Auto, 93k Miles, Gas V6. #FP089B  
**48 mos/\$195**/\$8,615



**2009 Dodge Journey SXT FWD**  
Auto, 78k Miles, 3.5L V6. #GU028  
**60 mos/\$217**/\$11,695



**2010 Ford Fusion SE**  
FWD, Auto, 57k Miles, Gas I4 2.5L, Cruise, Keyless Entry. #FU185  
**60 mos/\$235**/\$12,650



**2008 Ford F-150 XLT Extended Cab 4WD**  
Auto, 120k Miles, V8 5.4L. #FP101A  
**54 mos/\$266**/\$12,998



**2013 Chevrolet Equinox LS FWD**  
Cruise, Auto, 27k Miles. #GC045B  
**72 mos/\$277**/\$17,398



**2012 Kia Optima EX**  
FWD, Auto, 40k Miles, Gas I4 2.4L, Cruise, Security, MP3. #GT024A  
**72 mos/\$250**/\$15,800



**2012 Ford Taurus Limited FWD**  
Auto, 93k Miles, Gas V6. #FC132A  
**72 mos/\$254**/\$15,995



**2010 Mercury Milan Hybrid FWD**  
Variable Trans., 51k Miles. #GU032  
**60 mos/\$241**/\$12,950



**2011 Lincoln MKS AWD**  
Auto, 54k Miles, Gas V6 3.7L, Cruise, Keyless Entry. #FU215  
**66 mos/\$334**/\$19,500



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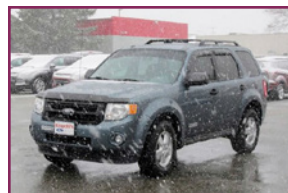
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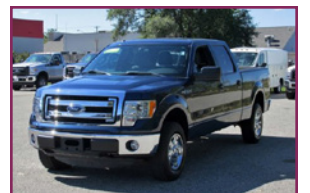
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Auto, 50k Miles, Gas I4 2.5L, MP3, Cruise, Keyless Entry. #GU044  
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**2013 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4WD**  
Auto, 26k Miles. #FU175  
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Auto, 19k Miles. #FU196  
**72 mos/\$281**/\$17,650



**2012 Chevrolet Equinox LT w 2LT FWD**  
Auto, 82k Miles, V6 3.0L. #GP007A  
**72 mos/\$259**/\$16,295



**2013 Chrysler 200 Limited FWD**  
Auto, 16k Miles. #FU130  
**72 mos/\$279**/\$17,450



**2012 Chevrolet Camaro 1LT RWD**  
Auto, 23k Miles, Gas V6. #FU178  
**72 mos/\$364**/\$22,800



**2013 Ford Taurus Limited FWD**  
Auto, 57k Miles. #FU115A  
**72 mos/\$319**/\$19,975



**2012 Ford Fusion SE FWD Certified**  
Auto, 48k Miles, I4 2.5L. #GU035  
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FWD 38k Miles, Turbo Gas I4 1.6L, Auto, MP3, Cruise. #FP015  
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SXT, FWD, 57k Miles, Gas I4 2.4L, Auto, Tungsten Metallic. #FT469C  
**72 mos/\$235**/\$14,795



**2013 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4WD**  
Auto, 40k Miles, V8 5.0L. #FU144  
**72 mos/\$479**/\$29,800



**2013 Chrysler 300 300C RWD**  
Auto, V8 5.7L, 20k Miles. #FU091  
**72 mos/\$367**/\$23,000



**2013 Ford F-150 STX Extended Cab 4WD**  
Auto, 18k Miles, Gas/Eth. #FP102  
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**Certified 2014 Ford Fusion SE FWD**  
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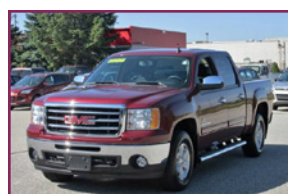
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**72 mos/\$479**/\$29,995



**2014 Chrysler Town & Country Touring-L**  
Auto, 24k Miles, V6 3.6L. #GU046  
**72 mos/\$405**/\$25,450



**2013 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE Crew Cab 4WD**  
Auto, 24k Miles, Gas V8. #FU181  
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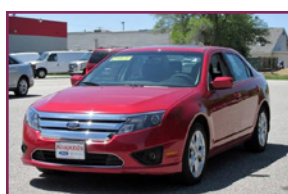
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**66 mos/\$334**/\$19,450



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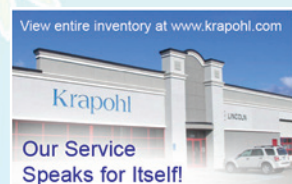
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## REZ Pets

### It's Raining Cats & Dogs



**Owner:** Shannon Martin  
**Name:** Rhona Bologna Martin  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Rescued "Petbull"



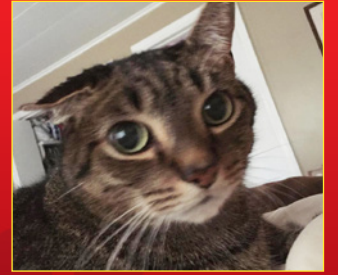
**Owner:** Kevin MacConnell  
**Names:** Bubba and Precious  
**Ages:** 6, 13  
**Breed:** Black and Yellow Labs



**Owner:** Angela Weaver  
**Name:** Oakley  
**Age:** 6 weeks  
**Breed:** English Springer Spaniel



**Owner:** Joanne Murdoch  
**Names:** Mila and Benji  
**Ages:** 1 months, 6 months  
**Breed:** German Shepherd and Lab mix



**Owner:** Karen Roy  
**Name:** Buddy  
**Age:** 15  
**Breed:** Tiger cat



**Owner:** Mitch Paul  
**Name:** Stevey  
**Age:** 16  
**Breed:** Unknown



**Owner:** Kim Race  
**Name:** Tilly  
**Age:** Unknown- adopted  
**Breed:** Lovebird



**Owner:** Natalie Nichols  
**Name:** Bellissima "Bella"  
**Age:** 3.5  
**Breed:** Pom-we-triever



**Owner:** Elizabeth Wray  
**Name:** Rascal  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Natalie Shattuck  
**Name:** Chester Bear Shattuck  
**Age:** Unknown-adopted  
**Breed:** Beagle



**Owners:** Nick & Wendi Bovear  
**Names:** Maggz, Zoey, Cabby  
**Ages:** 7, 6 & 6  
**Breed:** Shih Tzus



**Owners:** David & Pamela James  
**Name:** Dinky  
**Age:** 1.5  
**Breed:** Chiwee/Yorkie mix



**Owner:** Leah Carmody  
**Name:** Lucy  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Shih Tzu



**Owners:** Lawrence Burns III  
**Names:** Mushu and Stitch  
**Ages:** 6, 2  
**Breed:** Boxer, Unknown-adopted



**Owner:** Karen Perry  
**Name:** Kelsos Milestone (Miles)  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Greyhound



**Owner:** Twila Schrot  
**Names:** Gracie, Papi  
**Ages:** 8, 7  
**Breed:** Chihuahua, Jack Russell



**Owners:** Joe & Dawn Morrow  
**Names:** Lady Bird, Dre Von Disel & Willow  
**Ages:** 4, 13 & 2  
**Breeds:** Germain Shorthair, Mixed breed & Mastiff



**Owner:** Jeff Myers  
**Name:** Ellie  
**Age:** 1.5  
**Breed:** American Staffordshire



**Owners:** Joey & Dianne Gonzalez  
**Names:** Sam & Dave  
**Ages:** 6 weeks  
**Breed:** Pomeranians



**Owners:** Tiffany Bennett & Kristin Booker  
**Name:** Scarlett Grey  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever



**Owners:** Mattea, Margie Merrill & Aaron Collins  
**Name:** Rocky-Nemo  
**Age:** 5 months  
**Breed:** Chorkie



**Owner:** Brenda Terwilliger  
**Name:** Brittany  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Minature Dachshund



**Owner:** Krysta Myrek  
**Names:** Bella & Cali  
**Ages:** 6 mo, 2.5  
**Breed:** German Shepherd/Husky and German Shepherd



**Owner:** Ron Huber  
**Name:** Duffy  
**Age:** 7  
**Breed:** Beagle mix



**Owner:** Michelle Khoury  
**Name:** Curtis  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Border Collie mix



**Owner:** Heather DeMoines  
**Name:** Riley Jay  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Chocolate Lab



**Owner:** Taylor Hollis  
**Names:** Ash & Luna  
**Ages:** 1.5, 1.5  
**Breed:** Mixed breeds



**Owner:** Heather Haynes  
**Names:** Maggie & Molly  
**Ages:** 11, 2  
**Breed:** Black Lab mix and Jack Russell



**Owner:** Monica Richer  
**Name:** Jaxxon James  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Shih Tzu



**Owners:** Sam Anglin & Amy Rider  
**Name:** Hugo  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Breed:** English Bulldog



**Owner:** Mason Peterson  
**Name:** Owen  
**Age:** Red Tailed Boa  
**Breed:** 7 months



**Owners:** Larry & Jodi Friend  
**Names:** CJ and Bailey  
**Ages:** 1, 3  
**Breed:** Doberman Pinscher and Shih Tzu/Pomeranian



**Owner:** Melinda Coffin  
**Name:** Bailey  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owners:** The Colwell Family  
**Name:** Sophie Marie  
**Age:** 15  
**Breed:** Miniature Pinscher



**Owner:** John Gerhard  
**Names:** Furman, Bruno  
**Ages:** 1.5, 12  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever & Lab/Hound



**Owner:** Carol Corbiere  
**Names:** Bonnie and Toto  
**Ages:** 1, 8  
**Breed:** Shih Tzu and Schnauzer/Yorkshire Terrier



**Owner:** Craig Waynee  
**Name:** Lucy  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Michael McCreery  
**Name:** Marsh Mellow  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Ferret



**Owners:** Sue & Lindy Sowmick  
**Names:** Harley & Reddy  
**Ages:** 11 months, 11 months  
**Breed:** Australian Shepherd & Wheaton Terrier



**Owner:** Norman Cyr Jr.  
**Name:** Sampson  
**Age:** 1.5  
**Breed:** Staffordshire Terrier



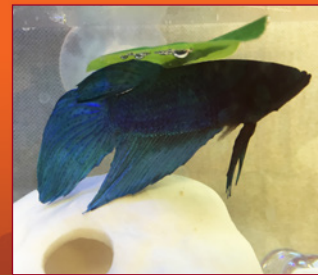
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**Horse:** Maggie, Pinto, 17  
**Dog:** Sara, Border Collie, 11  
**Cats:** Amber & Rusty, domestic, 5



**Owner:** Gabriel Quigno  
**Name:** Carl  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Gold fish



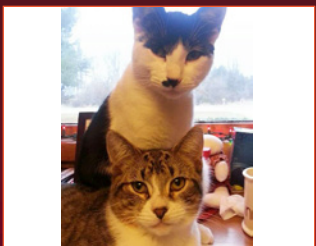
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**Names:** Nibbles & Sox  
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**Breed:** Pugs



**Owner:** Margie Wehner  
**Name:** Mr. Feesh  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Beta fish



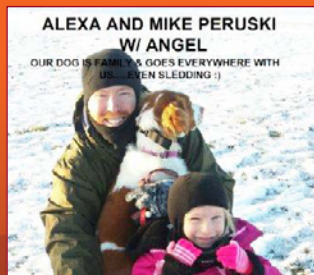
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**Breed:** Bengal, Tuxedo Cat



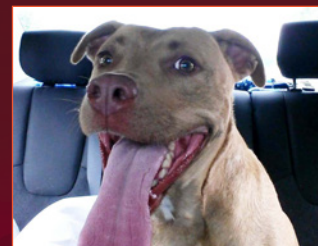
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**Names:** Eddie Vedder & Charlie Chaplin  
**Ages:** 3  
**Breed:** Mutt cats



**Owners:** Kelly, Billy & Gabriel Bryant  
**Name:** Gracie  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Domestic Shorthair



**Owners:** Alexa and Mike Peruski  
**Name:** Angel  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Brittany Spaniel



**Owners:** Connie Pallett & Teri Anglin  
**Name:** Abigail  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** American Pitbull



**Owner:** Kelli Henry  
**Names:** Benji, Brodie, Ace  
**Ages:** 1, 7, 10  
**Breed:** Miniature Dachshunds



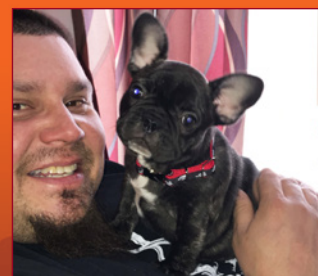
**Owners:** Arthur Cicalo  
**Name:** Lab/Pitbull mix & Boxer  
**Age:** 8, 5  
**Breed:** Dozer & Matilda



**Owner:** Doug & Karen Mills  
**Name:** Malaya  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Mini Rex



**Owners:** Heather Shaw & Joe Dombrowski  
**Name:** Betty  
**Age:** 5  
**Breed:** Black Lab & Jack Russell



**Owner:** Beaver Pelcher  
**Name:** Baby  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Breed:** French Bulldog



**Owner:** Olivia Finkbeiner  
**Name:** Dilila  
**Age:** 5  
**Breed:** English Bulljack



## High school Tribal students discover what Ferris State University has to offer

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

What started as a discovery journey with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Central Michigan University has moved to Delta College, Michigan State University and now Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

On March 17, five local Tribal high school students took the one-hour pilgrimage in the Tribal Education van to Ferris State University, or FSU.

The visit was made possible through SCIT Higher Education Coordinator Betsey Alonzo and FSU Director of Admissions Jason Daday.

Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya said she encourages students to partake in college visits.

"It was encouraging to know that Ferris State is close to home, yet far away enough for students to gain a true college experience," Montoya said. "I was pleased to see the students receiving the tour and experience with great enthusiasm. They seemed to be in awe of everything Ferris has to offer, especially the dining, dorm, and student recreation experience."

Montoya served as a chaperone along with Youth



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**FSU employees Andrea Lodholtz and Jason Daday stand near banner as the Tribal student delegation joins at the Circle of Tribal Nations classroom.**

Achievement Advisor Anita Hall and Youth Empowerment Aide Christina Porter. Tribal high school students included Nodin Jackson, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Gegik Pamp, Zack Jackson and Paige Ritter.

"(The FSU tour) showed me I should learn more about what college opportunities are available and to expand my knowledge of the different fields I would like to go into," Ritter said. "I think... internships would be a great way to learn and get some practical job experience."

Nathaniel Lambertson, dean of students for SCTC, said testing colleges' academic and social environments is important for students.

"Prospective students need to be sure to ask about clubs

and organizations on campus," Lambertson said. "College is about expanding one's horizons, but it's also about making sure that one is comfortable and can pursue their interests both in and out of the classroom."

Lambertson said there is an articulation agreement and a reverse transfer agreement between SCTC and FSU.

Michael Fisher, water resources technician for SCIT, graduated from FSU in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in environmental biology.

"The university is very focused on developing career-ready students, and I think a lot of that has to do with the faculty that were always available to provide guidance and insight," Fisher said. "For

instance, Dr. Scott Herron from the biology department takes it upon himself to reach out to, connect with, and advise American Indian students. His insight had a big impact on me, allowing me to focus my path so that I could eventually contribute to SCIT's environmental programs."

Herron began wild rice research shortly after he came to FSU in 2002.

"That led into research with students... and eventually led to some of the things I was presenting to the Society of Ethnobiology last week with my friend and ricing colleague Roger LaBine of Lac Vieux Desert," Herron said. "We hosted a 2009 and 2010 rice camps at Tubbs Lake on Mecosta County's border with Isabella County. Since that time, Roger LaBine and (Little River Band Tribal member) Lee Sprague have really taken the lead on wild rice camps, classes, and research. Roger, Lee and I are working on a wild rice reemergence in Michigan chapter in a book that I will be editing about Native foodways and restoration."

Andrea Lodholtz, Native American medicinal plant garden greenhouse technician for FSU, provided the students with

tobacco ties and a circle logo button before the tour of the wild rice lab and their greenhouse.

Daday said through experience, reputation and commitment of the Circle of Tribal Nations, FSU welcomes students from diverse backgrounds.

"(The Circle of Tribal Nations) include smudge plant use and education during our meetings and at some of our events including workshops," Daday said. "We have used several sage species, cedar and sweetgrass in laboratories, and select locations on campus and students have made tobacco ties for events."

Daday said he encourages students to visit again with parents or guardians so everyone can learn about the school.

"Prospective students may have questions about classes, clubs and recreation facilities," Daday said. "Parents will want to know about campus safety, meal plans, academic support services, etc. By visiting together, both the student and their parents and family can get answers about what is most important to them and that, hopefully, should lead to thoughtful discussion within the family about selecting the school that is right for the student."

## Sundance Institute film screening and workshop inspires Tribal students

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Tribal students became aspiring filmmakers as they watched their conceptual ideas come to life on screen at the Sundance Institute film screening and workshop.

The Feb. 19-20 educational experience, held at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, was a testament to the Sundance Institute commitment to supporting Native American artists who document indigenous history.

Following president and founder Robert Redford's original vision, the Institute has remained committed to supporting Native American artists' voices.

Seminole and Cree Nation filmmaker Sterling Harjo received a Sundance fellowship in 2004 and showcased his third feature film "Mekko" for the community at Celebration Cinema.

"The story is about a man that gets out of prison and ends up in Tulsa where his family doesn't want anything to do with him and he is homeless on the streets," Harjo said. "He ends up being embraced by the Native community where the drama and thriller aspect comes in."

This was Harjo's second time visiting the Tribe, and said the students enjoy seeing the work completed by Native filmmakers.

"This is a good industry to be in," Harjo said. "Arlan George

was in my Full Circle workshop and it's awesome to see that something we did here inspired him to get involved in filmmaking."

George attended the two-day workshop and remembers when Harjo provided that mentorship to him at 14 years old.

Sundance Full Circle fellow and SCIT Tribal Member Devin Weekley-Dean developed a passion for film through a TV and radio course and attended their Full Circle program last year.

"I hope we get another Tribal member in Hollywood to help document our stories because we are the best ones to tell it," George said. "N. Bird Runningwater has also been a great help in showing us the independent film industry. With their help, I like the direction indigenous filmmaking is going in."

Runningwater is a Cheyenne and Mescalero Apache filmmaker who does the Sundance Native Initiates programming and is a valuable resource who assist indigenous writers on developing scripts.

"The W. K. Kellogg Foundation helps us with outreach in New Mexico and Michigan and the Sundance Institute has supported three generations of Native filmmakers and we're here at Ziibiwing looking for the fourth generation," Runningwater said. "If Tribal students want to get involved with Sundance, I would recommend being a part of our social media networks on



Courtesy of Ziibiwing

**The Sundance Youth Filmmaking Workshop attendees pose with Sundance Institute and Ziibiwing representatives.**

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat to get a more textual view of what we do. Most activity centers around our film festivals but we do offer workshops like this all year around in different locations."

SCIT Tribal student Nick Sowmick found the Sundance workshop intriguing and it inspires him to consider filmmaking as a career.

"I appreciate meeting all these great Native American directors who were willing to share their knowledge with us," Sowmick

said. "It shows that minority directors can still make an impact in the film industry. This is a great opportunity for the Tribal youth here at Ziibiwing. I really appreciate the work that Arlan has done and he inspires me to do it."

Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin said this was Sundance's fourth visit with the Tribe.

"Ziibiwing looks forward to partnering with Sundance Institute for a fifth youth filmmaking workshop and community screening next year," Martin said.

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## Teacher Assistant Sherrie Anderson 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 to Sherrie Anderson for being selected as the March Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Anderson:

**Which program do you work for?** The Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

**What is your title?** I am teacher assistant in the Resource Room.

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

**What is your favorite part of working in this department?** Working with all of the children. They always put a smile on my face.

**Do you have any pets?** Yes, I have fish.

**What is the one thing that you love to do? Why?** Taking pictures. I want to capture everything for my family to see.

**What is your favorite Disney movie?** "Finding Nemo".

**What is your favorite vacation spot and why?** Paradise in the U.P. It is so peaceful.

**What is one of your favorite quotes?** "Be all that you can be!"

**What is your favorite candy/snack?** M&Ms

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



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Teacher Assistant Sherrie Anderson receives her award. (Pictured left to right: Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Sharp, Anderson, and Curriculum Instructional Coordinator Kelli Cassaday.)**

## K-12 Education event shows Tribal families love bingo games

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

As Youth Achievement Advisor John Shelton took a moment to look at the packed Eagles Nest Tribal Gym on Feb. 23, it was clear to him that the Tribal community loves bingo.

The festivities served a dual purpose: It allowed students to re-stock their school supplies to finish out the rest of the year, and it also brought many out of the cold to enjoy some family fun.

Youth Leadership Manager Deb Smith commended staff on the team effort it took to make another successful



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Family Bingo gives another example how popular the game truly is on the Rez.**

event, and said miigwetch to the community for attending.

"(Tribal Education) would also like to thank At-Large/Member Services Youth Coordinator Colleen Maki for doing registration last night for the

K-12 Education bingo," Smith said the day after. "It was great to see so many families enjoying bingo, food, fun, family, school supplies, and the K-12/Higher Education Program provided other opportunities for people to win door prizes."

Administrative Assistant II Tasha Wemigwans said the students really

appreciate being able to restock their school supplies for the rest of the year.

"The school supplies that were given away to students at the family bingo included notebooks, folders, markers, erasers, pencils, glue sticks, K-12 water bottles and backpacks," Wemigwans said. "We know a lot of the high school students use computers and they were also given 16 GB flash drives to assist with their coursework."

Tribal Member Samantha Chippeway brought her daughters to the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym for the food, fun and prizes.

"Family Bingo was a great turn out. I enjoy seeing our community come together for the happiness of our youth," Chippeway said. "I just want to say a big thanks to our Tribal Education K-12 program for putting this together. I appreciate all their hard work that they do for our children."

### Saginaw Chippewa Academy

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Lyric Owl, Gabriel Quigno, Aiyana Sheahan, Clara Begay, Sadie Disel, Aaron Jaso, Duane Sheahan, Syriana Smith, Joshua Velasquez, Matthew Stewart, Alayna Disel, Frederick Highley, Robert Sauders, Brandon Wemigwans, Ahsiniis Smith, Zoey Disel, Annie Lada and Aaliyah Montoya-Pego. **The following students earned Student of the Month for February:** Bradley Woodworth, Meredith Magnell, Liam Arbogast, Albert Trepanier, Alayna Disel, Joshua Wemigwans, Julianna Garcia and Thalia Bennett.

### Vowles

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Aviana Gomez, Metao Harris, Joaquin Jackson, Kaden Kjolhede, Mariana Mays and Mia McCreery.

### McGuire

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Emily Stevens, Alexis Taylor, La'Anna Trudeau, Mia Bennett, Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Jonathan Davis, Joc Keshick, Riley Chamberlain, Giizhig Martell, Uniqa Munoz, John Stevens and Makayla Stevens.

### Mount Pleasant High

**The following students earned perfect attendance for the second trimester:** Josh Bartow, Simone Bigford, Miles Bussler, Andrew Chingman, Tyler Chippewa, Keezhig Floyd, Cauy George, Nia Lewis, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Aleeya Peters, Gavin Seybert, Shaylyn Sprague and Carlee Williams. **The following students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the second trimester:** Caleb Alonzo-Vasquez, Chyna Bergevin, Kaylee Bigford, \*Simone bigford, \*Miles Bussler, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Kimberly Chamberlain, Karen Chippewa, Meredith Conrad, \*Kendra Cyr, Mileena Davidson, Peter Elizalde, Alyssa Finch, Hunter Genia, Evelyn House, Nodin Jackson, Hunter Kequom, Nia Lewis, Maya Madrigal, McKenzie Morland, Calvin Parish, Aleeya Peters, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Mastella Quanderer, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Kalena Ricketts, Warren Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, Paige Ritter, Sabrina Romero, Elissa Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Callista Sowmick, Eli Starkey, Lindsay Watters, Alexandria Weekley-Dean, \*Destiny Wetherbee, Carlee Williams, Shyanne Williams and Tanner Williams. **\*Indicates a 4.0 GPA**

### Ganiard

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Dylan Bennett, Lilly Chamberlain, Rosemarie Green, Darien Haggard, Foster Hoormann, Kaden Mena, Nadia Mills, Tehya Morales, Ramon Negrete-Ledesma, Shilyanna Negrete-Ledesma, Tiara Osawabine, Miah Perez, Elijah Teller, Cailey Treichel, Ethan Treichel, Ava Vogel and Brian Wemigwans.

### Kinney

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Dakarii Graveratte.

### Shepherd

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Kearmin Alexander, Aiyana Bross, Jayden Bross, Johnathan Cogswell, Sadie Cogswell, Waaseya Lambertson, Jared Myers, Sarah Osawabine, Ashani Pelcher, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Sandra Slater, Aanzhenii Starkey and Aubreyanna Stevens.

### Fancher

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Gloria Altman, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Daniel Bennett, Devyn Bennett, Zoey Haggard, Elisha Hoormann, Lucus Jackson, Matthew Jackson, Trent McConnell, Collyn Morrow, Alina Ruffino, Albert Shomin and Kaylie Sprague.

### Renaissance

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Jadrian Jackson, Keldan Hill, Emma Henry, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Kyla Henry, Arianna Hawkins, Logan VanOrden, Isaiah Hill, Elijah Otto-Powers, Cordelia McDaniel and Makayla Jackson.

### Pullen

**The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Miles Davis, Zachery Flaugher, Deja Belmarez, Emma Hinmon, David McClain, Ava Mena, Kyven Rose, Owen Seybert, Isaiah Taylor, Micah Wagner, Alex Hinmon, Arilynn Peters, Logan Bird, Zhaawan Martell, Miikawadizi Prout, Kaya Rose, Hope Stevens, Alex Taylor Cruz Vaquera, Bailey Burger, Jasmine Davis, Ryan Flaugher and Jonathan Martinez.

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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College scores big at national competition

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium national competition has brought great results for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and 20 of its students.

The AIHEC is a collective spirit and unifying voice of the tribal nation's 37 tribal colleges and universities.

The 2016 AIHEC Student Conference in Minneapolis on March 14-18 represented each of its institutions by a broad array of students, faculty and staff from tribal nations throughout the U.S.

Students engaged in competitions designed to foster strong academic achievements in STEM, history, literature and the arts. The event brings together future leaders of Indian Country and serves as a national gathering and training ground for native youth.

SCTC students competed in archery, the knowledge bowl, art, the science bowl and critical inquiry.

Many SCTC students earned top placements within the competitions:

- First place in beading: Gilberto Franco
- First place in leather work: Gilberto Franco
- Second place in creative writing: Carla Bennett
- Third place in the science bowl: Rachel Bailey, Bethany Tarbell, Irene Lopez-Casillas and Coach Sharyl Majorski
- Fourth place in critical thinking: Trisha Trasky, Elizabeth Trasky, Rachel House and Victoria Owens

- Fourth place in archery male competitors: Steven Wassegijig
- Eleventh place in archery female competitors: Rachel Bailey

"I always found that the Native American art work was very fascinating and unique," Franco said on his win. "I learned certain techniques from Liana Bennett who was the beading instructor at (SCTC). I made the turtle shell bandoleer bag – m'shiike b'kinaak mshkawiwin/turtle shells of strength – being that of the Turtle Clan – m'shiike doodem – winning first place and people's choice."

In addition to placing in competitions, Franco was also named a 2015-2016 Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation scholar. Franco was one of 36 to receive the scholarship, but the only SCTC student.

The scholarship was established to fund unmet needs for a student's first year in college. The student must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and show strong participation in campus and community life.

"This is an exceptional honor that will never be forgotten," Franco said. "This scholarship has helped me through difficult times while attending (SCTC). Hopefully by me receiving this scholarship, this will encourage other people in the Tribal community to pursue their education, broaden their horizons and to not give up when times are hard. Having the recognition from AICF/Coca-Cola helped let me know that I am on the right track."

During the conference, the American Indian College Fund also honored American Indian

scholarship recipients with \$1,000 each. Rachel Bailey was named Student of the Year, representing SCTC.

"(Faculty Grant Administrator) Cheryl Calhoun is the main reason I applied for Student of the Year," Bailey said. "I was nervous when I saw all the candidates and who I was up against for the award. A lot of great students applied and I was so excited when my name was called... Since I am a single mother of three small children, this award will help relieve some of the stress of having to provide for a family while attending college full time."

Deanna Campbell, student and knowledge bowl member, said AIHEC was a great experience.

"I got to work with students and staff as a team," Campbell said. "We all pulled together and did our best. It was exciting to meet other tribes and although we were competing, it felt like comradely with everyone supporting and cheering for each other. I look forward to attending again next year."

Nina Knight, of the English faculty for SCTC, said as the critical inquiry coach, she knew it would be a difficult competition.

"The students have to choose one of two topics provided, write a research paper about it and then give a 20 to 30 minute presentation about it," Knight said. "Our topic this year was 'the legalization of marijuana on Reservations: Costs and rewards.' I was really nervous for my team, I think I always am, but our students knocked the judges off their feet talking about the benefits of hemp products as a source of income rather than the small market of recreational or medicinal marijuana."

Dean of Students Nathaniel Lambertson said of the 37 tribal colleges and universities, SCTC is one of the smallest.

"The fact that our students won numerous awards, competed in hard events where the school has little-to-no experience, and generally represented this community well-above expectation, is an excellent reflection on our



Courtesy of Nina Knight

Students and faculty represented the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College during the American Indian Higher Education Consortium national competition.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

While the archery team did not place during the national competition on March 14-18, they sure learned a lot about the skill while having fun.

college," Lambertson said. "I am so proud of this group and what they were able to accomplish."

Math instructor and archery coach Earle M. Crosswait III said the archery team was driven by 12 interested SCTC students who formed three teams.

The teams consisted of Franco, Campbell, Bailey, Steven Wassegijig, Victoria Alvarez, Antonio Gomez, Rachel House, Christian Jackson, Maggie Jackson, Santino Medina and Maureen Rueckert and Dylan Tree.

"For many of the students, this was their first time using a 'recurve' bow, and for most, it was their first time shooting at animal targets in a 'bush-style' range," Crosswait said. "So, while none of the teams or individuals placed in the top three, everyone had a great time and learned a lot from the experienced archers at AIHEC."

Crosswait said "AIHEC is a great opportunity to talk with educators from other tribal colleges and discuss classroom

teachings that increase student engagement and success."

"Educators often get bogged down by a paradigm that has proven ineffective for Native American students," Crosswait said. "What is great about tribal colleges and universities is that, with smaller class sizes and more academic freedom, we can create new systems that satisfy the needs of our students. I had excellent conversations with developmental educators from (tribal colleges) in Alaska, South Dakota and New Mexico."

Bailey said as science bowl team captain, she is proud of the team's accomplishments.

"We stood up against several four-year institutions with multiple science programs," Bailey said. "It was very intimidating to hear the other students' credentials; I feel a great sense of pride knowing we came through and placed in the top three in the qualifying round... Our win set the mood for the whole week at the consortium."



Courtesy of Nina Knight

Nina Knight (back row, second to the right) coached the critical inquiry team for the Minneapolis competition.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

Nathaniel Lambertson (left), dean of students, and Andrew Wagner, dean of instruction, pose with Rachel Bailey, the SCTC Student of the Year.



Courtesy of Nina Knight

First place in beading and leather work, and the Coca-Cola Foundation First Generation scholar Gilberto Franco and SCTC President Carla Sineway pose for a photo.

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## Carla Bennett's story wins second place in national creative writing contest

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Carla Bennett, student at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, has won second place in the 2016 Tribal College Journal Creative Writing Contest.

Bennett attended the American Indian Higher Education Consortium national competition with other SCTC students and staff in Minneapolis on March 14-18. On that Wednesday night, Bennett attended a formal awards ceremony and received her honor.

Her story, "The Fox", will be published in a special edition of the Tribal College Journal of American Indian Higher Education (TCJ).

"Along with the editors of TCJ and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, we would like to add our heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Carla Bennett on her success," said Nina Knight, SCTC English faculty member.

Bennett's story is published below:

### "The Fox" by Carla Bennett

To a young teenage girl, the last 10 minutes of school on a Friday takes a billion years to go by. I'm trying to listen to the teacher, but my mind keeps wandering. I always get really anxious to get home and pack when I

know Grandpa and Uncle will be waiting when I get there. *Oh, how I love it that grandpa comes to get me for the weekends!*

Grandpa is in his seventies and Uncle drives him around, but he's still very active in spreading his knowledge with whoever would like to learn a little about the culture of the Native Americans. We travel around the Great Lakes states giving presentations, going to powwows, or gathering. I've been to every state around the lakes and Canada with these two. Not only do I get to travel, but I'm learning so much from my Grandpa; he's like a fountain of knowledge.

I live in Detroit, Michigan, and Grandpa and Uncle come from a small reservation up north. I love to get out of the city and back to nature where I can run around without feeling scared as my friends and I walk all over the Rez. If you see an unfamiliar vehicle, you know everybody is trying to figure out who it is because the only people around are either family or people who have known your family your whole life.

After what seemed like another billion years on the bus, I was happy to see the little green station wagon parked at the curb in front of the house. Mom, Uncle and Grandpa were drinking cold

tea on the porch waiting for me. "Aanii Grandpa! Aanii Uncle! I'll be right out; I just have to grab my bag." I throw my book bag on my bed, grab my travel bag and head back to the porch. "Are you ready?" Grandpa asks. "Yup, all set," I reply.

We arrive at Grandpa's house around 5:30 p.m., which gave me enough time to visit with Grandmother, before the six o'clock news came on. These two always watch the news which gives me the opportunity to head down the road to visit with family and friends. As long as I am home before dark, and not in trouble, Grandpa and Grandma let me go hang out.

On my way to the ball field, I ran into my cousins Lisa and Rhonda who said there was a kickball game going on if I wanted to play. We jumped right in and ended up playing three games. As soon as one was over, we had another group of people that either had to go or was just getting there and wanted to play, so we'd start another game. We were having so much fun that we just kept hopping on another team until we noticed it was starting to get dark. I had to walk the farthest back home, so I asked Lisa and Rhonda if they were ready to leave. They wanted to finish, so I told them I'd see them tomorrow.

"Hey Sue! Don't take the trail home, go the long way. There have been fox sightings around, don't want you getting ate up over the weekend!"

"Are you for real? I have to get home; Grandma will send Uncle out looking for me."

"Yes, for real! Ya better start running!"

I was not sure if she was serious, but I had no time to argue. I had a couple of miles to jog if I was going to get home on time. As I reached the path to the trail, which would save me some time, I decided to take the trail. I figured Rhonda was just trying to scare me. I had just started down the trail when I thought I heard something following me. I looked back, but no one was there.

*I wish the path was straight and not all twisty so I could see farther.* As I turned the next bend, I saw something red cross the trail in front of me. *Oh No! Rhonda was telling the truth, it is a fox!* I was by a tree, so I scrambled up fast!

As I was sitting there catching my breath, I thought I could hear movement off to the left of me. The fox was trying to stuff a rabbit carcass under a fallen tree. I thought I heard little yelps, and sure enough, there were two little baby foxes already trying to tear pieces off. I guess they were

too impatient to wait for their mother to get in the den.

I don't know how long I sat in that tree, but I could no longer see the fox. I think they were full and sleeping, but I was too scared to get down. I was certain that if I did, then the fox would hunt me down for breakfast. I knew I could not out run her, so there I sat until I heard Uncle slowly cruising around the bend on his four-wheeler. "Uncle!" I yelled, "I'm up here. Be careful, the fox is over there and she has two babies!" Uncle shines his flashlight up into the tree, "She's more scared of you than you are of her, now get down here! You got Grandma all in a tizzy thinking you are laying out here being mauled by that fox!"

As we come cruising into the yard, Grandma comes out to the porch to make sure I'm ok and then scolds me for not listening to Rhonda's warning.

"You need to remember that you are not in the city anymore, we have wild animals out here."

"I know, I'm sorry Grandma, I'll be more careful and cautious. I just never thought I would get in that sort of danger here on the Rez."

"Danger comes in many forms, the city just has different ones than the Rez. Now go get a shower, I have some soup and fry bread warming up."



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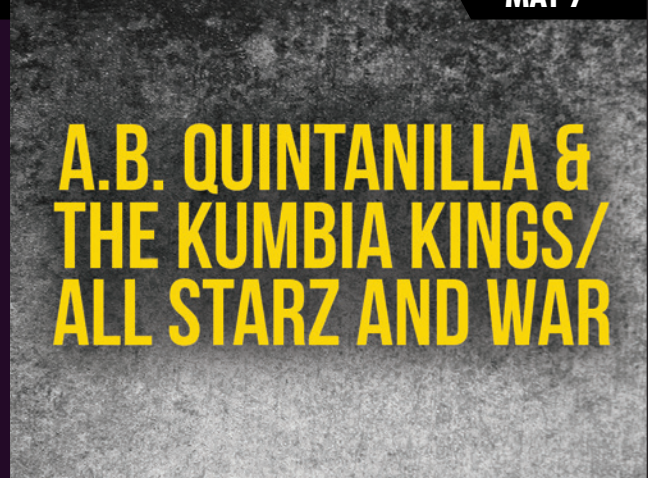
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## Hibbert delights fans and dominates Soaring Eagle Snocross Pro Open

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The sleds were revving, the snow was flying and the crowd was cheering as the Soaring Eagle AMSOIL Championship Snocross made their sixth stop of their eight cities 2015-2016 National Tour.

Tucker Hibbert raced at a consistent, smart and fast pace to win a wild and highly competitive Pro Open main event.

Lincoln Lemieux was working hard to overtake Hentges Racing's Petter Narsa in a spirited battle for second place as the fans cheered the action.

With fans clamoring for a glimpse of the athletes, they watch regularly throughout the season on CBS Sports and ESPN Winter X Games, it was clear everyone wanted an autograph from Pelican Rapids, Minn. resident Hibbert.

Hibbert continued his dominance of the field for the Friday and Saturday night pro open races under the lights.

"Getting out front early in both races with a great start and to have a clean, clear track on front of me makes

a world of difference," Hibbert said. "I love racing here at Soaring Eagle and it's always a lot of fun. With the warmer temperatures we had this weekend, we had to adjust our strategy and to tune the sled differently because of the wet and slippery snow. I'm just honored to have a great team and great sponsors behind me and I love meeting the racing fans that support us when we stop at Soaring Eagle."

Race fan Joyce Braman from Stanton, Mich., came in as a guest of Peterman Racing, and it was her second time attending Snocross.

"The VIP area they did here at Soaring Eagle is very classy and I think this is the best way to see all the action," Braman said. "I'm here with a bunch of my friends and it's great to see the drivers up close during their meet and greet and watching all the kids and fans getting those autographs was a lot of fun. I especially



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**CBS Sports Network announcer Carly Aplin interviews Tucker Hibbert after taking the checkered flag in the Saturday night Pro Open feature race.**

enjoyed meeting Tucker because he is my favorite."

The Pro Lite class was starting to tighten up between Montana Jess and Judnick Motorsports Jake Angove, the "Hot Shoe" Elias Ishoel ultimately took the top honors with first place finishes.

Ishoel, aboard his Makita Ski-Doo, tackled a near-perfect day bringing home another win Friday with Maxime Taillefer taking second and Jess third.

The Oppdal, Norway native Ishoel, continued his winning weekend Saturday taking first over Jess and third place finisher, Factory Arctic Cat racer Daniel Benham from Deer Lake, Minn.

Jess races out of Westminster, Mass. and referred to the Pro Lite races at Soaring Eagle as a stacked competition.

"You have Pro Lite races that are the best in the world where the speeds have been consistently fast on the track so you have to look for your openings and stay on the gas," Jess said. "The jumps weren't difficult, but the wind was definitely a factor where I would get the sled in the air and it would start going sideways. There wasn't much you could



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Winners Lincoln Lemieux (2nd place, left), Petter Narsa (3rd place, right) and Tucker Hibbert (1st place, middle) celebrate with their RAM Trucks trophies at the Soaring Eagle AMSOIL Championship Snocross Pro Open podium.**

do but to lean into it and try to hold on."

Jess said he wanted to race at Soaring Eagle last year but was recovering from an injury.

"The guys mentioned how good it was being (at Soaring Eagle) so I was looking forward to it," Jess said. "The track made for a great race course and the fans were incredible. I had some good results this weekend and look forward to coming back next year."

Snocross vendor David Buckland of Buck's Sports Products came down from his store in Gladstone, Mich. and enjoyed a steady stream of race fans at his snowmobile store.

"I've been a vendor on the race circuit for 18 years and was at Soaring Eagle last year and did good business..." Buckland said. "We've been

moving a lot of FXR gear for the race fans here. This has been one of the busiest weekends we've had for merchandise and it's been right up there with our best weekend at Canterbury, Minn."

Raul Venegas, marketing director for Soaring Eagle, said the non-stop action made its debut to a national television audience on the CBS Sports Network on March 6 and 13.

"The AMSOIL Championship Snocross series has a large following around the world and to have a world class event at our facility bring a global recognition to our Tribe and what we do at Soaring Eagle," Venegas said. "Branding is so important and to have major television networks coming on the Reservation to cover Soaring Eagle sporting events is something special."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Pro Lite driver Stephen Turchanik from Howell takes his Polaris into a turn at the Soaring Eagle Snocross.**

## Comedian Tracy Morgan brings his comeback tour "Picking Up the Pieces" to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted actor and comedian Tracy Morgan on Friday, March 4.

Morgan's career blossomed when he joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live" in 1996. He would go on to spend eight seasons on the show. The comedian was best known for his hilarious exploits as on-screen characters Brian Fellow and Astronaut Jones.

In 2003, he left "SNL" to headline his own show, "The Tracy Morgan Show".

Most recently, he gained notoriety for his Emmy nominated portrayal of Tracy Jordan on the hit TV series "30 Rock" (2006-2013).

The aptly-named "Picking Up the Pieces" tour featured

Morgan's return to live performances. Almost a year prior, a horrific accident left the 47-year-old entertainer in a coma for two weeks.

He suffered a serious brain injury and broken bones when a Wal-Mart semi-truck crashed into his limo van on the New Jersey Turnpike.

"When I was in that wheelchair, I still shopped at Wal-Mart," Morgan said. "You still can't beat their prices. They just went up a penny after my settlement."

Morgan shared his experience, in the aftermath of the event, with the audience members.

"I went up to heaven, but I didn't stay long," he said playfully. "You know what they say; only the good die young."

A near-death experience can also change most people, not Morgan who retained his

defiant boundary-pushing comedic style.

"I seen the white light, I didn't go through it," Morgan said. "I thought it was the police."

He continued sharing his story, and the trials he faced after emerging from the coma. The Bronx, New York-born Morgan found himself blind for nearly a week.

"When I came out the coma, I couldn't see anything," he said. "Where I come from, you don't wanna be blind for a second."

Fellow stand-up comedians Marc Theobald and Tracey Ashley opened the show.

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



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## Sit Down and Plan workshop offers practical advice and nutritious alternatives

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

When families move at the speed of life, it can be a challenge to find the time to sit down and plan meals.

The Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center staff offered some practical advice and some nutritious alternatives on March 16 that will help families who are up to the challenge.

Sally Van Cise, nutritionist; Sandi Chesebrough, nurse and diabetic grant coordinator; and Fitness Coordinators Jaden Harman and Jayme Green provided a wealth of handouts and information at two Sit Down and Plan workshops held in the Nimkee Public Health kitchen.

Van Cise said using the plate method advocates for starting with protein foods, fruit, veggies, starches and milk or yogurt.

The plate method is a part of the Nimkee Nutrition Services' "Minobmaadiziwin



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**Nimkee Nutritionist Sally Van Cise explains the plate method to participants on March 16.**

Kinomaagewin" Healthy Ways program.

"Half of your meal, using the plate method, should consist of low-starch vegetables with one-fourth of the plate starch and the other one-fourth plate consisting of protein," Van Cise said. "Milk, yogurt or fruit can be added, as well as fat such as olive oil or butter to complete the meal plate method."

Some examples of low-starch vegetables include asparagus, carrots, celery,

green beans, okra, spinach, tomatoes and zucchini.

For students who are on-the-go after school, Van Cise said Cliff Bars, graham crackers, pretzels and trail mix with nuts and dried fruits can provide added energy.

"We want families to know they can make some changes with a little planning and preparation; then all you would have to do is to pull the foods from the house as you leave," Van Cise said. "Of course, you may need to have a cooler with ice packs ready, but it will be a healthier and less-costly alternative in the long run."

The staff encourages people to access some of the family-friendly websites where they pulled together many examples that included healthy sandwich ideas and crockpot meals. Some of those websites include health.com, cookinglight.com, mealmakeovermoms.com and supercook.com.

Green said she is all about easy meals and offered an example that is "quick and delicious."

"My easy and nutritious go to meal is to boil skinless, boneless chicken breasts in water with lots of Mrs. Dash Garlic and Herb for about 30 minutes," Green said. "You do need to check to make sure they are done and fully cooked. Next, I grab an easy vegetable, like broccoli or cauliflower, to steam and I also bake Pillsbury croissants to go with the meal. I then add a glass of milk or yogurt and fruit for a side or dessert. This is nutritious because it follows the plate method and makes my family happy eating it!"

Harman finds himself on the go and said "your body needs to get adequate hydration and needs to refuel, especially after workouts."

"When I go to the store, I try to make an effort to get at least four different kinds of fruit in my cart," Harman said. "The vitamins and antioxidants fruit can provide help

your body with fatigue and is good for your muscles. Along with stretching and cool down exercises, drinking chocolate milk right after a workout can help restore the body."

Chesebrough said the workshop information can also help patients with pre-existing conditions like diabetes and heart disease.

"Our diabetes program strongly suggests to our patients that it is important to recognize the type of foods you are eating that can affect your blood sugar levels," Chesebrough said. "Diabetes is when your blood sugar or glucose levels are higher than normal. It's carbohydrate foods like breads, cereals, rice, pasta, fruits, milk and desserts that can cause this rise."

Chesebrough offered six foods that can help control blood sugar are raw, cooked or roasted vegetables, greens, whole fruits, whole grain high fiber foods and protein – Greek yogurt, cottage cheese, eggs and lean meats.

## Beginning a walking program: Should you call the doctor first?

**JUDY DAVIS**

Nimkee Public Health

Most people do not need to see a doctor before they start a walking program. **Check with your doctor first, if you answer "yes" to any of the following questions:**

- Has your doctor told you that you have heart trouble, diabetes, or asthma?

- When you are physically active, do you have pains in your chest, neck, shoulder, or arm?

- Do you often feel faint or have dizzy spells?

- Do you feel very breathless after physical activity?

- Do you have bone or joint problems; like arthritis, that make it difficult for you to walk?

- Are you over 40 years of age and have you recently been inactive?

- Do you have a health problem that might keep you from starting a walking program?

**Now that you have your provider's clearance, let's make a plan. The following questions may help you get started:**

- Where will you walk? For outside walking, around your own neighborhood with familiar surroundings is always a good choice. For inside walking, Morey Courts is available

free for all Tribal Members and employees.

- How often will you walk? Your walking sessions can be longer or shorter based on your ability and the advice of your doctor.

- Who will walk with you? A great time to connect with family and/or friends.

- How far or for how long will you walk? Start with a five minute slow warm-up time, then a five minute brisk walk, and

finally a five minute cool-down time walking slowly and stretching. Give yourself two weeks at this pace before adding additional time each subsequent weeks.

Do remember that the Morey Courts are available for walking, along with the Tribal Fitness Center if you would like to try some treadmill walking. And watch for our Blue Cross Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge coming in May.



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## How to deal with everyday stress

**TONI SMITH**

Wellness Coordinator

Everyone has stress to deal with in their everyday lives. There are many healthy ways to handle stress.

Try some of the following techniques to see which one works best for you:

1. **Recognize the things you can't change.** Accepting that you can't change certain things allows you to let go and not get upset.

2. **If possible, avoid stressful situations.**

3. **Get some exercise!** Getting physical activity every day is one of the easiest – and best – ways to cope with stress. When you exercise, your brain releases chemicals that make you feel good.

4. **Change your outlook.** Try to develop a more positive attitude toward challenges.

5. **Do something you enjoy.** When stress has you down, do something you enjoy to help pick you up. It could be as simple as reading a good book, listening to music, watching a favorite movie, or having dinner with a friend.

6. **Learn new ways to relax.** You can do some stretches or take some deep breaths.

7. **Connect with loved ones.** Spending time with family and friends can help you feel better and relieve stress.

8. **Get enough sleep.** Getting a good night's sleep can help you think more clearly and have more energy. Aim for seven to nine hours each night.

9. **Eat a healthy diet.** Eating healthy foods helps to fuel your body and mind.

10. **Learn to say no!** If your stress comes from taking on too much at home or work, learn to set limits.

If you can't manage stress on your own, you may want to talk with your health care provider. Or consider seeing a therapist or counselor, which is available through the Saginaw Chippewa Employee Assistance Program from Central Michigan Counseling Services at 989-772-5833.

For more info on that program, contact the Benefits Department employees at 989-775-0064, 989-775-5618, or 989-775-0040.

### Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule April 2016

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:10 p.m.	Muscle Makin' Monday - Jaden	Suspension Training - Jayme	Warrior Wednesday - Jaden	Fat Blast Jayme	
5:10 p.m.	Beginners Running Jayme (Starts 4/11)		Beginners Running Jayme		
5:30 p.m.		Yoga Tammy	Belly Dance Deanna	Yoga Tammy	

## Nimkee Clinic Walk-in Hours

The Nimkee Clinic has walk-in hours on Tuesday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. On Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nimkee Clinic has an Indian Outreach worker from DHHS onsite. The Outreach worker can help enroll patients in Medicaid or change from an HMO to insurance that Nimkee Clinic works with. No appointment necessary.



## Editorial: Nimkee Fitness Center honors past and present

**JAYME GREEN**

Fitness Coordinator

Belonging to a gym can be an important aspect of your life.

The Tribal members, descendants and employees are essential to Nimkee Fitness and hope that we have made a healthy impact in your life.

Whatever your reason for sticking with Nimkee Fitness Center, we thank you and are so happy to encourage YOU in being the best version of yourself!

Throughout March, we have honored all those who have stuck with us.

In my research for this honoring display, I heard many wonderful stories about how the fitness center has grown. I heard about many employees who worked here and how we all have a common goal of inspiring you to be healthier and happier.

Imagine walking into a 330-square-foot room filled with one multi-purpose weight machine, one rower, two bikes and one Nordic track machine.

There were no treadmills or ellipticals. There was no such



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Nimkee Fitness Personal Trainer Jaden Harman instructs CMU student Gabe Galindo as he performs a kettlebell seated shoulder press.**

thing as a group exercise class. You would possibly see a couple people in the room working out with some light weights. It was common to see between one to five people Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. That was 1987, when the fitness center first opened in the Tribal Operations building.

The fitness center needed more space and moved into where ACFS is now. They moved in 1990 to a space that now included a treadmill and a conference room that would be converted to a group exercise room to teach jazzercise.

The fitness center became Nimkee Fitness Center and moved to where it is today in the fall of 1999.

Fast forward to today, 2016, and see how much we have grown!

Nimkee Fitness has 3,000 square feet filled with treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, multiple weight machines and a designated group exercise area. You can expect anywhere from 50-75 people a day working out in the Fitness Center.

Here are some comments I received about Nimkee Fitness Center:

“With a much bigger space, we saw a little increase in participation; about 10 people per day.”

“I remember when I was 13, riding my bike to the Fitness Center and taking a Jazzercise class every week.”

“I have been going to the fitness center since it opened.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Personal Trainer Jayme Green demonstrating a lunge for Jessica Lintala with the new Nimkee Fitness suspension straps.**

I truly love working out at the fitness center. Thank you for all that you do.”

“My favorite activity back then was running, which I still do, just not as much. Which by the way, takes some time to get used to; I fell off the treadmill once. Luckily nobody saw me, but my knee got skinned up from the belt.”

“I remember a trainer that used to work there. If I remember, her name was Jen. Along with training, she

would instruct a couple of group fitness classes. To get everyone fired up, she would always yell, ‘whooh hoo!’ So, everyone started doing it to get fired up, even when the classes weren’t in session! Whooh hoo!”

Nimkee Fitness Center has been open for 29 years. We are open Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you would like more information on Nimkee Fitness Center, feel free to call **989-775-4690**.

## Health experts urge Native families to consider HPV vaccine for preteens

**MALLORY BLACK**

Native Health News Alliance

SAN DIEGO — It’s a question that seems to be on many parents’ minds: How safe is the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine?

The answer, experts say, is very safe—yet the controversy surrounding the vaccine still looms. The virus, the most common sexually transmitted infection in the United States, can lead to cancer in men and women down the road. This includes cervical, vaginal, penile and anal cancer, as well as cancers of the head, neck and throat.

The HPV vaccine is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for preteen boys and girls ages 11 and 12.

Health providers administer the vaccine in a three-dose series over the course of six months to protect against certain cancers caused by the virus.

There are three versions of the three-dose HPV vaccine, all of which have proven very safe and effective in preventing HPV, experts say. Most people who get the vaccine have no side effects, though some experience slight redness or soreness at the site of the shot on the arm, according to the CDC.

**What you need to know about HPV.** According to the CDC, an estimated 79 million U.S. men and women are currently infected with HPV, with an estimated 14 million people diagnosed with its cancer-causing types each year.

Native American women living in the Northern Plains and Midwest regions, specifically in North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska, are twice more likely to report a HPV infection than the national average.

Native women in these areas are also twice as likely to experience cervical cancer as compared to non-Hispanic white women of the same area.

Health providers in Indian Country say uptake of the vaccine just hasn’t been as high as they had hoped. While overall vaccination rates are higher for American Indian youth than other groups, rates are low when it comes to the cancer-preventing HPV vaccine.

“It’s a big thing at our facility,” said Esther Calac, a family nurse practitioner with the Indian

Health Council. “I tell every woman about this vaccine. I tell them to please consider this for your daughters and nieces.”

Calac and her staff, who serve nine reservation communities in North San Diego County, make every effort to recommend the HPV vaccine to each family, and encourage patients to complete all three doses within the recommended 6-month window.

**The HPV cancer risk.** Delf Schmidt-Grimminger, a senior scientist with the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota and the Avera Cancer Institute in Sioux Falls, said it’s critical that both men and women receive the vaccine.

“Like with all STDs, both sides have to be vaccinated,” Schmidt-Grimminger said. “It doesn’t help if we only vaccinate

the (girls) and not the boys. In order to eradicate the disease, you really want to vaccinate everybody in that age group.”

Schmidt-Grimminger said the vaccine is most effective when given before individuals become sexually active.

**Talking—and asking questions—about the HPV vaccine.** According to the CDC, close to 30,000 HPV-related cancers occur each year in the U.S., including an estimated 9,300 HPV-related cancers in men.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death for American Indians.

In studies, the vaccine has proven effective in preventing the strains of HPV that lead to 70 percent of HPV-related cancers in men and women, according to the CDC.

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## Every “bunny” gathers together for a “hoppy” Easter brunch at Andahwod

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

The holidays are always a special time on the Rez, and when every “bunny” gathers together for a “hoppy” Easter brunch at Andahwod, laughter and smiles for miles are sure to follow.

An unseasonably mix of winter weather was no match for the warmth found inside the senior living facility.

On Wednesday, March 23, Rosalie Maloney, interim

senior assisted living administrator, and her staff welcomed the community with open arms to the annual event.

“Here at Andahwod, we all look forward to the ever-changing calendar of events and there’s nothing more exciting in the spring time than Easter,” Maloney said. “Inviting the community into our home for a meal is a heartfelt tradition the residents have been looking forward to. Our Andahwod residents and the staff all give



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Mary Smith (left) and Debra Cicalo are having a “hoppy” time with their new friend Waabooz.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Cher and Mark Shafer share a Easter moment with Waabooz.**



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**Tribal Member Terry Vasquez and Waabooz watch as Elders Advisory Board Member Dave Anderson “hams” it up at the Easter brunch.**

a chi-miigwetch for the support shown by our community and our Tribal Council.”

Support Service Manager Sam Anglin said the Andahwod kitchen staff takes great pride in preparing and serving the elders of the Tribe.

“The 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. brunch gives us a chance to showcase our customer service and meal preparation,” Anglin said. “It’s a proud moment for our staffers, and this year we had over 75 people come to enjoy the brunch.”

Just like Easter candy, the event is always sweeter with a special guest, and Bonnie Sprague, general manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, had Waabooz make an appearance.

Maloney said miigwetch to Marketing Director Raul Venegas and the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing staff for coming over to provide buffet and beverage support to all the elders in attendance.

## Andahwod to host Alternative Healing and Natural Fair April 20

**JULIE PEGO**

Case Manager

Andahwod will be hosting an Alternative Healing and Natural Fair on Wednesday, April 20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The fair will include various booths with information on non-mainstream treatments and their benefits.

Many people who use non-mainstream approaches for treatment use them alongside

the treatment prescribed by their doctor; this is called complementary health care.

If their doctor is onboard with the alternative treatment and it is used in a coordinated way, it is called integrative health care. Healthcare is moving more toward this integrated approach.

Physical therapist will often use TENS (transcutaneous electrical stimulation) for treatment of back pain and doctors sometimes refer to

chiropractic treatment or bio-feedback or other treatments.

Massage therapy, aromatherapy, relaxation therapy, magnetic therapy, herbs and supplements, and acupuncture are among other treatments available.

Andahwod’s goal in holding this informative fair is to bring awareness to the community about some of these available treatments.

Please join us to benefit your health and see what you may have been missing.

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*Andahwod Maintenance since September 2008.*

**Chris Flory – 10 years of service**

*Andahwod Lead Cook since December 2007.*

## APRIL 2016 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Willard Chapoton III, David James, Carla Sineway   | 16 Debra House, Russell Stevens  |
| 2 Mike Frank   | 17 Jon Bennett Jr., Wanda Lautner  |
| 3 Peggy Harris, Sharon Matthews, Robert Sharon, Christine Bird, William Bouck, Mary North, Laura Yoder | 18 Zilda Jackson   |
| 4 Nathan Childers, Judy Jackson, Donald Weaver Jr.   | 19 Kermit Paul Jr.   |
| 5 Domonic Stone, Kimi Alani, Barbara Poulos, Westbrook Shawboose                                       | 20 Terry Davis, Joseph Collins, Henriette Steele   |
| 6 Shelly Rickert, Mary Russell   | 21 Annette Buckner, Raymond Cloutier, Theron Fisher  |
| 7 Daniel Fowler, Roberto Martinez  | 22 David Bennett, Charles Benz, Ethel Lingford   |
| 8 Francis Douglas, Eleanore VanHorn, Daniel Lingford   | 23 Lawrence Nahgahgwon Jr., Diana Trepanier, Steven Weaver   |
| 9 Josephine Arnold, Edward Matthews, Joseph DeGuvara, Lisa Snyder, Janice Wilcox                       | 24 Vivian Pelcher  |
| 10 Sena Hutcheson, Wendy Roulo   | 25 Brenda Franco, Linda Hudak, Patrick Mena  |
| 11 Barbara Sprague   | 26 Frank Gallegos Jr., Richard Quigno, Darlene Wilson, Roy Fowler, Gladys Hall, Ronald Jackson, Carolyn O’Neal, Teresa Reyes, Kari Sprague |
| 12 Mary Chippeway, Livingston Colwell, Randolph Holy-Day   | 27 Catherine Jackson, Marie Kequom, Alta Arroyo, Jovain Shawboose, Linda Smith   |
| 13 Vivian Jackson, Karen Clarchick, Lawrence Collins   | 28 Josephine Carranza, Stephen Bonnau  |
| 14 Rena Bird, Michael Salgat, William Quayle Jr.   | 29 Robin Dutton, Raul Venegas Sr.  |
| 15 Laurie Jackson, Marietta Stanley  | 30 Lou Ann Loiselle, Mickey Nieto, Pauline Walker, Lawrence Zocher   |

### Elders Advisory Board Vacancies

*The remainder of these terms is in until June 2016*

Interested elders must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- 50 years and older
- Advocate for Tribal Elders
- District 1 SCIT member
- Attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a part of the EAB please submit a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to:

**Deadline:**

April 22, 2016 @ 5 p.m.

Andahwod CCC & ES  
2910 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

**For more information, please call: 989-775-4300**



## Andahwod CCC & ES Events - April 2016

**Euchre**

Mondays | 6 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4300

**Beading**

Tuesdays | 5 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4302

**Jewelry with Kay**

April 5 | 1 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4302

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

**Margie & Dogs**

April 6 | 1 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4307

**Language Bingo**

April 7 | 1 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4307

**Tigers Opening Day Celebration**

April 8 | 12 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4302

**Elders Breakfast**

April 13 & 27 | 9 a.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4300

**Bingo with Friends**

April 13 | 1 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4307

**Alternative Healing & Wellness Fair**

April 20 | 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
• Contact: 989.775.4307



## APRIL 2016 EVENT PLANNER

### Jake and Mary Pine: Traditional Practitioner

April 7, 8 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Location: Seventh Generation
- To make appointment: 989-775-4787

### Detroit Tigers Opening Day Celebration

April 8 | 12 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod
- Contact: 989-775-4302
- Featuring Tigers trivia and a superfan contest.
- Prizes, popcorn and peanuts and a hot dog lunch.

### Lacrosse Bingo Fundraiser

April 12 & 26 | 6 - 9 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4115
- Proceeds to benefit the SCIT Recreation's Red Swamp Lacrosse Team.
- Admission: \$15
- No age limit, this is a community event.
- Bingo packets sales: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### SCTC Career Opportunity Day

April 12 | 1 - 5 p.m.

- Location: Kathy DenHeeten Resource Center
- Contact: 989-775-4123
- Degree, internships, scholarships and careers.
- Workshops include: Resume building, Briggs Myers Test, dress for success and mock interviews.

### Behavioral Health Family Dinner Night

April 13 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Location: 7th Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4824
- Enjoy a great meal with your family, provided by the Behavioral Health staff.
- Learn about the realities of marijuana legalization.

### Anishinaabemowin Mnookmi (Spring) Bingo

April 14 | 6 - 7 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4470
- Presented by the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department

### Women's Support Group

April 19 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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

### Reduced Income, Now What?

April 18 | 3 - 4 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod
- Contact: 989-775-4552
- Financial session for Tribal Elders

### Tombstone Town Presentation

April 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: 7th Generation
- Contact: 989-775-4015
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Presentation, Q&A and book signing
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Dinner provided by 7th Generation

### Memorial Walk

April 30 | 11 a.m.

- Location: Farmers Market Pavilion
- Contact: 989-775-4400
- Please join Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan and The Victims of Crime Program for a memorial walk honoring missing and murdered Native American women.
- Crime Victims' Rights and Sexual Assault Awareness Month will also be recognized.
- Walking route: Meet in the Farmers Market Pavilion. We will walk down Broadway Road to Shepherd Road and then back to the Farmers Market Pavilion.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

April 26 | 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4699

### Train-the-Trainer Lacrosse Clinic

May 6 - 8 | Time: TBD

- Location: TBD
- Contact: 989-775-4115
- Camp for coaches and players
- \$50 for adults, \$25 for youth
- Space is limited

### Monday Night Masters

May 11 - August (14 weeks) | Tee time: 5:30 - 6:15 10 p.m.

- Location: Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd, Mich.)
- Contact: 989-775-8454
- Registration closes May 8, 2016

### ACFS Family 2 Family Sale

May 14 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- Contact: 989-775-4906
- ACFS Foster Care Fundraiser
- \$25 per space including an eight foot table.
- Advance payment required.

## Tuesday Night Skins

At Waabooz Run on April 26, 2016.

- 5:30 p.m. tee-off • No age limit
- \$20 per player plus green/cart fees
- All players use the blue tees.

For more information, please contact:  
Bernard Sprague at 989.400.1838.



## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | APRIL 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></li> </ul>	<h3>Denim Day</h3> <p>Presented by Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan</p> <h2>April 27, 2016</h2> <p><i>Wear your jeans in support of Survivors and end victim blaming!</i></p>			<p><b>1</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>3</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>4</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room   6 p.m.</p> <p>Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Group B. Health   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Teaching Saganing   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Spring Feast 7th Generation   5:30 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 - 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>D. Dowd Tradition Healing B. Health   10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Saganing Spring Feast Saganing   2- 4 p.m.</p>	<p><b>8</b> Donnie Dowd Sweat Lodge B. Health   5 - 10 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p>Atlatl Competition Ziibiwing   1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p><b>10</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>11</b> Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Movie and Popcorn Saganing   1 - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Group B. Health   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   4-5 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Tribal Observer Deadline   3 p.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>17</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Budgeting Workshop Andahwod   3 - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Group B. Health   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Tribal Education Advisory Meeting   9 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym   3:30 - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Financial Workshop Housing   12 p.m.</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Full Moon Ceremony B. Health   Dusk</p> <p>Saganing Breakfast Saganing   10 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p> <p><b>24</b> New Spirit Support Group B. Health   4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>
<p><b>25</b> Craft Day Saganing   11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Society B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>26</b> Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Al-Anon Family Group B. Health   5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>27</b> Open Gym Tribal Gym   6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room   4-5 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod   7 p.m.</p> <p>SCA Pre-K Round-up SCA   5-7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>28</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Lacrosse Practice 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>29</b> AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.</p> <p>Day Trip To Freeland Walleye Fest Rummage Sale Saganing   8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Talking Circle Andahwod   10 a.m.</p>



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### General Labor Pool

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

##### Dentist

Open to the public. Minimum requirements include DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school and a Michigan Dental License.

##### Sasiwanns Early Childhood Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field required. Candidate must possess a valid State of Michigan Early Childhood Certification and/or ZS Endorsement. Two years of experience and/or combination of related experience and training in early childhood education preferred.

##### Social Services Case Worker

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

##### 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.

##### 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.

##### Strategic Grant Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's 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 valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate with special education endorsement.

##### Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teaching Certification. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

##### Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Tribal Members only. Must possess specialized unique skills including a high level of motivation in acquiring the Anishinabe language, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and a demonstrated commitment to learning and speaking Anishinabemowin. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

##### Seasonal Garden Worker

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applicant must have experience with all farming equipment including tractor, bush hog, rototiller, cultivator, plow and disk.

##### Clerical Pool

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

##### Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE accredited program or a related discipline. Two years experience as a families first worker or similar family preservation program, preferably in the tribal community.

##### Safety Coordinator

Open to the public. High school diploma and two years related experience or equivalent

combination of education and experience. Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals.

##### Academic Skills Specialist-English

Open to the public. Master's degree in adult education, writing, or English with an emphasis in reading and writing. The successful applicant will teach developmental reading and writing.

##### Senior Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; four or more years experience as a practicing attorney. Minimum three years experience working for an Indian tribe or Indian organization.

##### Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Must have knowledge of medical terminology and computer skills. Successful completion of an approved Certified Medical Assistant program.

##### Energy Broker Buyer

Open to the public. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree in electrical technology, statistics, mathematics, or business. Master's degree preferred. A minimum of five years experience in the analysis, forecast, strategies, and/or purchasing of wholesale power through the de-regulated BES, as well as the tariffs and transportation as related.

### SECR

##### Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have be organized and thorough in work ethic and have a strong desire to provide service.

##### Lead Cook - Pastry

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF)

accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

##### 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.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. 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.

##### 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.

##### Entertainment Usher (Seasonal)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must possess a friendly attitude and work well with the public.

##### Carpet/Upholstery Cleaner FT

Open to the public. Some carpet and upholstery cleaning experience required. Knowledge of truck mount system a plus.

##### Lead Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a tribal driver's an Industrial Truck Operator Permit. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

##### 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.

##### Entertainment Security Officer PT (Seasonal)

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.

##### Server Assistant PT

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

##### Laundry Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred.

##### Chief Executive Officer

Open to the public. Must have a bachelor's degree, master's degree preferred, with preference in business, finance, or hospitality/casino management. Must have minimum of 15 years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience.

##### Alterations Clerk PT

Open to the public. Must have a High school diploma or GED. Must have knowledge and experience with both regular and serge sewing machines.

##### Inventory Control Warehouse PT

Open to Tribal Members only. Must have a high school diploma or GED. One to three years experience in receiving or warehousing.

##### Key Booth Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have one year hospitality or customer service experience.

##### Guest Relations Rep

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or equivalent. Must have good customer

relations skills and possess strong communication skills.

##### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

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##### Finance Cashier PT

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

##### Line Cook FT - Pastry

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

##### Waitstaff PT

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

### SELC

##### Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffer's License.

##### Players Club Guest Service Rep PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must have good customer relation's skills and possess strong communication skills.

##### Waitstaff (level 1) PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations.

##### Line Cook PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. One years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

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## Summons and Complaint Notices

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CHELSEA BENNETT:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 15-CI-0810 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions PO Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P 48832 PO Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Chelsea Bennett 2730 Ivy Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or serve 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 16, 2016.**

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF PAMELA FLOYD:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 16-CI-0078 Plaintiff: VJD Inc., dba Cash Plus #148 515A N. Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 953-9700 Vs. Defendant: Pamela Floyd 2761 Sedge Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or 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 July 28, 2016.**



## Friends, food and fellowship present at ninth annual Round Dance

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Photojournalist

Friends, food and fellowship were present at the ninth annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance celebration.

The round dance, held at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, 7070 East Broadway in Mount Pleasant on March 11 and 12, has built a reputation for hosting one of the premier round dances in the Great Lakes area with invited singers from throughout Turtle Island.

Mike Sullivan made the journey from the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Nation of Wisconsin and served as emcee for the second year in a row.

“The round dance turnout typically builds off Friday and by Saturday night it gets pretty



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**SCA Tribal student Aydrin Day is all smiles as he shows his award with his father James.**

big and they keep pouring in from all nations,” Sullivan said. “One thing I like about this round dance is everybody participates. When everybody gets out on the dance floor it makes it more of a success.”

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy Anishinaabe Biimaaziwin teachers – Nathan Isaac, Joe Syrette, Aaron Chivis, James Day, Matthew J. Sprague and Cecilia Stevens – coordinated the labor of love.

The IT department and Isaac had the round dance streaming live online with the help of ReZonance Productions.

“I know with technology, if I can’t make it myself, I will tune in online like people all over the U.S. and Canada are doing tonight,” Sullivan said at the event. “I like how Nathan and ReZonance Productions makes the round

dance available for everyone. I think this is a good way that Native people stay in touch with each other and it makes it that more special.”

Featured dignitaries this year included Rocky Morin (Enoch Cree Nation, Alberta), Jermaine Bell (Wind River Reservation, Wyoming), Harvey Dreaver (Big River, Saskatchewan), Kenny Merrick Jr. (Spirit Lake, North Dakota), Opie Day (Boise Forte, Minnesota, Junior Ottawa (Manawan, Quebec), Bidy Keewatin (Regina, Saskatchewan), Skip Churchill (Mille Lacs, Minnesota), Hokie Clairmont (St. Paul, Minnesota) and Jeremiah Churchill (Mille Lacs, Minnesota).

Northern Paiute and Lemez Pueblo native Jennifer Fragua enjoyed her first trip to the round dance and drove the distance from Ethete, Wyo. with Friday night’s emcee Bell.

“I love the atmosphere and it does feel like a celebration,” Fragua said. “I love seeing the kids getting out there and dancing and participating in the event. I also attended a round dance in the twin cities and it is pretty similar to what I saw in Minnesota. To see all these grandmothers, mothers and daughters dancing together, it gives me a good feeling of being a native woman.”

As a Batchewana First Nation of Ojibwe, Syrette – Amik “Beaver” Nidizhnikaaaz Achichak “Crane” Dodem – said the stickman teachings he received and shares are from



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**The ninth annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance packs the Tribal Gym floor on the Saturday night honor song.**



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**Miigwetch goes out to the Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council for selling the concessions at the round dance.**



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**Proud parents Vanyork and Amy Shawboose share a moment with their daughter Alyssa, who was honored during the student recognition ceremony.**



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**The round dance is a family affair for (left to right) Avi Gomez, Christa Gomez, John Maguson and Mari Gomez.**



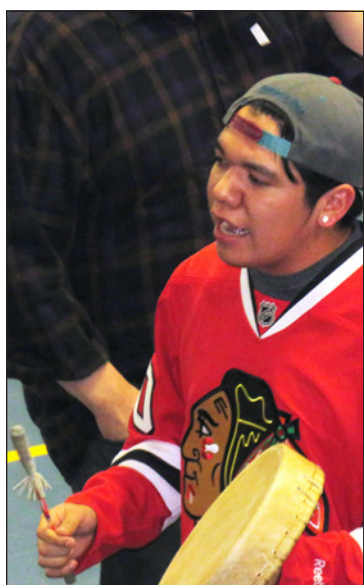
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**Friday night Lakota/Northern Arapaho Native emcee Jermaine Bell and Jennifer Fragua watch the round dancers in the arena.**



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**Chase and Cecilia Stevens joins other couples as they celebrate at the round dance.**



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**Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe drummer Marquel Crawford of Cass Lake, Minn. joins the circle.**



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**Sioux Tribe member Kenny Merrick Jr. from Spirit Lake, N.D. keeps the beat during an honor song.**



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**SCA AB Teacher Aaron Chivis sings and hand drums during the Saturday night round dance.**



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**SCA AB Teacher Nathan Isaac joins in with other drummers as he records a CD of the round dance for his company, ReZonance Productions.**



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**SCIT Tribal Member Daniel Jackson inspires students to participate and helps students learn to hand drum.**