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## Tribal college graduates glow with pride

By Scott Csernyik  
Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's inaugural commencement proved to be a first-class event.

Graduates Eleanor Ebright, Marion Neyome and Lisa Kennedy were honored on Jan. 30 during a ceremony attended by about 150 family, friends and faculty at the Soaring Eagle Hotel.

"This ceremony is dedicated with deepest thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elders," stated College President Ron MacDonald. "We thank you for your wisdom, your support, your vision and your care."

Chartered in April 1998, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College opened its doors to students in September,

providing post-secondary educational opportunities to support the academic, cultural and economic needs of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

The three Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members earned associate's degrees, Ebright in Tribal Business Management, Neyome in Computer Technology and Kennedy in General Studies.

"This has been such a great opportunity," Ebright said after commencement. "It is a great honor to be among the first graduates. I'm overwhelmed."

Ebright also has an associate's degree in accounting from Lansing Community College and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

She is still enrolled at CMU, taking a hotel accounting class that is the final hurdle in notching an additional hospitality degree. Ebright is concurrently enrolled in a criminal justice class through the Tribal college. She was also one of the Tribe's first recipients of the Eagle Spirit Achievement Award in 1996, an annual honor commending those who have completed a professional degree.

At that time, the Tribal Elder said she wasn't sure which would come first in her life—earning a bachelor's degree or drawing Social Security benefits.

"A college education is something I have always wanted," she said. "Our folks always told us kids that you can't get enough education. There are so many in-

teresting classes out there. And that's the neat thing about college—you can pick and choose what you want to take."

Neyome said she felt honored throughout commencement and remained enthusiastic about her endeavor.

"I kept getting congratulated by everyone all day," she said. "It made me feel really special."

It took Neyome 10 years to earn her degree, which included transferring credits from CMU and Bay Mills Community College. While she maintained full-time student status while she was taking classes, Neyome admitted she "took too many breaks."

She added she plans to earn a related bachelor's degree to pursue a career in graphics design, possibly associated with the World Wide Web.

Kennedy, unable to attend the ceremony because of a funeral, said it is vital for Native Americans to seek higher education opportunities.

"I think it's important not only for our own Tribal people, but other Native Americans, to take on that leadership role within our organization," she said. "Who better to do it for us, than us? There is a credibility created out of being educated."

Kennedy, a Tribal Leadership Program participant, is still taking  
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## Election debate is in the BIA's hands

By Judy Whitman  
Staff Writer

Fundamental questions about the membership of some candidates in the Jan. 19 special election were at the heart of protests to the District I Tribal primary. At a Feb. 11 hearing on the six protests, the Tribal Council indicated it has turned to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help determine whether some candidates were indeed eligible to seek office based on the way they became members of the Tribe.

Protests filed by District I voters Delores Jackson, James W. Pego, Wayne William Johnson and Gary Sprague allege that as many as eight candidates in the election had been adopted into the Tribe. According to the Tribal Constitution, "no person so adopted into the Tribe shall be eligible to hold the office of Chief, Subchief, Tribal Secretary, Tribal Treasurer or Tribal Council member."

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## Free help is available for troubled employees

By Judy Whitman  
Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has implemented a confidential way for employees to seek help with personal problems.

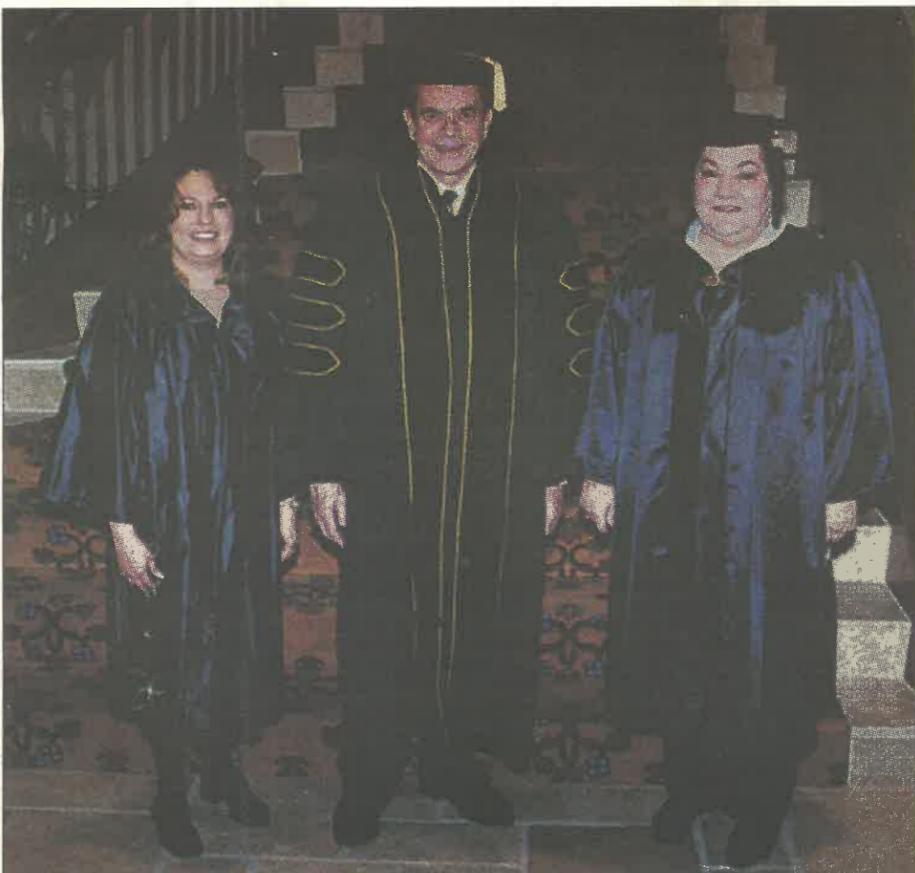
Information about the new Employee Assistance Program was distributed to Tribal Operations and Soaring Eagle workers last week.

The program offers free short-term counsel-

ing and referral services to employees experiencing stress, substance abuse problems, depression, marital and family problems and other personal difficulties.

The services are provided by Wellness Central, located at 2600 Three Leaves Drive, Mt. Pleasant, in the University Park.

Employee Assistance  
(See HELP page 8)



Observer photo/Scott Csernyik

Congressman Dale Kildee, D-Flint, shares in the jubilation with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates Marion Neyome, left, and Eleanor Ebright.

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Observer photo/Judy Whitman

### Powwow planned

The 15th Annual Little Elk's Retreat and Powwow is slated for Aug. 6 to 8 at the Saginaw Chippewa Campgrounds. As always, volunteers and powwow committee members are needed. For more information, contact Steve Pego at (517) 775-4052 (work) or (517) 773-0930 (home).

## Contempt charges dropped

By Judy Whitman  
Staff Writer

All contempt charges against the members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council were officially dropped on Feb. 2.

Council members Kevin Chamberlain, Alvin Chamberlain, Tim Davis, David Otto, Mary Lynne Chippeway, Josephine Jackson, Ron Jackson, Shelly Foster, Tom Kequom, Ben Hinmon, Arlene Molina and Thelma Henry-Shipman had been summoned to Tribal Court on Dec. 29 to show cause as to why they should not be held in contempt over the fact a valid District I Tribal Council election had not taken place.

On Jan. 7, special prosecutor Lynn R. Chamberlain sought to dismiss the original charge and instead levy new contempt charges against seven of the Council members—the Chamberlains, Davis, Chippeway, Foster, Hinmon and Henry-Shipman—based on an incident which took place in the courtroom during the December hearing after Tribal Judge Bruce K. Havens ruled the Council members were facing the charges as individuals and thus could not be represented by the Tribe's legal counsel.

In dismissing the charges, Associate Judge Ronald Douglas stated the Council had tendered a letter of apology to the court, satisfying the court's "intention to restore dignity and respect of the court by the community."

Douglas also noted the special prosecutor had requested the court not prosecute the matter as the apology was sufficient to satisfy the needs of the Tribal ordinance on contempt of court.

The letter, signed by all seven of the Council members facing the charges, read:

"Dear Judge Douglas:

We would like to express our sincere apology regarding the courtroom events of Dec. 29, 1998. We entered the courtroom on this day, concerned for the government and safety of the Tribe's sovereignty. We were quite shocked by the removal of our attorneys, along with numerous other events of the day. These events were compounded by the emotional strife of the Council. Any disrespect shown the Court was unintentional and was a result of the situation, as a whole.

This entire matter has caused significant strife for the entire community. We hope that all these issues can be resolved to create a lasting peace within our community.

Once again, we deeply regret our courtroom conduct of Dec. 29, 1998."

## Inspirational rally set for Feb. 20

By Judy Whitman  
Staff Writer

Empowering youth to make positive choices will be the goal of a series of presentations at Aabizikaawin Adult and Alternative Education and other local schools.

Freedom Campus Tours' presentation, including inspirational speakers spreading an anti-drug, anti-violence and self-esteem-building message, will visit 28 mid-Michigan educational institutions before culminating in a Feb. 20 "Freedom '99" rally at Finch Field House.

Director Jim Neville, a youth pastor at Central Assembly of God, said the nondenominational volunteer organi-

zation was founded in May 1998 with the vision of impacting young people.

Speakers for the 1999 event include Anthony Clark, billed as "the world's strongest man." The 325-pound Clark has set world records for the bench press (805 pounds), squat (1,100 pounds) and total powerlifting (2,700 pounds.) "One of my great pleasures is talking to kids ... My heart is to help the youth of this generation to be the best they can be without drugs or any other crutches in their lives. My goal is to train young people in dedication to a purpose and positive thinking," stated Clark.

Accompanying Clark

is Chris Cramer, who has been speaking to youth about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and gang violence for 15 years, and "Team Rage," an Arizona youth group performing a unique presentation including power feats, music and drama. One of their many themes is "Face Your Fears. Live Your Dreams."

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has provided grant funding to assist in the production of Freedom '99. Admission to the rally is free. For more information, contact Jim Neville at (517) 773-2221.





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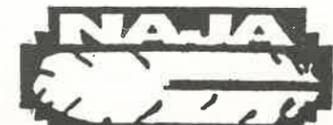
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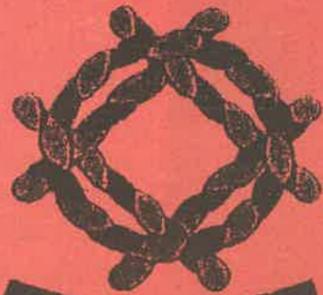
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## New gaming compacts in jeopardy

LANSING (AP)—Two Democratic state lawmakers filed a lawsuit Jan. 27 to stop final federal approval of four Tribal gaming compacts that were given legislative approval last December.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township, and Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos, filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Lansing against U.S. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who would give the final approval to the compacts.

Peters, an attorney, said the compacts were approved on the last night of the 89th Legislature by resolution even after former state Attorney General Frank Kelley issued an opinion saying they had to be approved by a change in state law.

"We cannot ignore the rulings of the highest law enforcement officer in Michigan, and that is why we are suing to stop the approval process now," Peters said in a prepared statement.

Baird, also an attorney, said she thought the approval process lacked integrity.

"We were told that we would put the state in a precarious position if we did not approve these compacts," she said. "After talking to my attorneys, I believe that this simply wasn't true."

House and Senate members adopted a resolution on Dec. 11 to approve the compacts. Resolutions can be adopted by a majority of lawmak-

ers present that day, not a majority of all members as required for a change of law.

It takes 20 Senate votes and 56 House votes to pass a bill.

The compacts were adopted by a 48-47 vote in the House and a 21-17 vote in the Senate. Both Baird and Peters voted against the compacts.

Gov. John Engler's office said it believed the compacts could legally be approved by resolution just as compacts with seven Tribes were adopted in 1993, spokesman John Truscott said Wednesday.

"We're not concerned," Truscott said. "This is a lawsuit filed on behalf of out-of-state casino interests. It's not going to stop the process."

The federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act requires Tribes and states to negotiate on gaming compacts with approval from the governor and Legislature.

Babbitt's office, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs, gives final approval to compacts under the federal act.

The Tribes whose compacts were approved by the Legislature and Engler are the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians.

## MGM boosts spending on temporary facility

DETROIT (AP)—MGM Grand Inc. is pumping up its spending to transform an old IRS building into a temporary gambling hall.

The company boosted its planned spending budget from \$150 million to \$200 million, nearly the same price as the Detroit Lions' new stadium.

MGM plans to have

2,300 slot machines and 80 tables. Originally, the site was going to have just 1,500 machines and 50 tables.

The reason for the grander parlor may have something to do with rival Casino Windsor across the river in Ontario and the glimpse of potential revenues the seven-month-old casino has provided

MGM.

MGM now thinks the size of Detroit's gambling market, including Windsor, will be way past its early \$1.2 billion calculation; instead it will be in the range of \$1.5 billion to \$2-billion, The Detroit News re-

ported recently.

"We continue to be impressed by the depth of the Greater Detroit market," Chief Financial Officer James Murren said in an interview at the American Gaming Summit in Las Vegas.



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# Challenge to election dismissed

By Judy Whitman  
 Staff Writer

On Feb. 1, Tribal Court Associate Judge Ronald Douglas dismissed a motion filed Jan. 19 by James and Grace Pego which sought to suspend the Tribal Council special election taking place on that date.

The Pegos had sought an injunction stopping the election for District I Council representatives on the grounds the membership did not receive proper notice of the date, a candidate's list was not made available in a timely manner and no absentee ballots were issued.

Douglas declined to grant the injunction, citing the facts there could be no irreparable harm in allowing the election to continue, and a decision could not be rendered based solely upon the affidavit without a chance to hear arguments. Subsequently, the Feb. 1 hearing was set.

At the hearing, Douglas pointed to the fact the Tribal Constitution and ordinances do not specify any notification requirements for special elections. "I didn't want to write the law saying how much notice needs to be given for a special election when there is nothing in the ordinance itself," he noted.

He advised the plaintiffs their case would be dismissed unless they could provide evidence of such violations to bolster their claims. The Pegos then asked to be represented by Faith Montoya. Douglas declined, indicating Montoya had not filed an appearance and is not a community advocate, although he did allow her to testify on behalf of the Pegos.

Montoya also cited the lack of a clear-cut procedure for conducting special elections.

Douglas, however, stated that "just because it doesn't seem right" was not sufficient grounds. "This court doesn't have any authority without there being a violation of fundamental rights, a violation of the constitution or violation of an ordinance," he said.

Alysia LaCounte, attorney for the Tribal Council, Interim Clerk and Caucus Committee, indicated she believed the Council would be willing to review the Pegos' motion along with seven other complaints filed to the Jan. 19 election.

The Pegos indicated they had already filed a complaint before the Jan. 26 deadline. The case was then dismissed with the stipulation their complaint would be reviewed as an election protest.

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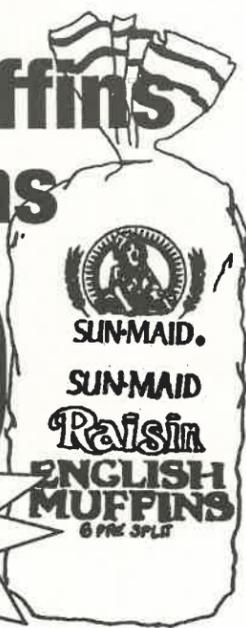


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# Analyst provides update of political activities

By Christopher Petras

Legislative Affairs Policy Research Analyst

Around the country and here in the state of Michigan, several political activities have occurred that directly and indirectly affect Tribal affairs. On the national scene, the following activities are of importance:

- In the state of Arizona, Indian Tribes seeking to renew their Tribal compacts are expected to face stronger regulation of casino activities. Officials for the state of Arizona believe stronger regulation is needed to reduce the risk of corruption. Several Tribes in Arizona will be up for compact renewals in 2003.

- Recently, the U.S. Congress noted that Native Americans are not receiving adequate health care. For example, recent statistics show that in 1982, there were approximately 100 doctors for every 100,000 Native Americans, compared to an average of 230 per 100,000 for the general population.

Recent cuts in the Indian Health Service have resulted in an average of \$1,380 spent per Native American recipient versus \$3,260 per person nationwide. These figures are alarming and have resulted in stronger lobbying efforts by Tribes throughout the country. As a result, both the Congress and the president see a need to increase funding for the Indian Health Service.

- President Clinton is requesting that the Congress help provide schools with adequate technol-

ogy and reduce classroom sizes by offering federal tax-credits to pay interest on \$25 billion in bonds.

The President recently added a "Native American Schools" component to his proposal. Under this plan, the Secretary of the Interior would allocate \$400 million in school modernization bonds to Tribes or related organizations to build and renovate Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools.

- A class action suit filed by 300,000 Native Americans will appear in U.S. District Court on March 15. The case involves reparations the group is seeking based on their claim that Indian trust funds were mismanaged by the federal government. The federal government will be held to the same standards of accountability as all trustees of public or private funds. Other charges against the federal government include underestimating the amount of money in Individual Indian Money accounts and that poor accounting methods were used in recording the monies received from businesses that utilize Indian land for commercial purposes.

The federal government can only account for \$500 million of an estimated \$100 billion owed to Indian trust accounts. Several Tribes are currently using money managers to protect their accounts.

- The House Resources Committee rejected a proposal by Democratic House member George Miller of California to establish an Indian Affairs subcommittee.

The Republican majority on the committee re-

jected the idea. This action will limit the number of opportunities for Indian country to hold hearings and conduct research.

As a result, debate and the creation of bills important to Indian Country will be limited. Some argue that the subcommittee idea was defeated because only six Democrats signed the proposal letter and no other members of the Democratic caucus saw the letter.

The State of Michigan has also been brewing with activities of importance to Tribal affairs, including:

- The authority to build three permanent river-front casinos in Detroit was given by the City Council last Friday. Officials are awaiting reaction from property owners who could delay the process. For example: Donald Trump lost his case in a New Jersey court to expand his operations. A judge ruled that Atlantic City could not condemn private property if the main beneficiary was a private business.

- State Sen. Gary Peters and House Representative Laura Baird filed a lawsuit in U.S. Federal Court to overturn a resolution passed by the state legislature last December that allows four new Indian Tribes to operate casinos.

- The Michigan House of Representatives recently formed a Gaming and Casino Oversight Committee. The committee will address all gambling issues.

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## Volleyball League results



By Bernie Sprague

Parks and Recreation Coordinator

Kayle Crampton and Katrina Gonzales tied for the volleyball league championship with 168 points each. A playoff match was slated for Feb. 11, with the best two of three to be crowned the champs.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to thank all of the players for their participation and cooperation.

There have been requests for a spring league by some of the players. In order to have a league, we need to know how many teams are interested so a schedule can be worked out.

All players will also need to know that all games will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m. There will also be a player fee.

If you are interested in the spring league please call the Parks and Recreation office at (517) 775-

4522 or Bernie Sprague at (517) 772-4013. If you are a player and you know a Parks and Recreation committee member, let them know how much you enjoyed the winter league and tell them that you appreciate their support.

### Standings after week 10:

Team	Won	Loss	Pts
Kayle Crampton	25	6	168
Katrina Gonzales	22	12	168
Andre D'Antagnan	20	13	159
Seryna Sprague	13	26	156
Martha Wemigwans	8	29	135

### Week 10 results (Feb. 4):

K. Crampton took two from K. Gonzales, 15-13 and 15-9.

K. Crampton took two from M. Wemigwans, 15-7 and 15-11.

A. D'Antagnan took two from S. Sprague, 15-8, 13-15 and 15-5.



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### Saganing celebration

Nelle Ruth (Ashmun) Willis is honored on her 78th birthday at the Saganing Outreach Center on Jan. 25. About two dozen friends and family members gathered for an afternoon of food and fun.

## Help

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Program Counselor Dorothy Archambeau noted that one of the benefits of an employee assistance program is that its services are provided without a charge to the employees who utilize them.

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<b>Monday, Feb. 15</b> No Meals President's Day Holiday	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 16</b> Beef Stew, Cottage Cheese, Biscuit, Peaches, <b>Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 17</b> Baked Cod, Roll, Red Skinned Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, <b>Gingerbread/Topping, Milk</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb. 18</b> Chili, Corn Bread + Crackers, Mixed Fruit, <b>Brownie, Milk</b>	<b>Friday, Feb. 19</b> Pork Chops, Bread, Squash, Cabbage Cauliflower Salad, <b>Applesauce, Milk</b>
<b>Monday, Feb. 22</b> Liver & Onions, Bread, Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Pears, Milk	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 23</b> Pepper Steak, Rice, Bread, Winter Blend, Tossed Salad, <b>Tapioca, Milk</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 24</b> Bar-B-Q Chicken, Roll, AuGratin Potatoes, Steamed Cabbage, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>Thursday, Feb. 25</b> Meat Loaf, Roll, Scalloped Potatoes, Asparagus, <b>Gelatin Cake, Milk</b>	<b>Friday, Feb. 26</b> Veal Parmesan, Bread, Baked Potato, Bean Salad, <b>Apple Cake, Milk</b>

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In the matter of: Henry James Farley, a minor  
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# Grads

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classes at CMU and the Tribal college. She plans on earning a bachelor's degree in business administration.

U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Flint, was paid homage with an honorary doctorate of public service before delivering the commencement address.

"Graduations are frequently called commencements because they are the beginning, not an end," he stated. "You begin a new phase of your life, a phase of growth, opportunity and a phase of challenge. And as you commence upon this new phase of your life, please retain and keep holy the respect you, your Elders and your ancestors have for Earth.

"All that sustains us is from Earth. Your people, your Nation has always revered the Earth. Pass that reverence on."

The longtime statesman and Saginaw Chippewa supporter helped introduce legislation 25 years ago which established the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.

"We believed education was so important," he explained. "We read the treaties in which millions of acres of land was taken from you and you were promised one thing by the federal government—education. And the government has not done well by that. But we felt the state government, since it was the recipient of much of that land, should be involved."

Kildee is an adamant supporter of Tribal sovereignty. Prior to his address, he thanked the drum, Bahweting of Sault Ste. Marie, for their Honor Song.

"The sound we hear is the sound of sovereignty," he stated. "And that is your most precious possession, your sovereignty."

He also told the graduates what they have learned throughout the higher education process is theirs for eternity.

"You know, someone can steal your money," he said. "Someone can steal your car. Someone can steal your clothes. But they can never steal your education.

"What you have learned here as the first graduating class is yours forever. The first is something special."



Above, Bahweting, a drum group from Sault Ste. Marie, provides song during commencement activities. Left, the Honor Guard, comprised of Larry Peters (Keeper of Staff), Jeff Pigeon Sr., Robert Wabagkeck and Jerome Pigeon Sr., make their entrance.

*"You know, someone can steal your money. Someone can steal your car. Someone can steal your clothes. But they can never steal your education. What you have learned here as the first graduating class is yours forever. The first is something special."*

-Congressman Dale Kildee, D-Flint



Left, Congressman Dale Kildee, D-Flint, shakes hands with Elders Dorothy Dale and Beatrice Peters. The historic event was dedicated to all Saginaw Chippewa Elders. Above, Kildee also poses with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Board of Regents. Also pictured, from left to right, are Hon. Ronald G. Douglas, Paul Johnson, Dr. Suzanne Cross, Joseph Sowmick and Damian Fisher.

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# Employees honored at banquet

By Judy Whitman  
Staff Writer

Over 100 Tribal Operations employees were honored at the first Employee Appreciation Banquet on Jan. 22.

"We wanted to show

our appreciation. This evening's for you," said Employee Recruitment Manager Audrey Falcon to approximately 300 employees who attended the dinner, which took place at in the Soaring

Eagle Resort's ballroom.

Tribal Administrator Deane Kent noted the number of Tribal Operations employees has experienced a five-fold increase since (See SERVICE page 11)



Observer photo/Judy Whitman

Shelly Foster, Jeff Colwell and Mary Pelcher were honored for 10 years of service to the Tribe.



Observer photo/Scott Cserynik

## Pickin' and grinnin'

Award-winning entertainer Roy Clark performs one of several hits at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Jan. 27. Clark is best known for hosting the popular television show, "Hee-Haw" for 25 years and has also recorded a string of hits including "Honeymoon Feeling," "The Tips of My Fingers," "Thank God and Greyhound You're Gone," and "Come Live With Me." He is also associated with the stirring "Yesterday When I Was Young" and his own 12-string guitar version of "Malaguena."

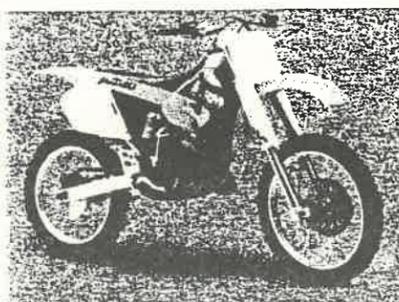
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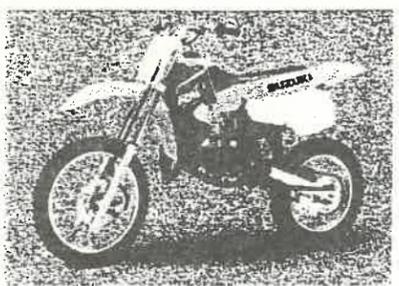


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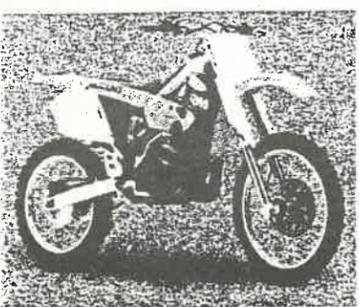
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# Service

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1992. "That's a lot of growth ...I don't think there's a department that hasn't experience it over the last few years."

Attributing the expansion to the support of the community and the success of the Soaring Eagle, Kent also thanked past and present Tribal Councils for their ongoing support.

"The continued hard work and dedication of Tribal employees have also made this a great success," he said.

Tribal Council Secretary Shelly Foster credited the Human Resources Department with doing a great job in organizing the inaugural dinner, and also thanked all employees for their hard work.

"Every employee has

dedicated their time, knowledge and expertise. If it weren't for each and every one of you, we wouldn't have the business where it is today," she said.

Councilman Alvin Chamberlain echoed her sentiments, reminding everyone, "We have so much to be thankful for."

Following the meal, humorous awards were bestowed upon selected employees by Council secretaries Lori Blodgett and Stephanie Snyder.

Service pins were then presented by Human Resource assistant Debbie Squillets and administrative assistant Karen Boyer to employees who completed their first, fifth, tenth, fifteenth or twentieth year of service in 1998.

Honored were:

**20 years of service:** Joe Kequom

**15 years of service:** Kimberly Sawmick

**10 years of service:**

Jeff Colwell, John Alberts, Ida Ruth Lenhart, William Mrdeza, Rachel Bennett, Shelly Foster and Mary Pelcher

**Five years of service:**

Katherine Cherry, Keith Bertrand, Kathy Sowle, Loris Hamilton, Peter LaBlance, Scott Sober, Rhonda Quigno, Dwayne Miedzianowski, Joseph Breiter, Michelle Colwell, Dolly Rueckert, Christopher Couch, Deborah Harman, Mary LaFountain, Carla McFall, Amy Alberts, Valerie Wassegijig, James Moreno, Teresa Jackson, Janis Ash, Tomie Falcon, Richard Hubble, James O'Neill, Melissa Montoya, Arlene Molina, Sandra Chesebrough, Steven Pego, Michael LaLande, Glenn Hall, Marilyn Johnson, Mark Rueckert, Milton Pelcher, Debra Johnson, Debra Smith and Scott



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Event organizers included Human Resources employees Jenni Haggart, Debbie Squillets and Karen Boyer.

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**One year of service:**

Stephanie Snyder, Derrick Meihls, Debbie Squillets, Brian Chippey, Curtis Lacy, James Pelon, Marta Escamilla, Dustin Davis, Summer Peters, Rosalie Maloney, Donielle Peters, Michael Woodruff, Frederick Servis, Foster Hall, Jr., Jerry Wieferrich, Beulah Grenert, Kelly Keehbauch, Judy Crockett, Dan Gahagan, James

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# Letters

*(Editor's note: Kim Palmer recently wrote to Congressman Dave Camp expressing concern over certain Tribal members seeking separate recognition as the Swan Creek Black River Band. Camp sent the following reply, which Palmer submitted to the Tribal Observer for publication.)*

**Dear Kim:**

Thank you for your letter regarding the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. I'm pleased to know so many people signed your letter.

I appreciate knowing your concerns about the recent tumultuous events that have occurred within your tribe and the issues of the Tribe splitting into separate factions.

I share your concern about the future of the Tribe and its ability to provide for all of its people. So many of the changes in the Tribe in recent years have been positive, however, continued positive progress cannot be taken for granted and requires full participation and hard work.

I also share your concerns about the group identifying itself as the Swan Creek Black River Band. I oppose splitting the Tribe by legislative means and have encouraged those representing the Swan Creek to take their case to the Bureau of Indian Affairs who have expertise in the area of determining Tribal history.

I hope that unity returns to the Tribe and that outside forces do not harm the special community which you have worked so hard to maintain throughout the years.

Please thank all those who signed your letter for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

**Dave Camp**  
Member of Congress

**To the Editor:**

Just a short letter to tell you about two young teenage girls and the nice thing they did for this 78-

year-old Elder.

I was at the dumpster on Ojibwa Drive with several bags of garbage to unload when they came up the street. They were in a little green car and they stopped, unloaded the garbage bags and put them in the dumpster for me, smiling, and drove away.

I thanked them so very much, but I think they deserve more acknowledgement for their nice helping hands. I just want them to know their actions are appreciated!

Thank you again, young ladies.

Sincerely,

**Gladys Bailey**

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## Band's recognition temporarily blocked

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The city of Detroit has temporarily blocked federal recognition of an Indian Tribe in southwestern Michigan out of fear the Tribe will establish a rival casino near Detroit.

The Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomis Indians of Michigan was to receive federal recognition. The designation would have allowed the Tribe, also known as the Gun Lake Band, to receive the same federal health, education and housing subsidies that are enjoyed by hundreds of other federally-recognized Tribes across the nation.

The city's filing, received by the Tribe two days before it was

to be recognized, has blocked that from happening, at least temporarily.

The federal government's Interior Board of Indian Appeals is requesting arguments from both sides on whether the city of Detroit should have standing as an "interested party" to object to the Tribal recognition. Comments are due in late February.

"What they're trying to do is despicable, unjust, mean-spirited and just plain ridiculous," said Tribal chairman D.K. Sprague. "All they're interested in is protecting their Las Vegas-backed casino interests."

The Tribe is considering locating a casino some 40 miles south of Detroit, Dennis J. Whittlesey, a lawyer for the city of Detroit, said Friday. That would affect Detroit's attempts to successfully set up its own casino, he said.

"We think that makes Detroit an interested party," Whittlesey said.

Marks argues Detroit does not have the legal standing to object. She also said the Tribe was not planning a casino "in the immediate geographic area of Detroit," but instead was looking at a potential gaming operation in "the southwestern portion of the state."

Bill Church, a spokesman for the Tribe, said the Gun Lake Band had submitted more than 4,000 pages of documents establishing the roots and continuing activities of the Tribe in Allegan county, in the Dorr area, to qualify for federal recognition.

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# BIA

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Furthermore, the process used to admit the candidates and over 300 other people into the Tribe in the early 1980s was questioned. Protests to the election and a chronology of events prepared by a Tribal consultant show that an ordinance enacted in 1938 allowed people with at least 1/4 degree Indian blood who had resided on the Reservation for a year and were not enrolled in another Tribe to become adopted members subject to a referendum vote in an election in which at least 30 percent of voters participated.

In 1981, the then-Tribal Council approved a resolution which rescinded the adoption ordinance, required under the constitution for valid adoptions to take place. Beginning two months later, the Council enacted a series of resolutions that "recognized" or "adopted" over 300 people into the Tribe.

Confusion exists as to whether some of the resolutions merely recognized or enrolled people who were otherwise eligible for membership under the law, which would not have required approval by the BIA; or whether they adopted persons otherwise not eligible, which would have required BIA approval. An adoption ordinance approved by the BIA was not in place at the time, nor were the adoptions approved by the Bureau.

"The authority of the Council to proceed at that time was vested in the constitution, but there was a set of procedures as to how [adoptions] should be handled. They rescinded the statutory authority to take those actions. Then were their actions valid?" questioned Tribal Councilman Ben Hinmon.

"I want to make it very clear that there is an extensive investigation being done on some of the issues highlighted here in the protests, not by us, but by the BIA in Washington," said Tribal Chief Kevin Chamberlain.

"It's very possible that a lot of resolutions that were passed in that time period did not have the Secretarial approval they needed, and if the BIA says they didn't have that...then they would invalidate almost all of those resolutions. That's what they're trying to determine right now," Chamberlain said.

"Our hands are tied in this. We're awaiting a decision from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior Kevin Gover, and until we hear from him, we're not going to make a decision on this election. Like it or not, he decides if there is validity in this information. This again is coming from Washington, not from us. Then and only then can we make what we feel is a responsible decision," said Chamberlain.

He added that the Bureau is expected to render its opinion within five days. The Council then pledged to make its decision regarding the election protests within 10 working days.

Chamberlain indicated that should the BIA find the adoptions improper, he hoped the Tribal membership could "take this information, shelve it as history and move on from there."

He advocated a process by which adopted members could reenroll under the presumption that their membership would be retained, and without interrupted to the benefits they enjoy as members. This would serve to remove the restrictions associated with the "adopted" status from their membership and bring unity to the Tribe in the future.

# Chingwashe pins tournament win

By Bernie Sprague  
Parks and Recreation  
Coordinator

The Adult Doubles League tournament took place on Jan. 26. Due to time limits, we had to have the championship match on Jan. 30 at 1 p.m.

The tournament consisted of all the teams in the league. It was a double elimination format.

The championship match was the best two out of three and it had two lower-seeded teams matched up.

The #10 seed Chingwashe (Mark and Denise Vasquez) competed against the #9 seed Strike-out (Valerie Wassegijig and Kurt Trepanier).

Chingwashe finished the regular season with a 18 and 26 record while the Strike-Out team finished with a 19.5 and 24.5 record.

Chingwashe rolled through the winners' bracket with victories over the Eagles in round one, the Killer Bees in round two, Bad Medicine in Round Three and the Strike-Outs in round four.

Meanwhile the Strike-

Outs started with victories in round one over the Little Eagles, the Ten Pins in round two, the Untouchables in round three and the Untouchables again in the loser's bracket finals.

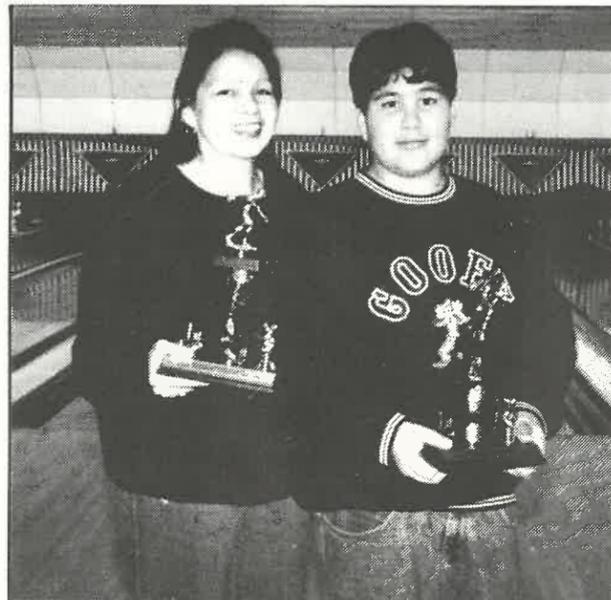
The Chingwashe team vied Nick Vasquez as a sub for the first four rounds as Mark was out of town so could not bowl.

The Strike-Out's had to use Allen Wassegijig in the championship match as Kurt Trepanier was unavailable.

The Strike-Outs took the first game and appeared poised to make a quick go of it. Chingwashe responded and took the second game, setting up the final winner-take-all finale.

The final game saw Chingwashe take command early as the Strike-Out team could not find their mark and fell too many pins down to make a comeback.

It was a great tournament and everyone came out a winner. The tournament was a success because of the good sportsmanship, positive attitude and support all of the



Observer photo/Scott Csernyik

Chingwashe, comprised of Denise Vasquez and sub Nick Vasquez, rolled through the winners' bracket during Jan. 26 matches. Because of time constraints, the championship match took place on Jan. 30. With Nick out and regular Mark Vasquez on the lanes, Chingwashe won the best two out of three in the final game.

bowlers gave to each other.

I would like to congratulate the winners, team Chingwashe, and all the rest of the teams.

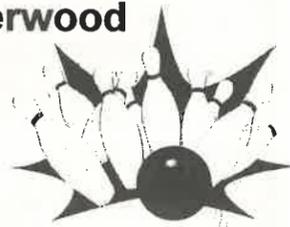
I would also like to

thank the Parks and Recreation Committee for their funding and support of this adult community activity. We hope you will support us again next year.

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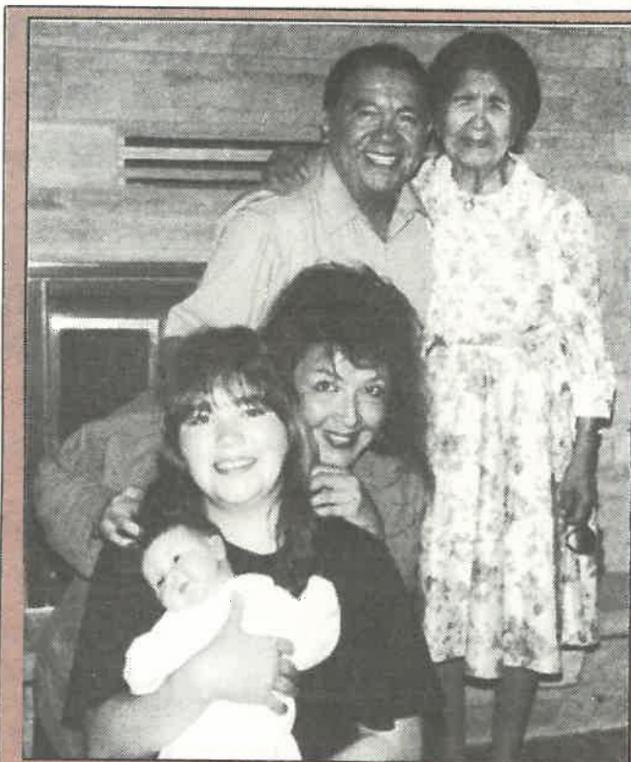
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The five generations included in this photograph shared by Brenda Davis Starkey are as follows: Nancy Hinton Owl and her son Francis Davis; his daughter Brenda Davis Starkey, and her daughter Deanita Davis Hugg, holding her infant Monica LeeAnn Clark. Nancy Hinton Owl passed on Dec. 9, 1998.





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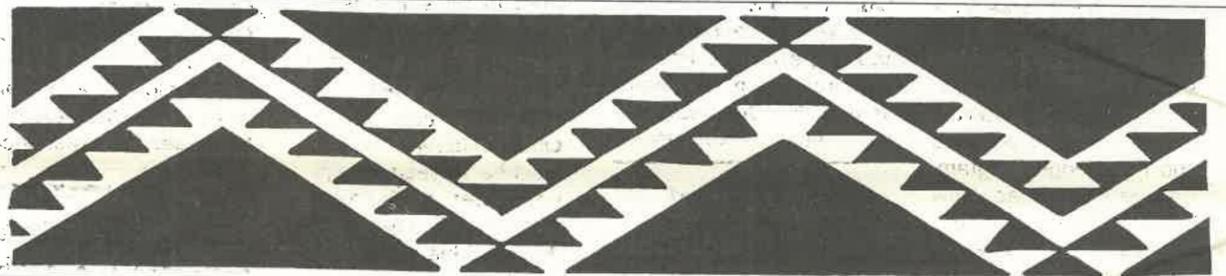
When ever you tell a child you are going to do something, do it or you may break their heart and trust. Most children are so trusting and loving they believe anything you tell them, so be honest and truthful.

Some people would tell a lie to save their skin in some situations. Most of the time the truth will out sooner or later. Like Chicken Little—she felt something hit her tail and she ran all over the barnyard telling all the animals, "The sky is falling. The sky is falling." Every animal she told was running around wondering where to hide or where to go. When all the ruckus was over, they found out it was only an acorn that had fallen out of the tree, hitting her tail. Chicken Little jumped to conclusions and didn't stop to see what happened. No animals trusted her again because she didn't tell the truth.

When the government people made treaties with the Indians, most of the provisions were not carried out, therefore the Indians did not trust them.

Well I'd better sign off for now. And that is the truth...trust me!

Nokomis



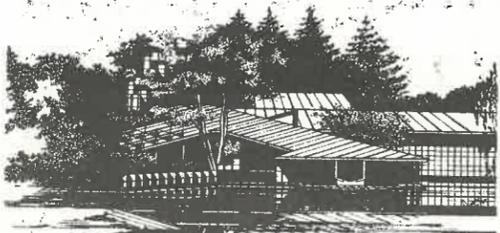
Some people call me a nut. I'm glad I don't live in their hut. If that's how they were grown to be, I'm glad their them & I'm nutty me.

Grandparents brought me up to share, how to love, & how to care. They didn't bring me up to judge, said don't ever try to hold a grudge.

So if I appear like I'm crazy. I'm not, just happy, humorous, quite lazy. So if you see me coming around, I'll always be smiling, will you be wearing a frown? Life's too short to pout & cry. Live life to the fullest, we all have to die. We're all people in this place, we're all equal, called human race.

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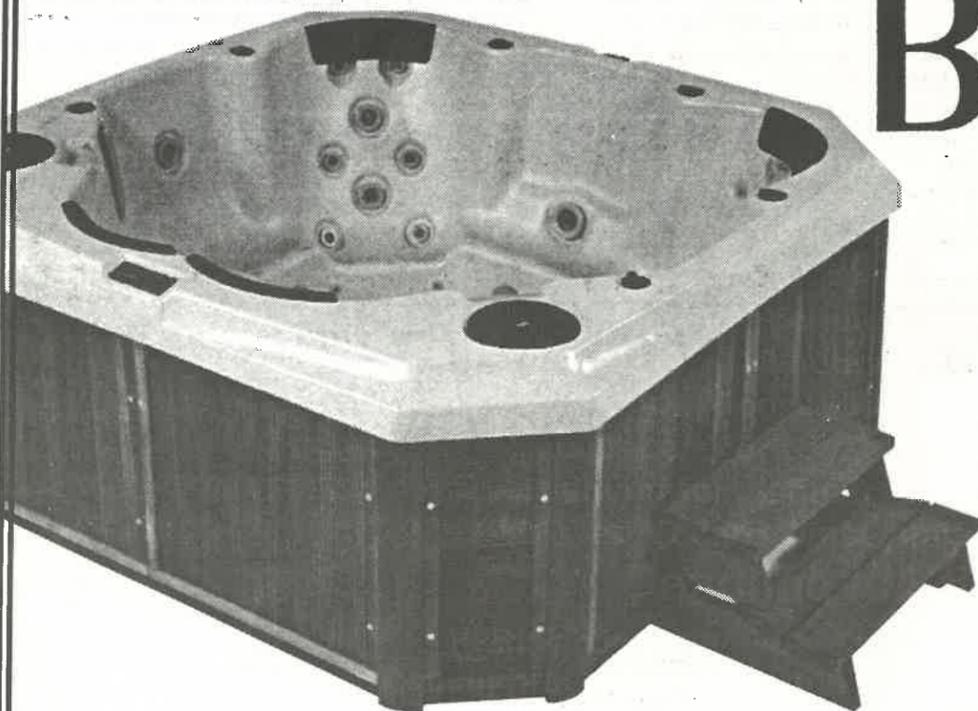
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## 115 Employment

### Assistant Director/ Minority Student Services, Central Michigan University

Central Michigan University seeks two Assistant Directors in its Minority Student Services Office. This office provides academic, personal, social and cultural support to students. To empower and retain students, MSS staff provide and enhance a campus environment where diversity is understood and celebrated.

One Assistant Director will be responsible for coordinating the Supplemental Instruction Program, College Education Enhancement Program, Peer Advisor Program, the Male/Female Training Workshops, and other retention efforts.

The other Assistant Director will coordinate the King/Chavez/Parks College Days and Summer / workshops New Student Enrichment Mentor Program, Parent Empowerment through Academics and Knowledge Program, College Life Series, New Student Employment Conference, and other retention efforts. The other Assistant Director will coordinate the King/Chavez/Parks college Days and Summer Workshops, New Student Enrichment Mentor Program, Parent Empowerment through Academics and Knowledge Program, College Life Series, New Student Employment Conference, and other retention efforts.

Required qualifications for both positions include a bachelor's degree and three years relevant experience with student academic support programs, or a master's degree plus one year relevant experience. Master's degree is

preferred. Strong communication skills; supervisory skills; organizational skills; knowledge of word processing and statistical software; and specific knowledge of Latino/Asian, African American and Native American cultures is desired.

Submit cover letter, resume, and the names and addresses of three references to Human Resources/Staff, 109 Rowe Hall, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859. Review of applications will begin March 1 and continue until both positions are filled. Effective start date anticipated July 1.

Salary commensurate with qualifications. CMU, an AA/EO institution, is strongly and actively committed to increasing diversity within its community (see [www.cmich.edu/aaeo.html](http://www.cmich.edu/aaeo.html))

#### Line Cook (Banquet & Room Service)

Wage: \$8.77 per hour

**Qualifications:** One year restaurant cooking experience. Proven communication and teamwork skills. One year customer service experience.

#### Sous Chef (Steakhouse)

Wage: Negotiable  
**Qualifications:** Must be at least 18 years of age; must have five years direct experience in food production. Must have excellent supervisory, organizational, and food production skills. This is a "KEY" position.

#### Pantry Cook

Wage: \$8.79 per hour

**Qualifications:** Must have 2 years upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Demonstrate strong customer focus. Proven skills in producing exciting foods.

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**Preference:** In accordance with the Indian Preference Laws. All Tribal members are considered "in-house" applicants regardless of their employment status.

**Location:** All positions are located at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or Saginaw Chippewa Tribal entities.

**Call the Job Hotline at (517) 775-0062 for a list of current positions or to talk to a representative.**

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#### Bartender

Wage: \$5 + tips

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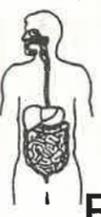
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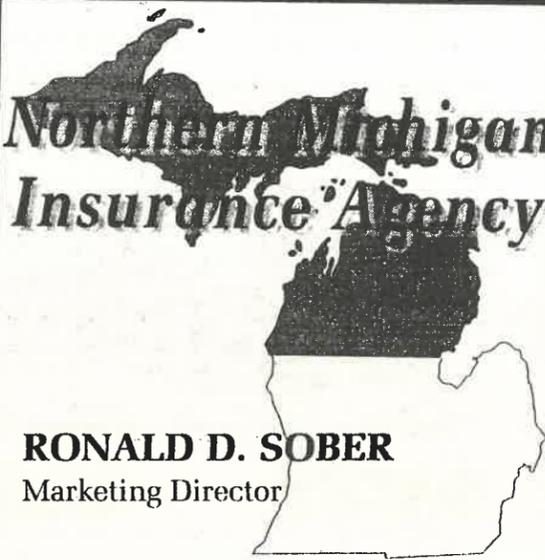
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## Powwow & Events Schedule

**Feb. 20-21 Michigan State University Student Powwow** in East Lansing at the Lansing Center. For more information contact Micky Magnuson at (517) 333-6745.

**March 20-21 Potawatomi Trails Friendship Powwow** in Kenosha, Ill. at Tremper High School (30th and 85th Street). For more information, call Bill Brown at (847) 746-9086.

## Tribal Social Services announces new location

The Tribal Social Services Department recently moved to a new location at 7446 East Remus Road on the Isabella Reservation. Office hours are 8 a.m. until noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office phone number remains the same, (517) 775-4025.

## Service

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Torry Gagne, Linda Owens, Chip Neyome, Leigh Chippewa,

Michelle Dayson, Sandra Brimmer, James Osterman, Scott Soper, Leonard Plippo, Richard Gruss, Elton Petoskey, Daisy Kostus, Judy Davis, Pamela Wade, Charles Bullock, Mark Resetar.

Jean Pego was also honored as the Tribal employee with the most years of service.



## Basketball

By Bernie Sprague  
Parks and Recreation Coordinator

The Sam Shamlin team (formerly B. Sprague team) won the league championship by winning the first tiebreaker and total points scored for the season.

I would like to thank all of the players for their participation and sportsmanship. It was a learning experience for all of us. The foundation has been set for any future leagues sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Congratulations to the CHAMPS and I hope we can do it again next year.

### Standings after week 14:

Team	Won	Lost
S. Shamlin	11	3
E. Pierson	11	3
J. Gibson	10	4
K. Swinton	10	4
G. Kopke	7	7
A. Sprague	4	10
A. Vasquez	2	12
G. Lambert	1	13

**Week 14 Leading Scorers:** J. Trepanier 29, M. Berry 27, M. Reiger 26, J. Chippeway 26, J. Denzlow 25, E. Pierson 20, T. Trepanier 19, H. Sprague 19, S. Shamlin 18.

### Results for Jan. 27 and 30 games:

**Wednesday:** S. Shamlin 102, A. Vasquez 49, K. Swinton 69, G. Kopke 38.

**Saturday:** A. Sprague 98, G. Lambert 64, J. Gibson 58, E. Pierson 51.

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