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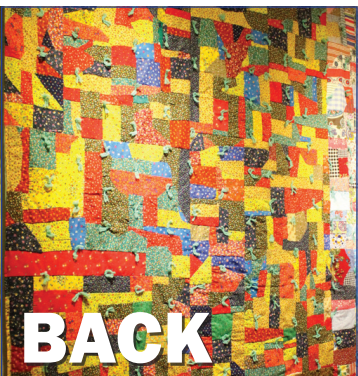
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165 Years of Incarceration with Help of Community Task Force

MANDY WIGREN
Contributing Writer

April is Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Awareness month. Crime on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation affects us all. In response to these crimes against women and children; the Victims of Crime Program in collaboration with state, federal and local agencies has formed a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The team is comprised of Advocates, FBI, Tribal Police Officers, Tribal and Federal Prosecutors, local Domestic Violence agencies, and representatives from our Tribal shelter, Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan, to help end violence against women.

This team was created to respond to a need for a more victim-centered approach when working with survivors of sexual assault. SART is dedicated to the investigation and prosecution of crimes against women and children on

the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Reservation. This collaboration between agencies brings to the table a combined total of over 100 years of experience in criminal justice, investigation, prosecution and advocacy for sexual assault crimes committed in Indian Country. It is the goal of this team to ensure justice for all victims of crime by holding offenders accountable through successful prosecution. Over the past couple years; SART, with the help of courageous victims, has assisted in holding offenders accountable with prison and jail sentences totaling over 165 years of incarceration in both Tribal and Federal courts.

The Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Domestic Violence Shelter and the Saginaw Chippewa SART has recently applied for a collaborative Tribal Assistance Solicitation grant to further fund our team effort. If awarded the grant, SART and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe would receive over

\$450,000 directed towards supporting the effort to stop violence against women in Indian Country.

The recent prosecutions of sexual assault crimes and violence against children is an affirmation of the strength of native women who have persevered, many times in the face of utter despair and loss of life, to not merely survive, but also thrive. No longer will native women be silenced or paralyzed. As Tillie Black Bear, grandmother of the violence against women movement gently reminds us, our work is about resistance and “making those connections beyond the shelter doors”. Now, more than ever, native women and tribal sovereignty require that we look deep within ourselves and work meaningfully and respectfully with each other and non-native allies to promote healing and an end to violence against Native American women. Strong tribal nations are built on the backs of women, so reclaiming your space, your vision and your voices we must.

SART is dedicated to fight for those who are too weak to fight, to be the voice of those who have been silenced for too long and to stand up for the protection of women and children who cannot protect themselves.

The success of our Sexual Assault Response Team in prosecuting violence against women cannot be recognized without acknowledging the remarkable courage of the survivors who have vowed to take a stand against violence. It's the voices of a few that can give courage and strength to others to change the destiny of many; and in honor of those who have fought with us, and for those that are still fighting, our team will not stop until the violence stops.

Silence hides violence, speak out! If you or someone you know has been victimized by crime, please contact the Saginaw Chippewa Victim of Crime Program to learn your rights **989-775-4810** or **989-775-4814**.

Michigan Civil Rights on Issues of Native American People

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

A complaint was filed to the Michigan civil rights commission about the use of Native American imagery as mascots. According to the complaint, “It works to prevent discrimination through educational programs that promote voluntary compliance with civil rights laws and investigates and resolves discrimination complaints. It also provides information and services to businesses on diversity initiatives and equal.”

Today the state of Michigan is taking a step towards solving these issues by asking the federal government to help end the use of (most) American Indian mascots and imagery that are used by the state's schools. The Michigan department of Civil Rights has named 35 school districts as being responsible for alleged discrimination for the use of “Native American Imagery” as mascots and has asked

that the U.S Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to ban their use.

In the complaint it stated that it affects the learning abilities of students, while it also can create an unequal learning environment. Saginaw Chippewa Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said that some Native American mascots are not derogatory and can be educational. In the study they used, they said these native children who go to these schools with these mascots are “marginalized.” But if you look at generational trauma and the way native people were treated 300 years ago, it wasn't until 1924 that we were formally recognized as human beings, and we didn't get the chance to vote until after women did. That's what makes these kids feel marginalized - the way their culture and their people were treated. I don't believe that a menacing looking brave on the backboard of a basketball hoop is going to marginalize that child as much as that generational trauma.

That said, however, I believe that these schools using these images have an obligation to talk about the truth of Native American history. One of the largest genocides in world history happened right here on American soil, and it happened to Native Americans. So it's important to talk about the true history about the settling of the United States, and to talk about those things that happened to Native Americans that are not often talked about. Cloutier recently sat down with Paul Lukas from ESPN, where they discussed this tough issue. Lukas questioned, “Many of the people taking part in this debate issue see it as black and white. Either they're completely opposed to all uses of Native American imagery or they have no problem with any of it. What's your position or your Tribe's position, on that?” Cloutier replied, “It's very, very clear for us, because we've worked with

so many institutions in our area. Our position is that if it's not derogatory and it's being used appropriately, with an opportunity to share or cross-share our culture, then it's fine. There's nothing derogatory about “Warriors” or “Braves.” There's nothing derogatory about “Indian.” But terms like “Redskin” or “Half-Breed,” those are derogatory terms to use.

Lukas then asked, “So when you say it's fine to use non-derogatory imagery as long as it's being used appropriately, you're saying that part of that “appropriate use” is educational content about Native Americans?” Cloutier's response to the question was, “Yes, for example, in 2003 we entered into an articulation agreement with Central Michigan University, because they were the Chippewa's. As part of that agreement, the Tribe and the University each has an obligation. Every year I go in and address every



Edward Joseph Cloutier

December 21, 1955 - March 8, 2013

Ed Cloutier age 57, passed away Friday, March 8, 2013 at McLaren Central Michigan Hospital. He was born on December 21, 1955 in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Frank & Ethel (James) Cloutier. He married Kathy Sholar on November 2, 1985 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. She survives him. Joe proudly served his country in the United States Army Reserves in the Second Infantry Division. He was a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member and served on the Elder Advisory Board and was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Seven Day Adventist Church. Throughout his life he will always be known for being the jokester among family and friends. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Later in life he enjoyed wood working, but most of all spending time with his family and grandchildren. Surviving besides his wife of 27 years are his children; Edward J. Knight, Christopher Meacham & fiancé Christina Jones, Aaron (Michelle) Cloutier, Jordan Cloutier & fiancé Kaitlyn Fouty, grandchildren; Joshua, Jacob, Marissa, and Easton, brothers and sisters; Myron (Pat) Cloutier, Gerald (Vivian) Cloutier, Raymond (Faye) Cloutier, Richard (Rita) Cloutier, Daniel (Cindy) Cloutier, Billy (Rose) Cloutier, Frank Cloutier, Aloma (Larry) Underwood, Lena (John) Stempek, Elaine (David) Kraska, Diane (Ivan) Morley, Linda (Gary) Cook, Mary (Jay) Bukowicz, Margie (Don) Dubay, Rosie (Dan) Maloney, and Theresa Cloutier, and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by an infant sister Sussie.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 2 p.m. from the Midland Seven Day Adventist Church 2420 E. Ashman St. Midland, Michigan 48642 with Pastor Cory Herthel presiding.



Catherine Louise Sprague

June 16, 1992 - March 14, 2013

Catherine Louise Sprague, age 20, of Mt. Pleasant passed away Thursday, March 14 at her home. Funeral Services for Cat were held at the Tribal Gym on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. The family received friends at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Sunday, March 17, 2013 from 5 to 9 p.m. with a prayer service at 8 p.m.

Cat was born on June 16, 1992 in Mt. Pleasant, the daughter of Joseph Sprague Jr. and Michelle Jackson. Catherine was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Her interests included a love for drawing and creating art. She spent a lot of time at Morey Courts walking. As the life of any party, she was always telling jokes. Cat loved watching movies and traveling. She was also lucky when it came to the slot machines. She loved to spend time with her god-children, Corleone and Charmaine Sprague. Cat was named after her grandmother, Catherine Jackson. The two shared a special bond.

Cat is survived by her mother; siblings, Christina Otto, Joe Sprague III, Uniqa Munoz, and Ivan Munoz; grandfather, Gary Compo; uncles, Matt Sprague, Mike (Lena) Jackson, Pete Compo Jr., Hank (Sue) Sprague, George Sprague, Lewis (Connie) Sprague; Tim Sprague, Gary Bennett, and Tony Bennett; aunts, Alberta Popma, JoAnne (Tyne) Peters, and Marian (Andy) Falcon; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Cat was preceded in death by her father in 2012; grandparents, Rev. Joe and Sarah Sprague; uncle, Randy Sprague; and aunt, Linda (Paul) Shomin.



Tribal Ops Blood Drive

Thursday, April 25th
10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.



Tribal Operations Gym

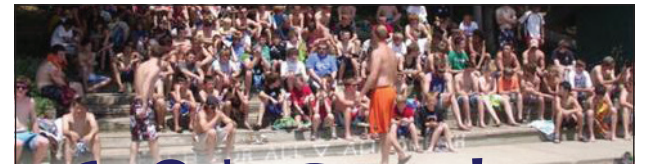
Corner of Leaton and Broadway

For More Information Please Contact:

Sue Sowmick at 989-330-6264

To Set Up an Appointment Contact:

1-800-Red-Cross



6-8th Grade Adventure Retreat

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha/Artbutus

Where: Elk Rapids **When:** May 3-5, 2013

Pick Up: Tribal Gym **Departure Time:** 4:30 p.m.

Registration Form:

Needs to be turned in by April 30th, 2013

For More Information

John Johnson 775-4881 | jjohnson@sagchip.org

Sponsors: Youth Task Force, Tribal College Extension Office, and Behavioral Health.

Waste Management Curbside Service Will Stop

On May 3, 2013 if you have not returned your address verification form to the Planning Office

Attention



All employees, SCIT members and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Students!

In honor of Earth Day next month on April 22 the Planning Department is having an essay contest.

Please submit your essays in 500 words or less on the topic of *Global Climate Change from a Cultural Perspective*. This contest will be open to: All employees (SCIT, SECR, SELC and Migizi), SCIT Tribal Members, and all Tribal College students.

You can submit your essays in person to the Planning Department or via email to jdmclaughlin@sagchip.org until Friday, April 12, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Please make sure you have a cover page with the following information: Name, category (ex. SCIT member), and current contact information.

Awards will be announced on Monday, April 22, 2013. Awards will be given to first, second and third places. The award winners will also be published in an upcoming issue of the Tribal Observer.



BOWLING

FOR BACK PACKS FUNDRAISER

2013 Fundraiser for Pine Ridge Youth Coed No Tap Bowling Tournament

Where: Chippewa Lanes Bowling Alley

When: 1 p.m.

Date: April 27, 2013

Deadline to Sign Up: April 19, 2013

Donations of cash or school supplies appreciated.

Contact Committee Members

Bernie Sprague-Chairperson | 989 400-1838

Lee Brauher-Treasurer | 989 621-9396

Betty Gifford | 989 506-9596

Tamara Clark | 989 317-5774

Nan Katzinger | 989 404-0577

ALL PROCEEDS go to Purchase/Delivery of School Supplies to Pine Ridge Students.



The Criteria for GED Testing Has Changed. *Effective December 2013.*

If you have not tested by this date all previous work done towards your GED **Will not be counted.**



GED Testing

Aabizikaawin

Open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Member Needed

We Are In Need of One Health Advisory Board Member For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

Requirements Are:

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

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible). Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval. If interested: write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or Bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
2591 South Leaton Road
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Please include your phone number or a contact person. When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Michelle George at 989-775-4602

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee

The Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee is having a Logo design contest for this year's upcoming Powwow. If you would like to enter please send your entries to the Powwow committee.

Your logo design should include the following information within it: 29th Annual, August 2-4, 2013 and the Theme of "Anishinaabe, Where the Heart is".

Your designs can be hand drawn or created electronically. Please mail your design entries to Attn: Powwow Committee, 7070 E. Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or drop them off at the Planning Office to Craig Graveratte. If you create an electronic version it can be emailed to cgraveratte@sagchip.org.

All entries must be received no later than April 8, 2013. Please include your contact information along with your entry. And for the best part the winning design will be displayed on the T-Shirts for this upcoming year. Also the winning Logo Design will receive \$200 and a free T-Shirt with your design. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third place as well (Yet to be Determined).

If you have any questions please contact me at 989-774-4081.

The Elder ADVISORY BOARD For District One

Is Accepting Letters of Interest

For one vacant three year seat. The term expires on the second meeting of June 2015.

Interested Members

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members 50 year of age or older who reside in District 1 may submit letters of interest to:

Andahwod CCC & ES
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

All Letters Must be Received

at Andahwod by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2013. The elder tribal member selected will receive information of the appointment by May 29, 2013.



Attention New and Returning Summer Youth Workers and Parents

CONSUELO GONZALEZ & JOHN JOHNSON
Contributing Writers

We have exciting and important news for the 2013 Summer Youth program. The Tribe has expanded to 60 positions from 50 last year. Summer Youth Positions will be posted on Monday, May 6 and will be open for two to three weeks. Employment will begin the week of June 17. In the past, the first 50-60 applicants automatically got a job, however, this year the positions will be filled just as the Tribe does for every other position with the interviewing process a top priority.

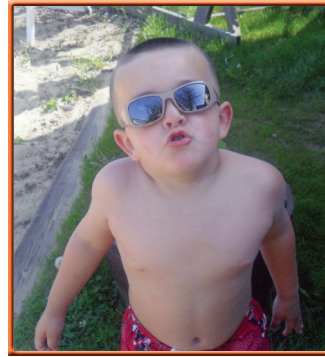
Youth will be scored on attire, punctuality, experience and interview skills. Proper interview attire is important to show that the youth have respect for themselves and are taking the process seriously. Shorts, tank-tops, revealing or tight clothing, jeans, t-shirts and sneakers or tennis shoes are deemed inappropriate for interviews in most places of employment including the Tribe. Punctuality shows commitment and responsibility. Being on time for an interview shows that you can be punctual for work. A good rule of thumb is to always prepare to be 15 minutes early for anything, just in case something unexpected happens. Providing a résumé highlights skills and gives an opportunity for the employers to see work experience even if youth have never had a job. Babysitting, dog/cat sitting, cleaning, cutting grass and shoveling snow can all be included and considered work history. It's also important to include on a résumé whether or not you've successfully completed the summer youth

program without quitting or getting fired in the past. Interviewing skills are another way to score points for employment. Most employers look for people who are personable, pleasant, positive, and have good attitudes. Don't forget to bring your SCIT Tribal ID and Social Security Card when you come for your interview.

For the youth who may be worried about all the new changes, don't fret if you're unprepared now. The human resources training department and our Anishinabe Workforce Developer, Shawn Sawmick are here to help with résumés and learning the other skills necessary to help. These changes are being implemented to better equip you with the tools necessary to be employable adults.

Summer Youth Employment is a training tool for tribal member youth to gain work experience, learn new skills and understand the importance of work and responsibility because the fact of the matter is, per-capita payments are not guaranteed forever. We need our youth to be better equipped with the tools and skills necessary to be competitive in the real world because they are the future. This is a paid training opportunity for just that. Trainings in CPR and First Aid, Household Finance, Leadership, Healthy Snagging and Career Training will also be provided. Interview letters will go out the week of June 6 and be scheduled the week of June 10 and employment will last for nine weeks. Opportunities for employment will be at various departments within the Tribal Government and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Good luck to the 2013 Summer Youth Workers!



Happy Birthday To Us
Landen
4/7
Love, Mama & Nokomis



Happy Birthday
Amir
Love,
Your Family



Congratulations
Andre & Christopher
For passing your
Brown Belt Test!



Happy Birthday
from Uncle Dave
Carrie 4/12
Terry 4/20
Shandon 4/26



Happy Birthday
Vanessa
We Love You!
From your family



Happy 10th Birthday
Caleb Kequom
Love, Your Family



Happy Birthday
Alydia!
April 4
Love,
Grandpa, Grandma
& Sis

Art Reach Is Asking For Native American Artist for 2nd Annual Art Walk

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Calling all artists, Art Reach in Mt. Pleasant is looking for your pieces of artwork for their second annual Artwalk Central Aug. 7 through Aug. 28. The event last year brought in over 190 artists with their beautiful works of art. "Last year we had about 3,000 people registered to vote for their favorite pieces," said Kathy Hill, Executive Director of Art Reach Of Mid Michigan.

During Artwalk Central, area businesses in Mt. Pleasant display artwork from the artists who entered the competition. Visitors can explore the area businesses and also at the same time admire the different pieces of work.

Michelle Sponseller and Hill went to Art Prize four years ago in Grand Rapids, and were blown away on how many people attended the event.

Hill is looking for artists from different artistic backgrounds. She took a class at the Ziibiwing Center when Shirley Brauker was teaching about ceramics and talked to Brauker about having an exhibit at Art Reach.

"I absolutely love her work," Hill said.

It wasn't only Brauker's work that caught her attention. "I have seen Jason Quigno's work and I would just love to have that level of artwork involved in Artwalk," Hill said. "I have gone to the marketplace they hold at the casino, the art they have there would be a huge contribution to Artwalk because it is artwork that hardly anyone gets to see, it is exposure for not only the artist but also offers a new variety to the event."

The competition does not differentiate in the mediums of art entered. Two categories will be assigned to both adults and youth. Adults 18 years and older and youth ages 12 to 17 years old can enter.

Prizes will be awarded to the People's choice and the Judge's choice. Prizes for the adult Judge's Award

are for first place \$5,000, second place \$3,000 and for third, \$2,000. The adult People's Choice Award prizes for first place, \$4,000, second place, \$2,000, and for third place, \$1,000. Youth Judge's Awards for first place are \$1,000, for second place, \$750, and \$500 for third place. The youth People's Choice awards are \$750 for first place, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third place.

A total of \$20,500 in cash prizes will be handed out at the event. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe became a corporate sponsor for the Artwalk Central and also donated \$5,000 towards the Banner Festival.

"The Tribe has been very supportive of our efforts to keep the arts alive and we truly could not have the event without the sponsorships and I want to say thank you," Hill said.

Artists can register online starting April 1 through April 30 on the Artwalk Central website at www.artwalk.com. There will be a \$35 fee and all forms of art must have been made in the last three years. Artists can view the venues that will participate in the event this year and request permission to have their pieces displayed there.

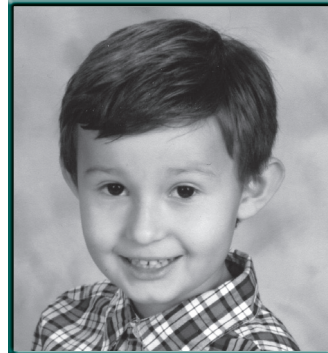
The mission of Art Reach is to keep the culture and arts involved in the community. For more information or any questions about Artwalk Central Kathy Hill can be reached at 989-773-3689.



Happy 1st Birthday
Myleyah Hunter
April 2, 2012
We Love You
Lots My My!



Happy Birthday!
Kendra Cyr
Love,
Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother
and Grandpa



Happy Birthday!!
Richard Earl Davis
04-11-08
Love Always & Forever,
Daddy, Mommy, Brother
Clayton, and Grandma
Laurie



Happy Birthday
Grammy / Mrs. Chisholm!



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Little Traverse Bay Bands Could Become 3rd Tribe in Nation to Allow Gay Marriage, Tribal Chairman Undecided on Whether to Sign or Veto Law Change to Recognize Same-Sex Marriage

BRANDON HUBBARD

Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: The following article is being republished with the permission of Charlevoix Courier. The article was published on Mar. 5, 2013.)

HARBOR SPRINGS - The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians inched closer to becoming the third Tribe in the nation to legally recognize gay marriage Sunday.

A 5-4 tribal council vote Sunday passed an amended statute allowing same-sex couples to wed and be recognized by the tribal government, according to draft tribal minutes released Tuesday afternoon.

The statute now goes to the tribal chairman, who can either sign the statute into law, or veto the proposed changes. The tribal council would need a seven-vote majority to override a veto.

"I'm going to have to think about it," Little Traverse Bay Bands Chairman Dexter McNamara said Tuesday in a phone interview from Washington. D.C. McNamara said he wants to read a hard copy of the statute and take time to think about how he will proceed with what he describes as a difficult decision.

Under the tribal constitution the statute requires 28 days before the chairman can take action. "The decision will come from me. It will come from my heart," McNamara said.

The Odawa Tribe would become only the third Tribe in the country to recognize gay marriage, following the Coquille Tribe which began recognizing the unions in 2009 and the Suquamish Tribe of Washington state which adopted a similar stance in 2011.

The Tribe had previously considered the statute in 2012, only to have it narrowly voted down by one vote last July. A second 5-4 vote allowed the amendment to be returned to the tribal marriage statute defining a man and a woman under legislative review.

During the past several months, the statute only slightly changed to require a married couple to have at least one person be a tribal member.

The change was enough to pick up a fifth vote. Tribal Council members Belinda Bardwell, Aaron Otto, Kevin Gasco and John Bott previously voted for the statute in July and again Sunday. Tribal Council member Winnay Wemigwase voted no in July, but yes on the revised statute.

The weekend vote has supporters optimistic. Denise Petoskey, one of the original tribal members to propose changing the tribal definition of marriage, said she was surprised by the passing vote Sunday and that it may now ultimately become law.

"I think that this effort will be passed, whether now by this statute or in the future by referendum or tribal court order," Petoskey said.

Michigan voters banned same-sex couples from wedding in 2004, but Tribes operate as sovereign domestic nations.

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.



Lansing Casino Plans Temporary Halted By United States District Judge

CARRIE GARCIA

Interim Editor

A preliminary injunction to build a casino in downtown Lansing was issued on Tuesday, Mar. 5 by U.S. District Judge Robert J. Jonker.

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced in January 2012 plans to build the \$245 million casino.

The Lansing City Council approved the plans of building the casino in March 2012.

Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette opposed the casino and had sent a letter to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe and to Bernero. In the letter it indicates that they are not aware of any legal authority supporting the casino. Snyder and Schuette also stated that the casino was inconsistent with state and federal laws and the Tribe's gaming compact with the state.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe along with six other Tribes entered a 1993 gaming compact.

In section nine of the compact it states, *An application to take land in trust for gaming purposes shall not be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior in*

the absence of a prior written agreement between the Tribe and the State's other federally recognized Indian Tribes that provides for each of the other Tribes to share in the revenue of the off-reservation gaming facility that is the subject of the application.

The Judge issued its preliminary injunction in response to a lawsuit filed by the State of Michigan. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi Tribe also filed briefs in the case in support of the preliminary injunction due to the Sault Tribe's attempted violation of Section Nine of the 1993 Gaming Compact.

"In 1993 the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe entered into a gaming compact along with six other Tribes," said Michele Stanley SCIT Council Member. "Under section nine of that compact is the provision that any off reservation gaming facility requires a revenue sharing agreement with the other Tribes. The Sault Tribe has chosen to ignore this section of the compact by pursuing a casino in the aboriginal lands of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. We are opposed to this action and stand behind the agreement that was signed between the Tribes and the State."

Tribal Observer

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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
c/o Tribal Observer
7070 East Broadway Road
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

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Prescription Drug Abuse: A Real and Growing Problem

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

What is prescription drug abuse? It's when a person takes a prescription medication in an inappropriate way without a prescription to get high in a way other than what a doctor prescribes. Behavioral Health Family Night addressed this problem on Feb. 20 at the Tribal Gym. This event was informative and taught about a very prevalent issue in our community. You could expect to hear from the experts about who, what, and why there is abuse of prescription drugs while enjoying a great meal with your family,

prepared by the Behavioral Health staff. You learn together about prescription drug abuse.

It was a nice turnout as the community members heard from Eric Decker, Nimkee Pharmacist presentation on abuse and misuse of prescription pills. In his presentation he stated since 2000, over 550 drug overdose and drug poisoning deaths in the region and regional treatments have risen from approximately 500 in 2003 to over 1,500 in 2010. In 2009 over 1000 people in the region were treated at hospitals for prescription drug overdoses. A recent newsletter from *Parents the Anti-Drug* stated

that 70 percent of persons age 12 and older who abuse prescription painkillers say they get them from a relative or friend; leading to several troubling trends. They say that every day 2500 kids age 12 to 17 try a painkiller for the first time and that prescription drugs are the drugs of choice for 12 and 13 year olds. Teens abuse prescription drugs more than any illicit street drug except marijuana.

In the presentation Decker talked about what caused this issue is easy access, sharing and the misconception that prescription drugs are safer and less addictive than illicit drugs. The most commonly abused prescription



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

Eric Decker gives a presentation of the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

drugs are narcotic painkillers such as Oxycontin and Vicodin/Norco. Stimulants such as Adderall and Concerta, and sedatives/anti-anxiety medications such as Xanax and Valium. Symptoms of overdose include: slowed to shallow breathing, seizures upon withdrawal, irregular heartbeat, dangerously high body temperature and paranoia.

Ways to help prevent drug abuse are community

education and outreach programs. To help guard your family at home you should safeguard all drugs at all times, be a good role model, ask friends and family to safeguard their drugs and set rules about all drug use; including not sharing medicine.

There is a safe way of disposing your unwanted, expired and unused medication besides mixing your medicine with dirty cat litter or flushing them down the toilet. It's called the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program, and it was founded by the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization. This is a good way to save our planet from unused medication and prevent them from going into our water. There is one collection site in our community at Cardinal Pharmacy.

A Reflection On the United States Indian Industrial Schools

COMPILED BY HORACE A. MILLER AND CHAS. J. SEELY

(Editor's Note: The following content is originally documented from the booklet Faces and Places Familiar, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 1906. A copy of the booklet is available at the Clarke Historical Library on the campus of Central Michigan University. This article is brought to you from the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) Committee in compliance with their strategic plans and sub-committee for Building Community Support through Education.)

The girls are taught how to do all kinds of general housework, such as cooking and dining room work, laundry work, housekeeping, sewing, and the elementary principles in caring for the sick. A Domestic Science class, composed of eight of the larger girls, is provided to train the girls in doing fancy cooking, such as pastry and cake making. A special kitchen and dining room is furnished this class and it is their duty to provide special meals, twice a day, for eight, this for the purpose of training them in cooking and serving meals for small families.

The boys have the following trades and occupations which they may learn by doing the practical work:—farming, tailoring, baking, carpentering, engineering, gardening, shoe and harness making, and blacksmithing.

The attendance at these schools at the present time is a trifle less than four hundred and one of the most interesting, yet useful, of their teachings is the fire drill. At a moment's notice, and without any previous warning, the children march out of the building in a very orderly manner, these drills being frequent enough to ensure good results should necessity demand their use. The larger boys of the schools are formed into fire companies, they responding instantly to a fire alarm, no matter at what



Mrs. Elsie Browning Cochran

work they may then be engaged. A hand consisting of the 45 pieces has been organized among the boys and there are few like organizations that can furnish better music. An orchestra, composed of both boys and girls, and a mandolin and guitar club composed entirely of girls, furnish music for all special occasions, besides frequent engagements in Mt. Pleasant.

Under the present superintendent, Robert A. Cochran, the Mt. Pleasant Indian Schools have already made great advancement, although he has been in charge a trifle less than two years. Mr. Cochran is a very thorough, competent and pains-taking superintendent, and is very enthusiastic over the future of these schools. Already he has brought them to a point where they are considered as among the best in the country, yet he has plans for much greater advancement. Through his instrumentality the government has already entered into contracts for several new buildings to be created during the coming summer, which will very materially add to the capacity and efficiency of the schools.

Robert A. Cochran was born at Benton, Ill., April 14, 1867. He entered the United States Indian Service June 16, 1893 as a private



Robert A. Cochran

secretary to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. He was appointed disciplinarian at the Chilocco Indian Schools Oklahoma, January 1, 1896, and promoted to the superintendency of the Quapaw school, Indian Territory, February 1898. In May 1899 he was transferred as superintendent to the Wyandotte and Seneca school in Indian territory, and promoted to the position of superintendent and disbursing agent of the Rice Station school in July, 1900. In February, 1904, he was again promoted and transferred to the superintendency (also disbursing agent) of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Schools.

Mrs. Elsie Browning Cochran was born at Benton, Ill., April 9, 1871, and was married to Robert A. Cochran, September 12, 1889. They have one daughter, Dora E., born December 15, 1890.

Mrs. Cochran has charge of the domestic affairs of the schools during her husband's administration as superintendent, and one visit to the schools will convince any person that Mrs. Cochran is as actively interested in the progress of the schools as is her husband, many little evidences of her careful supervision of the domestic affairs being plainly apparent.

All Images from Faces and Places Familiar Booklet



U.S. Indian Industrial School Band of Thirty Six Pieces.

Congratulations KJ Kingbird



KJ Kingbird has played hockey for the Amateur Hockey Association of Mt Pleasant for several years and this year his team won the Adray State Championship. Pictured are KJ, his father Kendall and his grandpa Larry.

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SELC Casual for a Cause Helps Out Camp Fish Tales

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Saganing Eagles Landing Associates were able to donate \$1,465 to Camp Fish Tales through our Casual for a Cause. Camp Fish Tales is a 100 percent barrier free, wheelchair accessible camp for those with special challenges. They are dedicated to providing a unique camping atmosphere for people who would not be able to enjoy the experience at a traditional campground.

The camp facilities include a main lodge with a kitchen, dining area, fellowship room for gatherings,

game recreation room, and a small nursing station. They have two large cabins to house the female and male guest. The grounds include an archery and air gun range, a beach, a wheelchair accessible dock for access to the pontoon boat and fishing. The nature trail is a 5,000 foot trail that leads to an amphitheater and is also wheelchair accessible. Saganing Associates are proud to help benefit Camp Fish Tales and its Campers!

Casual for a Cause allows associates to wear Jeans on Tuesdays and Fridays with a \$5 donation. The money raised is donated to a local non-profit organization.



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February Saganing Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Allison Gosselin and Beth Lindow, they are our Associates of the month for February!

Allison has worked for the Security Department for a little over two years and has worked both second and third shifts. She is a licensed EMT and continuously demonstrates her ability, to keep her "Cool while under Pressure" while providing exceptional care for many of our employees and guests. Allison has obtained the admiration and respect of many employees, patrons and supervisors. Thank you Allison you are definitely an asset to the Security Department.

Beth currently is a supervisor for the Food and Beverage Department. She has been with the Casino since we opened and has been nominated and has received awards for her phenomenal work ethic in the past. Beth continuously impresses the staff with all of her abilities of running a smooth shift for



Allison Gosselin



Beth Lindow

her department. Beth is more than willing to accept new challenges and takes the time to discuss all issues with her associates. The Food and

Beverage Department is proud to have Beth on their Team.

Please take the time to congratulate Allison and Beth for their achievements.

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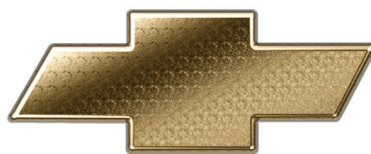
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April 2013 At-Large Member Employee Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Case Manager

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee or business owner of the Tribe. If you know any At-Large members, employees or business owners, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

The April 2013 At-Large Tribal Member is Tod Walraven. Tod came to work for the Tribe in 1998 as the Graphic Designer in Casino Marketing. In 2001 Tod came to the IT department as the Web Development Administrator. Before coming to work for the Tribe, Tod had gigs as a cook and guitar teacher.

Tod was born in Essexville and graduated from Garber High School in 1989. In 1996 he received his Bachelor's degree from SVSU in Graphic Design.

Tod is the son of William and Bonnie Walraven. His maternal grandparents on his father's side are Ernest and Olivia Walraven. On his mother's side his grandparents are Val and Dorothy Skibinski. Currently Tod lives in Auburn with his family. He is married to Gina and they have two sons; 11 year old Landon and seven year old Rowen. The boys attend Auburn Elementary School. Gina has a full time job as a stay at home mom, the hardest job!

In his spare time Tod enjoys spending time with his family, playing the guitar, fitness, and art. Tod has played

guitar in rock bands for the last 25 years, most recently Harlet, which has performed at the Soaring Eagle Casino and the Middle of the Mitt Music fest.

Tod has really enjoyed working for the Tribe and all of the great opportunities they have given him. The people that work here create a friendly work environment and he finds his job interesting, allowing him to use his skills and creativity on a daily basis. Tod also gets to collaborate with a great group of fellow web team members and IT employees. Tod likes that by documenting many Tribal events on video he has been witness to all kinds of significant native culture.

Along with IT web team (also known as SCITmedia) the Web Development

Designer is responsible for designing and maintaining the websites of the Tribe and many of their properties (*Sagchip.org*, Ziibiwing, Tribal College, etc.) We also are the Tribe's video service, capturing historical events, creating presentations, and documentaries. Members of our team also create 3D motion graphics and code custom web applications. It's great to work with such talented people.

If you have any questions about the IT department and the SagChip website, Tod would love to hear from you. You can reach Tod at twalraven@sagchip.org or 989-775-0165.



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At-Large to Manage TEAM SCIT for Family Olympics

This year the At-Large Program will be handling the SCIT team for the 26th annual Family Olympics. We would like to see the participation size of the team match or exceed the other teams that come to Mt. Pleasant for the Family Olympics. The Family Olympics were started in 1987 by the late well respected Sue Siler a Health Educator with Nimkee Clinic. The Family Olympics was started to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of physical activity with mainly track and field events for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal members and their families. This was later expanded to include other Tribes and tribal organizations throughout the state of Michigan.

Last year there were over 800 participants that attended the event with eight Tribes/tribal communities

being represented. Over the last 10 years team SCIT has not placed higher than third place. We want to change that this year. We want the community to get excited about the event and come out and participate. There are events for everyone from babies to elders. You do not need to be a competitive athlete you just have to want to get out and move and represent your Tribal team.

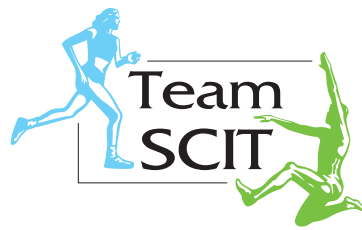
Registration charge is \$7 for ages 5-54, children under five and elders over 55 compete for free.

If you or someone in your family has an interest in competing this year or if you just have questions contact Colleen Maki or Denise Pelcher at the At-Large Program at 1-800-884-6271. The event is open to all SCIT Tribal members in all three districts. The weather is warming up, get out there and get moving,

get practicing and support TEAM SCIT. We will have additional information soon on how you can pre-register for TEAM SCIT soon. Pre-registration allows us to know how many team t-shirts to order. Watch the Tribal Observer for more information.

List of Events is as Follows:

- Running and walking events for all ages five & up
- Baby events
- Toddler events
- Long jump
- Archery ages 16 & up
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- Softball tournament New this year!



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On Issues of Native Americans Continued From Front Page

freshman athletic student about our culture and what it means to be a Chippewa, and about the proud, competitive nature of our people. We explain that it's not about war paint and fake feathers. It's about honoring the triumph of these resilient, competitive people. They also have areas on campus that are dedicated to the presence of the Chippewa Nation. So

it's a good cross-cultural exchange. And when they go out there and compete, they're Chippewa's; they're fighting like a Chippewa, fighting to win. We've made that university our school of choice for Native Americans, because our tribal community is close by, so we can help support those native students." Another question that was asked was,

"What if a high school or university wasn't interested in doing these types of cultural exchanges and educational efforts? What would your feelings be about their use of native imagery?" Cloutier replied, "It would be completely different if they're not willing to celebrate and show the culture, they shouldn't have the privilege of depicting it."

The Native American mascot and imagery issue has been around for a long time. Only in recent years has the issue begun to be addressed. The way this issue is being handled by both parties there is hope that one day this will lead to the end of discrimination of native people in our educational school systems and to promote a more inclusive environment overall.

The Comfort of a Quilt Helps Bring Healing

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE

Staff Writer

In March the place to be was at the Ziibiwing Center. March was filled with quilt making activities like sewing 101, quilting groups and with all these activities happening they also had the MSU Great lakes Native Quilting Exhibition which was devoted to native quilting in the Great Lakes Region. The In Stitches Quilting Group allowed the community to take part in a little history by having them join in by stitching an Honoring, Healing and Remembering Commemorative Quilt for the former students of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS). The group members include Becky Pamp-Ettinger, Elizabeth Hughes, Sara Martin, Ellie VanHorn, and Colleen Wagner.

I was lucky to take part in this and it's safe to say that I'm not a sewer and to prove that, I jabbed my thumb on the very first stitch. Thank goodness I'm

not a bleeder. The commemorative quilt will be done in a few weeks and will be shown at the annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering event scheduled for June, 6 at the MIIBS. For the reader that doesn't know and wanted to know more about the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, the school was for Native American children. There is plenty of information on this. Here is my interpretation on it.

As the cold winds come off the Great Lakes of Michigan it was the year 1893. This was the year where the doors first opened for the MIIBS. The hallways of most schools are filled with laughter as the kids would run around in the hallways, unfortunately this was not one those schools. This boarding school was only for Native American children and its intended purpose was to save them from being Native American. It was not a place for non-native children. You see it was like this, our great government had forced the Native American children from their homes to be in these types of boarding schools.

The boarding school for Native American children finally closed its doors in 1934 but the destruction the boarding school left will always remain with our people.

Unfortunately the Boarding school was a bad part of our history but the Native American quilt is a different story. Native Americans have a long tradition of sewing and patching but also known for their beautiful quilt making, which has been a big part in our culture. Funny thing is that native quilting wasn't always part of our culture it was introduced by white settlers and missionaries moving west across what is now known as the United States.

So it is fitting to have something so beautiful like the Native American quilt work to help with some of the healing and to honor the students from MIIBS. Thanks to the help from Ziibiwing Center and the community joining together to make this historic quilt. Please visit Ziibiwing's website for future events.



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

Quilt maker Becky Pamp-Ettinger helps teach the community about quilt making.

West Beats East 86-78 In Men's Winter League All Star Game

JOE SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On Mar. 6, the Men's Winter League All Stars took to the court and demonstrated their skills and competitive nature through three NBA-style events. The full court Basketball Skills Obstacle Course turned out to be a challenging endeavor.

Chase Owl, #1 from Team Chippewas, took third place with a time of 31.54 seconds. Brian Middlebrooks, #00 from the Basketball Dinosaurs, navigated the course to a second place finish of 30.62 seconds. The first place trophy went to Team Chippewas #3 guard Erik Rodriguez as he posted a blistering 26.28 seconds through the gauntlet. The Eagles Nest Three Point Shootout third place honors went to Team Chippewas #35 Jordan Ham with second place awarded to #32 Basketball Dinosaurs power forward Shane Petri. Hitting the most shots from downtown and taking the first place trophy was three point specialist Andrew "Bear" Raphael, #3 from the AJ Tax Consultants squad. The two player Hot Spot Shootout led the hoopsters through another timed skills competition. Team Chippewas flexed their game with Lucas Sprague #5 and Erik Rodriguez #3 taking third place with 43 points and Chase Owl #1 and Jordan Ham #35 placing second with 63 points. The Basketball Dinosaurs came back from extinction with Brian Middlebrooks #00 and Shane Petri #32 taking the first place trophy by hitting their final shots for a winning score of 66.

The highlight of the evening saw the West All Stars dominate down the stretch in a comeback victory over the East All Stars 86-78. The East led at halftime 38-36 and the game turned into a flurry of activity



Photo courtesy of Joe Sowmick

Trophy winners of the Men's Winter League All-Star Game pictured left to right: Erik Rodriguez, Shane Petri, Brian Middlebrooks, and Andrew "Bear" Raphael.

in the last five minutes. The Men's Winter League resumes their march toward tournament time on Saturday, Mar. 23 at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. The tip off for the double elimination league trophy starts at 10 a.m. and continue with the semifinals and the championship games at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 24.

SCIT Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl saw the excitement that the Men's League All-Stars had in showcasing their game to the community.

"The all-star event was a cool component that we added to the men's league last year," Ekdahl said. "It went over pretty well so we decided to host it again with some added components. It is a fun event and an opportunity for all of our players to come out and compete and enjoy themselves in a friendly competition. It also is an added bonus for players to be called an all-star. Let's face it, after high school and college most of the players don't have many opportunities to play for something other than for fun. Our Tribe continues to be a leader in community recreation and we are honored as a department to be a part of that commitment."

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The 6th Annual Round Dance Is a Success with Tribal Community

NATHAN ISAAC
Contributing Writer

The Tribal Gym was filled with many spectators of the community on Mar. 9 as the 6th annual Saginaw Chippewa round dance brought families and friends together.

This year marks six years of success for the annual round dance. This is a social cultural event that has taken place in the Eagle's Nest Gym on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation since it began. It draws in participants from all across Canada and the United States. This year we saw and heard some of round dance country's best singers. Singers come from as far as the north-west region of Saskatchewan, Canada and from as far east as New York.

This event started as part of the culture program at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. Before the first round dance, six years ago, round dances were a nearly forgotten social gathering here in the Great Lakes area. This type of gathering was kept alive and strong by our Cree relatives who reside on the western plains of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

A round dance is a traditional ceremony held to celebrate the lives of loved ones and ancestors who have passed on. During the winter months the Northern Lights visit us periodically. The waasnodeg are referred to as the spirits of our ancestors. When they come to visit us, there are different feasts and ceremonies held to welcome them and acknowledge them. The round dance is one such gathering that honors the spirits of our ancestors and loved ones who have passed on.

During the first four songs at the round dance, it is requested that families who have lost a loved one recently, dance during these songs. Everyone joins hands to show unity and support to each other. The singers who participate will bring their gift of songs to help people heal. The songs often contain Anishinaabe language, Cree Language or English lyrics. The songs will tell stories or sometimes jokes. The songs will bring good feelings, good thoughts, laughter and healing.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy also has students involved in the



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Singers from all over the United States including Canada came to Mt. Pleasant for one thing and that is to sing their hearts out for the tribal community to listen and also round dance too.

round dance. There were apprentices assigned to the round dance staff. Fifth grader Gabe Jackson served as the Jr. Stickman, sixth grader Jarrod Sowmick served as the Jr. Emcee, fifth grader Teralyn Thomas served as the Jr. Arena Director, and fifth grader Nathan (Waasnode) Isaac served as the Jr. Kitchen Leader. Fifth graders Toby Pamp, Courtney Swink and sixth grader Maciah Sprague served as the Jr. Security Personal. Fifth grader Treazure Jones and sixth graders Shayanne Williams, Lexus Davis, Madison Kennedy-Kequom and Kylie Sharon served as the Jr. Hospitality Personnel.

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy also has one male and female student from each class as special guests of honor. These students are chosen by the teachers of SCA based

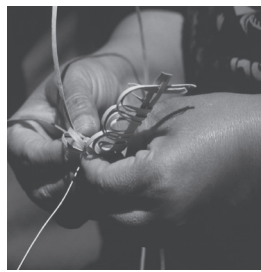
upon their academic success, use of Anishnaabemowin, demonstrating the use of the Seven Grand Father Teachings and for being outstanding role models in their school. These students received a special invitation to the round dance and were honored by leading out a special song with their family, friends and supporters. This year the students selected were pre-kindergarteners, Kylie Sexton and Quinn Pelcher, kindergarteners, Auriah Hunter and Red Arrow LaLonde, first graders, Caden Pego and Tawny Jackson, second graders, Annie Lada and Kenneth Wemigwans, third graders, Adam Saboo and Katelynn Sexton, fourth graders, Nyah Chippewa and Matthew Quaderer, fifth graders, Treazure Jones and Toby Pamp, sixth graders, Aleeya Peters and Mastella Quaderer.



Madison Kennedy-Kequom got to throw a pie in Tribal Council Chaplain, Steve Pego's face. Daughters of Tradition II were having a penny drive. The top eight who had the most amount of money got a pie thrown in their face.



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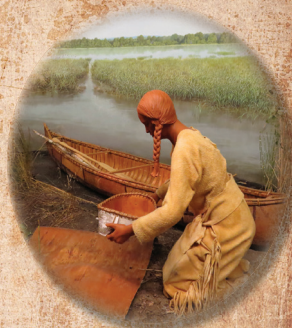
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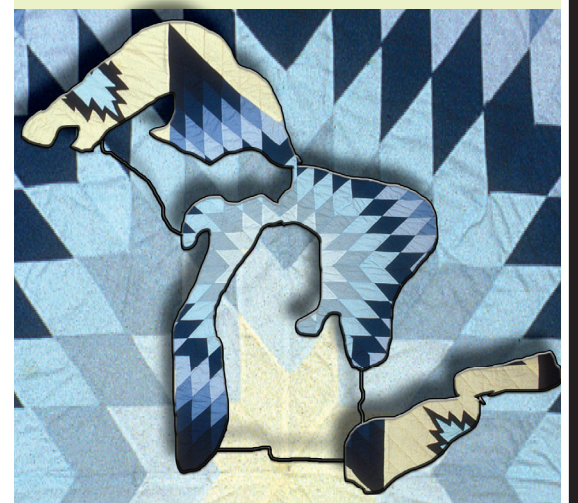
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Hawaiian Luau 2013 Offers a Slice of Paradise

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Even the arrangements for the Hawaiian Luau were just too beautiful to eat.

On Feb. 15, the SCIT Parks & Recreation annual Hawaiian Luau '13 offered over 200 islanders a slice of paradise as families enjoyed a sumptuous feast at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

"The Hawaiian Luau feast prepared by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (SECR) Food & Beverage staff was excellent and a great time was had by both our youth and our families in the community," Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl said. "To see an idea that started to get people out of the winter blues and see it grow into another

signature event for our department, it makes for an exciting Friday night for families on the reservation."

SECR Food & Beverage Director Marc Forrest led his award-winning chefs and staff in developing a classic Hawaiian style menu.

The fare included the Hawaiian Luau staple, a Whole Roasted Suckling Pig,

along with Hawaiian Fried Rice, Macadamia Crusted Chicken Breast, and a Grilled Vegetable Medley. The island dessert menu featured Kahlua Cheesecake and Chocolate Trio Torte with a choice of non-alcoholic Pina Colada or Margarita Polar Shock drinks.

Ziibiwing Center Research Specialist Robin Spencer brought her family and experienced the Hawaiian Luau for the first time.

"I thought the luau as a community event was fun," Spencer said. "It was the first one I attended and my family did enjoy it, it was a nice winter time break and the food was delicious. I would try to come again. The hula contest seemed to go well, however;

I think the pineapple contest needed to be a little more organized, maybe by ages."

The hula contest was sponsored through Public Relations and the pineapple eating contest was done through the Youth Council. Due to time concerns (with contests and door prizes, the event lasted over three hours), the limbo contest was excluded from this year's event.

"I know the youth had a lot of fun with the pineapple eating contest, but I think we would have had more participation with the limbo stick," Youth Facilities Assistant Betsey Alonzo said. "There are a lot of ways you can look at community events, but to have that many families

together on a Friday night... that's why I can sit back and enjoy what we got here."



Sue Sowmick dresses up in her brightly colored Hawaiian shirt with her beautiful lei for the joyous occasion.

Finger Weaving Takes Patience and an Open Mind to Learn

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Joanne Butzin self-taught herself to finger weave. She has been weaving for 18 years and has created numerous sashes and many items.

For many in the community they had gotten the chance to learn how to finger weave a sash at the Ziibiwing Center in a five day workshop from Mar. 4 through Mar. 8.

Youth from area schools were able to come in for a one day workshop with Butzin to learn how to finger weave a bracelet.

Butzin has taught workshops in the past with the youth. Her workshop at the Ziibiwing with the adults



Butzin brought many of her sashes that she made. Each one has different colors and different designs.

was the first one she has conducted. To her the art of finger weaving is important to pass down especially for the future generations to be able to do.

"I think the teaching of the finger weaving needs to be passed because there are too many things that have been lost that our ancestors use to do and now we don't know how to do it," Butzin said. "If I could get one or two people to get the hang of finger weaving I am happy with that. That's all it takes."

Finger weaving came natural for Butzin as her ancestors were weavers.

"We always made baskets and I had an ancestor that weaved nets for fishing," Butzin said. "I knew this was what I wanted to do. If I can pass the art of weaving to someone else, they can pass it on and it will not die out."

Her inspiration behind finger weaving was on the powwow circuit with her three boys.

"I was trying to get their regalia together and we were taught that you had to make your regalia," Butzin said. "I saw the sashes and I could not afford a new one and I



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Butzin offered a five day evening workshop for the adults. During the workshop they made sashes. It takes a lot of time and finger movement.

had asked a woman that was making them at the powwow if I could see her make one to figure out how to make it. That is how I got into it."

Butzin said that one of her sons wanted a sash so much that she had to just sit down and try to make one for him. It was then her other two sons wanted a sash too and she ended up making all three of their sashes.

Sashes were not the only thing Butzin has made, she's made wall hangings, key chains, necklaces, headbands, and bracelets.

For a 60 inch by 40 inch sash it takes her four hours to weave and that is not including the fringe. The fringe takes her an additional two to three hours to weave. She uses designs such as lightning bolts, arrowheads and chevrons.

She works with a variety of colors depending on how wide she wants the sash and how thick the material is she is working with. Currently she is working on a sash for her son Chuck. It has six to seven colors in it and 120 strands of thread. She uses designs of lightning bolts, and an arrowhead. Just to weave an inch and a half on her son's sash takes her six hours because the thread she is using is small.

Advice that Butzin recommends to those who want to begin to finger weave is to try out the chevron patterns first, next the lightning bolt and then the arrowhead. Make sure the yarn or material being used is diagonal four ply and that if the person is working with two colors and to make sure there is a dark and a light color. If the person is to put in a third



Youth from local schools explored what finger weaving was about. During the one day workshop students made bracelets. New Lothrop seventh grader, Brittney Sharp, needed some assistance from Butzin with her bracelet.

color to make sure there are two dark colors and a lighter color or two lighter colors and a dark color. There are also books with different finger weaving designs that can be purchased.

Butzin enjoys watching the community attend the workshops and learning the craft of finger weaving.

"I enjoy teaching people," Butzin said.

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Our Fires Still Burn Documentary Explores the Challenges That Native Americans Still Face Today

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Audrey Geyer, owner of the non-profit production company called Visions produced a documentary called, *Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience*. Geyer wanted the audience to listen to the stories of many individuals and also explore the Native American communities in Michigan. Throughout the process she shares the compelling stories of Native American individuals in tribal communities.

Tribal Observer was able to talk to Geyer about the documentary.

Tribal Observer: How did the whole process of wanting to do a documentary come together and what was the idea behind it?

Audrey Geyer: *The idea for doing a documentary on Native Americans started way back when I was in high school, over 25 years ago. I had a class called the 'American Dream' and it had a profound effect on me. It was an English class that revealed the true history of Native Americans and how they were looked upon and treated. Being a non-native person, I came into the class believing in the myths and stereotypes of Native Americans portrayed on television and in the movies—the stories of cowboys and Indians. Upon leaving the class, I understood that the history of Native Americans was in fact our "American Holocaust." The idea of the 'American Dream' was forever altered and tarnished in my mind and heart.*

About five years ago, after working in the video production field for over 15 years, I decided to start a non-profit production company called Visions. At the time, I was keeping my eyes open for a compelling and under-reported documentary topic when Divine Intervention stepped in. I discovered that a colleague was publishing a memoir on a fascinating and inspiring Native American by the name of Warren Petoskey, whom I then had the pleasure of meeting. My discussions with Warren lead me to recall the thoughts and feelings I first had that class way back in high school, and I quickly realized that my documentary needed to be on Native Americans. At first, I considered producing a program specifically on the Boarding School Era, but after many twists and turns in the road, I decided to tell a broader story about the lives of contemporary Native Americans by focusing on the personal stories of a wide variety of role models across Michigan.

The completed one hour documentary is entitled, "Our Fires Still Burn: The Native American Experience." I had the

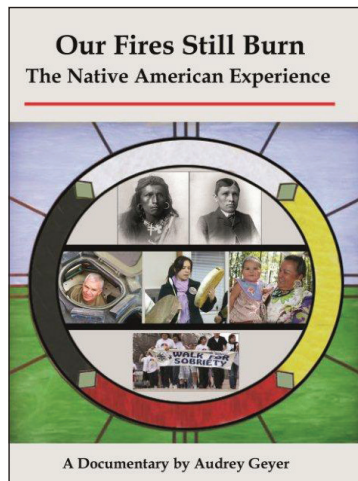
pleasure of interviewing a number of individuals connected to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for this project as well as a Native American journalist, businessman, artist and youth advocate. In a nut shell, what the program does is dispel the myth that American Indians have disappeared from the American horizon, and reveals how they continue to persist, heal from the past, confront the challenges of today, keep their culture alive, and make great contributions to society. My hope is that the documentary will deeply resonate with and touch both native and non-native viewers and help build bridges of understanding, respect and communication.

TO: How did you decide to narrow the topics down to the ones discussed in the documentary?

AG: *When I finished videotaping the documentary, I had about thirty five hours of footage to work with. These thirty five hours of material then had to be edited down to a one hour program. So, I had to make a lot of hard decisions about what topics to focus upon and what interviewee clips to include—and there were so many amazing, inspiring and thought provoking quotes to choose from.*

I interviewed about 25 people for the documentary, and the topics I ended up focusing upon in the end were those subjects that kept floating to the surface over and over again in the personal stories of the interviewees. The interviewees came from various walks of life, and they each had their own unique upbringings, educations and occupations, but because they were all Native Americans living in the 21st Century, they also had some major common threads running through their lives. For instance, they all highlighted how the historical trauma of the Boarding Schools still affected them personally today and how practicing their Native American spirituality and cultural traditions helps them and their communities to heal from this history. Also, in highlighting this topic of the Boarding School Era, it was my intention to teach non-native viewers about this tragic period in Native history and to encourage dialogue.

Since many of the individuals I interviewed are involved in social advocacy activities in their communities and beyond, it was apparent to me that I also needed to focus on some of the urgent social challenges that confront Native Americans today. Hunter Genia, LMSW, CAADC, SCIT Behavioral Health Administrator; Lee Ruffino, SCIT Youth Advocate; Louanna Bruner, SCIT Tribal Treasurer and Judy Pamp, Assistant Director of the



Ziibwing Center, all spoke eloquently about drug abuse issues, possible causes, treatment options as well as a culture as prevention. Also, Levi Rickert, Editor of the Native News Network, and Bunki Echo-Hawk, Artist and Graphic Designer for Nike, were able to provide viewers with a general overview of the social problems confronting Indian Country as a whole, such as high teen suicide and dropout rates. They also talked about ways Native Americans can become active in decreasing these social problems. Bunki Echo-Hawk emphasized the importance of today's Native American spiritual/cultural identity—for instance by changing their English Facebook names to Native American ones. I think that young people will relate well to Bunki's insightful and inspiring comments and his rock star-like lifestyle!

In addition, I have attempted to focus on stories that Native Americans across the country can relate to, learn from and be inspired by regardless of tribal affiliation or geographical locale. I have also created the documentary with a non-native audience in mind, with the intention that they would come to understand, empathize and respect the experiences of contemporary Native Americans.

A last note, certainly, there are many more very important Native American issues and role models to focus upon and discover. With this in mind, it is my hope that, "Our Fires Still Burn," is but the

first in a series of documentaries to come. But I will need help in making this dream a reality.

TO: In the documentary you focus on SCIT and other Tribes in Michigan, how did the process of becoming involved with them work?

AG: *One of the major journeys undertaken in producing a documentary is finding compelling, knowledgeable and intriguing people to interview. I feel very fortunate that I was guided to so many such individuals who were willing to share their lives with me and even reveal their vulnerabilities. One common way video producers learn of potential interviewees for their projects is through the recommendations of professionals.*

Steve Spreitzer, Director of Programs at the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion, is one such professional who had been working closely with Native American communities around Michigan on issues of diversity and social justice. In turn, he was well aware of contemporary Native social issues and role models from all walks of life. Steve Spreitzer was instrumental in providing me with suggestions and introductions to many of the individuals I came to interview for my project. Frank Cloutier, SCIT Public Relations Director, was also very helpful in this way in regards to his Tribe.

I felt very fortunate that Steve and Frank trusted me with their knowledge and connections. Trust is an important part of producing any documentary, without it, no one would want to be involved, particularly as an interviewee. A number of the people I interviewed shared how in Native American history and still today their trust of non-natives has been tested and abused over and over again. Given this, I feel particularly blessed that the people I interviewed trusted me enough to share their lives so openly and honestly. This is a great gift to the viewers as well.

TO: What are you hoping that the audience will learn by watching the documentary?

AG: *I hope the audience will learn a number of things from the documentary. The first being that non-native viewers see vividly that Native Americans continue to exist, persist, contribute greatly to society, heal from the past, confront the challenges of today, keep their culture alive, and prepare for the generations to come. And very importantly that American Indians can be role models for us all; especially, during this chaotic time in history when our society needs to learn to cherish all forms of life, come together in harmony and heal our scarred earth. The Native American concept of making decisions with the next Seven Generations in mind, as well as the teachings, of the Medicine Wheel are traditions that all Americans could embrace.*

In regards to Native American viewers, I hope native youth learn to see themselves in the many inspiring and thought provoking role models presented in the documentary and that viewers of all ages will feel proud of the native traditions, such as the Sacred Fire and drumming ceremonies, which interviewees so lovingly shared in the program. I hope that the audience will come to a better understanding of themselves and their families by learning more about the Boarding school Era and historical trauma. And just maybe viewers will be inspired by people to learn their native language such as Judy Pamp and Chief Dennis V. Kequom to help keep it alive and even to thrive.

Copies of the documentary can be purchased through Audrey Geyer for \$25 which includes shipping and handling. She can be contacted through her email at AudreyGeyer@aol.com, through phone at 810-772-9628, through her website www.OurFiresStillBurn.com or through her company Visions by writing to her, P.O. Box 1265 Brighton, Michigan 48116. Showing of the documentary will be April 17 in the Tribal Gym at 7 p.m.



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN
PUBLICATION ON NOTICE OF HEARING

ATTENTION ALL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 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, including Main Casino Floor (Bar #'s 1-4 &, Floor Lounge) Tiki Bar, Isabella's Italian Restaurant, Water Lily Lounge, Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Room Service, Banquet & Conference Rooms & Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Temporary Buffet, Legends Diner, Slot Palace & Slot Palace Pub, Entertainment Hall, Pool & Spa areas; Miijim Convenience Store, 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 the auspices of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2013 through May 24, 2014, 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.

Dated: March 1, 2013



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Dear Ain't Nobody Got Time For That: I wonder if you have time to plan out your luxurious funeral because that is what is going to happen if you don't change your ways! In the old days, our elders never went to the doctor because they probably didn't have the resources. To them that would have been a luxury! None of us have time but we have to MAKE time for what is important in life and taking care of ourselves should be number one on the list. If you get out of work at 5 p.m. with an extra hour of exercise, you work day now ends at 6 p.m. Ask your family to support you and I bet, they will be happy to do so. In the meantime, pray for guidance to lead you down that healthy path with ease and comfort knowing that it is the right thing to do.

Dear WW: I just bought a new car, I am only 16. Now my grandmother expects me to drive her everywhere. She never offers to pay for gas and I don't know how to ask her without feeling weird about it. She does cook great food for me and I love that but now she always wants to go to McDonalds or take out. She practically raised me so I feel this obligation but hate that I am also feeling resentful towards her. Should I tell her or learn to live with it? **Holding Back**

Dear Holding Back: Sometimes we have to do things that we don't like. Sometimes those things mean more to someone else than to us. Right now you are being asked to give the person who "practically raised you" a ride which means more to her than you. I don't understand how you can feel resentment towards her for that. I wished that it would come naturally to you but since you have to ask, I have no choice but to tell you. It should be an honor to sit in her company and take her for a ride and for something to eat. Don't you dare ask her for a cent for gas. If you are old enough to have a vehicle, you are old enough to find extra work for gas. I would encourage you to ask her to tell you stories and I bet you will find much needed wisdom in her words.

Dear WW: My great aunt just recently passed away. She had no children, but had 12 nieces and nephews. My dad is a nephew. These 12 "adults" are now in a big fight over her belongings. Each claims to be her "favorite". We hardly have family get togethers anymore because they are split. I miss my family and would like to see our family stop arguing. They are disrespecting my great aunt who loved us all as if each was a favorite. **12 Favorites**

Dear Favorites: This is not unusual for anyone who has walked on without a Will. Having a Will would have specifically spelled out who should get what. Some families take turns in retrieving one item at a time until all the items are spoken for. Unfortunate for you, there is really nothing you can do. What is even worst is having full grown adults fighting over materialistic things. However, having experienced this situation and knowing what it has done to your family, let it be a lesson to you. It is never too late for a Will.

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It's Time to Plant Some Trees

CAREY PAUQUETTE

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Spring is here, it's time to plant your trees! Trees are the most magnificent and life sustaining plants on earth. They filter our air, our water, and can save us money. The service that trees provide to the Earth is amazing. Below you will read about some of the advantages to planting trees on your property.

Trees reduce soil erosion by stabilizing soils with their root systems and blocking the wind from open fields. Keeping our soil on the land is very important for growing gardens and crops. When soil is in the wrong place it leads to problems like stream sedimentation and muddy rivers and lakes. Trees help keep our soil in place, which is very good for the environment.

Trees are like scrubbers working to keep our air and water clean. Trees pull carbon dioxide out of the air and replace it with oxygen. Trees take up water through roots in the ground, filtering out nutrients and other impurities. Water evaporates from the leaves, and becomes the moisture in the atmosphere that makes up clouds, and eventually comes back to us as rain. Through these processes, our air and water are filtered by nature.

Trees aren't just great for our land, air, and water; they are also great for saving us money! Planting windbreaks and shade trees help to reduce home energy use. A windbreak is a line of trees placed strategically on a property to break up the wind before it hits the house, which keeps homes much warmer during cold months. Windbreaks can also be planted to keep snow from blowing across driveways, roads, parking lots, and highways, acting as a living snow fence. Tree varieties that provide good shade can be planted to reduce the amount of sun hitting your house in the hot summer months. This helps to reduce the amount of air conditioning needed to keep your house cool.

Trees can also provide privacy from neighbors. Planting a line of cedar or spruce trees will grow to be the best fence you've ever put in, keeping unwanted eyes off your property. Planting trees on your property can even be a good way to reduce the sound from noisy neighbors. Trees will block sound from carrying just like they block the wind from blowing through an area. Remember that the next time you hear your neighbor's lawn mower at 7 a.m. on a Saturday.

Trees provide a wonderful home to many of our fellow Earth dwellers. They create habitats for song and game birds to nest, hide from predators, and forage for insects. In the winter, trees provide shelter from the cold. When other food is covered by snow and ice, trees and shrubs provide fruits and berries.

Trees and shrubs are also great ways to beautify your landscape. A wisely placed tree, manicured shrubs, and a few perennial flowers can add incredible value and curb-side appeal to your home.

Conservation Districts are in many counties around the country. Most Conservation Districts have tree sales in the spring and fall. The Isabella Conservation District and Arenac Conservation District both participate in tree sales. To learn more call the Isabella Conservation District **989-772-9152** extension 3 or the Arenac Conservation District **989-846-9662**.

The Planning Department would like to know if there is community interest in having a tree planting program. If you are interested in a tree planting program, planting trees around the reservation, planting trees on your property, or if you have ideas about planting programs, let us know by calling the intern line in the Planning Department at **989-775-4146**.



Native Farmers Market Coming to Isabella Reservation

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Exciting news for the back to nature enthusiast in all of us! Tribal Council has once again approved the Native Farmers Market for a second year in a row. The market is scheduled again for every Wednesday starting with June 1, 2013, and will end on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. Starting time is 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. However, some vendors may keep longer hours.

The goal of the Native Farmers Market is to provide fresh seasonal and locally grown produce to the community. Other items to be included are: honey, maple syrup, wild rice and fresh fish when available. This year we will be allowing the sale of jams and bottled goods as long as it is in compliance with the State Cottage Foods Industry law. Mostly this involves having

a printed label on the food stating that the food is "Made in a facility not inspected by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development." The ingredients also have to be listed.

The market will be held at the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton Road on the Isabella Reservation. Last year the housing pavilion was thought to be ideal but when the market moved to the Tribal Center parking lot, the vendors sold much more!

Native made arts and crafts from community members will also be sold in accordance with the American Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990.

The market is currently putting a call out for vendors and/or task force members. We are looking for motivated vendors, Tribal/community members and employees to take part. If interested, please call Marcella Hadden, Public Relations Manager & Interim Market Master, at 989 775-4059.



Native Farmers Market Rules

GOAL: The goal of the Native Farmers Market is to provide healthy, home grown and/or unique natural produce, handmade arts and handmade crafts from Tribal members, community and employees to the general public. This market provides not only healthy options but financial opportunities as well for the Tribal community and general public.

LOCATION: The market will be located on the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton Roads, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

DATES OF OPERATION: The Native Farmers Market will be in operation from Wednesday, June 5, 2013, to Wednesday, October 9, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

June	July	August	September	October
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1. Items permitted for sale are limited to fruits, vegetables, flowers, fish, wild rice, plants or other similar produce subject to approval of the Market Master and the Task Force.
2. Native community members can sell handmade arts, handmade crafts and supplies.
3. Jams or homemade bottled goods must be labeled in compliance with Michigan Cottage Food Industry law. (See the Market Master for a sample.)
4. All items are subject to inspection and approval by the Market Master.
5. Clean-up will be the responsibility of the individual vendor.
6. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will not be responsible for theft or accidents.
7. Other rules and regulations may be subject to change at any time as deemed necessary by the Task Force.

Water and the Process It Goes Through To Make It Adequate

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

(Editor's Note: The Tribal Observer is continuing its four part series on the process of what the Water Treatment Plant does to provide drinking water in the Tribal Community.)



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia
A recarbonation tank like the one shown above allows carbon dioxide gas to enter the water and help reduce the pH levels in the softened water.

Water is a valuable source that is needed to survive. It is all around us however the process of making it adequate to drink takes many different steps. The SCIT Water Treatment Plant staff makes sure that these steps are followed so that palatable and potable water is supplied to the tribal community.

The Water Treatment Plant has a computer system hooked up to the equipment that helps make the water cleaner and soft. The process starts with the water that is stored in the raw water tank getting pumped through a transfer pump to the aerator.

The aeration process brings water and air into close contact. The reason behind this is to remove dissolved gasses like carbon dioxide and oxidized

dissolved metals such as iron which is common in well water. In the aeration process the water and air are in close contact by exposing drops of water to the air or by introducing small bubbles of the air allowing them to rise. Ferric Chloride is added to the water during this process.

After the water has gone through the aerator process it goes through the clarifiers and this is where the softening agents are added. The softening takes place in two clarifiers. Each clarifier holds 20,000 gallons of water and is about 22 feet deep.

Chemicals such as Lime, Polymer, and Sodium Hydroxide, are mixed together to reduce to hardness of the water. Many water softeners in homes use much more sodium than what the water treatment plant does. For every liter of water that the water treatment plant treats, 96 mg of sodium is found in it. In one single serving size bag of potato chips the amount of sodium is 147 mg and that is just a low amount compared an eight ounce cup of an energy drink which is measured at 202 mg of sodium. Bottom line, water is better in any diet.

The pH levels rise during the softening process and the chemicals interact with the hardness of the water and form solids that settle from the water. Water that is being treated has a light shade of green meaning that the right amount of Lime has been added to the water. If the water is really blue, say for instance water that is seen at the beaches of the Bahamas or Jamaica, there is too much Lime in the water.

A blanket of mineral sludge is in the clarifier however the process allows the water that is

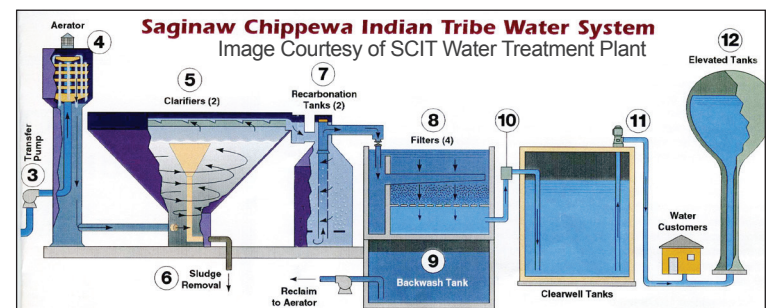
softened to rise to the top and flows into the recarbonation unit.

The Lime and the mineral solids that are removed in the clarifier during the softening process are then removed through a sludge pipe where they will be transferred into lagoons outside of the plant. The sludge will be reused as a soil conditioner.

Water that is softened will then go through the recarbonation tanks. Carbon dioxide gas is added to the tanks to reduce the pH levels in the softened water to about 9.00. The water then goes through a total of four filters to remove the fine chemicals. The water is filtered through anthracite to remove fine

particles and for polishing to help improve the taste, before going to the treated storage tanks or the clearwells. A small amount of Fluoride and Liquid Sodium Hypochlorite are added to the filtered water and then pumped to the storage tanks for distribution. Sodium Hypochlorite is also known as chlorine is used for disinfecting the water.

Maintaining the safe levels of chemicals in the water is something that the staff has to test for and monitor on an hourly basis. The staff has been trained through on site and off site sessions to make sure the water meets or exceeds all EPA Safe Drinking Water Act regulations.



This is a diagram showing the process of making well water palatable for drinking.

REZ Soup Cookoff

Andahwod held its first "Rez Soup Cookoff". This tasty event took place on Mar. 14 starting at 4:30, there were fourteen soups and the top five were placed for some awesome prizes. First place winner will have their soup featured in the Legends Diner in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The winners are listed as follows:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place
Rose Maloney Soup: Pork & Hominy Stew Prize: Soup Featured at Legends Diner, concert tickets	Rachel Mandoka Soup: Wild Rice Soup Prize: Concert Tickets	Margie Merrill Soup: Chili Prize: Concert Tickets	Damien Fisher Soup: Chicken Pepper Stew Prize: Concert Tickets	Guy Fallis Soup: Bean Soup Prize: Concert Tickets

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Schedule of Events

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10:30 a.m. - Silent Auction starts

Noon - Cake Cutting

12:30 p.m. - Mascot Dance Off!

5:45 p.m. Silent Auction closes

6:00 p.m. - Store closes

May 3rd

10:00 a.m. - Sale Opens

10:30 a.m. - Free popcorn

11:00 a.m. - Auction winners notified.

Noon - Auction items available for pick up

6:00 p.m. - Sale Closes!

Accepting Players Club Comp Dollars. (Some restrictions apply - see stores for details). No Tribal Member or Employee Discounts on sale merchandise. Sale offer valid while supplies last. No special orders. Sale prices available May 2 & 3rd, 2013 at the ZC Gift Shop Only.



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Being the Friend that Someone Needs

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer

Are you in tune with people? I like to think that I am. I mean you can tell when one of your single girlfriends gets a boyfriend even though they didn't say a word to you about it yet, right? There's this spring in their step. There's a pleasant look about them. It's almost like they are walking on clouds. Sometimes they may start dressing different or acting different. Those are called "signs". Perhaps they start whistling while they work. Sometimes you don't see them for

a while because they are home cuddling with their new amore. "Love lockdown" is what my girlfriends and I call it. But what happens when it's something more sinister?

A few friends and I went to a barbeque one sunny afternoon. There were a lot of people that showed up and you could smell the food cooking on the grill. Music was playing in the background and the children were running amuck with reckless abandon. Groups of people here and there were talking and laughing amongst themselves. It was just like a scene out of some lifetime movie. Everything was great and life was

good. Then I noticed her sitting off in the corner by herself. It seemed as if a black cloud hung over this particular friend of mine. There was no laughter. No smiles. She just had a kind of blank expression that almost looked like confusion.

I knew something was wrong. I walked up to her and gave her a hello hug. Then I sat next to her. I didn't want to pry because I knew that if she wanted to talk about it—she would. We sat in silence for a few and then she started talking. I don't know exactly what I was feeling as she told me her story. A full range of emotions ran through

me and I could only imagine what she was going through because she was the one it happened to. I know she had to unburden herself and I know for a fact that she blames herself. She was feeling ashamed like she did something wrong, but she didn't. She was a victim of a predator. The first words out of her mouth were, "I think I was drugged last night because I don't remember anything and I only had one drink."

It was a shocking dose of reality. Why would she think that what happened to her was her fault? You know your friends, and you know when something is "off" with

them. That's when they need you the most. I asked her if she wanted me to take her to the hospital but she didn't want to go because she thought people would think she was "asking for it" just because she had a drink. She didn't have nowhere to turn but to understanding friends. I got to thinking how incredibly lucky we are to have the services that the Tribe provides to victims of sexual assault. My prayers to the Creator today will be, not only for my friend, but for all victims of assault. I pray that it is true—what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger. BaaMaaPii.

No Matter How Old You Are, It's Time for a Change

GUADALUPE GONZALEZ
Contributing Writer

As the interim Tribal Magistrate, I find myself in a leadership position in the community and I feel obliged to have a voice that matters. Although my humility suggests that I might be too young and ignorant to be a leader, my arrogance says otherwise so here I am. If you find yourself offended, please remember that my intentions are good. I have a few things that I feel need to be heard about a certain dilemma we are all facing.

This is not really a new problem, perhaps it's a new form of the same problem that we've always faced. Before I get to it I'll back up a few years... back to December 1994... Something happened here on the Rez that changed every single one of us. I remember it vividly. It was our very first Per-Capita check. We got to skip school that day and we celebrated. My family celebrated by going to the mall and splurging for the first time in my life. I was lucky enough to have the trust of my mother for me to keep all of my check to do with what I chose. I was 15 years old. We went to Tribal Center to pick up our checks; I think we even stood in line to get them. We cashed them and were off to the Lansing Mall. Of course being the avid music lover that I was and still am, I headed straight to the music store. I bought a stack of CDs, (2Pac and Snoop Dog were

amongst my choices), a brand new Sony Discman and a nice case to put it all in. Obviously, these were the days before MP3's and iPhones. The next day on the school bus to MPHS the Indian bus was full of Indians wearing new clothes, sneakers and Starter Jackets to boot! It was a happy time and I think that's why I remember it so vividly. We were appreciative and excited about our new found wealth. Not having to endure the same financial burdens as some of our parents and grandparents had is a good thing and has helped many of us not have to live a life in poverty.

The success of our gaming enterprise made us more and more wealthy and what was once an appreciated gift became a birthright, expected by many of us, and sadly, completely relied upon for the livelihood of our families, myself included at certain points in my life. Gone were the days of commods and Indian cars on the Sagchip Rez. It was replaced with brand new houses, and fancy SUV's, cars & trucks and other extravagances, like golf carts, Jordan's and rims. We became Rez Fabulous! A sense of entitlement has overcome many of us when it comes to Per-Capita payments and we've begun to let unimportant materialistic matters fog our vision of what's right and what's wrong. We expect much in return for very little if anything at all. We've seen the positive and negative aspects of our wealth but an even darker side has also evolved.

A gloomy time is upon us and has been for a few years now. It is a time of grief and fear for our young people from the devastation that drugs and alcohol have brought to our once small tight-knit community. I don't blame our Per-Capita income itself on the drugs because before we had money, alcoholism has always been an epidemic for Indian people. I blame the way we've distributed it. Having so much disposable income at such a young age can be extremely dangerous without the right direction, motivation and skills to live a healthy life. In fact it can steal ambition and motivation to do anything productive like work or college or even finishing high school. We all know the stereotype of the "drunken Indian". I make no qualms about saying that either. Although, the stereotype may go too far, I believe there is truth behind it. However, alcohol is not our only problem anymore. Drugs are killing our young people at an appalling rate and the drugs that kill are not cheap! Heroin and prescription drugs top the list of drug problems in our community and both can be very costly and not only financially.

Having worked at the Tribal Court for the last three plus years, I see it way too often. The devastation it brings scares me more than anything else I see at the court because people are dying, families are hurting & grieving and lives are sometimes shattered. I've had

my heart broken many times just by doing my job. It hurts me to see people suffering. Enduring the loss of a loved one is a pain I wish upon no one. This is especially trying when it is a young person. In the past two years we've lost almost 20 young tribal members and the majority of them were caused by drug overdose, illness, suicide, accidents & violence that involve drugs and/or alcohol in some way. That's almost a classroom full of kids if that number doesn't resonate loudly enough for you. How many of our young people are we going to bury until we wake up? This is not the legacy we should be leaving for our children.

Let's put our minds together and make a brighter future for our children. Let's lead by example for our young people so that they can grow up to be healthy and ALIVE. If you have a prescription for an addictive dangerous drug you have a responsibility to yourself and your family NOT to abuse it. You can also consider a safer alternative, but please whatever you do don't let it get into the wrong hands. That medicine is supposed to heal and help us but when it is abused, it is deadly. When you're faced with drugs or alcohol remember to make smart choices. Smart choices lead to healthy lives and bad choices can lead to grave consequences for you AND your family. Don't forget about your family who you may be hurting in the process. When one family member has a problem, the entire

family is affected by it. Remember the people who love you and never ever forget to love yourself first. You may be surprised at how many people love and support you, we are still a tight-knit community and when it really comes down to it, we are just struggling right now. If you need help, ask for it. Don't ever be afraid to ask for help. No one will judge you for trying to better yourself; in fact you will be embraced. We are very fortunate to have many worthy programs at the Tribe to help us that we hardly have an excuse NOT to get help. It only takes one person to break the cycle of addiction in a family. That one person could be you for your children and grandchildren. A new time is nearing for healing and wellness. Maybe it's the 7th Prophecy?

The teaching of the 7th prophet that came to our people told our ancestors that we will have endured great struggles but that a new people will emerge and the Anishinabe Nation will be reborn. We've endured enough grief and pain for more than our lifetimes and I think we are ready for a change. Whatever we call it, the one thing that is for sure is that a change is long over-due and has already begun! A community of broken-hearted people can be a force to be reckoned with because we all have a reason now because we've all been touched by someone who lost the battle that we are all still facing. We can afford no more young lives. The time is now.

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Internship Opportunities Are Available Through Higher Education Department

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

(Editor's Note: The following are stories from past graduates and current students from the Career Development Program and the Tribal Leadership Program. For more information on these programs contact Sharon Skutt at 989-775-4505.)

For Sharon Avery, the Tribal Leadership Program was beneficial for her because it helped her achieve her academic goals and find the career she wanted. While enrolled in the program she was an intern at the Ziibiwing Center, the Saginaw Chippewa Academy and the Education Department. She graduated in December, 2003 with her Bachelor of Science Degree in History from Central Michigan University.

The program was a great opportunity for her because she had young children at the time. It allowed her to work, get paid and she learned a lot about time management.

"I benefited from the internship program and I don't know if I would have been able to concentrate and finish my bachelor's in the time I did," Avery said. "I had to continue and it pushed me along. I think it helped me push me to my goal."

The program places interns in a department that is related to their major. If the placement in the department does not work out for the intern they can transfer. As stated in the Tribal Leadership Program Policy handbook from the Higher Education department:

Students may make a written request to the Higher Education Coordinator for a transfer in placement to another department (relevant to the student's field of study) which may be granted at the discretion of the Education Director and Higher Education Coordinator. Students may request a transfer no more than once after their initial placement (2 placements total). Moving within the designated department for cross training purposes will not be counted as a move. No requests will be considered during a student's probationary period.

Avery liked the fact that she was able to try out different departments to make sure that she was able to find the right environment for her.



Photo Courtesy of Sharon Avery

Sharon Avery is a past graduate of the Leadership Program. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in History from CMU and also holds a Juris Doctor with a Certificate in Indian Law from MSU.

After her internship was over she met a representative from Michigan State University. She had always wanted to go into law but what really sparked the idea was the timing as she just finished her bachelor's.

"The time frame was right for me to do it," Avery said. She started working on her law degree from MSU in 2006 and in 2009 she earned her Juris Doctor with a Certificate in Indian Law. Avery works as an Associate General Counsel in the Tribe's Legal Department.

Aanii, My name is Mark Vasquez Jr. I'm a student at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College working on my Associate Degree in Business. My plans are to continue my education and obtain my bachelor's degree in the business field. Accounting has been a big interest for me along with Marketing. As of the 2013 winter semester at the Tribal College, I have participated in the Career Development Program, which allows me to attend my classes and also work as an intern in the department my degree pertains to. This program has been a great opportunity for me to gain the experience and "mad" skills to perform in the business world. It also gives me an opportunity to work for my Tribe and contribute to its growth and be a productive tribal member in our community.

Through this program I'm able to aim my attention to specific purposes and functions that would help me to be more advance and skilled over an average student in a business course. If you



Photo Courtesy of Tribal Observer

Mark Vasquez Jr. is a current SCTC student and is currently in the Career Development Program. He is working on his Associate in Business and plans on transferring to a four year university to work on his bachelor's in business.

haven't seen me yet, I work down in the accounting area with a lot of great people, and it's a cool experience being in the environment that you look forward to pursuing a career in or want to have familiarity in. Plus, you're working for your Tribe and community and being part of the SCIT work force.

For those of you wondering what you want to be when you grow up. I would encourage you to furthering your education. For me it has been great and has opened up doors I never thought I'd see open. I would like to thank the Higher Education department for the opportunity to allow me and other tribal members who are students to be part of this program and helping us develop our potential as tribal students and graduates.

Tracy Cousins enjoys being an intern at the Planning Department. She's currently in the Career Development Program and will be graduating May 2013 with her Associate of Arts Degree in Native American Studies at the Tribal College. She serves as the Vice-President of the Student Council. Her education journey is not going to stop there as she had gotten accepted into the Tribal Leadership Program and will be starting on her bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University and majoring in Environmental Issues or anything with Environmental Law.

Cousins has worked with the DNR for eight years in their Outreach Education where she would do water conservation, water quality, trail hikes and also



Photo Courtesy of Tribal Observer

Tracy Cousins will be graduating from SCTC in May and also will be finishing her position in the Career Development Program. She will be working on her bachelor's degree at CMU and also be enrolled in the Tribal Leadership Program.

had schools go on field trips where they would teach them about the environment.

Since being at the Planning Department she has done huge projects including investigation with the recycling ordinance with Craig Graveratte, Environmental Response Specialist.

"Sally Kniffen approached me one day and asked me about hydraulic fracturing," Cousins said. "I was on this project for a long time I took the pros and cons to Tribal Council and sent links from websites and sat down to talk to them."

In the end the resolution was passed by Tribal Council to not allow hydraulic fracturing on tribal lands.

Cousins will still be an intern at Planning during her education with the Tribal Leadership Program.

She thanks the Higher Education for having such a program like this for tribal members.

"I am very happy they have this program and I think it is important that tribal members should utilize it," Cousins said. "This would be good to put on your resume about your internship, if the job you were placed in for your internship is something you want to do in the future. Employers will know that you have the hands on experience."

Laughlin Earns March 4th Eagle Leadership Award

JOE SOWMICK
Contributing Writer

SCIT Afterschool Program student Kasina Laughlin received her very first Eagle Leadership Award. Assistant Tribal Administrator Tonia Leureaux presented the honor and Kasina was very happy she had finally received the award. Kasina's mother Nimkee Administrative Assistant Karen Naganashe stated that, "Kasina has been trying very hard to receive this award." Kasina's mom and dad (Nimkee Maintenance employee Chris Laughlin) are very proud to hear of her outstanding behavior.

"Kasina has shown wonderful leadership during the afterschool program by following the rules without question and setting a good example to the other children by participating in all activities with a positive attitude," Afterschool Team Staffer Betsey Alonzo said.

"I am very proud of Kasina... she really enjoys the program and her good behavior shows it. She is happy to arrive to the program and enjoys all we have to offer and it is a pleasure to have her here.



Photo courtesy of Joe Sowmick

Pictured left to right: Afterschool Team Staffer Luke Sprague, Assistant Tribal Administrator Tonia Leureaux, Kasina and Chris Laughlin.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students have earned Student of the Month for February: Julianna Garcia, Bree Sprague, Anita Pelcher, Tawny Jackson, Annie Lada, Foster Crampton, Miingan Jackson, Tobias Pamp, and Aleeya Peters.

The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month for February: Hope Stevens, Gracie David, Miikawadizi Prout, Azanne Ives, Andrea Hinmon, Brandon Wemigwans, Josclynn Shaw, Karmaj Pelcher-Scarlett, Kyleigh Scarlett, Red Arrow LaLonde, Teyara Hickerson, Gus Hinmon, and Frederick Highley, Meadow David, Dylan Bennett, Tawny Jackson, Joaquin Jackson, Thomas Williams, DaShawn Rueckert, Katie Pigeon, Annie Lada, Kenneth Wemigwans, Adam Saboo, Matthew Quaderer, Nyah Chippeway, Lars George, Zhaawan Smith, Gabe Jackson, Courtney Swink, Aleeya Peters, Mastella Quaderer

The following students turned in all homework for the month for February: Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Maciah Sprague, Karen Chippewa, Toby Pamp, Nyah Chippeway, Isaiah Leureaux, Thomas Henry, Zhaawon Smith, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Thalia Bennett, Foster Crampton, Chelsea Pelcher, Adam Saboo, Lawrence Hinmon, Kaley Davis, Katie Pigeon, Thomas Pelcher, Caden Pego, Tawny Jackson, Ariel Hinmon, Annie Lada, Meadow David, and Josclynn Shaw.

Fancher

The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of February: Andrew Chingman, Makayla Jackson and Dylan Klein.

Vowles

The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of February: Eli Marin, Maya Ryan and Robert Saunders.

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The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of February: Teirra Ash, Daniel Jackson, Damion Haggard, Darien Haggard, Zoey Haggard, Elisha Hoorman, Nathaniel Houghton, Matthew Jackson, Darius Lopez, Anthony Mark, Trent McConnell, Nautical Mena-Strait, Kerrina Miller-Hosler, Elijah Otto-Powers, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Meisha Raphael, Jenna Rios, Zamil Rueckert, Kaylie Sprague, and Thomas Trasky.



Tribal College Hosts Honor Our Children Focus Group

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

There is an African proverb that states, it takes a village to raise a child. This proverb rang true on the Isabella Indian Reservation on Mar. 20, 2013, as members of the tribal community were invited to attend an Honoring Our Children focus group held at the tribal college. This focus group was held to discuss the health, education and welfare issues surrounding children 0 to 8 years old.

The Honoring Our Children Initiative is sponsored by the Inter Tribal Council of Michigan through a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant. This initiative is designed to collect input from Indian communities across Michigan. The Initiative is an effort to understand the concerns and priorities of each tribal community in order to help in planning for new programs and services.

The focus group at SCTC was held in a talking circle style. The talking circle was led by Tonia and Derek Bailey of 7th Legacy Consulting. They are an Anishnaabe wife and husband team that has been contracted by ITC to assist in gathering the input. The Baileys traveled from Suttons Bay, Michigan; they have five children ages four to 15 years old. As Anishnaabe parents,

they were able to infuse their own experiences and teaching as examples to the focus group.

After introductions the talking circle began with the question, "What is your vision for a healthy well balanced Anishnaabe child?" Participants were invited to share their thoughts. A much harder question was asked, "What do you see as the greatest disparity for children, ages 0-8 in your community?" Again participants shared their thoughts and an insightful discussion ensued.

Participants could also write down their thoughts on notepaper if they were reluctant to share publicly. The participants of this focus group were mostly SCTC students; they discussed this topic passionately for about an hour and a half. A lot of quality information was gathered; all input was valued. The overall response was that being involved in Anishnaabe culture is very important. Also there is a need to have positive role models in the community. The group talked about balancing child technology use with other activities that also make them stretch their muscles and imagination.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe received a small grant to offset the cost of meeting supplies, food and incentives. There were 15 participants of this particular focus group and each participant received a \$25 movie or gas card. They also enjoyed a bowl of hot soup and bread. It was much appreciated sustenance on that cold and chilly afternoon. The Soaring Eagle Waterpark made a generous

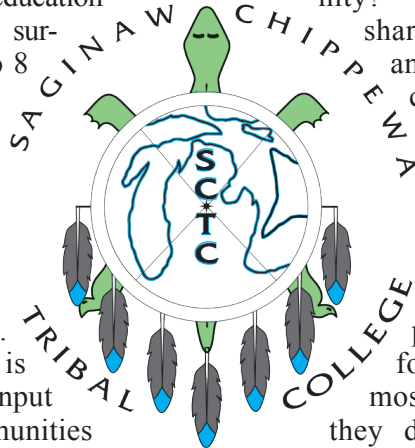


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Tonia & Derek Bailey facilitate the SCTC focus group.

donation of four waterpark passes, and they also donated an overnight stay to encourage participation.

The SCIT Youth Services Committee has been instrumental in facilitating the focus groups. There are other focus groups scheduled to commence around the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community. Each person that participates will receive

a \$25 gift card. Please call Sylvia Murray, Grants and Contracts Manager at 989-775-4803 for more information on how you can have input into the collective voice of the Saginaw Chippewa tribal community.

It really does take a collective voice of the community to assure that this most vulnerable, beautiful, and treasured population is protected.



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Tonia Bailey of 7th Legacy Consulting.

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- April 1 | Registration for Fall 2013
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Contestants Hope to Hear Those Three Words, “Come On Down” at Price Is Right

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Interim Editor

Guests from all over Michigan and even as far as Georgia came to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for their chance to be one of the lucky players on contestants' row at one of the four Price Is Right Live shows on Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16.

For those who managed to get ahold of a lucky ticket for one of the four sold out shows was in for a time to win big prizes.

Many guests showed up dressed in identical shirts with their names printed on the front and the famous phrase, “Come on Down!” Some even dressed in birthday decorations to help celebrate their big day.

Located on the screens by the stage were games that the audience members could play along with before the show started. This included the Danger Game where four

prizes are shown along with a danger price, which is the price of one of the prizes. The object of the game is to try to avoid the danger price and pick the right three prizes and winning. Another game was Credit Card where five prizes are shown usually around the price of \$200 to \$3000 and the credit card limit is \$1800 and the prizes need to be selected whose total will be under \$1800. If the total doesn't go over the \$1800 they win all the prizes. Many attempted to blurt what they thought were the right answers and were shocked to find out what the real price was.

Their price guessing skills were put to the test when the live show was going to start.

The first four contestants were called down to come to the front of the stage and host Todd Newton appeared on stage. Newton was the game show host for *Whammy!*

Hollywood Showdown, Instant Millionaire, Made in the USA, and currently is the host for the show *Family Game Night*.

Contestants that were able to go on stage were treated to the favorite games such as, Any Number, Plinko, Cliffhanger, and Punch-a-Bunch and played for many prizes including a trip to Las Vegas, and cash prizes.

Newton wanted the audience to have fun and aired videos of contestants excited on being called down to contestants' row on *The Price Is Right* TV Show and contestants' falling over trying to spin the wheel which lead them into having the contestants' that were called from the Soaring Eagle audience to come on stage and spin the wheel.

The show wouldn't have been complete without the showcase showdown however it was quite different as instead of two people being called to play it, there was only one. Items such as a pair of Dr. Dre



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Host Todd Newton shows contestant Maria where the numbers she guesses go in the game Any Number. The Price Is Right Live appeared at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Feb. 15 & Feb. 16 and sold out shows for both days.

headphones, a Kitchenaid stand mixer and a 2012 Ford Fiesta were up for grabs. In the live version of *The Price Is Right* the contestant plays for the prizes in the game, Ten Chances.

In this game the contestant is given 10 chances to correctly price three prizes. The first prize has a two-digit price and the second has a three-digit price and

the third prize is a car. Audience members were yelling out numbers in hoping to help make the decision of the contestant on stage. In the end the contestant on stage walked away with the prize of a pair of headphones.

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Foreigner Wanted to Show the SECR What Love Is

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Interim Editor

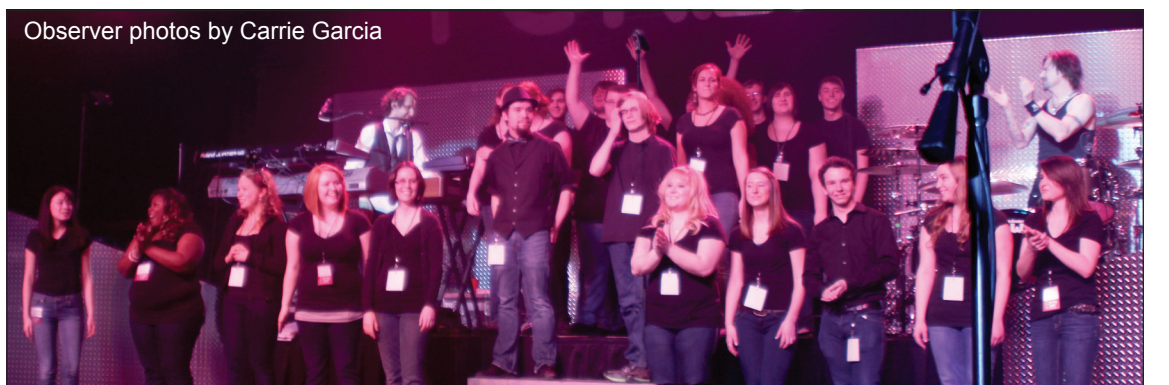
With hits such as “Juke Box Hero” and “Double Vision” Foreigner knows how to bring the party wherever they go with their energetic performance and powerful vocals. Fans brought in signs some with words Women or Dirty White Boy referencing lyrics out of their songs.

During the intermission of the concert, one of Foreigner's tour management team appeared on stage to let the audience know about the students in the crowd selling CD's. The students were a part of the Mt. Pleasant High School Choir. As they weaved in and out of the excited fans entering the Entertainment Hall with CD's displayed in their hands, their excited expressions showed

the crowd that they were there to help out their school's program. He explained the proceeds from the sales would go to help out the Choir and also the Grammy Foundation which Foreigner highly supports.

He thanked the audience and wanted them to enjoy the show. It was then the house music in the hall stopped and the lights grew dim. Members of the band Foreigner appeared on stage in shadowed silhouettes as the cheers from the crowd and the screams of the women grew louder.

With one beat out of the drummer the guitarists and the keyboardists followed and played the introduction to the song, “Double Vision”. Emerging from backstage the energetic Lead Vocalist Kelly Hansen appeared on stage ready to do what he is known best to do and that is to sing.



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Members of the Mt. Pleasant High School Concert Choir had a once in a lifetime opportunity, as they joined Foreigner on stage to sing, “I Want To Know What Love Is” along with the band.

With his trusty microphone stand in hand, Hansen belted out the lyrics and made sure everyone was having a fun time as he didn't stop moving. Going side to side of the stage the fans quickly took their phones out making sure to catch a photo of Hansen or the guitarists busily attending their guitar playing.

Foreigner went into playing, “Head Games” and some fans stood from their seats with their arms in the air moving them to the beat of the music.

It was before their song, “Cold As Ice” that Hansen addressed the crowd by saying that, the show was not a Technicolor show as it was a rock and roll show. During the song Hansen walked down the stairs on the side of the stage and ran through the aisle as fans were hoping to get a high five from him. It was then Hansen

got on top of one of the dividers that separated the sections and sang. Everyone in the audience were standing and watching. Hansen ran back to the stage to finish the song and the audience still standing, cheered.

It was time to slow the mood down and time for everyone to sit back and relax as Hansen wanted everyone to grab someone to dance with as they went into singing, “Waiting for a Girl Like You”. Couples grabbed their significant other and started dancing. Some even had the house camera on them which appeared on the big screen for the whole audience to watch them dance.

The slow mood didn't last long as Hansen told the audience that if someone told them not to stand and that he gave them permission to stand. With that being said, everyone listened and not a person was sitting. The band went into the song, “Blue Morning, Blue Day.”

One of the interesting things during the concert was that Hansen was very personal with the crowd.

“Everything happens for a reason,” Hansen said. “God has a plan for everything. I think the reason why it is cold outside is so you can be much closer tonight.” This led him into the question about how many

crazy and wild women were in the stage. Screaming from all the women were heard in the Entertainment Hall. He asked the question again and said that's good because we have some, “Dirty White Boy” on stage.

During the song Hansen peered from the corners of the stage urging women to go up to where he was at and a flock of women went towards him hugging him. The excited women walked back to their seats.

The next song, “Say You Will” was different from the rest of their songs as they arranged it to be acoustic. All the members of the band had a role in making the song perfect.

Their other hits including, “Urgent”, “Juke Box Hero”, “Long, Long Way from Home” were played.

It was during their song, “I Want To Know What Love Is” that they had some special guests with them on stage. The Mt. Pleasant High School Concert Choir joined Foreigner on stage to sing along with them. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to be able to sing with a multi-platinum band. These excited youngsters got a standing ovation from the audience.

Foreigner ended the show at SECR with one of their very popular hits, “Hot Blooded.”



Members of Foreigner rocked out to the SECR audience.

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS		
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Blues Festival	On Sale Now!	Fri. April 5
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Balagan: A Cirque Spectacular	On Sale Now!	Sat. May 11
Huey Lewis and the News	On Sale Now!	Sat. June 1



Little Big Town's Tornado Tour With David Nail, Storm SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort was invaded by hordes of screaming fans waiting to watch two of the biggest acts in country music. On Mar. 9 emerging star David Nail and the Grammy Award Winning country group Little Big Town took to the Entertainment Hall stage.

When compared to the rest of the Country music genre, David Nail and the music which he crafts stand apart from the crowd. The audience at the SECR Entertainment Hall witnessed firsthand his soulful, rich, and melodic sound.

During the concert Nail treated the audience to many of his hits. His career took off



David Nail captivated the audience with his soulful, rich, and melodic sound.

in 2009 with the release of his first commercial album titled, *I'm About to Come Alive*. At the concert Nail performed several songs from this album including the title track, "I'm About to Come Alive", top ten hit "Red Light", and Grammy nominated "Turning Home".

The majority of the show was focused on Nail's recent album *The Sound of A Million Dreams* (2011). The up and coming country music star performed such hits as "She Rides Away", "Grandpas Farm", and the title track, "The Sound of a Million Dreams". The highlight of the show proved to be the song "Let It Rain", his first ever number one hit. The melancholy lyrics combined with Nail's smooth and masculine lead, combine to create a powerful and emotional representation of the themes of heartache and betrayal.

As David Nail's act came to a close, the excitement it generated coupled with the anticipation of the next act, created a buzz amongst the audience. The entertainment hall went dark; it seemed almost too much for some audience members to handle. In a flash of choreographed lights, and a roar from the audience the country quartet Little Big Town took to the stage.

The CMA Vocal Group of the Year awed the audience

from beginning to end, offering a mixture of past hits mixed with songs from their breakout album *Tornado*. The group has put out four other albums including: *Little Big Town* (2002), *The Road to Here* (2005), *A Place to Land* (2007), and *The Reason Why* (2010).

The show kicked off with the upbeat "Pavement Ends" and "Little White Church" which peaked at number six on the Billboards Hot Country Songs Chart. The mood of the show changed with the soulful performances of "Sober" and "Bring It On Home", the latter of which became their first top five hit. The performance of "Your Side of the Bed" proved to be one of the most emotional parts of the night, as many audience members took to the aisles to slow dance.

The show took an interesting turn, when the band performed a segment they called, "Smattered, Smothered, and Covered." During this segment the group took songs from current pop culture, and remade them into a collage of cover songs. This included "Grenade" by Bruno Mars, "Moves Like Jagger" by Maroon 5, and Lady Gaga's "Born This Way". The vocal harmonies of the four singers were on full display during



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

The concert left many fans wanting more of the groups harmonized vocals and catchy lyrics.

their rendition of Fun's "Some Nights" to close out the spirited and entertaining segment.

Vocalist Karen Fairchild showed some love to the crowd proclaiming, "We love you Michigan!" The crowd cheered as people jumped to their feet, to which she answered "We've got a good rowdy crowd tonight, I love it!"

The fans were in for a real treat with the end of the set list approaching, as the group gave them the songs everyone had been waiting for. The fans once again emphatically came to their feet as the Grammy Award winning song "Pontoon" started. As the song drew to an end the audience members barely had time to catch their breath before the lights were shut off leaving them in darkness.

The energy of the crowd grew into a frenzy as the sounds of a storm blared through the speakers in the hall. The lights came back suddenly as smoke billowed from all four corners of the stage and the group began their feisty single "Tornado".

As the show came to an all to soon end, everyone in attendance was treated to a remarkable reminder of how far Little Big Town has come since their humble beginnings. The group performed the song which launched them into stardom, "Boondocks".

Both David Nail and Little Big Town delivered a show for the ages, which no one in attendance will soon be forgetting. Make sure to watch for more amazing entertainment coming to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the future.



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Healthy Shakes Make a Tasty Afterschool Debut

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Contributing Writer

During the month of March, the SCIT Afterschool Program has been continuing their focus on healthy eating and fun activities. Resident Nimkee Clinic Nutritionist Sally Van Cise R.D., leads a class every Tuesday afternoon teaching the students of the afterschool program about the positives of healthy eating and that replicating popular desserts can be done in a healthy way. Healthy McDonald-like Shamrock Shakes and other fun activities were highlights throughout the month of March for the Parks and Recreation signature program.

As highlighted in last month's Observer, following the article Add Some Color to Your Plate on page 23, Van Cise created a delicious "Shamrock Smoothie" in the Eagles Nest Kitchen for the children during the month of March.

The healthy ingredients list for the "Shamrock Smoothie" included the following: "two cups chopped kale, 16 oz. skim or low fat milk, 16 oz. plain or



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia
Sally Van Cise adds her secret ingredient (Kale) to her healthy Shamrock Smoothie.

vanilla yogurt, two large ripe frozen (peel before freezing) 1/4 cup bananas, and 1 tablespoon honey (optional)... (Tip: Van Cise made only half the recipe each time so it would not overflow in the blender).

Directions: Wash the kale leaves and dry. Remove stem and center rib and discard. Chop the kale and then measure. Place all of the ingredients in a blender and blend well until smooth. Enjoy." (The recipe is provided as a reprint from Veggiecation © Copyright 2006-2010 All World Wide Rights Reserved).

In the beginning of the three separate presentations put on

for each age group, the kids were nervous but willing to try the unfamiliar vegetable, kale, the main ingredient in the healthy smoothie. The children were able to eat their sample without any major disliking of the vegetable, but they were skeptical and unsure of whether the final product would be tasty.

After adding in the yogurt, frozen bananas, and honey, however, the children were eager to try the mix that looked almost identical to the seasonal Shamrock Shake that is currently available at McDonalds. After dividing up a sample size to each child, the entire room was filled with positive exclamations and yummy sounds about how good the smoothie actually was. After the initial taste test, Van Cise needed to make at least two more blenders full of the mixture, to satisfy the children (and interested staff and parents!). They truly could not get enough of the healthy smoothie.

The same reaction was displayed upon conclusion of each seminar for all of the age groups within the program. Even all of the adult staff members of the afterschool program were requesting some for themselves.

Later this month the afterschool program is going to be holding a seminar to teach the children proper pet handling skills. Our goals are to teach the kids the basics of pet care as well as handling. Pointers for training and overall quality of care will be discussed and allow students to get hands

on training with some puppies. The puppies are Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers donated to the program from Susan Sowmick's Lindystar Kennels. This is another step in which the program is aiming higher to teach the children life skills, along with facilitating a fun atmosphere for learning and play.

Treat Yourself and the Environment, Eat Seasonally

SALLY VAN CISE
Contributing Writer



Sweet Spring Salad:
kale, navel orange, grapes, red bell pepper, squeeze of lemon, and pumpkin seeds.

Eating seasonally is one of the best ways to treat yourself while you take care of the environment; you'll find a wealth of information at our and all the local farmers markets! They are wonderful places to take children; it's an adventure for little ones and they'll have unlimited questions as their fascination explodes while immersed in the wonders of the market! Our local farmers will appreciate the enthusiasm and be happy to answer questions that arise. You may love the produce section in a grocery store, but there's no comparison for the magic of the market!

And - exciting news for all of us! Tribal Council has once again approved the Native Farmers' Market for a second year in a row. The market is scheduled to start Wednesday, June 1, 2013, and will end on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2013. This year the market will be

held at the northeast corner of Broadway and Leaton Road, just across the street from Tribal Ops on the Isabella Reservation. Speaking of "seasonally," citrus season will be winding down as the days heat up, so enjoy them fresh while you can! Grapefruit, oranges, lemons, and limes will complement the flavors and health of "in season" dark leafy greens such as kale. For those with nut allergens, add a nutritious crunch that provides fiber, protein, and healthy fats with pumpkin seeds!

Are You Protected from TRICH

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We are noticing a trend in our area, Trichomoniasis is on the rise. What is 'Trich', as it is commonly called? It is a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Seventy percent of the people with TRICH do not know they have it, because they may have no symptoms or ignore the symptoms.

Men and women may feel itching, irritation, burning, redness, swelling, discharge and soreness. Women may notice an unusual smell. Many women may mistake this for a yeast infection.

Trichomoniasis is easily treated. If left untreated, the symptoms will worsen and invite a host of other health problems.

Also, if you have TRICH and do not get treated, it increases your risk of getting other sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. This protozoan parasite is especially harmful for pregnant women. They are more likely to deliver early and with low-birth weight babies.

Since often there are no symptoms, we recommend annual physicals. If you have had activity with an unprotected partner, and are concerned, we recommend a sexually transmitted infection (STI)

test. Someone could pass it to you, and they may not know they were infected. For more information about Trich please go to www.cdc.gov/std/trichomonas. If you are a Nimkee patient and are interested in a STI test, please call 989-775-4672. During an STI test, you will also receive a test for chlamydia and gonorrhea.

If you have been treated; you can get it again... always talk to your partner and use protection unless you know you are both STI free.

Partners do not share this information with each other because it is a hard subject to discuss, so you take care of you! Be safe... and protect yourself.

Nimkee Fitness Center Monday - Friday Group Exercise Schedule March 2013 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30 a.m.		Beg. Running Jayme (starts 4/16)		Beg. Running Jayme (Starts 4/16)	
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		PiYo Brandi	
12:00 p.m.	Fast Bast 4! Jayme	Turbo Kick Jayme	Turbo Kick Brandi	Fitness Support Group Apr. 11 & 25	Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Brandi			Fast Bast 4! Jayme	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme		Zumba Express Jayme (5:30)	World Fusion Belly Dance Tawnya	

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Wiindamaagoodaa, Let's Get Informed About HIV and AIDS Awareness

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The rise of HIV and AIDS are at dramatic levels. In the United States there are 56,000 to 60,000 new cases of HIV per year. In Michigan, there are about 800 new cases of HIV per year and a reported 15,081 cases were statewide. In Isabella County there were a total of 38 reported cases. Numbers are increasing and by passing the knowledge of how to prevent the spreading of the virus is needed.

With the help of Mikki Marcotte from the At-Large Department and a grant from the HHS, Office on Women's Health, an event called, Wiindamaagoodaa, Let's Get Informed happened at Andahwod on Mar. 5.

Mary Rose Forsyth, MSN, Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center (MATEC) Michigan, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and the Project Coordinator of the Wayne State University School of Medicine talked about HIV Prevention Strategies in Women.

"A part of our goal is to make sure everyone here has information that they can take to other women," Forsyth said. "Women who have

sexual relations need to consider the idea that they might be at risk for HIV."

Regular women are at risk. HIV can be classified as a sexually transmitted disease however each sexually transmitted disease is different. In the United States there are a reported 19 million cases of STD's each year.

A person can carry the HIV virus with no symptoms and not knowing they are.

"It is those people that have HIV and don't know it that they can spread it to someone else," Forsyth said.

Women who have sexual relations with an HIV partner are at greater risk of contracting it than a man having sexual relations with an HIV partner. Women are 10 times higher than a man to get HIV.

"There are 20,000 in Michigan that have HIV and only 2,000 are in care for HIV," Forsyth said. Those who are in care have a viral load which is also known as undetectable. Undetectable people are those who are on medication and are healthy and if they were to provide a blood sample, the HIV virus would be low and can't be detected. Their chances of passing it down to someone are much lower.

Forsyth stated that one third of the remaining 18,000

people do not know they have it and another one third know that they have it and had gotten an HIV test done but have not done anything about it.

The art of science has advanced in many ways dealing with medicines including anti-retroviral drugs which help with someone with HIV.

"These drugs all inhibit and block HIV in a different way when it comes time to use your body," Forsyth said. "We can have someone with an undetectable viral load in three months. If a person is tested and finds out that they have the virus, in three months with the medications they can be healthy. These medications will help them live longer and their partners live longer because they will not spread the disease."

In the state of Michigan, all pregnant women need to be tested for HIV twice; once in the beginning of the pregnancy and once at 26 weeks. If a mother finds out she is HIV positive she can be given medication that will not hurt her unborn child and the unborn child will not have HIV.

"If the doctors don't know that the mother has HIV and delivers the baby and breast-feeds, the risk of the baby getting it is 30 percent," Forsyth said. "Pregnant women need to



Mary Rose Forsyth stressed about preventing the HIV virus in women and recommends sharing information to those out in the community about it. Getting an HIV test is one step closer in helping decrease the fatal virus.

make sure to have an HIV test so we can stop it from being passed to the baby."

Elaine Schuster from the Bay Mills Tribe, BA at MATEC Michigan and a Minority Outreach Speaker at Wayne State University School of Medicine, talked about Coordinating Community HIV/AIDS Awareness, Prevention and Treatment.

In her presentation she explained that in Native American and Alaskan Native communities the risks for HIV are greater.

Information obtained from MATEC Michigan & Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan showed that there are elevated rates of STD's in the Native

American and Alaskan Native communities. STD's such as Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia are the second highest and Syphilis is the third. Substance usage of alcohol, tobacco and drugs can trigger the risk. Compared to the other HIV positive races, Native Americans are younger, more rural, have the higher ratio of HIV to AIDS, higher proportion of women and there is higher alcohol and drug use.

Recent transmission of HIV among Native Americans and Alaskan Natives showed that these groups have a 30 percent higher rate of AIDS and HIV infection compared to the Caucasian population and that men from these groups have a 50 percent higher AIDS rate compared to Caucasian men.

In 2010, Native Americans and Alaskan Native women were three times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV infection compared to the Caucasian women population.

It is important to get an HIV test done. Not only will it help decrease the spread of the virus it will also allow the individual to get treated with the right medication. HIV tests do not hurt and it is confidential. Call Nimkee Public Health at **989-775-4600** to schedule a test.



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Home Owner Tips

When taking on renovations, remodeling projects, or repairs; here are a few things you should know.

1. Always get it in writing, verbal promises are not legally binding. Always get a revised contract when changes are made to the original agreement.
2. Only pay for work that is completed and only pay for materials when they are delivered. Reputable longstanding companies will have thirty days credit for materials and don't need money up front. For large projects establishing an escrow account provides funding transparency.
3. Always read the contract first and sign later. Take as much time as you need to read through the contract and don't sign it unless you fully understand what you are agreeing to.
4. Know where the main cut off valves and switches are for the plumbing and know how to shut them off.
5. Unless you initiate the call don't buy anything over the phone.
6. Always shred your discarded mail and don't leave mail in an unlocked mailbox
7. It's never a good idea to purchase an extended warranty. Do the math, in most cases you'll end up spending more than the repairs would cost.
8. Always get more than one opinion or estimate on furnace, air conditioning or water heater replacement.
9. Always buy, don't lease, a home security system. Leasing locks you into monitoring agreements and penalties for two to three years if you break the agreement. Insist on equipment that is standard, not locked out to other security companies.
10. Beware of door to door deals. Once you spend money with them you will never get rid of them.

Information taken from Frontier Communications Moving Guide pg. 5

I Have a Budget, Now What

GAYLE RUHL

Contributing Writer

The following article is provided to assist elders, members and the community on ways to increase financial success. In a December meeting with Tribal Council the Elder Advisory Board expressed concerns for elder members who have come across financial difficulties. An outcome from that meeting is to provide financial information and tips through articles and workshops.

Last month's article dealt with budgeting expenses for both necessary items and items that are just fun to have. Now that we have figured out how much money comes in and how much money goes out, what do we do next?

Well the most obvious answer is follow the budget and do not overspend. This is much easier said than done. So how do you stay within

that budget? Here are a few hints; have a positive attitude, stay motivated, keep realistic expectations and use cash.

It is difficult to keep to a budget when you view the process as a negative. To keep a more positive attitude think of the rewards or goals you are trying to reach. Is it a family vacation, a new car or a concert? Reminding yourself of what you are trying to accomplish will keep your spending on task. This will also help keep you motivated along with a few other habits to stay motivated.

Just like learning something new takes time staying motivated to maintain a budget takes time. Ways to keep you motivated are looking at the small rewards, did you make an extra car payment and have it paid off early or avoided the high priced latte for a week? Reward yourself. Rewards are ways to stay focused. Without a reward once in a while we would not

keep working so hard. Those incentives you create for yourself will become infectious and you may find yourself reaching other financial goals sooner.

Keep your expectation realistic. Many times we aim just a little too high. Who hasn't wanted to lose 20 pounds in one month or stop smoking after the New Year only to find the task harder to accomplish than believed. Make your financial goals realistic but challenging enough to feel a sense of accomplishment. Start off with smaller goals and shorter timeframes.

Lastly, try to use cash only. Using a credit or debit card for purchases can lead to overspending beyond your budget. Debit and credit card companies want you to use cards so they can make more money, money that comes from you. The fees and interest added to your bill may seem like small amount but over time add up quickly.

February Andahwod Employee of the Month

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

Jason Casner, was named February Employee of the Month. Jason has worked for Andahwod in the Support Services area as a Maintenance worker. Prior to coming to work at Andahwod,

Jason worked 17 years at the Casino as a Dealer, Pit Boss, Supervisor and Manager. Jason enjoys helping all of the elders at Andahwod and out in the community.

Jason likes to hang out with his wife, Laurie. He likes going to the movies and playing pool at the local "Eagles Club."



Jason Casner

APRIL 2013 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Willard Chapoton III
David James
Carla Sineway | 15 Laurie Jackson
Marietta Stanley |
| 2 Mike Frank | 16 Debra Stevens
Russell Stevens |
| 3 Peggy Harris
Sharon Matthews
Robert Sharon
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| 4 Nathan Childers
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Pamela Mingus
Donald Weaver Jr. | 18 Zilda Jackson |
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Barbara Poulos
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Roberto Martinez | 21 Raymond Cloutier
Theron Fisher |
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Importance of Exercise for Older Adults

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Doctors describe older adults as anyone ten or more years older than themselves. For purpose of this article we will describe older adults as anyone over 65 years of age.

Physical activity is the motions associated with daily living and the bio-chemical actions of life while at rest. Exercise is the activity that exceeds the usual motions and bio-chemical actions associated with a resting state.

Exercise is associated with many positive health outcomes. Persons that exercise have a reduced risk of all-cause mortality, reduces adverse lipid markers, reduces blood pressure, and improves blood sugar control. Other benefits include improved mobility and flexibility, reduced risk of falls, and improved mental health.

The American Heart Association and the American College of Sports Medicine recommend four areas of exercise for people over 65 years of age and for people over 50 years of age with limited mobility due to a chronic illness such as osteoarthritis. The four areas are: aerobic exercise, muscle strengthening, flexibility, and balance.

Aerobic exercises should be performed for a minimum of 10 minutes and should include the use of large muscle groups. Suggested exercises include brisk walking, biking, golfing with no cart, swimming, treadmills, and stationary bikes. Duration depends on a person's general health. The American Heart Association recommends 30 minutes of exercise five days a week.

Muscle strengthening includes weight lifting, and resistance exercises using elastic bands. Flexibility can be improved by activities such as yoga, calf stretching and shoulder stretching. Balance exercises include things like tai chi and heel to toe walking.

Aerobic exercises, muscle strengthening, flexibility, and balance training can be done in the home. The exercises should be done at a regular time so as to be part of a person's daily routine.

The benefits of these four modalities are dose related. That is, the more you do the more benefit you receive. Increasing the amount of exertion should occur in small steps. The advantages of aerobic exercises, muscle strengthening, flexibility, and balance training extend to people with all types of health issues.

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i. Overview of the benefits and risks of exercise. From *Up To Date*, December 12, 2012

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Basketball hoop at Trader's Blanket Gift Shop! Win a candy bar or coupon, 10am-close. Jewels the Clown, waterpark lobby, 6-9pm, **FREE**

April 7

Basketball hoop at Trader's Blanket Gift Shop! Win a candy bar or coupon, 10am-close. Face painting, waterpark lobby, 9-11am. Watch March Madness in Nbakade Lounge. **FREE**

April 19

Acoustic set by Ben Schuller, Nbakade restaurant, 7-11pm

April 22

Celebrate Gizi's birthday at the Trader's Blanket Gift Shop with 25% off select items and cupcakes at check-in. Celebrate Earth Day with a free pinetree at check-in (while supplies last).

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APRIL 2013 EVENT PLANNER

Elder Easter Egg Hunt

April 1 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302

Andahwod Dinner Buffets

April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300

Elder's Breakfast

April 10, 24 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302

Bingo with Friends

April 17 | 1 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302

Birthday Bingo - Bring a Dish

April 27 | Noon
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302

The Art of Block Prints Youth Workshop

April 1, 2, 4, 5 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4744
Students will make corn husk dolls, drums, hide drawings, a beaded pouch, and a puppet show
Pre-registration is required, 30 spots available.

The Art of Block Prints Adult Workshop

April 2, 4, 5 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4744
\$35 materials fee
Pre-registration is required, 25 spots available.

Fit Mama & Baby Class

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Location: Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

Daughters of Tradition I

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

Daughters of Tradition II

April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

Spring Day Camp 2013

April 3 | Drop off: 7:45 a.m. Pick Up: 4:45 p.m.
Drop off Pick up at Tribal Gym
Mystic Lake YMCA Camp - Lake, MI

Introduction to Stone Sculpting Class

April 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Elijah Elk Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4780
Only ten spaces available, first come first serve.

Girls on the Run of Central Michigan

April 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: SCIT Behavioral Health
Contact: M. Heintzelman 989-817-6068

Great Lakes Native Quilting

March 9 - August 3 | Changing Exhibit
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4750

Anishinabe Performance Circle Class

April 9, 16, 23, 30 | Jr. Class 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sr. Class 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4750

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Social

April 10, 24 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4386

Fitness Support Group

April 11, 25 | Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

Spring Feast

April 12 | 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation
Guest speaker will be Bucko Teeple

Behavioral Health Family Movie Night

April 17 | 7 p.m.
Location: Tribal Gym
Contact: C. Gonzalez 989-775-4386

Housing Financial Workshop

April 18 | Noon
Location: Housing Conference Room
Lunch included
Contact: 989-775-4595

Baby Moccasins with Elders

April 19 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4302

Daughters of Tradition Sleepover

April 20 | Sat 4 p.m. - Sun 11 a.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: Mary 989-775-4850

Grandmother Moon Ceremony

April 25 | 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Waywaybinigay Bundle making at 4pm



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | APRIL 2013



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
1 Tribal Operations Closed Womens Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	2 Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	3 Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	5 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	6 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 7 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



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Tribal Operations

Cook Part-Time

Head Start Montessori. Open to the public. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent and previous experience with quantity food preparation and service. Must pass a criminal background investigation. Position Summary: To prepare a nutritional menu that meets required guidelines for Saginaw Chippewa Academy student's meal program. Job Responsibilities Works with nutritionist to see that all menus meet required guidelines. Plans and directs the preparation and serving of all food. Other duties as assigned by Supervisor.

Tribal Observer Managing Editor

Open to the public. Bachelor degree in journalism/public relations required and previous supervisory experience required. Must be competent with a myriad of computer programs, including Microsoft Office and Adobe programs including but not limited to Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator. Photography experience a must. Must be willing to work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Strong language and communication skills along with high degree of accuracy in spelling, grammar, and punctuation is required. Must work well under pressure and adhere to strict deadlines. The Tribal Observer Managing Editor publishes the Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer Manager also supervises the staff and implements the budget.

Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. The Office Clerk will provide clerical support to the Legal Department. This is an entry-level position. Perform routine clerical tasks including photocopying, filing, closing files, faxing, and running errands and providing general office support. Assist with scanning documents and preparing files for archiving. Strict adherence to Office policy on confidentiality is required. Other duties as assigned. Primary contacts will be with members of the Legal Department. Limited contact with Tribal Court personnel and personnel from other departments.

Support Services Tech 1

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or fouryear IT related degree This position is expected to interface daily with managers, supervisors and end users within

the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Government Operations and Business Enterprises as well as third party technical support, engineers, consultants, and analysts. Contacts made by this position, both internal and external of the tribe, are primarily for problem solving, technical support, and updates to applications/hardware/warranties.

Domestic Violence Case Manager

Open to the public. A minimum of Bachelors level in social work, or human service related field. Must have a valid unrestricted Michigan driver's license required. Previous experience in the domestic violence field highly desired. Working knowledge of domestic violence and crisis intervention. Knowledge of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community and its relation to the Three-Fires strongly encouraged. Must have an interest to increase knowledge in the domestic violence field. This position is responsible for case management to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Education Director

Open to the public. MA in Education Business, or related field. Basic knowledge of Indian Education Programs. Previous experience in education. Plans, develops, and administers programs to provide educational opportunities for Native American students. Prepares budget and determines allocation of funds for staff, education programs, supplies, and equipment. Analyzes data and participates in group discussions to evaluate curriculums, teaching methods, and community participation in educational programs. Acts as the agent of the Tribal Board of Education. Oversees and monitors the development and performance of all Tribal Education Programs. Ensures the implementation of Tribal Education programs and policies in accordance with Tribal Board of Education directives and compliance with appropriate State and Federal rules and regulations regarding grants and contracts. Department staff. All other duties as assigned by the Tribal Board of Education.

Physician's Assistant/ Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family Nurse Practitioners require State of Michigan licensure and certification as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Michigan. Master of Science Degree in Nursing is required. Physician Assistant will have graduated from an approved program of study and have successfully completed the testing required to be certified. Both should have experience in an outpatient/clinic setting. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Provide quality, compre-

hensive care to patients under the clinical supervision and in collaboration with the Tribal Physicians, Internal Medicine Consultant, Pediatrician, and Family Nurse Practitioner.

Social Services Support Tech

Open to the public. Must have an Associates Degree or 2 years of college. Must possess good oral and writing skills. Experience in human services is helpful, but not required. Must have knowledge of or experience with Native American communities. Must have reliable transportation. Must successfully pass a criminal history background check. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Law. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. Assists tribal community families to access services and programs to strengthen the family and assist ACFS in providing services that promote safety and well being.

Chief Judge

Open to the public. Pursuant to Title I, Chapter 1.5 of the Tribal Code the minimum qualifications are as follows: twenty-five years of age or older; has not been convicted of a misdemeanor type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense; is of good moral character and integrity; has graduated from an accredited law school and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or is licensed to practice law in another state. 10+ years of experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience, and a demonstrated interest in working with an Indian Tribe. The successful candidate should have high ethical standards and strong references. This position is in an office/courtroom environment which requires normal everyday safety precautions. However, in some situations, additional safety precautions may be required.

Physician Full Time

Open to the public. Must be a M.D. or a D.O. licensed by the State of Michigan/ or be eligible to become licensed. Must maintain Michigan Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance License and Federal Controlled Substance Registration through the US Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Must maintain up to date Board Certification, or be grandfathered to allow SCIT to bill 3rd party payers. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Applicants not licensed by the State of Michigan prior to interview will be required to obtain licensure by the State of Michigan before date of hire. Direct contact with patients and families to provide care.

Casino

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 fifteen (15) years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and Indian gaming property experience preferred. Under the direction of Tribal Council this position is responsible for complex Administrative activities related to finances and accounting, marketing and promotions, resort operations, staffing, and other activities to support the business operations. This position will manage and direct the organization towards its primary objectives, based on profit and return on capital, by performing the following duties personally or through subordinate managers.

Food & Beverage Cashier Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Some cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred. Must be able to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner. Must be able to operate a cash register and calculator. Must have basic math skills and pass a written math/MICROS test with 80% accuracy. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Gaming License. Native American preferred. Provide guests with quality customer service. Will use the MICROS system to close all sales and where appropriate register the sale. Will be responsible to accept all forms of payment register it correctly and return correct change.

Bartender Casino Beverage Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Must be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred. Assures guests of the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort have a "Four Diamond" experience, while following all alcohol service standards, policies and procedures set by SECR. Must possess knowledge of the proper service of Liquor, Beer and Wine. Must possess the ability to operate the MICROS POS system.

Guest Room Attendant Part-Time

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

follow simple written and verbal instruction, and be willing to accomplish repetitive tasks. Must be able to lift up to thirty pounds. Must be able to bend, twist, squat and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Qualified applicants should possess a friendly and outgoing personality, enjoy dealing with and be willing to provide a positive experience to the hotel guests, fellow associates and visitors. Must be able to obtain and maintain a service license. Responsible for cleaning guestrooms and suites in accordance with the hotel policies and procedures. Works to ensure all guests needs are properly handled in a friendly and professional manner.

Housekeeper Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have High School Diploma or equivalent. No previous experience required. Must be able to follow simple written and verbal instruction, and be willing to accomplish repetitive tasks. Must be able to bend, twist and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Excellent customer service skills a must. Must be able to stand for long periods of time and lift/move up to 10 pounds. Performs cleaning duties for the casino whereby results are achieved with the objectives, performance and quality standards established by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Waitstaff Level I Diner Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred. To order and serve food and refreshments to patrons. Remove trays or waste in a serving area, maintain and follow sanitation requirements. Clean and stock service station or work area. Communicate effectively with Shift Supervisor, co-workers, and general public. To promote and sell products and the amenities of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Other duties as assigned.

Steward Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional "people" skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism. Native American preferred. Assure that the highest standards of cleanliness are maintained for our Guests and associates. Washing of dishes, glasses, pots, pans, etc.

Keeping all dishwashing areas cleaned and stocked. Maintain all equipment in an as new condition. Understanding of chemicals and usage. Keeping all items stored properly and at par levels. Complete all work in a timely and efficient manner. Keep all kitchen areas clean and supplied. Assist banquets in the set-up of events. Understanding the B.E.O. sheets and having them pulled. Polishing of all silver in all areas. Will have to remove trash and recyclable items from the kitchen areas. Must be professional in your approach to our Guests and associates. Support team dynamics on the job. All other duties as assigned.

Transit Driver Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40 vision in each eye with or without corrective lenses. Transport patrons of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to and from both casinos, Mount Pleasant Airport, Tribal Campgrounds and any other locations deemed necessary. Provide transportation service for entertainers, and tribal entities as required and approved by management.

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Diversity Student

Internship (Part-Time)
Operates under supervision of the County Administrator with guidance of the Isabella County Human Rights Commission. Bachelor's Degree in Human Services, Behavioral Sciences or related area. Two years of Advocacy, marketing, and/or publications experience. Grant writing experience preferred. Current enrollment in a graduate program required. One graduate-level class tuition paid for one academic year. **Application Deadline: April 19, 2013.** To be considered you must submit a cover letter, resume, and application. An application form and job description can be found at www.isabellacounty.org or at the address above. **Applications may be mailed, faxed, hand delivered or emailed to Administration.**

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Beautiful Quilts Travel to Ziibiwing in the Great Lakes Native Quilting Exhibition

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Beautifully crafted quilts hang on the walls of the Ziibiwing Cultural Center's Changing Exhibit Room.

Each one with numerous different colors and different patterns tells a story within itself.

Michigan State University Museum's Great Lakes Native Quilting Traveling Exhibition debuted at the Ziibiwing Center on Saturday, Mar 9.

The changing exhibit can be viewed from Mar. 9 through Aug. 3.

This exhibit is the first to be devoted to North American Indian quilting in the Great Lakes Region. Marsha MacDowell, Curator of Folk Arts at MSU organized the exhibit. The traveling exhibit celebrates the history and the diversity of the native quilt making and also gives tribute to the quilts made by the Oneida, Odawa, Potawatomi, Ojibwa, and Mohawk quilt makers.

The quilting exhibit at the Ziibiwing Center is implemented under the 2012-2013 goals and objectives that the museum has and falls under the strategic theme of Ensuring

Organizational Sustainability and Cultural Education Program Development.

By having the exhibit at Ziibiwing, the works of the Great Lakes Anishinabek are displayed and also allows the artistic expressions of the people to continue.

There are many events going on at the Ziibiwing dealing with quilting.

The community can also get involved from Mar. 12 through Aug. 1 on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the In Stitches

Quilting Group as they will be creating a Honoring, Healing & Remembering Commemorative Quilt & Student Memorial Quilt in memory of the former students that attended the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.

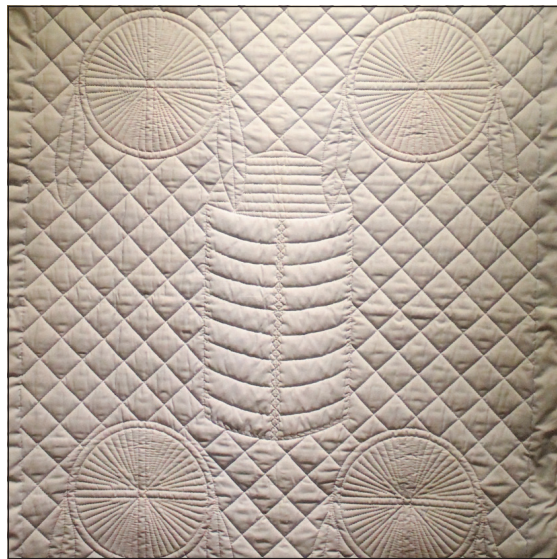
From May 18 to May 25 the In Stitches Quilting Group will also have an exhibit with selected quilts from the Ziibiwing Collection.

For more information about upcoming events make sure to check out www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing.



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Indian Headdress Quilt, ca. 1990, Rita Corbiere (Ojibwe), Alice Fox (Ojibwe), and Rita Fairbanks (White Earth Chippewa), Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada.



Untitled, ca. 1990, Donald Truedau Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada.



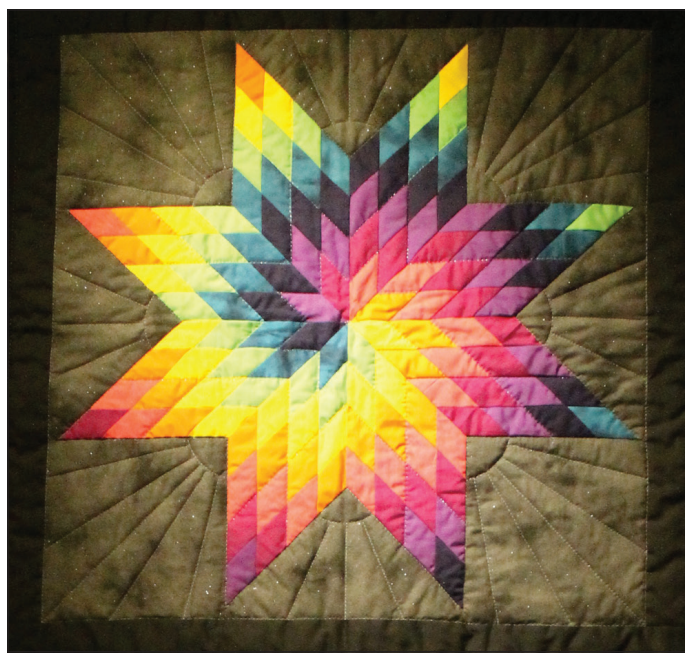
Stars from Hollie, ca. 1999, Chris Haraburda (Chippewa/Shawnee) Grand Rapids, Michigan.



Indian Quilt, ca.1912, Mrs. Ogahmahgededo (Odawa), Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.



Morning Star Quilt, ca. 1990, Rita Fairbanks (White Earth Chippewa) Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.



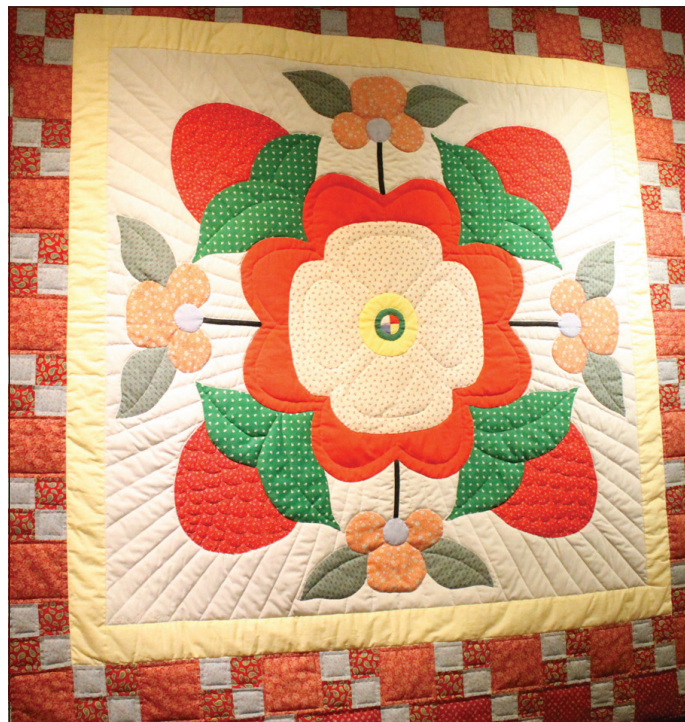
Star Baby Quilt, ca. 1998, Paula White (Chippewa), Bena, Minnesota.



Turtle has an Umbrella, ca. 1960-70, Agnes Shawanessi, (Odawa) Harbor Springs, Michigan.



The Crane and the Turtle, ca.1999, Joan Clark (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa), Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.



Strawberries and Flowers, ca. 1991, Alice Olsen Williams (Anishnaabe), Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.



Thunderbird Block Quilt, ca. 1985, Alice Fox (Ojibwe), Rita Corbiere (Ojibwe) and Floyd Fox (Ojibwe), Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.