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SCIT Buries 11 Ancestors Back to Mother Earth

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

& CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

Smoke from the sacred fire inside of the repatriation lodge escaped into the air as droplets of rain fell from the sky. Inside of the lodge sheltered 75 attendees and the 11 ancestors inside five handmade cedar boxes to be returned to Mother Earth on Friday, May 17.

During the 90-minute ceremony in both Ojibwe and English, many had mournful feelings as the remains of these ancestors were disturbed and unearthed.

The final resting place was at the Nibokaan Cemetery on the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation.

Shannon Martin, director at Ziiibiwing Cultural Center, William Johnson, curator at Ziiibiwing Center, Ruby MeShawboose, SCIT Tribal Member and Charmaine Shawana, SCIT Tribal Council Member traveled to Lincoln, Neb. on Wednesday, May 15 to retrieve two ancestors and 27 funerary objects.

The ancestors were believed to be two children, one to two

years old and six to ten years old. In 1883, the two ancestors were removed from an undisclosed site in Midland, Mich. Since 1894 the University of Nebraska State Museum had the control over the remains.

"We drove straight through to get to Lincoln," Martin said. "Going and getting these ancestors is exhilarating and sad. It's a mix of emotions that you are going out to retrieve your people that should have never been pulled up from the Earth. It is a little comforting to know that there are many of us in tribes all over that are doing this work and doing it together."

The group also traveled to Lansing, Mich. on the morning of Friday, May 17, to retrieve the nine ancestral remains and more than 202 associated funerary objects from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The nine individuals were removed from a site in Oscoda Township in Iosco County, Mich. in May 2012. The ancestors and their funerary objects date to the 1820s and 1850s.

"Michigan Department of Transportation has been amazingly kind and respectful in assisting us as we repatriate our ancestors from Oscoda,



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

The eleven ancestors being carried into their final resting place in the five handmade cedar boxes.

Mich.," Johnson said. "It is our solemn duty as Anishnabek to never forget our ancestors."

Returning ancestors and their funerary objects back home to Mother Earth is very important and regardless of the numbers, it is a proud moment.

"It feels historic, celebratory and we are full of pride," Martin said. "We are happy to bring those ancestors back and even if its funerary objects, we are happy to bring them home and bury them into the ground. It is not about numbers, it is about continuing to work daily on getting who we can home regardless of the collection."

As the ceremony was finished, members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warriors Society assisted with carrying the remains to their final resting place. Funerary objects were

also buried with the remains. After the reburial ceremony, a traditional feast was held at the Ziiibiwing Center.

Last October, SCIT repatriated the ancestral remains of 124 individuals held at University of Michigan. Ziiibiwing Center was able to retrieve those 124 ancestral remains in 39 boxes. Inside the 39 boxes, there were a total of 9,360 smaller boxes with 103,801 bone fragments inside of the boxes.

The Nibokaan Cemetery was established in 1995 as the final resting place for repatriated ancestors. SCIT and the Michigan Anishinabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance have submitted 19 requests to retrieve the remains of more than 2,200 individuals from areas from all over the nation.

Tribal Council Amends the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Per Capita Plan To Take A Hard Stance Against Crime

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On May 2, the Tribal Council passed an amendment to the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan "Per Cap Plan" that will render Tribal members ineligible for per capita payments if they are convicted of certain crimes. The amended Per Cap Plan will be effective on June 1, 2013 and requires approval of the Secretary of Interior.

The Per Cap Plan amendment stops per capita payments to Tribal members for life if they are convicted of the following particularly violent crimes:

- **Murder, including conspiracy to commit murder and solicitation to commit murder**

- **Kidnapping**
- **Assault with intent to commit murder**
- **Any sexual crime with a maximum term of imprisonment greater than three years**
- **And any sexual crime under the Tribe's Code that is equivalent to a felony under Michigan law**

Under the amended Plan, a first time conviction of any of the above crimes will result in life time ineligibility of per capita payments.

The modified Per Cap Plan also stops per capita payments to Tribal members convicted of other serious crimes listed in the amended plan for a period of five years upon the third or subsequent conviction of the crime. A list of those crimes can be found in the approved amendment to the Plan.

Retroactive Per Capita Payments will not be paid under any circumstances. If the conviction of any member is overturned, or the five year period expires for a member who was ineligible to receive Per Capita Payments, that member has the responsibility to file a "Reinstatement Application." The application is submitted for consideration to the Tribal Clerk's Office.

The amended Plan provides that decisions by the Tribe to stop per capita payments or to deny a request for reinstatement of payments may be appealed to the Tribal Court.

According to Tribal Chief Kequom, "The amendment to the Plan is needed to create an incentive to Tribal members not to engage in criminal activities and to stop other criminal elements that influence or prey on Tribal members. The Tribal Council is

serious about reducing crime and criminal influences in our community. The vast majority of Tribal members are good upstanding law abiding citizens and Council appreciates the support it has received for the Per Cap amendment. The Council believes the amended Plan will protect those law abiding members by creating an incentive for all members to act within the bounds of the law."

Under federal law, an amendment to a tribal Per Capita Plan must be reviewed and approved by the Secretary of Interior. The Tribe's newly amended Plan has been forwarded to the Secretary of Interior for review and approval.

Tribal Resolution No. 13-085 approving and identifying the amendment to the Per Capita Plan may be viewed on the Tribe's website or at the Tribal Clerk's Office.



Richard Lee Gage

Feb. 18, 1931 - April 29, 2013

Richard Lee Gage, 82, of Manistee, Mich. Died Monday morning, April 29, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.



He was born Feb. 18, 1931, in Caro, son of the late Nelson and Alice (Stader) Gage-Barton. He was a 1948 graduate of Caro High School. Rich served our country in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper of the 187 Airborne Regt. from June 29, 1948 until his honorable discharge as a corporal on April 10, 1952.

After his military discharge, Rich took various college courses at Bay City Junior College. He was employed as an iron worker and a member of the Ironworkers Local 340 of Battle Creek. Rich married Dorothy Weis on April 1, 1953 in Angola, Indiana. She preceded him in death October 15, 1983. Richard later married Geraldine (Grabowski) Bernier on August 10, 1958 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. They celebrated more than 28 years of marriage together.

Rich had an interest in fly fishing and making his own flies, complete with catch and release. He also had an interest in painting and reading. When he had nothing to read, the encyclopedia was his favorite tool on any subject. Richards is survived by his wife, Geraldine, of Manistee, Mich.; two daughters, Sally Gage of St. Petersburg Fla. and Susan Gage of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; one brother and sister-in-law, Jewel Barton of Bethania, N.C. He also was survived by friends Robert Scott (Anita) Joslin of Hendersonville, Tenn., Frank Chamberlain from Ootewok, Tenn. and David (Julie) Silvermail of Vancouver, Wash. Locally his very good friends included Robert (Nancy) Coates, Delores Van Meter, Rich (Pat) Pepera, Larry (Donna) Recter, Gene (Nancy) Dumas, Walter (Ethel) Plouhar, Terry Nauta, Duane Davis, Jim Nauta, Babylas (Linda) Bourdages and members of the Ironworkers Local 340. Six brothers-in-law and two sisters-in-law, Phil, Roger, James and Cathy, Casimer, Robert and Maryann and Joseph Grabowski also survive him. Numerous nieces and nephews, whom Rich helped through the years, by putting them through college and buying cars and tires – many, many tires – also, survive him. When the young family members needed a loan, “Uncle Dick” was so kind and generous to always be available with his wallet wide open, never asking for repayment. Numerous cousins also survived him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Barton and one sister, Mary Fink.

Visitation and a time of remembrance was held on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where Richard's friends offered a short eulogy. A continued time of fellowship took place at the Bungalow Inn, also in Manistee, immediately following the visitation. According to Richard's wishes, cremation followed.

In Memory of James Garland Stinson

You were telling us it was getting close but we just couldn't believe this was happening. God is only the one who knew. There is not one night or day you haven't been thought about, days you were needed, if love could kept you here you wouldn't be gone, you broke our hearts leaving, but you're still here with us in thought remembering all the things you done. Singing still lingers on... "I love my baby my baby loves me..." the song goes on, "...now every second every minute every hour of the day I die..." is sung to you now. Where did a year go?

Love your baby (wife), Bonnie Glee, daughter Lanette Zaleski, and others.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe At-Large and Saganing Outreach Program

At-Large Case Managers
Outreach Luncheon and Workshop
June 6, 2013 | 11:30—2:00 Saganing Community Building

- 11:30 Sign in and Welcome
- 12:00 Luncheon
- 12:30 Presentation
More Medicare and Social Security News
- 1:30 Question and Answer Session
- 2:00 Evaluations and thank you.

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Arnold “Jack” John Sowmick II

Feb. 26, 1965 - April 30, 2013

Arnold “Jack” John Sowmick II, 48, of Farwell, Mich. passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Midland. Funeral services for Jack were held at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Gymnasium on Monday, May 6, 2013 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery. The family received friends at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Sunday, May 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. with a Prayer Service going from 6 to 8 p.m.



Jack was born on Feb. 26, 1965 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Arnold and Margaret (Chamberlain) Sowmick. Jack was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was a 1983 graduate of MPHS. Jack worked at the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center of over 10 years. He also spent much of his time volunteering at the Eagles and Moose Lodges in Clare and the American Legion in Farwell, all of which he was a member. He was also a former member of the Mt. Pleasant Bowling Association, Pleasant Hills Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant and the Eagle's Glen Golf Course in Farwell. Jack was a U of M fan and enjoyed playing golf, darts, fishing, rollerskating and singing karaoke.

Jack is survived by his significant other, Kerry Byberg of Farwell and her mother, Pam Byberg of Mt. Pleasant; children, Jessica, Arnold III, Michael and Pa'ge Sowmick, all of Mt. Pleasant; former wife, Theresa Zuker of Mt. Pleasant; siblings, Sonja (Andrew), Joseph (Sue), Steven (Kelly), David (Navene) and Eric Sowmick, all of Mt. Pleasant; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Jack was preceded in death by his parents.

A Sacred Fire was available for the community at the Behavioral Health Lodge starting at sundown on Thursday, May 2. Per Jack's wishes, visitors showed their Michigan pride by wearing Maize and Blue or golf apparel to his services.

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

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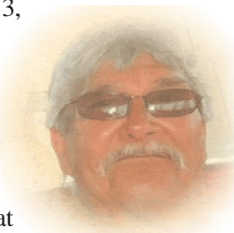
For More Information Contact MSU's Native American Institute at

517-353-6632 or visit www.nai.msu.edu

Thomas DeMoines

Dec. 4, 1953 - April 23, 2013

Thomas DeMoines, 59, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Apr. 23, 2013, at his residence, with his family by his side. His showing was on Friday, Apr. 26, at Lux Family Life Story Funeral Home, 2300 S. Lincoln Road. Cremation followed and a Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Apr. 27, at the funeral home with Pastor Jeremy Selvidge of First Church of the Nazarene officiating. His ashes were interred at Memorial Gardens Cemetery followed by a luncheon back at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Woodland Hospice.



Thomas is survived by his daughter, Heather DeMoines of Mt. Pleasant; two grandchildren, Malakai Thomas and Brihanna Rose; three siblings, David DeMoines of Alma, Doyleene (Larry) Smith of Shepherd and Daryle (Eva) Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; his special friend, Rocky DeVries; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard DeMoines. To sign the online guest book or send a condolence to the family please visit www.LuxFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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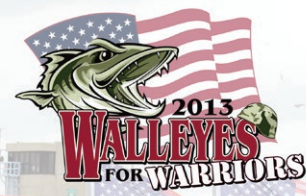


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Community Input Will Be Needed for New Education, Parks and Recreation and Anishinabe Language Facility

BONNIE EDKAHL
Contributing Writer

The Tribal Council selected me as the Project Coordinator for the Education, Parks and Recreation and Anishinabe Language facility. This marks another step forward in making a much needed facility a reality for the community.

As this next phase begins, it is important to acknowledge the hours and commitment previous community members and directors have given to this effort. Many of the documents created by them will become important foundational planning pieces to carry this project forward. Chi

Miigwech for the hard work and helpful information they created.

An essential part of the work will be to review previous information and confirm community interest and ideas. We will do this in a variety of ways, so don't be surprised if you get a call from me asking you to share your opinion about the project and educational goals you have for yourself, your children and the community. In order for this to be community centered we need to hear from you.

My new office is located in the Anishinabemdaa Center also known as the portable next to the old youth center in the old trailer park. I can be contacted at **989-775-4551**.

CMU Annual Surplus Auction is Open to Public

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

Looking for good deals? The Central Michigan University annual surplus sale will be going on June 29 starting at 9 a.m. SCIT has partnered with CMU for the last two surplus auctions. The Tribe auctions equipment that is no longer needed but may be valuable to others for both environmental and financial reasons.

"The partnership with CMU lowers the cost to the Tribe compared to the prior auctions that the Tribe had in the past," said David Charles, Director of SCIT Purchasing. "At the same time, since the CMU auction attracts more people, we also tend to get a better price"

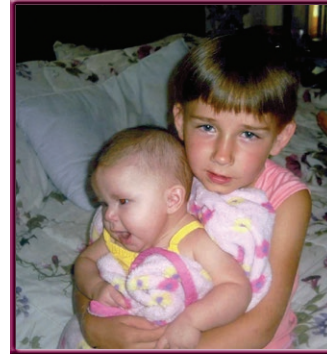
For more information about the CMU surplus sale go to www.cmich.edu. From the main page type in surplus sale in the search box and it will take you to the information about the surplus sale. David Charles can also be contacted through his email at dcharles@sagchip.org.



Aleighb Owl and Marcell Schocko

Welcome

Their beautiful daughter
Kaya Roseanne Owl
on April 17, 2013



Happy Birthday

Chloe

Love, Daddy



Happy Birthday

Bobby

We Love You



Happy 98th Birthday

To you "mom"

Your family sends you love with hugs and kisses. Please wish Mary a happy birthday at Mary Zilz 207 W. Sturgis St. St. Johns, MI 48879.



Happy Birthday Girls

June 2,

Love from all of us



Happy 6th Birthday

Journey

Rae-Cecelia Mena
June 17th

Aunt Frances and Aunt Amanda think about you everyday!



Congratulations

Felicia Otto

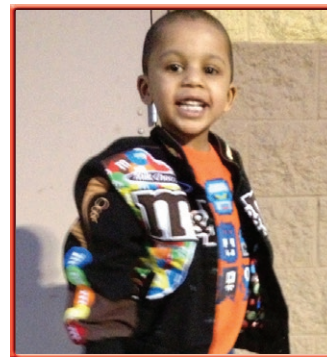
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Happy Birthday Vulture

From Your Feathered Friends



Happy 5th Birthday

Erius Daniel Mena

June 5th

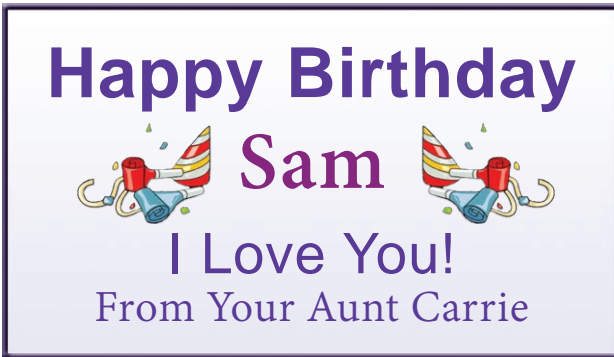
Aunt Frances and Aunt Amanda think about you everyday!



Happy Birthday Gracelynn

From

Mom, Dad, Kendra & Grandpa



Happy Birthday Sam



I Love You!

From Your Aunt Carrie



Happy Birthday Waba!

Waba!

Love, Grandma Rachel



Happy Birthday!

Leslie Ana McCoy

June 13, 2006

Love: Grandpa, Grandma, & Sis



Happy Birthday

Grandma Bea!

Love, Gabriel

Delores Jackson

We love you. You loved, cared so deeply for your Family. You loved, cared for us your Friends. You remain in our hearts. Memories Forever!

We Miss You!



Happy Birthday MacKenzie

MacKenzie

Love, Mom



Congratulations to My Daughter Marcella Garcia

On your graduation from High School. You have grown into such a beautiful young lady and I am very proud of you! My blessings go with you as you face new and exciting challenges. I love you, Mom & Brian



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Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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



2013 Earth Day Essay Contest Winners

JESSICA DEVERNEY-MCLAUGHLIN

Contributing Writer

(Editor's Note: Republished from the May 2013 issue with winners listed.) In honor of Earth Day which was Monday, April 22 the Planning Department held an essay contest. We requested to please submit essays in 500 words or less on the topic of Global Climate Change from a Cultural Perspective. Thank you to our judges: Barb Sprague, SCIT Elders Advisory Board Member; Marcella Hadden, Manager for PR and Cheryl Calhoun, Grant Consultant for SCIT Tribal College. We are happy to announce our prize winners of our contest. Now for your reading pleasure here are our award winners.

First Place, Charmaine Shawana: Our teachings tell us as Anishinabek, we are connected to the Earth; we call her our Mother Earth. The trees and grasses are her hair; the rivers are the lifeblood of all creation. We believe these things to be true, and who would doubt it when going into the woods and visiting the beautiful natural world? It brings such solace to us all.

We are connected through the spirit of all creation to be somehow one with the universe. That connection is real and its roots run deep with Anishinabek. Even if we are not aware of that connection we know that connection is there, and we acknowledge it with our morning prayers, and our increasing awareness of our Mother Earth.

As Anishinabek, we know that our connectedness to our Mother is real. As we grew up we may have seen our elders making black ash baskets, or going to pick blueberries, or strawberries. Perhaps we learned about maple syrup making or fishing with our grandparents.

These things have become part of our communal cultural heritage. We all have homemade baskets in our homes, be they sweet grass or black ash. These connections although subtle allow us that very real connection and our deep appreciation to the natural world.

Lately there has been much discussion about global warming. I have been told that in the years to come, many people will come to the Anishinabek and ask to take care of our Mother Earth. If you have noticed it is always the Anishinabek who have taken up the cause against mineral mining and fracking. Fracking is a new methodology to extract oil from the ground. In its wake, dangerous chemicals are left to drain into the ground water, which we all use to obtain our fresh drinking water. Many debates and protests are taking place with Anishinabek in the forefront.

With all the changes in the weather such as El Nino, recent droughts and even the slow reduction of the water in the Great Lakes, perhaps we should all pay attention to the needs of our Mother Earth. We all could all benefit from these teachings. Anyone can learn them, even you...

Second Place, Jason George: From what basis does Global Climate Change acquire its authority? It seems as though the notion of climate change is a hot topic that is somehow transitioning from a position of interest to a position of absolute and unquestionable standing. By unquestionable standing I mean, that the whole idea of nature and


the unity of nature as a system or as a whole are balanced and perfect. This seems to be the idea that ecologist and environmentalists base their claim to legitimacy upon on. The other claim to legitimacy is that indigenous knowledge backs their assertion and in a sense secretly exploits those cultures for their own ends.

Either way this brings us to the true notion of nature, is it in fact a system or a balanced perfect phenomenon that exists independently from us as human beings or even includes us within its sphere or aura? Let's consider another option or the alternative, which is nature, is really a series of accidents that have no meaning in the way things happen or come to be.

Before we can tackle that last sentence we have to look at a belief which is the basis of an idea. I am talking about the Temptation of Meaning. When we talk about this Temptation of Meaning, we are really saying that when terrible things happen that have no rational basis or reason, we will find one to explain and give the experience a meaning. It feels better to have a reason than to know that terrible things can just happen for no reason. An example of this would be when AIDS first appeared and conservatives proclaimed that it was God's punishment for those who live a wicked life. The rationale being that if God punishes us, we still live in a world of meaning. The Temptation of Meaning is a powerful force which tempts us to fill in the spaces of what we don't know or yet understand.

This explanation of nature is much like the Judeo-Christian Fall that there is no questioning this story, it just is. Environmentalists have used this same notion that nature is a balanced system that humans have disturbed or exploited, that we as human beings live outside of nature, that nature is trees, flowers and bees and not downtown parking lots. This is the new so called opiate of the masses, much like a cult that no one questions the premise and blindly accepts the program.

The real challenge here, not that ecology isn't important because it is, but rather who is telling us the challenges of Global Climate Change and what is in it for them? The notion that we have to return to nature cannot be the answer because evidence shows that larger catastrophes have happened on a level we cannot imagine even when we did live with the realm of nature. The real solution, if there is such a thing, lies somewhere within the trash and pollution we make not in the blind belief that nature is a perfect harmonious unity.




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c/o Tribal Observer
7070 East Broadway Road
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You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

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Kyle Shomin Signs To Mid-Michigan Community College Basketball Team

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Kyle Shomin, SCIT member and Mount Pleasant High School senior, brought out the best with basketball. Shomin, the son of Rose Shomin had an unbelievable season while attending school at MPHS.

Shomin, in his 2011-12 junior season at MPHS, averaged over 10 points per game and earned honorable mention honors in the Saginaw Valley League. His senior year proved to be the strongest yet.

He averaged 15.5 points per game, 10 rebounds, 2.5 assists, and two steals. Shomin was Class A honorable mention All-State along with his first-team All Saginaw Valley League.

May 14 marked Shomin's official day that he signed on to play at Mid-Michigan Community College. Shomin described the



Photo courtesy of Rose Shomin

Kyle's family was in attendance at the signing of his papers to play at MMCC. Kyle stated that he was excited to sign the papers and officially be a part of the MMCC team.

signing of the papers as a relief.

"I am happy I got it over and everything is now official," Shomin said. "I can finally say that I did it and say that I am going to college for basketball and didn't throw it down the drain."

MMCC was the first school that recruited Shomin and it was obvious that it was the college that he wanted to go to.

"I think this was my best route and it is only two years and I hope to transfer to a bigger four year university after the two years," Shomin said.

Rose Shomin his mother was filled with excitement and was ecstatic about her son officially signing to play with MMCC.

"I am overly blessed and happy and supportive of Kyle,"

Rose said. "I am just excited."

Rose knew that basketball was something that Kyle wanted to do since he was five years old.

"My father was the one who would drive him to practice and Kyle started out with a wooden basketball hoop that was drilled in the side of the tribal gym," Rose said. "Basketball has been his lifelong thing. He has always played on the tribal basketball team until he started in the school leagues."

Being a loving mother, Rose wants her son to focus on both his schooling and basketball. He will be working on his Sports Medicine degree.

Kevin Ricketts, SCIT Youth Coordinator has seen Kyle grow from the beginning stages of basketball to now.

"Kyle always had the tools to become a basketball player, but when he was younger I didn't truly know if he liked the game,"

Ricketts said. "His basketball talent rose to another level this year, he won the Morning Sun player of the year, honorable mention for state, first team all Saginaw Valley Conference. With all his basketball talent his heart and his character shines the brightest to me. He will always stand up for what's right, and with all the awards he has won, he has a very humble heart. He is a role model for not just the reservation but the entire Mt. Pleasant community."

There are many youth in the community that dream of playing basketball or any kind of sport and practice makes one stronger. Shomin continues his journey to a bigger future. His word of advice is to keep practicing and spend as much time as you can in the gym. You can only get better and you can only strive. There is nothing to lose and just give all you can.

Half the Sky Raises the Red Flag on Human Trafficking

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Human trafficking, a dangerous and lucrative industry is happening worldwide, nationwide and statewide.

On Apr. 14, the Honey House Book Group, Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, Hometown Health and the Chippewa River District Library hosted a screening and panel discussion of the PBS documentary, "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide."

The book with the same title, written by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, was read by the Honey House Book Group. It left many with the inspiration of wanting to raise awareness of human trafficking. The issue of human trafficking is not discussed frequently.

"Our inspiration was to get the word out about this topic

and try to figure out what people around the world are doing, specifically in North America," said the Honey Book Group member Jennifer Fields. Groups in North America were having showings of "Half the Sky".

The "Half the Sky Full of Hope Mt. Pleasant" group was founded by the members of the Honey Book Group. After reading the book in November 2012, the group was inspired to do something, by having a screening of "Half the Sky".

Screening for "Half the Sky" was shown for over an hour to the guests and focused the attention on the world of human trafficking in Cambodia.

The documentary follows a Cambodian woman by the name of Somaly Mam who was forced into prostitution at age 14. She escaped her captors who were using her as a slave and found a new life. She came

back to Cambodia as an adult to help women who are caught in the world of human trafficking. She founded the Somaly Mam Foundation that helps support anti-trafficking groups and helps women and girls who have been forced into slavery.

Following the screening of the movie there was a discussion panel. The six person discussion panel had Michigan Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, Kisten Bierlein from the Underground Railroad Inc. based in Saginaw, Mich., Jane White from the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, Kathy Bebe and Janelle Joslin from the Women's Initiative of Mt. Pleasant and Toni Davis a representative from Women's Aid Service Inc.

Human trafficking is happening even in Michigan. Michigan is ranked 13th in the



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Janelle Joslin, Kathy Bebe, Toni Davis, Sen. Judy Emmons, Jane White and Kisten Bierlein made up the panel of six that answered any questions regarding human trafficking from the audience.

country. One of the reasons that Michigan has a high rate of international trafficking is because of the close borders it shares with Canada.

Other areas in Michigan where human trafficking has the greatest movement is Mackinac Island, Port Huron, the pipeline of interstate 94 to Chicago, West Michigan and the Grand Rapids area.

"We realize that we have gaps and have not begun to address all of them," said Sen. Judy Emmons. "We are aware that

there are centers in the state that are associated with trafficking. We are going to be working as legislatures to work on solutions, but it is going to be a long process for it to be done right, and it is going to take each one of us to make a difference and bring awareness."

Donations made from the event will be distributed evenly between the Women's Initiative of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force and the Half the Sky Movement.

Soaring Eagle Casino Celebrates 33 Years of Gaming

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Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort celebrated their 33rd Gaming Anniversary on Apr. 26 with SCIT Tribal Council members along with casino associates and the general public.

As everyone gathered around the podium in front of the casino, many could not take their eyes off of the main attraction of the beautiful handcrafted four tier cake. The cake was made possible by the pastry chefs of the SECR Food and Beverage Department.

On top of the cake was a solid chocolate eagle with its wings spread and sharp talons perched on rocks. Incorporating the earthy colors, photos of powwow dancers, replicas of the canoes and the wigwam out of fondant brought the Native American culture alive on each tier.

SECR Guest Service Specialist, Tim McCullough, opened the ceremonies by welcoming and appreciating everyone who came out to help celebrate the 33 years of gaming.

He went on to tell the guests that there were a total of 17 employees that have been working at SECR for over 20 years. He introduced Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom who was the ceremonial cake cutter.

"This is our 33rd year of gaming for us," Kequom said. "We wouldn't be able to celebrate today if it wasn't for our hard-working employees and dedicated patrons. Chi miigwetch."

What better way to conclude the celebration than with a free delicious vanilla or chocolate cupcake.

During the month of April SECR had their 33 years of gaming anniversary with a slot

tournament promotion where players can earn their entry in the daily slot tournaments by earning 1000 points on their card. Top 30 players will come back each Friday for the slot showdown.



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SECR Food and Beverage Department created a spectacular cake for the 33 years of gaming celebration.

The other promotion on Saturdays in April was Cash to the Future. Players would dig up a time capsule on the promotion stage. Located on the backdrop of the stage were photos of the casino's gaming history. The idea of incorporating the gaming history photos with the backdrop came from Players Club Supervisor, Josh Blake and Players Club Associate, Karen Scheffner.

"They wanted to go retro and show the history of the casino," said SECR Interim Player Development Manager, Tanya Bardy.

SECR Marketing Director, Raul Venegas complemented both employees by stating that they are very creative and did a fantastic job with the promotion backdrops.

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Meet the April Saganing Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Meet Greg Peterson and Brian Morley, our Employees of the Month for April. Greg Peterson works in our Facilities department and it isn't hard to see he takes pride in his work. Since we opened in 2007, he has been doing all the preventive maintenance on all vacuums and carpet extractors. This winter he had no complaints while helping and assisting with the snow removal process. Greg has



Greg Peterson

also been trained on the scissor lift for truss cleaning and can run all equipment in a safe manner. Greg is always



Brian Morley

willing to help other departments and has a friendly smile for guest and fellow associates. Congratulations,

Greg, you have done an outstanding job!

Brian Morley is a Supervisor for our Facilities Department and has also been here since we opened in 2007. Not only does Brian handle scheduling issues, but he also does all the ordering for the facilities and grounds departments, which is a full time job in itself. Brian has been recognized several times in the past, by his staff, for taking the time to listen and understand certain situations. He does everything

he can to help and always treats the staff fairly. Brian has plenty of knowledge in building and concrete work which he is hoping to use during the expansion. Punctuality is also one of Brian's strong points and he has never called in during the five plus years he has been here. Brian you have proven yourself to be a great leader, congratulations for a job well done!

If you see Brian or Greg, please congratulate them on their achievement.

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SUMMER GOLF EVENTS

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Contributing Writer

EVERY TUESDAY
I will be having a 40 and over skins match every Tuesday at the Waabooz Run. Tee time is 5:30 p.m. cost is \$20 per player plus cart and golf fees. If players have a membership they will only pay cart fees. (Two players per team, all players tee off the blue, we play 18 holes a week.)

JULY 20
At Waabooz Run will be the B. Sprague Open, Coed & Men's Divisions. Two players per team, Entry \$150 Team. A flyer will be available in May with more details.

JULY 27
At Waabooz Run will be our Annual fundraiser for the youth of South Dakota. Backpacks four person Scramble, Entry \$240 Team (Flyers will be available in May with all of the details.)

Reminder that Golf will be a part of the Tribal Olympics again this year; we will be offering youth and seniors divisions along with men's and women's divisions. Players must meet the requirements established by the S.C. Olympic committee.




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June 2013 At-Large Program Member Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
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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 member employees or business owners, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer. June 2013 At-Large Tribal Member is David Brodie, of Fenton, Mich.

David is the son of Wanda and Philip Brodie of Fenton, Mich. His maternal grandparents were Louis (SCIT) and Emma (Choctaw) Henry. Louis' mother was Jessie Davis of Mt. Pleasant. David's grandparents met at Haskell Indian School in Oklahoma.



It takes about eight hours to make 10 lures from start to finish.

David graduated from Lake Fenton High School in 1980 and worked as a Union Laborer for Local 1075 Flint until he retired. David has been married for 26 years to Sharlene. They have two children; Lisa, 23 who is graduating from the University of Michigan this spring and Danny, 21 who is a junior at CMU majoring in Biomedicine. David is a very proud grandpa to Sara, Lisa's daughter who is six months old.

David and his family moved onto Lake Fenton when he was five years old. Now he enjoys his summer at his home on Cases Island on Lake Fenton. In the winter months, he lives at his mainland house in Fenton.

David was lucky enough to grow up living on a lake with his parents and siblings. From a very young age he was interested in fishing. He loved to fish with his father and grandfather who knew all of the best spots on the lake. David is looking forward to taking his granddaughter Sara fishing this summer. In David's early 20s, his father told him that his neighbor had an old tackle box with lures for sale in his yard sale. He purchased that box of lures for \$25 and discovered that they were worth much more. They were homemade lures and many of



David Brodie

them were made by local legend, Bud Stewart. David didn't want to use those expensive lures so he decided to make his own.

Once David started carving lures he couldn't stop. To date, his lures have been sold all across the country as well as in Japan and England. David and his lures are included in "The Encyclopedia of Old Fishing Lures Made in North America, Volume 3" and the *Flint Journal*. David was also a cofounding member of the Michigan Lures Collection Association (MLCA). His lures range in price from \$35 to \$350 and they are highly collectible.



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Now that David is retired and his kids have grown up he is really getting back into making lures again. It takes him about eight hours to make 10 lures from start to finish. The first 10 lures of any design are numbered and are usually more collectible. He has clients that like to collect a specific number. It is very hard to see how beautiful these lures are from the pictures. To do them justice, you need to see them in person. David invites you to contact him at luremaker111@aol.com if you are interested in learning more about his lures.

New Provisions Ban Discrimination Against Pre-Existing Conditions

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The Obama administration has moved forward with implementing provisions in the health care law by making it illegal for insurance companies to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions. The provisions of the Affordable Care Act also would make it easier for consumers to compare health plans and employers to promote and encourage employee wellness.

The Obama Administration Issued:

- A proposed rule that, beginning in 2014, would prohibit health insurance companies from discriminating against individuals because of a pre-existing or chronic condition. Under the rule, insurance companies would be allowed to vary premiums within limits, based on only age, use

of tobacco, size of family, and geography. Health insurance companies would be prohibited from denying coverage to any American because of a pre-existing condition or from charging higher premiums to certain enrollees because of their current or past health problems, gender and occupation and because of the size and industry of their employer. The rule would ensure that people, for whom coverage would otherwise be unaffordable, including young adults, have access to a catastrophic coverage plan in the individual market.

- A proposed rule that would outline policies and standards for coverage of essential health benefits and give states more flexibility to implement the Affordable Care Act. Essential health benefits are a core set of benefits that would give consumers a consistent way to compare health plans in individual and small group markets. States also received a

companion letter about the flexibility in implementing the essential health benefits in Medicaid. A factsheet about this proposed rule is available online.

- A proposed rule about implementing and expanding employment-based wellness programs to promote health and help control health care

spending, while ensuring that individuals are protected from unfair underwriting practices that could otherwise reduce benefits based on health status. More information about this proposed rule is available at: www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/2012/11/wellness11202012a.html

Mother's Day Celebration a Success

Each year At-Large hosts a Mother's Day celebration. This year's event took place on May 4, 2013 at Apple Mountain in Freeland. It was a picture perfect day with temperatures in the low 80s with plenty of sunshine both in the sky and on the faces of the women who attended. The apple blossoms were in full bloom and more than 100 women came out to attend the Mother's Day luncheon that has become a yearly tradition with some women, daughters and even granddaughters.



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Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Hosts Their First FlowRider Competition

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Splashing and splashing of water and loud cheering could be found at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel as they hosted the 2013 US Pro/Am Flow Tour on Saturday, May 4.

The FlowRider, located inside of the waterpark, was where the action was throughout Saturday afternoon. Wave Loch manufacturing, the makers of FlowRider and FlowBarrel, made the FlowRiding competition possible.

The FlowRider (a stationary artificial wave) is a product that Tom Lochtefeld a California surfer invented and first appeared at the Schlitterbahn Waterpark in Texas in 1991.

The Flow tour travels all over the world, including Asia and Europe and is considered to be the grass roots of flowboarding. This tour allows riders to compete at any level and learn the skills to try to be the top rider.

During the competition riders are allowed three runs, the top two scores of their runs count for their total score. Judges score on their trick and run execution, overall impression and the difficulty of the run.

The judges then will declare the winners of the different divisions to go on to the finals in the different categories.

During the FlowRider Competition at the SEWPH, the two divisions being judged were the Bodyboard and Flowboard with five different categories of female, juniors, men, masters and pro.

Flow Tour Director and professional ocean bodyboarder, Chris Granone, manages the United States tours and has been touring for 15 years. He also operates a bodyboarding business and manufactures boards.

“For a first year event at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark it was a great turnout,” Granone said.

Granone went on to say that a family drove 24 hours straight from Houston, Texas to make sure they were at the competition.

“We have entire families competing in a waterpark tournament,” Granone said.

An example of that was having the Chapa family at the event, father Joe Sr., son Joe Jr., daughter Halley and mother Tracy all competed in categories at the event.

“It is a family oriented sport and activity,” Granone said. “Over a 15 year period we have seen people and their families grow and ride. This is an activity that you don’t give up on and it is an addictive sport.”

SEWPH Aquatics Manager, Chris Seyler, participated in the Flow Tour before when he was previously at Kalahari Waterpark in Sandusky, Ohio. He brought the idea to the table to bring the Flow Tour to SEWPH.

“I knew it was a big draw for the locals and good to have at the resort,” Seyler said. “When we opened the resort that was one of the first things that we should do to get our name out there, not only locally, but also on a national level and we wanted to be a part of that.”



Kole Krause gave all he had while competing in the Junior Bodyboard competition. He took third place.

Seyler shared the idea to the promotions and the marketing department at SEWPH in hopes to collaborate with them to make it happen. The idea came together and took six months to complete. The process involved getting the dates set up with the tour director because the official kick off of the Pro/Am tour did not start until May. In the end, 35 participants competed in the event and even a couple of SEWPH employee’s got in on the fun.

Seyler is optimistic about having the Pro/Am Flow Tour stop back at SEWPH. “We will definitely be a part of the Pro/Am Tour and add it as an annual event,” Seyler said. “Everyone goes on the Waveloch site and it is a part of that group that can see that SEWPH in Michigan is having an event.”

The staff at SEWPH stepped it up their game this year for the event by having great prizes for all the contestants.

“We showed Chris on how much we were enthused about having him here

and the Pro/Am Tour here and getting everything top notched,” Seyler said. “They were impressed. We want to be one of the main Pro/Am locations that get the attention from Waveloch and request us to be on the tour.”

There was much positive reaction about the tour including from Pro’s Jon Burrow and Alex Wetzel.

“They were blowing up their Facebook and Twitter pages remarking that those who didn’t come missed out and SEWPH was a stop to come to next year,” Seyler said.

A majority of the Amateurs were local and said that they would be back next year for not only the event but also to use the FlowRider and stay at the waterpark.

“It has been a positive experience for all of us,” Seyler said.



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The story behind Collin Krause was that he was only using the FlowRider at SEWPH for two days and competed. He placed first in the Mens Flowboard category and also placed third in the Pro Flowboard category.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Hires New SECR CEO

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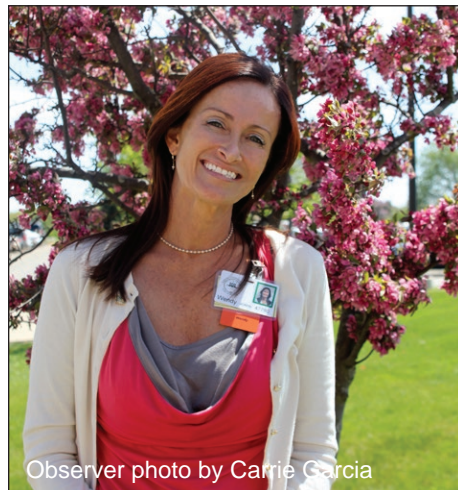
The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce that Wendy Reeve is the new CEO for Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing.

Wendy Reeve was born and raised in London, England and has more than 30 years in the gaming industry. She comes to SECR from Sycuan Casino, located in San Diego, Calif., where she has worked for the past eleven years. Sycuan Casino is owned and operated by the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation. Ms. Reeve’s experience includes not only working in Indian Gaming, but international as well. She has traveled to Aruba, Guatemala and Panama to open casinos.

“I am excited to be part of the Saginaw Chippewa Management Team. I feel like my path here has prepared me for the challenges and successes that lay ahead, and I am bless to have found such a warm, friendly and welcoming community,” stated Reeve.

In 2004, she earned her bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, graduating with honors and in 2010 she completed her master’s degree in business management.

Louanna Bruner, Tribal Treasurer, states, “After a nationwide search,



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Wendy Reeve

Wendy was unanimously selected by Tribal Council. With her extensive gaming background and keen awareness of guest service, we look forward to her vision of taking our customer service to its highest level. We are confident that she will expand and offer an exciting experience for our guests. We welcome her to central Michigan and are happy to have her in our community.”

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Self-Esteem Building Workshop Brings Positive Encouragement

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Love yourself for who you are. Learn to love your flaws. No matter what you have been through, never give up. Don't compare yourself to others. These are just a few examples of the positive self-esteem quotes taught in the Self-Esteem Building Program put on by the Youth Tribal Council and Nimkee Public Health.

Students from Mt. Pleasant elementary schools and West Intermediate middle school gathered at the 7th Generation building for a self-esteem building workshop on Tuesday, May 14.

Public Health Nurse, Helen Williams, believed it was time to raise self-esteem for youth and awareness for pregnancy prevention. Her goals were to introduce positive self-esteem in the Tribal teen population and demonstrate that each and every person is a special and unique individual.

Working at the Nimkee Health Clinic, Williams wanted to put her Prevention Grant to use. Williams went to a conference where she was able to speak to young drug and alcohol addicts.

"I was able to ask them if there was anything interesting that any one adult or parent could have ever done to change the past that they took and their



West Intermediate students Mariah Taylor, 14, and Alyssa Andy, 14 participated in the Self-Esteem activities.

answer was no," William said.

Williams asked the kids if there was anything that anyone could have done differently and they said yes, their peers. Because their self-esteem was so low, they felt they had to fit in and had to do what the people who cared about them did.

Williams learned parents do not influence children's choices as much as peers do. Family is a key component to self-esteem, but what their peers think influences children and teens much more.

"Self-esteem in every case was what we were hearing and if they felt better about themselves, could they have talked to their parents about it? No. Most of these young people came from good homes," Williams said. "These kids were not the stereotypical, 'oh that kid must have

had a bad life or bad parent', it wasn't that at all. It was how they actually saw themselves. With all that history, that led me to think how we can raise self-esteem. What I say isn't going to change anything, but what their friends say will change something."

Motivational Speaker, Alisha Chamberlain, spoke to students about her past low self-esteem issues, tough times and how she learned to grow from her negative experiences.

After experiencing rejection and bad relationships, Chamberlain learned to respect herself and how to grow while helping others.

"I was telling the story of how it was for me in high school; dealing with bad relationships and having bad self-esteem because of them," Chamberlain said. "Once I was able to build up the courage to get out of that relationship, I learned about how I should treat myself with the same respect that I felt I deserved. It took me a while to realize that I deserve respect."

Chamberlain had the courage to try out for *American Idol*, when she did not make it to the judges' round, she did not let that crush her dream. Chamberlain turned her auditioning experience into a positive revelation, realizing she will never give up on her passion for singing.

"Don't give up on yourself, you can't give up. If that is the only resort you have, don't do it," Chamberlain said. "Don't give in to that common feeling of letting it go because if you just let it go and give up, you will not get to the places you want to be. That is the biggest thing I have learned."

West Intermediate student, Mariah Taylor, said her favorite part of the Self-Esteem Building Program was the skits. Taylor said they told her to love yourself for who you are.

Skits were performed to teach students about peer

pressure and how the media influences negative self-esteem in adolescence.

The program helped youth learn to look for negative influences, recognize them and avoid them. Students were taught to understand his or her special talents and interests and to show students what they think, say and feel is valuable.

If you or anyone you know is suffering from low self-esteem or depression, the Nimkee Public Health is there to help. For more information, contact them at 989-775-4695.

LTBB Education Department Visits Sasiwaans



The LTBB Education Department came to observe Sasiwaans because they were impressed with the school and want to start their own program.

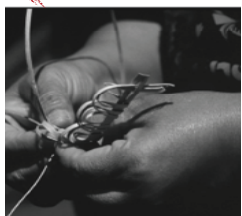


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- Following the dedication of the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) Honoring, Healing & Remembering (HHR) Commemorative quilt on June 6th, the *In Stitches Quilting Group* would like to work with the community to make a MIIBS Student Memorial Quilt. This quilt will be unveiled at the Saginaw Chippewa Pow Wow on August 2nd.

- The Ziibiwing Center is offering community members the opportunity to have your family members honored on this special quilt. Materials for your personalized quilt square can be picked up at the MIIBS HHR event at the MIIBS site on June 6th.



- The deadline to finish creating the quilt square is July 6th. It can be dropped off at the Ziibiwing Center or mailed to William Johnson at 6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

- If you have any questions about the event or making a quilt square call (989) 775-4750.

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June 6 • Unveiling of the MIIBS Honoring, Healing & Remembering Commemorative Quilt at the MIIBS site

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SCIT Utility Authority Consumer Confidence Report and Annual Drinking Water Report

Is My Water Safe? During 2012, your tap water met all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water safety standards. Your tribal employees vigilantly safeguard your water and supplies and we are proud to report that your water system had no violations of maximum contaminant levels or any other drinking water quality standards this past year. This report will give you even more information about the safety of your water supply. Please read on for additional information. Informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/Centers of Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from? Water for consumer use can come from a variety of sources including rivers, lakes and other surface waters. Your Tribal supply comes from underground aquifers as groundwater to your wells. A benefit of ground water is it is naturally filtered through rocks and soil. Our tribe has four wells. Well #3 is located off of Little Elk Road. Well # 4 is located west of Shepherd Road. Well #5 is located north of Remus

Road and Well #6 is located north of Ogemaw. The water softening plant was put into operation on April 5, 2000. Please consider not using your home water softener for the following reasons: your water will have an increase in the sodium (salt) content and you water could become corrosive. The plant was designed and is operated to provide the tribal homes and businesses with water that is balanced and softened. Re-softening can create a tinny taste and cause you to use extra water to remove soap residue. The water plant does add fluoride to the water. If you have an aquarium with tropical fish, check with your local pet store for proper treatment of the water to avoid harmful effects on your fish.

Source water assessment and its availability: The tribe has worked with the U.S. EPA to conduct a source water assessment. This assessment consists of identifying the area(s) around the well(s), which need to be protected from contaminations, identifying potential sources of contamination and determining the susceptibility of the wells to contamination. The assessment also gives us information we need as a tribal community to make sure our drinking water is safe now and in the future. We have a copy available at the water plant for review to anyone who wishes to read it. This was updated in 2009.

Vulnerability Study and Emergency Response Plan: We are required to do a vulnerability study and file it with the EPA. This has been completed as well as the Emergency Response Plan. These are available for review at the water plant.

Wellhead Protection: Because the water we drink comes from underground wells,

we all need to be careful how we dispose of harmful contaminants. This means not dumping used oil or solvents onto the ground. They must be taken to a recycle center or other facility to dispose of them.

Why are contaminants in drinking water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material. It can also pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Organic chemical contaminants including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by products of industrial processes and petroleum production, can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to insure that the tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water that is provided by a public water system.

Lead and Copper: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap water for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing

methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

How to identify Utility staff employees: All Employees of the Utility Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe wear shirts that have the tribal logo on them, have a tribal employee badge and should be arriving at a residence in a company vehicle.

If you ever have a question about someone being at your residence and you are not sure if they are an employee, please call us at 989-772-8810 to verify that they are who they claim to be.

How can I become involved in the safety of my drinking water? If you would like to become involved with your water safety, please call us at 989-772-8810.

Non Member Residential

Water Service: \$25.00/month for the first 15,000 gallons. and thereafter a rate of \$2.42 per 1000 gallons

Sewer Service: \$15.00/month **Reconnection After Shutoff:** \$50.00

New Water & Sewer Service: \$200.00 plus cost of sewer line (Permit Also Required)

Non-Gaming Commercial

Flat Fee (Per Quarter):

5/8" Meter: \$15.00 **1" Meter:** \$38.85 **2" Meter:** \$124.20

Over 2" meter and up to 4" meter: \$400.00

Over 4" Meter: As determined on an individual basis by the Authority

Monthly Variable

Rate: \$2.42 per 1000 gallons

Sewer Rate: \$2.52 per 1000 gallons

(gallons charged are based on 80% of water usage)

Miscellaneous Fees

\$15.00 to tag for a shutoff

\$25.00 for meter removal (snowbird)

\$15.00 for non-emergency shutoff

\$25.00 to reinstall meter (snowbird)

\$30.00 for non payment shutoff

\$50.00 for reconnection after shutoff

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, that data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not frequently change.

Terms and Abbreviations Used Below:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow. See table below for values.

Contaminant (Units)	MCL/AL	MCL	Your Water in mg/l	Test Date	Exceeds Action Level
Antimony	0.006 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Arsenic	0.01 mg/l	0.002 mg/l	not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Asbestos			not detected	8/10/2012	NO
Barium	2 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Beryllium	0.004 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Cadium	0.005 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Calcium			28	7/25/2012	NO
Chloride			39	7/18/2012	NO
Chromium	0.1 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Cyanide	0.2 mg/l		not detected	8/27/2012	NO
Fluoride	4 mg/l	4.0 mg/l	0.94	7/18/2012	NO
Hardness as CaCO ₃			121	7/18/2012	NO
Mercury	0.002 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Nickel	0.1 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Nitrate	10 mg/l	10 mg/l	not detected	7/18/2012	NO
Nitrite	1 mg/l	1 mg/l	not detected	7/18/2012	NO
Selenium	0.05 mg/l		not detected	7/19/2012	NO
Sodium			110	7/25/2012	NO
Sulfate			216	7/18/2012	NO
Total Haloacetic Acids		0.06 mg/l	0.001	7/20/2012	NO
Bromodichloromethane		0.080 mg/l	0.003	7/27/2012	NO
Bromoform		0.080 mg/l	0.009	7/27/2012	NO
Chlorodibromomethane		0.080 mg/l	0.0056	7/27/2012	NO
Chloroform		0.080 mg/l	0.0015	7/27/2012	NO
Total Trihalomethanes		0.080 mg/l	0.190	7/27/2012	NO
Maximum Potential Total Trihalomethanes			0.062	7/17/2008	NO
Lead	0.015 mg/l		Not Detected	6/19/2012	NO
Copper	1.3 mg/l		0.08	6/19/2012	NO

All water samples tested for bacteria content were negative for the test results. Due to excellent results on previous testing the following was requested: A Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOC) waiver was requested in 2009. A Dioxin waiver was requested in 2009. Lead and Copper testing is required every three years. The test results were given to the individual homeowners. The results listed are the 90th percentile results. The required VOC testing was done in October of 2011 and except for the Total Trihalomethanes listed above all compounds were not detected.

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Tribal Affiliation: Member of Six Nations Tribe, Ontario Canada

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Retiring of Flags	Dusk

Sunday - June 16

Dancer/Drum Registration	12 - 12:45 a.m.
Grand Entry	1:00 p.m.
Blanket Giveaway	Before retiring
Retiring of Flags	Upon closing

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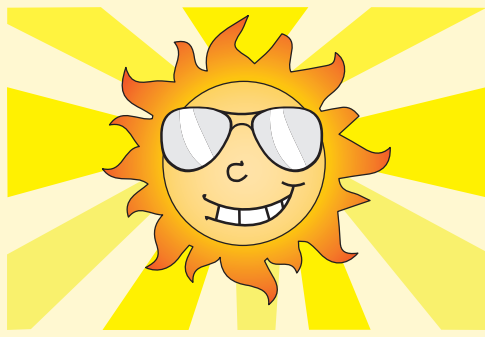
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WIGWAM WISDOM

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Comments or Feedback Can be Sent To:
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**(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

Dear WW: Every year my husband and I buy each other gifts for different holidays throughout the year. I was confused when on Mother's Day he didn't buy me a gift as he does every year. I went about my day and didn't think anything of it until the next day. Then I asked him if we are going to stop exchanging gifts on Mother's and Father's Day? I know we are extremely hard to buy for and it wouldn't hurt my feelings any. He never gave me an answer and I am completely confused by this. Is this the beginning of the end or should I just let it go and not buy him a gift for Father's Day? **Gift Givers**

Dear Givers: Could it be possible that he just simply forgot? There are lots of other ways you can show your love and appreciation for someone without purchasing gifts. A shoulder rub, a homemade card or a nice meal can all be substituted. As people get older, materialist things have less meaning and something as simple as a good conversation can be more significant. If you are extremely hard to buy for, I would not make a big deal out of it. Find pleasure in the simple things in life and leave materialist things for those that need to fill voids in their lives.

Dear WW: I think I opened a can of worms with my step-children. I was married to their father for most of their lives while they were growing up. Since our divorce, the only time I see them is when they need something. I am not hurting for money and find that by loaning them money, I actually get them to come and visit me once in a while. I recently found out that my ex has threatened to cut them out of his will if they maintain any ties with me. Why would he do such a cruel thing? What hurts the most is that they have stopped all contact with me. I would like to confront him but feel he may be mentally unstable. What should I do? **Loaner**

Dear Loaner: If the only way you can get someone to visit you is by loaning them money, then I would forget them all together and close the book on that chapter. You deserve to have people visit you because they enjoy your company and not because they need money. Equally cruel is that you apparently mean so very little to them that they would let someone manipulate them out of your life. I feel sad that your step children don't know the meaning of a real relationship without the interference of money. Please don't ever settle for less than what you deserve.

Dear WW: My cat has recently started to soil the carpet in our basement. The smell was so bad that we had to get the carpet replaced. This was not cheap and now my wife wants to have her put-down because of it. Our cat has been part of our family for over ten years now. I feel that her solution is insensitive to say the least and can't believe that she is serious about it. How do I make her see that it's more than just a soiled carpet? **Cat Concerns**

Dear Cat: To put a cat down after ten years for soiling a carpet is not the answer. That means that the carpet is more important than a pet who has been part of your family for more than ten years. I could recommend a visit to the veterinarian to see if there is a urinary tract infection or some type of bladder problem. The litter box has to be kept clean at all times as that can also be a reason for going outside the litter box. You can be surprised at big results by a couple of minor changes. Your vet may have other suggestions for you too.

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TRIBAL CLERK TO POST FOR CAUCUS COMMITTEE

By Tribal Council motion dated May 7, 2013, the Tribal Clerk's Office has posted a sign up for the 2013 Caucus Committee. Tribal Members may volunteer to serve on the Caucus Committee by putting their name on the list at the Tribal Clerk's Office. Tribal Council will select Caucus Committee members at their regular June Session.

1. They must pass a five panel urine drug testing.
2. They must be registered to vote.
3. They must commit to serve for a two year period or until a new Caucus Committee is selected.
4. They will be sworn in by Tribal Council when all of the requirements are met.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CAUCUS COMMITTEE

Tribal Clerk: Chief Election Officer

Caucus Committee Chair: Supervisory control over all committee members.

Teller: Secretary for the Committee, issues ballots and assists with the tally of votes at the end of the Election Day.

Clerk: Makes records of each eligible voter at the polls, ensures that they sign the roster and verifies identity/information.

Alternate: Fills in for any Caucus Committee Member.

Serving on the Caucus Committee is an honor that bears great responsibility. The Election days are long but the reward is a clean and proper Election process.

To Ensure Election Validity:

- Be at the polls no later than 7:30 a.m.
- Turn off cell phones while working.
- Do not socialize with voters while they are in line to vote.
- Do not point out candidates on the ballot.
- Do not hover or walk up behind voters in the voter booth.
- Pick up any litter left in booth by voters.
- Make sure the voters do not proceed through the line before completing all aspects of the verification process.
- When issuing the ballot make sure the verification form is signed and that it belongs to the person receiving the ballot.

First Spring Wild Turkeys

The spring wild turkey season officially started on Apr. 25. With the help of the Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee, Tribal Members now can purchase wild turkey licenses at the Planning Department for the spring season. Henry Ambs used a bow and arrow to bring down the first spring wild turkey. Measurements of the turkey were 8.75 inches for the beard and a spur length of .75 inches.

Justin Graveratte Tribal Member, 10 years old, Harvested his first Wild Turkey on Saturday Morning 5-11-13 at 6:58 a.m., Weight was 17.2 lbs, Beard Length was 9", Spur Length was .75 inches. This was the Tribe's second harvest reported to the Planning Office.



Henry Ambs



Justin Graveratte



SCTC Graduation Ceremony Marks Its 15th Year with 2013 Graduating Class

CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

As the famous quote says, when one door closes, another opens. The 2013 graduates at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College closed the door on one of the chapters of their education and will reopen the door for further education.

The May 3rd SCTC graduation ceremony marked its 15th year with 16 graduates. A total of 119 students have graduated from SCTC.

SCIT Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom welcomed everyone and also recognized the tribal graduates.

He stated that the Tribal Council applauds,

recognizes and supports those who achieve their higher education. Kequom informed the guests at the graduation about the college and their new campus.

"On July 25, 2012, we donated 295 acres of land to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for future development of the college campus," Kequom said.

The land that was donated was the Assman, Coughlin, Rose, Ervin and Miller land parcels for the creation of a new college campus.

Kequom ended his welcome by telling the graduates, your belief in yourself allowed us to believe in you.

The commencement speaker for the graduation

was Dr. Michael Schramm. Dr. Schramm is a SCIT member and Physician at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

He walked the students through his beginning journey of education to where he is presently at. He told the students that his journey to become a doctor had many bumps, from being in a car accident to enrolling in the Navy.

While in the Navy, he worked on his education which allowed him to do the things he wanted to do. After the Navy, he made poles for a Michigan natural gas utility company. He worked hard in the company to become the department supervisor.

This required him to earn more education, it was then he decided to go back to school to get his Associate Degree.

He graduated with his Associate Degree in Science from Kalamazoo Valley Community College and went on to get his Bachelor of Arts in Management and Human Resources from Spring Arbor University.

Helping people and communities is what Dr. Schramm wanted to do and felt that it was right. He began working in the medical field by earning his Master's degree as a Physician's Assistant through the A.T. Still University, Arizona School of Health Sciences.

During his first and second years of medical school, he attended the University of North Dakota. He completed his third and fourth years of medical school at the University of South Dakota and was awarded his Doctor of Medicine. He completed his interim resident in training at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Tulsa, Okla. in Pediatrics. Dr. Schramm is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

He told the graduates that his journey has been focused on what it was that he wanted to do and every step along the way he had

support. He also let the students know that their education will make a huge impact in the community.

As the graduates patiently waited to cross the stage to receive their degrees, SCTC President, Carla Sineway, wanted to praise the students on a job well done.

"I would like to say on behalf of the staff and faculty, the administration, we are very proud of you," Sineway said. "This is a new journey that you decided to take and we are excited to be a part of it. We look forward to your future steps and your leadership you model to the community."

Congratulations to the SCTC class of 2013.

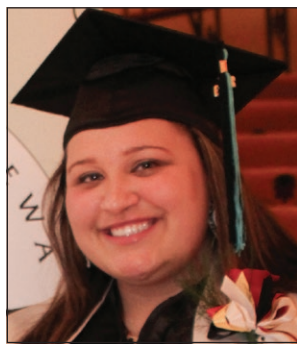
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Associate Of Arts in Native American Studies



Tracy Cousins
Associate Of Arts in Native American Studies



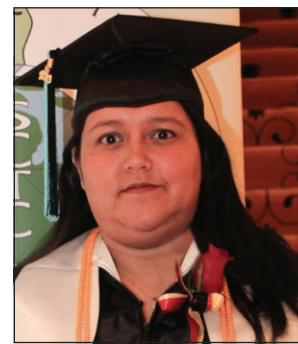
Stormie Frees
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Davina Key
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Jackie Mannie
Associate Of Arts in Native American Studies



Shannon Prill
Associate Of Arts in Native American Studies



Annette Saboo-Rogers
Associate of Arts Business



Jeremy Dean
Associate of Arts In Liberal Arts



Christina Quiroga-DeLacruz
Associate of Arts In Liberal Arts



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Brandy Pelcher
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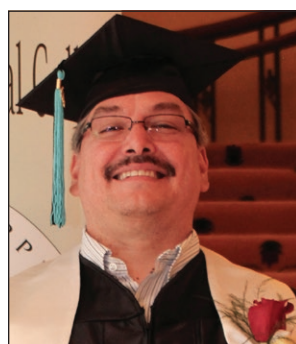
"Education is the most Powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."
~ Nelson Mandela



Sheridan Pelcher
Associate of Arts In Liberal Arts



Joshua Perschbacher
Associate of Arts In Liberal Arts



Vanyork Shawboose
Associate of Arts In Liberal Arts



Markieta Vertz
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Open House for **Melinda Coffin**

Graduate of CMU

June 8, 2013

From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

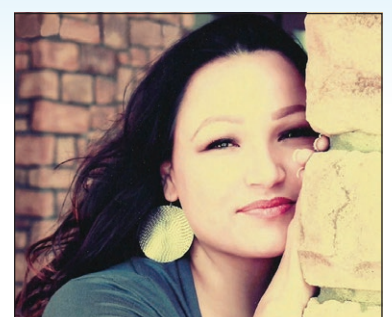
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Melinda Coffin
Central Michigan
MBA



Aaron Graveratte
Central Michigan
Bachelor of Science in Social
Criminal Justice



Felicia M. Otto
Central New Mexico CC
Associates in Pre Health
Concentration in Nursing



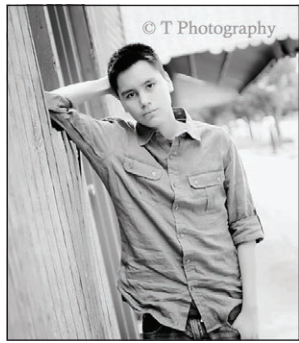
CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL TRIBAL GRADUATES



Izabella Pelcher-Ruffino
Mount Pleasant High School



William (Bill) Matthews
Mount Pleasant High School



Brian William Crockett
Bullock Creek High School



Lindy Sowmick
Mount Pleasant High School



David Merrill, Jr.
Mount Pleasant High School



Kyle Shomin
Mount Pleasant High School



Tyler Bielicki
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Tyler Cozzie
Mount Pleasant High School



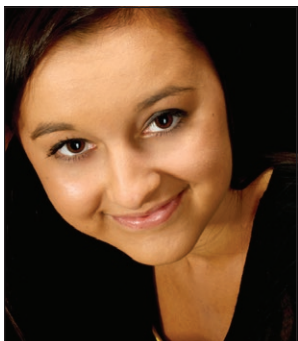
Jonathan Pierce
Mount Pleasant High School



Marcella Garcia
Odyssey High School



Gabi Kennedy
Mount Pleasant High School



Justice Kjolhede
Mount Pleasant High School



Jory Melancon
Mount Pleasant High School



Brittany Morris
Bullock Creek High School



Blake Owl
Mount Pleasant High School



Maxamillion Barnett
Mount Pleasant High School



Skylar Clara Ballew
Shepherd High School



Rhyannon Quinlan
Shepherd High School



Jordan Chamberlain
Shepherd High School



Nicholas Shawboose
Shepherd High School



Joseph Joshua Palacios Trepanier
Lansing Eastern



Emily Murdoch
Devine Child Catholic High School

Congratulations Felicia Otto
On your Associates Degree!!
Your Michigan family is VERY PROUD of you!!!

Good Luck Izabella on Your Education Path

LEEANN PELCHER-RUFFINO
Contributing Writer

My daughter, Izabella Maria Pelcher-Ruffino, will be attending Ecker College on the Florida Gulf Coast this fall semester to study Marine Sciences, specializing in Marine Biology.

Izabella was recently showcased for her art projects at the Mount Pleasant High School and she is an Honor Student.

I, Izabella's Mother, am so very proud of her. I am excited, saddened, scared, amongst other emotions, at the thought of my daughter leaving the state, and going so far away, to pursue her dreams of becoming a Marine Biologist.

Izabella declares that her love of life-long learning is accredited to her attending the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. From Pre-School to fifth



grade, Izabella was immersed in Anishinaabe culture, spirituality, as well as a quality foundation of education. By attending the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, she received a head start in becoming a proud, determined, and successful student.

The family of Izabella Ruffino-Pelcher would be honored to have

you help in celebrating with us on June 29, 2 p.m. at Seventh Generation's Ceremonial Building, and also to say "Baamaapii" to Iza, as she begins an important and exciting, new chapter in her life.

With Love,
LeeAnn Pelcher-Ruffino

Sasiwaans Will be Having a **Step Up Graduation**
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(Lunch Immediately Following)
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Gda-Bi-noo-jiinh-mi-naa-nik!!**
(Come!! Lets celebrate our children!!)

Parents/Guardians will need to be with their child during this celebration or make arrangements to have someone to be there with their child as there will be no bussing in the afternoon.



The Real Victims of Suicide are the Loved Ones Left Behind

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer

I was watching this old movie last night. It was about these sisters whose mother was overprotective to the point of bordering on some type of mental illness and their brow beat father whose answer for everything was, “go ask your mother.” They weren’t allowed to do a lot and the girls were all in different states of despair. They got a little freedom and got to attend the prom but one of the girls never made it home

until the next morning. Needless to say, all were punished and put on lockdown. At the end, the unthinkable happened. All the sisters committed suicide.

Oh the horror. How do you even start to understand something like that? I never did understand that statement, “suicide is a selfish act” until recently. I mean a lot of people battle depression and I know that more than once we’ve all had that moment of weakness where the thought crosses your mind, sometimes briefly and sometimes it sits there

nagging at you. Sometimes the hurt and pain are too much (or we believe it is) and there’s no fixing this. Then the thought that this will end your/mine/our pain and the process is completed.

I thought, “how is this selfish when it’s the person who’s hurting themselves and no one else.” But then I got my answer right there instantly. Are they really only hurting themselves? Or are they also hurting their grandmother? Then add their grandpa, daddy and uncles that played with them. They are hurting the

woman that brought them into the world, the friends and numerous cousins that have come to love you and the people you’ve met along the way. Everyone they have ever touched hurts in some way. At the end of the movie, the boys that these girls befriended had to come to deal with their suicides and try to understand it, each in their own way and in their own time.

This little guy came to visit and had those slash marks on his arms. We all gathered around him and gave him a family hug. We

told him we loved him and would miss him if he ever succeeded. He understood and that’s all it took. He got the courage to be strong. He didn’t have to talk. We saw it all in his eyes. I reminded him that he wasn’t going to be seventeen forever and whatever it was will pass. He needed to know that someone was there for him. Even if you think someone may need a friend or a hug, do it. You just might be giving them the hope they need to get through the day. All any of us can do is just take it one day at a time. BaaMaaPii.

To the Wonderful Staff of the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation

I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you for the amazing two week opportunity that myself and my fellow classmates were provided with. Your graciousness and kindness was deeply appreciated; these are two qualities I will reference when describing the

Native American people when it comes to fruition.

I have taken several important lessons away from my experience which I think will help me both in my future as a social worker and also as a human being. Firstly, the importance of choosing one’s own religion or spirituality and the

freedom to pursue it really hit me hard. I think this trip really made me see that it matters not what someone believes, but rather how it makes them. I think I now have the confidence to explore various religions or spiritual methods that I have wanted to do for so long. It also made me realize the importance of making time for myself through meditation and self-reflection (which I really enjoy), and other interests that I personally maintain. On that note, I was amazed at the encouragement I received from staff at the various organizations to make sure that I do in fact take time for myself. I am only one small piece of this puzzle called Earth, but I can make a difference. In order to do

so, however, it is imperative that I keep a solid balance between my mind, body and spirit. This three-chord connection was taught in my social work classes, but I didn’t really understand it until I visited the various organizations provided by the staff on the Native American Reservation.

Although I learned so much more than can possibly be expressed in a letter, I would like to mention one last sentiment: A thank you for the courage you have instilled in me to learn about and experience other cultures. I have learned that only through education may I become understanding and accepting. Although it has only been a few days since the

cessation of the two-week class, I have already read several articles online about individuals from different cultures and aspects of these cultures that I do not understand very well. I think this experience has given me a desire to explore things that are foreign to me and to understand the various people and components of Earth.

Once again, I thank you for an amazing two weeks and for the opportunities you have given me and my fellow classmates. It was truly an eye-opening experience and taught me things I didn’t even know that I didn’t know.

Wishing you all the best,
Katie Minard, GVSU Student

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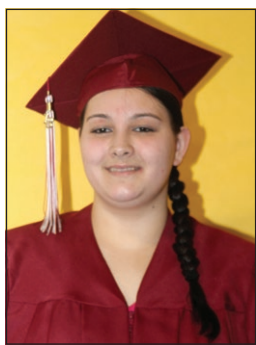


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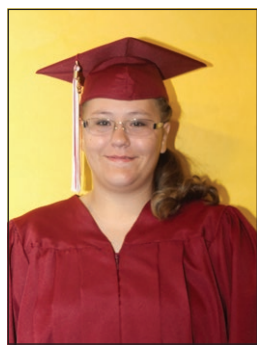
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AABIZIKAAWIN CLASS OF 2013



April Lopez



Demmie Hayes



Gary Chippeway Sr.



Jalen Peters



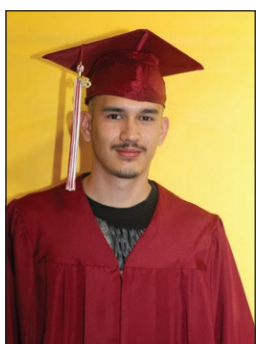
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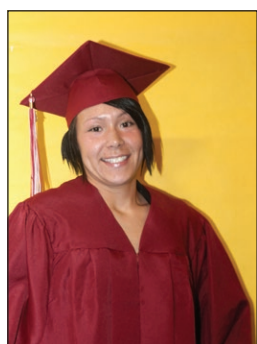
Rachel House



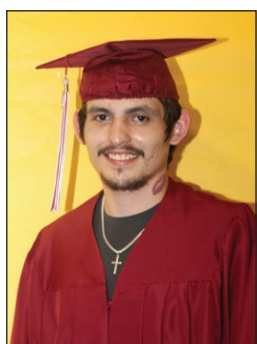
Taylor Vasquez



TJ Beemer



Tosha Bannister



Wayne Young



Merissa Cummins
G.E.D. Recipient



Rochelle Woodcox
G.E.D. Recipient



Sarah Aldossary
G.E.D. Recipient



Simone Sineway
G.E.D. Recipient

Not Pictured Justen Harris and Melissa Maniowabi
Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Congratulations to the Aabizikaawin Class Of 2013

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

May 14 marked a day of accomplishment in the lives of the students in the Aabizikaawin Adult Education program. As each student sat patiently waiting for their certificate of completion at their graduation ceremony in the tribal gym, many of them reflected back on the days of homework and times of frustration obtaining their diplomas and GED's.

Keynote speaker and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Dean of Instruction, Karmen Fox, spoke about her educational path from the difficult and challenging times, to the times of where she earned her achievements.

Fox started her journey right after she graduated from high school in 1999. She talked to them about her trials and tribulations while working on her associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. From moving to Colorado to coming back home to Michigan, to being put on academic probation, changing her majors, graduating from the Career Development Program and the Tribal Leadership Program, both the students and their family members were interested in the journey that Fox explained to them.

Fox challenged the students to use the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver once in their lives while obtaining their higher education. Fox gave praise for the Career Development Program and

the Tribal Leadership Program and encouraged them to apply.

Lori Vincent, Aabizikaawin teacher reflected on the students' educational journeys individually. She spoke highly about each student as she has known them a long time. Many of the reflections whether good or bad, made the ceremony very personal.

Some of the graduating students had their chance to go up to the podium to share their educational journey.

Merissa Cummins one of the graduating students went up to the podium and told the guests that she felt very honored to be up speaking and congratulated the rest of her fellow classmates.

In her speech, she talked about how adult education graduates are looked down

upon, shamed and judged. Cummins took a stand against those judgments and told the audience that those who are adult education graduates are good and strong.

Steven Loonsfoot, Native American advocate and speaker of the event, mentioned he shares the same passion as Lori, education. Loonsfoot had high praise for Lori for her hard work on making sure those who enter the adult education program make it to their graduation.

"Lori is always there for them and I admire her and want to acknowledge her for that," Loonsfoot said.

Each graduate received a blanket and their certificate accompanied by many hugs, congratulatory remarks and photos. Congratulations, students!

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Katie Green, Phoebe DeFeyer, Sam Hassan, Caleb Kequom, James Montoya-Pego, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Hazen Shinos, Quinnlan Burger, Walker Pelcher-Jackson, Julian Flory, Aliana Seybert, Marisa Bennett, Racheal Roberts, Jose Garcia, Andrew Flamand, Sydney Jackson, Misty Alaniz, Naomi Compo, Anna Floyd-Vasquez, Hunter Kequom, Will Potter, Kenson Taylor and Carlee Williams.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Bailey Burger, Ryan Flaughner, Nicholas Poolaw, Gaaskizi Mandoka, Kadenn Rose, Tavia Agosto, Mahayla Freeman, Jimaganish Martell, Dasia Wiltse, Tayden Davis, Kimewon Raynee-Richards, Mia Bennett, Aliyah Mena, Mackenzie Burger, Josie Isham, Taliyah Poolaw, Mgizi Wemigwans, Taleah Pelcher, John Stevens and Giizhig Martell.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Kaitlyn Bartreau, Nevaeh Flory, Adrian Gross, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, Hunter Johnson, Konin Kripa, Eli Marin, Mariana Mays, Maya Ryan, Felicia Saunders, Sara Saunders and Chyla Wells.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Andrew Chingman, Makayla Jackson, Jarrod Johnson, Dylan Klein, Kaida Morris and Aaron Schlegel.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Tehya Flores, Foster Hoonman, Nevaeh Jance, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Paul Rueckert, Teirra Ash, Nathaneil Houghton, Trent McConnell, Nautica Mena-Strait, Paul Shomin, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Sabashion Davis, Damien Haggard, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers, Zamil Rueckert, Albert Shomin, JJ Willis, Jaylyn Jackson and Isaiah Teswood.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for the Month of March: Aiyanah Borton, Aiyana Bross, Jayden Bross, Miah Chatfield, Sienna Chatfield, Alize Jackson, Joseph Jackson, Lakota Jackson, Olivia Lawson, Mihiah Montoya-Pego, Andee Raphael, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Olivia Sineway, Aanzhenii Starkey and Miingin Starkey. For the Month of April: Christina Benz, Aiyanah Borton, Miah Chatfield, Chebon Chupco, Sage Chupco, Luciano Escamilla, Alize Jackson, Lakota Jackson, Olivia Lawson, Damien Martinez, Jaden Oswabine, Trevor Phillips, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Jacob Sineway, Olivia Sineway and Aanzhenii Starkey.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the fifth marking period, Middle School: Adam Jewell, Uriah Main, Ben Perez, James Perry, Alicia Phillips, Kara Sanders, and Joey Sineway. High School: Calvin Ballew, Jarek Chamberlain, Jordan Chamberlain, Gena Leksche, Arionna Mejia, Skyler Neyome and Garrett Reed.

The following students are being recognized for their outstanding GPA in the fifth marking period (*Denotes a 4.0 GPA). Middle School: Hayley Cogswell, Zackary Jackson, Dia Niezgoda, Alicia Raphael, Kara Sanders, Jordan Seegraves, *Allyssa Shawboose, Joey Sineway and Scott Sura. High School: Calvin Ballew, Jarek Chamberlain, Cheyanne Drews, Jacob Jackson, Gena Leksche, Arionna Mejia, Skyler Neyome, Tina Neyome, Edward Perez, Garrett Reed and Abbey Sura.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of April: Kylie Martin, Kylie Sexton, Hope Stevens, Miika Prout, Frederick Highley, Brandon Wemigwans, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, LahRae Wilson, Joaquin Jackson, Katie Pigeon, Kiyenn Pilar, Quenten Rolfes, Ahsiniis Smith, Kenneth Wemigwans, Annie Lada, Joseph Swink, Adam Saboo, Nyah Chippeway, Miingan Jackson, Thomas Henry, Matthew Quaderer, Gabe Jackson, Courtney Swink, Mastella Quaderer, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Lexi Weekley-Dean and Maciah Sprague.

The following students turned in all homework for the Month of April: Jordan Floyd, Gracie David, Azanne Ives, Isabella Arbogast, Meadow David, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Josclynn Shaw, Kaley Davis, Josiah Wemigwans, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Caden Pego, Thomas Pelcher, Katie Pigeon, Ariel Hinmon, Tavia Kahgegab, Annie Lada, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Thalia Bennett, Isaiah Leaux, Adam Saboo, Dawnseh Wilson, Foster Crampton, Andre Leaux, Nyah Chippeway, Gabe Jackson, Treazure Jones, Ariah Mandoka, Toby Pamp, Courtney Swink, Thomas Wemigwans, Lexi Weekley-Dean, Maciah Sprague and Karen Chippewa.

The following students have earned Student of the Month for April: Tavia Kahgegab, Josephine Wemigwans, Hope Stevens, Bela Magnell, Kaley Davis, Dawnseh Wilson, Andre Leaux and Lexi Weekley-Dean.

Sasiwaans Immersion School

Open Enrollment Begins June 1, 2013

Sasiwaans Immersion School is now accepting enrollment applications for 18 months old up to five years of age. You can download the enrollment application from the Tribe's website at www.sagchip.org, under Culture, then Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department. You may also pick up an enrollment application from the ALRD Main Office or the Sasiwaans Immersion School located on Ogemaw Drive.

More information may be obtained by calling Mary Shomin at 989-775-4026



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Achieves Accreditation

CARLA SINEWAY
Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College has reached yet another important milestone.

On April 22, 2013 SCTC received the official word from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the Reaffirmation of Accreditation for SCTC.

This good news comes after months of preparation by the administration and staff here at SCTC. A comprehensive self study report was submitted to HLC in September of 2012. HLC then made a site visit to SCTC in November of 2012 to assess the college's processes, procedures and foundational documents. It has been a few months of anticipation regarding the results and the affirmation of accreditation is wonderful news for the entire Saginaw Chippewa tribal community.

The success of SCTC is a reflection on the success of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Many graduates of SCTC are employed by the Tribe. The growth of the college is genuine and healthy for the Tribe. This accreditation comes at

a great time. It has been 15 years since the initial charter was signed. SCTC held their 15th graduation ceremony in May 2013. And a 15 year celebration week was held from May 20 to May 24 with many great prizes for the community.

SCTC will be working closely with HLC to ensure we continue to provide the educational opportunities that meet the expectation and criteria of the Higher Learning Commission. The next reaffirmation of accreditation will happen in 2022-23.

When reflecting on where the college has been and the changes that have occurred there is one attribute that has stayed the same; that attribute is family. Over the years students continue to comment that being an SCTC student is like being a part of a family. This is a trait we never want to lose. This trait keeps us grounded in the community.

The tribal college staff wants to say miigwech for the continued support from the community and tribal council; you are the reason that SCTC is a success. It is an exciting time at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College with many challenges on the horizon and we look forward to you joining our family.



Photo courtesy of SCTC

SCTC Class of 2013 enjoying their graduation ceremony.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Registration Open for Fall Semester 2013 989-775-4123 sagchip.edu

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	ART 110	Fundamentals of Drawing I	3	MPHS	W	5:30-8:20	C. denHeeten
	AST 110	Intro to Astronomy	3	Science Building	M/W	12:00-1:20	J. Miller
	AST 110A	Astronomy Lab	2	Science Building	M/W	1:30-2:50	J. Miller
	BIO 216 *	Native Plants & Medicines	3	Science Building	T/R	10:00-11:20	Calhoun
	BIO 216A	Native Plants & Medicines-Lab	2	Science Lab	T	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
	BUS 110	Intro to Business	3	West 2	T/R	10:30 - 11:50	Gotaas
	BUS 150	Business Law	3	West 2	T/R	12:00-1:20	Gotaas
	BUS 160*	Principles of Supervision	3	West 2	T/R	1:30-2:50	Gotaas
	BUS 260	Human Resource Management	3	West 2	M	5:30-8:20	Wagner
	CHM 105	Introduction to Chemistry	3	Science Building	T/R	5:00-6:20	Majorski
	CHM 105A	Chemistry Lab	2	Science Building	T	6:30-8:20	Majorski
	CPT 100	Keyboarding	3	East Computer Lab	M	5:30 - 8:20	TBA
	CPT 292	Microsoft Office	3	East Computer Lab	T	5:30-8:20	TBA
	ECO 201	Principles of Economics I	3	West 1	T/R	1:00-2:20	Smelser
	ENG 096	Reading Comprehension	3	West 1	M	5:30-8:20	Blumer
	ENG 098	Basic Writing I	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	10:00-11:20	D. Miller
	ENG 099	Basic Writing II	3	East Computer Lab	M/W	1:30-2:50	D. Miller
	ENG 101*	Composition I	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
	ENG 102	Composition II	3	East Computer Lab	T/R	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
	ENG 130	Public Speaking	3	West 2	M/W	10:00-11:20	Prielipp
	ENG 150	Intro to Literature	3	West 2	M/W	11:30-2:50	Prielipp
	EVS 120	Environmental Science	3	Science Building	T/R	2:00-3:20	Calhoun
	EVS 120A	Environmental Science Lab	2	Science Building	R	12:00-1:50	Calhoun
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	HIS 103	United States History I	3	West 1	T	5:30-8:20	Clark-Tuzas
	HUM 140	Intro to Film	3	West 1	T	2:30-5:20	Clark-Tuzas
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	MTH 140*	Pre-Calculus	4	East 3	T/R	10:00-11:50	Rich
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	NAS 138	NA Law & Policy	3	East 2	T/R	3:00-4:20	Slattery
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	NAS 260	Anishnaabe History	3	East 2	T/R	12:00-1:20	Slattery
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	OJB 101	Ojibwa Language I	3	East 2	M/W	1:30-2:50	Roy
	OJB 102	Ojibwa Language II	3	East 3	T/R	1:30-2:50	Roy
	OJB 201	Ojibwa Language III	3	East 3	M/W	12:00-1:20	Roy
	OJB 202	Ojibwa Language IV	3	East 3	T/R	3:00-4:20	Roy
	PSY 101	Intro to Psychology	3	West 1	W	5:30 - 8:20	Ruhl
	REL 180	Intro to Religion	3	East 2	M/W	3:00-4:20	Slattery
	SDV 099	Student Development	3	West 2	T	5:30-8:20	Wagner
	SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	East 2	T	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
	SPN 101	Spanish I	3	West 2	T/R	4:30-5:50	Jonaitis
	SPN 102*	Spanish II	3	West 2	T/R	6:00-7:20	Jonaitis



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Despite the weather, many families came out to enjoy Family Fun Day at SCTC.

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Loretta Lynn Sweetheart of Country Still Astonishes Her Audience

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

On Apr. 27, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort held another great event and this wasn't just another concert but a part of music history. It was the majestic country legend, Loretta Lynn. The legendary performer has written about 160 songs and has



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

The "Lynns" jam out some country just like mom.

60 albums. With her countless accolades and achievements, she made history by being the first woman in country music to receive a certified gold album.

Within the powerful lyrics of each of her songs, her life was recorded.

She was born Loretta Lynn on Apr. 14, 1932 in a small cabin in Butcher Hollow, Ky. She was daughter of a coal miner, but overcame all of the hardships to become a country music icon. Her singing career didn't start until she decided to get married at a very young age and moved with her husband to Washington, D.C. to start her new life and to pursue her singing career. That is where her singing career started taking off. She also wanted to help her older sister, Brenda Gayle Webb's career. At that time people already knew 'Brenda Lee'

in the music industry, so Loretta suggested to her older sister to adopt the name 'Crystal.' Her sister took her advice and changed her name to Crystal Gayle.

Loretta Lynn's concert was a sold out show. People of all ages came to see the country legend. The evening was a family event as Loretta had her brother and her lovely twin daughters with her on stage. Her daughters are country singers just like mom; they go by the name, "The Lynns". Before the show started one of Loretta's daughters came out to talk to the audience about a long overdue memoirs book from their mom, which is on its way to be published. When she finished talking to the audience, the lights dimmed and came back on, as both the daughters came on the stage



Loretta Lynn, performing one of her biggest hits, "Coal Miner's Daughter".

to warm up the audience with their music. They covered songs from different country singers not to mention also sang some of their own songs such as, "Nights like These" and the song, "Woman to Woman",

a single that came from their self-title album, "The Lynns".

The audience started to cheer when they introduced their mother the main act. She walked gracefully to the center stage wearing a beautiful sparkling white vintage evening gown, her signature trademark. In between songs, she stopped and talked to her fans and joked around. She also would take the fans requests for songs. However, it seemed that everyone in the entertainment hall wanted to hear "Coal Miner's Daughter". Along with that song, she sang "They Don't Make 'Em like My Daddy Anymore", "You're Lookin' At Country" and "How Long". These are just some of her hit songs that she performed that night. It was a great performance by a legendary country performer.

Balagan Intrigues SECR with an Exciting and Mindboggling Performance

CARRIE GARCIA
Staff Writer

Mystery incorporated with brightly colorful characters, a German Wheel and contortionists that not only put the audience in a state of amazement but also in shock, dazzled the center stage with Balagan A Cirque Spectacular at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, May 4.

Balagan, which means Marketplace Circus in Russian, combines unique music, choreography, athleticism and comedy in a modern cirque style entertainment.

In the world of Balagan, it is filled with dreams and takes the audience on a journey and brings them back with inspiration.

Unique items scattered the SECR stage as many wondered what they were for.

Located in the shadow on the stage, a character dressed in white including dawning a white mask sat perfectly still on top of a chair located on top of a wooden box with a book in its hand and a feather pen in the other.

As the audience members sat comfortably in their seats, a circus Ringmaster came through the aisles of the audience with colorful characters following him, including a jester with ragged clothes. The characters jumped up onto the stage with cushions looking like suitcases. The cushions were being passed by the audience from one row to another, until they reached the stage. Frantically looking,

the Ringleader wanted the Jester to carry all five of the cushions off the stage. The puzzled Jester kept dropping the suitcase cushions until the Ringmaster made sure all cushions were off stage as he wedged a cushion between the Jester's legs and the Jester walked off stage.

In a strong French accent, the Ringmaster yelled out, "Bonjour" to the audience as they replied back. The humorous Ringmaster yelled out, "Bonjour" again and insisted the audience raise their arms and clap and the Ringmaster made a funny remark of stifling up his nose and waving his hand by it, insisting that their armpits smelled. In reply, the audience laughed.

With a humorous introduction the show began. A figure dressed in a nightgown of sun and moon patterns with a matching sleeping cap appeared on stage opening the wooden box that the figure was sitting on top of and shutting the box. The character ripped his nightgown apart to reveal clothing from the colonel times and danced around on stage as the Ringmaster appeared on stage once again. Four figures dressed in black cloaks stood

on stage to reveal four beautiful dancers dressed in two piece outfits underneath. As the four dancers twirled around their umbrellas, a woman in a white wedding dress appeared on stage and attached an umbrella to the harness located from the entertainment hall ceiling.

She grabbed ahold of the umbrella and flew in the air above the audiences heads, twirling in the air. This was just the beginning.

Throughout the night, high flying Aerialists fluttered the air telling a story about romance without words. Acrobats balanced themselves on chairs and even on one another and a contortionist showed the audience her talent of shooting a real bow and arrow with her feet. The audience also had gotten involved as four men unexpectedly got picked out of their seats and had to go on stage in front of many and act out moves that the Ringmaster was telling them to do as it made the audience uproar in laughter.

Words could not be expressed enough with this mystical performance, as the reactions on the audiences' faces could elaborate the event.



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

A high flying Aerialist grabs ahold of an umbrella and swings herself in the air above the SECR audience. Later throughout the night, she brought her talent to the stage once again with her ability to hula hoop more than 50 hoops at the same time.

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Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy Perform Country with Attitude

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed one of the most original musical acts ever created on Friday, May 24. The country duo of Big & Rich along with their guest Cowboy Troy, put on an energetic act that could only be described as pure entertainment. They brought a certain edge to their music, performing country with attitude.

The opening act for the concert was Port Huron native Taya Lear, the winner of last season's Soaring Eagle Superstars karaoke contest. The contest is a summer long karaoke competition where local talent can compete for their share of more than \$20,000 in prizes. It is held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort every Saturday at 7 p.m. starting June 1.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Cowboy Troy belts out his country rap during his hit song, "I Play Chicken With the Train".

This season runs through Aug. 17, with the grand finale taking place Aug. 24. For more information please visit www.soaringeaglecasino.com/superstars

The duo of John Rich and Big Kenny has combined to sell over five million albums since they joined forces 10 years ago. Both are songwriters, guitarists and vocalists. They have released four albums: "Horse of a Different Color" (2004), "Comin' to Your City" (2005), "Between Raising Hell and Amazing Grace" (2007) and their most recent "Hillbilly Jedi" (2012).

Big & Rich kicked off their concert with the hit songs "Comin to Your City", "Jalapeño" and "Wild West Show". For a change of pace the group played a cover of the hit AC/DC song "Shook Me". The cover proved, as John Rich stated, that "Country music can rock too!"

Rich called two audience members onto the stage to slow dance while the band serenaded them with their number one single, "Lost In This Moment". After finding out they weren't yet married, he proclaimed "Let's do it right here on stage, Big Kenny can be the minister!"

The chemistry of the duo was on full display during their song "That's Why I Pray". The vocal harmonies allowed their voices to weave together, making it hard to tell where one leaves off and the other takes over.

An uplifting moment occurred the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, as a U.S. Military Veteran was honored on stage. The band performed the Grammy nominated single "8th of November" in



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

John Rich points out to the crowd while performing a lively rendition of AC/DC's "Shook Me".



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Big Kenny with his signature eccentricity gave the audience a performance to remember.

honor of all those who have served. As requested by the band, everyone in attendance gave a spirited rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance.

After a cover of the Tom Petty classic, "Mary Jane", the band started to play "Love Train". To the surprise and excitement of the audience, it was then that Cowboy Troy made his entrance on to the stage to accompany Big & Rich during the rest of the show.

Known for his rap influenced style and approach to country music, Cowboy Troy performed his hit song, "I Play Chicken With the Train". The single peaked at No. 48 on Billboard's Top 100 Chart.

With the help of Cowboy Troy, Big & Rich began a spirited performance of their hit song, "Save a Horse (Ride a

Cowboy)". The song peaked at No. 11 on Billboards Top 100 Chart. They broke down the middle of the song while playing segments of hit songs such as Sir Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back", Red Hot Chili Pepper's "Give It Away" and House of Pain's "Jump Around".

A handful of lucky fans were called up on stage and were seated on a couch as the group performed the encore to their show, "Rollin' (The Ballad of Big & Rich)". The show reached a climactic ending as John Rich suddenly lit his guitar on fire and furiously smashed it on stage.

That ending is a testament to everything that Big & Rich have stood for since they first burst onto the scene. Country can have a little rock and roll flavor, country can have a little bite to it.

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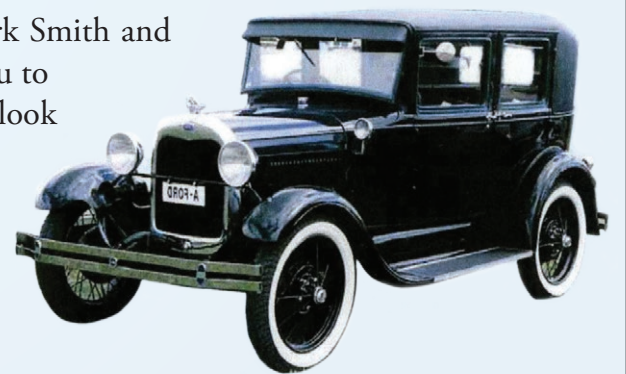
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Springing Into Health in a Fun Way at Andahwod

CARRIE GARCIA

Staff Writer

Keeping a positive outlook on being healthy is a challenge and also very rewarding. For families and individuals, they were able to jump on an early start to the summer with healthy information given to them at the Spring Into Health event held on Mar. 28 at Andahwod. The facility was a gracious host for the event.

Nimkee Public Health through their Special Diabetes

Program for American Indians Grant and finding through the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension Program, were able to bring this event filled with fun activities including painting a planter complements of the Tribal College, and eating a delicious healthy meal.

“The SCTC Extension office is to reach out into the community to provide information to support a healthy lifestyle,” said Mary Pelcher, SCTC Extension Coordinator.

“The Spring Into Health event was held to provide the tribal community with information on diabetes, without focusing on a negatives about it. Our planning team chose to focus on a positive healthy lifestyle.”

Spring Into Health also helped promote the services that Nimkee offers the community. The event was a success not only for the attendance, but also by incorporating some healthy habits, such as exercise.

“People incorporated being healthy by walking to each different table as a form of exercise, having a healthy meal and by also relaxing by painting,” said Sandra Chesebrough Nimkee Public Health Nurse.

The overall goal of the event was to learn about health but also have fun at the same time.

“We were pleased on how many families and individuals came out for the event,”

Chesebrough said. “We had parents and children commenting on the booths and walking away with new information. We wanted to share it in little doses instead of large doses.”

Each person who showed up for the event received a nice bag compliments of the Tribal College and were also registered for prizes such as waterpark tickets and a golf gift certificate donated by the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel.

Please Don't Make Me Laugh

JENNA WILCOX

Contributing Writer

For over half of middle-aged women, urinary incontinence is no laughing matter. It's the involuntary loss of urine during coughing, sneezing or even laughing (when something is so funny, you literally wet your pants!) Many things such as pregnancy, childbirth, excessive straining from frequent constipation and obesity all can weaken a woman's pelvic floor muscles.

A report in the Annals of Internal Medicine states that pelvic floor muscle training, like Kegel's exercise, is effective for treating adult women without risk of side effects. The report

says drugs can be effective, but the degree of benefit is low and side effects are common. Kegel's exercise involves contracting or squeezing and then releasing the pelvic floor muscles.

If you are not sure where your pelvic floor muscles are located, contact your healthcare providers to help you correctly identify them; or if at home you can imagine that you are trying to stop yourself from passing urine and/or gas. The tightening, clenching and lifting feeling would be the muscles you would use for the Kegel's exercise. Completely relax the muscles between each tightening; you should feel a release or letting go sensation of the muscles.

Hold the muscle in the tightening position for only a few seconds; the more comfortable you become with this exercise the longer you can hold the position. If you are doing the exercise correctly, then no one can see you exercising these internal muscles. You, therefore, can do Kegel's exercise at the office, at home in your favorite chair, or even on the car ride to work.

Talk with your doctor to learn more about these exercises. You can also schedule an appointment with your medical provider by contacting Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4679.

Selected information taken from Health-e headlines TM and Mayo Clinic.

Women's 2013 Health Fair at New Location

JUDY DAVIS

Contributing Writer

Nimkee Public Health will be holding their annual Women's Health Fair this year at Andahwod on Leaton Road.

“In addition to the new location,” stated Women's Health Coordinator, Jenna Wilcox, “We have also changed the time

from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. It is hoped that with this new time, we will be able to accommodate more community members.”

The Fair will be held on Wednesday, June 19, and will feature both Tribal Departments and outside vendors. For more information, contact Jenna Wilcox at 989 775-4604 or Judy Davis at 989 775-4629.

Nimkee Fitness Center		Monday - Friday			
Group Exercise Schedule June 2013		6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.			
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30 a.m.		Beg. Running Jayme (Ends 6/11)		Beg. Running Jayme (Ends 6/11)	
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		PiYo Brandi (Ends 6/6)	
12:00 p.m.	Fast Blast 4! Jayme	Turbo Kick Judi	Turbo Kick Brandi (Ends 6/5)		Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.		Walk N' Talk Michelle		Walk N' Talk Michelle	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
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This will be a great day to get outside the house, run into great people and get some cardio in for your heart. Join me and everyone else on Wednesday, June 12 for this healthy tribal gathering. Can't wait to see you there! - Charla Cummins

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Veggie Tips For You and Your Family

SALLY VAN CISE RD
Contributing Writer

Have a garden! Kids love helping. So why not plant a garden together? Plus, children love eating what they have grown! If you don't have much space or time, a pot of small herbs like parsley or basil is easy to care for and will introduce your kids to the very nutritious and delicious world of fresh herbs.

Can't wait for Asparagus! A good source of vitamins K and C, potassium and folate, asparagus may help support heart health and healthy fluid balance and prevent against birth defects. A perennial

with 20 edible varieties and a springtime favorite, asparagus is prized worldwide as a gourmet vegetable, yet it is easy to grow, fairly inexpensive to buy and simple to cook. Green asparagus is the most common variety. White asparagus, which is grown by mounding soil around the growing stalk to inhibit development of chlorophyll, has a more delicate flavor and texture and purple asparagus is smaller than the green or white varieties and has a fruitier flavor. Purple asparagus also provides benefits from phytonutrients called anthocyanins that give it its distinctive hue. When selecting asparagus, look for stems that are thin and firm,



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with closed tips that are deep green or purple in color.

It's simple to Grill or Roast that Asparagus! Marinade cleaned asparagus in some olive oil and fresh lemon juice. No specific measurements, just base it on taste. Let it sit for one to two hours. Then just place on the grill or in the oven at 425 degrees. It's done when the stalks are lightly browned, and soft. Enjoy!

Jicama Sticks w/ Strawberry Dip

Jicama is a root vegetable that looks like an onion, but is much sweeter. It contains potassium to make you heal quickly, like a super hero! Yield: 5 Servings.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

- Vegetable Peeler
- Measuring Cups
- Knife
- Spoons
- Cutting Board
- Blender

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Medium Jicama
- 2 cups Fresh or Frozen Unsweetened Strawberries (thawed and drained)
- 1/4 cup Honey
- 2 Tbsp. White Vinegar

DIRECTIONS:

- Peel the Jicama and cut into long, 1/4-inch sticks.
- In a blender, combine the remaining ingredients and blend until smooth.
- Serve the Jicama sticks with the strawberry dip.

Super Snap Pea Salad

This salad can be stored in the fridge for a few days. You don't need to worry about it wilting, so feel free to send it with your kids for lunch!

INGREDIENTS:

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| For the Dressing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tsp Dijon mustard • 1 tsp honey • Juice of 1 lemon • 1/4 cup canola, safflower, or grapeseed oil • Salt & pepper to taste | For the Salad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/4 lb snap peas, snip the ends and wash • 1 cup cut corn kernels • 1 red pepper, diced into small pieces (1/4"-1/2" pieces) |
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DIRECTIONS:

- In a small bowl, whisk the ingredients for the dressing.
- In a larger bowl, combine ingredients for the salad
- Toss dressing with the salad. **Enjoy!**

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Letter to the Editor

May 1, 2013

Dear Editor:

Dedicated residents will camp out overnight and walkers will go around the clock in the battle against cancer when the annual American Cancer Society relay for Life of Isabella County gets underway at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe campground. No matter how the stock market is performing or what the current unemployment rate may be, many people are battling a cancer diagnosis and many others are lending support alongside loved ones each day. These realities make the dollars donated and volunteer hours devoted to the American Cancer Society – which has been a part of this community for many years – critically important.

Local volunteers are a huge part of this nationwide effort to save lives from cancer, but additional help is needed for the progress to continue. We are inviting everyone in our community to join us at this year's event and help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

Relay provides the American Cancer Society with money to support vital research happening right here in our state and across the nation by providing cancer patients with free wigs, transportation to treatment, free lodging at our Hope Lodge, etc. It also publishes lifesaving literature on cancer prevention, detection and tobacco control and develops a new generation of medicines to help those battling cancer.

Now it's the time for everyone to join in the fun at Relay for Life and to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those who have lost their lives and fight back against this devastating disease. Learn how you can be part of the Relay for Life of Isabella County by calling 1-800-227-2345 or visiting relayforlife.org and click on Find Relay Events.

Sincerely,

Marie Kequom

Relay for Life Team Captain
Kequom Crusaders



Attention All SCIT Tribal Members

Contract Health at the Nimkee Clinic has recently added a letter pertaining to bills, which has been put into collections at the credit bureau. Contract Health has had a policy in effect since 11/29/10, regarding credit bureau statements, saying that we will no longer accept a bill once it goes into the collections agency. The reason for this is because the credit bureau will not give Contract Health any information regarding a person's account due to HIPPA. Therefore, once a patient has received this letter from the Contract Health department, the patient needs to get an itemized statement with diagnosis codes and then return it back to Contract Health for further processing. If you have any questions, please give us a call: 989-775-4634, 989-775-4635 or 989-775-4636.

Thank you,
Contract Health

Attention All SCIT Tribal Members regarding the Optical Policy:

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JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Linda Mallay, she is April's Employee of the Month. Linda has worked for the Tribe for sixteen years. She started at the small casino in Coat Check and moved to Line Cook, Line Serving and six years ago she moved over to Andahwod where she cooks, does dishes and serves meals. She enjoys working with the residents and the staff.

Linda has three children: Vicki, Carol, and Mary, and six grand-children Alexandria, Nicholas, Derrick, Devin, Dyalan and Andrew. In her



Linda Mallay

time away from work she likes to attend their events and go camping with her family. Her favorite memory of her grandparents is picking berries with her grandma when she was six. If you see Linda, congratulate her on being picked as April Employee of the month.

April 2013

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

As tribal elders go, I'm brand new out of the box but we all know that Anishnabs live accelerated lives and I've lived quite a few lives in just fifty-one years.

My father, Sam Fisher, was in the U.S. Navy when I was born and we moved all over the country and overseas until he retired when I was 14. I actually started first grade in the fall of 1968 at Mary McGuire Elementary, but eventually ended up in Flint at Powers Catholic High School. I never went back for my senior year of high school and took off to California. Quitting school is something kids just can't do today and that little stunt added ten years to me eventually getting a college degree.

Along the way I was a teenage fast food wonder—youngest manager for Arby's in all of Southern California. I joined the U.S. Navy in the famous Nuclear Power program! I owned my own landscaping business in San Diego for many years and eventually got into a wholesale bakery with my brother, Theron Fisher; right thing at the wrong time—all before per cap!

Raising kids is what brought me to the reservation in 1995. There are so many services here that are family and culture focused. Despite the long history, this is a special place for

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Anishnabeg to live our lives on our own terms. Then along the way I went to law school and had a colorful career doing that!

This past year, 2012, was full of great changes for me. My four children are grown up, successfully striking out on their own and looking ahead but not looking back to see where dad is. Empty nest and a "sudden" divorce after 23 years of marriage pretty much cut all the strings in my support network. That's why Andahwod is such an important part of my transition into what will be the next phase of my life. I am hopeful that the rest of this beautifully rich life will be on my own terms as part of my own wonderful community. The Andahwod staff is wonderfully supportive, always cheerful and interested what I might need from meals, rides to appointments, and the temperature in my apartment and to the warm, "Hello, Mr. Fisher" every time I pass by. For this weary world-traveling warrior, Andahwod sure feels like a safe and peaceful home for me for now.

There's plenty to keep me busy. I serve on the Elder's Advisory Board. I love Bingo with friends and birthday bingos! The best times here are when the community comes to participate in events like the "Best Soup on the Rez" contest, Elder's breakfasts and Thursday night dinners. I'm also helping with a summer vegetable



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Damian Fisher

garden for Andahwod residents. I'm especially excited about this year's Native Farmer's Market because the people involved are so creative and enthusiastic and I will get a chance to sell my natural wood crafted walking canes and staffs.

I also stay pretty busy at the Nimkee Fitness center. I'm there everyday training for one event or another. My next event is a bodybuilding contest in Lansing on June 8, where I'll compete in the Master's (50+) division. I then have The Human Race, Michigan Indian Family Olympics and a special Two Spirit/Straight Alliance 5k on Powwow weekend. A busy summer, so if you see me running on the streets around the Rez or in town, just wave and say Boozhoo, if I don't wave and say it first!

JUNE 2013 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 David Bird, Karen Bond, Kevin Rodriguez, Asuncion Castaneda, Carolyn Harris, Martin Steele | 16 Donald Leureaux, Ernest Nahgahgwon, Delores Pepin, Geraldine Phillips, Walter Snowden |
| 2 Gloria Marshall, Ruth Henderickson, Donna Moore, Tammy Nowicki | 17 Donald Cabay, Thomas Wheaton Sr. |
| 3 Patricia Kequom, Sally Quiroga, Loretta Castaneda | 18 Linda Ritter, Douglas Jackson, Jill Meir, Connie Truett, Mary Zilz |
| 4 Kayle Crampton, Betsy Crooker | 19 Gloria Kirby |
| 5 Alan Alma | 20 Michael Childers, Lori Fuller, Richard Russell |
| 6 Roberta Starkey | 21 Mary Smith, Joel Dennis, Cheryl Dixon, Vaughn Schoen |
| 7 Phillip Henry, Rebecca Oller, Abraham Smith, Connie Sprague, Mark Jackson | 22 Penny Elliott, Virgil James, Rudy Pontiac |
| 8 Kimberly Otto-McCoy, Anita Henry | 23 Marlin Strong |
| 9 Gary Bird, Lillian Corbiere, Linda Haven | 24 Christopher Moses |
| 10 Robin Peters | 25 Christine Reed, Diane Robinson, Annette Saboo-Rogers |
| 11 Galen Bennett, Douglas Gage, Kelly Garlick | 26 Sharon Blevins, Ronald Orvis, George Slater Jr. |
| 13 Daniel Burnham, Anthony Dutton, Elizabeth Kosla, Connie Rosenthal | 27 Richard Trepanier Sr., Rollin Bacon Jr., Lorraine Bergevin, Ricky Fowler, Debra Hull |
| 14 Betty Ashmun, Jeanette Leureaux, Gregory Mandoka, Robert Bailey, Kristie Clemons, Richard Cloutier, Lesley Froncek, John Quayle | 28 Robert Pego Sr., Vivian Carpenter, Rose Greenwald, Orval James, Ronald Stockel II, Angela Tabor |
| 15 Earl Pelcher Sr., Beatrice Peters, Gloria Loveland-Bailey, Lillian Peters | 29 James Reynolds, Mac Schoen, Gaylene Urban |
| | 30 Rhonda Salazar, Carole Tally, Francine Trepanier |

Seeking Loans and Predatory Lending

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.

In this day seeking out a loan is a must for individuals wanting a car, home or credit card. However, when seeking out loans one must be on the lookout for Predatory Lenders. Predatory Lending is defined by combining two definitions. First predatory is "inclined or intended to injure, or exploit others for personal gain or profit" and lend "to let out 'money' for temporary use on condition of repayment with interest". Both definitions are from Merriam-Webster.

This is an area where extreme caution should be made with seeking out a loan. Remember in order to borrow money all lenders charge an interest rate, seek out the lowest interest rate you are eligible for. Lenders earn money by charging interest on the money they lend, the

higher the interest rate the more money they make from the person seeking the loan.

Here are some tips where caution should be used:

1. Beware of discounts on lending fees or application costs. On top of the interest rates lender make on the loan amount they also may "waive" fees for applying for the loan. Although the fees are "waived" many times they will inflate the fees than turn around and discount the fees they created. When an application or advertisement says, "fees are waived" be cautious.
2. Repayment penalties for paying off the loan early. Again lenders earn money by charging an interest rate over time. The longer the loan repayment time the more money they make, if the loan is paid off early they may charge fees on top of the loan interest rates.
3. Be on the lookout when lender says "no credit report" or "got bad credit?" and even "get cash now". Often the interest rates and fees are very high and this takes several payment periods to pay off the loan. Many

times if a payment is missed the fees will be as much as the loan amount. This creates a cycle where repayment is difficult to manage and lenders will do what everything to collect on the money you agreed to pay in interest, fees and the event you default on the loan.

Currently some of the interest rates available for individuals with fair to good credit reports are approximately the following; home loans around four percent, vehicle loans from two percent to 15 percent, personal loans and credit card rates from 8.9 percent to 15 percent.

When researching information on lending practices a very concerning website for predatory lenders was found that promotes extracting as much money from the working population. This association promotes the practice of "predatory lending to maximize the profits off the working poor." Individuals must educate themselves on interest rates and fee so they can keep as much of their money for themselves as possible when seeking out loans.

ATTENTION ELDERS

The Powwow Homecoming Trip is full and the Gatlinburg Trip has been cancelled. If you have any questions feel free to contact Sheila Leureaux at **989-775-4135**.

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Calendar of Events

June 1

Acoustic Music, Nbakade Restaurant, 9pm-1am

June 14

- Flag Day, American Flags distributed at check in (while supplies last)
- Glow Golf at Waabooz Run Golf Course, 8-11pm
- Acoustic Music at Nbakade Restaurant (A.J. Westendorp), 9pm-1am



June 15 - Happy Father's Day!

Make a tie for Dad craft, Waterpark Lobby, 3-5pm **FREE**

June 18

World's Largest Swimming Lesson (maximum of 50 participants.) Pre-registration requested. Register and sign-in before 11am in order to be part of the worldwide record breaking logistics. A gift will be given to each participant.

Lesson: 11am-11:30am in activity pool

Ages: 1-5 years old

Pre-Register: Call Stephanie at 989-817-4830

June 22

Movie in courtyard "Despicable Me" (weather permitting) 8:30pm **FREE**

June 29 Ages 14-18 only \$10

Waterpark Teen Night, food specials, 10pm-12am. Enter to win 4 FREE waterpark passes each night; receive 1 entry to WIN an iPad mini on the last Teen Night of the season. Drawing 8/19/13.



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- June 5
Karaoke Night, 7-9pm
- June 8
White Sailor Hats Craft, 9-11am & 6-8pm
- June 13
Game Night, 7-9pm
- June 14
Flag Day, American Flags distributed at check in (wsl)
- June 16
Father's Day Fish Magnet Craft, 9-11am
- June 16 "Happy Father's Day"
Fishing w/ Dad, FREE 1 hour boat rentals. Guests only. Limited pole rentals-bring your own pole, All Day
- June 19
Karaoke Night, 7-9pm
- June 21
Brother Bear Movie, 8:30pm (weather permitting)
- June 27
Game Night, 7-9pm
- June 29
Jungle Necklace Craft, 9-11am & 6-8pm and Pot Luck at RV Park Clubhouse, 5-7pm

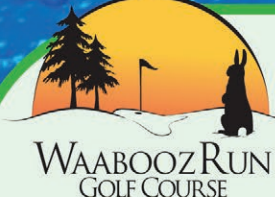


Tuesday, June 18 • 11am-12pm
Call Stephanie at 989-817-4830
to register or for more information

- Max of 50 participants. Pre-registration requested. Register and sign-in before 11am in order to be part of the worldwide record breaking logistics. Lessons take place from 11:30am in the activity pool. FREE to participate.
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Acoustic Sets (9pm-1am)

June 1 - AJ Westendorp

June 14 - AJ Westendorp

June 29 - Ben Schuller





JUNE 2013 EVENT PLANNER

- Euchre**
June 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Andahwod Dinner Buffets**
June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Fathers' Day Bash**
June 8 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Elder's Breakfast**
June 12, 26 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Bingo with Friends**
June 19 | 1 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300
- Daughters of Tradition Graduation**
June 1 | 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: Broadway Park Pavilion
Contact: 989-775-4894
- Dikinaagan (Cradleboard) Workshop**
June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4750
Learn first-hand how cradleboards are constructed and how to properly use them.
- SCA Year End Powwow**
June 4 | 10:30 a.m.
Location: 7th Generation Powwow Grounds
Contact: 989-775-4386
- K-12 Senior Graduation**
June 4 | 6 p.m.
Location: Tribal Gym
Contact: Sara Alexander 989-775-4478
- Community Walk and Talk**
June 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 | 5 p.m. Wednesdays
4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Location: Meet at Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: 989-775-4696
- In Stiches Quilting Group**
June 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 | Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Center
Contact: 989-775-4750
- Native Farmer's Market**
June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Corner of Leaton and Broadway roads
Contact: 989-775-4059
The market will be held every Wednesday until October 9, 2013.
- Eagle Staff Healing Run/Walk**
June 6 | Registration 8 a.m., Run Starts 9 a.m.
Location: Run starts at Tribal Operations and continues down Broadway to Nelson Park. Walk starts at Nelson Park and goes down Harris to the Boarding School.
Contact: 989-775-4780
Four mile run and one mile walk.
- Active Parenting Now Class**
June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10 a.m. - Noon
Location: Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services
Contact: 989-775-4901
- 22nd Annual Human Race 5K Run/Walk**
June 12 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation Elijah Elk Center
Contact: 989-775-4690
- Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Social**
June 12, 26 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4386
- 18th Annual Native American Sobriety Walk**
June 15 | 7:30 a.m. Registration, 8 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 9 a.m. Walk Begins.
Location: Riverside Park, 803 Monroe Ave. N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Contact: NACS 616-451-6767
- Youth Basketball Fundamentals Clinic**
June 19 | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Tribal Gym
Contact: 989-775-4509
- Employee Morale Booster BBQ**
June 20 | Noon - 1 p.m.
Location: Senior's Room
Contact: 989-775-4059
- Summer Feast**
June 20 | 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation Ceremonial Building
Contact: 989-775-4386
- Housing Financial Workshop**
June 20 | Noon
Location: Housing Conference Room
Contact: 989-775-4595
- Baby Moccasins With the Elders**
June 21 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4907
- Cultural Teaching at Sanilac Petroglyphs**
June 22 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Location: Sanilac Petroglyphs (near Cass City, MI)
Contact: 989-775-4750
Join us at the Sanilac Petroglyphs as we honor their teachings and take on the role of stewardship.

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JUNE 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 					1 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.
					2 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
3 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m. Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	6 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	7 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	8 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.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

Indian Child Welfare Specialist

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have an Associate's Degree in human services field. Must have knowledge of or experience with Native American communities. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Law. Act as a liaison and advocate to SCIT members, SCIT eligible for membership and SCIT descendants residing within the state of Michigan to ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the ICWA agreement between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI and the Michigan Department of Human Services. Conduct home studies for the purpose of licensing Tribal foster care homes within the state of Michigan.

Accreditation Specialist

Open to the public. Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in a behavioral health setting, Masters Degree in human services field preferred. Must have demonstrated experience in accreditation (CARF) and/or policy formulation to meet behavioral health care standards and governing bodies (IHS, Blue Cross Blue Shield, NMSAS, and State of Michigan). Strong computer skills essential. Effective organizational, quality assurance, team-building and problem-solving skills and superior oral and written communication skills are required. Native American preferred. This posi-

tion primary function is to ensure that the behavioral health program is meeting licensing, credentialing and accreditation standards through reviewing information, data and reports gathered through the quality assurance system. An important part of this position is sitting on a management team.

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. 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.

T.O. Grounds Worker Part-Time

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment as described in the essential job duties. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Performs all necessary job duties and responsibilities to maintain

lawns, flower beds and snow removal at various locations around the SCIT reservation.

Tribal Education Librarian

Open to the public. A Master's Degree with a Library Media endorsement from the State of Michigan; or a Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Must have substantive experience in library information technology, library collections and excellent oral and written communications skills. Prefer Ojibwe language speakers. Prefer experience working for a Native American Indian Tribe or in a Native American community.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demonstrated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and two years experience teaching Anishinabemowin with children in a school setting or community setting. Must have a High School Diploma or equivalent. Possession of a teaching/language certificate preferred. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws.

Dean of Research

Open to the public. Master's degree in a field related to statistics, institutional research, quantitative analysis and/or research methods. Minimum two years of experience in assessment, data analysis or research design

and implementation in an institution of higher learning or an applied, organizational or institutional research related field. The DR is responsible for promoting, coordinating, conducting and evaluating research related to institutional effectiveness. Including, but not limited to, assessment planning and reporting related to student learning, completion of college-wide surveys required by government agencies or requested by private organizations, monitoring compliance with external accreditation standards and supporting other mission-critical and evidence-based projects.

Associate Judge

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar: Ten or more years experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience preferred, excellent knowledge of criminal and civil procedure and federal Indian law; and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe. The successful candidate should have a high ethical standards and strong references.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's Degree in Social Services or Human Services Related field. Must have supervisory experience in Social Services or Human Services Related field. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services Director will direct, establish, plan and coordinate all overall activities and segments included within ACFS. This includes Prevention and Outreach services, Protective services, ICWA and Licensing services.

Purchasing Clerk

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must have excellent typing and computer skills. Good written and verbal communication skills required. Must have previous sales experience or clerical experience. Must have good mathematical skills. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Native American preferred. Compiles information and records to prepare purchase orders for procurement of material by performing the following duties.

Casino

Controller of Cage and Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education experience must include a bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five

years of cage and count managerial experience. Effective written and verbal communications skills required. Must have the ability to resolve problems/conflicts in a diplomatic and tactful manner. Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. This is a "KEY" position. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. The Controller of Cage & Count is responsible for supervising the cage and count personnel, and the operation of all SECR cage and count locations. Responsible for communicating pertinent information to all cage and count team associates and management on a timely basis. Responsible for promoting outstanding guest relations and consistently presents a professional demeanor at all times. All functions are to be performed within the guidelines of the SECR policies and procedures, Internal Control Standards and Objectives.

Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred. Maintain a fully stocked and clean buffet to keep with our Four Diamond Status.

Level 1 Waitstaff 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 serve guests in a timely and courteous manner.

Bartender 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.

Guest Room

Attendant Part-Time Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous house-keeping experience preferred. Qualified applicants should possess a friendly and outgoing personality.

Security Officer Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Good reading, writing and mathematical skills. Ability to handle irate, disorderly or intoxicated guests in a professional manner. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could including severe weather and fire. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Inventory Control Driver-Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain/maintain a gaming license. Must be able to obtain/maintain a tribal driver's license and maintain a CDL Class B license. One to three years experience in driving vehicles/rigs that require CDL designation. One to three years of receiving or warehousing experience working with warehouse equipment. Food handling experience is a plus. Computer experience to include Microsoft Office or related programs. Must be able to work in a labor intensive work environment and be able to multitask. Must have experience on stand up or sit down fork lift or be able to be certified prior to 90 day probationary period is completed.

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 be able to work all shifts such as weekends, graveyards, and holidays. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40 vision in each eye with or without corrective lenses.

Cosmetologist Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a MI State License in Cosmetology. 1600 Training Hours, followed by completion of State License with two year renewal required. One year experience preferred.

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Thursday, June 6 • 7am - 4pm

Mission Creek Cemetery:

1475 S. Bamber Road - Mt. Pleasant, MI
7 am: Sunrise Ceremony

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations Parking Lot:

7070 E. Broadway - Mt Pleasant, MI
9 am: "Spirit Runners" Eagle Staff Healing Run/Walk

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School:

1400 W. Pickard - Mt Pleasant, MI
8 am: Breakfast (Provided)
10 am: Silent Auction Begins
11 am: Pipe Ceremony, Grand Entry and Flag Song *Welcoming all Pipe Carriers and Tribal Flag Bearers*
Student Roll Call *"Remembering the Deceased"*
Prayer
Student Memorial Guitar Dedication and Song
Noon: Lunch (Provided)
Community Concert
1 pm: Special Guest Speakers: *Walpole Island Residential School Survivor's Panel and Film Screening*
3 pm: Jingle Dress Healing Dance and Celebratory Round Dance *Welcoming all Jingle Dress Dancers*
3:30 pm: Silent Auction Ends
4 pm: Give-Away and Traveling Song

Monetary donations and/or silent auction gifts are welcome. Make checks payable to Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

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Rain or Shine • Open to the Public • Groups Welcome
Bring lawnchairs, lawn blankets, awnings, umbrellas, water bottles, and feast bags. Bring your family photos and letters for the Zibiwing Center to scan and archive.

Main parking in the Morning Sun lot at 711 W. Pickard
Handicap and Elder Parking Available • Shuttle Service Available
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG CRAWFORD RD.



For More Information: Contact the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Public Relations Department at 989-775-4074 or email the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee at miibs@sagchip.org

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF DUSTIN NELSON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 13-CI-0198. Plaintiff: Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union. 2410 S. Leaton Rd. Ste 1 Mt Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-5070. Notice to defendant: 1.You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires August 26, 2013.**



Bird Day Celebration Honors **BINESHIYAG** (our winged brothers)

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Honoring Bineshiyag (our winged brothers), was the focus of the Bird Day Celebration at the Ziibiwing Center on Saturday, May 11. Nearly 100 people gathered to learn about and celebrate the lives of these fascinating creatures whose beauty causes our hearts to flutter, and whose mystery and intrigue allow our imaginations to soar.

Mike LeValley, Education Coordinator at Isabella Conservation District, assembled a group of bird

enthusiasts and scholars. They provided an afternoon of entertaining, interesting and educational presentations that thrilled and delighted the many attendees. The audience was comprised of youth and adult visitors with diverse interests in the bird world.

The presenters included Jim McGrath of Nature Discovery in Williamston, Mich. who gave an extremely informative multi-media presentation on bird recognition and bird calling. McGrath also discussed the decrease in the numbers of song birds that occurs each year when their nests are destroyed during the time of hay harvesting.

He wondered if there might be a way to harvest hay without bird destruction. There was also Mike Bishop, from Alma College who caught and banded local birds. He talked about birds' habitats and ways of life.

Members of the Michigan Hawking Club conducted a captivating exhibition that included, among other birds, Perry, the Falcon and Sparty the Hawk. This exhibition and discussion provided information on identifying these birds, discussing their lifeways and explaining about the exciting sport of Falconry which includes hunting with birds of prey. The Isabella County MSU Extension group provided a workshop on making bird feeders using bagels and bird seed. The Mid-Mitten Chapter of Wild Ones and the CMU Museum exhibited displays, provided information, posters and other handouts.

The Ziibiwing Center assembled talent to celebrate and provide cultural teachings about Bineshiyag. Ziibiwing Staff member, Raymond Cadotte, opened the afternoon with the Anishinabe story of the Thunderbird and how the birch bark tree got its markings. This was followed by a dance presentation by Waasamoo and Gegek Pamp, who shared their interpretation of the Eagle Dance which honors the eagle for saving the Anishinabek. There were many children activities, including the making of bird masks and the always popular decorating and eating of delicious sugar cookies made by Darlene Basner. These cookies were cut in delightful bird shapes following the theme of the afternoon.

Ziibiwing Visitor Services Coordinator, Renata Borton, said "Bird day was a fantastic experience. This annual Ziibiwing event gives us the opportunity to expand our knowledge about various



Raymond Cadotte shares the Anishinabe story of the Thunderbird.



Hoods, similar to the red one above, are used in Falconry to keep the bird in a calm and relaxed state.



Jeff Alkire has more than 27 years experience flying hawks and falcons in Michigan and across the upper Midwest.



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

Each display was informative and detailed.



Waasamoo Pamp concentrates on his form during the eagle dance.

birds' habitats, nests and offspring. Seeing the community so eager to still learn from our winged brothers is very exciting. Honoring the connection we have to our bird brothers helps the Anishinabek to remember our ancestral teachings and pass these teachings down to future generations. Our future is looking good!"

Events like this provide a time to share knowledge. It is also a time to reflect on

whether or not we are doing all we can to be good stewards of our environment and caretakers of our plant and animal brothers. Our very survival depends on it. If we are lucky, as well as respectful, careful and smart, maybe we can find a way to live in this world without ever having to make that choice between the birds and the airplanes. If we put forth the effort maybe we can find a way to keep both.

"If I had to choose, I would rather have birds than airplanes." - Charles Lindbergh



A hawk sits on its perch observing the crowd. They are known to have eyesight that is several times sharper than the average human.



Falconry is an ancient craft which is still practiced around the world today.



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