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SCIT Primary Election draws record number of candidates

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Oct. 8, District One voters had 67 reasons to make their voice heard at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Primary Election. The record number of District One candidates joined a crowded field of eight for the District Three primary.

"I was excited to see the number of candidates who were willing to serve the Tribe," Caucus Committee Chairperson Alice Jo Ricketts said. "One of the most rewarding blessings of being a part of the Tribal elections is to see all the families who take part in the process."

Through a press release, the SCIT Public Relations department informs that District One on the Isabella Reservation has 1,031 registered voters. A total of 576 chose to cast their

ballots in this year's Primary Election with 55.87 percent of registered voters choosing to make their vote count. District Three, with 1447 registered voters had a 32.48 percent turnout, with 470 ballots cast.

It was truly democracy at its best," Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden said. "For a primary election, to have almost 58 percent of District One registered voters make it to polls is phenomenal!"

The top three candidates in the District One race were Lindy Hunt, 242 votes; Lorna Kahgegab Call, 202 and Chip Neyome, 188. The top twenty District One candidates will face off in the Nov. 5 General Election for the 10 Council positions.

District Three top two candidates were Michele Stanley, 215 votes followed by Frank Cloutier, 125.

District Two incumbent Ron Nelson ran unopposed.

District 1 Primary Election: Top Twenty Candidates

Lindy Hunt 242	Shelly (Foster) Bailey 159
Lorna Kahgegab Call 202	Delmar Jackson Sr. 154
Chip Anthony Neyome 188	Jennifer Vasquez Wassegijig 153
Milton Charles Pelcher 165	Stephanie M. Peters 151
Louanna L. Bruner 163	Charmaine (Benz) Shawana 149
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District 3 Primary Election: Top Two Candidates

Michele Stanley 215	Frank Cloutier 125
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All eleven current Council members made it through the primary election except one noticeable candidate who chose not to run.

"I've enjoyed my time on Council and have learned a great deal over the last four years," Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom said. "Our Tribe has a lot to be thankful

for and I feel it is time for me to finally enjoy retirement."

The full election results are posted on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org. The General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5 with polls at the Public Safety Building in Mt. Pleasant and the Saganing Tribal Center open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Our leaders speak at United Tribes of Michigan meeting

(Editor's note: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted a United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) meeting on Oct. 23-24 in the Three Fires Room at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The Tribal Observer is honored to share remarks from many of the leaders across the State of Michigan).



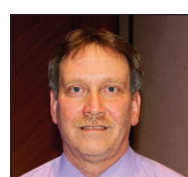
Dennis V. Kequom Sr., Saginaw Chippewa Tribal chief

"We are honored to host the United Tribes gathering and we always look forward to seeing other Tribes come around to our Reservation. It's a great time to meet with all of the other Councils and other Chiefs... I think it's a great chance to get to know others more personally."



Larry Romanelli, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians chief

"I like the idea that one arrow is not as strong as a bundle of arrows and we have a chance to collaborate on so many different issues... for example, we were just talking about veteran benefits. That affects all our Michigan Tribes. We know with the state and federal government, if we come together as a voice of 12 Michigan Tribes, we will be more effective than just one Tribe going at it alone. It does raise a few more eyebrows and gets us in a few more doors."



Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr., Keweenaw Bay Indian Community president

"I really appreciate coming down here and participating in the UTM meetings. It's an opportunity for us to get together and renew old friendships and to look at issues that affect all of us. Of course, we're not going to agree all the time but it is a chance to put it on the table and discuss the issues and hear different perspectives. At the end of the day, we can hopefully come to a united message of how to move forward in the best interests of all our Tribal members in Michigan."



Frank Ettawageshik, executive director of United Tribes of Michigan

"I would say United Tribes presents a forum where we can all get together. It is inevitable that 12 Tribal governments are going to have differences of opinion with each other. Those differences can range from a slight verbal exchange at a meeting or having to go to court and deal with those issues. At the same time, we find we have a vast multitude of common areas that we need to work on. United Tribes can be that forum where we can steer away from some issues... that's why we don't have gaming as a regular item. We tend to focus on the other issues that are before Indian Country."



Fred Kiogima, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians chairman

"Basically what I see that comes away from this gathering is the united side of leadership. All the leaders talking together as one voice brings an important leadership principle to the forefront of Michigan Tribes. Mining issues, child issues, fiscal responsibility and laws coming out of Washington... we are actively involved and keeping abreast of those. Many of the Tribes here took a stand like ours and passed a Resolution opposing the upcoming Michigan wolf hunt. That is an example of a Tribal concern we can all get community support."



Homer Mandoka, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi chairman & UTM president

"The importance of this meeting is to recognize the birch bark scrolls, that is the inception of the Council of the Three Fires and from that is a teaching that our Grandfathers have taught us about getting together and identifying our roles as we come together as Tribes for business reasons or to protect our citizenry."

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Rebecca Lynne VanOrder Feb. 3, 1965 - Oct. 7, 2013

Rebecca Lynne VanOrder, age 48, of Elizabeth, Colo., formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich. passed away Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

A Memorial Service for Rebecca was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, at 2 p.m. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

Rebecca was born on Feb. 3, 1965, the daughter of Esther Faye Chamberlain and Robert F. McDonald. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She married Todd VanOrder.

Rebecca is survived by her husband, Todd; daughter, Nina Bristol; stepchildren, Todd VanOrder and Amanda (Matt) Cleland; grandchildren, David Anton, James Bristol III, Jacob Bristol, and Arianna VanOrder; mother, Esther Faye (Bill) Baxter; two brothers, Clarence VanPolen and Robert McDonald. Rebecca was preceded in death by her father.



Arlene Molina Nov. 23, 1945 - Oct. 21, 2013

Arlene Molina, 67, of Standish, Mich., passed away on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at her home.

She was born to Lawrence and Dorothy (James) Cabay on Nov. 23, 1945, in Standish. Arlene was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and served on the Tribal Council. She worked for many years at the Saginaw Tribal Center. She enjoyed NASCAR racing, going to casinos and especially enjoyed her Las Vegas trips with Ron and Bernice Nelson.

She is survived by her sons Gilbert Molina of Pinconning; and Larry (LouAnn) Molina of Bentley; and by her grandson, Matthew Molina. She was preceded by her parents.

Arlene's funeral service were held on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at the R. O. Savage Funeral Chapel in Standish, with Pastor James Payne presiding. Burial in the Saginaw Indian Cemetery followed the service.



The family of Velma Bailey Lytle-Kyser

The family of Velma Bailey Lytle-Kyser, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend to many; would like to express our sincere gratitude to all that attended the funeral services, shared a memory, pictures, sent flowers, donated money and/or food during her passing. Your kind expression of sympathy helped us get through this sad and difficult time. May her legacy live on as she continues her journey with the Creator.



Silas, Gerald A. (Jerry) October 7, 2013

Beloved husband of Toni Silas for 31 years. Dear father of Matthew, Corey and Nicholas. He is survived by his sister Linda Rix and sister-in-law Pam Flashians. He will be missed by many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends. Preceded in death by his mother Dorothy.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and The Geriatric Education Center of Michigan Michigan State University present

Elder Health Training

Interdisciplinary Assessment and Care

Topics Covered:

- Determining Decision Making Capacity
- Depression in Later Life
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in Older Adults

Multidisciplinary approach to Elder Care working together on strategies and solutions for enhancing Elder Care in the tribal community. Presentations benefit all nursing, medical, behavioral, dental, and Elder staff.

Thursday, November 7, 2013
9AM- 4 PM
Andahwod Mt. Pleasant, MI
Lunch included

5 CE Credits Offered

Christmas

Unity Service

"The Real Christmas Story"

Friday Dec. 13, 2013 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
Free meal following the service

Parent Advisory Committee

Refresh - Renew - New Beginning

Open Meeting for Interested Parents

November 4, 2013 | 5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m. | SCA

Attention Parents: Seeking dedicated parents to serve on the Parent Advisory Committee! This group of parents, and SCA staff, focus on the activities that enrich and compliment the academic and cultural education of our students.

For More Information:
Scott Saboo, PAC President | Ext. 54453 or (989) 775-4453

Board of Regents Vacancy

If you are interested in serving, please submit a resume and a letter of interest explaining how you meet the criteria to:

Deadline for Submittal: Nov. 30th, 2013

Mrs. Tracey Defeyer
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
2274 Enterprise Drive
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Qualifications of Regents:

- An enrolled member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT) or another federally-recognized tribe, band or group. If a member of SCIT of Michigan must adhere to the tribal policy regarding committee membership.
- Attainment of at least twenty-five years of age.
- Significant education or work experience related to the process of higher education or vocational training or the administration of education or vocational training institutions and programs.
- Any specific requirements of organizations providing financial or other benefits to SCTC or providing accreditation of SCTC programs.

Are you applying for a job that requires a high school diploma or GED?

Tribal Members and Descendants can earn a high school diploma or prepare for GED testing free of charge at Aabizikaawin Adult Education.

Come see us or give us a call today! 775-4465
Near Tribal Operations Corner of Broadway & Leaton

Foster Care Recruitment Wednesdays

The ACFS Foster Care Recruitment Table is returning to the Tribal Operations Building front lobby on:

November 6, 20 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

ACFS is Seeking Native Foster Care Homes

Types of Foster Care Homes Needed:

- Respite Care Homes (temporary relief for other foster homes).
- Emergency Foster Care Homes (able to take children two hours a day and up to 30 days)
- Primary Foster Care

Stop by and see me if you are interested in becoming a Tribally Licensed Foster Home. If you can't make it to one of the above events I would be happy to talk to you about foster care, please call or email for more information!

Angela M. Gonzalez, Foster Care specialist
Phone: 989.775.4906 Email: AngGonzalez@Sagchip.org

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members

Meetings Will be Held
The 1st Tuesday of the Month in Seniors Room
Time: 6 p.m. | For More Information: 775-4175

Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Active Native Youth

Send in a photo of your student to be placed in the December Tribal Observer.

Deadline: Nov. 15
Email your photo and informaton to: TribalObserver@sagchip.org Subject:Native Athletes

Please include the following:

- Name
- School
- Grade
- Sport/Activity

Attention Families of Active Service Members

Send a picture of your beloved ones who are serving our country to be included in the December issue of the Tribal Observer. Include their name, branch of the military, rank/title and where they are stationed. Please submit to TribalObserver@sagchip.org

Deadline: Nov. 15

ATTENTION HUNTERS

Display Your Hunting Trophy!

Submit your photos to TribalObserver@sagchip.org to display your buck on the January 2014 Tribal Observer's Buck Pole.

Deadline: December 13



Leaders speak out continued from front page



Judy Emmons, Michigan State Senator 33rd District
 “The voice of United Tribes is a big factor for the Legislature and knowing they are coming together and forming a united front helps us a lot. Many of the environmental concern voiced today affect all of the districts in Michigan. We need to benefit from the environment but there needs to be a balance. The Tribes are aware of that we must not upset that balance from within. By hearing the tribal voices directly, we can take in all points of view and make the informed decisions correctly.”

Ziibiwing Center to host the National NAGPRA Program’s Review Committee Meeting and Training

Mt. Pleasant, Mich. – The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan’s Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways will host the National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Program’s 50th Review Committee Meeting and NAGPRA Training on Nov. 5-7, 2013. This will mark the first time the national program has convened their official review committee proceedings on a Federal Indian Reservation.

NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections and to consult with Federally-recognized Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding the return of these objects to descendants or tribes and organizations.

The National NAGPRA Review Committee was established under NAGPRA "to monitor and review the implementation of the inventory and identification process and repatriation activities." They request information on compliance with the law and they make annual reports to Congress. They also hear disputes on factual matters to resolve repatriation issues between Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations and Native Hawaiian organizations with museums and Federal agencies. The Review Committee is an advisory body under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Questions regarding Federal agency procedural practice are addressed by the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 501 et seq. The seven Review Committee members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior from nominations by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, traditional Native American religious leaders, national museum organizations and scientific organizations.

“As a result of NAGPRA, more than 10,000 Native American human remains, one million funerary objects and thousands of sacred objects have been united with tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

Ziibiwing has been working diligently on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa and Michigan Anishinaabek

Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance to bring home ancestors and their associated funerary objects from the numerous museums, universities and institutions across the country since the passage of the 1990 NAGPRA.

All proceedings are free and open to the interested public. The schedule of events for the week includes:

Nov. 5, 9 a.m. NAGPRA Basics Training (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. 50th National NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting Called to Order

Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. 50th National NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting (continues & concludes)

For more information about the agenda, visit the National NAGPRA Program website at: www.nps.gov/nagpra/REVIEW/meetings/AGENDA_50th_Meeting_Mount_Pleasant_MI.pdf

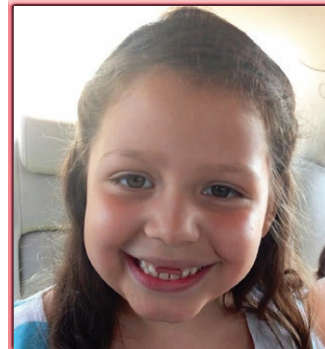
The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways in Mount Pleasant, Mich. is the Midwest’s Premier American Indian Museum. Established in 2004, the Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience through its award-winning Diba Jimooyung (Telling Our Story) permanent exhibit, changing exhibits, research center, Ojibwe language immersion room, gift shop and meeting rooms. The Ziibiwing Center is a non-profit cultural center and museum belonging to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan who also own Michigan’s only four diamond casino resort, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, and the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino located in Standish, Mich.



Happy Belated 24th Birthday
 To Momma's Champion
Dewey Mejia
 (10-27-89)
 Love Mom & Leticia



Happy 1st Birthday
 To our handsome son, **Isaiah!**
 (Oct 6th)
 Love, Mommy and Daddy



Happy 7th Birthday
Nevaeh Badger!
 Love,
 Aunt Jen, Uncle Al,
 Alex & Lauryn



Happy 15th Birthday
Abbie Nahdee
 November 23rd
 Love Dad & Mom



Congratulations Abbie Nahdee!
 Won 1st Place
 at the Walpole Island First Nation Fall Fair 2013
 Her 1st beadwork competition



Happy Birthday
Jasmine
 Love,
 Momma, Dad,
 Steve, Sydnee &
 Isabelle



Happy Birthday Nevaeh!
 We love you From All of us

CHRISTMAS
 with E'Vann Walker
 Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym
 Everyone is welcome to come hear an encouragement message of God and fellowship with one another.



Congratulations Dave & Gerada!
 It's about time after 30 years



Happy Birthday
Mom
 Love,
 MacKenzie

4th Annual Christmas Bazaar
 "Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene"
 6304 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
In "God's Cabin"
December 7, 2013
 From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on a donation basis
 The Church Youth will also be having a bake sale.



Happy 32nd Birthday
Antonio
 I love you from your wife **Cassandra** & daughters **Kali & Sicily**



Announcing the Marriage of
Antonio and Cassandra Hernandez
 The 28th of September will always be our day I Love you! Love your wife and daughters.



Tribal Council

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Council Member

Michele Stanley, District 3

LEAD on its way to establish youth services department

TONIA LEAUREAUX

Contributing Writer

Great news, we are officially on our way to having a consolidated youth services department! Although the Tribe has always provided services to the youth, these services have traditionally been fragmented. Youth services were scattered throughout a number of Tribal Operations departments and now they will all come together under the newly established Youth LEAD department.

On Oct. 16, Tribal Council unanimously passed a motion for reallocation of funds to the youth LEAD program. The motion listed that funds were reallocated from Education, Higher Education, Parks and Recreation, Behavioral Health, Leadership Program, Summer Youth, At-large Program, Youth Task Force and Youth Council. For those who are not familiar, LEAD is an acronym for Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion. Within our new department, we hope to cover all areas of the youth experience:

Leadership will focus on assisting our youth to become leaders through positive reinforcement, recognition of successes and assistance with school work. The Tribe understands the importance of our youth, and by having the Leadership branch we hope to begin building the foundation for youth success.

Engagement is the key to the whole LEAD concept. The department hopes to engage the youth at every level and by offering the specialized areas of leadership, activities and diversion it is our hope to make a positive impact on each and every youth.

Activities will focus on keeping our youth physically fit through sports and activities. Physical fitness is a priority at every level, so it's important to start at a young age. Offering sports and activities can also serve as an outlet for youth; as you know, youth have a lot of energy and they too need a way to release that energy.

Diversion will focus on the needs of at-risk youth. Often times, the needs of these youth are different from their peers; by working closely with them, the department is hoping to introduce alternative methods which will meet their needs. This diversion area will work closely with other tribal departments such as Tribal Court and will also be pro-active in providing anti-drug and alcohol messages throughout the year.

We are currently in the process of transitioning staff over to the new area, which will be located in and around the tribal gym. There are also a limited number of vacant positions which will be posted. Interested individuals can go to www.sagchip.org to view job openings. The department will be hosting a welcome event so that the community can come meet the staff and learn about the program. Look for more details soon.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Fundraising Committee launches Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the 2013 Christmas Raffle are \$5 each. The prizes are two \$500 Visa Cards, four \$100 Visa Cards and two 2014 Golf Memberships, valued at \$300. The drawing is Dec. 6, 2013 at the Water Lily Lounge at 1 p.m. Proceeds will be used to support Tribal organizations, school supplies and programs for Tribal youth and events. Tickets can be purchased from any committee member seven days a week. Committee members are Bernard Sprague at 775-5309, Lee Brauher, Tamara Clark and Betty Gifford can be reached at 775-5452 or 775-5402 and Nan Katzinger can be reached at 817-4827. The Committee has decided to focus on the Tribal needs and local charities for the future.

The current Christmas Raffle will be our last as the group will discontinue all fundraising activities after the drawing for the raffle prizes. The annual trip to South Dakota also has also concluded. We delivered backpacks and school supplies to the youth of the Pine Ridge reservation for four years and we will surely miss the smiling happy faces of those young ones.

"We would like to say miigwech and thank you to all of those individuals that supported us over the years," Sprague said. "We enjoyed attending the events and meeting you. It was truly a wonderful experience."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The fundraising proceeds help to support SCIT Tribal organizations such as Behavioral Health, where they received a check for \$500.



The Saginaw Chippewa Academy received a donation of \$1300 from the SECR Fundraising Committee.

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.



Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is a free publication to enrolled Tribal Members and employees. Published on the 1st of the month, the Observer is sent to each head of household. Address changes can be made with the Tribal Clerk's office by calling toll free (800) 225-8172 or (989) 775-4055. Tribal Observer staff may be contacted at (989) 775-4010. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone. Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

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

You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

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Despite efforts, Michigan wolf hunt receives NRC approval for Nov. 15

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On July 11, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources engaged in some back door political theater by allowing its Natural Resources Committee to declare Nov. 15 open season on wolves.

“As a Native American from the Wolf Clan, I feel it is wrong and it sickens me to think that wolves are being hunted for sport,” Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member David Merrill Jr. said. “Tribes are not against hunting, but we do so with a reason. This is a shameful tragedy about to happen and this would be, in a traditional sense, like hunting our brother.”

On Oct. 2, Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier coordinated a briefing between the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and the “Keep Michigan Wolves Protected” campaign.

Director Jill Fritz has a lead role with KMWP and is also the Michigan Senior State Director for the Humane Society of the United States.

“I was tremendously grateful for the opportunity to speak to the Council about our work to protect Michigan’s wolves,” Fritz said. “The KMWP campaign respects the hunting tradition of Native American Tribes, and seeks only to stop the cruel and unnecessary wolf hunt and restore protections to this fragile, misunderstood and ecologically vital species.”

In sharing a timeline of recent history, Fritz informs wolves in the Great Lakes region were removed from the Endangered Species list in January 2012, and placed under state management.

In October 2012, Michigan Sen. Tom Casperson introduced SB 1350 to add the wolf to the list of game species. Opponents of the bill, including conservation groups, wolf biologists from

Michigan Tech, animal welfare advocates, hunters and Michigan citizens, pointed out that the wolf population was still recovering, and that existing law already allowed for the few wolves that attack livestock or dogs to be legally removed or killed.

Many Native American Tribes issued resolutions asserting that wolves are a sacred animal to the Great Lakes region and they are not consumed for food and therefore would be killed only for sport. But the bill was passed and signed by Gov. Snyder on Dec. 28, and became known as PA 520.

In response, a ballot question committee called Keep Michigan Wolves Protected was formed to collect signatures to place a referendum on the November 2014 ballot to repeal PA 520. On March 27, 2012, they delivered more than 255,000 signatures of Michigan voters—far more than were required—to the Secretary of State’s office to do just that.

Realizing that PA 520 would certainly be voted down in the November 2014 election, Sen. Casperson devised a way around it by quickly passing a second bill, which became PA 21, to allow the governor-appointed NRC to simply designate game species on its own, immune from voter oversight. As expected, the NRC quickly acted upon this newfound power and on July 11, 2013 designated the wolf as a game species and approved a proposal by the DNR to begin a wolf hunting season on Nov. 15.

Not to be deterred from its fight to stop the hunting of Michigan’s wolves, KMWP has now begun collecting signatures for a second referendum effort, this time to repeal PA 21. Therefore, in the November 2014 election, Michigan voters will be asked to vote down both of those bills in order to return wolves to non-game status so they could no longer be hunted



Photo courtesy of KMWP

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected delivered more than 255,000 signatures of Michigan voters to the Secretary of State’s office.

for sport in our state. Those who would like to join the campaign to protect Michigan’s wolves are invited to visit www.keepwolvesprotected.com.

On Nov. 14, the Saginaw Chippewa Academy is hosting a candlelight vigil at 5:45 p.m. in their teaching lodge. Wolf Clan members and the drum will be there along with support from the national movement “Idle No More.”

Historical truths recognized on Indigenous People’s Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

While some Saginaw Chippewa Academy students celebrated no school on Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, many Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal members acclaimed the resistance of colonialism and historical truths during Indigenous People’s Day.

At 10 a.m., a press conference and rally occurred outside the Isabella County Building, drawing in nearly 90 participants. SCIT members, directors, Tribal Council members and Mt. Pleasant community members gathered to celebrate historical actuality.

The verity about Christopher Columbus was discussed. Columbus committed murder against Native peoples on the islands and demolished the population, according to

the biography “Columbus” by Laurence Bergreen.

Education Interim Director Melissa Montoya gave an emotionally powerful speech while questioning why exactly Columbus is even honored and celebrated.

“How would you feel if there was a day to celebrate Hitler,” Montoya asked. “Schools do not teach the truth and what it was really like...I came here to spread a message of truth, opposed to hate. The truth is we need to begin by admitting this happened. We can’t move forward or begin the healing process until we let go of the denial.”

Behavioral Health Director Hunter Genia shared his frustration with public school history books. Genia asked why the history books are still providing the same information on Columbus as they did 30 years ago when he attended high school.

“I think more importantly is the challenge to parents and community members to speak up and have a voice and that it’s safe to ask questions and hold public education accountable to what they’re teaching,” Genia said.

“I remember when I was watching a documentary of the canary effect,” he said. “The killing of Iraqi children was justified because of the war, which is exactly what happened here in the United States. An estimated 30 to 90 million of our people existed here on this land at one time. By the 1900s, it was 250,000. Today our people make up less than two percent of the total United States population in 2013.”

At 11 a.m. the Eracism March started at the Isabella Counting Building, ending at the Bovee University Center at Central Michigan University. Marchers held up their signs reading “America’s first slave trader,” “History lies” and “Columbus discovered genocide, not America.”

Inside the Bovee UC at Noon, about 70 guests were present for the soup and substance program of “Study of Micro-aggressions in Isabella County” presented by the Isabella County Human Rights Committee.

In 2012, the HRC received a two percent grant from Tribal Council to undertake a study

of micro-aggressions against Tribal members by non-Natives in Isabella County. Racial micro-aggressions may be verbal, behavioral or environmental humiliations, whether intentional or unintentional, that present hostile or derogatory racial slurs. Further investigation will follow for the study.

Indigenous People’s Day ended with Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Readers’ Theater “Stories within the Walls of MIIBS: 1893-1934” from 6 to 8 p.m. at the CMU Park Library Auditorium. Stories were written by Thomasine “Ruby” MeShawboose, MIIBS



Although they had no school, many Saginaw Chippewa Academy students participated in the Eracism March from the Isabella County Building to CMU.

committee member and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder. It was a packed auditorium with nearly 120 people—standing room only—attentively listened.



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Participants in the Eracism March pose at Central Michigan University in front of the Bovee University Center.

IRS Federal Tax withholding change for per capita payments

PER-CAPITA DEPARTMENT

Tribal Council is aware of the issue several members experienced this past tax season in regards to their IRS tax return being flagged and delayed due to large refunds.

After careful examination of the tax withholding obligation

from gaming revenue according to the IRS, Tribal Council has approved for members to reduce their Federal Income tax percentage.

There is a minimum percent that can be elected and it is pro-rated based on the amount of the per capita disbursement. You can contact

the Per Capita Department for more details.

It is highly recommended each member contacts their tax professional before changing their percent.

The Federal Income Tax Withholding Form is available on the Tribe’s website, or within the Per Capita Department.

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Pamame and Grzelak honored as SELC Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Rose Pamame and Lacy Grzelak, they are our Employees of the Month for September!

Rose is an excellent security officer who is a very hard worker and extremely reliable. She continues to cover shifts within a short notice, and even covers all three shifts! When she is on the clock we can count on her to always work on something. She doesn't need management's reminders to keep her performing her duties continuously and well. Rose puts 110 percent in every day and the results match at 110 percent.

Rose was just recognized two times for her excellent customer service by our guests. One incident involved the calm medical care/support and the other was a compliment on how well she enforced our Security Department's policies with

pictures on the gaming floor. These positive guest and associate comments are continuous throughout the year. Congratulations and great job, Rose!

Lacy is a Supervisor in our Finance Department and has been with us since Feb. of 2012.

As a cage supervisor, Lacy's guest service, upbeat personality and communication skills with the associates and her fellow co-supervisors are outstanding. She has the ability to learn quickly and always has a great smile to share with everyone around her.

Lacy has come in on her days off and has changed her schedule to help whenever we need coverage. Finance is not the only department that Lacy has assisted. Several slot supervisors have also commented on Lacy's leadership skills. Congratulations, Lacy!



Rose Pamame



Lacy Grzelak

SELC September Casual for a Cause

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

The Associates at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino are proud to donate \$1,075 to the Toni and Trish House of Auburn, Mich. The trained volunteers at Toni and Trish House offer shelter, meals and personal care, as well as around the clock emotional and spiritual bereavement support for the guest and their family.

Toni and Trish House is staffed primarily by volunteers, working collaboratively with community hospice agencies. We are here to support and supplement family care, and to serve as a resource for understanding palliative end of life care. Toni and Trish House affirms that life in its final months and days can be lived in dignity, peace and comfort, with compassionate care in a peaceful



A total of \$1,075 was donated to the Toni and Trish House of Auburn.

environment. The funds collected will be used to maintain a loving environment.

A sincere thank you to SCIT community



Our dear Saginaw Chippewa neighbors,

Our thanks seems so small compared to all you have done for the city of Omer, but it comes from our hearts. OUR PLAYGROUND IS FINISHED!!!! It was quite a project and involved much more than I imagined, however we got it done in time for our Omer concert for all to see. Hot weather, rain and all...the volunteers showed up. We still have a little fixing here and there, but it'll get done.

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September 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE

Contributing Writer

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.

September 2013 At-Large Tribal Member employee is Chris Sineway, director of Business Regulations.

Chris became the director of Business Regulations in 2011. Chris has a long and extensive

history working for the Tribe. He started his career here the day after he graduated from high school as a Soft Count worker in 1995. In 1997, he moved to Table Games as a Pit boss until 2000 when he became a Water Treatment operator.

After Chris started going to college he joined the Leadership Program and started work as a Leadership Intern to the Human Resource manager until 2006 when he started interning for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort CEO as his assistant and then he became the Leadership Intern for the casino administrator.

Once he graduated from Central Michigan University, Chris became the casino administrator until 2008 when he moved to the casino analyst manager position. He held that position up until he became the director of Business Regulations where he is currently working.

Chris was born in Traverse City, Mich. and soon after his birth, his family moved back to the Reservation where he lived for most of his life. Chris graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1995.

In 2004, Chris received his Associates of Arts Degree in Business from Saginaw

Chippewa Tribal College. Chris received his Bachelors of Science in Business Administration majoring in Hospitality Services Administration/Gaming and Entertainment Management from Central Michigan University in 2007.

Chris is the son of Carla Sineway, interim president and dean of SCTC and Stanley Sineway from the Little Traverse Band. His maternal grandparents are Betsey and James Alonzo. Chris has one son, Atreyu (Tre) Sineway. Tre is 7-years-old and attends Sieberty Elementary School in Midland, Mich. Tre loves to play all sports and he especially loves Tae Kwon Do, soccer, football and baseball. He would like to try Lacrosse next.

In his free time, Chris loves spending time with his son, attending sporting events; especially the Loons, Tigers, Lions and Michigan games. The last family vacation was in Hawaii! Chris also enjoys a little time on the links and particularly likes competitive golf.



Chris Sineway

The director of Business Regulations is responsible for determining, assessing and collecting all taxes and enforcing the provisions of the Tribal Tax, Corporation code and ordinances among a multitude of other responsibilities. Chris' passion and knowledge were quite apparent as he talked about his work for the Tribe.

Chris invites you to give him a call or send an email if you have any questions about the Business Regulations program or your State taxes. He has a wealth of knowledge and is happy to share his expertise with you.

He may be reached at **989-775-4105** or by email at cdsineway@sagchip.org

Risk factors and statistics for diabetes

November has been designated as National Diabetes Month. Diabetes is a challenging disease that affects the entire family in many ways. This theme reinforces the work of National Diabetes Education Program and its partners who are working with individuals, families and communities to take action and encourage simple, but important lifestyle changes to improve their health – particularly if they have diabetes or are at risk for the disease.

1. If you have a family history of diabetes, you are at risk.

- If your mother, father, brother or sister have Type 2 diabetes, you are at risk for Type 2 diabetes.

- Women who had gestational diabetes when they were pregnant are at risk for developing diabetes in the future, and so is their child from that pregnancy.

- The good news is that you can prevent or delay Type 2 by losing a small amount of weight if you are overweight, and by being more physically active.

- Talk to your family and find out if you have a family history of diabetes. If you do, make sure you share this information with your doctor.

- You can't change your family health history, but knowing about it can help you change your future.

2. If you – or someone you love – has diabetes, family support is important.

- If you are living with diabetes or have a loved one with the disease, it is important to work together to manage diabetes to stay healthy and prevent complications.

- Research has shown that people with diabetes can lower their risk for serious health problems related to diabetes by managing the ABC's of diabetes—A1C, blood pressure, cholesterol—and stopping smoking.

- Having a strong family support system helps people with diabetes cope with the day-to-day challenges associated with the disease.

- Managing diabetes isn't easy, but it's worth it. Managing diabetes can be easier if you set goals and make a plan.

Here are some statistics:

- Nearly 24 million Americans have diabetes, and about one-fourth of them don't know that they have the disease.

- By 2050, an estimated 39 million U.S. residents are expected to have diagnosed diabetes.

- American Indians, African Americans, and Hispanics are about two times more likely to have diabetes.

- Type 2 diabetes, once believed to affect only adults,

is being diagnosed increasingly among young people.

- One in three U.S. children born in 2000 could develop diabetes during their lifetime.

- Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death. More than 200,000 people die each year of diabetes-related complications.

- Diabetes is a leading cause of kidney failure, new blindness in adults and leg or foot amputations unrelated to injury.

- Diabetes is a major cause of heart disease and stroke, which are responsible for about 65 percent of deaths among people with diabetes.

- Periodontal disease is more common in people with diabetes. Almost one third of people with diabetes have severe periodontal disease. Persons with poorly controlled diabetes (A1c>9%) were nearly three times more likely to have severe periodontitis than those without diabetes.

- People aged 60 years or older, 23.1 percent of all people in this age group have diabetes.

- Prevalence of diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes in the United States: Age 20 or older: 10.7 percent of all people in this age group have diabetes.

"Diabetes at Work." Diabetes at Work. N.p., n.d. Web. 17 Oct. 2013.

SCAA ATTENTION

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Victims of domestic violence pampered, supported during Empowerment Night

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Most cases are never reported to the police. One in six women and one in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence website.

It takes a lot of strength for victims to rebuild and free themselves from violence. Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan (Under the Eagle Wing) presented a night of relaxation, pampering and fun for female and male survivors to rebuild their confidence during Empowerment Night on Thursday, Oct. 17 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

"When you're battered and when you're abused, you have to overcome so many scars

inside and sometimes outside," Case Manager Christa Gomez said. "It is just about regaining yourself and feeling good, learning that you are worthwhile and beautiful."

A night full of complimentary manicures, haircuts, make-up applications, massages, photographs, belly dancing lessons and door prizes were given to guests.

Tyme of Change provided their hair salon services for the fifth year in a row, Emcee Guadalupe Gonzalez offered music and entertainment, Laynette and Savannah Smith painted nails, Melody Davis presented Avon and make-up applications, Barb Schrotler had make-up and eyebrow waxing, photo sessions were provided by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis Photography, Tawnya Bass and Nimkee Fitness students offered belly dancing lessons, both Daisy Kostus and Jessica Roth gave massages and Beatrice



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Youth Council Members Akima Alaniz, Carli Sprague, Adrianna Letts and Lexi Weekley greet guests during Empowerment Night on Thursday, Oct. 17.

Jackson and Maria Colhberg prepared smudging and cultural information at the women's traditional healing booth.

Director of Hotel Sales Bob VanWert and SECR staff provided the use of the Entertainment Hall last minute. Donations were prepared by SCIT Public Relations, Rosanna Romero and Youth Council, Eagle Valley Outfitters, Bonnie

Sprague with Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and SECR.

Envy Salon, Nimkee Fitness, C&S Sports Center, Cardinal Pharmacy, Parks and Recreation, Side Door Salon, SCIT's Housing department, Jimmy Johns, Barb Schrotzer, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Krapohl Ford Lincoln of Mt. Pleasant, Elizabeth Husbands and Erica Hopcraft were also great sponsors.

"It was through the dedication and hard work of these individuals and groups that we had a lot of happy smiling people enjoying the evening," Gomez said.

Behavioral Health staff, Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan staff and Youth Council worked hard to make this event possible.

"I'm glad to see our youth here," Behavioral Health Director Hunter Genia said. "Our youth, at a young age, need to know they are to be treated and respected in a certain way, especially in relationships."

Both men and women are victims of domestic violence. In some relationships, the abuse happens once in a while; in others it happens every day. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, help is available. Call the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan office at 989-775-4400 or Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services at 989-775-4595.

Delta College Foundation opens their doors for SCIT delegation

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Oct. 22, the Delta College Foundation opened their doors on a recent site visit by Tribal Education representatives to their University Center campus. The Tribal delegation included



Ogitchewadaw Veterans Warrior Society members Mike and David Perez will be offering a smudge ceremony in the Delta College courtyard.

Interim Higher Education Coordinator Amanda Flaughner, Migizi CEO Leadership Intern Samantha Olson with site visit coverage provided by the Tribal Observer.

"The site visits will open doors for our students who wish to attend Delta. The staff was very welcoming and the campus is beautiful," Flaughner said. "I am looking forward to arranging a site visit with our high school students in the spring of 2014. If anyone is interested in more information regarding Delta College, please feel free to stop by the Higher Education office."

The site visit was coordinated by the Delta Foundation through Julie Dorcey, major gifts advisor.

"It was a pleasure and a privilege to have Tribal Education

representatives join us on campus today," Dorcey said. "Faculty, staff and students are excited about the potential that exists for us to work together for the benefit of many. We could not be more excited, or honored, to have this opportunity to communicate, create and collaborate. I offer a heartfelt miigwetch to the Tribe from your friends at Delta."

Olson was impressed with her first visit to the campus and looks forward to returning to other events hosted by Delta College.

"I just wanted to say, thank you Delta for inviting us for a great opportunity to tour and learn about your facility," Olson said. "It was overall, a fun time and very informative."

Delta College will be collaborating with SCIT during their November Native Heritage



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Pictured left to right: Julie Dorcey, Samantha Olson, Amanda Flaughner and Coordinator of Foundation Communications and Campaigns Tom Caylor.

Month. A Talking Circle student panel on contemporary Native issues with Roxanne Adamczyk, Timothy and Cathy Stone is scheduled for 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14 with Anishinabe Ogitchewadaw Veterans Mike

and David Perez in attendance. The veterans will be offering a smudge ceremony before the student panel at 1:30 p.m. There is also a screening of the Sherman Alexis film "Smoke Signals" scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Native Farmer's Market Master wanted

MARCELLA HADDEN

Contributing Writer

On behalf of the Native Farmer's Market, I want to thank the vendors and community for supporting the market during 2013! This year, eligibility to act as a market vendor has been opened to anyone with healthy fresh fruits and vegetables for sale. Native arts and crafts are only offered by Native Americans.

Also this year, the market moved from the Housing pavilion to the corner of Leaton and Broadway roads at the Bailey Lot. Although the pavilion had shelter, restrooms and a play area for kids, the corner lot drew in more customers.

Currently, with the approval of Tribal Council, I have been the "go to" person for the market. I have personally invited vendors from Mt. Pleasant's Farmers Market at Island Park

to the Native Farmer's Market. I am honored to have been able to be a part of the market but would like to turn these duties over to someone from the Tribal community.

Public Relations is currently seeking a Market Master for 2014. A Market Master is the person who regulates the market by making sure guidelines are being met. All vendors have to fill out an application stating what they will be selling and if their product is organic or not. Market Masters usually make money by selling booth space. Products can include, but not limited to, seasonal fruits and vegetables and arts and crafts to be sold one day a week throughout the growing season. The Market Master is present at all markets and promotes attendance by the public as well as recruiting vendors to join.

This is a wonderful experience to make a difference



for your community and get locally grown fruits and vegetables to the dinner table! This allows the consumer to directly interact with the producer or grower and find out more about their product.

If you are interested in being the Native Farmer's Market Master for 2014, please send a letter of interest to: Marcella Hadden, Public Relations manager, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or email me at mahadden@sagchip.org.

Mommy-Son Date Night

Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



The Ziibwing Cultural Center lobby became a dance floor filled with happy mothers and sons in celebration of the Mommy-Son Date Night on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Memories were made during the special evening of dancing to the DJ's music, prizes and appetizers. Mothers and sons were able to get their photos taken by Marcella Hadden of Niibing Giizis Photography to cherish the memories from the eventful night.



Ziibiwing Cultural Center hosts Sundance Youth Filmmakers Workshop

ESTHER HELMS
Contributing Writer

Sundance is a word that immediately generates respect and honor among many American Indian people because the word relates to a sacred ceremony. Sacred ceremonies support the unity and survival of our people.

Sundance is also a word that immediately generates respect and honor among many people for a very different reason. It is the name of a highly acclaimed organization that was founded by the veteran film actor, Robert Redford.

Sundance Institute is an "internationally-recognized nonprofit organization that advances the work of risk-taking storytellers worldwide (www.sundance.org)." It started in 1981 in the mountains of Sundance, Utah where independent film artists present their work without political and commercial pressure. Year-round creative and financial support for the development of original stories is offered to the screen and stage.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. was treated to a visit from professionals of Sundance Institute who carried filmmaking expertise. This was the third year that the Ziibiwing Cultural Center and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe brought the Sundance Institute to Ziibiwing.

One component of Sundance Institute is the Native American and Indigenous Program. It focuses on

stories about Indigenous individuals written and directed by Native people.

The Youth Filmmakers Workshop began with a continental breakfast for about fifty participants. N. Bird Runningwater introduced Sundance Institute to participants.

Runningwater is the director of Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program. He is Cheyenne and Mescalero Apache and was brought up on the Mescalero Apache Reservation in New Mexico. He has overseen filmmaking labs in the United States, New Zealand and Australia while at Sundance Institute and has an extensive educational and commercial background that precedes his association there.

D. Owl Johnson, manager of the program, also presented. Johnson is a member of SCIT who grew up in Haslett, Mich. He graduated from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts with a focus on production and has written and directed several short films.

Sterlin Harjo, film writer/director who belongs to the Seminole and Creek Nations and is from Holdenville, Okla, also presented. He studied painting at the University of Oklahoma. He then studied screenwriting in the University of Oklahoma's Film and Video Studies Program and also under Sundance Institute's Feature Film Program. Harjo has worked under the guidance of film industry greats such as Robert Redford and Stanley Tucci. He has been the

recipient of many awards and much recognition, especially for his short film "Good Night Irene" that has been seen in film festivals around the world.

The final presenter was Arlan George. George is a member of SCIT. He has been commissioned by the Ziibiwing Center to create an up-to-date youth video. The completed video was previewed at the workshop.

When asked if she was having a good time, Allyssa Shawboose, a youth participant, said she was, the workshop was "giving her things to think about" and how she could use what she was learning to create something.

Roundtable Discussions began and the participants had the opportunity to meet in small groups with the presenters. This provided a wonderful opportunity to learn and discuss some of the finer points of filmmaking and a chance to have questions answered and ideas discussed.

All the participants received Certificates of Completion and a free Celebration! Cinema movie pass. In addition, the first 50 registrants received their very own Vivitar Flip Digital Video Recorder.

A chance to screen several short films from Sundance Institute's American Indian and Indigenous Program was also offered. This was quite special since one generally has to go to the annual Sundance Film Festival in Utah to see this caliber and other independent films. After the showing, the honored presenters answered questions from the audiences.

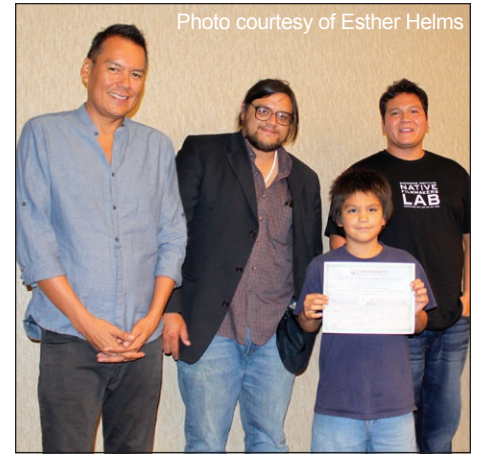


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Pictured left to right: N. Bird Runningwater, director of Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Programs; Sterlin Harjo, filmmaker; Israel Trepanier, Youth Filmmakers Workshop participant (as he receives his Certificate of Completion) and D. Owl Johnson, manager of Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Programs

The instruction, equipment and encouragement supplied at the workshop could be a defining moment in the lives of the young participants. The prospect of filmmaking might be a new found hobby, the first step of a career path, or conceivably, something of greater value. Using film to tell our stories from our perspectives might enhance respect and understanding of our lifeways which could hold a promise, like the Sundance ceremony, of unity and possibly, survival.

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Summer Peters, member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, learned to bead from her mom and grandmother at the age of 8. She was a jingle dress dancer and created the beadwork for her leggings and moccasins.

Summer received the Best of Show award at the 2013 Eiteljorg Indian Market and Festival for her beadwork portrait entitled "Gentleman Jim". It is a portrait of Jim Thorpe who was an American Indian Olympic Gold Medalist in 1912 and was considered by many to be the Greatest Athlete of the Twentieth Century.

Some of Summer's art work can be seen on Facebook under her business name of "Mama Longlegz."

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Tribal Youth Devin Bennett lands trophy pike at RV Park

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Aug. 24, the day belonged to Tribal Youth Devin Bennett as the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park hosted its second annual Pike Fishing Tournament in collaboration with the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Parks & Recreation Department.

SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague was impressed, as more than 25 anglers were cheered on by their families and patrons of the Tribal business properties.

"We had a great turnout for the Saturday event this year and we were thrilled to have many guest calling about the tournament several weeks ago," Sprague said. "Because the event was so successful, I think it should be under

consideration as an annual signature event for our properties."

Sprague recognized the SEWPH Promotions team for their work with SCIT Parks & Recreation and praised the SCIT Youth Council for coming out to run a 50/50 drawing.

Migizi property Eagle Valley Outfitters employees Gina Borushko and Starli View made the drive in from Saganing to join the festivities with their sporting goods merchandise tent.

SEWPH Promotions Assistant Courtney Payk introduced the special guest mascots to the families in attendance as excited youth lined up for pictures with "Gizi" the Waterpark Eagle and "Makwa" the Hideaway RV Park Bear.

"The youth had a great time, but Devin Bennett was the highlight of the tournament when he

landed the catch of the night, a 27.5 inch, 3.2 pound pike," Payk said. "We had three divisions of friendly competition and to see youth, adults and Elders together on a beautiful summer evening on the lake... it was a night to remember!"

Sprague and SEWPH Assistant General Manager Melinda Coffin presented Devin with his first place youth division trophy as his father Keith Bennett joined the crowd in applause for his son's accomplishment.

"I'm not surprised... me and Devin go fishing all the time," Bennett said proudly. "It's great to see our Tribe provide something like this for all the families."

Fellow fisherman and SEWPH patron Vince Inman took the adult first place hardware with Elder Bill Flydel taking the honors in the seniors division.

SCIT Parks & Recreation Coach Kevin Ricketts congratulated Sprague, Coffin, Payk along with SEWPH Promotions Coordinator Jessica Langolf and Promotions Assistant Rachel Potts for supporting the event. He also recognized the SCIT Youth Council and their advisor Rosanna Romero for coming out to support the family event.

"Some were catching bluegills, others caught bass, but the fish everyone was after was the monster pike," Coach Ricketts



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Devin Bennett shows off his 27.5 inch, 3.2 pound pike with his father Keith Bennett.

said. "There were a lot of people who caught good memories and togetherness tonight... I know my son, Warren, had a great time helping us out."

Waabooz Run Employee of the Month

TORY FLETCHER
Contributing Writer

John Weaver has been a dedicated employee of the Waabooz Run Golf Course since 2006. When John's employment started here, the course was named Holiday Greens and under previous ownership. He has been a part of the entire transformation of the property every step of the way.

When I arrived in May of 2009 to take over the course, I was pleased to hear that I had a veteran on the crew and

somebody that I could count on. Throughout the last several seasons, John's attendance record has been perfect and I can honestly say that he has not missed a day of work in almost five seasons! John also has a tremendous work ethic. When he arrives at work, he is given his jobs for the day and returns at the end of his shift with each task completed flawlessly.

John's main duties at Waabooz Run include mowing greens, tees, collars, fairways and green and tee banks. It is



John Weaver

also common to see John operating a weed whip or filling divots when his mowing is caught up. I am very grateful for John's work here at the golf course and look forward to working with him for several years to come.



Congratulations! Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Green Suites and Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park have established trust status as of Oct. 24, 2013. Congratulations on another huge milestone!

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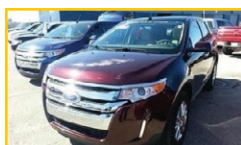
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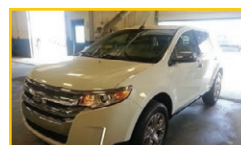
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Dear WW: I was at a party a couple weeks ago with my boyfriend, we are both 17, and after a bathroom break, I came back to see him kissing one of my friends. It was dark and they did not see me. I can't get that scene out of my head and I can't get the courage to confront him or her about it either. I'm afraid if I say anything he (they) will deny it and he will admit it, which would tell me he really doesn't love me like he says. What should I do? I'm so torn. **Kiss & (Don't) Tell**

Dear Kiss: To go on denying what you saw is living a lie. The old saying "the truth will set you free" is what is needed here. Why don't you make up your own mind and confront them with the results. If and when you do confront them, make sure you are not asking for a response. Facts are facts. Although you are both very young, ask him for a commitment if that's what you want. If not, find someone else who will. What integrity is there in knowing your boyfriend can't be trusted? The same goes for your "friend" if you can still call her that. Yes, you are young but to be in love is something special and should not be taken lightly. Being in love does not mean you should fear the truth—it means you should be embracing it, which is not the situation in this case.

Dear WW: My co-worker is the devil in disguise! I swear she has never worn the same outfit twice. Yes, we all know she is here because she WANTS to be and doesn't need to be. What really gets me is that she spends more time gossiping about others than doing her work. Usually I am the one who has to pick up the slack because I don't want our department to look bad. Her diamonds are so big, that if the sun hit them just right, it would blind you! Anyways, besides all of that, I am tired of pulling her weight but the boss just LOVES her. I don't think that he would believe me if I told him how she really is. They go to lunch every other day! **Devil Wears Prada**

Dear Devil: Sometimes battles are not worth fighting and it is better to leave. You can start to look for a new job and know that you won't always have to deal with your current situation. However, it sounds like there is some strong dislike from you towards your co-worker. You think that picking up her slack helps the department but I bet others see what's really happening. Don't enable someone to continue a bad pattern. Let the chips fall where they may because even picking up the slack hurts more than it helps! You deserve a boss that can appreciate you!

Dear WW: I was out riding my bike last week and came across a gang of kids in the park. I could tell by the smell what they were doing. I also noticed a neighbor boy in the mix. I am good friends with his mother and know this would not be a shock to her. She has had her share of being a single mother. What her son really needs is a good Native male role model in his life. Which, of course, is what we are lacking on our Rez. Do I tell her or keep my mouth shut? **Up In Smoke**

Dear Smoke: If you say your neighbor would not be shocked at the news about her son, why bring it up? This may or may not have anything to do with having a good role model around. It could simply be peer pressure or worse an addiction. I think your best bet is to try and help her find a solution to getting the boy help. Keep an ear out and offer to assist if the opportunity ever arises. Are there good role models in your family where you could offer to invite them to tag along to events? Pick up information on addiction and keep them handy so you will have them if the opportunity to share arises.

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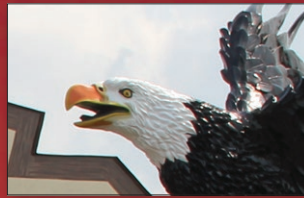


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SEWPH makes waves in waterpark industry

MELINDA COFFIN
 Contributing Writer

The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has made waves in the waterpark industry! SEWPH received two Wave Review Awards this year at the World Waterpark Association show in West Palm Beach, Fla. The Wave

Review Awards honor excellence in marketing. One award was for best TV commercial for "Mom's Got This One". The other award was for best print material for our Waterpark Safety Coloring and Activity Book. The renderings were created by our very own Tribal Member Jolene Quinlan. Congratulations!



2013 Anishinaabe Youth Rocket Football



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Back row (left to right): Jarad Johnson, AJ Chingman, Waasimo Pamp, Keeshta Wemigwans, Hunter Genia Jr., Will Potter, Tristian Alexander, Tyrone Rios, Nathan Isaac Jr. **Middle row:** Simon Quigno, Jacob Quigno-Grundahl, Lucas George-Dye, Jaden Oswabin, Miiangen Starkey, Kayden Weekley-Dean, Hunter Johnson. **Front row:** Jayden Bross, Brysen Chamberlain, Erin Graveratte Jr., Devin Bennett, Giovante Bergevin.

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"Manoomin" Wild Rice harvest provides environmental education

OLIVIA SPRAGUE
Contributing Writer

Wild rice, also called "Manoomin," which means harvesting berry, but explained as good berry, was a huge food supply for the Ojibwa and other native tribes.

The wild rice plant has some very special instructions from nature on how to grow, it matures and repopulates itself. If you're looking to have it as a crop, you must have a deep water environment. Since it is an aquatic grass, water is its environment, and proper water depth is important. If it's too deep, the sun rays of spring are diverted to the seed, if too shallow; the plant develops a weak stem.

Most importantly, is the water depth. When the seed germinates itself in the spring, a tiny root anchors the seed in place and the stalk starts to grow to the water surface, picking up air to float itself. When the plant reaches the surface, it joins and forms the float leaf, or what we



Photos courtesy of Olivia Sprague
Daisy Kostus (left) and Barb Barton (right) go ricing.

call the banner leaf stage. The long leaves form, floating on the surface of the water at 90 degree angles to the stalk. This is a critical stage for the wild rice plant. If the water level rose, the stalk would be pulled up since it is very weak-rooted. If the water levels were to drop, the weak stalk could collapse. Also, during this stage, high winds could create large waves that will tear up a wild rice stalk.

September is the usual harvest time for wild rice, so that means it's time to get the knockers and canoes out! Knockers are medium sized sticks made out of cedar, and the canoe is for maneuvering in the rice patches so that we would not damage the stalks, if we were to use anything bigger, the boat would bend over the stalks and snap them. Also to protect and navigate through the patches, the natives used a tall pole called a tamarack pole.

A tamarack pole would be more efficient than a paddle because a paddle would more than likely snap from the movement. People used one knocker to bend a stalk over the vessel and used the second one to shake all of the ripe rice into the vessel, quite smart if you ask me. Before Native Americans harvested the rice, they did a water ceremony.

Did you know that wild rice is an annual cross pollinated plant? The female flower is at the top while the male is in the lower class. When you are harvesting wild rice, you only want

the female part of the stalk, not the male; you don't need a male in your ricey life. But everything beautiful always has a tragic problem... Once abundant throughout the Great Lakes Region, wild rice populations have suffered heavily from logging activities, disturbance, pollution, changing water levels and the government.

I was once told when the English came over, they tried to run out the Native people, and destroy our precious crop, so we fled to good ole' Michigan and her Great Lakes. We took our wild rice with us and spread it around. Thus began the wild rice in our Great Lakes.

Fun fact: To help produce more wild rice, there are these moth larvae called rice worms. They help by turning into moths that go around and help pollinate the rice; the larvae are attracted to the milky substance in the rice.

Everyone needs a spoon full of history every once in a while, right? Yes, and I'd be happy to give it to you! I've heard many great and educational stories



Rice worms help pollinate the rice once they change into moths.

about the rice and about how it got here and I would love to share all of them, but I suggest you go out to some rice beds with some experienced folk and listen very carefully to what they say because trust me, it will be worth knowing. But, since you took your precious time to read this, I will let you in on one. One of the great stories I was told was a very shocking one and very interesting. Ready? Ok, I've been informed that our Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has not riced in over 70 years! Luckily, my family and I were invited to go "ricin'" and I was absolutely shocked when I found this out!

Tenth annual Little River Band Lake Sturgeon Release

MICHAEL FISHER
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 14, the SCIT Environmental Team attended the 10th annual Lake Sturgeon (Nmé) Release Ceremony hosted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI). More than 300 nmé were released into the Big Manistee River, which flows into Lake Michigan. The LRBOI have worked to restore this species to their waters, as it is both culturally and ecologically important to their people.

Throughout the year, the LRBOI's Natural Resources Department raises lake sturgeon in their Streamside Rearing Facility. Captured eggs and larvae are raised with constant exposure

to water from the Big Manistee River. This helps to imprint their place of origin, allowing the nmé to return for spawning once they are full grown. The young nmé are raised until they are five to 10 inches long before the annual release occurs. The nmé can live to be more than 100 years old, and at maturity they can grow to be upwards of six feet long.

With the help of hundreds of community members and guests the event was a great success. It was great to see children and Elders working together, lowering their buckets into the water, allowing the small nmé to swim off into their natural habitat.

"It was an awesome event and very touching to see many of the Tribal Elders with their



The young sturgeon (nmé) are released when they reach five to 10 inches in length. Once fully grown, they can be longer than six feet in length.

buckets releasing the four to five inch sturgeons," Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Elder Bonnie Ekdahl said. "The Tribal Chief (LRBOI Ogema Larry Romanelli) said the fish we released that day have the potential to outlive every one of us..."



Photos provided by Michael Fisher
Community members gather at the Big Manistee River to participate in the annual LRBOI sturgeon release.

because they can live to 100 to 150 years old!"

At one time, the Big Manistee River held one of the largest nmé populations in the Lake Michigan Basin, but because of habitat destruction and over harvesting the population dwindled. That's why restoration efforts like this are so important; they return a vital aspect of Anishnaabek culture while also restoring an essential part of the ecosystem.

The rearing of the young nmé is combined with habitat restoration efforts and water quality monitoring as part of the "Nmé Stewardship Plan". The goal of the program is to establish a self-sustaining population and return their numbers to pre-1836 levels.

Because of the LRBOI's success with their Streamside Rearing Facility, there are four other sturgeon rearing facilities being operated in the Lake Michigan Basin by other agencies.

Wild Rice restoration continues in Saganing

MICHAEL FISHER
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 26, Wild Rice (Manoomin) restoration efforts continued at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Saganing Manoomin ponds were seeded with more than 25 pounds of rice from Tawas Lake. This is the second year that Manoomin has been planted in an effort to

create a viable seed source for future restoration projects.

Wild rice is important to the Saginaw Chippewa people because it was known as the "food that grows on the water," which is an essential part of the Anishinabe migration story. Manoomin is very good for the environment as well. It provides habitat for aquatic species, is a great food source for water fowl and greatly improves water quality.

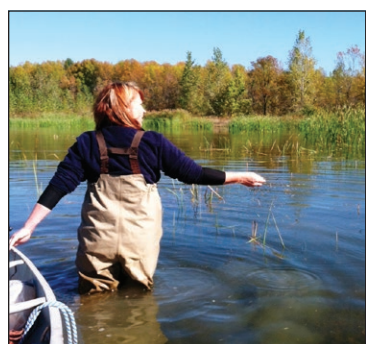
The Manoomin ponds are located in Saganing, just east of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant. This has been a collaborative project lead by the SCIT Environmental Team. Tribal Council has been very supportive of the Wild Rice restoration efforts and Utilities and Construction Departments have helped to make sure water conditions in the ponds are perfect for growth.



Manoomin, or wild rice, is highly regarded as a traditional staple of many Great Lakes Indigenous people.

When the Manoomin becomes a sustainable population, the goal will then be to use that seed to restore wild rice to its natural habitat. It's a very exciting opportunity for our community to improve our environment with an important part of our Native heritage.

If you would like more information on Manoomin, please visit: www.nativewildricecoalition.com



SCIT Water Quality Specialist Carey Pauquette harvests wild rice on Lake Huron.

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SCIT's entire nation honored as CMU's 2013 Homecoming Grand Marshal

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Central Michigan University named the entire Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as the 2013 Homecoming Grand Marshal. This was the first time in CMU's history that an entire nation was named grand marshal.

"The Tribe as a whole has never enjoyed this honorable distinction in the past," Public

Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. "We have had individuals or groups, relative to the Tribe, allowed this honor in the past. Our tribal community is very diverse and eclectic in its interaction with the greater community. I think it's rather appropriate that the Tribe as a whole can enjoy this distinction."

On Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m., Tribal leaders and departments represented SCIT in the homecoming

parade. Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr., Council Members Louanna Bruner, Stephanie Peters and Charmaine Shawana, Marketing Director Raul Venegas, Ogitchedaw Veterans, Youth Council members and SCIT youth participated in the parade.

The parade began on CMU's campus in Lot 22 and continued north on Main Street to downtown Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

The Youth Council not only participated in the parade, but they contributed a lot to make SCIT stand out. Youth Council dedicated their time and worked for two days after school at Seventh Generation to make sure their float was ready for the parade.

"I am proud of their dedication and effort," Cultural Representative for Seventh Generation, Wilma Henry said. "There were a lot of positive comments about their float on Facebook. Good work Youth Council!"

At 3 p.m., the stadium was filled with fans ready for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff. In the opening ceremonies, The Great Lakes Alliance and a



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SECR Director of Marketing and Entertainment Raul Venegas, Tribal Council Members Stephanie Peters, Julius Peters and Louanna Bruner are honored on the field during half time.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans carry the Eagle Staff and flag during the 2013 CMU Homecoming parade.



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Bruner and Peters present the 2013 CMU Homecoming Ambassadors with a gift of honor.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Council and family board the float to show off their homecoming spirit.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Central Michigan defenders close in on a Northern Illinois Huskie.



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Waabooz (left) and Aiyannah Borton (right) wave to the crowd during the homecoming parade.



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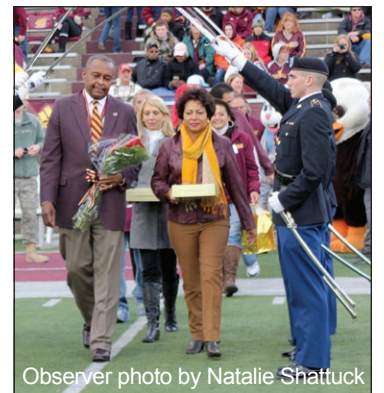
Ogitchedaw Veterans, Tribal Council members, Youth Council members and SCIT members pose for a photo before hopping on floats for the parade.

few Snowbird Singers performed a warrior song as a ceremonial drum blessing for both football teams, CMU and Northern Illinois University. History happened right on that 10-yard line as the SCIT and CMU partnership was showcased, and as a Golden Eagle graced the field.

During half time, CMU President George Ross, his wife and Tribal Council member's appeared on the field to present gifts to the chosen CMU Homecoming Ambassadors.

In 1942, CMU officially changed its mascot from the Bearcats to the Chippewas. The partnership between CMU and SCIT has been growing over time and stronger within the last few years.

"Today the Central Michigan University and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe enjoy an established and celebrated relationship built on transparency and a greater dedication to celebrating the strengths in our diversity while supporting one another for all efforts that impact the direction of higher education," Cloutier said.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

CMU President George Ross and his wife, Elizabeth, enter the field to honor 2013 CMU Homecoming Ambassadors.

Cloutier said future collaborations will be left up to the University, but SCIT would be willing to assist wherever they can.



Blood Memory: A moment in time

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

Did you see it? Did you feel it?

It was truly a special moment in time for all the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members and community in attendance at Kelly Shorts Stadium watching the Tribe being honored during the Oct. 19 Central Michigan University Homecoming festivities.

To see our current leaders – Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council – join our

future leaders – Saginaw Chippewa Youth Council – and Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Warriors holding our Tribal Eagle staff and Tribal flag proudly... it was a moment in time.

Blood memory is defined as strongly held traditions of thought and behavior carried in the genes of the human blood stream. Those memories can be studied through the works of Carl Jung theory of the Collective Unconscious. Or better yet, we can ask ourselves as we experience a moment in

time where we, in a traditional sense, feel it in our heart.

The Great Lakes Alliance and Snowbird Singers move the “heartbeat of our Nation” to drum a warrior song at the 10-yard line as the CMU Chippewas and Northern Illinois Huskies fans watch the teaching unfold.

Enter a five-year-old Golden Eagle and Travis Williams, Executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center. As Tribal Chaplain Steve Pego struck the first beat on the drum, the Golden Eagle stretched out its wings in approval... a blood memory moment in time.

Did you see it? Did you feel it?

The Eagle that came alive at a moment in time was blessed by the Creator. It came to the conservatory through Michigan State University. Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Jim Sikarskie took the bird into the MSU Raptor Rehab Clinic after DNR officials found the bird caught in a trap in Northern Michigan.

“The rear talon was severed off (a critical appendage for a raptor),” Williams said.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Golden Eagle seemed to listen in approval of the Warrior Song performed by Great Lakes Alliance and Snowbird Singers.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

As Grand Marshal of the 2013 CMU Homecoming, Great Lakes Alliance and Snowbird Singers perform a Warrior Song as a ceremonial drum blessing.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Travis Williams, executive director of the Outdoor Discovery Center, lifts the Golden Eagle as the Eagle stretched out its wings at the first beat of the Great Lakes Alliance drum.

“Raptors, especially Golden Eagles, will grab their prey, hang on with one foot, and then grab the head of the prey animal with the other foot. Birds of prey often kill their prey by grabbing the head of the animal where it can quickly dispatch the prey. Without that rear talon the eagle could not use that foot for hunting and killing.

It also had a high risk of infection and other foot problems developing so the vets actually determined that the bird was not releasable. It was thought it would be better off in captivity where it could be cared for.”

Did you see it? Did you feel it?

The Great Lakes Alliance drummers saw it. Eagle Clan Tribal Elder Mae Pego felt it.

Skeptics wondered, is it legal for them to be using and abusing a symbol of our Nation that way?

“All birds of prey are protected by state and federal laws,” Williams said. “You are not allowed to possess a raptor or any parts of the bird of prey - including feathers, nets, eggs or any body parts - unless you have a permit.”

The Outdoor Discovery Center is an Outdoor

Education and Conservation Organization. They provide programming and habitat conservation services to West Michigan. Part of their education program is a Live Birds of Prey Education Facility. They are permitted by the State of Michigan and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to have live raptors, including Eagles, for education purposes. All of the birds we have were injured in the wild and determined not releasable by veterinarians.

“If a bird, like this Golden Eagle is not releasable, and the veterinarian and rehabilitation facility cannot find a home for the bird, it is euthanized,” Williams said. “Because law protects the species from being illegally kept as a pet, or any part of the bird in the possession of a non-licensed individual, it can be hard to find a home for many injured raptors.”

For our Great Lakes Alliance drummers, our Snowbird Singers and Eagle Clan members in attendance, it was an appropriate honor to have an Eagle on the field.

Blood memory kicks in for Native people when things are done in a good way. Skeptics will be known by their fruits but with one downbeat of a drum and the outstretched wings of a Golden Eagle, we saw it and felt it.

Did you see it? Did you feel it?



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick



The ability to put others before ourselves is a trait to truly be admired

DAWN PEREZ

Contributing Writer

I apologize for my absence; I fell off my horse and broke my wrist. I couldn't type, write or wipe. Heheh. I make light of it but am thankful for those people in my life that took it upon themselves to help me through this very painful time. I'm also praying for those people who kicked me while I was down.

The majority of friends and family that came to my aid was incredible. They had no motivation other than to be helpful to another human being in need.

No money was requested for their services. No tit for tat. They were just grateful they could be of service, useful even. It makes me have faith in humanity.

It reminded me of the replays of footage from September 11, lest we forget. I recall the horror of seeing that first plane hitting one of the Twin Towers. People in the same room were asking, "Is that really happening?" The disbelief was insurmountable.

Watching the news you could see people running from the Towers for their very lives. Suddenly, there they were actually running TOWARDS the

buildings that were about to come down. The firefighters and first responders who thought nothing of their own safety, but the safety of others, had come to help their fellow people. They didn't know these people—they helped because they could. They asked, "What can I do to help?" The very words I just heard when I was in need.

Another reminder comes from those in service of their country. I'm talking about the brave men and women who put their lives on hold to protect all of us. They report day after day to see what they can do to protect

our nation's borders. No one told them they had to. The personnel we have today all signed up voluntarily. The reality is these soldiers raised their collective hand and said, "I will help. In whatever capacity you need me. I will be there and I will help."

Not to take anything away from those who were drafted back in the day and still fulfilled their roles to protect and serve their country but to recognize their contributing roles in helping. Helping our children have a future free to become what they may. For that I am thankful because we are all one of those children.

I often wonder what the motivation is when someone says, "I'm trying to help you" behind evil intentions. Doing just the opposite yet all the while smiling at you and telling you, "It's for your own good." As far as I know, there's only one guy that knows what's good for you and I'm sure he knows your intentions. If what I read is true—your deeds, good and bad, are recorded and will be reviewed. Today my prayer to the Creator will be that I do unto others as I would have done to myself, and remember to be thankful for all your help. BaaMaaPii, Dawn

Student observes knowlege gained from experience with SCIT

MICHAEL MUDGETT

Contributing Writer

To begin this final journal, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Hunter and Shannon for making this class possible. I had a feeling going in that this course would be very interesting and informative, but my expectations were blown away by what I experienced.

The depth of knowledge and understanding that I have gained in this two-week period cannot be quantified. In learning about this wonderful culture, I was also able to learn more about other cultures as well as myself. Because it would be impossible to touch on the multitude of ways this experience has impacted my worldview, this last entry will primarily focus on those teachings that influenced me the most.

The first thing I would like to talk about is the re-education I received about the real origins of the United States of America. Although I had learned about some of this country's dark historical interaction with the Native populations; such as the attempted genocide, stealing of land and the trails of tears, there was much I did not know, like the extent of the boarding school era. Still there is so much more to learn. Not surprising that even this little bit I was already aware of, was not taught to me in my formal education. Like other people curious about the truth, I had to seek this information out on my own time.

The fact that the educational system in the U.S. does not teach its children the truth of how this country was established, of how it was brutally and forcefully taken from those that had originally inhabited the land for countless generations, is very disturbing to say the least. So many people are misinformed about this history. Along these same lines, the fact that as a nation we have still not apologized for our past misdeeds is even more shocking. In my opinion, while apologizing is clearly the right and understandable thing to do, the fact that it has not been done is merely a symptom of a much deeper problem.

The problem has to do with the very core of our national way of life. This is a country that is based on individuality, consumerism and downright greed. We give ourselves the illusion of freedom and wear a mask of heroism, while we oppress countless other populations of people. I think that these ideals are so deeply woven into the psyches of the majority of people in this country, to come out with an apology to Native Americans for raping, pillaging, stealing their land and killing so many millions of their people would so profoundly undermine this engrained illusion that people would not be able to deal with it. Instead of acknowledging what has been done in the past, attempting to heal the emotional wounds that still exist and moving forward as a nation truly united, it seems that we would rather live comfortably in our make-believe world, where a few get to live privileged lives at the expense of the many, where the truth is buried by mass repression and denial.

The next aspect that really influenced my understanding of this population and others is the issue of historical and multigenerational trauma. A point that I found crucial in beginning to grasp this issue is that one's identity and sense of self is greatly intertwined with one's culture. This is especially so for Native Americans. Moreover, the current culture of a group of people is the result of its evolution over time. Prior to the arrival of Europeans in the Americas, Native Americans had been living in this land for thousands of years, giving their cultures ample time to evolve into the rich variety that many of us can only read and dream about today. Following European arrival, the Native American cultures and identities were negatively impacted, which took a toll on the collective sense of identity.

One of the first major traumas to Native populations was the loss of their lands. The lands they and their ancestors had lived and died on for millennia were slowly and steadily stripped away from them

by a civilization of people who, for the most part, did not care about them or the land, but only personal gain and acquisition for the sake of acquisition. Because so many Native people derived important aspects of their identity from the land they inhabited and other life forms that concurrently inhabited it, their forced removal from these lands resulted in an equivalent loss of identity. This understanding of identity loss greatly resonates with me as an individual. I too tend to identify myself with nature and other living beings. For me, however, it has been a more recent development and one I have largely discovered on my own. For Native Americans, their entire tribe and their ancestors before them viewed life in a similar way and they were directly connected to the land, whereas I am sadly quite removed from experiencing nature in a direct and authentic way. For example, I have to drive many miles to experience a natural environment that has not been tampered with in some way by modern society.

Another major trauma was the boarding school era. As if the taking of Native peoples' homelands was not enough, the boarding school institutions goal was to strip Native American children of their culture and language while forcing them to assimilate European ideals and ways of life. Children were literally stolen from their homes in similar fashions as their land had been taken previously and brought to these corrupt schools. I could not believe the motto of these institutions was to "kill the Indian and save the man." The extremely punitive strategies that were used to accomplish these goals were both overly harsh and degrading and remarkably little useful education was provided.

Children, some as young as three years of age, were forbidden to speak their language, sing or dance in any traditional ways or they would be beaten, abused or punished in some other harsh way. Many children died at these schools, if not from physical abuse, then from broken hearts. And they could not even express

how they were being treated to their families back home because boarding school staff monitored all outgoing mail.

A last comment on this era was the astonishing fact that the last boarding school did not close until the mid-1980s, not even thirty years ago. This means that they were in operation for almost a century. This overall history and understanding of Native individuals is very important to recognize in the social work profession. If we are to truly encounter and intervene with this population, we must respect their cultural identifications which have suffered greatly in the not too distant past. Also, it is important to remember that social workers did their share in contributing the trauma experienced by this population, so it should not be surprising if there is a lack of trust in our work with people of this background.

One specific area that deserves note is the parenting styles often seen within this population. During the boarding school era, generations of Natives were not adequately trained in life skills or child rearing strategies. So at very young ages, children were removed from their homes and stripped of their culture, both of which would have provided them with the necessary life skills to raise a family and no other skills were provided in their place. To me, this explains many of the struggles that are still faced amongst

Native Americans and why they tend to be overrepresented in the child welfare system.

In conclusion, this has taught me some invaluable knowledge about this wonderful culture as well as some of the horrors that have befallen it since the invasion of Europeans. There are still many traumas that Native populations suffer. However, one very positive thing that I witnessed over these past couple of weeks was that contrary to the intentions of the boarding school era and the earlier experiences with Europeans, which sought to eliminate their rich cultural traditions, this culture is still very alive and well within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The boarding schools ultimately failed and the culture is still lived in many of the same ways it was lived by past ancestors.

Unfortunately, many Native Americans have been unable to rekindle their past roots and currently still experience many issues related to this. It is my hope that in the future, there will be a greater emphasis in this country on teaching the truths of the past and rebuilding hope in the lives of those that are still hopeless. I will do my best to contribute to this undertaking with the knowledge I have gained and the motivation I have to learn more. Miigwetch again and take care!

Michael Mudgett,
GVSU Student

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K-12 Shepherd Tutor Tonya Jackson selected as Educator of the Month

LEAH DENHOF
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Contributing Writers

Tribal Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in our department. We are proud of each and every team member within our department and think the community should know about you. Congratulations to Tonya Jackson being selected as our Educator of the Month!

This award includes an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, a spotlight in the Tribal Observer, an educator's goody bag, a mystery gift certificate and a Traveling Educator Award!

Miigwetch to Tonya Jackson for being such an integral part of our Education Team!

Which program do you work for? K-12 Tribal Education.

What is your title? K-12 tutor at Shepherd Public Schools.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? Six weeks.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? I enjoy working with all the different age groups of students.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? Not necessarily funny, but rewarding: When I walked into the homework lab and a student just came and hugged me and said, "Thank you."

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A number of different things;

nurse, teacher, hairdresser and a professional singer.

Please tell us something people may not know about you. I'm always taking in extra children, so I have many who think of me as a "mom."

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? My hobbies include taking my children to powwows and watching them dance and carry on our traditions, watching my children in their selective sports and spending quality time with all my extended family.

What is your favorite movie? Dance Me Outside.

What is your favorite food? I'd have to say tacos, if I had to choose just one favorite.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck
On Oct. 14, K-12 Tutor Tonya Jackson receives her "Outstanding Educator of the Month" award. (pictured left to right: Leadership Program Intern Gena Qualls, Education Administrative Assistant Leah Denhof, Tonya Jackson, Interim K-12 Coordinator Christina Halliwill and Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya.)

"Enviroscape Model" presentation excites Afterschool Program students

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Photojournalist

It is well known in Indian Country that Native students learn best when provided visual stimulus. On Sept. 10, the "Enviroscape Model" provided the excitement of experiential science teaching for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Parks & Recreation Afterschool Program.

SCIT Planning Department Water Resources Technician Michael Fisher

has been doing interactive environmental science instruction to local area schools since 2010.

"I use the Environmental Team's 'Enviroscape Model' to teach children about watersheds and the water cycle," Fisher said. "The children, acting as scientists, are engaged in a discussion of the impacts of many different pollutants on water quality. It is important for children to understand their responsibility in making sure our water and our environment stays clean for future generations."

Fellow colleague Carey Pauquette, SCIT water quality specialist, mentions their department developed their interactive approach back in 2008. She is delighted to have Fisher move from student intern to being a part of their team and his ability to educate and connect with youth is admirable.

"The Tribe's Environmental Team strives to provide information to the community about the Environmental Programs we provide," Pauquette said. "Education and outreach is imperative in bringing about the change to heal Mother Earth together. It is our goal to introduce and support stewardship of Mother Earth, empowering children and the community as a whole in the opportunity to make a difference and be the example to follow. As a community and as individuals, we work together to promote and support sustainability."

Fisher marveled at the willingness of the Afterschool students as they embraced the science of watersheds and the water cycle.

"It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm for environmental protection from our afterschool youth," Fisher said. "For kids in the Sag Chip community, it seems to be very easy to understand how important our natural resources are. They see the value in healthy ecosystems, and they have a strong sense of right and wrong when it comes to pollution. It's obvious that in the future these youngsters are going to make stewardship of Mother Earth a top priority."

SCIT Parks Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts remarked how Fisher coordinated a wonderful, hands-on activity for the SCIT Afterschool Program youth.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Michael Fisher demonstrates the Enviroscape Model to eager After School program youth.

"This activity was a youth capturing magnet...it was so interesting when Adam Saboo's parents arrived to take him to the Soaring Eagle Water Park, but he decided that he wanted to stay at the Parks & Recreation Afterschool Program until it ended."

Kim Saboo, Adam's mother and Saginaw Chippewa Academy teaching assistant smiled as she saw her son's enjoyment.

"We want our afterschool students to eat healthy and be physically active, but that is just a few components of what we are bringing to the community through our program," SCIT Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl asserts. "We welcome other departments that can offer a science curriculum to ensure a well-balanced educational experience for our students."

McGuire

The following Elementary students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Makayla Stevens, Skylar Leaux, Sheanrose Pontiac, Kentae Flory, Dawnseh Wilson, Hazen Shinos, Katie Green, Phoebe DeFeyer, Caleb Kequom, Quinnlan Burger, Taylor Burton, Julian Flory, Aliana Seybert, Jesse Elizalde, Jade Leaux, Marisa Bennett and Katheryn Pierce.

Fancher

The following Elementary students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Jamie Cross-George, Eli Marin, Madison Nahgahgwon, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood, Thomas Trasky, David Culhane, Gabe Jackson, Makayla Jackson, Jarrod Johnson, Seth Magnell and Ty Rios.

Pullen

The following Elementary students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Arianna Bird, Bailey Burger, Samuel Cloud, Zheesheeb Compo, Jonathan Davis, Nikodin Davis, Tayden Davis, Jessie Jackson, Andrew Kequom, Vanessa Lerma, Jonathan Martinez, Leonard Pamp, Javanni Perry, Miikawadizi Prout, Kimewon-Raynee Richards, Jesse Ritter-Bollman, Justin Ritter-Bollman, Kadenn Rose, Azrae Wemigwans, Mackenzie Burger and Jasmine Isham.

Vowles

The following Elementary students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Aolani Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Evelyn Kripa, Rayleigh Bennett, Mateo Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Mariana Mays, Maya Ryan, Arianna Altman, Jessie Bennett, Angela Hawkins-Gonzalez, Konin Kripa, Nathan Vanbuskirk, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Hunter Johnson, Gloria Altman, Brooklyn Bennett and Akiveo Hawkins-Gonzalez.

Ganiard

The following Elementary students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Inara Curry, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Gabriela Escabedo, Teyha Flores, Darien Haggard, Neveah Jance, Darius Lopez, Elijah Teller, Paul Rueckert, Zoey Haggard, Nautica Mena-Strait, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Damion Haggard, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers and Zamil Rueckert.

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SCTC students participate in special Readers' Theatre at CMU

SARAH PRIELIPP
Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Public Speaking class participated in a special Readers' Theatre as part of Indigenous People's Day on Oct. 14 at Central Michigan University.

Elder Thomasine Ruby MeShawboose wrote the script sharing the stories of several students who attended the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.

SCTC Board Member and CMU Native American Programs Director Colleen Green, and Ziibiwing Center Director Shannon Martin, helped organize several celebrations throughout the day, and the MIIBS Readers' Theatre was the culminating event.

Students read the script to a full audience and Green, Martin, MeShawboose and Tribal Council Member Charmaine

Shawana responded to questions from the audience.

During the reading, screens scrolled names of some students who died at MIIBS, while a larger screen displayed historic photographs from the school.

As MeShawboose wrote the original script, she gained extensive research from the Ziibiwing Center, and has been given permission to perform this moving story at other venues.

Her script, "Stories Within the Walls of the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School 1983-1934", recounts the stories of several students. Using newspaper articles and letters, MeShawboose unfurled the long-buried histories of administrators and students to show what life was like at MIIBS and how students fought against oppression.

It was an honor for our students to participate in this reading. When the opportunity arose to be a part of this event, I was excited to bring it to our students and to get them involved. It was a perfect opportunity for them to practice their public speaking skills in front of an audience, but also to incorporate Anishinaabe history and culture through sharing a story.

"History books only tell one side of things and rarely Native American History," Lorry Steele said after reading a part. "We need community events to get the truth out there about Anishinaabe history. Our children need to know where they come from."

SCTC student Wyman Chippewa attended Indian boarding school, "Holy Childhood" in Harbor Springs, Mich. when he was nine years old.



Photos courtesy of SCTC

SCTC's Debbie Morles reads the story of a Mount Pleasant Indian Boarding School student.

Participating in the Readers' Theatre brought back many memories.

"The nuns were very mean and could be very cruel," Chippewa said. "I can name incidences where I was abused and I didn't understand why. I've dragged my life over the burning coals ever since I left that place. Today, I am alcohol and drug-free and I feel as though there is stability in my life. Even though that school no longer exists, the memories will forever exist."

MeShawboose has generously volunteered her time and energy in helping to further the cultural

concerns of the Ziibiwing Center and SCIT. Beginning in 2009, she assisted on the Stone Street Project in Flint, Mich. When that project concluded, she began researching the lives and deaths of students who attended MIIBS. This research effort extended to other boarding schools during the assimilation era.

The Ziibiwing Center has several resources for further research on MIIBS, and they also have a curriculum guide for educators available on their website at www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing/.



Author Thomasine Ruby MeShawboose



SCTC students wait for their turn to read.

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SCTC/CMU Native American Month Calendar

SCTC celebrates Native American Month in conjunction with CMU Native American Programs. All are welcome!

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- 1 | **CMU Bovee Center:** NA Food Taster
- 4 | **SCTC:** Speaker Series ~ Bea Jackson 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 4 | **SCTC:** Movie Night: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 6 | **SCTC:** Speaker Series ~ Shawn Sowmick SCIT HR (food provided) 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 6 | **CMU Bovee Center:** Movie ~ Stolen Spirits of Hiada Gwall 2:30 p.m.
- 6 | **Ziibiwing:** Movie ~ Stolen Spirits of Hiada Gwall 5:30 p.m.
- 8 | **SCTC:** Movie (food provided) 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- 11 | **SCTC:** Three Sister's Luncheon 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
- 13 | **SCTC:** Speaker Series ~ Gyasi Ross, Suquamish Tribe 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 13 | **CMU Plachta Auditorium:** Gyasi Ross, Suquamish Tribe 7 p.m.
- 14 | **SCTC:** STEP Rep on SCTC Campus 10 a.m. - 5p.m.
- 18 | **SCTC:** Ojibwe Bingo 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 20 | **SCTC:** Speaker Series ~ Linze Ritter "Wild Rice" 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (food provided)
- 21 | **CMU Bovee Center:** Movie ~ Black Ash Basketry A Story of Resilience 2 p.m.
- 25 | **SCTC:** Extension ~ Shawl Making (pre-register @ 775-4123) 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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The Moody Blues take sold-out audience on a "Timeless Flight"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Sept. 28, progressive rock purists enjoyed a symphony of sound as The Moody Blues took a sold-out audience on a "Timeless Flight" of rock 'n' roll classics. Led by founding member and drummer Graeme Edge, bandmates John Lodge on bass guitar and Justin Hayward on lead and acoustic guitar, the Moodies made their fifth visit as Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (SECR) alumni a memorable evening.

Their recent tour, "The Voyage Continues - Timeless Flight", supports the 17-disc set nominated by the 2013 Classic Rock Awards as the "Reissue of the Year".

As the 72-year-old drummer Edge remarked on the SECR stage, "Anyway you look at it, it's still sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll!"

The Moodies original trio was joined on stage by Alan Hewitt on keyboards, Julie Ragins on saxophone and keys, Gordy Marshall on drums and percussion and Norda Mullen on flute and guitar. Mullen replaced original Moody flautist Ray Thomas in 2003 as Thomas retired from the band due to health reasons.

The tri-panel LED video wall provided a psychedelic sensory experience as the band launched into their compendium of hits "Gemini Dream", "The Voice" and "Steppin' in a Slide Zone". Hayward delighted the crowd with his usual stellar vocals and trademark guitar playing on "I Know You're Out There Somewhere", "Tuesday Afternoon" and "Wildest Dreams".

Edge moved from the drum platform to center stage to dance

and sing the seminal crowd favorite "Higher and Higher" from the "To Our Children's, Children's Children" release. Edge, long considered the resident poet of the band, referenced his 2012 book of lyrics and poetry "The Written Works of Graeme Edge".

Bassist John Lodge blazed through the closing numbers as the trio brought the crowd to their feet with "I'm Just a Singer (in a Rock 'n' Roll Band)", "Nights in White Satin" and the lead track from their 1970 release "A Question of Balance".

Displaying his ever-present British humour, Lodge encouraged the music lovers, "Until we see you again, take care, keep smiling and question!"

After a break-neck version of the rock anthem "Question", a standing ovation led to the band's return for an encore of



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Justin Hayward, John Lodge and Graeme Edge get "moody" with the sold-out crowd at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

"Ride My See-Saw" from the "Days of Future Passed" LP. During the encore, a video montage of their albums

included in their "Timeless Flight" reissue served as a landing strip to a wonderful voyage of music history.

SECR throws huge Halloween bash at Fright Night Part II

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The DJ was spinning. Music was blasting. Guests dressed as witches, Spiderman, football players, transformers, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

and Marilyn Monroe danced the night away.

Fright Night Part II brought in amazing costumes at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Friday, Oct. 25. The late-night party started at 8 p.m., going

until midnight.

Costume contests took place the first half of the night. So many unique and creative costumes arrived, it was not easy to choose the winners! More than \$15,000 in cash prizes was given away.

At about 9 p.m., DJ Biz Markie graced the stage and spun the jams as guests celebrated one big Halloween party. Markie is known as a rapper, DJ, beat-boxer, singer and comedian. He is best known for his single "Just a Friend", the American Top 10 hit in 1989. According to VH1, the single is one of the top 100 greatest hip-hop songs of all time.

The crowd was not only amused by music all night, members of the "Freak Show" were entertaining guests around the room as they balanced objects on their heads or hands, and provided gruesome, jaw-dropping, magical entertainment.



Spiderman and other guests enjoy dancing in their costumes during Fright Night Part II.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

DJ Biz Markie was in the SECR house, spinning the jams and keeping the crowd entertained.

Video games, foosball, and basketball games were scattered throughout a corner of the Entertainment Hall for those wanting to stray from the dance floor party. Photo booths were provided for

guests to remember the night. There was a cover price of \$10, but every activity was free to the guests!

The night was full of entertainment, wild costumes, frights and fun.

"Honky Tonk Man" Dwight Yoakum delights country crowd

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As the song goes, "Guitars, Cadillacs and Hillbilly Music" were all around the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall as the original "Honky Tonk Man" Dwight Yoakum made his fourth appearance at the venue.

The critically acclaimed singer, songwriter, actor and

director is touring in support of his "3 Pears" album, his highest charting debut on the Billboard Country Album charts.

His "3 Pears" LP was also listed in the best albums of 2012 by National Public Radio, Rolling Stone, American Songwriter and Entertainment Weekly. Yoakum surpassed all other artists in country music with that distinction.

Along with all his critical achievement in the performing

arts, Yoakum has graced "The Tonight Show" stage more than any other musical guest.

Yoakum delighted the crowd with his tribute to country legend Buck Owens in stirring performances of "Blame the Vain" and "Streets of Bakersfield". Despite his numerous contributions to country music, his food brand, "Bakersfield Biscuits" is available at Wal-Mart,

Sam's Club and Kroger in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

After going through a list of modern country standards like "Close Up All The Honky Tonks" and "If There Was A Way", Yoakum had the crowd singing along with his Johnny Cash tribute song, "Ring Of Fire."

Ever the Renaissance man, Yoakum can be seen in numerous films like "Sling Blade", "Panic Room", "Wedding Crashers" and his recurring role as Doc Miles in the "Crank" films. Yoakum also has a recurring role as Bruce on the FX series "Wilfred" and has been featured in the animated comedy "King of the Hill" as Lane Pratley.

His encore of "Heart like Mine" and "Long White



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CMA award winning artist Dwight Yoakum delights country music fans on his "3 Pears" American tour.

Cadillac" gave the crowd a pleasant anticipation that Dwight Yoakum will fly back to Soaring Eagle again soon.

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TICKETS	EVENT DATE
TNA Impact Wrestling	On Sale Now!	Saturday, Nov. 2
Hunks the Show	On Sale Now!	Saturday, Nov. 16
Terry Fator	On Sale Now!	Friday, Nov. 29
Kenny G	On Sale Now!	Saturday, Dec. 14
K-CI & Jo-Jo, Ginuwine & Johnny Gill	On Sale Now!	Friday, Dec. 27
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Fourth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival rocks SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Well-known rockers and up-and-coming local bands performed a stellar show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sept. 14, 2013. The fourth annual Middle of the Mitt Music Festival provided a daylong celebration of music. The festival, produced by Mad Turtle Productions, kicked off in the early afternoon with live acts rocking out into the night.

Not only were the audience members treated to live entertainment, but they could take pride in the fact that the event was for a good cause. Purchasing a ticket or the donation of a new, unwrapped toy was all that was needed for entry. All proceeds benefited Toys for Tots



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Vocalist Tim "Ripper" Owens and guitarist Craig Goldy join other former bandmates of Ronnie James Dio onstage to form the band Dio Disciples.

of Central Michigan. Audience members also had a chance to grab free posters and gears signed by the band members or win a number of raffled prizes.

The show kicked off with SCIT member George Sprague playing his rock 'n' roll style of music, directly influenced by his culture and heritage.



Members of the heavy metal band, Reverence, put on a high octane performance for the crowd.

The festival also featured Michigan bands; Everyday War, Maclaren-Brennan, Ratnip, Sahara Steel and Reverence.

Headlining the night was the band, Dio Disciples. The group is a celebration of the music and

spirit of Heavy Metal vocalist, Ronnie James Dio, and was formed by his former bandmates and friends. Audience members were thrilled as the group covered songs from Rainbow and Black Sabbath, as well as his solo career.

Comedian Russell Peters brings his Notorious World Tour to SECR

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Saturday, Oct. 5, critically acclaimed global comedic rock star Russell Peters brought his "Notorious" observations to the cheers of an appreciative crowd. Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort represented the last leg on his U.S. tour that moves overseas to Oman, Qatar, Abu Dhabi and India for numerous sold-out engagements.

On Oct. 14, Russell's "Notorious" tour became the first Netflix exclusive original stand-up comedy special. That same day, Netflix also launched an exclusive four-part behind-the-scenes documentary "Russell Peters vs. The World".

The Toronto born comedian, actor and author recently garnered a star on the Canada Walk of Fame in 2011 and his comedy has been featured all over the

late night circuit and Comedy Central. His DVDs; Outsourced in 2006 and Red, White and Brown in 2008; are considered must viewing for observational comedy enthusiasts.

His autobiography, "Call Me Russell - Inside the Outside" was a national best-seller across the U.S. and Canada and many patrons brought their copy to an after the show meet and greet for his autograph.

Sharing his road to fame story with his personal experiences with prejudice connects Russell with his audience and they showed their appreciation with laughter throughout the special evening.

Detroit-based comedian Mike Young (*twitter@realmikeyoung*) served as the opening act with New York City DJ Spinbad spinning tunes to get the crowd in the mood for amusement.



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Comedian Russell Peters takes observational comedy center stage.

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2013 Run on the Rez posts record breaking numbers

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Sept. 28, the 2013 installment of Run on the Rez posted record breaking numbers. Nimkee Fitness Coordinator and Race Organizer Jayme Green confirmed there were about 200 participants and community



Runner Corey Friedrich crosses the finish line with the fastest time of 18:37.

spectators for the race.

"I am so excited that we had record breaking participation at the Run on the Rez," Green said. "It's good to see that this community is embracing health and fitness. One of the goals for the Fitness Center is to encourage the community to live a healthy active lifestyle."

More than 165 serious competitors took to the pavement during the one-mile fun run and the 5K main event.

Congratulations to Mt. Pleasant 5K runner, Corey Friedrich, who clocked in a field best time of 18:37. Ken Stebbins of Midland finished second with 19:16 followed by Andrew Zimmer at 19:18.

Green offered a sincere thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who made the fun and exciting day run smoothly.

"I would like to thank Parks & Rec for allowing me



The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians traveled all the way from Peshawbetown to participate in the "Run on the Rez."



Rez runner Tahlia Alonzo gives her auntie, Betsey Alonzo, and her mom, Patricia Alonzo, high fives at the finish line.

to use the Tribal Gym, the Tribal Observer for setting up music and taking pictures, Tribal Police for escorting the runners and Striders Running Club for doing the timing,"

Green said. "I would also like to thank all our sponsors; Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel, Nimkee Dental, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Green Insurance Agency, Sagamok

Shell, Runners of Mt. Pleasant, Cardinal Pharmacy, Wabooz Run Golf Course, UREC, Creative Hair Designs and Sawade Drilling Company."

Helpful tips to deal with diabetes and planning for sick days

NIMKEE HEALTH

Being sick can make your blood glucose (sugar) level go up very high. It can also cause serious conditions that can put you in a coma. The best way to prevent a minor illness from becoming a major problem is to work out a plan of action for sick days ahead of time. Then when you become sick, you will feel safe and secure. You will already know what to do and you will have the supplies on hand to do it.

What happens when you're sick? When you're sick, you're under stress. To deal with this stress, your body releases hormones that help it fight disease. They also raise blood sugar levels and interfere with the blood sugar-lowering effects of insulin.

It may be harder to keep your blood sugar in your target

range. People with Type 2 diabetes, especially older people, can develop a condition called hyperosmolar hyperglycemic nonketotic coma, which can be dangerous and life threatening.

Making a sick day plan. Prepare a plan for sick days in advance. Work with your doctor or a diabetes educator. The plan will include when to call your diabetes team, how often to measure blood sugar, what medicines to take and what to eat.

Also, attach to your plan a list of phone numbers for your doctor, diabetes educator and dietitian. Make sure you also know how to reach them at night, weekends and on holidays. Then when illness strikes, you will be ready.

When to call your diabetes team. You do not need to call your team every time you have a sniffle. But you will probably want to call if certain things happen such as:

• You've been sick or have had a fever for a couple of days and you are not getting better.

• You've been vomiting or having diarrhea for more than six hours.

• Your glucose levels are higher than 240, even though you've taken the extra insulin your sick day plan calls for.

• You have symptoms that might signal dehydration or some other serious condition, for example, your chest hurts, you are having trouble breathing, or your lips or tongue are dry and cracked.

• You take pills for your diabetes and your blood sugar level climbs to more than 240 before meals and stays there for more than 24 hours.

• You aren't certain what to do to take care of yourself.

Be ready to tell what medicines you've taken and how much, how long you've been sick, whether you can eat and keep food down, whether you've

lost weight and what your temperature and blood sugar levels are. To be prepared, keep written records of all these things as soon as you become sick.

Keep your notebook handy. Measure your blood sugar more often than usual. If you do not have a meter, talk to your diabetes educator about getting one.

Diabetes medicines: When sick, you will still need to continue medicine for your diabetes. Even if you are throwing up, don't stop your medicines. You need them because your body makes extra glucose when you are sick.

You may be able to take your pills, or you may need to use insulin for a short time. In either case, work with your diabetes team to develop your sick day plan.

Food: Eating and drinking can be a big problem when you're sick. But it's important to stick to your normal meal plan if you can. In addition to your normal meals, drink lots of non-caloric liquids to keep from getting dehydrated. It's easy to run low on fluids when you are vomiting or have a fever or diarrhea. Extra fluids will also help get rid of the extra sugar (and possibly, ketones) in your blood.

If you can't stick to your normal meal plan try to take in your normal number of calories by eating easy-on-the-stomach foods like regular non-diet gelatin, crackers, soups and applesauce.

Medicines to watch out for:

Always check the labels of over-the-counter medicines before you buy them to see if they have sugar. But to be on the safe side, ask the pharmacist or your team about sugar-free medicines. Aspirin in large doses can lower blood sugar levels. Some antibiotics lower blood sugar levels in people with Type 2 diabetes who take diabetes pills. Decongestants and some products for treating colds raise blood sugar levels.

If you must go to the emergency room or see a different doctor than usual, be sure to say you have diabetes, or have your identification bracelet in plain view. List all the medicines that you are taking. Your blood sugar level can also be affected by medicines you take for chronic or long-term conditions.

Flu shots: Having the flu can be dangerous for anyone. But it is extra risky for people with diabetes or other chronic health problems. The shot takes about two weeks to take effect. Don't get a flu shot if you are allergic to eggs.

Pneumonia shots: People with diabetes seem to get pneumonia more easily. Those with heart or kidney disease may be particularly at risk. All people with diabetes should be vaccinated against pneumonia. A second pneumonia shot is needed at 65 years of age if it has been more than five years since your last shot.

Mino Bimaadiziwin; it's a journey

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

The biggest challenge of staying healthy is sticking to the plan. The first thing I say to people who ask me how I was able to achieve the success of keeping the weight off, is that I avoid using the words "it's not easy" because it is easy!

Now, I'm not superhuman, the hard part is being patient and letting the easy part take me where I want to go. A healthy lifestyle is easy if you set goals that make it easy to take every step along that healthy lifestyle path.

On our journey in life, Gitchi Manitou doesn't just put us in, or even point us to our ultimate destination. Deciding to accept your journey is the first easy step. The next is to realize that you are taking steps and that each step, great and small, is

important because they each take you where you want to go.

The key to being able to stick to a healthy lifestyle path is to enjoy the journey. This happens when you choose a path that fits your lifestyle, your abilities, your future and you. Remember, when it comes to health, you'll know it is right because it'll feel good all over.

So you can listen to all the experts out there to get ideas. Experimentation and play are important parts to finding the right fit of exercise and diet for you.

Stick to the choices that make you feel good, strong, happy and comfortable. These become the right choices for you and that's where you start. Goal setting comes a bit later in the process because once you learn how your body responds to the choices you make, you can begin to set goals

for yourself because you'll have the tools and the knowledge to move toward those goals.

When I was teenager, I had a dream to compete in a bodybuilding contest but because that goal was too far from where I was starting, and because I didn't understand myself well enough to choose the right path, I was discouraged and didn't stick to anything.

Today my surgery has taught me how to eat and my years in the gym have taught me how my body reacts to exercise. I finally have the right tools in the right place at the right time to allow me to set realistic goals and successfully compete as a bodybuilder and enjoy the healthy lifestyle that comes with that achievement.

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Eighteenth annual Feather Link Tea provides hope for those battling cancer

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The harsh reality is every woman is at risk for breast cancer. Women can help prevent breast cancer in many ways; healthy dieting, exercise, monthly self-breast exams and yearly clinical mammograms.

Important breast cancer screening guidelines and risk factors were shared at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center and Women's Health/Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program's 18th annual Feather Link Tea and luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 15 in the Saginaw Ballroom at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

As we hope for a speedy recovery for BCCCP and Healthy Start Grants Coordinator Judy Davis, Women's Health Coordinator Jenna Wilcox did an excellent job filling in as emcee.

Harold Cook, president of Community Cancer Services, spoke to begin the event. CCS is serving about 50 cancer patients and many survive because of your help, Cook said. The proceeds from the silent auction went to CCS.

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson began with a prayer before the luncheon.

"When Cook discussed how many women survive, I also

remember our sisters who did not survive," Jackson said, after taking a moment to honor those that lost their battle to cancer.

After the delicious lunch provided by SECR, Dr. Deborah Eisenmann, MD emphasized the importance of initial signs of cancer and reviewed the risk factors.

"The best protection is early detection," Eisenmann said.

Public Health Nurse Anna Hon performed the song, "How You Live", about the daily beauty in life and never taking anything for granted.

An educational breast cancer statistic video was shown along with the humorous Pink Glove Dance video, which features practitioners and nurses from different hospitals around the world dancing and sporting pink gloves during the song "You Won't Dance Alone".

Nimkee Medical Director Margaret Steslicki courageously shared her survivor story. About 23 years ago, Steslicki was diagnosed with a life threatening disease, early stage leukemia. She was told she only had a year to live unless she received a bone marrow transplant, even after the transplant, she would only have a 50/50 chance of surviving.

Steslicki prepared for the worst. She wrote her husband instructions to go on without her

and left letters for her children to read on their 16th birthdays.

Her brother became her bone marrow donor. It was a happy ending for Steslicki, of course, as she is blessed to still be alive today and truly lives life to the fullest.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't remember what I had gone through and why I'm here. I can look at, even the song that Anna sang, I look at trees and flowers a different way now because I appreciate and celebrate life," Steslicki said.

Steslicki offers advice to those battling cancer or have been recently diagnosed.

"Even through all of the challenges, and it being a very difficult road, I just want to say that there is hope for everyone," she said. "Celebrate life and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

These remarkably strong women are proud cancer survivors!

think positive. Keep a positive attitude and work through it."

There are many risk factors for breast cancer including; being a woman, increasing age, family history of breast cancer, early onset of menstruation – before age 12, late menopause – after age 50, first childbirth after age 30, never having children, diet high in fat and low in fiber, alcohol use, obesity and missing monthly self-breast exams.

Women are encouraged to ask questions and trust their instinct if they feel something is wrong. Women should do monthly self-breast exams, annual clinical breast exams, annual pap and pelvic exams and annual mammograms for those the age of 40 or older.

The best protection is early detection, while keeping in mind those factors that are in your control.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule November 2013

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.				Yoga Catherine	
12:00 p.m.	Turbo Kick Ashleigh	Fat Blast 4! Jayme	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden		Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.				Turbo Kick Ashleigh	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
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A guide to aging and its impact on fitness levels

(Editor's Note: Written by Nancy Clark MS RD CSSD 2013, submitted by Sally Van Cise, RD nutritionist. Article reprinted with permission by author.)

Like it or not, every one of us is getting older, day by day. As a fitness exerciser or an athlete, you might wonder how aging impacts performance—and what you can do to retain youthful fitness. The following information is gathered from a workshop (www.sportsnutritionworkshop.com) presented by Dr. William Evans, an exercise physiologist and expert on aging, muscles, and protein. The following information can help you chart a healthy course into your future.

The average person loses about one percent of their fitness per year. Aerobic capacity goes down, particularly after age 60. Staying active helps maintain a slighter higher ability to uptake oxygen than a non-athlete, but the rate of loss is the same.

Muscle is an active tissue (as compared to body fat). The more muscle you have, the more calories you can eat without getting fat. Yet muscle loss creates a subtle change in metabolism that can contribute to weight gain with aging.

We lose muscle as we age, starting as young as age 20, with a steady decline year after year. To treat this age-related loss of muscle, you need to lift weights or

do other forms of resistance exercise. Yet, even strong athletes still lose some muscle with aging.

With age, we not only lose muscle but also tend to gain fat. It's easy to eat more even though we need less. The cause of weight gain is not due to a "slow metabolism." Metabolic rate remains constant, but daily activity easily declines. A study with obese people suggests they sat three hours more per day than their lean peers; this saved them about 350 calories a day.

Muscle loss is the key reason why older people become frail and end up in nursing homes. When they stop exercising, they experience a steep drop in strength. The good news is they can do something about frailty: lift weights! In only 12 weeks, 60 to 70 year old men regained the fitness they had lost more than 15 years ago.

Even 90 year olds in a nursing home can triple their strength in 10 weeks. That means they can walk faster, be less depressed and stay in the independent living part of elder-care housing. Tell your parents and grandparents to start a weight lifting program so they can stay out of the nursing home!

Strength training helps prevent bone loss. In a year-long study with post-menopausal women, all of the women who lifted weights improved their bone health. Those who did not lift weights lost two percent bone density in one year. Exercise is better than osteoporosis drugs—plus, you'll get stronger!

By lifting weights and building muscle, older people should be able to eat more calories which boosts their intake of health-promoting protein, vitamins, minerals. Yet, adding exercise does not always entitle a person to eat more calories. In a study with 62-year-old people who walked briskly for one hour a day, five days/week for three months, their daily energy expenditure remained stable—despite the brisk walking. How could that be? They became more sedentary the rest of the day; they napped more and slept longer. They compensated for having exercised.


About 25 to 33 percent of people older than 65 years are eating too little protein. This results in loss of muscle and bone—and leads to expensive medical problems. The goal is to

eat at least .55 grams of protein per pound of body weight each day to maintain and build muscle. For a 140-pound person, this equates to about 75 grams of protein, or 25 grams per meal (for example, Breakfast: three eggs; Lunch: one can tuna; Dinner: four oz. chicken).

The Bottom Line: Stay young by staying active and by lifting weights or doing some type of resistance exercise to strengthen both muscles and bones.

And remember the words of Gerontologist Walter Bortz: "No one really lives long enough to die of old age. We die from accidents and most of all, from disuse." Use it or lose it!

Nancy Clark, MS, RD CSSD (board certified specialist in Sport Dietetics) counsels active people in her private practice in Newton, Mass. (617-795-1875). For more information, read the new fifth edition of her Sports Nutrition Guidebook or her food guides for marathoners, soccer players and cyclists. They are available at www.nancyclarkrd.com. Also see www.sportsnutritionworkshop.com for online CEUs.



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| 4 Bernard Sprague, David Bearden, Minnie Periard, Valerie Zoher | 20 Jo Ann Bowen, Kathryn Moran |
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| 6 David Anderson, Kathleen Hart, Richard Rodriguez, Lawrent Cabay, Esperanza Jaquez, Paul Johnson, Marcia Lewis, Susan Smielewski, Kenneth Watson III, Naomi Waynee | 22 Linda Jackson, Clayton Nedwash Sr. |
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Contributing Writer

John Pattison was chosen as the October 2013 Employee of the Month. John is a Registered Nurse and works in the Direct Care Area. He has worked for Andahwod for three years.

Previous to working at Andahwod, John worked three years at the Casino, as a part-time cashier. John

enjoys his nursing duties, being able to develop relationships with the people he works for and spending time with the residents. He feels that all who live here are like his extended family.

John has two sons ages eight and six. He enjoys, playing video games with them and taking them to the movies. He is currently attending Kaplan University for his Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and is planning to receive his

Masters of Science in Nursing to become a nurse practitioner.



John Pattison

Andahwod welcomes CMU Student Intern Jamie Branch

JAMIE BRANCH
Contributing Writer

Hello, my name is Jamie Branch. I am a senior at Central Michigan University studying Social Work. I'm currently working at Andahwod CCC & ES for my internship. While I'm at Andahwod, I will be assisting Julie Pego with case management as well as other services.

I am at Andahwod on Mondays and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. I am excited to be here and put what I learned in the classroom into action. After I graduate, I would like to continue on with my education to obtain my Master's degree in Medical Social Work.

I look forward to meeting and working with Elders in the community.



Jamie Branch

Elder Services

THANKSGIVING

Dinner Buffet

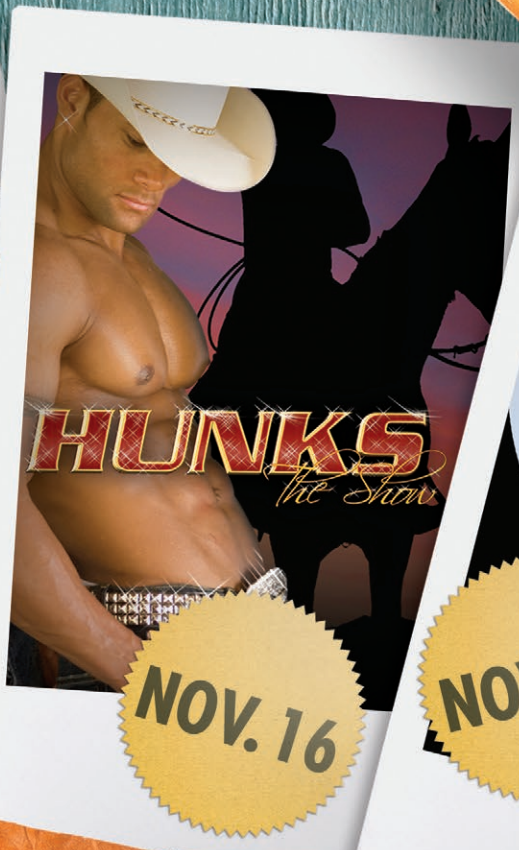
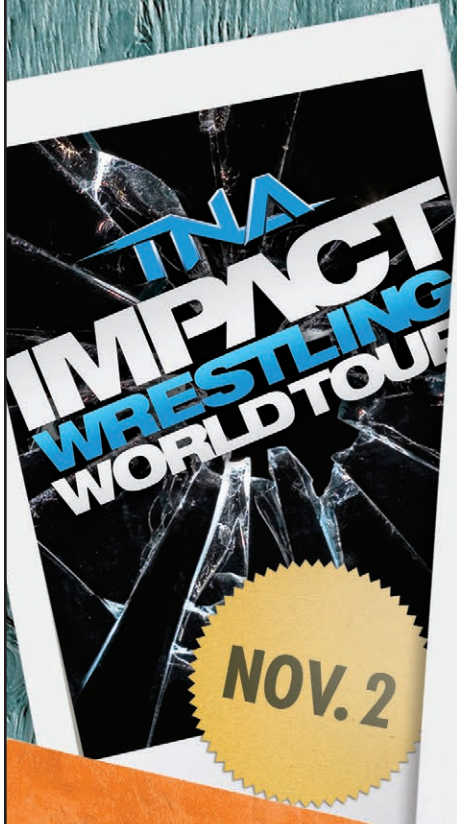
Thursday Nov. 21, 2013

Andahwod | 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | \$9.50 per person

There will be three seating times: 4 p.m., 4:45 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Please sign up for your expected dining time at the front office

MENU

- Roasted Turkey
- Traditional Stuffing
- Mashed Potato & Gravy
- Whipped Sweet Potato
- Steamed Broccoli
- Green Bean Casserole
- Tossed Salad
- Cran-Broccoli Salad
- Fresh Baked Bread
- Pumpkin and Pecan Pie



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NOVEMBER 2013 EVENT PLANNER

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 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Elder Aerobics

November 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 | 10 a.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Therapy Dogs

November 6, 13, 27 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Language Bingo

November 7 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Thursday Andahwod Dinners

November 7, 14 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300
 • 11/7: Fried Chicken Buffet
 • 11/14: Fried Fish Buffet

Elder Beginners Computer Class

November 8 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307
 • Must sign up to participate, limited spots available

Shiphawana

November 9 | 9 a.m.
 • Location: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

First Nations Elders Visit & Tour

November 12 | 9 a.m.
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Frankenmuth Day Trip

November 14 | Leave at 9 a.m., Return at 5 p.m.
 • Contact: 989-775-4307
 • \$10 - SCIT Elders, \$15 SCIT non elder
 • Must sign up to participate

Saganing Day Trip

November 19 | Leave at 9 a.m., Return at 5 p.m.
 • Contact: 989-775-4307
 • \$10 - SCIT Elders, \$15 SCIT non elder
 • Must sign up to participate

Bingo with Friends

November 20 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Performance Circle Class

November 5, 12, 19, 26 | Sr. Class: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 • Jr. Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-8172

Two Spirit Support Group

November 6 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

Free Employee Flu Vaccine

November 7 | 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 • Location: SECR Entertainment Hall
 • Contact: 989-775-4699
 • SECR, Migizi and Tribal Ops Associates

Free Employee Flu Vaccine

November 13 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4699
 • SELC, Migizi and Tribal Ops Associates
 • Nimkee patients

Sewing & Sharing

November 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Elder Health Training

November 7 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300
 • Lunch included, Five CE Credits offered

Sober N' Crazy Fun

November 16 | 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.
 • Location: Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 810-834-1033
 • Open speakers, 50/50 drawing, dinner, cards, music and dancing. Bring your family and a dish to pass.

Housing Financial Workshop

November 21 | Noon
 • Location: Housing Conference Room
 • Contact: 989-775-4595

New Parents Support Group

November 29 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4600

Christmas Unity Service

December 13 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Location: Tribal Gym



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER 2013



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	<h1>NOVEMBER</h1>			1 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	2 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.
4 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5 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.	6 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	7 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	8 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	9 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!



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Youth Achievement Advisor

High school diploma with two years of college experience and two years working directly with youth. Experience with local school programming, requirements and policies. Knowledge of motivational tactics and how to actively engage youth using positive reinforcement. Valid driver's license and ability to obtain a Tribal driver's license. Must successfully pass a background check. Ability to gain first-aid and CPR certification within three months of hire. Experience working with Native communities preferred. This position will engage community youth and families to actively participate in Kindergarten through 12th Grade academics and events.

Chief Judge

Open to the public. Pursuant to Title I, Chapter 1.5 of the Tribal Code the minimum qualifications are as follows: Twenty-five years of age or older; has not been convicted of a misdemeanor type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense; is of good moral charac-

ter and integrity; has graduated from an accredited law school and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or is licensed to practice law in another state; is capable of preparing papers and reports incident to the office of Judge; has demonstrated a knowledge of being familiar with, and able to read and interpret the Tribal Code, as well as having an understanding of Federal and State law and Court procedures.

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. The Contractual Associate Judge shall be responsible for the timely and efficient administration of justice in all criminal and civil matters brought before the Tribal Court in accordance with all applicable law.

Journeyman Lineman Manager

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with Lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman

examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years. Three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license. Two plus years experience as a Journeyman Lineman preferred. Candidate must have formal hot stick training and experience. Candidates must have a valid Commercial Drivers License, and be able to obtain a Tribal Drivers License.

Elementary Teacher

Bachelor's degree in Education. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teaching Certification. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans. Must complete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Knowledge of and/or experience with Ojibwe language preferred. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws. The elementary teacher provides instructional services to Native American students in elementary grades at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

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 An-

ishinabemowin 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.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants require State of Michigan licensure and Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the Drug Enforcement Administration in the State of Michigan/or be eligible to become licensed and certified. Master of Science Degree in Nursing is required. Physician Assistant will have graduated from an approved Physician Assistant Program of study and have successfully completed the Physician Assistant Certification examination. Two years experience working in an outpatient/clinic setting preferred. Must complete a fingerprint/background check.

Resident Service Aide Part-Time

Must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent and must be 18 years of age. Must consent to a criminal background check. Must have a valid Michigan driver's license and be able to obtain a Tribal driver's license. Basic computer literacy required. Will be required to work different shifts, weekends and holidays. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community required. Native American preferred.

7th Generation Director - Interim

College experience or relevant work related experience. Experience in public speaking. Knowledge and/or appreciation for Ojibwa culture. The ability to work in a Native American Tribal Community. Ability to provide outreach to a wide range of community members and to establish rapport with individuals across the life spans from infancy to elder. This position has ultimate responsibility to provide direction, oversight, and administration for the day to day operations of the 7th Generation Program as it implements programs and projects that are encompassed in the mission of the organization.

Librarian Assistant

High School Diploma or equivalent. Must be able to work evenings and Saturdays. Must be patient and have the ability to work with children, adults, and elders as patrons of the Library in their quest for information. Must have basic computer knowledge and experience working in Microsoft Programs.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition, five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A Bachelor's Degree in Education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred. Must com-

plete a criminal records check in accordance with the State of Michigan. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws.

College/Vocational Recruitment & Support Specialist

Associates degree working towards a Bachelor's degree and two years experience in the field of education. Must have general knowledge regarding financial aid, Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, and admissions process. Must be able to work independently with little supervision or as a member of a multi disciplinary team.

Registrar/Admissions

Bachelor's degree required, with experience at least two years in administration. Must be highly skilled with various software data bases, word, excel, access, and other related management programs. The Admission Officer/Registrar/Financial Aid position encompasses two critical functions of the college: The Admission Officer coordinates a range of activities related to the recruitment and selection of student applicants for admission to the college; the Registrar coordinate the activities of the college's Registrar's Office, encompassing registration of students, maintenance of student records, classroom scheduling, and related functions, to provide a central and consistent registration operation for the college.

Casino

Director of Cage and Count

Open to the public. Must be at least eighteen 18 years of age. Must include a Bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of Casino 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. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to maintain effective communication. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Sous Chef-Aurora

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

Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Six months of carpet/floor care and upholstery experience required. Must have knowledge of wet and dry extractions of carpet and upholstery and truck mount system a plus. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of

furniture, carpet and flooring.

Call Center Manager

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a four-year college degree and two years supervisory experience in reservation, hospitality or sales or Associates degree and four years supervisory experience in reservations, hospitality or sales or a minimum of six years experience managing a hotel reservation center. Experience with reservation software required. Native American preference will be applied. Supervise and manage all activities pertaining to the Call Center. Perform other duties as designated by management

Lead Cook Pastry

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Two years of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, proven leadership, communication and teamwork skills. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement. Native American preferred.

Stewarding Shift Supervisor

Must be 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have basic math skills. Must be detail oriented. Must have two years supervisory experience in the hospitality stewarding field or three years of SECR Hospitality Division experience or an Associates degree in the hospitality field. Formal education will be accepted if in a related field of study.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR KERRY AINSWORTH HATLAK:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-775-4800 Plaintiff: Ruthann Marie Bross Plaintiffs Attorney: Isabella Friend of the Court Attn: Susan Smith 300 N. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Defendant: Kerry Anisworth Hatlak 7132 E. Remus Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court this is a lawsuit claiming you have committed a civil wrong. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please to that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer the attached complaint. 3. If the amount of damages requested by Plaintiff exceeds \$1000.00, you may demand a Jury Trial in writing. You must make this request at the time of filing your answer or the right to a jury trial will be deemed waived and your case will be tried by a Judge and not a jury. The request for a jury trial must be accompanied by a prepayment of a \$500.00 jury trial bond. 4. 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 on Dec. 26, 2013.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF DAVID BIRD:

Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0775: Plaintiff Check & Cash USA, LLC 100 S. Mission Unit H., Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-2000 Vs. David Bird 1003 Fessenden Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in this court by the Plaintiff for a show cause hearing. 2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days following the last date of publication of this Order. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded. 3. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, David Bird, at Defendant's last known address by ordinary mail before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. **This Summons expires Feb. 12, 2014.**

NOTICE FOR WILLIAM FOX:

This is a notice is from Garber Management Group. According to our records an outstanding check has not cleared our bank. Outstanding records that have shown no activity are required by State Law to be sent to the State's unclaimed property division. **If we do not hear from you by Nov. 12, 2013 your property will be sent to the State's Unclaimed Property Division.** Call 989.497.6414.

NOTICE FOR PATRICIA JACKSON:

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Trunk or Treat and Halloween Haunt brings out "Spooktacular" costumes

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Skeletons, ghosts, goblins, zombies, Halloween music and scary decorations surrounded the Saginaw Chippewa Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym on Friday, Oct. 25. One thing is for certain: SCIT knows how to throw a Halloween haunt!

Halloween celebrations began earlier in the week on Tuesday, Oct. 22 with Family Pumpkin Carving Night in the Tribal Gym, sponsored by American Indian Sobriety Movement. Families were

welcomes to spend quality time with their children and loved ones to carve pumpkins, decorate cookies and listen to Halloween music.

Celebrations on the night of Oct. 25 started off with the "Trunk or Treat" event for children of all ages. Children were able to go car-to-car or trunk-to-trunk on East Broadway Road for treats.

Although the temperature dropped and it was so cold, children and families patiently stood in line to get their candy! The line formed on East Broadway Street, wrapping around to the Tribal Gym. Many children and families joined the Youth Task Force and SCIT Departments to share the fun of Trunk or Treating, it was a great turnout!

It all started out as sweet fun and games, but when 6 p.m. rolled around, the Tribal Gym became spooky!

The 2013 Halloween Haunt was startling! The Tribal Gym was covered in creepy Halloween décor. The annual frightfully free family event occurred 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Halloween Haunt featured costume contests, hayrides, food, Halloween and dance music provided by

Sweetgrass Productions and frenzied fun for all!

The last half of the night featured costume contests. The contests were done by age group from youngest to oldest, then the last competition was a family costume contest. Each participant went up on the Tribal Gym stage in costume; they walked in a circle until the judges chose the top six costumes they liked best in each age group. From there, the audience got to decide. First, second and third place was declared by audience vote; the loudest applause and hollers!

Children, teens, adults and Elders all participated in the costume contest. It was great to see so many Tribal members in attendance!



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Beautifully painted face make-up won over the judges in the female youth category.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Wabaa Pelcher proudly shows off her carved pumpkin.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Captain Hook, aka Ronnie Ek Dahl, Rosemary Saboo and babies show off their outfits for Best Family Costumes.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

This miniature vampire patiently waited for some candy during Trunk or Treat!



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The audience watched to cheer for their favorite costumes during the Halloween Haunt.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The little Fire Chief could not wait to get his hands on some candy!



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Children and families had fun on the free hayrides given during the Halloween Haunt.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

It was a great turnout at the 2013 Trunk or Treat as families lined up in front of Broadway Street to Leaton Road.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

This year's pumpkin carving night was a huge success, as more than 100 pumpkins were carved.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A group of girls enthusiastically carve their jack-o-lanterns, to the tune of spooky music playing in the background.