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Chief Pego takes a stand against Patterson's offensive remarks

(Editor's note: The following statement was released on Friday, Jan. 24 from SCIT Public Relations in response to Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's offensive remarks published in the New Yorker Magazine.)

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan takes a stand against outspoken and often offensive Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Patterson was quoted in an article on Monday, Jan. 20, 2014 by the New Yorker Magazine's online publication saying, "I made a prediction a long time ago, and it's come to pass. I said, 'What we're gonna do is turn Detroit into an Indian reservation, where we herd all the Indians into the city, build a fence around it, and then throw in the blankets and corn.'"

An outraged Tribal Chief Steven Pego expressed concerns over Patterson's comments

regarding African American and Native American people along with general statements about the criminal environment in Detroit relative to the African American population.

It is the intention of SCIT to gather support for the efforts being built by Rev. Charles Williams II, Michigan chapter president of the National Action Network, a civil rights organization, to demand an apology from Patterson and Oakland County officials to take appropriate action against this ignorant hatred.

The following is the complete response letter from Chief Pego to other Tribal communities:

"The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has always taken pride in the people we are and celebrated the strong and rich culture established by our

ancestors thousands of years ago. Our people have had to endure inequitable hardships for hundreds of years as other minority groups have had to while working diligently to achieve equality. We have worked collectively with others to bring about change and an opportunity to be treated with dignity and respect; the very dignity and respect we give our fellow man.

Today, I find it inexcusable that there are still individuals whom carry hatred and blatant disregard for other cultures and race of people. It is not surprising, however, that serial offender Brooks Patterson used inflammatory language in talking about people of color. His comparison of the residents of Detroit to Native Americans who were forcibly confined to Indian reservations is shameful. It goes without saying that Mr. Patterson needs a lesson in

civility, regardless of whether he was merely pandering to his base, or purposely inciting racial disharmony.

It is surprising, however, and equally troubling to read comments by the editor of the Detroit News who tacitly approved of Mr. Patterson's offensive characterizations of Indian reservations. I seriously doubt that both Mr. Patterson and Finley have ever even been to an Indian reservation.

Please join Charles Williams II, and our Tribal Council in demanding an apology from Mr. Patterson and a call out to Oakland County leaders to take appropriate action against their County Executive."

Sincerely,

Steven Pego
Steven Pego, Tribal Chief

"Snow Emergency" cancels State of the Tribe Address, rescheduled for March 8

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Anyone who has ever been involved in event planning would say there are a lot of variables to be considered. The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall was ready, departments were set, the warriors and drums were on assignment, presenters were prepared to deliver their programs, but a winter storm in Mid-Michigan can derail the best of plans.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steven Pego was ready for his first community meeting but was more concerned about the membership.

"I believe the safety of our members is more important at times like this then information we can share with them at another time in the future," Chief Pego said. "I do not want someone becoming stranded and injured on my conscience when we have the ability to reschedule at a time that is more conducive to travel and safety."

Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier serves as the Public Information Officer for the Tribe when emergency preparedness procedures are implemented and handles all media when contacted by Isabella County Central Dispatch.

"As soon as the Isabella County Road Commission declared a 'Snow Emergency' at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24 until Saturday, Jan. 25 at Noon, the Tribe began our emergency response system starting with the Tribal Council decision to cancel the meeting for Jan. 25," Cloutier said. "With the assistance of our Information Technology department and the Tribal Police, notice was given on the Tribal website, Tribal email system and through social media via our Tribal Facebook page."

After the posting was set on the Tribal website, Information Technology Director Amy Gates sent the following prepared statement to all Tribal employees and associates via the Microsoft Outlook email system, "the State of the Tribe is cancelled for tomorrow, Jan. 25, 2014 due to extreme inclement weather. Tribal Council will work diligently to reschedule the event as soon as it can. Thank you for your understanding and be safe and warm."

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Captain David Crockett mentioned his patrol officers were busy throughout the weekend helping stranded motorists and applauded Tribal Council's decision in the interest of safety for all involved.

"When the weather is treacherous like it was on Jan. 25,

we support Central Dispatch when they tell motorists to stay off the roads," Crockett said. "With the wind chill and with limited resources, accidents can become life-threatening for everyone and our officers appreciate the community support when these emergencies are called. It allows us to best serve those people who need it the most."

Tribal Police Dispatch informs winter storms can range from a normal snow over a few hours to a blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Many winter storms bring dangerously low temperatures and, sometimes, strong winds, icing, sleet and freezing rain. One of the main concerns is that

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Isabella County Central Dispatch

**** FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE ****

ISABELLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION DIRECTING MANAGER
DECLARING A SNOW EMERGENCY

DURATION: Jan. 24, 2014 at 8:30 p.m.
until
Jan. 25, 2014 at 12 p.m.

Isabella County Road Commission is declaring a SNOW EMERGENCY for Isabella County. Travelers are requested to stay off the roads. The weather has made travel extremely dangerous. Extreme winds and blowing snow can cause whiteout conditions leaving travelers stranded in potentially dangerous wind chill conditions. If you must travel, please turn your headlights on and be prepared with proper winter clothing and an emergency vehicle kit. This declaration is in effect until noon on Saturday Jan. 25, 2014.

Tony Casali

Directing Manger of Isabella County Road Commission

This press release has been facilitated by
McCarthy A. Griffis, director



Daryle Curtis Jackson

Sept. 18, 1957 - Dec. 31, 2013

Daryle Curtis Jackson, age 56, of Weidman, Mich., passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, at McLaren-Bay Regional Medical Center.

Funeral Services for Daryle were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, with Steve Pego officiating.

Daryle was born on Sept. 18, 1957, in Marietta, Ga., the son of Wilford Jackson and Gladys Ann (Meshigaud) Steele. He married Eva Bennett on Dec. 12, 2012.

Daryle was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He enjoyed Nascar, bowling, playing pool, traveling and visiting with family.

Daryle is survived by his wife, Eva Jackson; children, Kelli Jackson (Ray Dishno) of Hannahville, Mich., Felicia Card (Nate McDaniel) of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Melanie (Conrado) Flores and children of Weidman, Mich., Jeremiah Jackson of Hannahville, Mich., Christopher Cardoza of Mt. Pleasant, Jeremy Card of New Orleans, La., Joshua (Emma) Leake of Madison, Wis., Mark (Jen) Bennett and children of Mt. Pleasant, Leo Bennett, Jr. (Marian Peters) and children of Wayland, Mich., and James Bennett of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren, Logan, Jazlyn, Liliann, and Terrance of Hannahville, Christopher, Arrianna, Gabrielle, Alexander, Joselyn, Isaiah, and Cordelia; brothers, Ralph Samuel, Andrew and Arthur Steele, Douglas and Eugene Jackson; sisters, Earlene Jackson (Carl Olien) of Escanaba, Mich., Eliza Owl and Genevieve Chippeway, both of Mt. Pleasant; and uncles Frank Meshigaud and Walter "Wally Bear" Meshigaud, both of Hannahville.

Daryle was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Christina Jackson; son, James Earl Jackson; brother, Tom Des Moines; and uncle, Abraham Keshick.



Zane Mikal "Cubby" Jewell

Aug. 9, 1997 - Dec. 29, 2013

Zane "Cubby" Mikal Jewell, age 16, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., passed away Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 at his home.

Funeral Services for Zane were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014, with Ray Van Buskirk officiating. Interment followed in the Chippewa Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House in Houston or to Mid-Michigan Hospice.

Zane was born on Aug. 9, 1997 in Clare, Mich., the son of Keith and Tonia Jewell. Zane was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian

Tribe. Zane loved numerous sports such as football, golf and basketball. He also enjoyed four wheeling, mud bogging and playing video games.

Zane is survived by his parents; siblings, Jade Pelcher, Aaron Jewell and Adam Jewell; grandparents, Gerald (Janet) Harvey and Milton Pelcher and Linda Hudak; nieces and nephews, Kayana, Leviathan, Gabriel and Jasmine; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Zane was preceded in death by his grandfather, Steve Jewell and nephew, Andres Pelcher.



Daryle C. Jackson
aka Couldabeen or SilverFox

Daryle's humor never ended, he was full of jokes that always put a smile on our faces and make us hurt from laughing so hard at his quick witted responses to any occasion. Daryle's kindness touched many lives. Chi Miigwetch to all those that helped comfort the family and ease the sorrow by celebrating Daryle's life.

2014 SCIT Golf Memberships

Now Available for Purchase!
Holiday Gift certificates available.

ONLY 120 AVAILABLE
\$300 Per Membership

Memberships Good at Five Golf Courses
Eagle Glen Golf Course (Farwell), Hidden Oaks Golf Course (St. Louis), Maple Creek Golf Club (Shepherd), Pleasant Hills Golf Course (Mt. Pleasant) and Waabooz Run Golf Course (Mt. Pleasant).

Available For Immediate Purchase By:
All SCIT Tribal Members & immediate family members
All Tribal Enterprise employees & immediate family members

League play available at all courses except Pleasant Hills. Membership includes pro-shop and range balls discounts at some courses (discounts vary).
Purchase at the Tops Accounting Department

Reminder of Waste Service Change

The following is a reminder that the curbside waste service has changed from Waste Management to Granger Waste Services.

Collection will be every FRIDAY, as of Friday, Jan. 24, 2014. Please be sure your trash is out by the curb no later than 6:30 a.m. on your collection day to service your container.

In addition to one cart, you are allowed four extra bags of trash, as well as one bulk item each week, at no additional charge. *(Bulk items are those that are too large to fit in your container, such as furniture or appliances.)*

Additional carts are the responsibility of the resident; please contact Granger at 1-888-947-2643 for pricing.

SUMMER GOLF EVENTS

APRIL 29 - JULY 15
Skins matches at Waabooz Run Golf Course. All players must be 40 years old or older, and all players will use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 weekly, plus green fees and cart fees. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 22 - SEPT. 23
No age limit all players use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 per player plus Green fees and Cart fees, tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 12 - B. SPRAGUE OPEN
10 a.m. shotgun, two person scramble mens/coed divisions \$120 per team includes skins, green fees, cart and lunch at the turn.

AUG. 2 - SUPER SKINS MATCH ON
Super Skins match on Aug. 2 at Waabooz Run. Cost is \$50 per player plus green/cart fees all three tee markers will be used by each player (example Hole #1 Blue Tee, hole #2 White tee, Hole #3 Red tee). Two players per team any mix, all teams off the first tee starting at 10 a.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
on these events, contact Bernard Sprague at (989) 400-1838 or (989) 772-4013

Niijkewehn Mentoring Program

Native American students are invited to participate in this FREE, fun & exciting opportunity if they attend one of the following schools:

Saginaw Chippewa Academy
5th & 6th grade • Mondays 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

West Intermediate
7th & 8th grade • Tuesdays 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Mary McGuire
5th & 6th grade • Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Youth will be matched up with a CMU student to participate in fun and healthy activities throughout the end of the school year.

You may register at ANY time!
Please contact Natasha Estill
989.775.4850 naestill@sagchip.org

Attention all artists

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

Your logo design should be designed around the theme "Gamaamwi Mnajanaanik Gda Binoojiinhminaanik (Together We Honor Our Children)" entries can be in color (four color max).

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

All entries must be received no later than March 14, 2014. Please include your contact information along with your entry.

And for the best part the winning design will be displayed on the T-Shirts for this upcoming year. Also the winning Logo Design will receive \$200 and a free T-Shirt with your design. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third place as well (yet to be determined).

If you have any questions please call 989.774.4081.

Tribal Education Advisory Board Vacancy Announcement

Letters of interest are now being accepted from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members interested in serving on the TEAB. Beginning January 2014, a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2014 needs to be filled.

The role of the TEAB is to oversee policies for the Tribe's culture-based, student centered educational programs and advise Tribal Council on all matters pertaining to the educational development of the members and programmatic opportunities.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TEAB Conference Room.

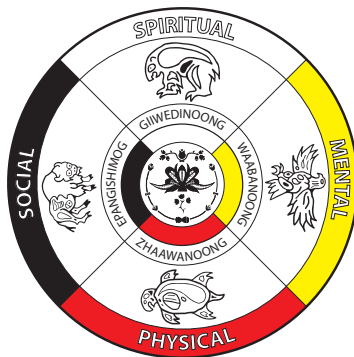
Letters Of Interest Will Be Accepted Until Feb. 13, 2014

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Education Department.

Please send letters of interest to:
Tribal Education Administration
7070 E. Broadway; Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

For further information, call Melissa Montoya at 989-775-4523





State of the Tribe Address continued from front page

winter weather can knock out heat, power and communication, sometimes for days at a time. Heavy snowfall and extreme cold can have serious effects on an entire region. Icy roadways can cause serious accidents, and sometimes people die from being in really cold temperatures for too long.

The new date for the State of the Tribe Address is Saturday, March 8, 2014. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the meeting begins with Grand Entry at 10 a.m. Tribal Chief Steve Pego is slated to deliver his inaugural State of the Tribe Address followed by Tribal Treasurer Shelly Bailey and her financial report. Reports by SECR CEO Wendy Reeve and SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas will be joined with a legislative update and a special presentation by several Tribal Police Officers.

Tribal Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden informs many Tribal departments will have information booths and there will be many groups who will be doing 50/50 drawings.

“We are pleased to announce Tribal Council lowered the age group to 12 to allow any Youth Council members to attend,” Hadden said. “The Youth Council can be as young as 12 and we encourage our youth to become involved with the Tribe at an early age.”

The State of the Tribe meeting welcomes all registered Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members from District One, Two and Three to attend that are at least 12 years old.



Happy Birthday
Jstone
We love you forever



To My Valentine
Sandy Sprague



To the sweetest
Karot cake ever.
Happy Birthday
We love you forever



Happy Valentine's Day

to Jordan, Sydney & Walker!

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



Happy Valentine's Day!

Grandma Lolly

-Andre, Angelo, Amir, AJ



...this is how it started.

Happy Birthday
Spud

We love you forever



Monkey, Cootie Bugs, & Fancy
Happy Valentine's Day!

I love you with all my heart
Your main Mom



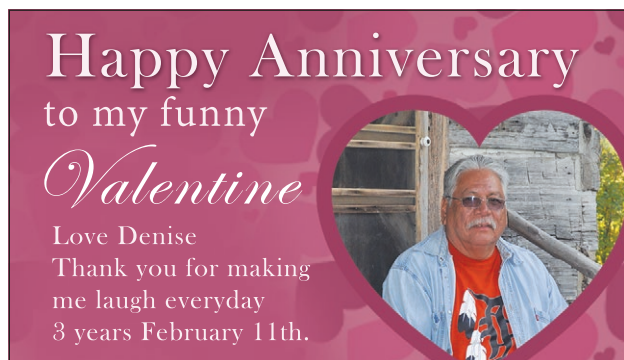
I had a heart at one time

but you took it away.
Love, Angel



Happy 18th Birthday

Sandra Love
Papa & Denise



Happy Anniversary
to my funny
Valentine

Love Denise
Thank you for making me laugh everyday
3 years February 11th.



Happy Valentine's Day

To my beautiful wife
Sharon Wright



Happy 3rd Birthday

Beebz
We love you!!!



Happy 28th Anniversary

My love,
Richard Farr
February 15



Aanii bazgim!
G'zaagin

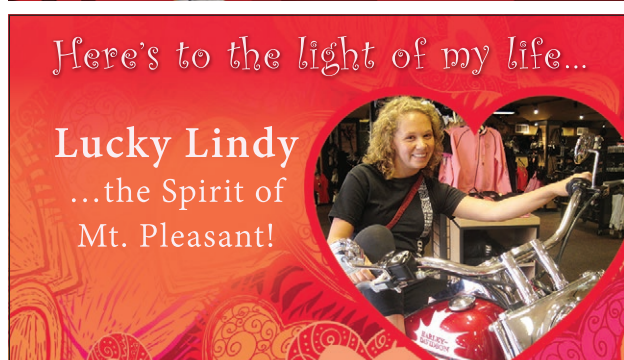


Kiyan John Kakazu

Happy 2nd Birthday

on February 7th.

With love from Gramma Ang.
And mommy and daddy and
auntie Mare and auntie Aaliyah.



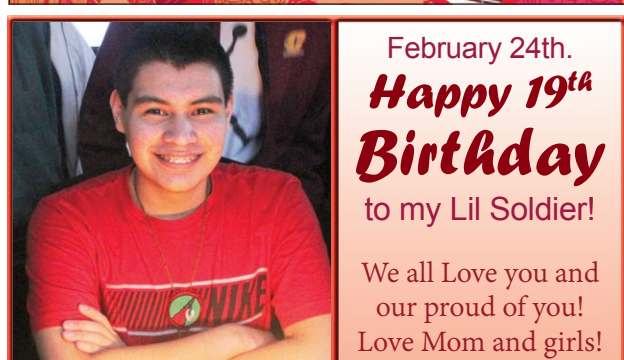
Here's to the light of my life...

Lucky Lindy
...the Spirit of
Mt. Pleasant!



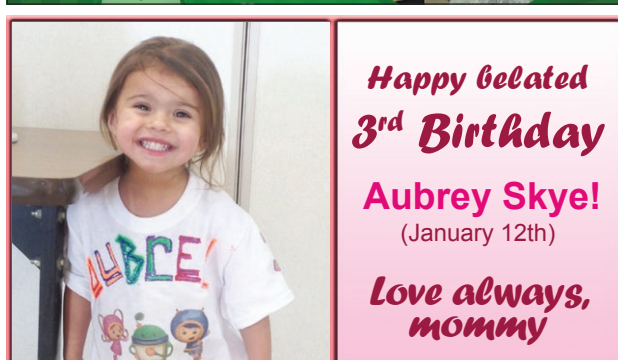
Miigwetch

for 29
wonderful years...
Let's do 29 more!



February 24th.
Happy 19th Birthday
to my Lil Soldier!

We all Love you and
our proud of you!
Love Mom and girls!



Happy belated 3rd Birthday

Aubrey Skye!
(January 12th)

Love always,
mommy



Christmas 2013 with my children Chris Moses, Scott Moses, Paul Moses and Sharrie Moses holding my great-granddaughter Analeigha and my ex-husband Garland Moses.

“It was a blessing to have all four of my children home with me on Christmas morning, including their father. It has been over 20 years that all 6 of us have been together on Christmas morning. I want to give God all glory for making it all possible and bringing us all together and it was such a warm and happy time.”



Tribal Council

- Chief**
Steven Pego, District 1
- Sub-Chief**
Lorna Kahgegab Call, District 1
- Treasurer**
Shelly Bailey, District 1
- Secretary**
Sandy Sprague, District 1
- Sergeant At-Arms**
Ron Nelson, District 2
- Tribal Chaplain**
Jennifer Wassegijig, District 1
- Council Member**
Delmar Jackson Sr., District 1
- Council Member**
Lindy Hunt, District 1
- Council Member**
Julius Peters, District 1
- Council Member**
Chip Neyome, District 1
- Council Member**
Tim J. Davis, District 1
- Council Member**
Michele Stanley, District 3

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.



SCIT hosting Passport Fair at Andahwod

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will be holding a Passport Fair at the Andahwod Continuing Care Facility at 2910 S. Leaton Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Isabella County Register of Deeds office will be available to provide an opportunity for Tribal Members and Tribal employees to apply for a passport. Applications will be available at the Passport Fair. You will need a passport photo taken before you apply, as they will not be available at the Passport Fair this year. No appointment is necessary.

You must provide evidence of U.S. Citizenship with one of the following documents:

- Certified U.S. birth certificate. A certified birth certificate has a registrar's raised, embossed, impressed or multicolored seal, registrar's signature and the date the certificate was filed, which must be within one year of your birth.

NOTE: Short abstract versions of birth certificates and hospital birth records will not be acceptable for passport purposes. The Enrollment/Tribal Clerk's department does not loan certified birth certificates from member files.

- Previously issued passport.
- Consular Report of birth abroad.
- Naturalization certificate.
- Certificate of citizenship.

Identification required. You should bring one of the following documents for identification:

- Previously issued passport.
- Valid driver's license.
- Current Government ID (city, state, federal.)
- Current Military ID (military and dependents.)

Fees — Passport Books vs. Passport Cards: All payment must be in the form of check or money order payable to the U.S. Department of State. Passport Books are necessary for international travel and flights to Mexico or Canada:

- Age 16 and older - \$110 Passport Book Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- Age 15 and younger - \$80 Passport Book Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- All Applicants - \$25 Execution Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- \$60 Expediting Fee if passport is needed sooner than the five to six week processing time.
- Note: To submit an application for a child under age 14, both parents or legal guardians must appear with photo I.D.

Passport Cards are for land travel to Mexico or Canada only:

- Age 16 and older - \$30 Passport Card Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- Age 15 and younger - \$15 Passport Card Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- All Applicants - \$25 Execution Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
- \$60 Expediting Fee if passport is needed sooner than the five to six week processing time.
- Note: To submit an application for a child under age 14, both parents or legal guardians must appear with photo I.D.

If you have questions about the Passport Fair please contact the Register of Deeds at **989-772-0911 extension 253**.

Ziibiwing to premiere exhibit focusing on MIIBS

WILLIAM JOHNSON

Ziibiwing Curator

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways will premiere its latest changing exhibit as part of a special VIP sneak preview on Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m. for ZC Members and invited guests.

The exhibit will focus on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's educational and healing initiatives in regard to the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School. The exhibit will be unveiled to the general public on Saturday, March

15, 2014 at Noon and will feature two-dimensional ancillary, graphic and text panels.

The exhibit continues on Wednesday, April 30, and will feature three-dimensional objects including the Honoring, Healing and Remembering Commemorative Quilt, MIIBS Student Memorial Quilt and Honoring, Healing and Remembering Charis Acoustic Guitar.

The Ziibiwing Center is requesting the Tribal Community to consider loaning letters, photographs or other items of interest to be included in the exhibit. Please contact William Johnson at **989-775-4730** for more information.

Tribal Member 1099 tax update with Per Capita Department

Once again the tax season is upon us for issuing the Fiscal Year 2013, 1099's to each Tribal Member.

Please complete this through the Tribal Clerk's office as soon as possible.

To effectively complete the mailing of tax documents, we are asking each member to submit pertinent information on address changes for yourself and (if applicable) dependence(s). It is a requirement of the Per Capita Plan that a valid address be on file with the Tribal Clerk's office.

Thank you for your response in keeping required information current. We hope that you are enjoying a great new year!

**Sincerely,
Per Capita Staff**

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.

Subscription rates are \$30 per year. Story ideas, articles and photographs from the community are always welcomed. The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and is subject to an editorial review process.

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

For Announcements including Birthday, Wedding, Engagement, Congratulations, etc, cost is \$10 and is open to Tribal, Community members and Employees.

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

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Veterans Feast honors officers and those that traveled the "Road to Andersonville"

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

When it comes to honoring their own, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society demonstrated that measure of respect at the Ogitchedaw Veterans Feast on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the packed Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballroom.

The ceremony started with a traditional smudging from Weekaun Kent Jackson followed by a Grand Entry Processional with Eagle Staffs



AOVWS Okima I U.S. Army Mike Perez posts the colors of the Saginaw Chippewa Eagle Staff during the Veterans Feast Grand Entry.

and service flags. Elder Marie Meyers offered a traditional blessing for the Spirit Plate and everyone present.

The evening featured Tribal Judge and Elder Ronald Douglas swearing in the new Ogitchedaw officers and a special recognition from the Warriors to SECR CEO Wendy Reeve.

"It is an honor for our warriors to serve our community and we are blessed to continue that service even though we are not on active duty," Okima I Mike Perez said. "Our Native Veterans still recognize our own and the annual Veterans Feast allows us to introduce all our AOVWS members to the community."

Perez presented Reeve with a special award honoring her support of the AOVWS mission and veterans Nels Larsen and Chief Divitt presented special recognition plaques to AOVWS and veteran Mat Wright.

In a heartfelt observance, United States Army Veteran Eugene "Coke" Walraven was recognized posthumously with his widow Tina

receiving special gifts during an honor ceremony.

Dr. David Schock concluded the evening by highlighting the 139 men of Company K who took the "Road to Andersonville", his labor of love documentary of Native Veterans aired Sunday, Nov. 24 on WCMU public television

In Dr. Schock's keynote address, he informed "not one of the 139 men who signed up as members of Company K had to do it. They made a choice... and for one or more of the reasons that include the love of their lands, their homes and their families, a desire to see the North victorious to avoid abrogation of their treaties and possible enslavement, for financial reasons, for adventure and to gain experience in war, and to join others who were going."

Schock further mentions the Ogitchedaw were ferocious fighters who were loyal and brave. They were also sharpshooters who earned the respect of the other members of the regiment.

"It is up to us to remember them, to give them the honor they are due. For my part, it was a privilege to tell the story of this most special company of soldiers, unique, the only all-Native American Company in the Northern Army," Schock said proudly. "And in their



SECR CEO Wendy Reeve and Perez hold their plaques of recognition as Weekaun Kent Jackson looks on.



The AOVWS Honor Drum performs a blanket song as the community gathers in the packed SECR Ballroom.

story, and the stories of the men who traveled to Andersonville to give those seven who died and are buried there their long-awaited burial ceremonies, I

saw the familiar and inspiring character of the modern-day Ogitchedaw. They, like their forebears, are worthy of honor and recognition."

SEWPH December Employee of the Month

CHRIS SEYLER

Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Anna Conklin, the December Employee of the Month for the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel.

Anna is one of the most dedicated lifeguards we have on staff at SEWPH. She is always on time and ready to work. She always has a smile on her face and a willingness to help guests and fellow employees alike.

She has been with us since the doors opened and the first guest jumped in the pool. She has been given multiple guest comments

regarding her attentiveness to guests on the Flowrider attraction. Anna has excellent care when it comes to first aid and emergencies in the water park.

Anna has been involved in main rescues at different attractions in the water park and handles all of them with professionalism. Anna is a guard that all new guards need to look at if they want an example to model off of.

Anna is also the Water Park's Guard of the Year for 2013. Each week we select one guard to be Guard of the Week based off of performance and guest service. Anna is, for lack of a better word, "AWESOME".



Anna Conklin is a Lifeguard at the Soaring Eagle Water Park.

Migizi begins Cultural Awareness teachings to associates on Feb. 3

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Migizi Economic Development Company's mission is to secure the economic well-being for the next seven generations of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe while adhering to the highest ethical standards.

To assist Migizi in moving the mission forward, SCIT Descendent and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Bear Clan Member Skylar MacKay announced the formation of a

committee charged with cultural awareness education.

"The Culture Awareness Committee for Migizi is planning on spreading culture awareness for all Migizi employees," MacKay said. "We are planning every month to give the employees an opportunity to learn different aspects of the Native American culture through planning several different events. We have scheduled time with many different departments in our Migizi organization to go over the importance of Smudging and the cultural teachings behind it."

Joining MacKay on the newly formed committee are fellow Migizi associates Darcy Brookshier of Guest Services, Promotions Assistant Natasha Miniard, Leasing Clerk Janet Willoughby, Leadership Intern Samantha Olson, Eagles Landing Sales Clerk Sarah Compeau and Sales and Marketing Specialist Gina Borushko.

The Culture Awareness Committee of Migizi has their first event scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3 at the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

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SCIT Tribal Council visits Saganing Eagles Landing Casino

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Friday, Jan. 17, Tribal Council traveled to Saganing Eagles Landing Casino where they received a tour of the facilities.

Lunch was served for Council, Saganing Executive Supervisors, Human Resource

employers, Water Treatment Plant employers and Tribal Center employers.

During lunch, Bob VanWert, from SECR who has been overseeing the operation of SELC, addressed the basic day-to-day operations of SELC. After lunch, Council members took a tour of the Water Treatment Plant.



Bob VanWert, who has been overseeing SELC, presents information to Tribal Council in the Saganing Tribal Center.



Slot Supervisor Tina Myers poses with Tribal Council Members Chip Neyome and Michele Stanley at SELC.

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino December Employees of the Month

MICHAEL PERUSKI

Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Doug Conrad and Dale Compau Jr., they are our employees of the month for December.

Doug is an excellent Security Supervisor who is very friendly and easy to talk to. He's been

instrumental in developing many of the current procedures within the Security Department. He's built relationships with co-workers and guests to have a greater understanding of our business.

Doug is consistently trusted to fill in as the Casino Shift Manager and does a great job communicating to other

department's entire team, management and associates. He thrives on learning how the other departments function.

Doug's currently our supervisor that assists with ordering items for the security department and is working with the other supervisors on reorganizing our training program.

Doug is a major benefit to the Security Department and we are proud to have him! Way to go, Doug!

Dale is a great Security Officer that passionately completes his duties with quality results. He recently has been helping outside with safety during winter storms. Dale's been ensuring our guests and associates have plowed, shoveled and salted sidewalks and parking lot spaces. He also assisted

Maintenance with attaching a plow blade to one of their plow trucks with his prior knowledge.

We appreciate his initiative in his daily duties and other areas. He continuously seeks work that can be done during high and low guest volumes. Going outside to

help salt and shovel is not something that all officers like, but it is yet another task that needs to be completed.

Thank you, Dale, for keeping our feet dry and helping to keep us from injury by salting and maintaining a positive attitude at all times.



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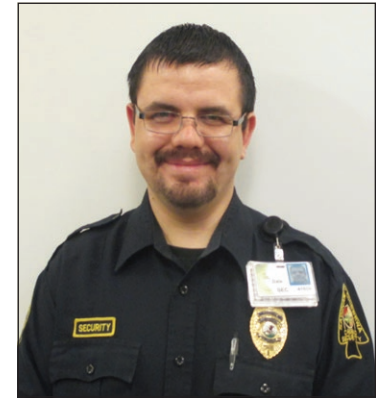
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February 2014 At-Large Tribal Member Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE

Contributing Writer

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee of the Tribe, owns a business or has an interesting pastime. If you know any At-Large member that fits this bill, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

The February 2014 At-Large Tribal Member Spotlight is Gloria Mulbrecht. Gloria is an Assistant Teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy and has

worked for the Montessori program as an Assistant Teacher and Teacher since 1990. During 1980-1981, Gloria worked for the Tribe's Youth Worker Program with John Williams. In between working for the Tribe, Gloria worked for different nursing homes as a Nursing Assistant.

Gloria graduated from Shepherd High School in 1981 and received her Baccalaureate Studies degree from Mid-Michigan Community College in 2013.

Gloria's parents are Donald and Ida Stevens from Michigan and her paternal Grandparents were Simon and Mabel

Stevens from Owosso, Mich. Gloria grew up in different parts of Michigan.

Gloria lives in Blanchard, Mich. with her husband Bill. Gloria and Bill have two children; Chase, 29 and Ambrosia Stevens, 24 and two grandchildren; Hunter, 5 and Aubreyanna, 5. The Mulbrecht's have three dogs that round out their family.

In her free time, Gloria loves raising her granddaughter and being with her other grandchildren. Gloria also enjoys sewing and beadwork and she loves teaching her grandchildren about their culture.

If you have any questions about SCA, please contact them at 989-775-4453.



Gloria Mulbrecht is an Assistant Teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

Technology: The good, the bad and the impact on children

DENISE PELCHER

Contributing Writer

Although social media can be a way to connect with old friends from high school and college, and to catch up with what is going on in their lives with their jobs and children, it can also become a source of disconnect within the family itself.

Too many times I go into a restaurant and instead of seeing everyone talking amongst themselves and enjoying time spent with each other, I see an entire family with their noses buried in their phones either on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or playing games. It seems to me that the art of conversation and old-fashioned communication is being lost within the whirlwind of technology.

Studies have shown the large amount of information on the web overwhelms the brain and hurts long-term memory. Another analysis of 15 studies found that increased media exposure, including television, movies, video games and the Internet, was associated with violent behavior and isolation. It reported that children who watched violent shows were not only more likely to be more aggressive, but also to have fewer friends and to be more secluded socially.

However, in the same study it also found that those who were suffering from shyness or social anxiety can gain comfort and confidence in social interactions in several ways. Shy children can use social media to overcome what is perhaps their most difficult challenge, namely, initiating new relationships, in a low-risk environment.

Technology is neither good nor bad, but, at the same time, it isn't neutral either. The impact that technology has on your children depends not on the technology itself, but rather how you educate them about it and the experiences they

have with it. It is your responsibility to become informed about the potential benefits and costs of this new digital age and then make deliberate decisions about the type and quantity of technology you expose your children to.

Cultural & Luncheon

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If you have questions call Denise at 775-4949 or Colleen at 775-4128

Meet & Greet

March 16, 2014 at the Saganing Tribal Center
Sign in at Noon with Lunch at 1 p.m.

For more information

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Be sure to check out the At-Large page each month in the Tribal Observer and online at sagchip.org for upcoming events.

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Finch leads his Ice Sculpture renegades to SECR for New Year's Eve Bash

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

It has been noted that art imitates life, and that ice-cold truth became fact when nationally acclaimed chef Randy Finch and his team of renegade ice artists made frozen re-creations of gaming tables for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort New Year's Eve party.

SECR Executive Sous Chef Shaun McGee started working with Finch and his Ice Sculptures, Ltd. artists in September 2013.

"We had Randy and his colleagues on two of our culinary special events and they have done a great job with their ice sculptures," McGee said. "They were able to replicate multiple signature pieces of our casino with such precision that patrons had to look twice. This was a great event for SECR Food and Beverage associates. The SECR



The members of Ice Sculptures, Ltd. (left to right): Derek Folts, Jovonnah Nicholson, Randy Finch, Shawn Winnell, Susan Walters and Derek Maxfield.

Marketing team did a fantastic job on the New Year's Eve party and our guests were having a great time and all of the ice sculptures made it a fantastic world class experience."

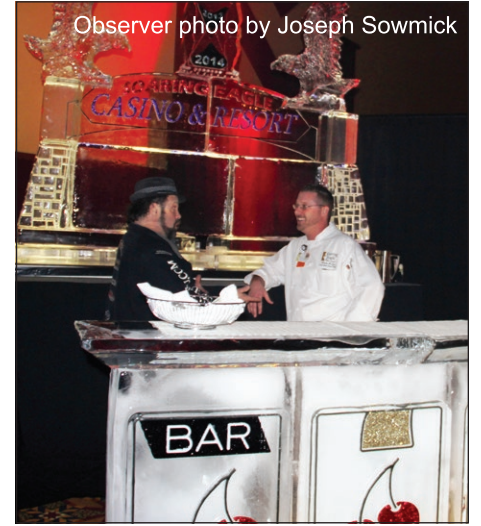
With extensive culinary training and more than 20 successful years in the ice sculpting business, friends and business partners Finch and Derek Maxfield own and operate Ice Sculptures Ltd. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Together with their team, they design and execute out-of-this-world ice sculptures that have been featured on national television, recognized in industry media, and included at movie premieres, celebrity galas, concerts and sporting events.

Most recently, their extraordinary talents and projects were captured on the Food Network's primetime series, "Ice Brigade"

as they followed the team as they made their awe-inspiring interactive creations.

"There was over 25,000 pounds of ice on display for the New Year's celebration at Soaring Eagle and it was a blast creating larger than life casino games out of ice," Finch said. "The craps table bar and the roulette table bar were exact reproductions of the ones we made for our Food Network series "Ice Brigade" and our friends at SECR said the guests were drawn to the creative pieces. I'm not sure yet what our next project is with the casino but we are excited to be on board with the team."



SECR Executive Sous Chef Shaun McGee shares a cool moment with Ice Sculpture, Ltd. artist Randy Finch and his New Year's Eve festive creation.

Whatever the next sculpture Finch and his ice renegades come up with for SECR Food and Beverage, it's bound to be a cool work of art!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Family Bowling Tournament "spares" no one

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Chippewa Lanes hosted 61 Tribal community members and their families at the Dec. 29 inaugural Ugly Christmas Sweater Family Bowling Tournament in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. The holiday event was a part of many offerings during Christmas vacation from the Youth LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion) department.

Saginaw Chippewa Assistant Tribal Administrator Tonia Leauteaux has worked closely with the formation of the LEAD department and applauds their efforts.

"One of the strengths of our Tribe is its commitment to family and community activities," Leauteaux said. "These types of activities allow families to

spend time together in a positive, fun-filled environment while also strengthening our community ties to one another."

Getting in the spirit of the event, Tonia's sister, Sheila, donned her apparel complete with a cute elf-like topper while brothers Andre and Angelo were all smiles in their "ugly" Christmas sweaters.

Youth LEAD department Director Jennifer Crawford was very appreciative of the commitment made by her fellow employees through numerous holiday events.

"I would like to offer a special thank you to all of our Youth LEAD staff for organizing such fun family events throughout the holidays in addition to keeping the gym open," Crawford said. "With Christmas Bingo, Family Sledding, Ugly Christmas Sweater

Family Bowling Tournament and the Family Roller Skating event at Spinning Wheels, there was plenty to do and a lot of work behind the scenes. We have had such great turnouts so far and are looking forward to providing more awesome family-friendly events for 2014."

Youth LEAD Organized Sports Specialist Lucas Sprague played the point position in working with Chippewa Lanes officials and providing a quality tournament.

"We were really impressed with the numbers we had for the first annual event, and we are already looking forward to next year," Sprague said. "I would like to thank all the families who came out and our sponsors (Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel and the Sagamok Shell) for their participation and support of youth events."

Results of the tourney were as follows: High series trophy division for ages 11 and younger went to Andre Leauteaux with a 432. High series trophy division for ages 12 to 17 year olds went to Nodin Jackson with a 331. High series trophy division for ages 18 and older went to Aaron Chivis with a 704 score.

Scoring the high game of the day in the no tap tourney was Luke Sprague with a "300" game.

First place prize winners of four waterpark passes for ages 11 and younger was Angelo Leauteaux and the aged 12 to 17 division prize went to Nodin Jackson.

Allison Preston won first prize for the aged 18 and older division which included four water park passes plus a one night stay.

Winners of the second place Sagamok gift cards included Gabe



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal youth bowlers Angelo and Andre Leauteaux are dressed to the nines for the Ugly Christmas Sweater Bowling Tournament.

Jackson, Ray Fisher and Valerie Raphael. Gracin Isaac also won a gift card to the Nbakade Dining Room at SEWPH.

Founders Day historical display features Tribal "In Stitches" Quilting Group

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

As Isabella County prepares to host their 155th Founders Day Quilt and Historical Display on Feb. 8, the spotlight will shine on the Tribal "In Stitches" Quilting Group.

Ziibiwing Cultural Center Curator William Johnson informs the quilters created the Honoring, Healing and Remembering Commemorative Quilt that was unveiled at the Honoring, Healing and Remembering Event on June 6, 2013, and the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Student Memorial Quilt that was unveiled at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow on Aug. 3, 2013.

"Our Ziibiwing family is honored through their contributions to those quilts and those who collaborated at last year's Founders Day event," Johnson said.

Each artist had a part in the creation; Becky Pamp-Ettinger hand-stitched applique, sew binding, and printed student names. Roger High gave artistry, color coordination and served as a template maker. Elizabeth Hughes assisted in the ironing and intricate detail cutting of patterns. Sarah Martin hand-stitched appliqué, sew binding, printed student names, did detail cutting of patterns, ironed, sew biased tape and color coordination. Ellie Van Horn hand-stitched appliqué, sew binding, printed student names and assisted the detail cutting of patterns. Colleen Wagner cut and hand-stitched lettering, hand-stitched appliqué and did sew binding with Doris Lucas doing the long arm quilter duties.

"I'm happy to be able to support the creativity of the 'In Stitches' Quilting Group and Mt. Pleasant Area Historical Society," Johnson said. "They do excellent

work and both groups collaborate in the true spirit of community to promote fellowship and to inspire the next generation of quilters."

Quilt Show Chair Valerie Wolters invites the Tribal community to join the Mt. Pleasant Area Historical Society for the pancake breakfast, historical displays, and amazing array of quilts.

"Last year we were so happy to share this special time with the 'In Stitches' Quilters," Wolters said. "We can hardly wait to see what new creation they will display this year."

The Feb. 8 Founders Day activities begin with an 8 a.m. pancake breakfast at the First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Main in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. The "In Stitches" Quilters will take the spotlight at the 9 a.m. Quilt Show. For more information, contact Valerie Wolters at 989-773-9571 or William Johnson at 989-775-4750.

Isabella County 155th Founders Day
Saturday, February 8, 2014
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Quilt & Historical Display
 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Sanctuary 9:00 to 12:30 Quilt Show
 lovingly overseen by Quilt Display Committee members wearing white gloves!

**11:30 Central Michigan University's Clarke Historical Library
 John Cumming Historical Preservation Award**

11:45 Genealogical Society Isabella County First Family Award



SCIT and Delta collaboration continues at “Smoke Signals” screening

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Anishinabe Ogitchew Veterans Warrior Society continued their collaboration with Delta College students in support of the Nov. 20 showing of the Sherman Alexis movie, “Smoke Signals”. The event was the second collaborative effort between Delta students and the Tribe during their Native American Heritage Month activities.

AOVWS Okima II David Perez and Grand Traverse Bay Odawa Anishinabe Kwe Karen Lada were on hand to lead the question and answer period on contemporary Native issues after the film.

“Karen and I found it a learning experience to share our experience as Native people with Delta students,” Perez said. “It was gratifying that questions asked were

pertinent to Native issues and culture giving us a chance to share our personal experience in short stories in today’s world. Anishinabe people face hardship with humor; much like the movie showed in a satirical way. Anishinabe life demonstrates Respect, Truth, Bravery, Love, Humility, Honesty and Wisdom.”

Delta Sociology Faculty member Dr. Colleen Wilson-Rood and her students were also on hand to see the Sundance 1998 Film of the Year award winner.

“From my point of view it is absolutely vital for our students to learn, or at least be exposed to, the legacies and heritage of the indigenous people from North America, but more specifically Michigan and the Great Lakes Bay Region,” Rood said. “Further, I teach Sociology of Minority Groups, which is a required class for most criminal

justice students at Delta. In this case, my job is to do my best to bring into the course ‘real life’ teachings to assist the students in building both knowledge and empathy in regard to those communities in which they will both have power within as well as protect.”

“The events held during Native American Heritage Month did not just ask students to learn about the local indigenous populations, but also provided interactive learning experiences that are vital to building empathy, understanding and first-hand learning experiences into our student body’s educational journey during their time at Delta College,” she said. “My students in particular showed their appreciation for the Talking Circle, especially the oral tradition and storytelling that took place. Many students expressed that the most important learning lessons during the event were



Okima II David Perez and GTB Odawa Kwe Karen Lada prepare the Eagle Staff and Tribal Flag for the Delta College “Smoke Signals” film screening.

“delivered” through storytelling. As a new faculty member at Delta, I can only hope that we continue to build bridges between our local and educational communities to further these learning experiences as well as continue to connect the teachings of the Anishnaabek to our Delta College community.”

Previous collaborative SCIT and Delta College efforts included an Oct. 21 field trip by Tribal Education representatives, a Nov. 14 Talking Circle with AOVWS Warriors Okima I Mike Perez and Kent Jackson and Delta representatives whom joined the Candlelight Wolf Vigil on Nov. 14.

Ziibiwing members and partners thanked during Membership Appreciation Dinner

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

Ziibiwing’s annual Membership Appreciation Dinner was held at the Ziibiwing Center on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013. The catered event was Ziibiwing’s

way of saying chi-miigwetch to Ziibiwing Members and partners for providing the much needed and greatly appreciated support.

Ziibiwing is a non-profit organization. It primarily depends on grants, sponsors, donations and memberships

for the funding necessary to meet the cultural needs of the Anishinabek community.

The membership dinner took place on a night when, just down the hall from the dinner, newly repatriated ancestors were being visited, honored

and prepared for their recommitment to Mother Earth. Repatriation of ancestors is just one of the many cultural needs made possible in part by contributions of time and money from generous, caring people and organizations.

If you would like to know more about how you can help Ziibiwing in its efforts to honor, preserve and protect the culture, please contact Funding and Development Specialist Charla Cummins at 989-775-4734 or at ccummins@sagchip.org.

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Sasiwaans immersed in the holiday spirit with an Anishinabemowin Christmas

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department and Sasiwaans Immersion School showcased their young students singing Anishinabemowin Christmas songs for a community holiday event on Dec. 11, 2013. The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym was decorated by the ALRD staffers, the atmosphere with the capacity crowd, and the Christmas program performed by the Sasiwaans Biinoojins students was as festive as the spectacular stage decorations.

Sasiwaans Administrative Assistant II Mary Shomin served as master of ceremonies for the event and was pleased with the turnout.

"The best part about the Sasiwaans programs we offer is the support we get from all the families in our Native community," Shomin said. "When we talk about

families in Anishinabe, we see parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and all our cousins coming together to celebrate. With the language being spoken along with the Ojibwe songs, it sure feels like a jingtamok (powwow)."

Giveaways included Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel tickets to those Sasiwaans families in attendance.

ALRD Director Angela Mitchell said a special message that reflects the mission of their department.

"The original spoken language of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian community is in a critical state of loss. If action is not taken immediately, the language that was spoken for thousands of years will be lost forever," Mitchell said. "The mission of the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department is to bring Anishinabemowin back to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community and generate fluent first language speakers. Anishinabemowin is vital to the Tribal sovereignty and the survival of our people."

After the students gave their holiday presentations and sang Ojibwe Christmas songs, Mitchell honored her fellow staff members.

A nest carved from stone was presented to all five staffers; Language Outreach Specialist Isabelle

Osawamick and the four ALRD Primary Language Specialists Pat Osawamick, Margaret Flamand, Carol Bob and Danita Mandamin,

A Cedar Feather was presented to the four Secondary Language Specialists Edward Trudeau, Yvette Pitawanakwat, Larry Kimewan and Dan Jackson.

The following Apprentices and Temporary Workers were presented with Sweet Grass and Cedar

medicine along with a Certificate of Recognition; Carrie Wemigwans, Carrie Heron Jacqueline Ortiz, Preston Chippeway, Angela Nieto, Nicole Nedwash, Jordain Pelcher, Summer Raphael, Nicole Chippewa and Tony Perry.

Mitchell concluded as all staff was recognized for their language revitalization efforts and their dedication to Sasiwaans and work with Biinoojins.

Shomin made the closing remarks of behalf of the Sasiwaans Immersion School by saying miigwetch to all the "Sistah's" who served a supper of chili, chicken noodle soup, fry bread and blanket dogs.

"Chi-Miigwetch for parents and families for supporting the Sasiwaans students and keeping Anishinabemowin a living language," Shomin said.

2014 RCH Racing schedule

As the January Tribal Observer reported, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan has partnered with RCH Racing (Ricky Carmichael, Carey Hart Racing) as the Title Sponsor for the 2014-2016 Supercross and Motocross seasons. The 2014 Monster Energy Supercross kicked off on Saturday, Jan. 4 in Anaheim, Calif. All races will be broadcast live on Fox Sports One.

SECR and principals of RCH Racing look forward to growing their partnership throughout the next three years.



"I'm really excited about the years to come," Carmichael said about the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and RCH partnership.

Monster Energy Supercross

Round/Date	City/State
5 Feb. 1	Anaheim, CA
6 Feb. 8	San Diego, CA
7 Feb. 15	Arlington, TX
8 Feb. 22	Atlanta, GA
9 March 1	Indianapolis, IN
10 March 8	Dayton, FL
11 March 15	Detroit, MI
12 March 22	Toronto, ON
13 March 29	St. Louis MO
14 April 5	Houston, TX
15 April 12	Seattle, WA
16 April 26	East Rutherford, NJ
17 May 3	Las Vegas, NV

Lucas Oil Pro Motocross

Round/Date	City/State
1 May 24	San Bernardino, CA
2 May 31	Sacramento, CA
3 June 7	Lakewood, CO
4 June 14	Mt. Morris, PA
5 June 28	Blountville, TN
6 July 5	Buchanan, MI
7 July 12	Mechanicsville, MD
8 July 19	Millville, MN
9 July 26	Washougal, WA
10 Aug. 9	New Berlin, NY
11 Aug. 16	Crawfordsville, IN
12 Aug. 23	Tooele, UT



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Dear WW: I can't keep playing this tug of war between my spouse and her parents! I am so lost and confused. I love my wife and her parents so why do I feel this way? Here's the problem, they are intrusive to say the least! They stop over unannounced, criticize our decorating, expect us to change our plans at the drop of a hat and every holiday MUST be with them! When I married my wife, I didn't know her parents came with her. I don't know how much more I can take! **Overbearing In-Laws**

Dear In-Laws: The only way to make a change is to change! This is a delicate matter because you never want to criticize your spouse's parents. Be honest with your spouse about your feelings without attacking them. She probably does not see things from your perspective. Her place is with you now because when she married you, she left her parents and started a NEW life – plain and simple. If she feels guilty or is having trouble, you could suggest counseling. If she is unwilling to go, then you go or better yet, go together.

Dear WW: I am new to my neighborhood and am busy meeting all of my neighbors. I am beginning to see a pattern in one of the spouses. Whenever there is a get together, she ends up getting wasted. At the last barbecue, she was so mean and nasty her husband had to take her home. I am planning a birthday party for my husband but do NOT want to invite her. She will know there is a party as she lives right across the street. Knowing her, she will come over uninvited. **Nasty Neighbor**

Dear Neighbor: What you want and what will happen are two different things. She probably will show up and that is what you should plan on. I would suggest that you protect your family and be assertive by telling her she is unwelcome if she drinks. In doing so, you are actually helping her face the truth. More importantly, it sets a healthy boundary for you and your family; unfortunately, she's probably heard it before. Regardless, don't let unhealthy people pass your personal boundary.

Dear WW: My ex-wife is a lying manipulator who is alienating my children from me! I'll admit I wasn't an angel during the marriage but she is using it against me to get back at me for divorcing her. She is very angry and bitter and can't stand to see me happy and moving on. There is always constant drama with her and the kids. I feel like leaving the state just so I don't have to deal with her. I will miss my kids but feel I need to take drastic measures in order to save my relationship with them. I have a job offer two states away and need to make a decision soon. **Drama Mama**

Dear Drama: You might be able to leave physically but there are still phones, text messages, emails, voice mails and social media that can connect you. Your children may end up believing her if you aren't there to show them otherwise. I would suggest staying near your children and dealing with the drama head on. Your local Friend of the Court might be able to help with classes on how to maintain a civil relationship after the divorce. If not, seek counseling. Your children will thank you for it one day!

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Benefits of adopting from the local animal shelter

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Humane Animal Treatment Society of Isabella County houses homeless, abandoned and lost animals, located at 1105 S. Isabella Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Each month, the Tribal Observer will feature one dog and one cat available for adoption through HATS.

The following is a list from the Humane Society of the United States website of four reasons to adopt through shelters:

1. You'll save a life: Sadly, about 2.7 million animals are euthanized each year in the United States because too many people give up their pets, and too few people adopt from shelters. Because the limited space at shelters, animals who have not been adopted are often euthanized.

2. You'll get a healthy pet: Animal shelters are brimming with happy, healthy animals just waiting for a home. Most shelters examine and vaccinate animals when they arrive.

3. You'll feel better: Not only do animals give you unconditional love, but they have been shown to be psychologically, emotionally and physically beneficial. Caring for a companion animal can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessen feelings of loneliness and isolation in all age groups, and can also improve physical health.

4. You won't be supporting puppy mills and pet stores: Puppy mill dogs are housed in shockingly poor conditions with improper medical care, and the parents of the puppies are kept in cages to be bred for years, with little hope of ever joining a family. After they're no longer profitable, breeding dogs are killed, abandoned or sold at auction.

Resource: http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/adopt/tips/top_reasons_adopt.html

Adopt a Pet

Boone



A 2-year-old male, happy-go-lucky Treeing Walker Coonhound who came to the shelter when his family could no longer keep him. Boone is great with kids and gets along well with other dogs. Boone loves to play with toys, go for walks and be with people. If you're looking for a fun, new member of the family, Boone is the dog for you!

Cashew



An 8-month-old male, Domestic Shorthair mix, a goofy, care-free affectionate boy is what you'll find when coming to visit Cashew. A HATS veteran, Cashew has been at the shelter since he was 3 weeks old! He knows the ins and outs of the system, like how to get extra treats. He's got the HATS staff wrapped around his paw, to say the least. Cashew's favorite thing to do is nap, and not just anywhere; Cashew likes to nap with his head on the ground and his bottom up in the air.

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Celebrate love, as love comes in different forms

DAWN PEREZ

Contributing Writer

Happy Valentine's Day! It's nice that whoever was in charge of the calendar-making process decided we should celebrate love. I wonder what the thought process was way back when they first sat around the table thinking of which holidays to include in our nation's calendar.

I can see it now. Someone says, "Hey, let's have a day when we acknowledge our loves." He was probably, at the time, in love himself. I say "he" because

at the time, I'm assuming it was a founding father of this country. I should research that little part of our history just so I know for sure. This got me feeling nostalgic. I thought back to my first loves and everything that comes with being in love.

I remember the very first time my heart was broke. Yeah, he was a God-fearing man. I go back to the days when we would take long walks; I remember the sunny days like it were yesterday. He would hold my hand while we walked to our destination. Sometimes he let go of

my hand if something caught his eye. We didn't really talk too much on our walks because just being together was enough. I loved being in the woods. It was like an adventure every time. Come to think of it—even though we were poor and didn't have a whole lot, we were happy.

I still remember the day he left. My heart was in pieces. I could hardly speak his name without my voice breaking. I felt sick and I remember crying a lot. Sometimes I would go be by myself just so I could cry and let it

out. I didn't want anyone bugging me with their questions.

I think I may have been traumatized that day because, to this day, I have this unfounded belief that the men in my life are going to leave me no matter what I do. I should probably go to counseling to address that.

To this day, I still go and talk to my grandpa Simon at his gravesite. I tell him what I'm doing and tell him about my kids, which I'm sure he already knows.

Love takes many different forms. You love your

friends, your parents, your children, etc. I finally realized it is always there in your heart. Even through arguments, hard times and broken hearts—the love stays with you. A lot of time people don't express it enough and it leaves the significant others in your life wondering if you love them.

My prayer to the Creator will be to remember to tell the people in my life that I love them because none of us are promised tomorrow and I don't want to cross over leaving behind words unspoken. BaaMaaPii.

SECR brings in the New Year with a night of fun and excitement

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the New Year's Eve Bash on Tuesday, Dec. 31. As the last few hours of 2013 wound down, guests were treated to a multitude of entertainment options.

DJ Skitzo, a nationally renowned disc jockey, energized the crowd with his skill on the turntables. With the constant stream of music, the dance floor was filled with people ready to dance the night away.

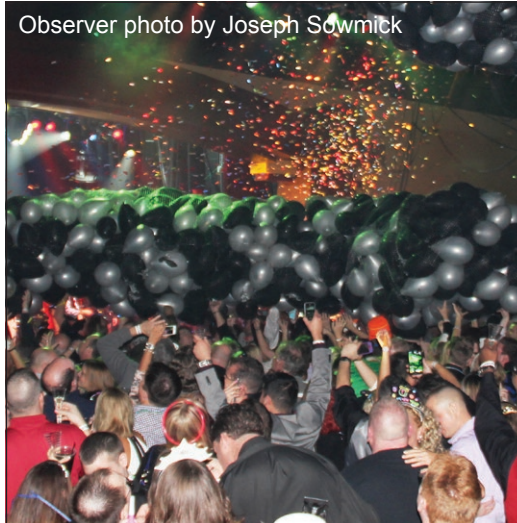
The Bash also included the Soaring Eagle "Freakshow", with

performers ranging from jugglers, human statues, glass walkers, the grinder girl, contortionists, stilt walkers and even magicians.

Guests were also able to get personalized caricatures drawn in their likeness. Vegas showgirls mingled amongst the crowd, and the stage featured go-go dance cages occupied by members of the Motor City Dance Team.

As the year 2014 approached that night, the sense of excitement grew until an explosion of balloons and confetti rained down onto the dance floor. SECR once again provided the perfect opportunity for guests to celebrate the launch of a happy New Year.

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A balloon drop and confetti explosion engulfed the dance floor.



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DJ Skitzo drops the beats as guests cut loose on the dance floor.

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SCA students sing their hearts out during the 2013 Winter Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As emcees for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy Winter Program, Aaron Chivis and Melissa Montoya, appeared on stage at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 17, they mentioned things would be “toned down” this year to show off the Anishinaabe way.

“We want to show the way we used to do things and the way we still do things,” Chivis said. “We want to show students we still have a thriving lifestyle.”

Students in pre-K through sixth grade sang songs in Anishinaabemowin, wigwams with billows of smoke sat on the stage, poster-sized, illustrated Eagle feathers hung on the sides of the stage; all to show the Anishinaabe way.

The Christmas songs including, “We Wish You A Merry Christmas”, “Jingle Bells”, “Santa Claus Is Coming To Town” and “Frosty the Snowman” were sung. Some mixed Ojibwe with English, others performed the entire song in Anishinaabemowin. “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” was even rapped by First Grade Teacher Alexis Ervin.



With the SECR stage decorated in snowflakes and an inspirational message, each student sang their heart out to show off for their families and friends.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Emcees Melissa Montoya and Aaron Chivis did a great job keeping the audience entertained in between performances.

Students and staff began preparing for this program at the beginning of November. The Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin, or Healthy Life teachers Chivis, Nathan Isaac, Joe Syrette, Cecilia Henry, Matthew Sprague and Elizabeth Shaw helped make this event possible.

The teachers and their assistants practice the language and songs with their students. The AB Teachers and the Culture Professional Learning Community group began meeting with Principal Marcella Mosqueda during October to prepare for this event.

“The AB teachers worked hard on the props and set up for the event,” Mosqueda said. “They stayed till 9 p.m. last night (the night before) to assure that everything was running properly. The remainder of the staff assists when and where they are needed. It takes a lot of time and effort to make this program happen. It is well worth it once you see the students on the stage performing.”

Bridget Fairchild and Paul Reuckert, SCA cooks, baked delicious cookies for attendees.

The SCA Winter Program has been going on for about 10 years.

“Within the last three years, SCA has incorporated more culture and language,” Mosqueda said.

Also incorporated, were trivia and prizes in between performances. Montoya advised audience winners to choose prizes wisely, “The Price is Right” style, as they ranged from iTunes gift cards, watches to duct tape, dog food and Twinkies.

It was a night for proud families to gather and watch their children perform Christmas songs. Students shined on stage, showing off Anishinaabemowin words they had learned so far.

Youth LEAD and Ziibiwing sponsor second annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night

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Photojournalist

The Youth LEAD department and Ziibiwing proudly host their second annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center.

Youth and Family Recreational Specialist Consuelo J. Gonzalez mentions the event features music, dancing, finger food and prizes galore. Gonzalez is encouraging young ladies of all ages and their dads or other favorite escort to participate.

“The first relationship that little girls form with a member of the opposite sex is the one that they have with their father,” Gonzalez said. “This relationship is also one of the most influential and important of a young girl’s life, as

it often shapes the ones she builds with other boys and men as she ages.”

The website Babysitting.net offers ten reasons fathers should have date nights with their daughters:

1. To get to know them. Children change and evolve quickly; their interests and favorite things can differ wildly from one day to the next. Keeping up with these rapid shifts can be difficult for fathers who aren’t actively participating in their daughters’ lives with regular one-on-one time.

2. To keep up with events and developments. While the latest playground news or mall gossip might not be the most interesting thing for a father to listen to, it’s a great way to keep up with the things that matter in his daughter’s life. By

listening to the little events and exciting moments, dads can help their daughters understand how valued they are.

3. Because they have siblings. When little girls are forced to share their parents’ attention with their siblings, feelings of jealousy and rumblings of rivalry can begin. By making the effort to spend time with each child individually, fathers can make their daughters feel as if they are the center of the universe for a little while, which is something that every child needs from time to time.

4. Because they are only children. Little girls without siblings may not ever fully understand the jealousy that comes with being forced to share Daddy’s attention, but they still need some just-the-two-of-us time away from the distractions of everyday life.

5. To form positive ideas about men and relationships. The relationship a girl has with her father will lay the groundwork for every relationship she has with men for the rest of her life. By taking the time to ensure that there’s a strong foundation; fathers can also ensure that their daughters never feel as if they need to seek validation from men that they feel they missed from their father as they move into adulthood.

6. To give mom a break. When it comes to parenting girls, mothers often bear the brunt of training a little girl to be a strong woman, while

fathers are free to dote on them a bit more. By taking girls on outings, fathers can give Mom a much needed break while also boosting his daughter’s self-esteem

7. Starting a tradition. By beginning a tradition of spending time together and talking openly during a girl’s formative years, dads are actually investing in the future. Establishing a line of communication during childhood can help teenage girls feel comfortable talking about the pressures and challenges they face as they grow older; building this relationship after a certain age is significantly more difficult than it is when girls are small.


8. Because dad works outside the home. Fathers who work long hours outside the home may not return until late in the evening on work nights, leaving little time for bonding during the week. By setting aside a block of time specifically to be spent with their

daughters on days off, dads can maintain an active presence in their lives.

9. Because dads need love, too. As much as little girls need to feel loved and valued by their fathers, dads crave affection and camaraderie with their daughters too. Though date night is a strong investment in a girl’s future, it offers immediate rewards for dads who need to know that they’re still the most important man in their daughter’s life.

10. To bond over a shared interest. During the course of their outings, dads and daughters are likely to discover that they have at least one common interest. By spending time pursuing these hobbies together, fathers and daughters are also creating a bond that will last a lifetime.

The pre-event cost is \$20 per couple and \$5 per extra guest. The cost at the door on Feb. 12 is \$25 per couple and \$10 per guest. For more information, call Consuelo and the LEAD department at 989-775-4115.



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Horseback healing journey for the “38 + 2” Dakota warriors

BEATRICE JACKSON

Contributing Writer

The Dakota War of 1862, also known as the Sioux Uprising, ended with the largest mass execution in the history of this country.

On Dec. 26, 2013, Dakota Warriors rode 330 miles on horseback. They rode from Lower Brule, S.D. to Remembrance Park in Mankato, Minn., the hanging site where “38 + 2” warriors were hanged. President Abraham Lincoln signed the emancipation proclamation freeing the slaves, and on the day after Christmas on Dec. 26, 1862, he ordered the hanging of the 38 Dakota Warriors. Two days later, two more warriors were hanged, “38 + 2”.

Jim Miller, a descendent of one of the men hanged, had a dream of reconciliation and healing between the descendants of those hung and the settlers killed



Michigan cedar was placed around the Sacred Fire in Mankato, Minn.

during the war. Miller’s dream was to honor the memory of the men who died at the Mankato site by riding on horseback from Brule to the hanging site.

“We can’t blame the wasichus anymore,” Miller said in the movie, “Dakota 38”. “We’re doing it to ourselves. We’re selling drugs. We are killing our own people. This is what this ride is about, healing.”

Miller remembered Chief Sitting Bull returning from Canada to his homeland, and the military shooting his horse and the horses of the other warriors. Miller wanted his horse, Shunka Wakan, to regain honor and prominence.

I was invited to join this commemorating horseback ride by my nephew, Matt Goertz, from Flandreau, S.D. He was previously involved in this ride, and more than four years ago he sent me a link to the movie, “Dakota 38”. I thought about this movie for the next four years.

“Dakota 38” is available for viewing on YouTube.

Somehow this Christmas I could not think about buying presents or lighting up a Christmas tree. Snowbird Singers sang at the Unity Program and all I could think about was traveling to Mankato. I asked myself what the riders would need.

I knew they needed food and cedar, a medicine so rare for the Dakotas. I cleaned 60 pounds of white cedar, enough for the sacred fire and enough for every man, woman and child traveling on horseback. Each would have a small bag of cedar from Michigan.

I thought of the children; some traveling with parents, some riding small distances, some the first time away from their homes and no time for Christmas. So I shopped for them at the dollar stores and got 38 plastic horses and painted them with Indian designs using acrylic paint. I wanted enough for all of the little children. I also bought 10 large smoked whitefish from Gustafson’s Smoked Fish in Brevort, Mich. for the victory feast.

The people of the community on the route supplied foods in various church locations and ranchers took care of the needs of the horses. Families stayed in various hotels along the way. Many were given warm hats, mittens and clothing for their ride; during the ride, the temperature was below zero.

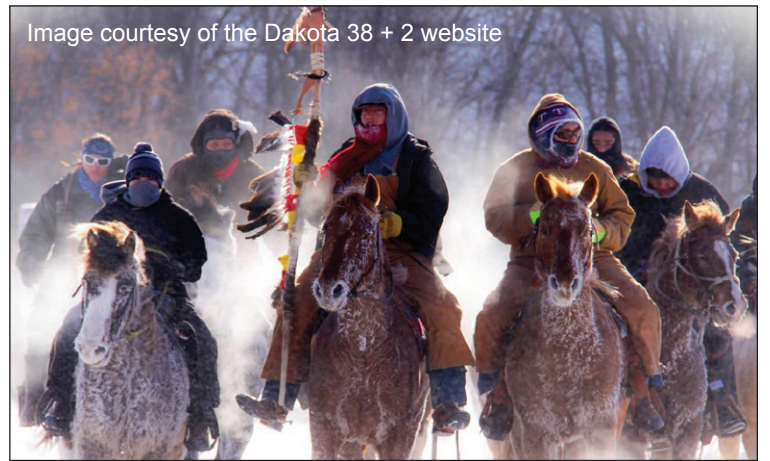


Image courtesy of the Dakota 38 + 2 website

The Dakota Riders’ journey took them more than 300 miles from Lower Brule, S.D. to Mankato, Minn.

The riders were of all ages. One young father even brought his 4-day-old baby bundled in a warm blanket.

Chief Arvol Looking Horse, the 19th generation keeper of the sacred Buffalo Calf Pipe and spiritual advisor to the Dakota 38 Riders counseled the riders. There were many spiritual leaders and sun dancers involved with this ride. Tobacco offerings were given to the riders at the beginning of their journey and an eagle staff carrier had the responsibility of caring for the staff and the people. It is very important for this sacred memorial ride to always think about the healing and reconciliation taking place.

It was wonderful being present and to be part of the final sage smudge for the riders,

community and Tribal nations. Why did I do this? To give honor and respect for the Dakota 38 Riders memorial, and to also let them know we, in Michigan, also care and offer our prayers.

Please keep these people in your prayers as they are gathering to plan their next ride, “One Nation, One Voice, One Prayer” to be held on June 25 to Sept. 15, 2014 from Oregon to Washington D.C.



Images courtesy of Bea Jackson

Jackson bought horses and hand-painted them with Indian designs for the children.



Jackson pictured with spiritual leader Arvol Looking Horse, the 19th generation carrier of the Buffalo Calf Pipe.

The heart of the matter: Sun shines on the SCA Lodge

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Photojournalist

Let us get right to the heart of the matter...as the Sacred Fire burned for Brother Daryle Jackson, the winter sun of a new year shined down on the Saginaw Chippewa Academy Teaching Lodge. Is it just coincidence or is there a reason sunlight through a square opening projected a heart of the northern door of the lodge?

Mide’ Elder and Tribal Chief Steve Pego, Saginaw Ojibwe Mshiikenh Dodem (Turtle Clan) believes there is a message from the heart.

“That is pretty awesome and there are things that our Creator

will show us,” Chief Pego said. “It reminds me of the four gifts the Creator gave us; Spirit name, Anishinabemowin, Love of Heart and Free Will. The Love of Heart is what the firekeepers are doing for this family that’s bereaving at this time.”

Chief Pego offered his heartfelt miigwetch to those firekeepers who are living “mino biimaadziwin” (a good life).

Joshua Leake and his brother Jeremy Card were joined by his uncle Andrew Steele and his son. Men’s Society members Bert Hunt and Craig Benz also tended the Spirit Fire.

SCA Anishnaabe Bimaadziwin Teacher Nathan Isaac,

Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Mshiikenh Dodem (Turtle Clan) shared a story of his grandpa at the SCA Story Telling Night in December.

“The story talked about receiving signs,” Isaac said. “While using semaa or just thoughts and words, we ask for help or answers. It seems like a lot of us always expect

to see something as profound as a soaring Eagle to bring the message. For some, maybe that happens every day. Usually life provides much smaller blessings and if you aren’t looking in the right place, you’ll miss the simple gesture that tells you everything is going to be alright.”

SCA AB Teacher Joe Syrette, Batchewana First Nation, Chijaak Dodem (Crane Clan) believes that this is a sign to our community members who are suffering from pain, loss, identity and the loss of any morals or values with family or themselves.

“This is a true sign from the Creator, letting us know that He and our ancestors are with us every day and everywhere we go,” Syrette said. “Even though we may not see them, hear them or feel them, they are there watching over us. In our language, we say ‘Ningwaamazin’ or be determined at everything you do in life.”

Chief Pego presided over the Jan. 4 funeral honoring the life of Brother Daryle Curtis Jackson and was assisted by fellow Pipe Carrier Brian Matreous, Mukwa Dodem (Bear Clan). The Water Ceremony was provided by Mae Pego, Ndahnis Pego and Beatrice Jackson (Menase’ Kwe). Water was shared with the family and

friends along with the heart berries, strawberries. A strawberry basket was provided by the family and food was put in for Brother Daryle’s Spirit Journey.

“Andrew Steele told me the light of the heart of the lodge made him feel that his brother’s spirit was appreciating the fire and encouraged the firekeepers to keep going,” Behavioral Health Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson said. “To Midewewin people, that word means the way of the heart.

The infinite love our Creator has for us was evident with the shining light of the heart upon the south side of the lodge. It meant the people were being blessed, that family during that most difficult time of letting go was being blessed and encouraged to continue.”

The heart of the matter was the winter sun of a new year giving our community a message... let us strive to follow our heart.



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The winter afternoon sun on New Year’s Day projected a heart-shaped message for the community at the northern door of the SCA Teaching Lodge.

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SCA First Grade Teacher Ervin receives “Educator of the Month” honors

CHRISTINA HALLIWILL

Contributing Writer

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 Alexis Ervin, our Educator of the Month! Ervin is a First Grade Teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? *I started working at the school on Nov. 4, 2013.*

What is your favorite part of working in this department? *My favorite part of working in this department is the staff and students. It is nice to enter a workplace where everyone has a smile on their face.*

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? *A student shared with me that she was happy I was here at SCA. I responded to the student, “miishin naanan” (give me five). The student raised her hand. I was puzzled then she said, “You may want to say miigwetch (thank you).”*

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? *I wanted to be the first African-American woman on the Supreme Court.*

Please tell us something people may not know about you. *I danced on staged with Richard Simmons during his show.*

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? *I enjoy shopping, reading, movies, motivating others, dancing, cooking, traveling and church activities.*

What is your favorite movie? *One of my favorite movies is “Legally Blonde”.*

What is your favorite food? *Lobster and shrimp!*

Miigwetch to Alexis Ervin for being such an integral part of our Education team!



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCA First Grade Teacher Alexis Ervin accepts her award. (Pictured left to right: SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda, Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya, Ervin and Tribal Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill.)

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Aysia Mena-Isham, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, David Culhane and Makayla Jackson.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Dylan Bennett, Meadow David, Adriana Paul, Robert Saunders, Alex Taylor, Brandon Wemigwans, Tawny Jackson, Raymond Pelcher, Kiyenn Pilar, DaShawn Rueckert, Felicia Saunders, Josh Wemigwans, Lindsay Paul, Kenneth Wemigwans, Thalia Bennett, Lars George, Thomas Henry, Matthew Quaderer, Carissa Sanders, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Alex Grice, Red Arrow LaLonde, Gracie David, Carmela Negrete and Jayden Pelcher-Schout.

The following students turned in all homework for December: Riana Chippeway, Meadow David, Anita Pelcher, Robert Saunders, Josclynn Shaw, Alex Taylor, Alexis Trepanier, Shelayna, Collins-Pelcher, Tawny Jackson, RJ Miller, Raymond Pelcher, Thomas Pelcher, Felicia Saunders, Ahsiniis Smith, Alexis Taylor, Isaiah Leasureaux, Ariel Hinmon, Annie Lada, Layla Paul, Floyd Sehl, Thalia Bennett, Chelsea Pelcher, Adam Saboo, Sara Saunders, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Liberty Morland, Matthew Quaderer, Frankie Sheahan, Treasure Jones, Toby Pamp, Aria Mandoka, Carissa Sanders, Alex Grice, Gracie David, Matthew Stewart, Red Arrow LaLonde, Jayden Pelcher-Schout and Charles Trepanier.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Skylar Leasureaux, Giizhig Martell, Shenanrose Pontiac, John Stevens, Makayla Stevens, Mgizi Wemigwans, Phoebe Defeyer, Katie Green, Charles Isham, Caleb Kequom, James Montoya-Pego, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Hazen Shinos, Aliana Seybert, Carlos Sanders, Racheal Roberts, Marisa Bennett, Taylor Burton, Azaryah Dye, Lucas Dye, Julian Flory, Walker Jackson-Pelcher, Jade Leasureaux, Katheryn Pierce, Treber Fallis and Chloe Wemigwans.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Konner Hilleger, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Gabriela Escabedo, Tehya Flores, Darien Haggard, Foster Hoorman, Meisha Raphael, Paul Rueckert, Caedynce Bailey, Zoey Haggard, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Damion Haggard, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Anthony Mark, Elijah Otto-Powers and Alek Welch.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Aolani Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Evelyn Kripa, Zamiah Marshall, Mariana Mays, Arianna Altman, Konin Kripa, Anissa Quiroga and Gloria Altman.

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Social Studies | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Language Arts | 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Math | 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Science | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Open** | 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday

Open** | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Language Arts & Math | 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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SCTC plans ahead for new National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

February is one of the coldest months of the year for Michigan. It seems this year the temperatures have been unseasonably cold. It is a perfect time to plan for the coming year.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Extension office is at an important juncture in the National Institute of Food and Agriculture granting process. The Extension office is funded through NIFA. As a Land Grant Tribal College, SCTC is eligible for these NIFA funds. On Aug. 31, 2014 the current four-grant cycle that funds the SCTC Extension office and



The community was invited to decorate hats in honor of the Pink Heals Fire Truck visit.

programs will expire. As such, a new four-year grant cycle will begin on Sept. 1, 2014.

It is now in this snowy, cold, indoor time of the year

the planning is happening for this new NIFA grant cycle. An application will be sent to Grants.gov sometime in the next few months.

The vision for the Extension office is: "SCTC Extension will enrich the lives of American Indian families with an active outreach program designed to encourage tribal families to explore new opportunities, exchange ideas and excel in healthy attitudes."

The focus of the objectives for the Extension office has been on family and consumer sciences, and youth development.

In 2014, the SCTC Extension office had a very

active outreach program. In collaboration with the SCTC Recruiter and often other departments the Extension office has met with approximately 395 students to present information on leadership, graduation, note-taking and teamwork. There have been workshops held on cooking, sewing and health, reaching approximately 200 adults.

SCTC sponsored booths at events such as the SCIT Block Party, the Pink Heals Fire Truck and SCTC Open House where more than 250 people attended. The Elder's Herb Garden is one garden initiative that SCTC Extension is very proud of, Elders and community members were able to benefit from fresh herbs used to season their meals at Andahwod. In all, the SCTC Extension office was able to enrich the lives of more than 1,000 community members in 2013, the vision was accomplished.

SCTC Extension is looking forward to another great year. The current grant will be completed, a new grant cycle will begin and SCTC will again strive to complete the vision of the Extension Program.



An herb garden was planted at Andahwod for use in the Elder and community meals.

SCTC invites you to comment on or make suggestions regarding the SCTC Extension office and the programs and activities that are offered. To comment, please email Mary Pelcher at mpelcher@sagchip.org. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is committed to serve the Isabella Indian Reservation community.



Participants learned the nutritional value of pizza.



A ribbon shirt using the sacred colors was sewn during the Ribbon Shirt Drop-In.

Spring 2014 Student Success Forums

The following dates and times are available:

- Tuesday, Jan. 21 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 24 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Michael McAuthor/STEP
- Monday, Jan. 27 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Mary Pelcher
- Tuesday, Jan. 28 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 | Louanna Bruner/Career opportunities
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 3 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 4 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 10 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Mary Pelcher
- Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 13 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Michael McAuthor/STEP
- Monday, Feb. 17 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 18 | 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Louanna Bruner/Career opportunities
- Monday, March 3 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 4 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 5 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, March 20 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Michael McAuthor/STEP
- Monday, March 24 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Jenna Wilcox/Making Baby Moccasins
- Tuesday, March 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Mary Pelcher
- Wednesday, March 26 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Rosanna Romero/Higher Education
- Wednesday, April 9 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Manny Maddox/U.S. Coast Guard
- Thursday, April 10 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Michael McAuthor/STEP
- Monday, April 14 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 15 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Mary Pelcher
- Monday, April 21 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 22 | 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Jenna Wilcox/Making baby moccasins
- Wednesday, April 23 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Jessica Simon/Ferris State
- Monday, April 28 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Chair Massages (Tentative)
- Tuesday, April 29 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Chair Massages (Tentative)



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Nineteen complete Performance Circle program with ceremony at Broadway Theater

ESTHER HELMS

Contributing Writer

Nineteen youngsters received completion certificates for their participation in the latest Performance Circle program session that ran from September to December 2013 and concluded in a performance and graduation on Dec. 17 at the Broadway Theater in downtown Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

This ongoing program graduates a class in May and December of each year and is open to ages 3-16 for a nominal fee. Instruction is available for both beginning and experienced dancers within its age group.

The mission of the performance is the promotion and enhancement of the child's self-image and preparation of the youth as leaders in a multicultural society using the traditional Anishinabe arts of storytelling,

dance, music and the language.

Dance instructors for this session of the program were Renata Borton, Raymond Cadotte, Zachary Jackson and Judy Pump. Language instruction was provided by Isabelle Osawamick from the Anishinabe Language Revitalization Department.

Registration and the first class for the next season is Feb. 18, 2014. For more information, contact Raymond Cadotte at 989-775-4757.



Photos courtesy of Esther Helms

Participants of the Performance Circle program practice and prepare their dances for graduation at their dress rehearsal.

Becoming informed on the lingering problem of truancy

GUADALUPE GONZALEZ

Youth LEAD
Diversion Manager

Let's talk about truancy. It seems to be of little importance and not really seen as a problem in our community, however, I would beg to differ. It's been a lingering problem that not many people seem to be concerned with, but I'm going to tell you why you should be concerned, even if it's not your own child.

Not just parents but, grandmas, grandpas, aunts and uncles should also be watching to make sure the children in their families are not falling into the vicious cycle that could start with skipping school a few days here and there or just because they don't want to go.

First of all, it's illegal and it's called truancy. Parents and children alike can be prosecuted in Tribal and State Court depending on jurisdiction. Secondly, studies have shown truant youth are more likely to engage in substance use. Why?

Most likely because the less time spent in school, the more time they spend with friends, leading to the escalation of substance use. As if we don't already have enough risk factors for substance use as Indian people, we add another by not holding our kids accountable for attendance. Let's tear down that brick wall of risk factors brick-by-brick and not set them up for failure.

Especially since the lack of adult authority figures, combined with the exposure

to delinquent peers may instigate delinquent behaviors and make delinquent acts such as substance use easier to carry out. What does this mean to us?

Small changes in our norms and the status quo can help significantly. Changing the risk factors for our children is something we can do on our own. I would think every single child on our reservation is considered "at risk" just by being Indian. The statistics are staggering and really set up against us. It's like running into a brick wall over and over until we just give up and remain content with complacency. If we can change the risk factors, we might just get a little boost over that brick wall instead of running into it over and over again.

You don't have to be college educated to raise a college-bound child. All we have to do is hold them accountable and support them. Easier said than done, right? Of course it is, but it's not impossible, starting with school attendance.

It's not acceptable for a child to stay home just because he doesn't want to get up in the morning. Missing school sets them up for failure even for legitimate reasons such as illness or the death of a family member. No matter the reason, they'll have to learn on their own what they missed. As parents, we can help them by tutoring or teaching them how to ask for help.

Since so many of us are already disenfranchised from

things like school and anything outside our comfort zone, it's hard enough for us to ask for help when we're present, let alone days after the assignment. I didn't learn how to ask for help until college, and then I looked back and thought, "Wow! All this time, that's all I had to do?"

Imagine my surprise at the improvement in my grades alone at this epiphany. I'm not sure why I didn't feel worthy enough to ask any questions. Maybe I didn't want to disrupt the class, maybe I didn't think I deserved extra time, or maybe I just didn't want to feel stupid. Nevertheless, I figured it out and it helped me tremendously in my education, career and life. This is something we need to start teaching our kids because they deserve the help they need; not doing so creates another risk factor that we don't need to define us.

Missing school takes away from time spent with peers and teachers which enhances social skills. Not allowing our kids to miss school teaches them accountability, responsibility and they are more likely to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities. Allowing absenteeism takes away from them and their opportunities.

Recently, discussions have become more about the historical trauma that has negatively impacted every single

one of us one way or another, specifically boarding schools and coincidentally having to do with education. Talking about it helps because it brings healing and the ability to move past it. We are at that point now. It's time for healing, forgiveness and most importantly, the ability to move forward. We should never forget the past and the lessons that we can learn from them.

Our ancestors were stolen from their homes and families and robbed of their culture and language. They were abused mentally, physically and sometimes sexually. They didn't learn parenting from their relatives who loved them; they learned it from a cruel institution without much nurturing.

Some people don't want to talk about it or believe it but it is true, and the best thing about it is it shows we are resilient people and we are still here surviving and more importantly, learning how to thrive. Re-learning our culture, language, healthy parenting, how to love and show affection to our kids has taken generations to overcome and, in the meantime, we've lost a lot but it will not always define us. We've come such a long way and moving forward seems to be the next natural progression for us.

The issues I've discussed seem so obvious and almost

insulting of the simplicity if taken in the wrong context. Please remember that all I'm trying to do is enlighten a few minds. I didn't write this to point a finger at one single person but for all of us to step up to the plate and get involved with our kids.

As a community, we are all responsible for the raising of our children, not just the birth parents. Parenting comes from entire families and communities. There's an old saying that says, "It takes a village to raise a child," I believe that to be especially true in Indian Country.

The Youth LEAD team will be focusing on challenging the risk factors, including truancy, hindering our children's ability to succeed.

If someone you know is falling into the truancy trap, or some other type of destructive behavior, speak up, lend a hand or ask for help. Mentor, tutor or spend some time with them, do whatever you can to help. You can also refer them to any of us at the Youth LEAD department to help guide them to a more positive path.

There are often times, events and activities they can be participating in to keep them occupied and surrounded by positive people and lifestyles. Next time you see a young family member struggling, remember that "it takes a village" and step up.

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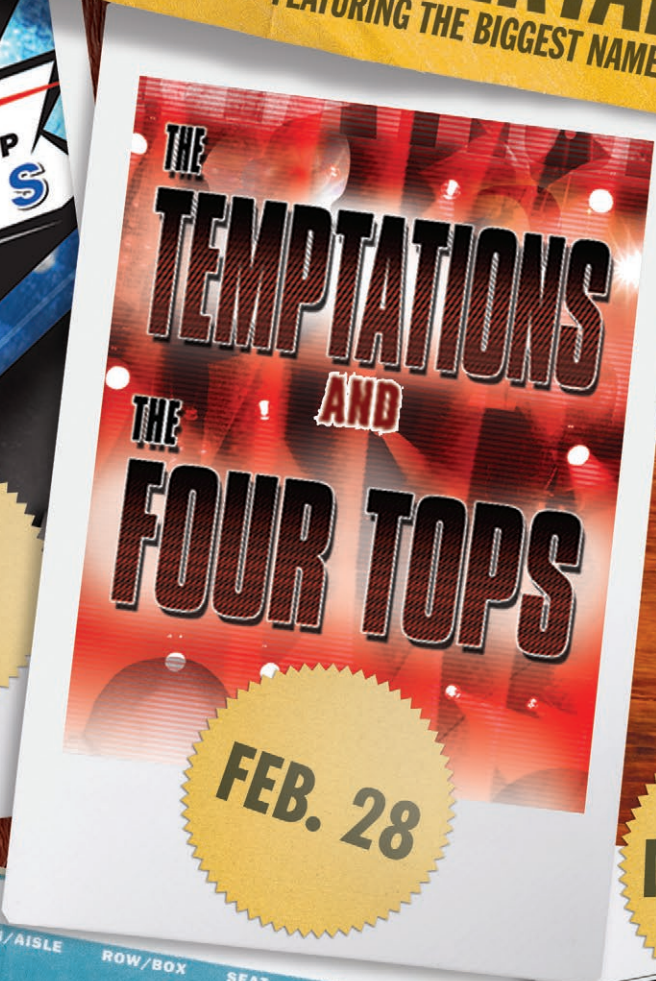
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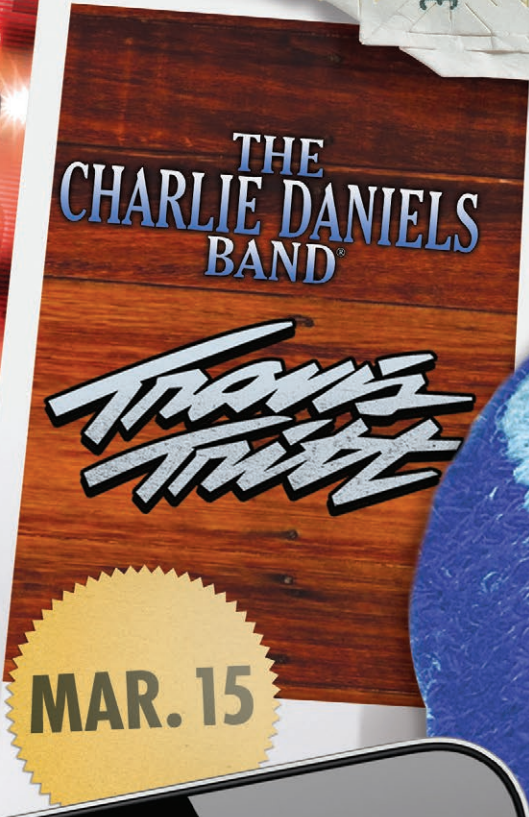
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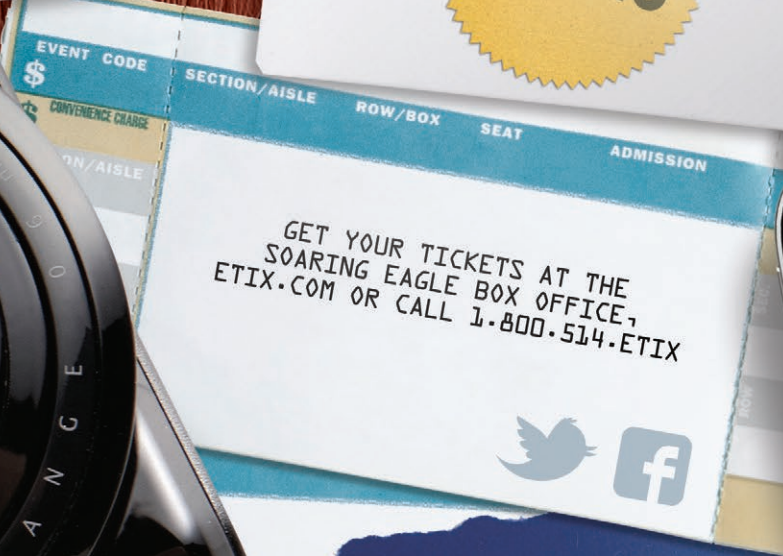


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SECR hosted Country Throwback concert with legendary musicians Joe Diffie with Darryl Worley, and Pam Tillis with Lorrie Morgan

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The performance felt like a live recording on Austin City Limits, or a similar music television special on Sunday, Dec. 29. A very laid-back and acoustic performance was given by country legends Joe Diffie and Darryl Worley. As they sat on stools and talked to the audience between songs, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall felt like a very intimate venue. The country throwback concert did not stop with Diffie and Worley, the show ended with a set from female country music legends Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan.

Together, Joe Diffie and Darryl Worley began the show, taking turns singing their own songs. Worley began the show with his hit, "Awful, Beautiful Life". Diffie followed with, "Third Rock From the Sun".

Worley told the audience he recently took his 13th trip to Afghanistan.

"I come from a military family, we try our best to support our troops," Worley said.

He performed "I Miss My Friend", which he played during a trip in Iraq. After September 11, Worley released a song in

memory of that day entitled, "Have You Forgotten?" He thanked the audience for making that the biggest song of his career. The audience gave Worley a standing ovation for the performance.

With his sensational voice, Diffie performed two of his songs from the 1993 album, "Honky Tonk Attitude". Both singles, "John Deere Green" and "Prop Me Up Beside the Jukebox (If I Die)" reached the Top Ten on the country single charts. Also in 1993, Diffie was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry.

"The pick-up to this next song slapped me right across the face," Diffie said. "When I heard it, I knew it would be a hit."

When Diffie played that number one hit song, "Pickup Man", the audience was thrilled.

"Did I mention how hard it is to follow Joe Diffie," Worley asked the audience with a smile.

Diffie also only spoke in praise of Worley, impressed with what a down-to-earth musician he really is.

Worley performed "Sounds Like Life To Me" and Diffie jokingly sang a cover of the chorus from Jason Aldean's, "1994", in which Diffie's name is sung throughout the chorus.



American Country musician Darryl Worley opens the show with his hit song, "Awful, Beautiful Life".



Country music legend Joe Diffie performs a fan favorite, "Third Rock From the Sun".

Diffie and Worley's acoustic set showcased raw talent with their vocals and they kept the audience amused with their storytelling.

When Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan appeared on stage, Morgan's dress was the first thing to notice. Tillis sported a sparkly, beaded black dress, while Morgan's poufy pink dress and pink boots were covered with sequins.

"I'm amazed I can wear this many sparkles and still feel underdressed," Tillis laughed about Morgan's dress. "I think your BeDazzler exploded."

Comparable to Diffie and Worley, the two seemed to have a great friendship and respect for one another. Tillis and Morgan performed their set differently; they accompanied each other on every song. The songs performed highlighted their careers while also showcasing new material.

Performances of "Except for Monday", "Shake the Sugar Tree", "Cleopatra, Queen of Denial", "I Guess You Had To Be There", "Burning Memories Of You" and "Spilled Perfume" delighted the audience.

On July 23, 2013, Tillis and Morgan released their album, "Dos Divas". Tillis had a unique way to describe the first single, "I Know What You Did Last Night".

"This next song is sort of a 'Thelma & Louise' and 'The Hangover' crossover," Tillis said.

When Tillis and Morgan began working together, they realized how similar their lives and music are. They are both very proud to be the second generation in the music business. Their fathers, Mel Tillis and George Morgan, have had successful music careers and even performed together.

Together they sang a medley of their fathers' biggest hits including, "Candy Kisses".

The two talented vocalists shared harmonies on each other's songs including Morgan's hits, "What Part of No" and "I Didn't Know My Own Strength" and Tillis' song, "I'll Love You Forever If I Want To".

As did Diffie and Worley, these two had their tales to share with the audience. Tillis shared about her encounter with a star-struck fan who kept complementing her and congratulating her on all of her accomplishments. Tillis found

out the fan thought she was country music singer Patty Loveless all along.

Morgan shared after a show one night, an Elderly woman approached Tillis saying what a great job Tillis did and what a fan she was. When it was time for her to turn around and talk to Morgan, she looked at Morgan and said, "Honey, I thought you was dead."

The next single from "Dos Divas" is "I Am A Woman", after Tillis and Morgan both wanted to record the song, they compromised to make it a duet and they are preparing to shoot the music video.

"I Am A Woman" was written by their backing vocalist and keyboard player. Morgan said she believes it will become an anthem for all women someday.

The ladies performed "Something In Red" with an encore of the timeless song, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow".

The night was a blast from the past; a true, refreshing country throwback performance by each artist. They didn't need an orchestra, back-up dancers or even a huge production; they merely blew the audience away with their raw talent.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Pam Tillis (left) and Lorrie Morgan (right) have been on tour together and released their album, "Dos Divas" in July 2013.

Mike Epps delivers sidesplitting comedic punch lines at SECR

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Staff Writer

A chorus of laughter and cheers filled the Entertainment Hall of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Dec. 30, 2013. Multitalented comedian Mike Epps was in the house that night, and ready to bring

it all down with his outrageously funny banter.

Mike Epps, a successful comedian, actor and musician, has generated a great deal of excitement among his peers and within the entertainment industry. He has emerged as one of the funniest comic actors in the Hollywood scene as of late.

Epps kicked off his career by becoming a regular on HBO's series "Def Comedy Jam" in the early 1990s. He would later go on to become the regular host of the series in 2006. Since then, he has released three comedy DVD's; "Inappropriate Behavior" (2006), "Funny Bidness" (2009) and "Under Rated and Never Faded" (2009).

Not limiting himself to just comedy, Epps has also appeared in 38 Hollywood movies. His first and perhaps most famous role came in the movie "Next Friday", the sequel to the widely successful "Friday". He stepped in to play the character of Day-Day Jones, which was previously portrayed by fellow comedian Chris Tucker. Epps went on to fill the same role in the third movie in the series, "Friday After Next".

His list of movie appearances now includes roles in the "The Hangover", "The Hangover Part III", "Resident Evil: Apocalypse", "Resident Evil: Extinction", "All About the Benjamins" and "The Honeymooners". He was even granted the honor of serving as "Super Bowl Ambassador" in his hometown Indianapolis for the 2012 Super Bowl.

Epps comes off as a genuine person with his playfulness and kid-like persona, while often giggling at his own jokes. He is equal parts smart, sharp and savvy with his comedic delivery. He was a master of audience involvement, shaping the show around their interactions. No one was safe from Epps that night. The jokester routinely picked fun at guests, while



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Mike Epps had the audience members continuously rolling out of their seats with laughter.

firing off one-liners and even went out into the audience to get up close and personal with his comedic victims.

SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Saturday Feb. 1	Kenny Rogers
Feb. 5 - 9	WPBA Masters 2014
Feb. 14 & 15	The Price is Right Live
Feb. 21 & 22	ISOC RAM Snowcross
Saturday, Feb. 28	The Temptations & The Four Tops
Saturday, March 15	The Charlie Daniels Band & Travis Tritt
Saturday, March 22	Larry the Cable Guy
Saturday, March 29	Boyz II Men wsg Ralph Tresvant



Cheap Trick and Night Ranger prove that "you can still rock in America"

MATTHEW WRIGHT

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Rock 'n' roll fans filled the Entertainment Hall of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Dec. 28, 2013. Rock bands Cheap Trick and Night Ranger, two bands that could easily headline their own separate shows, came together to give a performance like no other.

Cheap Trick formed in Rockford, Ill. in 1973. The band's music includes 18 albums, spanning 32 years. Their first album, "Cheap Trick", released in 1977 with their most recent album, the aptly named "The Latest" releasing in 2009. Throughout the years, they have gained notoriety as one of the most influential rock bands ever, even landing at No. 25 in VH1's list of the 100 Greatest Artists of Hard Rock.

"Hello there, ladies and gentleman... hello there, ladies and gents," lead vocalist for Cheap Trick Robin Zander proclaimed. "Are you ready to rock?"

These lyrics, taken from their opening song, "Hello There", set the tone for the rest of the night. The band moved seamlessly into the songs "California Man", and "Big Eyes". Up next was a cover of Fats Domino's "Ain't That a Shame", the hit singles "Need Your Love" and "That 70's Song (In the Street)", which can be heard in the opening credits of the hit television series "That 70's Show".

The audience cheered with excitement to the opening verses of their most successful song "The Flame", which reached No. 1 on Billboard's Hot 100 list. Following this was another of their hits, "I Want You to Want Me", which reached No. 7 on Billboard's Hot 100 list. To close

out the concert, Cheap Trick rocked out as the audience members sang along with the lyrics to "Dream Police" and "Surrender". Although Cheap Trick had taken their final bow, the evening was far from over as Night Ranger was next to take the stage.

Night Ranger rose to prominence in the early '80s, becoming one of the most popular mainstream hard rock bands of the time. The band has released 10 studio albums, eight live albums and five compilation albums. Their most successful albums were "Midnight Madness" (1983) and "7 Wishes" (1985), both of which sold enough to be recognized with platinum status.

The band features Brad Gillis on lead guitar, Jack Blades as the lead vocalist/bass guitarist, Kelly Keagy on drums and lead vocals, Joel Hoekstra on lead and rhythm guitars and Eric Levy on keyboards. The members of Night Ranger have also been involved in many side projects. In 1982, with the passing of Ozzy Osbourne's legendary guitarist Randy Rhoads, lead guitarist Gillis filled in during Ozzy's Diary of a Madman Tour. Front man Jack Blades also formed the band "Damn Yankees", with Ted Nugent and Styx guitarist Tommy Shaw.

Night Ranger kicked off the night with the singles "Touch of Madness" and "Sing Me Away". Fans were treated to several covers from band members' side projects including Damn Yankees' "Coming of Age", Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" and Alice Cooper's "School's Out". In a way, the audience was being treated to more than one band that night.

The band brought the excitement to new heights as it started



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Lead guitarist Rick Nielsen (left), lead vocalist Robin Zander (center) and bassist Tom Petersson (right), thrilled the audience by performing all of Cheap Trick's greatest hits.

playing some of its most popular songs. The crowd cheered at the beginning of the single "High Enough". The song was originally performed by the Damn Yankees, and reached No. 3, on Billboard's Hot 100 list. The songs "Goodbye", "Four in the Morning" and "When You Close Your Eyes" were performed next. All three charted within the top 20 of Billboard's Hot 100 list.

The fans in the audience were taking it all in, standing and cheering as Night Ranger began the single "Don't Tell You Love Me". The band broke it down in the middle, playing several extended solos and riffs from other hit bands including Deep Purple's "Highway Star". The song finished with



The members of Night Ranger meet center stage, the energy of the performance continually brought the audience to their feet.

the band feverishly jamming with a climatic ending. All things pointed to this being the finale of the show. Even as the band left the stage, everyone in the audience remained on their feet.

The following two encores provided the highlight of the night. Many in the audience removed their cell phones from

their pockets to be used as makeshift lighters. The audience sang along with drummer Kelly Keagy as he belted out the lyrics to the hit single "Sister Christian". The song proved to be Night Ranger's greatest hit, topping out at No. 5 on Billboard's Hot 100 list. To bring the show to a fitting end, the band performed "(You Can Still) Rock in America".

Smooth R&B returns to SECR with entertainers Johnny Gill, K-Ci & Jo-Jo and Ginuwine

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The night brought out screaming female fans and throwback R&B songs as Johnny Gill, Ginuwine and K-Ci & JoJo brought the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort house down on Friday, Dec. 27, 2013.

As soon as former New Edition member Johnny Gill appeared on stage, his energy

had the audience on their feet dancing and squealing. Gill brought so much dynamism with his dance moves, hand gestures and impressive soulful voice.

Gill turned the SECR Entertainment Hall into one gigantic dance party with his hits, "Everything", "Rub You the Right Way" and "There You Go".

His passionate vocals, dance moves and energy got the throwback R&B night started.

Ginuwine kept the party going and the fans hollering with his hits, "In Those Jeans" and "I Need A Girl (Part Two)".

As the lights slightly dimmed, the disc jockey was left alone on stage. Suddenly, a heap of dry ice and Ginuwine reappeared. Ginuwine had changed into a classy white suit, carrying a silver, shiny microphone decorated with sequins. Ginuwine got

ready to hand out a bouquet of roses one-by-one to lucky audience members. He grabbed one rose, peeling away one petal at a time as he said, "she loves me, she loves me not."

Ginuwine then asked the audience to put their cell phones in the air as he sang his hit, "Differences".

The DJ played a medley of Michael Jackson's songs, "The Way You Make Me Feel", "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" and "Billy Jean" as Ginuwine showed off his dance moves and told the audience what an influence Jackson had been to him.

The audience roared at Ginuwine's last song, "Pony", proving to be the song everyone was waiting to hear.

With matching black suits and sunglasses, K-Ci & JoJo were ready to perform their hits for the enthusiastic crowd. The audience enjoyed a K-Ci & JoJo favorite, "Tell Me It's Real", along with "We'll Show You How to Love Somebody" and "Come and Talk to Me",



Cedric "K-Ci" Hailey of K-Ci & JoJo wound up the crowd with his energy.



Joel "JoJo" Hailey looks on and laughs as his brother, K-Ci, ventures out into the audience.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Former New Edition member Johnny Gill got the audience on their feet to dance and shout during his impressive high-energy performance.



R&B artist Ginuwine shows off his smile for his screaming female fan base.

released when K-Ci & JoJo were formerly known as "Jodeci".

During "Love U 4 Life", Ginuwine joined the stage.

"If it weren't for these brothers right here, there would be no Ginuwine," he said after the track.

K-Ci & JoJo also sang the fan favorites, "All My Life" and "Crazy".

It was a night of fun and entertainment for R&B music fans. To see a list of upcoming shows at SECR, visit soaringeaglecasino.com.



Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center's "Improving Patient Care-5" program

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Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center is honored to have been selected to participate in the nationally recognized "Improving Patient Care-5" program through Indian Health Service. The aim of the "Improving Patient Care" program is to transform the Indian Health Care system by developing high-performing, innovative health care teams to improve the quality of and access to care.

Through Nimkee's participation in this program, we will be able to develop new and improve existing standards for health care delivery. This will result in improved health and wellness for Nimkee patients by establishing what

is called a "Patient-Centered Medical Home."

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center is one of 45 Indian Health Service, Tribal and Urban sites to participate in IPC5. Through participation in this program, Nimkee Medical Clinic will become a "Patient Centered Medical Home" by delivering comprehensive care through care teams, improved care coordination across all elements of the health system, improved continuity of care, enhanced access and partnerships with community based health programs and Tribal organizations.

This association with the IPC5 will assist with the integration of quality improvement activities and evidence based medicine by creating and guiding a shared decision-making process with patients and families.

By definition, the "Patient Centered Medical Home" is a health care setting that facilitates partnerships between individual patients, and their personal physicians, and when appropriate, the patient's family. Care is facilitated by registries, information technology, health information exchange and other means to assure patients get the indicated care when and where they need and want it in a culturally appropriate manner. Through the IPC program, other Tribal Organizations have shown improvement in preventive care and management of chronic conditions.

One of our first steps in becoming a "Patient Centered Medical Home" is to encourage patients to choose a Primary Care Provider (PCP) and for



Nimkee to reorganize our medical staff into primary care teams.

If you have been seeing one specific physician for a while at Nimkee, you may have already been assigned to this physician as your PCP. If you are not aware of who your PCP is, or would like to request a specific PCP, please ask our nursing staff the next time you are at the clinic. We want you to feel comfortable and to trust your

Medical Provider and Primary Care Team.

The overall vision of the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Staff is to provide quality health care which reflects the needs of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Community. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret at 989-775-4618. Please watch for further updates in the Tribal Observer and at Nimkee.

Mino n'Bimaadziwin: My first step to a healthy way of life

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

Aambe. Life's longest journeys start with that first small step. No distance is too far, no problem is too big, and no challenge is too great when we just take a moment, just take a deep breath and then just take that first step forward. That's how we get there from here.

A new year is a time of renewal, and while winter seems forbidding, under the snow the warm earth shelters autumn's dormant life and behind our cold

gray skies the days are growing imperceptibly longer. This is the time to put old habits away, set goals and to make promises that with each small step brings us closer to those goals; just as each day grows longer and brings us closer to those warm days of summer.

This year my first steps were to decide what kind of events I wanted to compete in. I plan to compete in physique contests. They differ from bodybuilding in that the posing trunks are bigger but your muscles can be smaller! My first contest will be in Flint,

Mich. in late April, in Grand Rapids, Mich. in May, and then in Lansing, Mich. in June; after that we'll see what happens! At my age and height, I feel I can be very competitive and I'm excited about the coming season.

My next step is to map out a course toward those goals. I decided early morning weightlifting workouts combined with late afternoon cardio workouts will get me where I need to be. I will keep detailed records of my workouts to keep track on my progress. Planning to complete in three contests will let

me use each to show me where I need to improve over the course of the season.

At the beginning, and all along the way, I already know I won't make every morning at the gym. I won't make every afternoon on the road, but slowly and surely, my desire to accomplish these goals will make my workouts more consistent, more productive and ultimately take me where I need to go.

So the first small step is not just showing up at the gym; it's deciding why I want to go

to the gym in the first place! There are many ways to live the good life. The Creator helps us in so many diverse ways; there is no right way, but there is a right for you way!

You might want to lose 10, 20, 30 or any number of pounds. You may want to fit in that wedding gown, make the baseball team or maybe you just want to take that little puppy you got for Christmas on long walks this summer. You can get there from here! It all starts with that first little step. Aambe, let's begin together...

Tips to help avoid "mindless" eating

(Editor's Note: Article submitted by Sally Van Cise RD Nutritionist with permission to reprint by author, MI Healthier Tomorrow.)

Everyone does it sometimes; when you are not focusing on what you are eating, you are not fully enjoying the flavors, textures and smells of your food. When we eat fast, we are still hungry because our brain has not yet received the message that our stomach is full.

Here are some tips to help you eat consciously:

- Always eat at the table. Every meal is important enough to focus on. Use smaller plates to make small meals feel perfectly portioned and satisfying.
- Never eat standing at the

fridge or pantry. If you find your hand in a bag, get a bowl and take a small amount of the treat. Your body deserves to be nurtured with food that is wholesome — not grabbed quickly from a bag. Set down your fork or spoon between bites. This will help you eat slowly, allowing your stomach time to realize you are eating, so you can enjoy every bite.

- Chew twice as long. Chewing your food more aids with digestion and causes you to eat slowly.

- Focus on one thing at a time. When eating, eat. Don't multitask with TV or your smartphone. Your meal will be more memorable and enjoyable.

- Eat with your senses. Consciously notice the flavor,

texture, sight and smell of your food.

- Connect with your hunger. When you are aware of your internal cues of hunger, you will know when it's time to eat and when it's time to stop.

- Plan ahead. Having the right food handy is a conscious decision and will put you in control of the food you eat.

- Make it pretty. Organize your fridge and pantry to encourage yourself to eat healthy. Use pretty serving ware to enhance your dining experience.

- Savor indulgences. Being healthy doesn't mean you have to deny your cravings. You can indulge sometimes in moderation when you eat slowly and consciously.



Spicy Krispy Kale Chips

Yield: 4 - 6 Servings

Ingredients:

- 6 - 8 large Kale Leaves, stems removed
- 1 tbsp Olive Oil or Coconut Oil
- 1/4 tsp Garlic Powder
- 1/4 tsp Chili Powder

Tools and Equipment:

Measuring Cups, Spoons, Mixing Bowl, Baking Sheet and an Oven

Directions:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 300F.
2. In a small mixing bowl, combine the Olive Oil or Coconut Oil, Garlic Powder and Chili Powder. Mix together.
3. Place Kale leaves on the baking sheet.
4. Rub/massage the oil mixture gently over the leaves.
5. Bake for 20 minutes. Remove from oven when brown and crispy.

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Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule February 2014

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
12:00 p.m.	Turbo Kick Ashleigh	Mat Pilates Catherine <i>*Starts at 12:15 p.m.</i>	Lunch Crunch Go Jaden		Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.				Turbo Kick Ashleigh	
4:30 p.m.		Kick & Step Jeni	Step & Sculpt Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Valerie			World Fusion Belly Tawnya	



For questions call Jaden at 989-775-4694

Or stop into the Nimkee Fitness Center

In recognizing February as Heart Health month, the Nimkee Fitness Center is challenging you to come into the Fitness Center all five days to perform a minimum of 20 minutes of cardio during the week of Feb. 24-28!

The purpose of this challenge is to show you how you can find time to do minimal exercise each week to BEGIN on a road to a HEALTHY HEART!

**A drawing for prizes will be done for all who complete all 5 days.*

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There's so much in life to see: Don't let glaucoma take your sight away

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The best years are yet to come. With more free time, you can set your sights on wonderful places to go and people to see. Just make sure you keep an eye on glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases that damages the eye's optic nerve, which carries visual signals to the brain. It can lead to vision loss or blindness if left untreated. Primary open-angle glaucoma is the most common form of this disease and often has no symptoms in its early stages. Quite frequently, by the time people are diagnosed with glaucoma, they've already

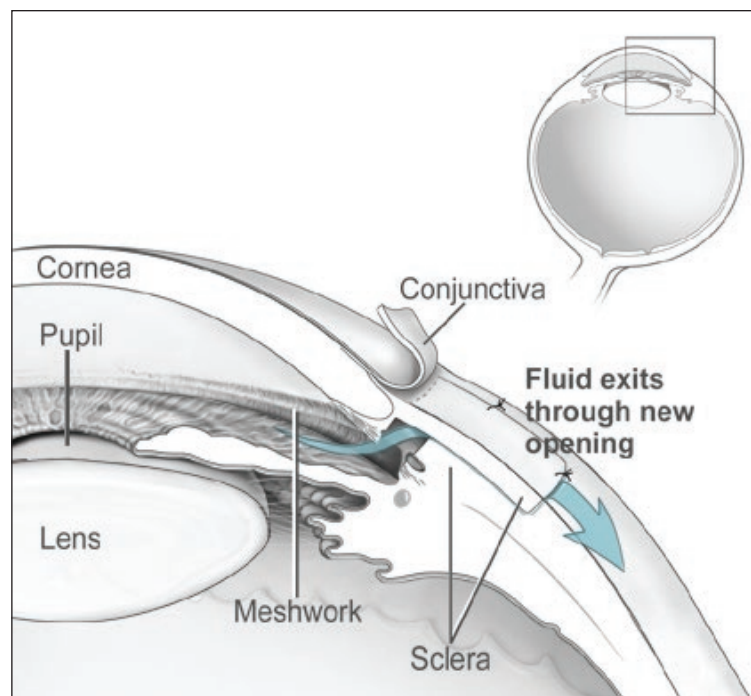
begun to notice changes in their side, or peripheral vision.

While anyone can get glaucoma, people at higher risk for glaucoma include African Americans age 40 and older; everyone age 60 and older, especially Mexican Americans, and those with a family history of the disease.

"Studies show that at least half of all persons with glaucoma don't know they have this potentially blinding eye disease," National Eye Institute Director Dr. Paul Sieving said. "The good news is that glaucoma can be detected in its early stages through a comprehensive dilated eye exam."

A comprehensive dilated eye exam is a procedure in which an eye care professional places drops in your eyes to dilate (or widen) the pupil to examine the back of your eyes and check the optic nerve for signs of disease. This exam may help save your sight because when glaucoma is detected early, it can be controlled through medications or surgery. If you are at higher risk, make sure you get a comprehensive dilated eye exam every one to two years and encourage family members to do so as well.

Wherever life takes you, keep vision in your future. Don't wait until you notice problems with your vision to see an eye care professional. A low-cost exam may be available to you through Medicare. For more information, call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov.



For additional information about the disease glaucoma, visit www.nei.nih.gov or call NEI at 301-496-5248.

Resource: NEHEP- National Eye Health Education Program and www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/programs/glaucoma/materials/DropIn_GenPub_Rel_508.pdf.

Thank you Gold Key Volunteers

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

We would like to thank the Isabella County Commission on Aging Gold Key Volunteers for the donation of lap quilts, lap afghans, hats, walker bags and wheelchair

bags. They include Andahwod in their distribution of these items every year and we are happy they do. These are much needed items for our Elders, Andahwod and the community.

Thanks again Isabella Commission of Aging Gold Key Volunteers.

FEBRUARY 2014 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Eliza Owl, Gail Smith
Naomi Pederson, Bonnie Sprague, Cathy Floyd | 16 Darryl C. Jackson, Florence Sprague, James Wheaton |
| 2 Deborah Meskill, Roger Ambs Jr., Carl Pelcher, Robert Shawboose | 17 Douglas Floyd, Lori Mazur |
| 3 Mark Martin, Tom Waynee
Robin Martin, Martha Pudvay, Donna Trapp | 18 Richard Byce, Frank Wheaton |
| 4 Roland Jackson, David Weaver, Wayne Ritter, Juanita Slater, | 19 Joan Cline, Milton Pelcher, Christina Chingman, James Dombkowski, James McDonald, Simon Otto, Walker Slavik |
| 5 Mary Graveratte, Marcia Kelsall | 20 Keith Mandoka, Nancy Miller, Ronald Bonnau, Ross Chapoton, Peggy Goebel |
| 6 Barbara Brodie, Timothy Davis, Mark Grischke, Esther Bailey | 21 Gregory Dutton, Savannah Rice |
| 7 Timothy Froncek, Scott Pego | 22 Tracy Mays, Chester Cabay III, Rebecca Rittmaier |
| 8 Debra Marler, Linda Craig, Larry Collins, Linda Martin | 23 Susan Bettistea, Glenn Hall, Betty Brief, Dorothy Brown, Joseph Davis, Kelly Kendall, Kathie Kozuch, Ralph Mays, Bunny Roth, Andy Shuler |
| 9 Raymond Davis, James Burnham, Linda La Forest | 24 Dianna Chamberlain, Mark Starkey, Judith McLellan, Allen Slater Sr., Bernard Wright |
| 10 Carolyn Folts, LeRoy Scharaswak, Robert Weaver, Paul Rueckert Sr. | 25 Cynthia Quigno, Shirley Robertson |
| 11 Michael Pashenee, Betty Webkamigad, Mark Schafer | 26 Lorna McDonald, Edward Phelps, Willie Bailey Jr. |
| 12 Bonnie Ekdahl | 27 Fredrick Bennett Sr. Alvin Jackson |
| 13 Sheri Lairson | 28 Adelaide Davis Evelyn Sharon |
| 14 Dennis Gould | 29 Lewis Sprague Julie Chamberlain |
| 15 Norman Cyr Sr., Terry Vasquez, Jeffrey Sprague, Mark Steele | |
| 16 Kathy Dintaman | |

Tips for keeping your heart healthy

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT.

You've probably heard it before: Heart disease is the number one killer of women. Approximately one woman dies of heart disease every minute and yet only one out of every five women believes heart disease is their biggest threat.

Since 2004, the American Heart Association has been promoting their Go Red™ for women project; designed to give power to women to take charge of their own heart health, making women aware of the things they can do to stay healthy and take action. National Wear Red Day® takes place on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014 – wear something red this day, in honor of all women.

According to goredforwomen.org, women can be heart healthy at any age from age 20 and older. Many risk factors that can lead to heart disease can be controlled such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, smoking, physical inactivity, obesity, diabetes, stress,

use of certain birth control pills and use of alcohol and other drugs. Age, gender, heredity and race are other risk factors.

Some simple steps you can take to help reduce your risk are:

- Know your family's history of heart disease (heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, etc.)
- Visit your doctor for your yearly physical.
- Stay active – if you don't have enough time, try exercising in 10-minute time frames, three times a day.
- Eat healthy – www.choosemyplate.gov has a lot of great information on eating healthy.
- Keep your stress level down – perhaps try a yoga class or just taking 20 minutes of quiet time.
- Get plenty of sleep – adults need seven to eight hours of sleep per night.
- Drink water in place of sugary and caffeinated drinks.
- Don't smoke and if you do smoke, call

1-800-QUIT-NOW for information on how to quit.

Once you've learned what you can do to reduce your risk of heart disease, try to implement one or two of these simple steps listed above.

It's never too late to make a change. Healthy lifestyle changes you make today will benefit you tomorrow and beyond!

For more information on living heart healthy, visit goredforwomen.org or www.cmdhd.org. Remember to wear red on Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

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Tips to conquer frustrating clutter

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Straighten up in spurts: Set a timer for 15 minutes and stay on task until it goes off.

Keep related items together: Keep items that are used together near each other so that you don't have to hunt all over the house for them.

Label storage containers: To keep track of what you have, keep similar items together in the same type or color of storage container. Write the contents of the container on an index card and

tape it to outside. Make sure that side faces out, so that it can be easily read.

Designate a junk drawer: Keep decluttering efforts moving forward by designating a junk drawer in every room. Those items that you can't figure out where to place, set them in that drawer. When the drawer is full, sort through the stuff and use or toss.

Stop clutter at its source: Set a rule for clutter. If you bring an item into the house another item has to leave. Apply this rule to all household items.

Get a clutter buddy: A few times a year, ask a friend

to help you sort your clutter into four piles; keep, toss, donate and age. Discard the "toss" items immediately. Take the "donate" items to a donation site right away. Save "age" items and review them in three months. Put a note on your calendar to review on a particular date.

Get a key rack: If you find that you are hunting for your keys often, get a key rack to hang your keys on or make a conscious effort to put them in the same spot for 30 days and it will become a habit.

For more tips on this subject, go to www.additudemag.com



Andahwod events ring in the New Year with a touch of Graceland

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Never let it be said that our Tribal Elders don't enjoy music. The dancing and singing were clear signs that our seniors are always ready for a party.

On Dec. 31, the Tribal community came out in force as the Elders New Year's Eve Party rocked the rafters of Andahwod. As the DJ played everything from Chubby Checker and the Beatles to Guy Lombardo and the Royal Canadians, that "Auld Lang Syne" feeling was in the air.

"Andahwod has a mission that preserves our

people's legacy by cherishing our Elders through honor, care and respect while encouraging family and community involvement," Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl said. "We are pleased to serve as a gathering place for our Elders and their families."

Just like Times Square, there was much anticipation waiting for the balloons to drop their door prizes... at least the Elders didn't have to wait for midnight with the crowd appreciating the 7 p.m. early celebration.

"Just like our Elvis Birthday Party on Jan. 8, we try to have our events in the



Tribal Elder Alvin Chamberlain croons through the Elvis classic "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elders Alfie Moses and Sue Durfee square off as finalists in the Elvis hip swing contest as Amy Shawboose announces.

afternoon or early evening," Andahwod Elders Advocate Amy Shawboose said. "I was amazed at how quick many of our Elders guessed the correct Elvis songs during our 'Name that Tune' contest."

Along with the Elvis music trivia, the Elders celebrated the King's 79th

birthday by moving their hips to "Jailhouse Rock" and feasting on peanut butter and banana sandwiches prepared by the Andahwod kitchen staff. Tribal Elder Alvin

Chamberlain concluded the fun evening with some live entertainment by performing the Elvis hits "Crying in the Chapel" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"



Anticipation filled the air as everyone gathered to watch the New Years ball and balloon drop at Andahwod.

SCIT Elders
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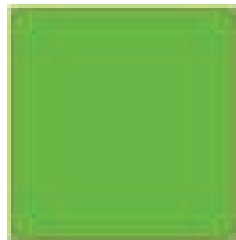
Valentines!
Day ♥ Ball

Friday, Feb. 14, 2014
5 p.m. - 8 p.m. ♥ Andahwod
\$5 for SCIT members and \$10 for guest

Serving: Tossed Salad and Fresh Baked Bread, Broccoli and Cheese and Asparagus, Baked Potato Bar, Prime Rib with Au jus, Herb Roasted Chicken and Cheesecake Station.

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FEBRUARY 2014 EVENT PLANNER

Sewing & Cooking

February 3, 10, 17, 24 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Andahwod Crafts

February 4, 11, 18, 25 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Euchre

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

Margaret and Companion Dogs

February 5, 12, 19, 26 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Andahwod Dinner Buffet

February 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Crafts & Games

February 7, 21, 28 | 12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Board Games

February 9, 23 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Jewelry Making

February 11 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Elders Breakfast

February 12, 26 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

IT Computer Class

February 14, 28 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Bingo with Friends

February 19 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Game Day

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

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

February 5 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziiibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

Create Your Own Valentine Card

February 11 | 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
 • Location: Tribal Library

Youth LEAD Traditional Winter Day Camp

February 15, | 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
 • Location: Chip Neyome's property
 (map to be handed out)
 • Contact: 989-775-4535
 • For youth ages 8 - 13
 • Talking circle, outdoor winter activities, feast and camping. Kick-off event for Sons and Daughters of Tradition.

New Parents Support Group

February 28 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4600

Second Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night

February 12 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziiibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4115

ACFS
 Foster Care Fundraiser

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Saturday February 15th, 2014
10:00am-3:00pm
 Tribal Gym
 7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant

\$30.00 per 8x8 space, includes 1 8ft table
 Advance payment required
 A large item area will also be available
Booth space is limited, deadline is January 31st
 If you are interested please contact Angela at:
 775-4906 or AngGonzalez@sagchip.org

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2014

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
					1 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.
					2 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
3 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Ogichedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m. Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	6 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	7 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	8 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 9 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



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

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.

Social Services Supervisor Protective Service

Open to the public. The Social Services Supervisor will assure protective services investigations, prevention, child and family service cases and open-active cases including descendants as outlined in the ICWA agreement between Michigan DHS and SCIT are responded to in a manner consistent with the Department's overall goal. Requires: Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related field required. Master's Degree preferred. Four years of experience in a tribal social services setting. Must have supervisory experience in Social Services or Human Services related field. Must have knowledge of applicable Tribal and federal law as they pertain to tribal children and families. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. This position offers an excellent work environment. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (on call as needed), with 15 paid holidays. Competitive wage, benefits and leave plans. Starting rate:

\$24.23/hour; negotiable based on experience. Blue Cross Blue Shield benefits: includes medical, vision and prescription coverage and Delta Dental. 401K can be participated in after six months of employment. Annual, Sick, Personal and Management leave plans offered.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist

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

Journeyman Lineman

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

nation 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. Communication and computer skills required. 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. Native American preferred.

Creative Arts Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education. Must possess a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate; endorsement in art education preferred. Two years demonstrated experience in teaching as a successful Art teacher. Good class room management skills.

Associate General Counsel

Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or must become licensed following the next available bar exam; five years experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred; excellent research, writing and oral skills and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian Tribe. The successful candidate should have high academic achievement and strong references. The Associate General Counsel will provide general legal services to the Tribe and its enterprises in a broad variety of matters including: contract law, employment law, administrative law, real estate transactions, Indian gaming regulation, taxation, jurisdiction disputes, environmental law, cultural resource preservation, child welfare and drafting legislation.

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.

Mechanics Helper

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent, minimum of one year of automotive training, minimum on all types of vehicle, such as cars, trucks, vans and lawn equipment. Some jobs may require uncomfortable conditions. Must have an interest in automotive repair and be willing to get certified as time and knowledge allow.

At-Large Program Supervisor

Open to the public. A minimum of an Associates Degree in Human Services and/or Business Administration or related field preferred and three years of supervisory skills and three years of program development and coordination or; have equivalent experience, which include five years of supervisory experience and five years of program development and coordination. Must have knowledge of Native American

issues and be familiar with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Must have experience supervising employees. The At-Large Program Supervisor will be responsible for administration of the At-Large Program.

Support Services Tech II

Open to the public. Three plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT related degree and one year IT related experience. Must be willing to work where change is common while ensuring that all systems run efficiently. Needs to have a basic understanding of computer and server hardware, and network connectivity. Must pass IT related competency exam. Provide Level II help desk and field support to include: installation, configuration and support for all hardware and applications utilized by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Government Operations and Business Enterprises.

Social Services Case Worker

Open to the public. Bachelor's Degree in Human Service related field required. Master's Degree preferred. The Tribal Social Services Caseworkers assist Tribal members in obtaining social services including crisis intervention, child protection, substance abuse, and mental health programs.

T.O. Grounds

Maintenance Temp

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment as described in the essential job duties.

Dietary Cook Aide

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere. With quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred.

SECR

Director of Cage & Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 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.

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.

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.

Transit Driver

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements.

Cosmetologist

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

Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an Associates degree or a professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience or a high school diploma or equivalent with four years clerical experience. Applicant must possess the ability to accurately and efficiently type reports and correspondence. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet computer applications. Will provide Administrative Assistant duties for the Marketing/Entertainment areas as directed.

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor Degree in Accounting, or Bachelor Degree in Business with an Accounting Minor, or MBA in Accounting. CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experience in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position. Strong knowledge of GAAP principals related to the casino and/or hospitality industry. Must have extensive computer experience using a variety of software packages; Microsoft Office Suite, Excel, Word, accounting software systems, casino player tracking systems, and hospitality point-of-sale systems. Knowledge of Microsoft Great Plains Financial Software, Aristocrat Slots/Player Tracking, and Opera/Micros Hospitality Software is preferred. Oversees financial statement preparation and management reporting, internal controls, staff development and supervision and analysis. All other duties as assigned.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ELIZABETH SMITH:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0811 Plaintiff: VJD, Inc. dba Cash Plus #148 515A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 953-9700 vs. Elizabeth Smith 2704 S. Chippewa Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Feb. 27, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ERICA BENNETT:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0878 Plaintiff: VJD, Inc. dba Cash Plus #148 515A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 953-9700 vs. Erica Bennett 200 Paris Ave. Lansing, MI 48910. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires March 13, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF JAMES OSAWABINE, JR:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0809 Plaintiff: VJD, Inc. dba Cash Plus #148 515A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 953-9700 vs. James Osawabine, Jr. 14 W. Bluegrass Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires Feb. 27, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF MICHAEL ROSS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0903 Plaintiff: VJD, Inc. dba Cash Plus #148 515A North Mission St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 953-9700 vs. Michael Ross 7108 E. River Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires March 30, 2014.**



Youth LEAD Ski Trip at Caberfae provides winter excitement at its peak

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The thermometer said 11 degrees, but the warmth of a family outing was evident as the Youth LEAD Ski Trip at Caberfae Peaks Ski & Golf Resort near Cadillac, Mich. delivered winter excitement.

Youth and Families Recreational Specialist Consuelo Gonzalez had 34 people from the Tribal community travel the 81-mile journey to the slopes.

"I'm happy with the success of the Caberfae event and hope to see more people at some of our other events as well," Gonzalez said. "We couldn't do these trips without our families and I would like to say chi-miigwetch to those who have continued to attend and support our events!"

Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Waabanoqua Judy Pamp brought her family members to Caberfae and wanted to thank Gonzalez, the LEAD Department and Tribal Council for providing a healthy family event.

"I was able to attend with my youngest son and two of my grandchildren," Pamp said. "They spent the day learning new skills about skiing while spending precious time together as family and community members. I enjoyed the day helping my little ones while getting the opportunity to work on new regalia for my youngest granddaughter while I sat in the lodge and watched my family members joyfully slide down the snow covered hills. We are truly blessed in our community to have government leaders who continue to strengthen our families while broadening the life experiences of our youth. Mother Earth was covered by a blanket of beautiful white snow, and while she was resting, we rejuvenated our spirits in the beauty of nature and family."

Tribal Risk Manager Tracy Terrill-Leathers joined her husband and daughter at the ski resort.

"My daughter Jazzy loved skiing and she even went down the big hill," Terrill-Leathers said. "Many families had Martin Luther King Jr. Day off as a holiday and I would like to thank the Tribe and LEAD department for putting on a great family outing!"



Our 'Nish Ski Team: Consuelo Gonzalez, Mattea Merrill, Kylie Fisher, Anastasia Lada, Tobias Pamp, Quenten Rolfes-Johansen and Judy Pamp.



Team Terrill-Leathers (Tracy, Jasmine and Rafael) take a break from the slopes.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The thrill of victory turns into the agony of "da' feet" as Anastasia Lada completes her downhill run.



Tribal Youth Andre Leareaux and Daniel Wemigwans get a lift up the Caberfae Peaks ski hill.



Tribal Youth Angelo Leareaux "busts a move" as he does his breakdance on skis.



Jean Flamand shows Andre, Daniel and Tommy Wemigwans how to ski "old school."



Tribal Youth Mattea Merrill demonstrates the proper way to fall on skis.



Andre Leareaux points out how easy it is to go downhill.



Tribal Youth Tobias Pamp shows his skills on the obstacle course.



Tribal Youth Leader AJ Leareaux takes a knee after a successful run on his snowboard.