SCIT Draws in Community Support with Idle No More Flash Mob Round Dance

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Interim Editor

Streets located in downtown Mt. Pleasant were quiet as the only sound was of cars passing while people walked up and down the sidewalks doing their regular routines. No one seemed to know that soon approximately several hundred people would soon be taking part in a historical movement of the Idle No More Flash Mob Round Dance. On Jan. 11, hand drummers were ready and the strong beats of the drum were played as supporters circled them with signs and danced in the intersection of Main Street and East Broadway.

Curious bystanders took out their cameras and recorded what was going on. Even during the march from the intersection to the front of Central Michigan University, college students living in fraternity and sorority houses up and down Main Street watched from their windows and porches. Some even approached and asked what Idle No More is.

The non-violent grassroots movement began with four ladies, Nina Wilson, Sylvia McAdam, Jessica Gordon and Sheelah McLean. The purpose of the group is for indigenous sovereignty, rights and respect for the treaties of the people.

An ominous bill called C-45 also known as the “Jobs and Growth Act, 2012” is a 457 page bill that was introduced by Prime Minister of Canada, Stephen Harper on Oct. 18.

The bill was passed and it caused changes in the Indian Act by making it now easier for First Nation communities to lease their designated reserve lands. Many acts such as the Canadian Environmental Act, which was changed under C-45. Under the Navigation Protection Act, major pipeline and power line advocates are not required to prove their project will not damage or destroy a navigable waterway it crosses unless the waterway is on a list prepared by the transportation minister.

The bill changed how the Fisheries Act would work. Under the old act, it states that no person shall carry on any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat and under the new law it will provide that no person shall carry on any work undertaking or activity that results in a serious harm to fish that are part of a commercial, recreational or Aboriginal fishery or the fish that support such a fishery. This means that the only fish that are protected are only commercial, recreational or used in Aboriginal fisheries but not the habitat.

SCIT shows their support with the non-violent Idle No More Movement in Mt. Pleasant. Flash Mob Continued on Page 3

Tribal Council is Seeking

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Tribal Council is preparing to receive all interested Tribal Member proposals for Project Management and Oversight to an important community investment. The proposed project facility must include, the combined services of our approach and asked what Idle No More is.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy (currently grades pre-kindergarten to sixth grade), the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization project (which provides immersion language acquisition to students age eighteen months to five years), and a recreational facility that provides healthy diversion opportunities for our community. Council is seeking a Tribal Member who has proven Project Management experience and can demonstrate the key components necessary to complete this important project on time and within a developed budget.

The project includes constructing a new building that will house the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, the Immersion Program and also a recreational facility. Students will be able to have their gym classes at the building instead of being bussed to the tribal gym. The facility will also allow students to not be far from where their afterschool program will be located. It will also allow other healthy diversion classes and activities to happen for the community and host numerous community events.

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Tribal Member for Project

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Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

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Community Meeting

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Doors will open at 9 A.M. Meeting will start promptly at 10 A.M. and end at 2 P.M. Breakfast will be served. Meeting to be held at the Soaring Eagle Casino Entertainment Hall Mount Pleasant, MI

Please Plan to Attend This Important Meeting Tribal Members of all districts 14 Years or Older Only

Tribal I.D. is required for entry.
Frank Alberts
May 5, 1926 - January 9, 2013
Frank Alberts of Oscoda passed away January 9, 2013 at Andahwod Continuing Care in Mt. Pleasant at 86 years of age.
He was born May 5, 1926 to Whitney and Beatrice (nee Pleasant) Alberts. He is survived by one brother, John Alberts along with three step-daughters, Deanne Harjo, Sheri Ann Hill and Roni Lee Alberts along with three step-siblings, Hazel Wesley, Susan Nahgahgwon, William D. Alberts, Wilmer C. Alberts and Francis Alberts.
Frank enjoyed woodcarving and attended state wide Powow’s. He was a WWII Army Veteran and a member of the Oscoda Indian Mission Church and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.
Funeral services were held at noon on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at the Oscoda Indian Mission Church, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. The family received friends Friday from 3-9 p.m. at the Oscoda Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home, 212 W. River Road in Oscoda. The interment was held at the Indian Mission Cemetery with Reverend Bri Desotell officiating. Memorials suggested to the church. Those wishing to offer words of sympathy may do so at www.buresh-funeralhomes.com.

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy
The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

There is Currently One Vacancy
Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishtaabeg Child & Family Services by February 28, 2013. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Please Feel Free to Contact:
Angela M. Gonzalez
989-775-4096 for more information.
Send Letter of Interest to:
Anishtaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E. Broadway Rd
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

ATTENTION TEENAGERS
Nimkee Health is asking for all of the teenagers that are registered patients with the clinic to come in for their flu shots. For each teenager that comes in will receive a free movie pass to Celebration Cinema. No appointment is necessary. Stop in from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and go to the front desk and sign in for the lab. They will give you a flu vaccination. Parental Permission is Required Before Coming In To Nimkee Health
For More Questions Please Call
Twila Schmitt at 989-775-4087
Or Sue Sowmick 989-775-4699

NOTICE:

TRIBAL MEMBERS
As of December 12, 2012, tribal members will not be eligible for a Tribal loan if they are incarcerated as a result of a criminal conviction at the time a loan application is submitted.
If you have any questions please contact:
Tribal Accounting Department

The Elder Advisory Board For District One
Is Announcing a Vacancy for the Board Term Ending June 2013.
At the December meeting Cynthia Quigno announced her resignation of a three year seat ending this year. The vacancy is for a voting member of the E.A.B.
All SCIT members 50 years of age or older residing in District 1 are eligible for the seat.
Interested Members Must submit a letter of interest to the Elder Programs at Andahwod by Friday March 1, 2013.
Meetings Occur Twice a month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

ATTENTION
Ice Fishers!
Make Sure to Follow Safety Guidelines
When Fishing on Grewe’s Lake.
Only those who have purchased a tribal fishing license are allowed to ice fish. Fishing licenses can be purchased at the Planning Department.
The RV Park is closed for the season and those who fish on the lake are responsible for their own safety. We will only permit ice fishing from dawn to dusk and all fishers will be required to check in at the Staring Eagle Waterpark and Hot tub facilities and show their valid fishing license.
If You Have Any Questions or Need Any More Information Please call the front desk at 989-817-4800.

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If You Are Interested In Opening Your Home To A Child In Need Or Would Like More Information

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WASTE MANAGEMENT VERIFICATION
The Planning Department of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is requesting a verification/proof of your residential address. We are attempting to update our database. We will be making some adjustments to our Waste Management Program and want to make sure our members are receiving the full benefit.
To continue your Waste Management Service at your residence this verification must be received in our office no later than February 15, 2013 at 5 p.m. If we do not receive your verification then your Waste Management service at this address will be discontinued until we receive the necessary verification.
All residents with this service will be getting a letter with the verification form on the reverse side. Please fill out the form and return it to the Planning Department at 7070 E Broadway Mt Pleasant MI 48858.

If You Have Any Questions please feel free to contact us at: 989-775-4014
Attawapiskat Chief Teresa Spence was so appalled by the decision of Stephen Harper on the bill that she started a hunger strike Dec. 11. Living on water and broth she hopes that by doing this will cause stir up on how much this bill affects the Aboriginal people in Canada.

The support of Idle No More has been seen all over the world including Australia, France, South Korea, Alaska, Minnesota, Illinois, Colombia, Chile, Puerto Rico and many more.

On the same day that SCIT had their Flash Mob Round Dance was the same day that Canadian Tribal leaders and Canadian government leaders would sit down and talk about the bill. According to the National Post, over 3000 people gathered outside of the building where the meeting was being held on Parliament Hill, “chanting, drumming and waving makeshift banners.”

The Mt. Pleasant tribal community stands behind the Aboriginal people by having a Flash Mob Round Dance.

Nathan Isaac announced on a megaphone that it was great for everyone to gather to show their support for Idle No More. Isaac along with others in the tribal community participated in numerous Flash Mob Round Dances for Idle No More including ones in New York at Times Square and in Chicago.

“We are here to represent our relatives in Canada and we are showing that no borders deny our people,” Isaac said. “What is going on doesn’t affect just the Native or indigenous population it affects everyone. What we are doing today is standing and standing together because all of the tribal nations across Canada and the U.S. have taken a stand to stand up and protect Mother Earth for a long time. It felt like our spirits were asleep. They were, with everything that we went through generations through generations have caused our people to not forget what our responsibilities are to Mother Earth. We did not have the strength to stand up for it. As a lot of you have seen on the internet and social media our people are no longer weak but strong and we are all standing together today.”

Isaac also mentioned that the overwhelming support of the Flash Mob Round Dances is though the help of media and social websites such as YouTube and Facebook.

“We talk about 2012 and 2013 and people talk about an awaking of a new spirit,” Isaac said. “I think that this pretty evident on what is going on across Turtle Island and what is happening here today. Our treaty rights protect Mother Earth. We know that but a lot of people do not know that and that is why we are here today to stand up for those rights and as caretakers of Mother Earth. That is what we were instructed to do and that is what we are doing today.”

Steve Pego, Tribal Council Chaplin is hoping that people understand more about Idle No More and that the changing of the Canadian Environmental Acts will affect the environment greatly.

“We call the lakes and the rivers the veins of Mother Earth,” Pego said. “The chemicals companies are using will affect everyone. We believe that it will come down into our Great Lakes and fresh water. We are concerned about that and the air and the future existence of our children. It is important to let everyone know not just our Anishinabe people but every nation to make aware that we should take care of Mother Earth. I am worried for our children and great grandchildren.”

Response for the Flash Mob Round Dance proved to be successful.

“To me it is solidary that as natives in this part of Turtle Island that it has gone in a chain reaction across Turtle Island and it kind of came from us and it just kept on going,” Pego said. “The word went out and it was powerful and I think the Creator Gichi Manidoo is making awareness to listen to the Earth people to start taking care of it.” The event was posted on Facebook and on the Mt. Pleasant city website. SCIT Tribal Council approved resolution 13-043. In the resolution it states that SCIT supports the Canadian First Nations and the ongoing struggle to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper to oppose damaging legislation and to successfully advocate for their sovereign rights.

For more information on Idle No More visit Idlenomore.ca or on twitter #Idlenomore.
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Chief Kequom Represents SCIT at Gov. Rick Snyder's 2013 State of the State Address.

State Rep. Kevin Cotter, R-Mount Pleasant, welcomed the Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Dennis V. Kequom Sr., as his guest for Gov. Rick Snyder’s 2013 State of the State Address.

SCIT Will Be Holding a Passport Fair

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will be holding a Passport Fair at the Andahwod Continuing Care Facility at 2010 South Leaton Road in Mt. Pleasant on Tuesday, February 26 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The Isabella County Register of Deeds and Isabella County Clerks Offices 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 and the County Clerk will be available to take your photo on-site for a fee of $12. No appointment is necessary.

You may 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 will not be accepted for passport purposes. The Enrollment/Tribal Clerk’s Department does not loan certified birth certificates from member files.
• Previously issued Passport.
• 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 US Department of State.

Passport Books are necessary for international travel and flights to Mexico or Canada:
• Age 16 and over $110 Passport Book Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
• Age 15 and under $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 5-6 week processing time.

• Note: To submit an application for a child under age 14, either parents or their legal guardians must appear with photo ID.

Passport Cards are for land travel to Mexico or Canada only:
• Age 15 and under $80 Passport Book Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)
• Age 16 and over $30 Passport Card Fee. (Cash or check made out to the Isabella Register of Deeds.)

$60 Expediting Fee if passport is needed sooner than the 5-6 week processing time.

• Note: To submit an application for a child under age 14, either parents or their legal guardians must appear with photo ID.

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

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The nation was distraught on Dec. 14 when news traveled that Adam Lanza had gone into Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Conn. and opened fire killing 20 children and six adults honors along with other cash awards for teams and individuals. The award is a statue of a traditional Native American eagle watercolor, which depicts the eagle in the snow. The eagle is the symbol of the SCA community and the purpose of the group is to introduce the cultural significance back. Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson receives Miigwech Award for Her Hard Work

Beatrice Jackson, Behavioral Health Helping Healer received the Miigwech award at The UTFA V conference. Jackson has worked at the Tribe.

"The origin of the story came from the Mishomis Book and was the story of migration," Jackson said. "As a helping healer our goal is the same, taking care of one another," Jackson said. "I would like to say thank you to the SCIT Men's Society, Jordan and everyone in the community. The group meets to teach each other the skills that they need to be good fathers, and to be those male warriors and male role models for their children."

"I want to thank the parents on this whether they have it or posting something on the web or the social media sites such as Facebook. This photo shows a non-active military father standing guard outside SCA in the very cold winter air. His child did not feel safe returning to school and that his child didn’t feel safe that other students felt that way too.

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Saganing Casual For A Cause Helps Out Area 9 Special Olympics

RITA CHAMPINE
Contributing Writer

This month the Saganing Casual for the Cause, Jean Day Contribution went to the Area 9 Special Olympics of Michigan for the Bay and Arenac counties in the amount of $1,490.

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletics competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Athletes are given opportunities to develop physical fitness and athletic skill, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

When I was told that this month was one of the largest Jean Day contributions Saganing Eagles Landing Casino had ever had to date, as a mother, friend, volunteer, and coach, of such athletes, it warmed my heart and I am truly grateful to everyone involved for making this donation event such a great success! I am very proud to work with such compassionate co-workers and workers and to work for an organization that allows its employee to successfully volunteer and contribute to these programs.

I would also like to specially acknowledge the Casino Manager, Casino Shift Manager, Executive Security Supervisors, and various co-workers that came out and welcomed the athletes when they arrived to receive their check. They were treated like “Rock Stars”. The athletes were so excited that all I heard for hours after the presentation was somehow “I am going to work here at Saganing Eagles Landing, what a nice place this is!”

Would you like to continue to do more for Special Olympics? Do something special this tax season! New this year - Donating to Special Olympics Michigan is as easy as checking a box on your state income tax form. Donations provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in Olympic-type sports to nearly 20,000 Michigan residents with intellectual disabilities. Through programs in sports, health, education, and community building, Special Olympics are changing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. Check out this website www.somi.org/Region/Area-Information/Northern-Region/Area-9.html. If you would like more information regarding Special Olympics, please feel free to visit our national website www.somi.org or our local website www.somi.org/About-SOMI/Region/Area-Information/Northern-Region/Area-9.html.

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Saganing Employees Of The Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Karen Achtabowski and Phil Daniels, they are our Associates of the Month for December. Thank you Karen and Phil for all you do! Phil works in our Facilities department and has been here since November of 2010. He works diligently every day, and is always looking for ways to improve operations in the Facilities department. Phil is not only a pleasure to work with but also frequently helps out other departments. For Halloween Phil brought in some of his personal Halloween decorations for the players club to use on the stage. Karen is a Slot Supervisor and has been employed with the Tribe for nearly 15 years. She originally started as a slot attendant in Mt. Pleasant and began her current position here in 2007. Karen has exceptional guest service skills, and is always working at keeping up the morale with her co-workers. She has an exceptional knowledge of the Slot Department and the Casino as a whole.

Phil Daniels
Karen Achtabowski

Selc November 2012 Officer of the Month

MIKE PERUSKI
Contributing Writer

Security’s November 2012 Officer of the Month is Dale Compau who works third shift. Dale is a very dedicated Officer and respectful to all. The entire Security Team appreciates Dale’s willingness to accept any assignment or task given to him and help out whenever he is needed. Whether the task is big or small he will complete it without hesitation and does the job well. Dale has been with us over a year and has a good understanding of Security’s policies. He is very conscious of his appearance and tries very hard to look good at all times. He stands up tall/straight, doesn’t slouch or lean on walls/doors, and has clean nice looking uniforms/shoes. He has a positive attitude and gives 100 percent all the time. He is always friendly to our guests and understands how important it is to treat them with great customer service. Security sincerely appreciates Dale for all of his hard work, consistent efforts, team work and his, “I’ll take on anything and get it done” attitude. Your hard work hasn’t gone unnoticed.

Dale Compau

Saganing Employee Toy Drive 2012

RACHEL RHINES
Contributing Writer

This year our Saganing Employees’ Toy Drive shattered all previous totals for toys donated. A total of $8,410 worth of toys was donated by employees here at Saganing.

The toy donations collected from the employees were sent to Toys for Tots of Bay County. They have been distributed to children in need throughout Bay County, including Pinconning and Bay City. All the donations we received from the Christmas for Kids Promotion were given to the Arenac County Christmas 4 Kids.

Each employee was placed on a team and each team was named after one of Santa’s reindeer. The winning team became Rudolph and the captains of the team had to wear a light up nose and antlers for one day. Congratulations to team Dancer, the winning team and the community.

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February 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight

Sandra has been married to her husband Dale Sr. They have three children, 27 year old Dale, 22 year old Kyle, and 17 year old Kayla (currently a junior at AuGres-Sims High School). Sandi also has two Grandchildren, five year old Jacob, and one year old Kyle Jr. Sandra’s parents are Lawrence and Bernice Nelson. Bernice grew up in Saginaw and Lawrence grew up in AuGres. Lawrence and Bernice live in AuGres on the land that Sandi’s Grandmother lived on. Sandra has four brothers and four sisters. Sandra is born and raised in AuGres and continues to live in that small tight knit community today. She has fond memories growing up during a time when she went outside and played and enjoyed nature. In her free time Sandra enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors. Sandra’s favorite thing about working in the Saganing Outreach Program is planning and implementing large functions. She is a fantastic cook and her meals reflect that passion and dedication. If you have not had the opportunity to attend a function at Saganing you should make it a priority and see for yourself how nice it is. If you have had the good fortune to have attended one of their functions and tried Sandi’s food you know what I’m talking about!

Of course Sandra couldn’t do all of this by herself and she is quick to point out how wonderful her co-workers are at the Saganing Program. Sandra truly enjoys going to work every day and being there for the community and her coworkers.

If you have any questions or thoughts concerning the Saganing Seniors Program please feel free to contact Sandi at scompau@sagchip.org or 989-846-1925.

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**NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE**

Please note that the date for the Saganing Traditional Powwow has been changed to the second full weekend of June. Watch your mail we will be mailing applications for the ads in the Powwow booklet soon. Please place an ad for a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or a memorial ad. Ads available with or without pictures.

We will again have a golf tournament so please watch your mail for the registration. We will require that all players are paid and registered prior to the date of the tournament. No last minute entries will be accepted, and no refunds for players that don't show up.

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**SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW**

June 15 & 16 2013

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**2013 Changes for At-Large**

Summer Camp Scholarship 2013 grant: Camps will be considered in the following areas: Arts, Cultural, Sporting, Religious, and Education (to include tutoring services as Sylvan). This grant is for District 3 tribal members between ages 0-17.

SCAA grants will now include sport lessons for the $50 reimbursement. The SCAA program that is managed by the At-Large Program will allow parents to receive once a year, per child, a reimbursement of up to $50 for a varsity jacket or athletic fee (for pay to play or lessons). The child must be a tribal member or descendant of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe or be a tribal member of another Tribe living on the Isabella Reservation. It does not matter where the child lives if they are a Member or descendant of the SCT. Suggestion and Comment Box: The At-Large Program now has a suggestion and comment box. It is located in the front lobby of the At-Large office and will be taken to the Meet and Greets for any of your suggestions. You do not have to give your name to leave a comment.
Where Exactly Does the Water Come From for the Tribal Community

By Carrie Garcia

The Water Treatment Plant located on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe reservation works diligently to ensure that safe drinking water is supplied to homes and businesses that reside on the reservation. According to a map located at the plant, they roughly service Broomfield Road to and where it is stored.

The Daughters of Tradition II Girls gifted Tonia Jewell and her son Zane Jewell, a quilt that they worked on for a total of over four weeks. The help of Tribal College, Mary Pelcher, and Angela Mitchell, the beautiful crafted quilt brought joy in both Tonia and Zane’s eyes. The girls wrote messages of good luck and even signed their names. “I know you put all of your hearts into it,” Tonia said.

“I thought it was very caring that the DOT II group wanted to do something like this and it is a little emotional and still is and we are just thankful that we have a blessed community. We are very fortunate.” Zane a little surprised at the quilt liked it. “I was surprised I didn’t think anyone would go this far,” Zane said. “I was worried the quilt was going to be pink.” Zane had a benefit dinner at the Black Creek Conservation Club in Mt. Pleasant where they displayed the beautiful quilt.

We Are Looking For MICRO-AGGRESSION STORIES

Do you want to help create a better future for our children?

Individual Interviews: 10 trained interviewers are each looking for 10 people to interview, beginning immediately and ending March 15.

Focus Group: 3 topic specific focus groups of up to 8 people will be happening.

Interested in Participating? Call to schedule your spot! Amy: 989-400-1033 Elizabeth: 989-621-6432

Participants that complete an interview or Focus group will receive a gift.

You must choose a Personal Interview or Focus Group setting, not both.

Project Continued from Front Page

Tribal Council will evaluate proposals based on SCIT Membership, Education Level, Relevant Experience examples such as: Management of construction documents (AIA), Feasibility studies and Budget Management. They will also be looking for Leadership Capability, Past Performance (if applicable) and fee.

“We want a person to stay really committed to the project, and see the light at the end of the tunnel,” SCIT Tribal Council Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. said.

They are also hoping that the person would also go to the community and have them involved with the process making.

“This is a project that we want someone to take all of the components that we have and put them into a program such as having community forums, community input and focus groups and some strategic planning involved so we have an envisioned of what we want and go to the architects,” SCIT Council Member Charmaine Shawana said. “The gym that we have here was built in 1976 and it has gone through every possible use and we have outgrown it. We need a facility where kids can go and that is their facility to go to. We don’t have to get bussed just to go to class.”

Please include within your proposal a cover letter outlining your educational background and key project experiences, an overview of your project approach (project scope of services) and proposed fee required to complete project phases (pre-design, design, construction, and closeout) and any reimbursable fee to: Misty Bailey, 7070 East Broadway Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858. Deadline for detailed proposals along with references is due by February 28, 2013.
A New Year Means New Renovations to Little Eagle Cafe

It’s goodbye to the old and in with the new. Renovations are being made at the Little Eagle Cafe located at the Slot Palace. A sub shop will now take place of what was once the tiny cafe. Ideas of how to update the structure have been in talks for several years.

“The whole concept had multiple prongs to it,” Food & Beverage Director Marc Forrest said. “The kitchen itself was unaltered since the early ’90s. The infrastructure was dated beyond its life and had to be addressed either way. We debated on what to do. Tribal Council has reviewed a different number of ideas of what to do with that building whether to close it all together, closing it on certain dates or currently just leaving it open all the time. Once we had some stability in terms of leaving the building open and not making dramatic changes we would have to address the kitchen and the equipment. It would have to go either way. The menu that the Little Eagle had was really too big for what the kitchen tried to do so we wanted to streamline it and update it and freshen it. We have already proven the success of the sub shop at the main property. It is one of our top performers in guest satisfaction and in terms of profitability for the Tribe.”

The new sub shop will offer pizza unlike the one on the main property.

“The pizzas over at the Little Eagle have been popular since I have been in the department in 1999 and people have loved them,” Forrest said. “Over the last few years we changed to having a pizza oven and doing them more quickly. We have already proven that the sub shop has in the big casino,” Chris Nadobny, Executive Chef said.

During the renovation of the Little Eagle, a limited menu will be offered to accommodate the guests and still operate.

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Prices for the food items at the new sub shop will try to reflect the ones at the main properties sub shop.

“We will make sure to have the same prices as what the sub shop has in the main property,” Forrest said.

“We have to find a balance on taking care of our guests and our responsibility to the organization on maintaining our profitability.”

Returning guests and new guests will be excited to see something different at the Slot Palace.

The tentative opening for the new sub shop will be in February and be open 24 hours seven days a week.

Installation of the Nacelle, Hub and Blades a Big Step Towards Wind Energy

On Jan. 8, the SCIT took a big step towards wind energy with the installation of the nacelle, hub, and blades. After testing and commissioning the Tribe will be utilizing wind energy to power a portion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a great step for the Tribe to create greener projects.
Parents, grandparents and children were eager to explore the Great Lakes Bay Region’s newest youth learning attraction when the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum opened its doors to the public for the first time on Dec. 28. Located across the street from Mt. Pleasant’s ICE Arena and Morey Courts, the 12,000 square foot children’s museum has been in the works for the past five years, with groundbreaking taking place in December of last year. Without the tremendous support of donors and fund-raising, the museum wouldn’t have been possible.

Nate Lockwood, Executive Director of the Museum, was pleased with the strong support for the museum as well as results from the construction team. “Through the generous support of Len Morey, the Morey Foundation and our donors, as well as the hard work of our general contractor JBS and the vision of our board and founding members, the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum has become a reality,” Lockwood said.

The beautifully constructed museum hosts a plethora of exhibits for families to explore. From Baby Carrots, an area designed for younger children, to an exhibit titled One World to Japan that focuses on Japanese culture and traditions, and also pays homage to Mt. Pleasant’s sister city, Okaya, Japan. There are many more exhibits for families to explore, learn and grow from.

Jennifer Fields, Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum Co-Founder had the idea of creating the museum with two other mothers. “I wanted to do something different, something that would be more community specific,” Fields said. “In February of 2008, we began talking about the museum with community leaders. In the summer of 2009, the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum became a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.”

The process of crafting by-laws and putting the infrastructure in place took approximately a year and a half, but the real work began with funding the museum project. There were a series of meetings with local leaders that led Fields to the Morey Foundation. “The Morey Foundation believed in the project and graciously committed one million dollars,” Fields said. “That was the moment we knew the museum project would happen.”

With various fund-raising events, as well as garage sales, school penny drives, and recycling campaigns, they were able to raise $20,000. Fields currently teaches at Mid Michigan Community College and some of the students have even given Fields some of their gross money to help with the funding of the museum.

Throughout the process of raising capital to fund the project, the community has been supporters of the project. “The overwhelming support people have given is such a blessing,” Fields said. “People have been supporting the project monetarily through donations and pledges and with their services as well. Local businesses and professionals have assisted with fabricating the exhibits, resulting in significant cost savings on the project. Building this museum has been a true community effort.”

Many concepts for the museum exhibits came from ideas provided by the Youth Advisory Board, a board founded four years ago consisting of area youth ranging from seven to seventeen years old. “The input of the Youth Advisory Board was crucial to the look and feel of the exhibits,” Fields said. “We wanted the exhibits to inspire children, so what better way than to make them part of the exhibit design process.”

The founding board members spent time visiting numerous children’s museums and combined exhibit ideas from those visits with personal experiences and the input from the Youth Advisory Board. The idea of the Beemazium exhibit came from local beekeepers and scientists as a creative way to teach science concepts. With the help of Kidzibits, a professional exhibit design and fabrication company, they engaged the founding board members, adults in the community and Youth Advisory Board in a three day symposium. The open-ended process allowed ideas to flow and helped give direction on the look and feel of the exhibits and museum in general. While there were numerous constituents giving input, several common themes were constant: nature, local and culture. Fields hopes to also have local cultures celebrated within an exhibit in the museum. She would like to see the Anishinaabeg culture displayed. “Not only are kids going to be able to get a sense of what it means to be Ojibway but also what it means to have a world view centered around nature,” Fields said. “A core focus of the museum is to provide a nature-based learning experience that allows children to have a fresh perspective on nature. I would be absolutely delighted to see children in our community learn about the Ojibway language and culture in our hands-on environment as an introduction and then learn more as they get older at the Ziibiwing Center.”

The museum received a grant for storytelling. Students will be selected and will learn about the traditional art of storytelling, how to write their own stories, and then will present them throughout the community. Fields explained that the involvement of children from every part of community is crucial and is hopeful that there are students who are Tribal Members who might participate. Simply call the MPDM office at 989-317-3221 if you know of an elementary-middle school student who might have an interest. Having the SCIT community involved in the storytelling group, the Youth Advisory Board, and other areas of the museum is important to the board. “There are so many opportunities for us to partner with the Tribe, and I am hopeful that will happen,” Fields said.

Located inside of the Music Fusion Room are instruments made out of common items such as pots and pans and even a xylophone made of out different sized wrenches. The room was designed to explore the different mechanics of music and also try out different instruments.
Up to $153,000 in cash and prizes including a trip to New Orleans!

Saturdays, February 9, 16 & 23

Mardi Gras is coming to Mid-Michigan! Certified Hot™ Club Members: be here for our hourly drawings from 6PM-11PM when you’ll have a chance to win great prizes like 500 Comp Dollars, up to $1,000 in Premium Play, up to $4,000 in cash and even a trip for two to the Big Easy! It’s “Money Masquerade”—February 9, 16 & 23—only at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Certified Hot™ Club Members receive FREE daily entries now through February 23, PLUS 5x entries Tuesdays, February 5, 12 and 19.

Win up to $67,000 in Premium Play and Hawaiian Vacations!

Fridays in February

Players Club Members: Join us this February when you could win one of two Hawaiian Vacations to Turtle Bay Resort. Be here every Friday for our hourly drawings from 12PM to 9PM. You’ll have a chance to be randomly selected to win up to $1,000 in Premium Play, PLUS 200 extra entries to our Grand Prize Drawing, Friday, February 22 at 10PM, when you could win up to $3,000 in Premium Play or one of two Hawaiian Vacations for two including airfare, hotel, car rental, luggage set and $1,000 in cash!
 appropriated their renewal of expiring, Mutual of Omaha the three year rate guarantee tentence, the Tribe has experi- program’s initial three exis- regardless of health status, at Tribal Members to participate, program allowed all eligible Life Insurance Program. This Richard H. Pratt, founder of instrument of the final solution unwrap them for me. of the elders who first blessed the handcuffs. Andy Girty, one to allow a public viewing of the handcuffs for the first time. Today Media Network website being republished with permis- Hogan has witnessed scores of the handcuffs remaining in storage for several years. I had heard rumors about the existence of the handcuffs during visits to Haskell over the years. I was told by former Haskell students and faculty that the handcuffs are an integral part of Haskell’s history, and that they still convey the horror of the Man.” This mind-set led to decades of forced acculturation through brutal military-style incarceration cloaked as education in U.S. Indian boarding schools. Although began as a model for assimilation, native students were subject to the harsh treatment of early Indian students at Haskell, the handcuffs were simply too painful to be addressed, opined Rahder. She says elders blessed the handcuffs and instructed him to put them away. She did as she was told, trusting that the handcuffs’ humility would one day decide on the appropriate treatment of this powerful artifact. The handcuffs languished in the archives of the center until this past summer. As word of the handcuffs began to leak out over the past few years, students and faculty began discussing the impor- tance of acknowledging their presence and putting them on display. For whatever reason, no one at the school has been willing to take the lead in handling of this powerful artifact, but with the approval of Haskell administration, Girty agreed to unwrap them for ICTMN. For Lackey the handcuffs are a tangible example of the pain- ful history between Native peo- ple and the U.S. “The history of our genocide has been swept under the rug by the mainstream. ‘People need to see the impact that these policies had on us,” she says. According to Girty, who was a student at Haskell in 1959, there are many stories of the brutal means used by authori- ties to bring and keep students at school in its early days. For instance, reservation authori- ties would hold back Native families’ food rations if they refused to allow children to be sent to early boarding schools, he noted. “If those handcuffs could talk, they would tell some terrible stories,” he says. Steve Pru, speaker for Haskell’s administration, says there are no immediate plans regarding how the handcuffs will be presented to the public, nor how they will be displayed. He agrees with stu- dents that the handcuffs are an appropriate item to be included in displays of other Haskell artifacts at the Cultural Center. “It’s good to have these sorts of things on display in the Cultural Center,” he says, “They tell the story of who paid the price for us to be here now.”

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Contact Brady Pelcher in the Benefits Department at 989-755-5618. There will be an oppor- tunity for those who do not currently have life insur- ance to sign up coming soon. Medical insurance will still be through Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
The Wigwam has sheltered our ancestors from storms and bad weather since the dawn of time. The wigwam has witnessed the hardships our people have had to endure not only through the hands of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.

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WHERE ON THE REZ?

Do You Know Where This Is?

Answer the puzzle correctly by 2/15/13 through e-mail or telephone.

Two Winners will receive a Tubby’s Gift Certificate!

Submit Answers To: dcantu@sagchip.org or telephone.

Age:
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Katelyn Pelcher
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Fun & Games

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Comments or Feedback Can be Sent To: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

Dear WW: I just started to date again after being single for a while now. My marriage ended in a disaster so to say the least, dating and gaining trust is not easy. I really, really like a colleague of mine. I mean, I am head over heels for him. He always compliments me and pays special attention to me and that feels so good and is something that I haven’t had in a long time. The problem is that I keep thinking he feels the same but he always reminds me that it really can’t go any further. The more he says this the more I want to be with him. It’s confusing and he is very hard to read. Not sure if I should back out now or wait and see if he will come around. *Tortured!*

Dear WW: Is not easy to admit but my wife got so upset with me a couple of days ago that she actually bailed out and hit me—hard! Although I wanted to hit her back, I didn’t and was so shocked, that I just left the house for a while. I couldn’t see calling the cops and having her go to jail. Not to mention I would be the one bailing her out. The kids did not witness this but did hear the hollering back and forth. She is not usually like this but has thrown things at me in the past. She told me it won’t happen again but I’m not so sure I believe her. How should I handle this in the future? *Abused!*

Dear Abused: She may have every “intention” of not doing it again but who is to say it won’t? It doesn’t matter if you are a male and she is a female. Abuse is abuse and she should not be excused from the consequences. So she went to throwing things at you to now actually hitting you. Makes me think that her behavioral is escalating. I hope it doesn’t happen again to you or anyone but we have to face reality here. The reality is that abusers have to pay the price for their behavioral. If that means calling the police and going to jail, then so be it. She does not get to pass and just ask for his presence at a nice candle lit dinner. There is nothing wrong with buying him flowers for Valentine’s Day to spark up our faltering relationship. Not sure how to go about it. *No Heartbeat*

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Tribal Observer Coloring Contest

This Is Your Time to Show Us What You Got!

Color your way to win one of three Toys R Us Gift Cards. We will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from different age categories. The age categories will be 2-5, 6-9 and 10-12. Please mail your coloring page back to the Tribal Observer by 2/15/13. A panel of four judges will review the colorings and pick the three winners.

Tribal Observer employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to enter the contest.
The bitter cold weather of January didn’t stop the record number of people from showing up. What a great event it was! Not only was it a pleasure to see the adorable babies, you will get some great hot food like mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, delicious sloppy joe sandwiches, and even desert.

With the generous donations of prizes, parents could walk away with car seats, strollers, or pack ‘n play cribs. With the way things are today with economic times it is a blessing to have an event like the baby celebration.

Guest speaker, Deborah Peterson, Nimkée Public Health Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker, spoke about the programs that Nimkée Public Health offers. This includes breast feeding, talking circle and the teachings of the umbilical cord pouch. For some people in today’s world, it may seem a little out of the ordinary to save your baby’s umbilical cord or even make a pouch to place it in, but this is something that our ancestors have been doing for generations. There are many different teachings and reasons why people save their baby’s umbilical cord. The part of the baby’s umbilical cord that they use is left on the baby after it has been clamped and cut. It eventually falls off the baby after a few weeks. It’s been said that men and females would carry the pouch that held their baby’s umbilical cord. It could be said that it serves as a reminder of their connection to their children. The pouch can be many different styles, as there really isn’t one way to do it.

Another very knowledgeable guest speaker was Tribal Council Chaplin Steve Pego. Pego talked about how important parents are in being the teacher to their children. He used this wooden staff and had that he made to share the Ojibwe life journey teaching to the community. The top of the staff had an opening, it was the gateway. Another hole in the staff represented the steps in life for example, being born, the adolescent stage, growing old, and the stage of leaving through the gateway. While he taught the different stages of life, he also reflected on those stages using his own personal experiences to connect with the community.

Without the many volunteers to come forth and help and also the generosity of the various departments for their donations of the wonderful baby prizes for the new parents, the event wouldn’t of have been possible. It is events like this that make the community even stronger.
Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013
In $3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?
The Cobell v. Salazar Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?
The Trust Administration Class includes:
• Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
  ° Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
  ° Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
• The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government’s records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?
You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:
• Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
• Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
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Bunch of us were watching this old school movie this past weekend. It was about this dad that never seemed to have enough time for his family. He was always working and missing important dates like anniversaries, birthdays, etc. At some point in the movie his wife finds out that he is NOT the person she thought he was. Their life together was built on nothing but lies. Where he worked, why he was so late all the time—everything was a lie. Coincidentally, the movie was titled, True Lies. Such is life.

My friend was expressing concern that her baby just never warmed up to a male friend of hers. The baby wouldn’t go to the guy and whenever he came around the baby hid by his mother. I do believe kids are awesome this way. They don’t have to talk to a person to know if they are bad or good. Children have a sixth sense about it. Don’t force a friendship because maybe that child knows something you don’t. Sometime later she came to find out that her “friend” was a sex offender. Just so you know, people will not tell you that they are on that list. You have to find out for yourself and hopefully it is not because of an incident.

You read all the time about offenders volunteering to be leaders for the Boy Scouts or the whole scandal with the priests in the Catholic Church. My point being—they will find a way to get you to trust them with your most precious cargo. They will volunteer to babysit or will find some way to come to your rescue and “help” you with your kids. I know it’s hard when someone comes into your life and the life of your family and he or she isn’t the person they presented themselves to be. In this day and age you practically have to run a background check on people if you are going to let them in your life to be sure they aren’t wanted for murder or something more harrowing. Crimes against children are especially heinous.

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SCIT Afterschool Program Turns New Year’s Nutrition Resolution into Reality

Christina Flamand is in charge of making sure the afterschool students receive healthy snacks.

The MyPlate method is a new government change to how nutrition is to be viewed and executed. It is the official USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) approved methodologies on how to create a healthy meal and snack. On their website they explain, “If you feed yourself a healthy meal, then there are tips for incorporating more of a specific food group into meals (e.g. adding veggies into a pasta sauce or including a salad with the meal).” Under the nutrition program they are fatter and better behaved,” Gig said.

“I try to introduce new and healthy choices in a fun way.” Previously, the children were served more processed, convenience foods that were sure to be popular and easy choices. This is often the story for most children; however, pizza does not necessarily give optimal nutrition. The challenge is finding someone willing to take the time to make healthy snacks. Which is where Gig has stepped up to become a recognized asset to the K-6 program. Cutting up the food into different shapes and sizes is a quick and easy way that Gig has aided in the successful transition of the program.

Thanks to a new grant, provided by the Inter-tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., the afterschool nutrition program has been revamped and now has to adhere to stricter healthy food guidelines. The report requires the program to keep track of the types of snacks that are being served to students, as well as any report changes made to the snack policies. The SCIT Parks & Recreation department can proudly say that they have made a tremendous amount of positive changes to the nutrition and snacking policies. Not only have there been changes to policies, but in the overall style of operation displayed and exhibited by the children themselves.

The SCIT afterschool meal program has become a highlight for many of the students in the program. Second grader, Kayden Weekley said, “It’s sooo good!” when asked about the snacks. He added, “Pineapple is one of my favorites!” Many students are not only enjoying the meal itself, but are acknowledging that fruits and vegetables can, in fact, be very tasty. Students are, to what I’m sure would be a surprise to many people, asking for more vegetables during the meals. Fruit salads mixed with some marshmallows or cucumbers with veggie dip has become some of the most popular dishes in the program.

Kids are growing up and often very hungry. They have smaller stomachs and need to eat more often than three main meal times like adults tend to adhere to. Another issue that after school snacks address is the relatively early timing of most school lunch hours. Block scheduling lunch hours can begin as early as 11 a.m., even though the kids don’t arrive to the program until mid afternoon. Resulting in many hungry children by the time they reach their afterschool destination, whether that is the SCIT Parks & Recreation Program or home.

Van Cise explained why healthy afterschool snacks are so important for kids.

“When children are not fed properly they are going to more easily get tired, grumpy, and lose focus,” Van Cise said. “If food is prepared by someone, the children will eat it. If the children are left to make their own choices, they will make the easier, quick choice, which in many cases, will be pop or chips.” Once the kids are shown what types of food are healthy, it is then up to the provider of the food, to demonstrate that these healthier alternatives can be delicious and fun. This is exactly what Gig has already begun to accomplish in just a few short weeks in the new snack program.

Van Cise warns that by cutting calories is the most effective if it’s the last step of establishing a healthy lifestyle – not the first. So when feeding children it is important to make sure they are well fed, just with healthier choices.

“Cutting out too much food from meals can be more detrimental than helpful if not done properly,” Van Cise said. “This can lead to extreme hunger, resultant overeating, and/or binging.” Interactive examples displayed on the choosemyplate.org website detail how much food we could eat and still be within a healthy limit, to avoid hunger pains.

Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl explained how one of the other hurdles the young program attempts to combat during the afterschool program. “Advertisements and television in general, are going to have a large impact on the kids when it comes to nutrition and behavior,” Ekdahl said. “This program is aspiring to teach kids to make better choices during meal and play time.”

Ekdahl further mentioned that in just over a year the program has made great strides in becoming more structured so that the kids are engaging in regulated activities instead of free play. This ensures that the children are getting a healthy amount of age appropriate exercise and nutrition. This is exactly what young growing children need during such critical developmental stages.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of December: Dylan Christy, Mariana Mays, Maya Ryan, Robert Saunders, Konin Kripa, Kaitlyn Bartru, Takoda Shawnow, Sara Saunders, and Eli Marin.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of February: Kadenn Rose, Donna Wiltse, Tavio Agasto, Nevaeh Badger, Mahalya Freeman, Jonathan Davis, Cise said. “This can lead to extreme hunger, resultant overeating, and/ or binging.” Interactive examples displayed on the choosemyplate.org website detail how much food we could eat and still be within a healthy limit, to avoid hunger pains.

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SCTC STUDENTS

Facts & Figures

Student Body Profile, AY 2011/2012
Enrollment (headcount).............................. 194
Student Full-Time equivalency (FTE)...179.33
(FTE calculated a 12 credit hours)
Gender: 66 (34%) Male, 128 (66%) Female
American Indian or Alaskan Native..... 83.5%
SCTC..................................................... 105 (54%)
Other ancestry....................................... 89 (46%)
Graduates............................................. 11

Associate of Arts ~ Native American Studies
• Renata Borton
• Brenda Walker
• Misty Bailey
• Tiffany Bailey
• Linda Hudak
• Joseph Ibara
• Theresa Jackson
• Nicole Nedwash
• Tracy Pigeon

Associate of Arts ~ Business
• Jessica McClain
• Casey Smith

Dean’s List – (Full time students w/3.5 - 3.99 g.p.a.)
• Joseph Ibara (FA11),
• Janelle Jackson (F11),
• Shannon Prill (FA11),
• Annette Saboo-Rogers (FA11, & SP12),
• Mark Vasquez (FA11),
• Brenda Walker (FA11),
• Anthony Quiroga (SP12),
• Van York Shawboose (SP12)

President’s List – (Full time students w/4.0 g.p.a.)
• Russell Menefee (FA11),
• Debbie Morales (FA11),
• Jennifer Sny (FA11),
• Amanda Tupuola (SP12)

In remembrance of our ancestors, who guided their lives by the finest of principles, the cultural values of caring, sharing, and always the concern for their children. Their counsel would be...do your best for your children and your children’s children, for that is the way we lived and it was a good way.”

Ben Quigno penned this on June 16, 1986

Photo courtesy of SCTC

SCTC Class of 2012

SCTC Estimated Expenses for AY 2011/2012
• Tuition........................................... $1,400.00
• Fees............................................... $600.00
• Books & Supplies.................  $1,400.00
• Off Campus Room & Board ...... $6,377.00
• Off Campus Other Expenses .... $2,537.00
• Off Campus W/Family Expenses ... $2,537.00
• TOTAL Expense......................... $14,591.00

Message from SCTC President Sineway

Boozhoo,

The 2011/2012 academic year was a time of convergence, renewal, and growth. The academic year began with a change in administration and governance; this change was challenging but not overwhelming. Most importantly, this new challenge was greeted with determined drive by Board of Regents, staff, faculty, and students.

The 2011/2012 academic year at SCTC was also infused with many modifications. Most notably, there was staffing of new key positions that have added much needed structure to the Tribal College. The 2011/2012 academic year was also a time of self-reflection as the self-study report for the continued accreditation of SCTC was a major emphasis. These were two important accomplishments to the continual fortification of the future of SCTC.

Important connections between SCTC and the community were initiated in 2011/2012 and continue to be essential links in providing service to the community.

SCTC has adopted a simple catch phrase that utilizes our acronym, “SCTC – a Smart Choice in a Transforming Community.” It is always a smart choice to begin at home. We at SCTC strive to offer classes/workshops to you, our family, in a nurturing environment. SCTC would like to be instrumental in transforming the quality of life within our community by providing exceptional educational opportunities.

As SCTC President, I look forward to the continued growth at an even greater momentum in service and facilities. The educational career of each SCTC student is on a bright path.

Miigwech!
Soaring Eagle Casino Resort knows how to celebrate the holiday season by bringing in the best entertainment in Michigan. Fans packed the Entertainment Hall to catch a glimpse of Bobby Brown and Keith Sweat.

Both Brown and Sweat are veterans of the music industry and have made R&B, New Jack Swing, Hip Hop, Dance Pop, Urban, and Rap popular. Brown started his career off at the early age of nine with the group New Edition with his friend, Michael Bivins, Ricky Bell, Ralph Tresvant, and Ronnie DeVoe. The group produced hits such as, "Candy Girl", "You Keep Dancing", and "On Bended Knee". Brown started his career off with "Every Little Step", with some new music that he sang the song, "Get Up On It". With a nomination under R&B Male Vocalist of the Year, Brown sang the song, "Get Up On It". The song made famous by the group Kut Klose. Sweat also sang his hits, "Make You Sweat", "Make It Last Forever", and "How Deep Is Your Love".

With singing many songs, Sweat brought back the R&B mood with his new single called, "Roni". Brown started to play an upbeat version of the song, "Just Got Paid" made famous by Johnny Kemp. When Sweat mentioned about swaying their arms side to side, everyone in the audience had their hands up swaying them. To help bring the R&B mood back, with the help of his female background singer, both of them sang the song, "Get Up On It". Sweat serenaded them with his song, "I'll Give All My Love to You". His other hits, "I Wanna", "(There You Go) Tellin' Me No Again", "Twisted", and "Nobody" helped end the exciting show.

Rising Country Star Easton Corbin Brings Out the Country in Everyone

Easton Corbin made many of the audience kick up their heels as he performed his new single "Lovin' You Is Fun". When Corbin mentioned about seeing all of his fans wanting the show to go on. Sweat set the mood with his R&B hits.

With his success taking off, Corbin had back to back number one singles. This has not happened in the country scene in over 17 years.

With a nomination under his belt of Top newest Country Artist in 2010, Corbin was making his presence known.

His hit song, "Roll With It" shot to number six on the charts and was also the Hot Country Song of the year. He ranked in at number nine between Blake Shelton and Tim McGraw on the Billboard's list of Top Country Male Artists. In 2010, he won three American Country Awards.

Corbin was the opening acts for other popular musicians such as Rascal Flatts, Brad Paisley and Blake Shelton.

The Entertainment Hall was full of eager fans waiting to see Corbin, a country music star in the making. The atmosphere in the Entertainment Hall had the sense of a down home event, and even some of his fans showed up in their best western gear with cowboy hats included.

With all of the terrible weather that the media, it's nice just to go out and have a relaxing time. As Corbin walked out on the stage he smiled as he was happy to see all of his fans. He started out with songs from his first album such as, "A Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It". These songs had the audience tapping their feet on the floor. Couples in the audience sang to each other and even got up to dance in the aisles.

Things really slowed down with the song, "I Can't Love You Back". The video for the song, which can be viewed on YouTube, talks about some-one losing somebody they love in an automobile accident and they can't love them back. He also performed the song, "Lovin' You Is Fun" from his newest album, All Over The Road. It is a very catchy song. He also did a beautiful job on a cover of the Gary Allen song, "Watching Airplanes".

Collectively Corbin put on an excellent and entertaining performance on stage.
On Dec. 28 the Soaring Eagle Casino Entertainment Hall held a rock concert for the ages. Vince Neil, best known as the lead vocalist of heavy metal band Motley Crue, was in the house. That wasn’t all. The fans were also treated to one of the biggest rock bands of today, Buckcherry. Vince Neil born and raised in California started singing while he was in high school. After high school he was asked by a friend to join their band, Motley Crue. In 1981 he joined the band and they released their first CD, called Too fast for love. The band ruled the heavy metal airwaves throughout the ’80s. These days Vince is doing his own solo act. A show that has him rocking out some of his own songs like, “You’re Invited (But Your Friend Can’t Come)” from the sound track Encino Man, as well as some of Motley Crue’s hits. With a packed house that night at SECR, Neil came out jamming with songs like, “Wild Side” and “Girls, Girls, Girls” which was the title track from Motley Crue’s Girls, Girls, Girls album. Neil really had the crowd going down memory lane as he sang songs from the early Motley Crue albums, like Shout at the Devil and Dr. Feelgood. Motley Crue’s album, Dr. Feelgood was their biggest selling album. With these songs jamming it had the fans wildly pumping their fists in the air. The highlight moment of the concert was when he sang the Motley Crue mega hit song “Home Sweet Home”. As Neil was singing that song he would walk along the edge of stage, clapping hands and pounding fists with all of his fans. As the house lights turned on in Entertainment Hall, he would pause just for a moment as he held the microphone stand out to the audience to have them sing the song with him. What a great show.

It was time for Buckcherry to hit the stage. This is a big American rock band that started 1995 and has been a popular band ever since. The band released a total of five albums which include Buckcherry, Time Bomb, 15, Black Butterfly All Night Long and the newest one called Confessions. Buckcherry released their song called “Sorry” off their album 15 which became a Billboard Hot 100 top ten hit. If you haven’t seen this band perform live you’re missing a great rock concert that had lots of energy. The show was filled with excitement as a comparison of Mick Jagger and Steven Tyler could be seen in Josh Todd, Lead Vocalist of Buckcherry. This comparison can be explained in the way that he moved around on stage and how compassionate he gets into singing his songs. He is a true artist. Buckcherry performed songs off their albums, Time Bomb, Buckcherry and Black Butterfly. Even when they did a slow song you still can feel the energy in the air. When they did their big hit song called “Sorry” you could see how Todd was really getting into the song. He would stop moving sometimes and you can see how he would get lost in his own thoughts. While he was mesmerized in his thoughts, it brought out a moment where a beautiful picture of him could be taken. It was a Kodak moment. It was at the end of their show that they performed the song, “Crazy B” and everyone in the audience got excited. The beautiful Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino is the only place in Michigan that has all the best shows around. Make sure to check out Soaring Eagle on Twitter and Facebook.
Ninmkee Fitness Center
Group Exercise Schedule February 2013

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Your Questions Answered About Seasonal Influenza (Flu)

Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease that can be prevented or minimized by immunization. It is not the "stomach flu." It is caused by a virus that attacks the nose, throat, and lungs.

What are the symptoms of influenza?
Influenza symptoms come quickly in the form of sore throat, headache, fever, extreme tiredness, dry cough, nasal congestion, and body aches. These symptoms can be severe enough to put you in bed for a number of days. Influenza can be spread from person to person through the air as people cough or sneeze.

How is the flu different from a cold?
A cold generally stays up in the head while the flu affects body aches, fever, chills, runny nose, and extreme fatigue. A person with a cold will usually keep up his or her normal activities. A person with the flu will often feel too sick to go about their normal day-to-day routine.

Who should get a seasonal flu shot this 2012-2013 season?
• All people 6 months of age and older should get the flu vaccine.
• People who are at a higher risk of severe influenza and their close contacts.
• Healthcare personnel.
• Close contacts of children younger than 6 months.

What can you do to protect yourself and others?
• Stay at home from school or work if you have a respiratory infection.
• Avoid exposing yourself to others who are sick with a flu-like illness.
• Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue away.
• If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
• Clean your hands often – with soap and water, or with an alcohol-based, waterless hand sanitizer.
• If you have an infant, don’t expose him or her unnecessarily.
• Keep the crowds down when influenza is in your community. Avoid close contact (hugging, kissing) of the baby with family members who have influenza, fever, muscle aches, runny nose, and cough or other respiratory infections.

Do not share anything that goes into the mouth such as drinking cups and straws.
• Frequently clean all commonly touched surfaces (door knobs, refrigerator handles, cell phones, water faucets) if someone in the house has a cold or flu.
• Don’t smoke.
• Get at least eight hours of sleep a night.

What if You Think You or Your Child Has the Flu?
• Stay at home if you are ill and encourage others to do so as well.
• Rest and drink lots of fluids. This will help your body recover from the infection.
• Antibiotics will not help a viral respiratory infection; the flu because it is caused by a virus, not by bacteria. Anti-viral medicine is an option for some, but not all.
• Call your doctor or clinic about what to do if you are concerned.
• Allow your child’s doctor’s instructions about keeping their fever under control.

Take your child to the doctor or the emergency room if he or she:
• Is breathing rapidly or with difficulty
• Has bluish skin color
• Is not drinking enough and becomes dehydrated
• Is not waking up or interacting with others
• Is so irritable that he or she doesn’t want to be held
• Gets better only to become sicker again, with fever and a more severe cough
• If you are concerned that something does not seem right with your child, call your health care provider.

What about anti-viral medications?
Anti-viral medicines can benefit some individuals in some situations, but there are risks in taking them and serious side effects.

Anti-virals are more often used to help contain influenza outbreaks in settings such as nursery homes or to protect a high-risk person who is in direct contact with someone who has influenza. You must take anti-virals within two days of being exposed to influenza for them to prevent the disease. Talk to your health care provider if you have questions.

When will the seasonal flu shot be available in 2012? This year’s seasonal flu shot includes protection against the 2009 H1N1 flu virus as well as the other two flu viruses. The shot will not give you the flu. For more information on flu, log onto www. cdc.gov, www.cdc.gov/flu, or www.cmdhd.org.


How is the flu shot different from a ‘stomach flu?’ It is caused by a virus, not by bacteria. Anti-viral medicine is an option for some, but not all.

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Writing Poems and Music Allows Marlene Collins to Express Her Spirit  

CARRIE GARCIA  
Interim Editor  

Inspiration comes within as Marlene Collins knows this. While sitting in her two bedroom apartment at Andahwod with her 19 week old hyper puppy, Dakota, Collins writes her poems about situations in life. “I like to write because it expresses my heart, my feelings and my mind brings out a spirit in me,” Collins said. “I want some kind of interest that people don’t understand what you are feeling and what you are talking about.”  

Not only has she written poems, she also had a song titled, “Sweetheart Of My Dreams” which she had taken the lyrics to one of her poems and placed them within the song.  

Her stepfather used to sing a song with the same title to her mother when she was young. She had asked if it has ever been published or if anything has been done with the song and her stepfather said no. “I tried to remember the song the older I got and I just said I would make up my own lyrics,” Collins said.  

With the help of her high school music teacher, they collaborated on a song. “I placed the lyrics in and he would write up the music to it,” Collins said. The song had even gotten copyrighted by the office in Washington D.C. She also had two of her poems copyrighted. “I had asked the teacher if he wanted to get credit for the copyright with me for the song and he said ‘no’,” Collins said. She hopes one day to have the song on the radio.  

In 2013, while sitting in her home, her oldest grandson had a quick claim deed to his home because he couldn’t live alone anymore,” Collins said.  

While Collins looks back at the generations of her family, she reflected, “My mother’s father was in the Army, my uncle Harry was in the Army, my brother Lawrence was an Airplane Mechanic in the Air Force, my brother Michael was in the Navy and my uncle Jerry was in the Army his whole life and passed away in a military hospital. My son Patrick was in the United States Marine Corp.”  

“When I was little Emily would always ask my mother where I was at,” Collins said. Collins mother would speak fluent Anishinabe but never passed the language on. “She taught me things about the Native culture,” Collins said. “I am happy to be back on the reservation and learn the language. I tried to teach my grandchildren things about the culture. It is kind of hard to when you were not taught at a young age.”  

The journey for Collins has not ended. The journey is still going and leading in the right direction for her.  

To make sure to read the March issue of the Tribal Observer to see the next Resident Spotlight.  

Silver and Gold  
By Marlene Collins  

J esus tells us, follow my path for I have no silver or gold, and you will find the true innocence. We may fear or our troubles throughout life’s path. But under the Savior’s hands. He leads us, onward ever never backwards. He tells us to pick up our troubles and walk with Him. For my Father’s law is the true light. This path is straight and only true. I am your steering wheel to my father’s kingdom. Live straight and gold you will hear me. For my Father’s path is clear of heart. Pure of love and truth. For and everlasting, I haven’t silver or gold, in my father’s love and no many limitations. My Father’s law is true and love for and everlasting! For follow my path and you will find me.  

Marlene’s Poem “Silver and Gold” Was Copyrighted  

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TRIBAL ELDER BIRTHDAYS  

1)  Eliza Owl, Naomi Pederson, Bonnie Sprague, Cathy Floyd, Gail Smith  
2)  Debra Mekkili, Roger Amba Jr., Carl Pelcher, Robert Shawboose  
3)  Mark Martin, Joie Glaze, Robin Martin, Martha Pavuday, Donna Tomah  
4)  Roland Jackson, Marcia Kessill, Wayne Ritter, Judyth Diller, David Weaver  
5)  Mary Graverrate  
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RHONDA QUIGNO  
Contributing Writer  

I’ve worked for Andahwod for three years. I am loving every moment of it. My Elders really do keep me on my toes. I’ve been working for my Tribe since I was a Summer Youth Worker a very long time now. While I was in high school I had the opportunity to work for the Observer. I’ve worked for Seventh Generation as a Youth Coordinator for about three years, became a full time employee for seven years, then I started working in the temp field, wherever I was needed that is where I worked (Administrative Assistant for the Administrator. Tribal Council, the Sowmwick Senior Center, before it was Andahwod), and then I worked for Human Resources for two years, and now here I am. I have three kids, 14-year old Audhiva, 12-year old Ben, and 10-year old Simon. Being a full time mom and a full time employee are my greatest accomplishments. I watch cartoons with my boys, talk about boys with my daughter, and talk about my kids with my Elders. My kids are my hobbies, whatever they’re doing, I’m doing. What isn’t there to like about my job? I love the fact that my Elders are all down to earth, the stories they tell of today, yesterday, and I can’t wait to hear what they have to say tomorrow. I love learning from them. They’re my home away from home. The staff aren’t that bad to learn from either. My favorite memory of my parents... they are all favorites. Every single moment that I have with them is something awesome. They’re always there for me and my babies, as well as their other 10 grand babies. My favorite quote is, “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced,” from James Baldwin.
Six Helpful Tips to Save Money and Better Manage Finances

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer

In a December meeting with Tribal Council the Elder Advisory Board expressed concerns for elder members who have come across financial difficulties. The first tip was to begin assisting elders with financial educational programs and workshops. Andahwood in conjunction with the Housing Department will be hosting a financial workshop in March at Andahwood specifically for elders but others are also welcome to attend.

Beginning this month we will be providing helpful tips and educational information in the elder section of the Tribal Observer. We hope this information will teach elders how to stretch their money further and lead to better financial security.

This month we will be providing information on ways to save and find extra money. With the ease and convenience of using credit cards and online banking people often forget to look where their money goes. Here are a few tips to find more money and save on fees:

1. Pay all bills on-time. Most companies have started to look where their money goes. Of using credit cards and online shopping in March at Andahwod Observer. We hope this information will teach elders how to manage their money further and lead to better financial security.

2. Avoid taking out a loan or shop for the best interest rate. All companies who lend money charge interest, they are in the business of making money and they make money by charging you interest. Some companies charge as low as six percent while some lenders such as the fast cash companies charge over 100 percent interest. The higher the percentage they charge the more money you have to pay back to the lender.

3. Create a sub-account. Most banks will create a sub-account within your bank account for alternative savings projects. They can be for the much needed vacation, a new patio or Christmas spending. If you have $20 direct deposited straight to a sub-account each pay period on a bi-weekly check you will have earned $520 plus interest in one year. Add more and the savings will add up. When you have money taken straight out of your check you are less likely to miss it or spend it on an unnecessary item.

4. Sell gold and silver that is no longer needed. Currently gold, silver, and other metals are at their highest value. Selling an old ring or scrap metal left in the back shed can add extra money to your pocket. Remember to shop for the best deal, all purchasers of gold will offer rates well below current rates so individuals need to find the better deal.

5. Track your expenses. Many individuals are unaware of their spending often spending more than they earn, this is made much easier when credit cards allow people to keep purchasing items on credit. Having a good understanding of expenses, and day-to-day spending individuals can see exactly where the money is going. After learning where the money is going it is a good time to eliminate the unnecessary expenses.

6. Eliminate unnecessary expenses. We are often attracted to the biggest, fanciest and most expensive items when we really only need the simple basic packages. Do you need all the premium movie channels, or will one premium channel do? Is the double cream Latte really necessary when a black coffee provides the same morning wake up? Is the old television set really working even though you may want the latest, largest flat screen on the market?

When even one small step to saving money is made you will find a little extra cash and it will be easier to make additional savings steps. Soon your small coin jar will be overflowing. For more information on money tips check out the website we used in preparing the information above. Information was taken from www.aarp.org/money and www.suzeorman.com/suze-tools.

Are You Thinking About Volunteering?

Helping yourself while helping others is a great thing to do; volunteering has surprising benefits for people of all ages, especially our senior citizens.

• Volunteering connects us to others, allowing us to connect to our community and make it a better place.

• Volunteering helps you make new friends and contacts, exposing us to people with common interests.

• Volunteering allows the opportunity to practice and develop our social and relationship skills.

• Volunteering increases our self-confidence, doing good for others and the community, thus providing a natural sense of accomplishment.

• Volunteering combats depression, decreasing social isolation.

• Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. Research indicates those that volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who don’t.

Tips for Getting Started:

Ask yourself if there is something specific you want to accomplish. Make it a better place to live. Meet new people. Occupy spare time.

Locating Volunteer Opportunities:

Community theatres, Libraries, Youth organizations, After school programs, Places of worship.

Getting the Most from the Volunteer Experience:

Ask questions. Make sure you know what is expected of you.

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Better Manage Finances

Calendrier des événements

February 2 Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am
February 3 Celebrate the Big Football Game at the waterpark this year! BOGO waterpark 1/2 day or all-day pass.
February 6 Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am. Balloon twisting with Jewls the clown
February 8 President's Day, BOGO Waterpark 1/2 day pass
February 10 Valentines kids craft, 9-11am (while supplies last)
February 14 BOGO Waterpark 1/2 day pass
February 16 Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am. Balloon twisting with Jewls the clown
February 18 President's Day, BOGO Waterpark 1/2 day pass
February 20 Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am. Balloon twisting with Jewls the clown
February 22 Acoustic music in Nbakade Restaurant, 7-11pm
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Gas and Lodging

Book a 2-Night Consecutive Stay at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel OR a 3-Night Consecutive Stay at the Green Suites

Some restrictions may apply. Subject to availability.
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NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CANDICE M. ASHUM: The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 12-CI-1088. Plaintiff: Saginaw Chippewa Federal Credit Union, 412 W. Moccasin Ln., Ste. 1 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-5070. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff’s complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff’s complaint. This summons expires May 1, 2013.

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100 Employment

Pharmacist
Open to the public. Must be a M.D. or a D.O. licensed by the State of Michigan or by the State of Michigan prior to date of hire. Applicant must pass a drug screen and background check. Must maintain Michigan Board of Pharmacy Subscribed Substance License and Federal Control Subscribed Substance Registration through the US Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Must maintain up to date DEA registration or be grandfathered to allow GCC to enter the necessary records. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Applicant must be licensed or be eligible to become licensed by the State of Michigan prior to date of hire. Applicant must be 18 years or older upon hire. Applicants not licensed must complete a fingerprint/background check. Must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, and be able to identify, recommend, de- velop, implement, and support cost-effective organization/technology solutions.

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With Jack Frost nipping at your nose and Kermit’s pond frozen over, the excitement of the holidays are over and as the days are short and nights are long… are you having the winter blues? It’s time to scrape off all the ice from your car window and shake off your winter blues by heading down to the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building. That’s what a lot of people did on Jan. 23. Why? Because the Youth Task Force (YTF) held their first Winter Blues Bingo. This event was formerly called Family Christmas Bingo but unfortunately it was canceled due to the weather last month.

There is nothing like beating the winter blues by playing some bingo with family and friends. The Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building was packed that night with bingo players and their families. They were ready to throw down some daubers for some great prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

The sounds of laughter filled the air at the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building and the aroma of delicious food hit you, as you walked through the door. First things first, it was time to fill our belly with some hot food. They provided the family with hot chili, chicken soup and some delicious sub sandwiches. The Youth Council did their part, as they helped serve food to the elders, verified bingo games, and helped clean up. Guest speaker, Behavioral Health Clinical Therapist, Arthur Cicalo, talked about depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) symptoms and how you can fight it. This shows why it is beneficial, having a group like YTF to help get the word out with problems like SAD.

The Youth Task Force was founded in 1997. Their mission is to unite community members and tribal departments for the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional well-being of our youth by challenging people to be more passionate about community life and more active in supporting our youth. You can see how the Winter Blues Bingo met that mission. They are providing an activity that is great for the entire family to do together, and the prizes that will be given out are family oriented. Prizes varied from a family movie night with a DVD and popcorn, to a family game night theme with a board game and some healthy snacks. YTF wants to encourage families to do things together.

SCIT Behavioral Health helped sponsor the Bingo event. The prizes were donated by Youth Task Force, Youth Council, Soaring Eagle Waterpark, SCIT Public Relations, Behavioral Health and Andahwod. Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) helped make the baskets. The YTF are always looking for volunteers in the community as well as employees of the tribe. The YTF meets on the first Monday of every month at 8:30 a.m. in the Nimkee Public Health kitchen.

Guest Speaker Arthur Cicalo talks about Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

I almost got a bingo just two more to go.

Young bingo player plans out the next move.

Misheka Vasquez wonders if he is going to win this one.

John Johnson helps call out the winning bingo numbers.