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Seven incumbents retain seats on the 2013-2015 Tribal Council

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

At the Nov. 5 General Election, the Tribal membership of District One, Two and Three made their voices heard as seven incumbents retained their seats on Tribal Council for the 2013-2015 term.

Incumbents returning to serve another two-year term in District One were top vote getters; Lindy Hunt (290), Julius Peters (239), Delmar Jackson Sr. (226), Lorna Kahgegab Call (214) and Steven Pego (211).

Rounding out the field of ten in District One were three serving their first Council term. Sandra Sprague (246), Jennifer Wassegijig (229) and Chip Neyome (228) placed second, fourth and fifth, respectively. The other two remaining seats were filled by previous Council members, former Tribal Chief Tim Davis (217) and returning Council member Shelly Foster Bailey (214).

Out of the 1,072 registered District One voters, 546 came

out to the Isabella polling station (50.93 percent). In contrast, more voters came out for the Oct. 8 primary (576 voters for 55.87 percent).

In District Two, incumbent Ronald Nelson retained his seat as he ran unopposed.

In District Three, 504 of the 1,460 registered voters (34.52 percent) cast their ballots for winning incumbent Michele Stanley (281) and challenger Frank Cloutier (223).

"I would like to thank all the Caucus Committee Members for their hard work and dedication at the 2013 General Election and to Tribal Clerk Carol Emmendorfer and all her staff for their help," Caucus Committee Chair Alice Jo Ricketts said. "Again, we have witnessed a huge turnout and our Tribal Members have spoken. Good luck to all our newly seated Council members and to those who will continue their leadership within our Tribal Nation."

Gary Thompson, who provided oversight through his Albuquerque-based Automated

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2013 General Election

District One Results

Lindy Hunt 290	Delmar Jackson Sr. 226
Sandra L. Sprague 246	Timothy J. Davis 217
Julius Simon Peters 239	Shelly (Foster) Bailey 214
Jennifer Vasquez Wassegijig 229	Lorna Kahgegab Call 214
Chip Anthony Neyome 228	Steven Pego 211

District Two Results

Michele Stanley 281

District Three Results

Ronald Nelson 16

Election Services, congratulated all involved for a well-managed election.

"It's important to have election board members with in-depth knowledge of the election ordinance and take decisive and appropriate action when required," Thompson said. "I witnessed quick and appropriate (per election ordinance) action and all issues were resolved while the voter

was present. This should be the "norm" with any election but in my experience I have not seen a board as knowledgeable with their own election ordinance as the Sag-Chips... great teamwork if you ask me."

The Council-elect is slated for a Tuesday, Dec. 3 swearing in by Tribal Senior Judge Patrick Shannon in the Tribal Operations Seniors room at 9 a.m.

SCIT Judge Shannon issues decision and order on disenrollment

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Oct. 31, a decision and order on disenrollment was issued through the Tribal Community Court Civil Division by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Senior Judge Patrick Shannon.

The case of *SCIT vs. Allen, Gross, Hinmon and Pamame* was sent back to Judge Shannon after the Tribal Appellate Court's ruled that Tribal members enrolled during the Constitution's open enrollment period must have lineally trace to a base roll. The Appellate Court ruled that the enrollment of Tribal members who did not lineally trace under open enrollment was a mistake and therefore disenrollment was proper under those circumstances.

After the decision of the Appellate Court, the Allen, Gross, Hinmon and Pamame group argued that they should be sent back to the Office of

Administrative Hearings for further proceedings. Tribal Court Judge Shanon disagreed however, and their case was then sent to the Tribal Certifier for final action on their membership.

The decision was read with much anticipation by a capacity crowd that came from both sides of the disenrollment issue. In the Tribal Court's Decision and Order obtained by the *Tribal Observer*, Judge Shannon cites, "for the reasons stated above, this Court reverses the OAH's order in all the above entitled cases in favor of the Appellant (SCIT) Tribe. The Appellees' (Allen, Gross, Hinmon and Pamame) request to remand these matters to the OAH for further review is denied.

Much speculation started to surface in both mainstream and social media. In fact, in a Nov. 4 article, the Mt. Pleasant local newspaper, Morning Sun, had itself erroneously reported that 400 could face disenrollment.

In a prepared statement, Tribal Legal Counsel informs, "The Tribe has no knowledge or information that could substantiate that number. It is irresponsible for the Morning Sun to print information based solely on speculation without any factual basis. As a matter of fact, the decision by the Tribal Court in the matter of *SCIT vs. Allen, Gross, Hinmon and Pamame*

involved the disenrollment proceedings of approximately 50 Tribal members. The only other ongoing disenrollment proceedings are at the Office of Administrative Hearings and involve a total of four members."

At press time, those members facing disenrollment are looking at all possible legal recourse available while the Tribe is reserving comment on pending litigation.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Living members as of Nov. 13, 2013

District	Female	Male	Total
One	837	845	1682
Two	31	28	59
Three	1039	953	1992
Total	1907	1826	3733



Diana Lynn Strong Dec. 30, 1952 - Oct. 27, 2013

Diana Lynn Strong, age 60, of Riverdale, Mich. passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alma, Mich.

Funeral Services for Diana were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, with Rev. Robert Pego officiating. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Diana was born on Dec. 30, 1952 in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. The daughter of William Travis and Jenny (Pontiac) Strong, Diane was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and enjoyed friends, music, freedom of life and family.

Diana is survived by her daughter, Jamie (Bradley Reed) VonHoff of Aurora, Ill.; siblings, Linda Ritter, Myra (Don) Carr, Sara (David) Martin and Marlin (Anna) Strong, all of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Diana was preceded in death by her son, William Travis Shourd; parents; brothers, Eugene and Glendale "Lazy" Strong; and sister, Gloria Merrill.

Virginia A. Abdullah March 6, 1938 - Nov. 4, 2013

Virginia A. Abdullah, age 75. Beloved wife of Richard, dear mother of Bret (Holly), Todd (Kim) and Richard (Denise). Grandmother of Jessica, Jeffrey, Silas, Paul, Adam and Kassim. Sister of the late Mary and Sharon. Sister-in-law of Kenneth Tancock.



Visitation and Funeral Service was held at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home in Garden City, Mich. Family suggest memorials to the Salvation Army.

Tribal Member Loan Schedule for December/Holidays 2013

Holiday season is approaching and this schedule will be utilized for loan payments. Tribal Council has approved this in hopes of easing cost during this shopping holiday.

Loan payments will be deferred for the month of December. No payments will be deducted from Per Capita checks during December 2013, excluding Hardship Loans.

- Applications for loans before Nov. 14 will get a check on Nov. 21, 2013.
- Applicants applying between Nov. 15 and Nov. 27 will receive a check Dec. 6, 2013.
- Applications received Dec. 2 thru Dec. 5, 2013 will receive a check on Dec. 12.
- Applications received Dec. 6 thru Dec. 12, 2013 will receive a check on Dec. 19, 2013.
- Applications for loans Dec. 13, 2013 thru Jan. 2, 2014 will receive checks on Jan. 9, 2014.

The Per Capita Department wishes the community a very blessed Christmas season and a joyful New Year! Miigwetch!

The Per Capita Department

In Loving Memory of Richard Davis

In Loving Memory of Richard Davis who went away two years ago, Dec. 20, 2011. December brings sad memories and the Holidays are not the same. Our hearts ache with sadness we'll feel our whole lives through. A million times we need you, a million times we cried. If our love could have saved you, you never would have died. Everyone keeps telling us that it will get better, but it doesn't. The hurt, the grief, the whys, are still with us, and at times, unbearable. When God took you away, part of me went with you, you didn't go alone. In our hearts and life you hold a place no one else can ever fill. We send to you our love and I promise I will be with you someday hopefully soon. I love you and miss you. Love Connie, Children: Buzz, Casey & Lil Man Grandchildren: Brandy, David, Jonathan, Jasmine, Lil Richard, Miles & Clayton.



Two Spirit/Straight Alliance

Deadline:
Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013

Prizes:
First and Second place

Turn in entries to:
Consuelo J. Gonzalez
LEAD Youth & Family
Recreation Specialist or
email: cgonzalez@sagchip.org

This is a support group for Two Spirited People and their families, friends, allies and supporters.

LOGO CONTEST

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

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

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

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Display Your Hunting Trophy!

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

Deadline: December 13

2014 SCIT

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\$300 Per Membership

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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

The ACFS Foster Care Program

will be hosting a

MOM2MOM Sale

in February 2014

Contact Angela M. Gonzalez for more information
989.775.4906 or email: AngGonzalez@sagchip.org

Christmas

Unity Service

"The Real Christmas Story"

Friday Dec. 13, 2013 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
Free meal following the service

Check out the

Tribal Observer

ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Attention Tribal Members

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society Board of Directors needs to fill a 2-year term vacancy. Please submit a letter of interest and resume to:

Shannon Martin
6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858
or email smartin@sagchip.org

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SCIT gives \$2.8 million through Isabella and Saganing two percent distributions

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Nov. 21, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council announces the annual two percent distribution amounts for Isabella, Arenac and Northern Bay County for the fall 2013 cycle. Isabella County and surrounding local units of government will be sharing revenues totaling \$1,426,109.84 with public schools sharing revenues in the amount of \$767,905.30. Arenac and

Northern Bay County will have \$484,684.42 to share while the local public schools will share \$202,811.21.

Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier mentions this semi-annual distribution brought 354 requests in Isabella County along with the public schools totaling more than \$10,432,880.93. Arenac and Northern Bay County requests combined with educational requests totaled 105 for an amount of \$2,326,798.15, making the

grand total for all requests received 12,759,679.08.

To date, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has distributed \$222,819,245.92 in revenues to local units of government and public schools.

“That amount is truly a great example of giving back to the community,” said Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. “When you look at it, it is almost a quarter billion dollars into the Michigan economy that wasn’t there before our Tribe

began giving two percent distributions since 1993.”

The Isabella press conference took a reflective turn when Tribal Mide’ Elder and Tribal Council Chaplain Steve Pego offered

a sincere prayer to the family and friends of Monica Anderson who walked on to the Creator Nov. 19.

“It hurts the whole community to lose a member regardless of what Tribe we

come from,” Pego reflects. “The Saginaw Chippewas and Grand Traverse Band of Odawa’s are connected and we send our blessings to her family and friends to help her on her journey.”

Two Percent Distribution Fall 2013

Isabella Totals

- Isabella County: \$763,080.94
- City of Mt. Pleasant: \$420,000
- Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Ed: \$14,344.66
- Chippewa Township: \$15,489.73
- Deerfield Township: \$10,000
- Denver Township: \$10,000
- Isabella Township: \$10,000
- Nottawa Township: \$10,000
- Wise Township: \$11,950
- Union Township: \$131,244.51
- Village of Shepherd: \$30,000

- Beal City Public Schools: \$17,205
- Chippewa Hills Public School: \$30,490
- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools: \$484,867.30
- Shepherd: \$216,782

Saganing Totals

- Arenac County: \$245,269.50
- City of Au Gres: \$30,000
- City of Omer: \$15,697
- City of Pinconning: \$4,314
- City of Standish: \$10,000
- Arenac Township: \$1,108.89
- Au Gres Township: \$1,908.89
- Deep River Township: \$7,108.89
- Lincoln Township: \$4,608.89
- Mason Township: \$1,108.89
- Pinconning Township: \$89,723.89
- Sims Township: \$1,108.89
- Standish Township: \$10,608.89
- Turner Township: \$11,108.89
- Whitney Township: \$1,108.91
- Village of Twining: \$49,900

- Arenac Eastern School District: \$76,875.32
- Au Gres-Sims School District: \$41,148.08
- Pinconning Area Schools: \$43,014.34
- Standish-Sterling School District: \$41,773.47



Kathie Grinzinger
Mt. Pleasant City Manager

“I had an opportunity to first work with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe when I worked for the U.S. House of Representatives and worked directly with Chief Arnold Sowmick to draft legislation that allowed the Tribe to have a greater voice and investment into their own future. When working through the Cobell fishing rights dispute, I learned how committed Tribal leadership is to their membership and the future of their community and their environment. As a City Manager and as an administrator, I want to commend you on your effort to hold our communities together and to provide us with funding; opportunity and programs that we would not otherwise have that have benefited many of our residents and the greater community. I have been honored to work with your leaders and the Tribal community... thank you very much.”



Russ Alwood
Union Township Supervisor

“I do want to thank Tribal Council and Frank for what they do for the community. I have been a Union Township Supervisor for a very short time but I think we have a great plan with the two allocations we received from the Tribe. This money will assist projects on Deerfield Road and the start of a walking trail near the student population along with assisting the East Broadway project from Isabella Road to the overpass.”



Tammy Prout
Denver Township Supervisor

“Good morning, Council. I’m here on behalf of Denver Township. We targeted road improvements with our projects over the past year and we were able to do the one mile of improvements along Baseline Road and the Denver Township residents are very happy with that.”



Michael Pung
Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Superintendent

“On behalf of the Board of Education of Mt. Pleasant and the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, I would like to extend my thank you to Tribal Council and Tribal Operations personnel for this generous donation. You can rest assured that it is going to be put to good use. Generally speaking, our grants are primarily centered on technology in the classroom and academics. Without your dollars, we would really be struggling to meet the needs of these programs.”



Claire Bunker
Shepherd Public Schools Superintendent

“Most of our time is spent jumping through legislative hoops... It is so nice to come here and receive money that will go directly to kids and it will do great things for the kids at our school. We at Shepherd Public Schools appreciate how much this means to our programs and we welcome Council to stop in at any time to see how we put this money to work for all our kids.”

4th Annual Christmas Bazaar
"Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene"
6304 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

In "God's Cabin"
December 7, 2013
From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on a donation basis

The Church Youth will also be having a bake sale.

CHRISTMAS
with E'Vann Walker

Friday, Dec. 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym

Everyone is welcome to come hear an encouragement message of God and fellowship with one another.

Happy Birthday
Gary Jr.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, & family

Happy Birthday
Tommy & Johnny
With love
Aunt Kathy & family

Jaquin Cyr
Happy Birthday!
From the family

Bella Rose & Emma Lynn Wing
Born: October 13, 2013
Weight: 4lbs. 5 oz. – 4lbs. 11 oz.

Proud parents Conni Radecki & Buzz Wing
Brother: Dominac Radecki Sister: Brandy Russell
Grandmother: Connie Wing
Grandfathers: The late Bill Sanders and Richard Davis

Happy Birthday
AJ
Love your family

Congratulations
Angelia Shawboose on your first baby!
Skyler Shawboose is her beautiful little baby girl.
Love the Family



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Council Member

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Newly created Youth LEAD Department in motion

JEN CRAWFORD

Contributing Writer

It is with great pleasure and excitement we introduce to you the newly created Youth LEAD Department and staff! The transition of staff into Youth LEAD was effective on Nov. 4, 2013, combining staff from the following departments; Education – K-12 and Higher Education, Behavioral Health, At-Large Youth Coordinator and Parks and Recreation. Youth LEAD became a reality as a result of the need to consolidate and strengthen youth services. Having all of the above mentioned teams under one roof will allow us to collaborate daily, giving us not only strength in numbers, but also creativity and the power to reach more youth on a variety of levels.

Youth LEAD is made up of three teams: Leadership, Activities and Diversion. Our Leadership Team is led by Leadership Manager Deb Smith. Her team will primarily focus on education and enrichment, career development and leadership opportunities for youth and families. Our Activities Team is led by Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl. His team will be providing recreation

and sports-related activities for both youth and families, along with the afterschool program. Our Diversion Team is led by Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez. Her team will focus on community awareness and education regarding unhealthy behaviors, and will be working with at-risk youth and their families to combat issues impacting the success of the community youth such as truancy, substance abuse and other youth offenses.

With the transition just taking place, we are still working to get all staff in place. As we work to get individual telephones and computers situated, please feel free to call Youth LEAD Administrative Assistant Sara Alexander at 989-775-4506, and she can help get you to who you need. Once our department is set, we will send out a directory of all of our staff and their contact information.

We are so excited to serve the youth and families of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and look forward to seeing everyone at our programs and events. We want to know what the community youth and families want and need, so we welcome new (and old) ideas for positive, healthy community activities. Contact any Youth LEAD staff member to share your ideas!



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Youth LEAD Staff pictured left to right; front row: Gail Huber (Youth empowerment aide), Guadalupe Gonzalez (Youth Diversion manager), Ronnie Ekdahl (Youth Activities manager), Deb Smith (Youth Leadership manager), Jen Crawford (Youth LEAD director), Tonia Leareaux (Tribal Administration), Rosanna Romero (Leadership intern). **Back row:** Consuelo Gonzalez (Youth and Family Recreation specialist), Marta Escamilla (Youth Achievement advisor), Luke Sprague (Organized Sports specialist), Raymond Shenoskey (Youth Empowerment aide), John Shelton (Youth Achievement advisor), Charisse Yarch (Youth Achievement advisor), Sara Alexander (Youth LEAD Administrative assistant), Kerry Byberg (Youth Empowerment aide), Kari Klouse (Youth Empowerment aide), Anita Hall (Youth Achievement advisor), Tonya Jackson (Youth Empowerment aide temp), Teresa VanAlstine (Youth Empowerment aide), Colleen Maki (Youth and Family Recreation specialist), Erik Rodriquez (Leadership intern) and Kevin Ricketts (Youth Support coach).

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.



SEWPH October 2013 Employee of the Month

TRACEY KLICH

Contributing Writer

Fran Dysinger has been selected as the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel's Employee of the Month for October. Fran, an administrative assistant II, has been with SEWPH since the opening of the property. She handles part of the bookings for the birthday

parties for families and the cabana rentals. Fran is punctual and is an asset to the SEWPH Marketing Department. She assists the Sales Department with their phone calls and answering questions guests may have. Fran keeps track of gift cards purchased by guests and is sure to mail them within a timely manner for the guests to receive along with other tasks.



Fran Dysinger

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

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Former Congressman Kildee's accomplishments in Indian Country celebrated

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Former U.S. Rep., Dale Kildee, was honored by the Tribal Council for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and other Tribes throughout Michigan for his dedication to helping better the lives of Native Americans in Indian Country.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Kildee's life achievements in Indian Country were celebrated during an invitation-only reception and dinner in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom.

Kildee served the fifth Congressional District and retired last year after working 18 terms in Congress since 1976. During Kildee's time in Congress, he became educated on Indian Country and the injustices Native Americans met. Kildee became one of the House's most vocal advocates for Native American issues. He remained one of the leading experts on the American Indian issues as he was founder of the Congressional Native American Caucus.

Executive Director for United Tribes of Michigan Frank Ettawageshik welcomed



Former Congressman Dale Kildee discusses his achievements and interest in supporting Indian Country.

the guests and sang a song of honor for Kildee. Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. also stated his opening remarks.

Kildee was a newly elected Congressman when he first visited SCIT, Kequom said.

"Those were the days that our community saw measurable growth and a strong momentum toward independence and self-sufficiency," Kequom said. "Mr. Kildee wanted to be a part of that momentum... Kildee began his civil service back in 1965 and was teaching our youth about Native culture... With your assistance and work ethic, we have been able to accomplish many great things for our native communities, not only here in Michigan, but all throughout Indian Country."

Kildee was welcomed to the podium by a standing ovation from everyone in attendance.

"I have always enjoyed placing my feet on the sovereign land of the Saginaw Chippewa," Kildee said. "Dating back to Chief (Willis) Jackson, Chief (Pete) Otto and Chief (Arnold) Sowmick, we have enjoyed direct government to government communication between our nations. With the support of many Michigan Tribes, State Rep. Jackie Vaughn III (D-Detroit) and I moved the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver forward and many of the Tribal leaders present received their degrees through assistance of that state sponsored program. Through the assertion of your God-given sovereign rights, your 12 federally recognized Tribes should be commended for what you do in providing for the health, education and welfare of your people...that is something that you did through recognizing your sovereignty.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Past and present Tribal Council members pose with the celebrated Kildee.

It is something that the state and federal government needs to respect because it is, and always has been, your constitutional right."

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver gives free college education to Native American students.

"Any Michigan Indian can attend a public college or tribal college and the state will pay for tuition," Kildee said.

Kildee traveled throughout Indian Country, discovering schools unsafe for children.

"The federal judge in Flint, Mich. ordered a jail to be closed because it was not fit for prisoners, yet there were Indian schools in this country that were in worse shape than that jail," Kildee said.

Each year, Kildee requested proper Indian health care for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

"One should not have to beg for health, but we finally got that bill where it was automatically reauthorized each year," Kildee said triggering audience applause.

Kildee also helped pass the Violence Against Women Act.

"The act restored Tribal sovereignty by allowing tribes; your tribes, your courts, your

police, to arrest and try men who violate women on Indian land," Kildee said. "Women are protected under that."

One-by-one, representatives of the United Tribes of Michigan and guests showed their gratitude toward Kildee. Kildee was honored with words expressed and gifts of gratitude.

With his triumphant accomplishments supporting Indian Country, Kildee was presented with the 2013 National Indian Health Board National Impact Award by NIHB Chairperson Cathy Abramson.

"The National Indian Health Board is thankful for all his years of service in the House of Representatives and as founder of the House Native American Caucus," Abramson said. "His support and leadership of the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act was unwavering. Congressman Kildee continues to advocate for the best interests of not only American Indians in the state of Michigan, but for all tribes across the country. This award is a token of our appreciation for all his remarkable work."

SCIT Council members presented Kildee with a beautifully beaded bolo containing

the Tribe's logo, beaded by Teresa Jackson.

"Dale Kildee was very excited and extremely grateful to be recognized at such a nice event," Tribal Council member Michele Stanley said. "Through the Congressman's career, he never had a native nation in his district but that never mattered with his commitment to Native people. We are fortunate that his nephew, Dan Kildee, is a State representative for Saginaw and has the same commitment. I want to thank everyone that worked to make this such a nice event. It was a great day and I am very proud to say that the compliments were plenty."

Although retired, Kildee continues his role in advocating for the integral sovereignty of tribal governments.

"We have to make sure that justice continues, make sure that more people recognize that in 1965, when I put my foot on that sovereign land, we had a long road ahead of us," Kildee said to Tribal leaders in attendance. "Now we have 12 sovereign tribes recognized by our constitution and recognized by United Nations. You did that. I thank you for all that you have done."

Housing funds provide new subdivision signs

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department laid a good foundation during the summer with their beautification efforts offering new signage for subdivisions. The multi-faceted project which included input from SCIT Facilities department, independent contractors and community members is nearing completion before the winter months.

The project was funded through a procurement of funds by SCIT Housing Director April Borton and her staff.

As the Housing director, I am happy the project is near completion as it will clearly identify each subdivision which will make it a lot easier for outside service providers to find and assist members in the Tribal Community," Borton said. "As always, Housing strives to support and implement projects that will make our community safer for our residents. This is

one of the many projects that we have done as part of that effort."

The local Weidman-based contractor, Doug Theisen Masonry, was busy installing the letters on the subdivision signs at Leaton and Ogemaw Road locations Nov. 13.

SCIT Construction Manager Tom Kequom mentioned the Tribe was able to bring two aspects into the project that makes it special.

"We like to get the community involved when we can and Tribal member Leo Pego did the finish painting of the steel logos on the signs," Kequom said. "The final step of the project will be green solar powered up-lighting and we are still getting design specs and quotes for this."

As SCIT departments join with Tribal Council in support of environmental friendly initiatives, the recent improvement project adds a nice touch to enhancing the SCIT community.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The new signs will help identify each subdivision entrance-way as well as improve the appearance of the community.

SEWPH Cider and Donut Fun Run



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Runners prepare to take off for the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel's "Cider and Donut Fun Run" on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Noon. The one-mile run began in front of the SEWPH, heading to Summerton to Airport Road and ended at the Hideaway RV Park. Donut stations were scattered throughout the race for runners to eat samples along the way. A glass of apple cider was provided for the runners at the finish line. Donuts and cider were provided by Papa's Pumpkin Patch. After the race, the RV Park included fun for all with hayrides, live entertainment, face painting, Halloween games and crafts.



Old Man Winter is just around the corner

CHARMAINE SHAWANA
Contributing Writer

Have you ever thought about how our ancestors lived thousands of years ago? I was thinking about it recently and knew that living off the land must have been quite a feat...

Our ancestors had gardens that grew an amazing abundance of foods. These foods were harvested and prepared for the long winter months. Preparation took lots of time and patience. Our Anishinabeg relatives knew when and what to plant by studying the moon and the stars. Food was stored and dried and meats were also harvested for the long winter months. Wild rice was a staple, and so was maple syrup. The syrup was made and was used as a seasoning, for soups and

meat. It was also used as medicine because it came from the inside of a tree, mtig. Many still use it this way today.

Planning and preparation took many hours and the whole village participated in the formulation and organization of the foods. Camps were set up in the early spring to harvest the maple syrup, and it was stored and used throughout the whole year. Many Sugar Bush Camps as they were known were operated by families and clans. The syrup and hardened sugar were stored sometimes in birch bark containers.

In our Medicine Wheel teachings, the winter is the time of the year when we settle ourselves down a bit and prepare for indoor activities. These may include nowadays sewing, beading and studying. In our earlier

years, making tools and preparing clothes may have occupied our time. There was little time for kids to say, "Mom, I'm bored"... the days were filled with preparing for the coming months.

Winter reminds us of the strength and power of our Mother Earth, or Mother Nature... we call her "Shikaak Maakwe" (pronounced Zhe-kaak Maa-kwe). She rests in the winter, preparing for the spring, getting ready to give birth again to another year of growth. We are reminded of our elders during this time of year, our elders with white

hair. White like the snow that covers our Mother Earth.

Hearing that windstorm the other night reminded me a lot of winter. I guess it is finally here... at long last. Old Man Winter is just around the corner, and I welcome it, cherish it, like a breath of fresh air, it's here. Longing for those hot summer days I enjoy the smoke from leaves burning in the yard, the cold fresh air, and the preparation in my own home for the coming long winter months.

As a Junior Elder, as I like to call myself, I am reminded of the things I have done in my life, my life's accomplishments.

Have I accomplished the things I wanted to in life? What more do I want to do? I think about the movie "The Bucket List", what is on my bucket list? I'd like to go skydiving, I'd like to learn how to fly a plane, I'd like to own a plane, I still have many places I'd like to visit...still many places I'd like to see and travel to. Still I am reminded of the coming winter, what projects will I accomplish? I have a quilt that I have been working on for three years... still undone. Maybe this year I will finish it, and buy that plane I've always wanted to fly...

New SCIT Police Officer sworn in



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SCIT Police Officer Caitlin Carlson was sworn in by Tribal Council Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. on Monday, Nov. 4 to begin her duties to serve and protect the SCIT community.

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December 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Spotlight

DENISE PELCHER
Contributing Writer

This month's Tribal Member spotlight is Tribal Member Susan Brooks who lives in Holiday, Fla. Susan grew up in the Detroit area as the daughter of Don and Jean Sanford; she



Triton, the friendly store greeter.

has one sister, Karen. Susan graduated from Franklin High School in Livonia, Mich. in 1981. She started working for a local hospital after high school and worked there for 23 years.

She met Eric Brooks, the love of her life, in 1987 and married in 1990. Eric is a construction worker and it is because of his work they decided to make the move to Florida.

Susan and Eric may not have two-legged children, but they have a four-legged baby, a Black Lab named Triton (after the king in the Little Mermaid) who is five months old.

Susan has been a basket weaver for more than 20 years. Susan and Eric love to travel but since owning the business that has slowed down a lot. Now they enjoy staying at home, enjoying their pool; she says she finds it much easier than going to the beach. But she said she does love going to Disney

once in a while; she finds it is far enough away without being too distant from home.

I asked her what she misses most about living in Michigan. I thought for sure she would say the season changes but no, it wasn't even about what she misses; she said her husband misses hunting. Since there isn't much hunting in Florida he has become a fisherman and has come to love that.

Upon moving to Florida, Susan worked at an ice cream shop for five years but then in 2009, a business was up for sale and she decided to give it a try. Her business, which is a flag store; called "Susan's Flags and More", and is located in Tarpon Springs, Fla. Being a business owner and sole employee does have its challenges, meaning she works seven days a week, but she says, "for now it works."

Susan said one day while she was at the store, a man came in, looked around and



At-Large Tribal member Susan Brooks and her husband Eric.

glanced up behind her counter and asked about the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Flag that was hanging up. He asked her how she got it and she stated she has it because she is a SCIT member. He said to her, "so am I." That was a couple of years ago and she, still to this day, does not know who that man was.

Her store carries all kinds of flags; US, state, international, military and team flags; and online orders. If you are ever in the Tarpon Springs, Fla. area, you should stop in and see her, and introduce yourself, she would love to meet you. If you would like to check out her website, it is www.susansflags.com.

Let's Dance: Firm up while having fun!

Regular exercise is a critical part of staying healthy. Yet even those who hate to exercise may enjoy dancing for better health and wellness. It's great for all ages and can have mental and social benefits as well as physical ones.

Take steps toward a healthier you. Similar to brisk walking, cycling or aerobics, dancing represents a weight-bearing activity that can be performed moderately and at low impact levels – making it safe. Plus it's fun, often making it easier for participants to stick with.

Consider the many physical benefits. Gliding or grooving around the dance floor can help you:

- Improve your balance and posture, helping to prevent falls
- Strengthen muscles and bones without harming your joints
- Increase your flexibility and stamina
- Reduce tension and stress
- Lose weight while toning your entire body

Dancing works muscle groups in different ways than other forms of exercise. For example, ballroom dancing often requires moving backward in long sweeping steps. That gives the backs of the thighs and buttock muscles a great workout. Dancing also helps to build a strong body core—improving abs and back muscle support.

Give your brain a workout, too. In addition to its many physical benefits, dancing is also proving to boost brain power and provide social outlets. Exercise increases the level of the brain chemicals that promote nerve cell growth. Remembering different dance steps and sequences helps you to think on your feet as you maneuver around the dance floor. It improves your memory skills.

A study in the New England Journal of Medicine found ballroom dancing at least twice a week made people less likely

to develop dementia. Research has also shown that some people suffering from Alzheimer's disease can remember forgotten memories when dancing to music they used to know.

Dancing is a great way to meet other people who also enjoy this fun activity. As your social circle grows when meeting other people who like to dance, new or rekindled friendships may also develop.

Before hitting the dance floor. You don't need to be a Ginger Rogers or Fred Astaire to enjoy dancing. Just like with any exercise program, if you have been inactive for some time or have any health issues, it's a good idea to consult your doctor first. Whether it is ballroom or swing, Zumba or jazz, dance is helping people of all ages and physical abilities get into and stay in shape.

(Spring 2013). Let's Dance. Covenant Heart Advantage, 7.



Happy Holidays At-Large, from Colleen Maki, and for all of you that don't know this yet, I have moved to a new program/department.

As of Nov. 4, 2013 the Youth Coordinator position in the At-Large Program was moved to the new Youth LEAD Program, and my new title is Youth and Family Recreation Specialist.

I now work in the Activities Department and still manage the SCAA program. I still look to offer services to the At-Large youth

but instead of only having me you now have a whole department you can utilize for all your youth needs.

The department is new so we look forward to hearing what activities you would like to see in the future. We also would like to hear any of your other non-activity related needs.

I can be reached at **989-775-4128** or cmaki@sagchip.org. I look forward to hearing from you and introducing you to the new program.

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Mikki Marcotte, BS
Case Manager/MMAP/ACA Counselor
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At-Large Program: 1-800-884-6271 or visit our office (Behind Tribal Ops, northwest corner of the Nimkee Building)

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Mikki has over 18 years experience working for the Tribe. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from CMU in 1996 and has been a certified MMAP Counselor (Medicare/Elder's Insurance, Health Benefits and other insurance products) for over five years. She is also newly certified as a counselor in the Affordable Care (Obamacare) Health Insurance Marketplace.

Also please feel free to contact:
Brandy Pelcher
Benefits Rep for Tribal Members
989-775-5618
Located in the Black Elk Building



Let's talk: Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services (ACFS)

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Throughout the last few weeks, and in many ways for decades, the membership of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has struggled with the roles and responsibilities of Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services (ACFS) as a service entity.

In an effort to assist the Tribal community to better understand the mission, values, beliefs, practice principles and services offered by the agency; it is the intent of the program to submit articles on a monthly basis to provide transparency about the work of ACFS.

The program would like to offer information that will assist individuals and the community when you are contemplating the controversy that often surrounds this department, and provide you with the tools necessary to make an informed decision. The articles will introduce details about ACFS' scope of work, legal oversight and operational standards, decision-making processes and utilization of assessment tools. Most importantly, they will

begin dialogue about the role of the agency, service personnel, other working professionals, families, parents and the community in the achievement of the department's mission:

To preserve families and protect children, Elders and vulnerable adults utilizing the Seven Grandfather teachings and culturally competent practices.

At the heart of all controversy that surrounds any social services program are children, elders and vulnerable adults who have been victims of neglect and/or abuse. During times of controversy they should be remembered, as they are often scared, hurt, confused and saddened by their circumstances. They are also members of the Tribal community, and need to be protected and advocated for because their voices often go unheard.

It is from this state of being that creates the need for social service based programming. It is the responsibility of each Tribal community member to ask critical questions when faced with such challenging and controversial scenarios, and begin the process of

understanding that often what is being shared on a public stage is just part of a family's story.

The first question that should be contemplated is how ACFS becomes involved with families. ACFS receives reports of suspected abuse and neglect from a variety of sources including concerned family members, working professionals (mandated reporters), Tribal Police incident reports and concerned community members who have knowledge that either they or someone they know is being abused and/or neglected. It should be noted that in cases where a child, elder or vulnerable adult is being physically or sexually abused, the SCIT Tribal Police Department investigates. The role of ACFS is to provide case-management that protects, advocates and prevents further maltreatment of the victim(s). In essence, it is ACFS' role and commitment:

To provide resources that will empower families to live a mino-bimaadiziwin (a good life).

The primary caseload managed by ACFS involves families where one or both parents are struggling with the complexities of raising and caring for their children, elder or vulnerable adult. A majority of these cases are negatively impacted by substance abuse that results in the abuse and/or neglect incident(s).

In cases as allowed by law, it is the role of ACFS to start from a place that applies the programs fundamental values and beliefs when investigating allegations of neglect and abuse:

- Safety is the first concern.
- It's our job to instill hope.
- A crisis is an opportunity for change.
- Inappropriate intervention can cause harm.
- Respect of our client's values and beliefs.
- Families are our colleagues and partners.

ACFS is a sanctioned program under the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and operates under the following Tribal Law, Federal Law and State Agreement. **It is these laws and agreement that outline the operational structure of the program along with the service standards as set forth in the department's practice principles:**

- Family-centered services that value early identification and prevention of maltreatment.
- Case-management and individualized service planning.
- Family involvement at all levels of the service continuum.
- Collaboration and coordination.
- Services that value the mental, physical, spiritual and emotional needs of Tribal children and families.
- Protection of rights and advocacy.

Visit www.sagchip.org to view all laws that provide oversight in the operational standards of ACFS. These documents are also available for review during regular operational hours at Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Code, Title II, Children's Code
- 25 U.S.C., 3201 Title IV Indian Child Protection and Family violence Prevention Act of 1990
- 25 C.F.R., Part 20, Subparts D-F (Indian Child and Family Services (Services to children, elderly and families).
- P.L.95-608, the Indian Child Welfare Act.
- P.L. 99-570, the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1986.
- 25 C.F.R. §23, 49 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994 (Provide fair and uniform services and assistance to every client).
- 43 C.F.R. Federal Confidentiality Law, the Privacy Act.
- SCIT and State of Michigan DHS ICWA Agreement.

Next months article will highlight the operational structure of ACFS, with a focus on the Protective Service, focusing on what constitutes a mandatory investigation, types of assessment tools utilized and placement preferences.

SCIT to repatriate ancestral human remains from Wayne State University, Michigan State Police Post #63 and the University of Michigan

SHANNON MARTIN
Ziibiwing Director

During the week of Dec. 9-13, 2013, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeway's will repatriate the ancestral human remains of 44 Native American individuals and three associated funerary objects from Wayne State University, Detroit; one Native American individual from the

Michigan State Police Post #63, Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and 81 Native American individuals and six associated funerary objects from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropology, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society has been working diligently on behalf of SCIT, and in cooperation with the Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance, to bring home ancestors

and their associated funerary objects from the numerous museums, universities and institutions across the country since the passage of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

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

Wayne State University posted a Notice of Inventory Completion in the Federal Register on June 17, 2013; the Michigan State Police posted a Notice of Inventory Completion in the Federal Register on Sept. 30, 2013; and the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropology posted 11 Notices of Inventory Completion in the Federal Register on Oct. 31, 2013.

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

On the morning of Dec. 9, a small delegation from SCIT will depart the Isabella Indian Reservation by van for Wayne State University and the University of Michigan to retrieve the ancestral human remains of the ancestors and associated funerary objects. The Transfer of Control procedures with both universities will take approximately three to four days.

SCIT invites the interested public to join them for the Recommitment to the Earth Ceremony to be held on Dec. 13

at Noon in the Tribe's Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery.

The cemetery was established in 1995 for the explicit purpose of reburial repatriated Native American ancestral remains and associated funerary objects. The cemetery is located on the SCIT Reservation, behind the Tribal Campground at 7525 E. Tomah Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

A Journey Feast will conclude the ancestral ceremonies and protocols to be held at 3 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the Ziibiwing Center, at 6650 E. Broadway.

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Aamjiwnaang First Nations visit SCIT



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Nineteen Elder guests from Aamjiwnaang First Nations, located just south of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada traveled about three hours to visit the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe on Tuesday, Nov. 12. The Elders arrived at Andahwod about 11 a.m. for lunch and coffee following a game of bingo. The Elders then received a tour of the Reservation and an outing to the Ziibiwing Cultural Center. Andahwod, SCIT Public Relations, Seventh Generation, SCIT Housing Department and Ziibiwing Center staff helped to provide a warm welcome to the Elders.



Eagle feathers receive attention at the annual Cleansing and Honoring

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Oct. 16-18, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways estimated 500 Eagle feathers in the sacred and ceremonial collection receive needed attention in celebration of their 12th annual Eagle Feather Cleansing, Honoring and Feast.

“The Eagle Feather Cleansing, Honoring and Feast



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elder and Behavioral Health Helping Healer Bea Jackson cleans her Eagle Feather fan with cedar oil at Ziibiwing Center.

is an educational program created specifically for the purpose of preserving and promoting cultural awareness within the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal membership and is made available to the general public without discrimination,” Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson said. “The Ziibiwing Center’s Collection Committee, Board of Directors and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council are committed to sharing our culture with the world.”

Many in the Tribal community brought their personal feathers to be cleansed during this time. The Eagle feathers were honored with a public showing on Thursday, Oct. 17 and Friday Oct. 18 at the Ziibiwing Center.

“The Ziibiwing Center understands and accepts the physical and spiritual responsibility in maintaining the sacred and ceremonial collection,” Johnson said. “It is a lot of work that we take seriously. The Eagle feathers in the sacred and ceremonial collection are well cared for and it shows.”

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Beatrice Jackson of the Eagle Clan recounted the Creation story and Eagle teachings with passion.

“From the earliest time we have an understanding of why the Eagle is important to us in our lives,” Jackson said. “This is told in part by our Creation story. The Eagle feathers displayed at the Ziibiwing Center are an example of honoring the life of the Anishinabe people, past and present, and an honoring of the life and the spirit of

the eagle. This gives blessings and strength to our people.”

“Cedar, often called Giizhik, is a sacred medicine,” she said. “The oil from this plant protects the feathers from getting too dry and from any insect that might be in the area. The intact Eagle wing is a great healer and works with the energy of the Eagle, the smudging material used, and

the tobacco offering given by the person requesting the help. Used together, this healing ceremony can bring back the balance of physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being. Taking good care of your Eagle feathers is essential.”

Jackson also brought her own Eagle feathers to be cleansed and honored.

Mount Pleasant High School Senior Night

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Community Drum members; Hunter Genia, Anthony Genia, Hunter Genia Jr., Joe Syrette, Ray Shenoskey and Steven Loonsfoot performed two honor songs at the Mount Pleasant High School Senior Night on Friday, Oct. 25 before the varsity football game. Youth Support Coach Kevin Ricketts arranged the performance with MPHS Athletic Director Jim Conway.

“It was nice for us to be involved because it’s the first time ever, at a football game, and we have some Native American seniors that are athletes, in band or in attendance and graduating this



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Saginaw Chippewa Community Drum members perform during the Mt. Pleasant High School Senior Night.

year,” Hunter Genia said. “We wanted to show our support.”

The MPHS band, conducted by Drum Major and SCIT member Breanna Colwell, lined up on the field during the

songs before their own performance. It was an extremely cold night, but many family members showed up to cheer on their beloved youth for Senior Night.

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| 1:30 - 2:30pm | Holiday Songs in Anishinaabemowin with Evelyn Roy and Loretta Doreen Peltier |
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SEWPH "Splash Away Hunger Food Drive" successfully aids local soup kitchen

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The holidays are often thought of as the season for giving to the less fortunate. Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel General Manager Bonnie Sprague had the notion to do just that; give to others. Sprague had the idea to do a can drive for the Isabella County Soup Kitchen during the holiday season.

"There's a lot of less fortunate families out here in Isabella County and my heart goes out to them," Sprague said. "I thought we can help out by providing canned goods."

On Tuesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 13, the



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Gizi helps SEWPH employees load the bus full of food items to be delivered to the Isabella County Soup Kitchen.

SEWPH hosted the "Splash Away Hunger Food Drive." Individuals bringing in at least two food items received one free pass for the water park.

SEWPH employees were pleased and surprised at the amount of canned goods received. Both days were steady with guests bringing in food, especially after school let out after 3 p.m. Sprague was worried they may have to shut down the water park Wednesday night, due to the countless guests that turned in food items and received a free water park pass.

The amount of goods turned in was remarkable. Many families came in with cases of canned goods.

"We had approximately 1100 people and over 2700 goods brought in," Sprague said.

Families helped provide those in need with delicious, warm meals for the holiday season.

Because the Splash Away Hunger Food Drive was such a triumph, the SEWPH staff plan to make a difference again around Christmas time with Toys for Tots.

"It will be the same concept; bring an unwrapped toy for a water park pass," Sprague said. "All of the toys will go to the Toys for Tots program."

Sprague hopes the Toys for Tots idea will be just as successful as the food drive.

"It feels great that we can contribute," Sprague said. "Part of the holidays is about giving back to the communities. The team, as well as guests, was happy to be part of the gift giving this time of the season."

The Toys for Tots event is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 10 and Wednesday, Dec. 11.



By the end of the two-day collection, more than 2700 food items were donated.

Seventh Generation Fall Feast honors new season



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

The Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center hosted the Fall Feast on Oct. 24. Crazy Spirit Drum opened the event. The night also featured guest speaker Peggy Hemenway, a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. The feast was put on by the Seventh Generation Program with the help of Ziibiwing Cultural Center staff.



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Dear WW: The relationship I have with my father is so one-sided, I feel like giving up. He would not call me if I didn't initiate contact. He will go out to dinner with me but only if I make all the plans. How do I get him to take the initiative to contact me and have a father/son relationship? He left my mother when I was young and now that I'm older, I thought it would be nice to have my father in my life. I just don't get it! Am I really that bad of a person that my own father won't acknowledge me? When do I say "enough is enough" and actually give up on him? **Done**

Dear Done: Your father will not change and you need to accept the relationship for what it is. He simply does not want to be a father and perhaps that is one of the reasons why you did not have him around when you were young. Are there others on his side of the family who accept you? If so, put your energy into that person or persons. Just because someone has a child, doesn't mean they know or want to be a parent. His situation has very little to do with you so try not to take it personal. You get what he wants to give and, unfortunately, it's not a lot. Continue to call and invite him out if you want but don't expect him to change. You can't change people or make them want things that you do.

Dear WW: The Christmas holiday is depressing me. I simply cannot get into it and already regret it. Can't people see how superficial it is and the only ones who benefit are the retailers? They started putting up Christmas decorations before Halloween in the local stores! How do I tell my family that I don't want any gifts? I have everything I need and don't want anyone to get stressed out financially. I also don't want to buy anyone gifts either. I've always gone along with it before. I am at a point in my life where I feel the need to express how I feel and start living how I want. **NO HO HO**

Dear No Ho Ho: Change is not easy and your family may not be willing to let you go so easily so be prepared for some resistance. You could invite everyone over for a home-cooked meal to enjoy just their company. Since it is your meal and your home, you can always mention that you do not want a gift exchange. If other family members decide to have their celebrations, it is up to you if you wish to join them or not. I applaud your wisdom to know that participating or not participating is a choice that you have. Do not let the stress of the holidays rule your life. You are not alone in this as many, many others feel the same. Participate as much or as little as you wish, the choice is yours to make.

Dear WW: My wife wants a divorce and has asked for some time apart. We've been together for nine years and have no kids. I would love to have children with her but she says she's not the motherly type. The holidays are coming up and I hate the thought of not being with her during Christmas and New Years. She says she plans to stay with her mother but I would be devastated if she did decide to go out without me. When is an appropriate amount of time to spend apart? **Tick Tock**

Dear Tick Tock: There is no definite answer to that question. Everyone is different as are people's situations. You can only be on your best behavior if you want things to work out. Does she feel pressure from you to have children? Perhaps you could embrace the time apart and see if it will create a spark. Make sure she knows that she is worth waiting for. The time apart, unfortunately, will also give you a jump start on how it is to be single if she does go through with the divorce. In the meantime, pray for patience and understanding to help you through this.

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LAST MONTH!



Fish Tank at SCA
Last Month's Winner:
Jamie June

Paint the Rez Purple Contest Winners



Throughout the month of October, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal departments were decorated in purple, to help educate others for Domestic Violence Awareness month. On Friday, Oct. 18, judges Louanna Bruner, Charmaine Shawana, Stephanie Peters and Ashton Shahin visited participating departments to determine the winners in the numerous categories. The award winners are:

- Most Educational:** Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
 - Most Creative:** Parks & Recreation After School Program
 - Purplification:** At-Large Program
 - Participation:** Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 - And the BEST OVERALL Award goes to:** Behavioral Health
- Congratulations to all the winners. Your creativity shined!**



Candlelight Wolf Vigil inspires and fosters community awareness

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The idea created to foster community awareness over misguided political deception won the day of Thursday, Nov. 14. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe joined others across the state in proceeding wolf ceremonies.

The SCIT Tribal Council voiced their concerns over the wolf hunt with other Tribes represented at the Oct. 23 United Tribes of Michigan meeting. They showed their support through a Tribal Resolution against the hunt.

Keep Michigan Wolves Protected Director Jill Fritz personally briefed Council six weeks ago and encouraged those in attendance to make



Elder Steve Pego and SCA Teacher Nathan Isaac share good words about Brother Wolf in the lodge.

their voice heard to stop the hunting of Michigan wolves.

“It is tragic to see the wolf hunt begin and to know that it has come about only because of

misinformation, fear-mongering and the silencing of public opinion by legislators, the DNR and the Natural Resources Commission,” Fritz said. “But rest assured that Keep Michigan Wolves Protected is determined to win the fight to repeal the laws making the wolf a game species, and to return wolves to their protected status in Michigan.”

With a full moon rising and the evening sky breaking through, the community entered the Saginaw Chippewa Academy lodge in support of the Candlelight Wolf Vigil for the controversial hunt that began the next day on Nov. 15.

“I find it hard to believe that the Department of Natural Resources cannot effectively educate the citizens of the Upper Peninsula on the practices of making their environment less attractive to an apex predator such as the wolf,” Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said. “Instead, we have a few farmers who are doing everything wrong and essentially attracting the wolf population onto their properties. There is a balance in nature to all things. This hunt is not the answer to create balance. Effective pack management is what should



As the light of “Giizis” shines down, candlelight wolf vigil supporters let their light shine.

be taking place with specific trainings and restrictions for farmers not following preventative protocols.”

SCA Teacher Nathan Isaac developed the grassroots effort along with the Tribal Public Relations department and was honored to host the cultural event at the teaching lodge.

“It is good to share these teachings we have been given and many of our people are not against hunting because we are providers for our families,” Isaac said. “The wolf is part of our Creation story and is our brother ... I will not hunt my brother.”

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Bea Jackson gifted

semaa pouches made by our community Anishinabe Kwe’ and Mide’ Elder.

Tribal Council Chaplain Steve Pego shared wolf teachings in the SCA Teaching Lodge.

“I personally know many Wolf Clan brothers and sisters,” Pego said. “Hunting for sport and without purpose is not Anishinabe and is not the way of our people.”

Niibing Giizis (Summer Moon Photography) owner Marcella Hadden did an excellent photo story of the candlelight vigil and more of her images can be found on the bonus coverage section of the Tribal Observer website at www.sagchip.org.



The community waits as Tribal Elders ready the sacred fire and medicine for the anticipated ceremony.



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Influential SCIT leaders featured in "Great Lakes Bay Women" art exhibit

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

What do Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's very own Charmaine Shawana, Louanna Bruner and Judy Pamp have in common with Madonna? They are all featured in the art exhibit "Great Lakes Bay Women" by Edwina Jaques on display at the Saginaw Art Museum.

While Jaques currently resides in the United Kingdom, she is originally from Saginaw, Mich. The "Great Lakes Bay Women" exhibit features art that is of and about Michigan women.

Jaques is an artist, sculptor, painter and author who honors nearly 100 "Great Lakes Bay Women" in the exhibit.

Jaques described the women she selected as those who have "made an impact on the community and sometimes globally," and "who have contributed to making life better or more interesting by just being themselves."

Jaques contacted Pamp to hear her story and feature Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Members in her exhibit.

"I knew right from the beginning that the Anishinabe were out there, and I wanted them to be a part of this," Jaques said. "And so from searching online in England, I found Judy Pamp's name... and got in touch with her."

When Jaques interviewed Pamp, she knew she wanted to speak with more women from

the Tribe. Shortly after, Jaques interviewed Shawana and Bruner over the phone.

"With 'Great Lakes Bay Women', I am hoping to make visible some of the inner workings of each woman so that it is a 'portrait of the soul' rather than an exacting replication," Jaques said.

Pamp's piece was inspired by the story of her moving to Germany with her four-week old baby when her husband was in the military. Every day workmen would show up at her apartment, Pamp automatically thought her place was unsafe or could cause some harm to her or her baby. She was ready to move back to America. Finally, one day a workman that spoke English came into her apartment and told her why the workmen were showing up at her apartment daily. It turns out, whichever room Pamp was working in, she had her baby in the cradleboard hanging on the wall. In amazement, the workers came to see the "baby hanging on the wall." They had never seen anything like it and asked in which country babies are hung on the wall.

Shawana's piece was inspired after sharing her historical background with Jaques. The detailing on her hat stands out in Shawana's piece. Jaques found a copper covered maple leaf off eBay to add to the hat. Jaques told the seller the leaf was for an art piece.

The seller told me he picked the leaves in Michigan,



Tribal Council member Charmaine Shawana stands with her art piece made by Edwina Jaques.

brought them back to England and then treated them so they would have the copper coating, Jaques said.

"So I thought that's for Charmaine, that is just meant to be," she said.

Shawana's painting is meant to show she connects to Earth and is in residence with her environment.

"The other side is marbling, usually done on paper... but I've never used it before on an oil painting," Jaques said. "I just see that she (Charmaine) is in a wonderful spiritual zone and that's what I wanted."

Bruner's piece is focused on obstacles she overcame in her life.

"I interviewed Louanna through phone and email," Jaques said. "We talked about difficulties she had and how Charmaine has been her mentor. One thing I love about the Anishinabe people is they help each other out on a real level."

"There is genius in every woman that strives to make her life and those around her a better place just by her existence," Jaques said.

On Friday, Oct. 11, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal membership joined Jaques and the Saginaw Art Museum staff for a smudging at an alternate opening of the exhibit.

"It is an honor to be a part of the exhibit," Shawana said.

Pamp showed her appreciation of the exhibit.

"I like the theme of really showcasing the power of women," Pamp said. "The uniqueness of us, the uniqueness of our stories and the ways we lead our families. We are leaders in our community and even leaders in our nations."

Pamp went on to introduce the Wabanaisee singers and Mae Pego, song carrier, addressed the singers' history.

The Wabanaisee Singers performed two songs to show their honor to the exhibit. After the Singers honored Jaques and the exhibit, Jaques was filled with emotion.

"You have me crying all the way through this," Jaques said. "I am so grateful and honored that you have come... I am very appreciative."

The relationship between Jaques and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe seems to be an everlasting one. On Thursday, Oct. 17, Jaques visited SCIT, was given a tour of the Reservation by Shawana and was presented with a SCIT blanket with the Tribal logo.

Jaques' art will be displayed at the Saginaw Art Museum 1126 N. Michigan until Dec. 31, 2013 and half of her exhibit is also displayed at the Castle Museum at 500 Federal in Saginaw, Mich.



Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Judy Pamp poses with her "baby on the wall" art piece by Jaques.



Artist Edwina Jaques shows her appreciation to Judy Pamp for her friendship and for attending the art exhibit.



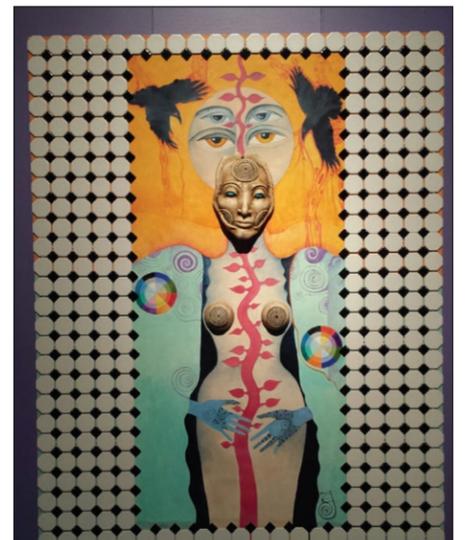
Charmaine Shawana presented the artist, Edwina Jaques, with a SCIT blanket and gave her a tour of the Reservation when Jaques visited in October.



The Wabanaisee Singers perform an Honor Song dedicated to Edwina for featuring the three selected Anishinabe women in the art exhibit.



Tribal Council member Louanna Bruner's painting is displayed in the "Great Lakes Bay Women" exhibit at the Saginaw Art Museum.



Born in Bay City, Mich., musical icon, Madonna, is also featured in the "Great Lakes Bay Women" exhibit.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Recognizing Our Active Native Youth

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Basketball

Warren Ricketts

MPHS | Grade 9

Volleyball, Basketball

Kallena Jo Ricketts

Shepherd | Grade 10

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Skylar Neyome

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Tina Neyome

Shepherd | Grade 7

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McGuire | Grade 5

Mt. Pleasant, Rockets Football

Simon Quigno

Beal City | Grade 6

Baseball

Justin Graveratte

Beal City | Grade 3

Baseball

Skylur Graveratte

Beal City | Grade 2

Baseball

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Basketball

Sydney Jackson

SCA | Grade 5

Lacrosse

Lars George

Wendell's Acad., OR | Grade 12

Skateboarding, Lacrosse

Arlan George

W. Intermediate | Grade 8

Skateboarding, Lacrosse

Cauy George

Bullock Creek | Grade 8

Football

Allen Crockett

Pullen | Grade K

Hockey

Samuel Cloud

McGuire | Grade 6

Baseball, Football

Charles Hart

MPHS | Grade 9

Football

Ronnie Paul

Chippewa Hills | Grade 11

Football

Taylor Kolhoff

Park Elem. | Grade 4

Football

Foster Faber

Park Elem. | Grade 3

Baseball

Tyson Faber

Riley Street MS | Grade 7

Cross Country

Kalel Faber

Fancher | Grade 5

Basketball

Jenna Rios

Fancher | Grade 6

Football

Tyrone Rios Jr.

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Football

Gage Colwell

MPHS | Grade 12

Marching Band Drum Major

Breanna Colwell

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Football, Baseball

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Jazznastics

Tahlia Alonzo-Villanova

Ganiard | Grade 4

Soccer

Elijah Otto-Powers

Ganiard | Grade K

Soccer

Isaiah Jay Otto-Powers

McGuire | Grade 4

Baseball

Giizhig Martell

Pullen | Grade 3

Baseball

Jimaganish Martell

Pullen | Grade 1

Baseball

Zhaqwan Martell

Sacred Heart | Grade 5

Rocket Football

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MPHS | Grade 10

Football

Milan Quigno-Grundahl

Sacred Heart | Grade 3

Gymnastics

Asalia Quigno-Grundahl

Shepherd | Grade 8

Basketball, Track

Alicia Raphael

Shepherd | Grade 4

Basketball, Softball

Andee Raphael

Vowles | Grade 3

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Hunter Johnson

Fancher | Grade 6

Football

Jerrad Johnson

Renaissance | Grade 8

Volleyball, Basketball

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Shepherd | Grade 6

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Matt Smith

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Chebon Chupco

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Youth bowling league

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Soccer

Tayden Davis

Pullen | Grade K

Soccer

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Soccer, Grass Dancing, Swimming

Ricky Delacruz

Shepherd | Grade 5

Softball

Sage Chupco

SASA | Grade 12

Varsity Swimming

Jessica Shavrnoch

Grand Blanc East

Football

James Cates II

MPHS | Grade 12

Football, Baseball

Joe Genia

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Football, Baseball, Wrestling

Hunter Genia Jr.

SCA | Grade Pre-K

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Bowling, Baseball, Karate

Andre Leureaux

Season's Greetings

To our beloved ones who are serving our country



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Earl Dean Pelcher II

US Army, PFC | Fort Hood, Texas
Son of Earl and Mary Pelcher



Jordan Logan

US Army, E4 | 919th Reserve Base
Saginaw, Mich



James Chupco Jr.

US Navy, Chief Petty Officer
Tribal Operations IT Technician

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Baseball, Karate, Lacross, Grass Dancer, Drummer

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Basketball, Football, Baseball, Ski, Golf

Phillip Peters III

SCA | Grade 4

Baseball

Adam Saboo

MPHS | Grade 9

Basketball

Marjorie Elizabeth-Nshiimeng Gonzalez

Notice to all Tribal Elders

Current Tribal Elder Parking passes will expire on Dec. 31, 2013.

New parking pass application and passes can be picked up at the At-Large Program, Andahwod or the Saganing Community Center. If you do not live in the area and would like an application mailed to you please call: At-Large Program at 1-800-884-6271, Andahwod at 989-775-4330 or Saganing Community Center at 989-846-1539.



Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer

I was in a mom-and-pop restaurant the other day; it was a restaurant that served breakfast all day in Lansing, Mich. As I walked into the restroom, I noticed this Elder struggling to get in the Men's Restroom with his walker, so I pushed the door open for him and said, "Let me get that for you, Sir. Have a good day!"

I could hear the poor guy banging around the restroom before I even exited the Ladies' Room. What I couldn't believe were the people that sat at their tables and laughed at this Elder. He was fodder for their entertainment. I don't know about you, but I didn't find anything amusing about this man's struggle.

It reiterated that little saying about, "Be kind, everyone is fighting some battle within."

Even as I strolled through the aisles at Rite-Aid one day, an employee said, "Turn that frown upside down." Little did she know, my son was on life support and I was having a struggle of my own.

All this reminds me of a story my brother shared with me. The title was simply, "Butterfly".

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through the opening. Then it seemed to stop making progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further. So to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off

the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly emerged easily. But, it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled

wings. It never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening was God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go

through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly.

My prayer to the Creator will be that I remember to be kinder than necessary and to remember what we struggle with makes us strong! I'm also going to pray for those people that laughed at the elderly man struggling to get into the bathroom because I know what it's like to have to go! BaaMaaPee, Dawn.

Creator God is at work: A Letter to the Editor

(Editor's note: The following is a letter from Phoebe Hall sharing her encounter with the Creator's work and providing information on upcoming camp meetings planned for 2014 at the former Mel Trotter Ministries Christian Campground).

Hi, my name is Phoebe Hall, and I am a Tribal Elder from the Pokagon Potawatomi Tribe.

My son, Kevin Hall, and I went to a basketball game and D.K. Sprague, chairman of the Gun Lake Tribe announced the Tribe had purchased this piece of land, now known as jijak (crane).

The land is the former Mel Trotter Ministries Christian Campground. Sprague said to me

we ought to have a camp meeting. This planted a seed in my heart, for I too, would love this vision.

Later, my grandniece, Jamie Brown, said to her parents, let's go to the camp meeting going on now and take Aunt Phoebe. I have never been to a camp meeting.

There again the Holy Spirit's presence was felt. Jamie felt the freedom the Holy Spirit gives.

Jamie is a band member of "Kleen SL8," she decided to join the guitarist that was on the platform, even though she is kind of shy, she plays the drums. It made for great joy in the services.

On the way home she brought up the idea to her parents that we should have a camp meeting in this area. We caught her vision

and formed a board consisting of the entire Jim Brown family, Richard and Marilyn Sprague, Kevin Hall and myself. We obtained the permission of Tribal Chairman D.K. Sprague.

Here in 2013, we had a glorious camp meeting with much fellowship, volunteers, activities, food and so much joy. So we asked D.K. Sprague if we could have another camp meeting in 2014.

"As long as the rivers flow and the grass is green, and through eternity," Sprague said.

So, next year we plan to have a camp meeting during Aug. 22-24, 2014.

Phoebe Hall
Chairman of the Board

Thank You: A Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: The following is a thank-you note to the At-Large Program staff for their help with the hot dogs at Trunk or Treat. More than 700 hot dogs were made.)

Colleen Maki and Lisa Peters for the sponsorship of the hot dog roast for Halloween Trunk or Treat. Also to Mark and Bridgett Fairchild and Carol Keyhan. It was fun.

A special thanks to the At-Large Program;

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Leo Pego



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Shara LeValley receives "Educator of the Month" honors

GENA QUALLS

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, Shara LeValley, for being selected as our Educator of the Month! The perks of this award include an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, a spotlight in the Tribal Observer, an educator's goody bag, a mystery gift certificate and a Traveling Educator Award.

Which program do you work for? I work at Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

What is your title? I am a second grade Teacher.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students have earned **Student of the Month for September**: Pre-K: Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Kindergarten: Gracie David, First: Meadow David and Eric Sharon, Second: Caden Pego, Third: Tavia Kahgegab, Fourth: Katelynn Sexton, Fifth: Liberty Morland, and Sixth: Toby Pamp.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of September: Liam Arbogast, Leia Black, Prentiss Jones, Owen Seybert, Gracin Montoya, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Alex Grice, Red Arrow LaLonde, Journey Mena, Riana Chippewa, Kyla Henry, Anita Pelcher, Robert Saunders, Josclynn Shaw, Alex Taylor, Brandon Wemigwans, Katie Pigeon, Felicia Saunders, Raymond Pelcher, Thomas Pelcher, Isaiah Leureaux, James Morland, Adam Saboo, Sara Saunders, Lars George, Thomas Henry, Frankie Sheahan, Toby Pamp, Nathan Isaac and Ariah Mandoka.

The following students turned in all homework for the month of September: Gracie David, Red Arrow LaLonde, Jayden Shout-Pelcher, Dylan Bennett, Meadow David, Auriyah Hunter, Robert Saunders, Alexis Trepanier, Kaley Davis, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Lawrence Hinmon, Thomas Pelcher, Tawny Jackson, Shelayna Collins-Pelcher, Felicia Saunders, Ahsiniis Smith, Alexis Taylor, Joshua Wemigwans, Ariel Hinmon, James Morland, Adam Saboo, Sara Saunders, Katelynn Sexton, Thalia Bennett, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Mnookmi Massey, Lars George, Thomas Henry, Frankie Sheahan, Aana Hinmon, Andre Leureaux, Liberty Morland, Toby Pamp, Treasure Jones, and Ariah Mandoka.

The following students have earned **Student of the Month for October**: Pre-K: Leticia Hawkins, Kindergarten: Carmela Negrete, First: Robert Saunders and Josclynn Shaw, Second: Katie Pigeon, Third: Kenneth Wemigwans, Fourth: Thalia Bennett, Fifth: Lars George, and Sixth: Courtney Swink.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Liam Arbogast, Leia Black, Adrianna Dudek, Emma Henry, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Gracie David, Red Arrow LaLonde, Dylan Bennett, Kyla Henry, Robert Saunders, Brandon Wemigwans, DaShawn Rueckert, Felicia Saunders, Katie Pigeon, Thalia Bennett, Sara Saunders, Sam Hampton, Thomas Henry, Frankie Sheahan, Bryan Sam and Toby Pamp.

The following students turned in all homework for the month of October: Leia Black, Eyhana Feliciano, Gracie David, Red Arrow LaLonde, Charles Trepanier, Carmela Negrete- Ledesma, Jayden Schout-Pelcher, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Dylan Bennett, Meadow David, Kyla Henry, Erica Hinmon, Bela Magnell, Anita Pelcher, Josclynn Shaw, Alex Taylor, Alexis Trepanier, Lawrence Hinmon, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Rodney Miller, Caden Pego, Madison Riggs, Felicia Saunders, Ahsiniis Smith, Calijah Trepanier, Isaiah Leureaux, Annie Lada, Kenneth Wemigwans, Floyd Sehl, Ariel Hinmon, Thalia Bennett, Foster Crampton, James Morland, Adam Saboo, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Sara Saunders, Bryan Sam, Ariah Mandoka and Toby Pamp.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? This is my 13th year teaching at SCA.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? It is difficult to choose one. My favorite parts of working in this department have to be the team I work with at SCA and working with the youth of the Tribe.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? I love student's reactions when they see me outside of the classroom. Last year, two of my students saw me at a restaurant. One of the students said, "Yes! I can't wait to tell everyone I saw Kinomaage Kwe at Culver's!" One of the students wrote about it in her journal.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? I have always wanted to be a teacher.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Saginaw Chippewa Academy second grade Teacher Shara LeValley accepts her "Educator of the Month" award. (Pictured left to right: Tribal Education Director Melissa Montoya, SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda, LeValley and Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill).

Please tell us something people may not know about you. I collect all things NASA and globes.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? I enjoy cross stitching, and being outside enjoying nature.

What is your favorite movie? One of my favorites is "The Princess Bride".

What is your favorite food? Anything from Panera and coffee from Starbucks!

Miigwetch to Shara LeValley for being such an integral part of our Education Team!

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Jamie Cross-George, Eli Marin, Aysia Mena-Isham, Cheyanne Odem, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood, Thomas Trasky, Gabe Jackson and Richie Vaquera.

West Intermediate

The following students are on the **Honor Roll for the first marking period**: Esme Bailey, Chyna Bergevin, Karen Chippewa, Megan Cozzie, Robert Falcon-Hart, Alyssa Finch, Hunter Genia, Nodin Jackson, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Emily Lezan, Maya Madrigal, Jesse Mandoka, Kaida Morris, Rebecca Osawabine, Wiingashk Pelcher, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Alleya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Mastella Quaderer, Hailey Ritter, Machia Sprague, Lindsay Watters and Alexandria Weekley-Dean.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the first marking period: Justin Alexander, Esme Bailey, Joshua Bartow, Andrew Chingman, Bryan Chingman, Megan Cossie, Robert Falcon-Hart, Alyssa Finch, Zaltana Hinmon, Nodin Jackson, Montana Leureaux, Molly Mandoka, Kyle McSauby-Reuckert, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Aleeya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, William Potter, Aaron Schlegel, Gavin Seybert, Lindsay Watters and Carlee Williams.

The following students are participating in seventh grade basketball: Justin Alexander, Nelson Kahgegab, Hunter Kequom, Jordan Martin and Will Potter.

The following students are participating in eighth grade basketball: Caleb Alonzo-Vasquez, Joe Hathaway, Phillip Peters, Noah Sowmick and Lenny Shomin.

Mt Pleasant HS

The following students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the first six weeks: Morgan Bielicki, Rachel Bigford, Simone Bigford, Gina Christy, Jonathon Curti, Rebecca Curtis, Mileena Davidson, Cheyenne Fallis, Gilberto Franco jr, Mak'yo George-Dye, Jessica Harris*, Ashton Heinrich, Brooklyn Jackson, Sydnee Kopke, Allex Leureaux, Jaelyn Matthews, Edgar Peters, Kataya Peters, Kristin Peters*, Milan Quigno-Grundahl, Jacob Reed, Warren Ricketts, Paige Ritter, Isaiah Ruffino*, Elissa Schlegel, Sully Schlegel, Matthew Shawnoo, Scott Sheahan, Gillian Shenoskey, Dajia Shinos, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, Callista Sowmick, Eli Starkey, Ariel Stallcup, Elizabeth Trasky, Jeffery Vasquez, Tanner Williams and Taylor Williams.

*Indicates a 4.0 GPA for the first six weeks

The following students are being recognized for attendance the first six weeks: Rachel Bigford, Tyler Chippeway, George Cloud, Breanna Colwell, Gage Colwell, Thomas Foster, Allison Franco, Gilberto Franco jr, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Jordan Heinrich, Brooklyn Jackson, Jaelyn Matthews, McKenzie Morland, Brenden Odem, Alexander Ojeda-Mehilis, Ron Paul, Kataya Peters, Jacob Reed, Kallena Ricketts, Isaiah Ruffino, Sully Schlegel, Matthew Shawnoo, Phoenix Slater-Snowden, Ariel Stallcup, Eli Starkey, Mariah Taylor, Ronnie Taylor, Aubrey Trepanier and Taylor Williams.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Inara Curry, Konner Hilleger, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Gabriela Escobedo, Tehya Florez, Darius Lopez, Meisha Raphael, Paul Ruckert, Zoey Haggard, Lucus Jackson, Trent McConnell, Paul Shomin, Hudson Yager, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers, Zamil Rueckert and Albert Shomin.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Arianna Altman, Gloria Altman, Kaitlyn Barteau, Brooklyn Bennett, Aolani Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Metao Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Anissa Quiroga and Takoda Shawnoo.

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SCTC welcomes guest speakers during Native American Heritage Month

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For the Native American Heritage Month of November, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted series of guest speakers throughout the month in collaboration with Central Michigan University's Native American Programs.

Behavioral Health Helping Healer Bea Jackson and Anishinabe Workforce Developer Shawn Sawmick were scheduled to speak in the beginning of the month at SCTC.



Linze Ritter teaches the historical use of wild rice, "maanoomin" in the Native American culture.

SCTC was fortunate to host guest speaker Gyasi Ross, a writer, attorney and entrepreneur, to share his story on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Ross is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe in northwestern Montana; he also comes from the Suquamish Nation and currently resides in Seattle. Ross discussed his support for Tribal colleges and his educational opportunities resulting in attending law school.

Ross is a graduate of Columbia Law School, currently practicing criminal law while representing tribes for Crowell Law Offices- Tribal Advocacy Group. Ross is also co-owner and Vice President of Red Vinyl Records, Indian Country's first hip-hop recording and touring label. He has a history of contributing to Indian Country Today Media Network, while also writing for The Seattle Times and Huffington Post.

He was recently appointed to the "2011 Native American 40 under 40" by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. This award acknowledges "forty existing and emerging American Indian leaders under 40 years of age who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and dedication to achieve impressive

and significant contributions to their businesses, communities and to Indian country."

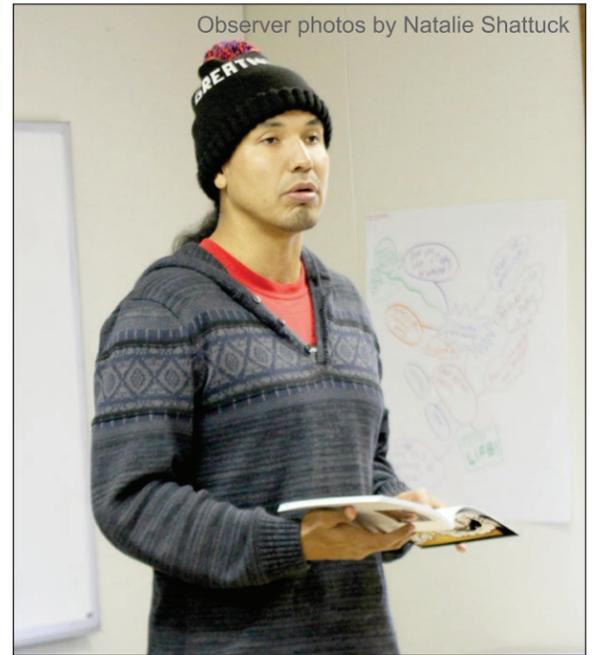
Ross read a poem from his book, "Don't Know Much About Indians (But I Wrote a Book About Us Anyways)", shared his knowledge and discussed the controversial topic of the NFL Washington Redskins team.

His article, "The False Binary of the 'Redskins' Controversy" was published on the Huffington Post website. It discusses his views on the term "Redskins". Ross shared many opinions, as well as his educational experience within Tribal and law schools and involvement with his many career paths.

The same night, Ross also gave a speech in CMU's Plachta Auditorium, focusing on his beliefs of witnessing lack of mentorship in Tribal communities.

SCTC welcomed Linze Ritter on Wednesday, Nov. 20 as she discussed the historical use and presence of wild rice, "maanoomin" in the Native American culture. Ritter also shared her personal experience with wild rice planting and harvesting in the Tawas Lake area.

Ritter mentioned Roger LaBine from the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and co-chair of Native Wild Rice Coalition shared his knowledge with her. Ritter



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Guest speaker and member of the Blackfeet Tribe, Gyasi Ross, reads chapters one through four from the "Cousins" section in his book of short stories and poems, "Don't Know Much About Indians (but I wrote a book about us anyways)".

also discussed Barbara Barton's, Wildlife biologist and collaborator for SCIT Planning Department, arrangement for revitalization.

The planning department has a vision to create a seed bank for the wild rice, Ritter said.

On Wednesday, Nov. 27, Public Health Nurse Anna Hon was set to speak about stress management and laughter yoga at SCTC.

Together, the guest series united history of the Native American culture and heritage, and shared their personal stories with the audience.

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TNA Wrestling wows fans at SECR with its high-flying energetic spectacle

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Wrestling fans filled the Entertainment Hall of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Nov. 2. Total Nonstop Action wrestling was

in town, and judging from the atmosphere that night, the fans were ready for the spectacular theatrics and action that make up professional wrestling events.

TNA Wrestling is known for its intense high-flying, high risk style. Much to the excitement of the raucous crowd, the wrestlers delivered just that with striking attacks, jarring collisions, crushing knockouts, takedowns, submissions and spectacular aerial acrobatics.

In the first match of the night, Magnus defeated Dewey Barnes. Though out-matched in physical stature, Barnes put on a spirited performance giving Magnus all he could handle before falling to a submission hold.

With the start of the second match, Kazarian came out to a round of jeers from the crowd. Once in

the ring, his opponent emerged on stage; the massive mountain of a man known as "The Monster" Abyss. Feeling intimidated at the site of the Abyss, Kazarian fled the ring. The crowd let him have it, with many audience members taunting him and laughing.

The resulting match proved to be hugely entertaining. Kazarian dominated most of the match, putting Abyss on the ring floor several times. With the help of the audience cheering him on, Abyss managed to grab Kazarian and throw him down with a punishing body slam for the win.

The TNA Knockouts Title was on the line for the next contest between Gail Kim and her challenger, ODB. After a back-and-forth match, Kim managed to pin ODB against the ropes to achieve the pinfall victory and retain her crown. The following match saw Detroit native, Chris Sabin defeat the mysterious masked man known as "Manik".

The "BroMans" tag team duo took to the ring next to face off against the team of James Storm and Gunner.

With their TNA Tag Team Title on the line, the BroMans delivered an exhilarating match for the audience. Kazarian emerged during the stalemate in the ring, and interfered with the contest by grabbing James Storm. It was then that Robbie E. of the BroMans landed the knockout blow to Storm that ended the match.

The main event proved to be the best match of the evening. Austin Aires wrestled Bobby Roode in an ultimate slugfest. Both wrestlers played to the crowd getting them into the action. By the time the match started heating up; the zealous fans in the crowd had been working up frenzy. This match, like the previous, was subject to a great deal of interference from outside wrestlers. The finish saw Aires hitting Roode with



Chris Sabin leaps over the rushing attack of Manik.

a devastating move known simply as the "Brainbuster," in which Roode was slammed headfirst into the mat.

For more information about upcoming events at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, "Like" their Facebook page, find them on Twitter with their handle *Soaringeagle777*.



Kazarian launches himself from the top ropes to land a flying strike on "The Monster" Abyss.

The sharp dressed men of ZZ Top return to SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

"Every girl's crazy 'bout a sharp dressed man," especially sharp dressed men in bands as classic rock band, ZZ Top, proved.

ZZ Top, the "little ol' band from Texas" made their third appearance at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Oct. 26. This time, they brought along bluegrass and delta blues band, The Ben Miller Band.

The Ben Miller Band treated the audience to a unique, unfamiliar sound as the pressure was on to open for legends, ZZ Top. Miller

mastered the acoustic slide guitar, Scott Leeper, one of few washtub bassists in the music industry and Doug Dicharry took on numerous instruments including; drums, mandolin, electric washboard, trumpet and trombone.

While the audience probably had never heard of The Ben Miller Band, they earned a standing ovation. As they performed songs from their album, "Heavy Load", released in 2012, their extraordinary, irreplaceable sound had the audience stunned.

ZZ Top did not disappoint either. With guitarist and lead vocalist Billy Gibbons, bassist

and co-lead vocalist Dusty Hill, and drummer Frank Beard, a lot of noise was made for just a three-piece band. As they entered the stage, Gibbons and Hill sported their signature attire with black sequined jackets, hats, sunglasses, coordinating purple guitars and of course, long beards. Ironically, Beard is the only member who does not have one of the iconic, long beards.

The American blues rock band formed in 1969 in Houston, Texas. ZZ Top is known for innuendos, blues roots, raunchy and comical, lyrical themes.

The sold-out audience got on their feet as soon as the first note of the opening song played. Popular hits "Legs", "Got Me Under Pressure", "Jesus Just Left Chicago", "La Grange", "Precious and Grace" and "Gimme All Your Lovin'" were performed.

"I Gotsta Get Paid" from their newest and fifteenth album, "La Futura" had the crowd moving and nodding their heads. During "My Head's in Mississippi", Gibbons said "I'm headed to Mississippi but I'm in Michigan," making the audience roar at the mention of their home state.



Dusty Hill (left) and Billy Gibbons (right) of ZZ Top show "Two Ways to Play" and they just "Can't Stop Rockin'".

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In honor of World AIDs Day, protect yourself and get an HIV test

ROBYN GRINZINGER

Contributing Writer

Every Dec. 1, the nation celebrates World AIDs Day. It is a reminder to us to honor those that have passed with HIV, those that live today with HIV and a message for all to get an HIV test. Getting an HIV test is simple and easy, it requires a simple blood test.

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If you have a concern about HIV or have any questions at all, please contact me at any time **989-775-4649** and I will be more than happy to help you.

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- I am pregnant; I want my baby to be healthy.
- I have tattoos and piercings, were those needles clean?
- I am in a new relationship; I want to make sure we both are HIV free.
- I was with someone and they told me they had a Sexually Transmitted Disease.
- I had sex, without a condom.
- I was drunk, and I don't remember what happened, but I know I did things I should not have.
- I don't think I have anything to worry about, but I would like to get a test for peace of mind.
- My significant other cheated on me.

Dealing with Seasonal Affective Disorder: Are you feeling the blues?

JENNA WILCOX

Contributing Writer

With short days and less exposure to sunlight, it is easy to feel less energetic and more vulnerable to depression. Seasonal Affective Disorder, known as SAD or winter depression, is a mood disorder related to seasonal changes in sunlight.

Symptoms often last until April or early spring. SAD affects between 10 to 20 percent of Americans, primarily younger adults and women. Although the exact cause of SAD is unknown, experts believe changes in melatonin

and serotonin levels (brain chemicals), or a disruption in the body's internal clock may be to blame.

Dr. John Stracks of Northwestern Medicine says there are ways to beat the blues caused by SAD and suggests those who experience symptoms visit their doctor before symptoms become severe. Symptoms include feeling low and slow, difficulty waking up in the morning, sleeping more, mid-afternoon blahs, increased appetite and loss of interest in activities.

The primary treatment for SAD is morning bright light therapy, which has several

decades of research to support its usefulness.

For most people who have mild symptoms that do not interfere with functioning, try small things to keep moods balanced:

- **Sleep well** – Make sure to wake up and go to bed at the same time every day, including weekends. Doing so will keep the body's internal clock in sync.

- **Let the light in** – Get as much exposure to sunlight as possible by opening the blinds at home and making sure that work space has natural or bright light.

- **Control cravings** – Eat a balanced diet while limiting

the amount of carbohydrates consumed. Carbs can provide a short-term energy boost but leave you feeling worse later in the day.

- **Embrace an exercise routine** – Exercise is not only good for physical health, but also helps relieve the stress and anxiety that can increase the symptoms of SAD.

- **Learn to manage stress** – Take time to relax each day and try to manage stress so it doesn't lead to depression and overeating.

If you feel you may be affected or would like more information on Seasonal

Affective Disorder, contact Nimkee Clinic to schedule an appointment with your medical provider at **989-775-4679**. Remember, it is also beneficial to your health to have your annual health screening. If you are a Nimkee eligible patient, you may contact Jenna at **989-775-4604** to schedule your annual women's health screening. Contact Nimkee Clinic **989-775-4679** to schedule your annual men's health screening.

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Staying active even during the Holidays

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

The coming holiday season brings many changes and challenges like festive holiday functions, visiting family or friends and enjoying the good spirit of the season means we are nudged out of the structure of our daily routines. Although rest breaks and mixing up that structure are all important counterpoints in a healthy lifestyle, the holidays give us a real good context for rest and renewal. At the back-end, we have our New Year's resolutions to help us make new goals, set new standards and establish new thresholds in our lives.

The biggest holiday challenge is knowing what and how much to eat because this is such a generous time of feasting and friendship. I know I will certainly indulge in all the sweet treats and wonderful home-cooked meals. There really is no need to deny yourself that favorite dish, just pace yourself and refrain from eating the entire favorite dish!

Staying physically active is another big challenge because of busy year-end commitments at work, more social events and all that shopping! It is difficult to continue a rigorous workout schedule in the gym and running outside is for the advanced athlete given

the cold and ever changing weather conditions.

The solution can be simple: Just keep moving. I guess it sounds kind of silly, but when I'm Christmas shopping I'll walk each purchase back to the car instead of carrying arm loads of bags around the mall. There's a far greater health benefit to walking back-and-forth to the car than there is to carrying around all the extra weight in those bags!

Probably the best thing to remember is the holidays give you a chance to change up your exercise and diet by giving you different and fun ways to be physically active and mindful of what you eat.

This is a joyous season, enjoy the good life!

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule December 2013

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	Lunch Crunch Go Jaden		Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.				Turbo Kick Ashleigh	
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Valerie			World Fusion Belly Tawnya	

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Homemade Applesauce

Prep time: 15 min. | Cook time: 30 min. | Total time: 45 min.

Pink applesauce is all about keeping the skins on the red apples if you like... just wash your apples well.

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds of apples
- 2 - 4 cups water; more as needed
- 1-2 tablespoons Brown Sugar, if desired

Directions:

1. Wash apples thoroughly. Core if desired (*many cooks do not core – they just remove the stems*).
2. Roughly chop apples into golf-ball size pieces.
3. Place chopped apples and water in a large, thick-bottomed pot. Water level should be about half way up to the top of the apple pieces.
4. Cover pot and bring to a boil. Quickly, liquid should start to cook out of the apple chunks, which will help cook them down further.
5. Simmer apples over low heat until they're very soft and can be easily mashed with a large spoon or potato masher. Stir apples occasionally, and if necessary, add a small amount of water and/or reduce heat to ensure nothing sticks to the bottom of the pot.
6. Place food mill over a large bowl and add as much of the cooked apple mixture into the food mill as will reasonably fit.
7. To avoid making your applesauce too thin, let the mixture sit in your food mill for a few minutes so any excess apple juice can drain out. (*Put the extra fluid aside and save in case you need it to thin out your applesauce*).
8. Turn the handle of your food mill clockwise, pressing the apples through the sieve.
9. Every several turns, rotate the handle counter-clockwise one turn; it'll scrape up any skins (and seeds if you did not core) blocking the mesh.
10. Continue rotating handle clockwise until only dry, tough skins (and seeds) remain in your food mill.
11. If you want sweeter applesauce*, you can stir in sugar to the fresh applesauce now (you need less sugar if you add it while the fresh applesauce is still hot). Transfer applesauce to containers and refrigerate or freeze until using. If you'll be freezing your applesauce, be sure to leave room at the top of your chosen containers for expansion.

Notes:

While applesauce is plenty sweet and delicious plain, if you like yours sweetened, you can add brown or white sugar. Some cooks add a sprinkling of cinnamon too.

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How to prevent and deal with overspending and over shopping

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer

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

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend training which included the topic of overspending and over shopping. This topic peaked my interest as I have been asked to help provide information to Elders on budgeting and money management. During this training, it occurred to me that a possible financial difficulty an individual may find themselves in could be due to overspending or over shopping. Below is a few interesting points from the training.

First, a few questions* to ask yourself;

1. Have shopping/spending ever created problems in your relationship?
2. Have you ever shopped/spent to escape worries or troubles?
3. Have you kept your shopping/spending secret from those close to you?
4. Have you told yourself "this is my last time" yet over shopped/spent?
5. Have you continued to shop or spend despite having had legal issues such as bankruptcy or divorce?

indulgence comes from, in order to face the challenge head on or at least with wallet safely locked away. The possible root causes could range from; the need to have the "latest and greatest gadget," "to give yourself a momentary emotional lift," "because it beats some other things like drugging or boozing" or "ease some pain or loss."

When overspending or over shopping occurs and an underlying motive has been identified a person can be better prepared to curb the urge to spend. Often this need to spend and shop is to give a temporary relief for an issue or even boredom. So where does one start to avoid spending more than desired?

The first suggestion is to deal with the issue at hand. Can the issue be handled, does time need

to pass or is it beyond one's control and needs to be let go of? Friends can be a great avenue to talk things out or provide alternative activities to do instead of shopping. When things are real difficult there are help groups available online or entering into a therapeutic relationship with a licensed provider. Overspending or shopping is just one way to fall into or getting deeper into debt, with the upcoming holiday season it is first good to ask oneself "do I really need to spend this much?"

**Five of 20 questions adapted from debtors anonymous "Bought Out and Spent! Recovery from Compulsive Shopping & Spending. Terrence Shulman*

***Cluttered Lives, Empty Souls: Compulsive Stealing, Spending and Hoarding" handout materials*

Medicare Advantage and Medicare Drug Plan offers

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer

At this time of year, Medicare Beneficiaries are bombarded with mail from Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and many Elders have questions about these offers.

Please remember, if you have traditional Medicare Part A and Part B, you should also have a Medicare Supplemental Policy and

Tribal Member Blue Cross for your prescriptions. Therefore, you do not need to change to a Medicare Advantage plan or a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The shredder is the best place for those Medicare Advantage Plan and Medicare Drug Plan Offers.

If you have questions about your medical coverage, contact District One Elders Services Case Manager Julie Pego at 989-775-4306.

Answering yes to two or more questions from above may indicate some areas of concern with overspending or over shopping. Then one may wonder where this

Personal safety tips for Elders

JAMIE BRANCH
Contributing Writer

With the holidays just around the corner, we find ourselves out and about more or traveling to visit family. This season, let's be safe and aware of our surroundings.

Here are a few tips for Elders to remain safe at home as well as keeping your home secure while you're away:

- Lock all doors

- Secure windows
- Know your neighbors and welcome their help
- Organize a "buddy" system
- Don't shop alone, take a friend
- Beware of phone scams
- If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is a scam
- Do not give any financial/personal details over the phone
- While you're away
- Leave lights on, the curtains drawn and switch on the radio when going out in the evening

- Never leave notes on your door or a key under doormat, flowerpot or door ledge

If you suspect that you had a break in while you were out, don't go in the house! Call 911 immediately!

If someone breaks in while you are at home, don't confront the burglar. Lock the door to the room you are in if you are unable to leave the house safely. Call 911 immediately.

DECEMBER 2013

Tribal Elder Birthdays

<p>3 Alvin Chamberlain, Alfreda Mandoka, James Bailey, Nancy Bonacorsi, Rebecca Fuller, Patricia Sprague</p> <hr/> <p>4 Sandra Charles, Cynthia Cisneros, Brenda Rubin</p> <hr/> <p>5 Julie King, Tony Stevens, James Wheaton</p> <hr/> <p>6 Teri Bennett, Lorraine Dumas, Margaret Worsham</p> <hr/> <p>7 LeEtta Hansen</p> <hr/> <p>8 Mary Floyd, Wayne Johnson Sr.</p> <hr/> <p>10 Suzanne Cross, James Maki, Douglas Zocher</p> <hr/> <p>11 Paul Jackson, Sandra Smith</p> <hr/> <p>12 Bradford Mandoka, Ruth Moses, Beverly Pamp-Ettinger, Kenneth Sprague, Albert Waynee, Sue Kusowski</p> <hr/> <p>13 Randall Bennett, Alma Mitchell, Gerald Moggo, Stella Pamp</p> <hr/> <p>14 Marlene Collins, Ronald Johansen, Ida Ruth Lenhart, Marjorie Gordon, Ruth Mullins, Cheryl Roy, John Trepanier</p>	<p>16 Ronald Douglas, Darlene Munro, Lynette Zaleski, Sylvia Zelinski, Virginia Hoon</p> <hr/> <p>17 Shirley Burch, Donna DeLap</p> <hr/> <p>18 Alfred Dennis, Eleanor Hawk, Vivian Meredith</p> <hr/> <p>19 Pamela Shawboose</p> <hr/> <p>20 Clinton Pelcher Jr., Richard Davis, Deborah Jackson</p> <hr/> <p>21 David Bonnau, Faith Davis, Jacqueline Roach, Janice Walker</p> <hr/> <p>22 Dale Fowler Jr.</p> <hr/> <p>23 Jim Davis</p> <hr/> <p>24 Dorothy Dale, Brenda Miller, Michael Poolaw</p> <hr/> <p>25 Terry Bonnau, Steven Pelcher, Joey Fowler</p> <hr/> <p>26 John Bennett, Lu Ann Phillips, Helen Black, Earlene Jackson</p> <hr/> <p>27 Paul Stevens, Carol White-pigeon</p> <hr/> <p>29 Judy Bryant, Thomas Kequom, William Castle</p> <hr/> <p>30 Virginia Zocher, Jerome Whitepigeon Sr.</p> <hr/> <p>31 Roseleane Brown, Marie Saboo</p>
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Therapy Dogs

Visit Andahwod







Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Since July, therapy dogs, Kindle, a four-year-old Labrador Retriever, and Boomer, a 10-year-old Golden Retriever, visit Andahwod residents with their owner, Margy Reimer. The dogs have been visiting mostly every Wednesday afternoon, except for the third Wednesday of the month when residents are scheduled to play bingo. Special human and animal bonds have been known to increase happiness and improve moods. The dogs may help residents de-stress, ease anxiety and they could aid in the healing process. Reimer has noticed a lot of residents opening up while reminiscing about their childhood pet, when they typically do not speak up.



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WATERFALL WEEKDAYS

Calendar of Events

- December 7**
Letters to Santa & cookies, 6:30-8pm
- December 14**
Christmas Photos with Gizi, 4-6pm
Letters to Santa & Cookies, 6:30-8pm
- December 15**
Christmas Photos with Gizi, 10-12pm
- December 20**
Ben Schuller Acoustic Set, Nbakade Lounge, 8-11pm
- December 21, 22**
Christmas Photos with Gizi, 4-6pm
Letters to Santa & Cookies, 6:30-8pm
- December 28**
Laurie & Kelsey Acoustic Set, Nbakade Lounge, 8-11pm
- December 31**
New Year's Eve Celebration, 4pm-1am



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DECEMBER 2013 EVENT PLANNER

Euchre

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Fried Fish Buffet

December 5 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Beginners Computer Class for Elders

December 6, 20 | 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307
 • Limited spots, call to sign up

Craft Bazaar & Bake Sale

December 11 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307
 • Limited spots, call to sign up

Fried Chicken Buffet

December 12 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Bingo with Friends

December 18 | 1 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4307

Fajita & Taco Bar

December 19 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 • Contact: 989-775-4300

Performance Circle Class

December 3 | Sr. Class: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 • Jr. Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-8172

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

December 4 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

Women to Women Group

December 6 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • Join us for a light lunch, discussion and crafting

Angel Tree Gift Drop Off

December 7 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Location: Tribal Gym
 • Benefits the children of the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Christmas Unity Service

December 13 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Location: Tribal Gym
 • "The Real Christmas Story"
 • Free meal following the service

Recommitment to the Earth Ceremony

December 13 | 12 p.m.
 • Location: Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery
 • Contact: 989-775-4386
 • 7525 E. Tomah Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI

Journey Feast

December 13 | 3 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4386

Mnanjitooda Niibaanamaang!

(Let's Celebrate Christmas)
 December 14 | 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
 • Contact: 989-775-8172
 • Community cultural teaching and feast

Performance Circle Graduation

December 17, | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 • Jr. Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 • Location: Broadway Theater, Mt. Pleasant
 • Contact: 989-775-8172

New Parents Support Group

December 27 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4600

Christmas Decorating Classes

December 4, 11, 18 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Seventh Generation
 • Contact: 989-775-4780
 • Classes are full

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TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | DECEMBER 2013

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
2 Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	3 Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m. Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	4 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7 th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Healer 7 th Generation	6 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. Traditional Healer 7 th Generation	1 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. 7 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 8 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
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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.

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.

Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants require State of Michigan licensure and Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the Drug Enforcement Administration in the State of Michigan/or be eligible to become licensed and certified. Master of Science Degree in Nursing is required. Physician Assistant will have graduated from an approved

Physician Assistant Program of study and have successfully completed the Physician Assistant Certification examination. Two years experience working in an outpatient/clinic setting preferred. Must complete a fingerprint/background check.

Primary Language Immersion Specialist

Must possess specialized unique skills which include a high level of demonstrated fluency, knowledge of age appropriate teaching techniques and a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and language acquisition, five years experience teaching Anishinabemowin. A Bachelor's Degree in Education and/or possession of a teaching certificate preferred. Must 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 examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license. Two plus years experience as a Journeymen 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.

Teacher Creative Arts

Open to the public. Bachelors 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. This position will provide instruction and activities to students to meet Michigan Arts standards and benchmarks for; dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. Research indicates a link between the Arts and Academic and Social Outcomes specifically cognitive capacities and motivation to learn. This position will maintain appropriate records as required to meet standards and expectations about student progress and will work in collaboration with SCA instructional staff outcomes.

Casino

Director of Cage and 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. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license.

Sous Chef-Aurora

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

Floor/Upholstery Cleaner

Open to the public. Six months of carpet/floor care and upholstery experience required. Must have knowledge of wet

and dry extractions of carpet and upholstery and truck mount system a plus. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture, carpet and flooring.

Lead Cook Pastry

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

Mechanics Helper

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent, minimum of one year of automotive training on all types of vehicles. Must possess a valid Mich. driver's license and be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal driver's license. Provide assistants for Technicians involving routine maintenance/repair to Tribal vehicles on a reoccurring basis.

Transit Driver Part-Time

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

Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Assures that the guests of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort have a "Four Diamond" experience when dining at your designated outlet.

Security Officer Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Good reading, writing and mathematical skills. Typing and computer skills a plus. Ability to handle irate, disorderly or intoxicated guests in a professional manner. To protect the assets of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe including patrons, employees, and structures. Also to enforce Gaming Codes and MICs (Minimum Internal Controls).

Front Desk Lead

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have a minimum of two years experience in front office operations or two years hospitality experience to include one year in a supervisory capacity. Must have cash handling experience. Must have excellent computer skills. To provide the day to day leadership to all front office associates.

Guest Room Attendant Full-Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred. Must be able to follow simple written and verbal instruction, and be willing to ac-

complish repetitive tasks. Must be able to bend, twist, squat and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Responsible for cleaning guestrooms and suites in accordance with the hotel policies and procedures. Works to ensure all guests needs are properly handled in a friendly and professional manner.

Valet Parking Full-Time Hotel

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be able to drive vehicles with a standard transmission. Assists patrons and guests by safely parking and retrieving cars.

Call Center Lead

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent required, two years college credits preferred. Candidates must have minimum of one year reservation experience with a hotel, casino, rent a car, airline, cruise ships or travel agency. Prior training and supervisory experience preferred. Supervise and develop all activities relating to the Call Center. Provides the department with leadership whereby they achieve results in accordance with the objectives, goals, expectations, performance and quality standards established for the department by the organization.

Inventory Control Warehouser

Open to the public. The Inventory Control Warehouser performs warehouse duties and functions to support receiving, storage and distribution of SECR inventory assets to include food inspection, receiving, storage, counting, picking, packing, staging, shipping and stocking in Food & Beverage storage areas; equipment maintenance and housekeeping duties to ensure food safety and a safe, clean and orderly work environment; data entry and maintenance of inventory software.

Host/Hostess Diner

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred. To seat our guests in a timely and courteous fashion to their area of choice in our restaurants.

115 For Sale

Dresser for Sale

Double dresser, large mirror. Light maple. Nice condition. \$75. 989-444-0545

130 Services

Fox Home Builders

All types of home improvements. Kitchen and bath remodeling, additions. Experienced and local. 989-773-4665.

135 Events

Craft and Bake Sale

Dec. 7, 9-4. Crossings on Broadway, 5402 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF APRIL LEAUREAUX:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0649 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: April Leureaux 3925 Yorkland Dr. NW Apt. 6, Comstock Park, MI 49321. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file and answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to 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 Jan. 1, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF APRIL LEAUREAUX:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0648 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: April Leureaux 3925 Yorkland Dr. NW Apt. 6, Comstock Park, MI 49321. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file and answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to 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 Jan. 1, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS IN THE MATTER OF TERESA REYES:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800, Summons and Complaint Case NO 13-CI-0759 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law Scott Schisler P48832 P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Teresa Reyes 6225 E. Pierson Rd. Flint, MI 48506 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please 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. 6, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SHANE KARKOWSKI:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI. 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0867 Plaintiff Mobile Medical Response c/o 803 N Michigan Ave, Saginaw MI 48602,989-754-5252 Vs. Shane Karkowski3350 S. Summerton Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI48858. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in this court by the Plaintiff for a show cause hearing. 2. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before 28 days following the last date of publication of this Order. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded. 3. A copy of this order shall be sent to Defendant, Shane Karkowski, at Defendant's last known address by ordinary mail before the date of the last publication and the affidavit of mailing shall be filed with this court. **This Summons expires March 12, 2014.**



Seventh Generation staff visit Grand Rapids elementary school to educate students on Native American culture

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A fifth grade class at Kenowa Hills Public School in Grand Rapids, Mich. learned how they can make a difference just by writing a letter. Fifth grader, Miana, wrote to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe asking about the Native American traditions and dances. Miana did not just receive a letter in return, but Seventh Generation staff visited the school.

Miana's letter asked, "Can you come to my school if

it's possible for you? Do you make anything like in the past? Do you still do Native American dances? Do you do any of the traditional things that your ancestors did? If you come to my school I will definitely get an A+, and maybe my whole class will get an A+, well, I will still have to pass the test."

Cultural Representatives Louise Hunt, Clinton Pelcher, Little Man Quintero and Hunt's granddaughter, Mercedes, were on their way to Grand Rapids to answer Miana's letter in person. They set up Native American drums, regalia and crafts in the Kenowa Hills Public School cafeteria.

Quintero presented each item to the 40 students present from two different fifth grade classrooms. Quintero gave the historical background on baskets, Indian corn, maple syrup, sacred medicines and explained smudging.

The fifth grade students listened attentively and shared their curiosity, while

asking many questions about the Native American culture.

At the end of the presentation, the students got to participate in making their own Native American craft; a miniature drum. Students created a small drum with raw materials, representing the Big Drum, from the Anishinaabe Culture. Students learned the difference between a big drum and hand drum and what the drum means to the Anishinaabe Culture.

Each student crafted and kept their own drum to remember the story and the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe nation. Miana was pleased and the Seventh Generation staff gave the students a presentation to remember.



Native American cultural items, sacred medicines and regalia were on display to advocate the students.



Little Man Quintero presented students with historical Native American items.



Louise Hunt assists Miana and her friends with crafting the drums.



The presentation concluded with a Round Dance with the students and teachers.



The students were all eyes as Pelcher, Hunt and Quintero gave their presentation.



The students were thrilled to leave their classroom and head to the cafeteria for the Native American culture presentation.



Miana was presented with a gift from Seventh Generation for writing the letter and for the invitation to her school.



The fifth grade students work efficiently to craft their small drums.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck