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Seven Tribal Members receive per capita suspension

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In May 2013, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council passed an amendment to the Tribe's Revenue Allocation Plan ("Per Cap Plan") that would render Tribal Members ineligible for per capita payments if they are convicted of certain crimes.

In best interest of the Membership, the amended Per Cap Plan became effective June 1, 2013. Since that time, a total of seven Tribal Members have had their per capita suspended due to unlawful offenses.

Currently, two Tribal Members are on a five-year per capita suspension, and five Tribal Members have received a lifetime suspension.

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

- Murder (including conspiracy to commit murder and solicitation to commit murder)
- Kidnapping
- Assault with intent to commit murder
- Any sexual crime with a maximum term of imprisonment of greater than three years
- Any sexual crime under the Tribe's Code that is equivalent to a felony under Michigan law

Under the amended plan, a first-time conviction of any of the above crimes results in lifetime ineligibility of per capita payments.

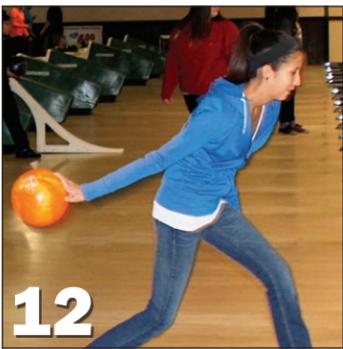
The plan also stops per capita payments to Tribal Members convicted of other serious crimes listed in the amended plan for a period of five years upon the third or subsequent conviction of the crime.

"The work that Tribal Council has done to stop financial benefits to members who have broken the law are steps in the right direction," said Tribal Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier. "It gives one a chance to consider their future reality, and perhaps avoid bad choices. It allows protection from harm and extortion for those already incarcerated, and it elevates the burden of those family members having to manage those benefits of their incarcerated family members."

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

"The time has come for everyone to take responsibility for their choices and know that there is no benefit to breaking the law and/or serving your time financially supported by your community," Cloutier said.

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



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MDOT Development Road Project with Tribe changes M-20 and Leaton Road traffic patterns

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

If an Isabella County resident would take a guess on where the busiest intersection in the area is, M-20 and Leaton Road in Chippewa Township would be at the top of the list. Since Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort opened in 1996, traffic in the area has impacted everyone who travels on the five lanes eastbound toward Mount Pleasant and westbound to Midland on M-20.

Community Engineer Donald Seal of the Saginaw Chippewa Planning Department has been working directly with Bill Mayhew of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) on the Development Road Project (officially

designated as a portion of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, T14N, R3W, Isabella County.)

"This project is an excellent cooperative example of how collaboration can improve infrastructure and make the community safer," Seal said. "This particular effort included the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Michigan and MDOT and is the culmination of five years of dialogue between all the governmental interests. One aspect of the project is focused on the indirect left boulevards east and west on M-20 and signage is already being put in place through local contractor Ranck Electric."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Local MDOT sub-contractor Malley Excavating prepares the area near Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for pending road improvements.

An example of the indirect left boulevards in Isabella County can be seen on Broomfield Road near McQuirk Arena and Kelly Shorts Stadium on the Central Michigan University campus. J. Ranck Electric, Inc. is a Mount Pleasant-based full service contractor who does traffic

maintenance through MDOT and is working on site development. The storm sewer, and the excavation and embankment work is being completed by Mount Pleasant sub-contractor Malley Excavating.

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State of the Tribe

Annual Meeting

Sunday Feb. 22, 2015 • SECR Entertainment Hall

Doors open at 9 a.m. • Breakfast served at 10 a.m.

* Tribal ID required, must be 14 years of age or older. ** Kids Quest at SECR will open at 9 a.m.



Wilfred Leo Peters Jr.

Aug. 23, 1936 - Dec. 28, 2014

Wilfred Leo Peters Jr., 78, of Lodi, Calif., formerly of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 at the Lodi Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Services for Wilfred were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Jan. 6, 2015 with Rev. Robert Pego officiating.

Wilfred was born Aug. 23, 1936 in Mount Pleasant, the son of Wilfred Leo Sr. and Julia Elizabeth (Otto) Peters. Wilfred was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He graduated from Beal City High School in 1954.

Following high school, Wilfred proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He married Donna Marie Goodwin on Oct. 10, 1958.

Wilfred enjoyed traveling, going to casinos and watching and playing sports, especially bowling. Wilfred was a member of the National Pro Bowling Association.

Wilfred is survived by his wife, Donna of Lodi, Calif.; children, Dawn (Shannon) Hunt of Albuquerque, N.M., Robin (Mike Dini) Peters of Las Vegas, and Marcus Peters of Jackson, Calif.; five grandchildren, Michelle, Adam, Willem, Jeremy, and Raymond; five great-grandchildren, Haley, Kloe, Lily, Ronan, Raymond Jr., Raylynn, Adam Jr., Michelle, and Chase; brother, Julius (Helen) Peters of Mount Pleasant and their children, Theresa, Renee', Julie, and Lance; sisters, Patricia Peters of Mount Pleasant and her children, Summer, Memi, Sean, and Waabi, Nicki Perez of Mount Pleasant and her children, Dawn, David, Craig, and Mary Alice, Anne Peters of Mount Pleasant and her children, Camille, Maynard Jr., Travis, Jessica, Courtney, Denise, Andre, and Jared Peters; and cousins, Lavern Pelcher, Duane Pelcher, Sue Bettistea, Cindy Quigno, Linda Hunt, Louise Hunt, Pearl Irene Hunt, Carol Harris, Randy Holyday, Mary Ann Fender and Geri Swanson; and many great-nieces and nephews.

Wilfred was preceded in death by his daughters, Daphne and Jamie; granddaughter, Michelle; parents, Wilfred and Julie Peters; grandparents, Simon and Anna Peters; sister, Betty Otto; uncles, Richard and Frank Peters; and aunts, Nellie Jackson Peters, Mary Shawagan, and Alice Peters.



Delilah Hart "Dee" Brown

Aug. 5, 1933 - Jan. 23, 2015

Delilah Hart "Dee" Brown, age 81, of Randleman, N.C., died Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro, N.C.

Brown was born Aug. 5, 1933; the daughter of Richard and Nancy Hart Peters.

Dee was a native of Mount Pleasant, Mich. and proud of her Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe heritage. She enjoyed her family, travel and providing meals (mostly breakfast) to strangers through random acts of kindness. She was retired from Technimark and a member of Good Hope Baptist Church. She was active at the Randleman Senior Center, with Meals-on-Wheels and enjoyed crafts and sewing. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by daughter: Bobbie Dee Brown of Randleman, N.C.; son and his wife: Joe Alan and Vickie Brown of Asheboro, N.C.; son and his wife: Oren and Grenau Brown of Randleman, N.C.; son and his wife: John Thomas and Theresa Brown of Randleman, N.C.; 11 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; and one sister: Louella Martinez of Warsaw, Ind.

The funeral was held at the Pugh Funeral Home Chapel, Randleman with Rev. James Swaney officiating. Burial followed in Randolph Memorial Park, Asheboro. Memorials may be made to Hospice Of Randolph, P.O. Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204-0009.



The family of Wilfred Leo Peters Jr.

The family of Wilfred Leo Peters Jr. appreciates and thanks Lindy Hunt for guiding and helping us with the Tribal Funeral packet, Cindy Quigno and the church ladies: Alfreda Mandoka, Ellie Van Horn, Gloria Norvais, Jennifer Wassegijig, Susan Bettistea, and others who helped prepare the dinner following the funeral service. And thanks to the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church, Pastor Bo Pego and June Pego and to the drummers for their flag, honor and traveling songs. We give a special thanks to Clark Funeral Chapel for their kindness and support during the loss of our family member. May the Lord shower each of you with many blessings in the years to come.

Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee

2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

- Feb. 12** • 12 p.m. • Saganing Tribal Center
- Feb. 26** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- Mar. 12** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- Mar. 26** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- April 9** • 12 p.m. • Saganing Tribal Center
- April 30** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- May 14** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- May 28** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- June 11** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept
- June 25** • 12 p.m. • Planning Dept

* All times and locations subject to change by committee

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Tribal police are cracking down.
Don't drink and drive.

BIA Office of Justice Services
Indian Highway Safety Program

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**Cart Memberships available for \$300/yr. (Purchase at course)

Available For Immediate Purchase By:
Tribal Members and Tribal Employees and their families.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police

6954 E BROADWAY, MT PLEASANT, MI
TEL: 989-775-4700

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Project ChildSafe is a nationwide program promoting safe firearm handling and storage practices through the distribution of free, cable-style locks. We are doing our part to promote safe storage, but we need your help! Call for details!

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Do Your Part In Stopping Crime!

Assist Your Local Law Enforcement and Narcotics Enforcement Teams in Protecting the Future of Your Community!

Protecting your children, family, community and future should be a priority!

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police
Dispatch: 989-775-4700
Tip Line: 989-775-4775

Bayanet (Narcotics Enforcement)
Tip Line: 989-779-9697
Anonymous and Confidential

Public Notice

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police provide law enforcement services under 638 Contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Included within said contract; The Bureau of Indian Affairs reserve the right for "First Right of Refusal" pertaining to any complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's.

As result of this contractual procedure; All complaints against the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department and/or its Officer's must first be directed to :

BIA Internal Affairs SSA Justin Wendland
justin.wendland@bia.gov | 701-250-4545

ATTENTION Anishinabe Ogitchedaw

Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members

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

Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver

Tribal Observer COMIC CONTEST

Email your submissions to observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Tribal Operations building.



Per Capita Mail Update

JEANETTE MANDOKA

Per Capita Member Specialist

The Per Capita Department has recently been informed by the postal service that all mail is being routed through Grand Rapids, Mich. This change is due to the Lansing, Mich. hub closing.

With this change, there is a delay in checks and advices being received by the membership. It will depend on the postal service operating procedure to determine when the mail will arrive at each residence. All mail is sorted individually and will be delivered as sorted, not by "household."

Direct deposit to any bank is a secure way to receive per capita funds on the scheduled pay date. Forms are available on line or at the Per Capita Department.

Please update all information pertaining to any current address change or contact number, through the Tribal Clerk Department.

Information regarding any changes are recorded on the hotline.

**Per Capita Hotline: 989.775.4037
Toll Free: 800.225.8172**



Happy Birthday

to my Marine
(David Merrill, JR)!

Love Mom and girls

Happy Birthday

Grandma Evelyn

Love Amir & A.J.



Request for proposal: Project Manager

On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Tribal Council is preparing to receive all interested proposals for project management and oversight to an important community investment. Tribal Members and/or Native Americans are strongly encouraged to apply. The proposed project manager must include development and future plans for the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) including a community survey in which to assist with guidance.

Tribal Council is seeking a project manager with experience who can demonstrate the key components necessary to complete this important project on time and within a developed budget.

Please include within your proposal: a cover letter outlining your educational background and key project experiences, an overview of your project approach (project scope of services) and proposed fee required to complete project phases (pre-design, design, construction, and closeout) and any reimbursable fee.

Tribal Council will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

- Tribal Member/Native American preference
- Education level
- Relevant experience examples such as:
 - Management of construction documents (AIA)
 - Feasibility studies
 - Budget management
- Leadership capability
- Past performance (if applicable)
- Fee

Please forward your detailed proposals, along with references by March 1, 2015 to:

Marcella Hadden
MIIBS Committee Member
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
7070 East Broadway
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Scope of services

For Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Board School (MIIBS) Project

- Initial fact finding - acquire and review all previous reports/studies, strategic plans, structural and environmental reports, community survey results, etc.
- Draft and implement MIIBS community needs survey per strategic plan.
- Prepare a report that offers direction and potential work plans to inform future property use and development.
- Continue to review and implement strategic planning goals and objectives.
- Provide quarterly updates to Tribal Council and Tribal Community.
- Design and implement a funding and development plan - such as establishing a foundation and/or permanent endowment.

- Identify, prepare and submit grants with the Grant Department including the administration of the award.
- Maintain open lines of communication with City of Mount Pleasant, State and Federal key officials in the maintenance and development of the former boarding school property.
- Identify and inventory items in MIIBS building that need to be retained or auctioned including storage space.
- Maintain relationships with Tribal Departments to secure and maintain MIIBS buildings/property.
- Continue to provide guidance and assistance throughout the process to help ensure responsibilities and expectations of committee members.
- Conceptualize future plans for what the MIIBS property will look like and its function – from survey results and/or community input.



Happy Birthday

Grandpa!



Happy Birthday

lil Bro (Jose)
love and miss you!

Love Consuelo & Kids



Happy Birthday

Marcia

Love, Rick, Donna and Dasia



Happy Valentine's Birthday to my beautiful daughter!

Thank YOU for being the best Valentine's Day gift ever!!

Love You So Much!!
Mom



Happy 1st Birthday

to our little son son!

Carter Allan Leureaux



Mino Dibishkaan Tobias!
Happy Birthday
Midaaswi shi nswi
13 years old

I hope you are always full of humor and laughter.

G'zaagi'in gwa pane!

I love you forever!

Gashi: Mom

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended my 65th birthday party on Jan. 10th, the Gonzalez girls, Chief and Mae Pego for the birthday song, Marcella Hadden for taking photos and all friends, family, who came from near and far. Miigwetch to All! - **Jose Gonzalez**



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Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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



Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

DON SEAL

Planning Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, in conjunction with Indian Health Services (IHS) is seeking Tribal Members to inventory their Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) Project.

Phase one is just an inventory, pumping and inspection of the POWTS Systems and once all data is gathered, the repairs will be completed as a subsequent phase two, known as the POWTS Repair Project.

SCIT and IHS are encouraging Tribal Members to participate in the project as a benefit to the Tribal Member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal Member homes throughout the Isabella

Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella counties in Michigan.

Septic systems will be pumped and inspected at no expense to the homeowner by licensed and certified pumpers and inspectors. Homeowners must be willing to allow pumpers and inspectors on site for this work. This work will be scheduled with the homeowners.

Please contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:

Don Seal

Planning Director/Community Engineer

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI

7070 E. Broadway Rd.

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

E. coli problem in Chippewa River: How you can help

CAREY PAUQUETTE

Water Quality Specialist

Have you heard about the E. coli problem in the Chippewa River? Were you nervous to go tubing or canoeing this summer because of it? Many people have called asking questions about the safety of our local rivers, lakes, and swimming holes because of the high bacteria levels. Now that we know the problem, we need your help to fix it.

Did you know our waste water and septic tanks can have a large impact on the rivers, lakes and streams? Septic tanks can get damaged in a number of ways. Cracked lids, tree roots, and full tanks will allow material inside the tank to leak into the land and water nearby. The material is loaded with bacteria including E. coli. The human waste will be picked up by storm water and snow melt, which runs off to the nearest surface water.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), septic tanks should be pumped and inspected every one to three years.

Tribal members are encouraged to sign up for a free program to have your septic tank inspected and pumped. This program is brought to you through a collaborative program by Indian Health Services, the Central Michigan District Health Department, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The program is voluntary. To qualify, you must be a Tribal member. The septic tank must be at your primary residence and located within Arenac, Midland, Clare or Isabella County. Space for this program is limited so call to sign up soon.

If you have questions or would like to sign up for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Program, POWTS, please call 989-775-4014, email cpauquette@sagchip.org or stop in to the Tribal Planning Department.

Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health Services

Now offering intake and counseling appointments at Saganing

A Behavioral Health therapist is at Saganing Tribal Center two days per month.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Behavioral Health Program's front office at 989.775.4850

Behavioral Health Program offers a variety of services including:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Intensive Outpatient Program
- Case Management
- Helping Healer
- Residential Treatment Center
- Domestic Violence Services
- Acupuncture
- Driver's License Evaluations
- School Based Consulting Clinician
- Psychiatric Services
- Batterers' Intervention Group
- Women's Support Group

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To change your mailing address or contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
c/o Tribal Observer
7070 E. Broadway R.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
You may also e-mail us at observer@sagchip.org.

Subscription rates are \$30 per year for non-Tribal members and \$15 for Tribal Members 49 years and younger. Tribal Elders continue to receive complimentary mailed copy but are still required to fill out a subscription form.

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

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Tribal Observer Advertising

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

Announcements - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs \$10 and is open to Tribal members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are \$20.

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Cultural teachings shared at the SCIT Seventh Generation Program annual Winter Feast

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Seventh Generation Program of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrated its annual Winter Feast at the Elijah Elk Cultural Building on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Community members and their families gathered in fellowship to share a meal prepared by the Seventh Generation staff. The event also featured cultural teachings from two guest speakers.

The first speaker, Michele Wellman-Teeple, is a member of the Little River Band of Indians. She has been living in the Bay Mills Indian Community for more than 30 years. Michele currently works for the Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program at Bay Mills Community College, and is also a graduate of the program. She shared her experiences learning and teaching the Anishnaabemowin language and performed a song in Anishnaabemowin.

"I want to share one of my favorite songs that I learned a few years ago," Wellman-Teeple said. "The words are 'together we can be strong.' They have lit the seventh fire, and we have to learn to speak our language."

Dwight "Bucko" Teeple, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community, presented the second half of the cultural teachings. Dwight is a pipe carrier, Army veteran, college graduate and world traveler.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

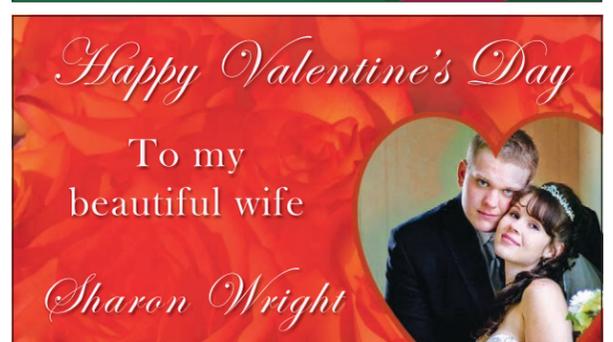
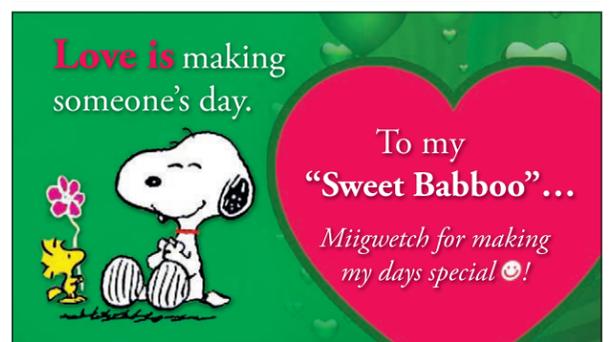
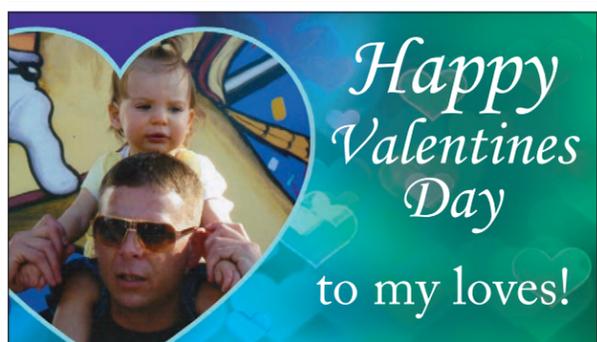
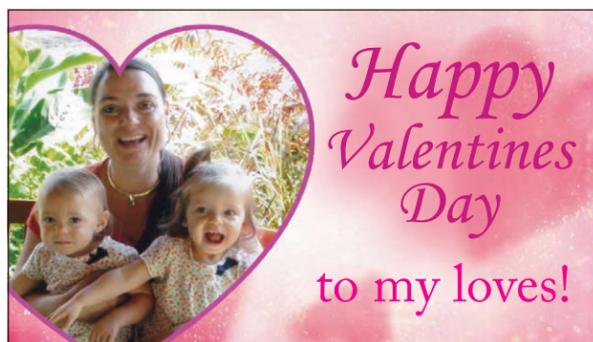
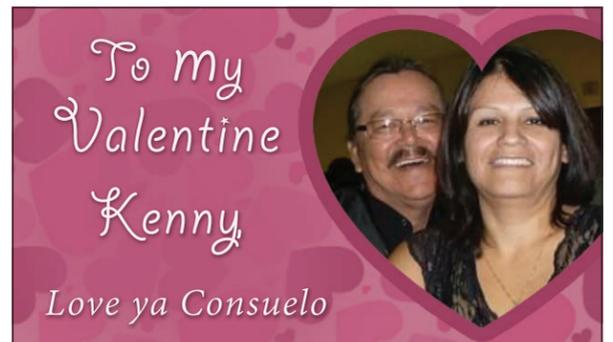
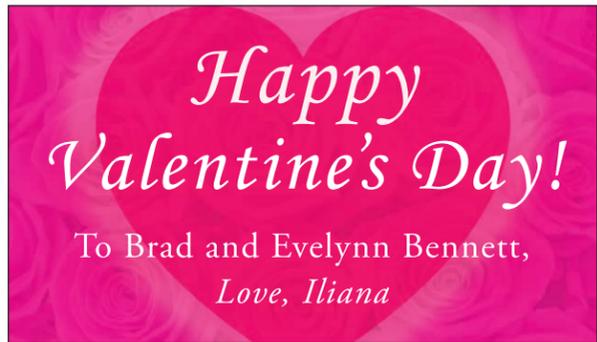
Bay Mills Indian Community Member Dwight "Bucko" Teeple shares winter teachings.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Michele Wellman-Teeple shares a song in Anishnaabemowin.

"The winter time, when the snow covers the ground, it's a time when those trees and the plant life are sleeping," Dwight Teeple said. "The leaves have gone. It won't be long before the spring arrives and that maple syrup will run. Those leaves, they will return to the trees, and that snow will go away... In the fall they start taking different colors, and drop to the ground. It will work its way back around to that winter, when there are no leaves on the trees. Those are gifts and blessings for us, and to show us that cycle of life that the trees are going through. So, acknowledge that time of the year."





Tribal Police and Court discuss City of Mount Pleasant vote to decriminalize marijuana

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

One of the enduring aspects of Tribal law is Tribal sovereignty. On the SCIT website, Tribal sovereignty is clearly defined by stating the following:

“An Indian Tribe is a distinct political community. A Tribe retains its inherent powers of self-government absent action by Congress to limit those powers. A State cannot limit the powers of a Tribe. The source of Tribal powers rests in its people. Tribes have had the inherent right to govern themselves from time immemorial.” See Worcester v. Georgia, 515, 558 (1832). Tribal governments have the same powers as the federal and state governments to regulate their internal affairs, with some few exceptions. For instance, the Tribes have the power to form a government, to decide their own membership, the right to regulate property, the right to maintain law and order, the right to regulate commerce, and so on.”

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and Tribal Court offered relevant information every Tribal Member living within the six townships of Isabella County should be aware of.

On Nov. 5, 2014, residents of Mount Pleasant voted in favor of decriminalizing marijuana by a 62-38 percent

margin. This action amended the Mount Pleasant city ordinance so that nothing in the city’s code would apply to the use, possession or transfer of small amounts (less than one ounce) of marijuana on private property by those 21 and older.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said there is a zero tolerance Tribal ordinance as a matter of law.

“Every Tribal Council administration I have had the honor to serve has all upheld that Tribal ordinance,” Cloutier said. “Even with the December 2014 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) decision that would allow for the sale and growth of marijuana on the reservation, the Tribal Council stands together with the Tribal Police and Tribal Court regarding marijuana.”

Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon and Tribal Prosecutor Graham Leach shared the following Tribal Ordinance of record regarding marijuana and controlled substances:

“1.2036 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, NARCOTICS. Any person who shall plant, grown, cultivate, harvest, gather, manufacture, sell, barter, give away, or have in his possession any substance which shall now or in the future be a controlled substance pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Controlled Substances Act Michigan Statutes Annotated Sec. 14.15 (7101) et. seq.

shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not to exceed one (1) year or a fine not to exceed \$5000 dollars, or to both such imprisonment and fine, with costs. A valid permit from the Federal government authorizing a person or persons to possess such substances or a prescription from a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan shall be a defense to a prosecution under this provision. Possession of a valid Registry

Identification Card issued under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act shall not be a defense against prosecution under this statute.”

Possession of marijuana is a federal crime, but the DOJ announced in August 2013 it would allow states to regulate recreational marijuana sales. The nation’s first recreational pot stores opened in Colorado and Washington in 2014.

Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates cautions Tribal Members who may look at the Mount Pleasant vote as an opportunity to break the law.

“Make no mistake, state, federal and Tribal law still makes marijuana illegal in any form for a Tribal Member, regardless if they live within the City of Mount Pleasant or not,” Cates said. “I have no idea why a law abiding Tribal Member would roll the dice and face a Tribal or federal charge for marijuana.”

Tribal Pharmacist Andy Henning confirmed Nimkee Clinic neither recognizes the medical use of marijuana nor prescribes it to patients (according to an Aug. 17, 2010 Tribal Health Board policy No. 015.)

MDOT Development continued from front page

Mayhew said “this is the first project in the state of Michigan to coordinate a BIA project and an MDOT project together with separate funding.”

Central Asphalt of Mount Pleasant is the prime contractor for the project and they are MDOT pre-qualified to provide asphalt paving services to Michigan roadways, highways and streets.

“People who drive by the site can see where infrastructure concerns are already being addressed with the clearing of trees and adding water and sewer improvements for the future developments on the Turtle Trail (Mshiikeh Miiikan) access road,” Seal said. “Council chose the name of the access road that will provide access to Soaring Eagle property where the outdoor concerts and other sporting events are held.”

The tree removal on the M-20 property near Soaring Eagle was necessary to allow for the access road and the BIA approved the free use timber cutting permit signed by Tribal Chief Steven Pego on July 28, 2014. Many community members and Tribal departments benefited from the wood that was harvested and the process was done in a respectful and environmentally conscious way.

The first phase of the reservation Turtle Trail road project is

to provide access from M-20 to the venue and eventually Turtle Trail will connect with Broadway Road from the south, Summerton to the west and will continue on the other side of M-20 to connect with Airport Road to the north.

Mayhew said there was an informational meeting on Sept. 24, 2014 regarding proposed improvements on M-20 from Summerton to Leaton Road, just east of Mount Pleasant in Chippewa Township, Isabella County.

The open house-style meeting provided an opportunity for the public to meet with MDOT staff and ask questions about the road construction project.

The meeting detailed the scope of work that includes constructing a narrow boulevard with indirect left turns, turn loons, and right-turn lanes at the Leaton Road intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin this October with completion expected by the end of the 2015 construction season. The proposed project will benefit motorists by enhancing safety and increasing ride quality.

The MDOT Development Road Project is scheduled for completion by Nov. 2015 and the first phase of the Turtle Train reservation road project is slated for after May 25, 2015 (before the outdoor summer concert season.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

J. Ranck Electric equipment is seen at Borders Corner Store at the intersection of M-20 and Leaton Road where new signage and lights are being installed for the indirect left boulevards affecting east and west traffic. Traffic moving north and south on Leaton Road will not be affected by the project.

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Eleven-year-old Andre Leureaux selected as karate junior instructor

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Eleven-year-old Andre Leureaux, member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, has been selected as junior instructor at his karate dojo, Original Okinawan Karate of Holt, LLC.

As junior instructor, Leureaux will assist in teaching beginner and intermediate karate classes. He will assist in a monthly dojo (when students move to the next belt/rank) testing, and receive

specialized training devoted to junior instructors.

In April 2011, at age 7, Leureaux began karate lessons in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym, under the direction of Sensei Greg Morales. Leureaux trained under Morales for three years, reaching various ranks until receiving his junior black belt in early 2014.

Leureaux took a six-month break from karate and then joined the OOKH dojo in Holt, Mich. in August 2014.

Depending on the karate student's rank, specific katas

are given that must be mastered before moving to the next belt. When the sensei feels the student is ready for the next belt, they are notified of the next testing date.

In order to move to the next rank, the student must test to demonstrate mastery of the katas in front of sensei. Leureaux will be assisting with each testing.

Leureaux is part of the youth karate program for ages 5 to 13. As junior instructor, he helps teach students aged 5 to 9.

Before beginning as junior instructor, Leureaux said what he was looking most forward to was helping teach kids.

Leureaux is a 6th grade student at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.



Courtesy of Tonia Leureaux

Andre Leureaux

Forty work credits needed for payments

MICHAELENE MARCOTTE

Case Manager

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At-Large Program hosts tax workshop

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk

On Jan. 8, 2015, the At-Large Program brought in the New Year by hosting a tax workshop in conjunction with the regular-scheduled Saginaw

Chippewa Housing workshop.

After guests were treated to lunch provided by H & H Bakery, Director of Tribal Business Regulations Chris Sineway and Dorothy Howard a CPA, PLLC from Mount Pleasant, Mich. were on hand

to answer any tax questions participants had.

Sineway and Howard also informed the membership of anything that might pertain to them as Tribal Members.

Please watch the Tribal Observer for upcoming events.

At-Large Program Meet & Greet

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For more information, please contact Marcella Hadden, Public Relations at mahadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4059.

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Controversy over remains of Jim Thorpe subject of play reading, panel discussion

(Editor's note: The Tribal Observer is pleased to be a member of the Native American Journalist Association and offer articles that impact Tribal communities on a national scale. Native journalist and NAJA member Susan Shown Harjo has co-written a play on Olympian Jim Thorpe. Richard Leventhal, who has worked with the Ziibiwing Cultural Center on NAGPRA issues, serves as moderator for the panel discussion after the play. The following press release is from Pam Kosty of the Penn Cultural Heritage Center.)

The Penn Museum hosts a staged reading of "My Father's Bones", a short play by nationally renowned Native American writers and activists Susan Shown Harjo and Mary Kathryn Nagle, Thursday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m.

The play recounts the ongoing struggle of three sons to recover the remains of their father—the unmatched Olympian Jim Thorpe—from the Borough of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania, for reburial with his relatives on Sac and Fox Nation land in Oklahoma. The free program, sponsored by the Penn Cultural Heritage

Center of the Penn Museum and presented in conjunction with the Museum's Native American Voices exhibition, concludes with a panel discussion and reception.

The first version of "My Father's Bones" was selected as a finalist for the 2013 Von Marie Atchley Excellence in Playwriting Award and performed at the Autry Center of the American West in Los Angeles. This revision is staged by Philadelphia-based director Matt Pfeiffer, recently nominated for the 2014 Barrymore Award for Outstanding Direction of Play for his direction of Down Past Passyunk, at InterAct Theater Company in Philadelphia.

Following the play, the Penn Cultural Heritage Center and the Museum host a panel discussion about repatriation and the use of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) as the legal basis to return Jim Thorpe's remains to his ancestral home. Representatives of the Borough of Jim Thorpe and the Sac and Fox Nation have been invited to attend.

To date, panelists include Tribal representatives of the Sac and Fox Nation; Attorney John Echohawk, director of the

Native American Rights Fund; and Susan Shown Harjo, president of the Morningstar Institute. Penn Cultural Heritage Center Director Richard Leventhal moderates.

For those unable to attend in Philadelphia, the play will be viewable online via HowlRound's live stream on its global, commons-based peer produced HowlRound TV network at <http://howl-round.com/tv>.

On Oct. 23, 2014, the United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia determined NAGPRA does not apply to the requested repatriation of Jim Thorpe's remains. As a result, Sac and Fox Nation, Jim Thorpe's sons Bill and Richard Thorpe, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell have all petitioned the Court, requesting that the Third Circuit reconsider the case en banc. Their petitions remain pending.

Jim Thorpe was an enrolled citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation and winner of several Olympic gold medals. He passed away in 1953 and the Sac and Fox Nation honored him with a traditional Sac and Fox burial, in accordance with his last wishes. Ordinarily, these ceremonies last four days. However, on the fourth day, his third wife, Patsy, who was not Native American, interrupted the returning-the-name ceremony, which is the last step before burial in the territory of the Sac and Fox Nation.

"Researching the play, we learned that Patsy burst into the funeral and, with the assistance of an Oklahoma State Trooper, removed his body," Harjo said. "She then proceeded to sell Jim



Courtesy of Pam Kosty

Sac and Fox Native athlete Jim Thorpe is pictured in his 1912 U.S. Olympic uniform.

Thorpe's body for a few thousand dollars to a town in Pennsylvania that hoped to use his body to attract tourism and enhance its local economy. This town, originally comprised of East and West Chunk, re-named itself after the human body it purchased as the Borough of Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania."

After years of attempts to convince the Borough to permit the repatriation of Jim Thorpe to his Sac and Fox homeland, his sons (former Chairman Jack Thorpe and Bill and Richard Thorpe) filed suit, along with the Sac and Fox Nation. The District Court concluded that NAGPRA does apply to the Borough's possession of Jim Thorpe, but the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit overturned the lower court's decision.

Spencer wins gold medal with USA Wrestling



Photos courtesy of Mona Spencer



Congratulations to 16-year-old SCIT Member Kenya Spencer, who recently won the gold medal with her USA wrestling team while in Canada. Her individual performance won her a silver medal, and she is headed to Sweden next for her Feb. 7 competition.

Spencer is still trying to raise funds for her to live her dream. To assist her in continuing to succeed, donations are being collected through her GoFundMe account at gofundme.com/9oqtr4

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Nimkee Center's departmental competition results in animal shelter donations

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The holiday season is a time for giving. The staff at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center did not want to forget about those in need that may not be thought of often: Homeless pets.

Nimkee Executive Health Director Karmen Fox wanted to be more involved with the community. When nurses Sandi Chesebrough and Jenna Wilcox came to Fox with the idea to donate to animals in need, Fox agreed it was a great idea and came up with a competition to bring donations to the local animal shelter, the Humane Animal Treatment Society in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

"We called it our 'Community Services Project' that took place November to December," Fox said. "I loved the idea to have a friendly competition between departments. Sandi and Jenna were my coordinators; they created a flyer, set up points per items needed and put teams/departments together. The teams selected a name and the competition began."

The teams included: Max's Elves (Medical and Housekeeping), Santa Paws



Courtesy of Summer Dubois

Various Nimkee departments participated in the Community Service Project and brought in many needed items for HATS. Items included pet food, paper towels, chew toys and bones, detergent, cleaning wipes and more.

(Public Health, Administration and Fitness) and Claws and Paws (Business office, Dental and Pharmacy.) The departments participated in the competition and brought in many needed items for HATS.

"The Nimkee Center donated several items off of our wish list; everything from wet food for dogs and cats to cleaning supplies, collars and leashes," said HATS Executive Director Summer Dubois. "We were very surprised and overjoyed to receive a supply donation of that magnitude. I think it is safe to say that that was our largest supply donation of the year!"

The donations were delivered to HATS Dec. 16. Fox said the HATS staff "were floored" and "the administrative assistant kept repeatedly saying 'this is amazing' as she had tears in her eyes."

"It means so much more to be there and deliver the items," Fox said. "We all left happy and couldn't believe how much our unsuspected delivery meant to them. We definitely chose an awesome organization (to donate to)."

Team Claws and Paws (Business office, Dental and Pharmacy) won the competition.



Courtesy of Karmen Fox

The loads of donations were delivered to the very surprised and thankful HATS staff on Dec. 16.

"I gave the winners a pizza party; I really try to promote teamwork and want all departments to come outside of their familiar surroundings," Fox said. "I put two tables outside of my office, put on some Christmas music and we mingled. The space is pretty small, but we managed and had fun."

Fox plans to continue a Community Service Project each quarter.

"Our next goal is to spruce up Nimkee for the spring," she said. "We want our building and surroundings to be a place that is inviting and beautiful for our community to enjoy."

For anyone wishing to add to Nimkee's generosity, Dubois said, "we can always use donations of laundry detergent, cat carriers, non-clumping cat litter, small scratching posts and six-foot leashes."

SCIT to host HATS Feb. 21 rabies vaccination clinic at Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In collaboration with the Humane Animal Treatment Society, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is hosting a rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

SCIT Members and employees must show proper ID to receive a \$10 rabies vaccination

fee per dog or cat, considerably less expensive than the cost at a veterinarian office.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website, rabies is a preventable viral disease of mammals most often transmitted through the bite of a rabid animal. The vast majority of rabies cases each year occur in wild animals including raccoons, skunks, bats, and foxes.

The rabies virus infects the central nervous system, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death, according to CDC.

A simple vaccine will protect pets from this virus, especially for the warmer, outdoor weather approaching.

Rabies can also infect humans. Early symptoms include fever, headache and general weakness of discomfort.

CDC reports, "as the disease progresses, more specific symptoms appear and may include insomnia, anxiety, confusion, slight or partial

paralysis, excitation, hallucinations, agitation, hypersalivation (increase in saliva), difficulty swallowing, and hydrophobia (fear of water). Death usually occurs within days of the onset of these symptoms."

Depending on the vaccine used and the pets previous vaccination history, each pet should receive the vaccine either annually or every three years.

The HATS veterinarian will be present to administer the rabies vaccine. In addition, HATS staff will be present to assist.

"HATS is proud of its relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and welcomes the opportunity to participate in this rabies vaccination clinic for the health and safety of the pets and humans as well," said Ed Zebrowski, member of the HATS Board of Directors.

Upon bringing pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in carriers.

The Tribal rabies vaccination clinic is provided as a cooperative outreach effort by SCIT and HATS.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and Nimkee Wellness together with the Humane Animal Treatment Society invite all Tribal members and employees to their their

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Dear Leather: Sounds like she actually let you see a "real" side of her. Why waste time and do it again? If not the next dinner date, some time into the future it will come out as that's who she is. How does she speak to her parents or her children (if she has any)? That is a sure sign of how she will eventually treat you. All in all, do you really have time to figure "her" out? Wouldn't your time be better spent analyzing yourself and why you feel the need to put your arm in the lions den again? I take it you are dating because you are single which means you can pick and choose whoever you want to be with. Take advantage of it and move along until you find the perfect match. Life is too short to "settle" for anything. Go big or stay at home!

Dear WW: I am so confused! I can't believe I did this! I was sending my current boyfriend a text and goofed and sent it to my ex. The text said "miss you and thinking about you" to which my ex responded "me too!" Now a piece of me wants to check him out. I never wanted the split but had to accept it as he was gone. Just up and left. However, I know what I have now is good and am truly in love after a long recovery. However, I can't stop thinking about my ex now. What do I do? **Mended Broken Heart**

Dear Heart: Don't be ridiculous! Do you really want to mess up a good thing now for someone who didn't even care enough to say goodbye? Are you really that desperate? You could meet him and he could promise you the moon but I highly doubt you would ever feel secure. What you really want is for him to validate you. However, nothing is sweeter than your own self confidence. I would send another text letting him know that the text was meant for your current boyfriend and that it was a mistake. He will get the message loud and clear. In time, you will thank yourself for being not only true to your current boyfriend but to yourself as well. Happiness comes from moving forward and not backward. There's a reason you aren't with him. That reason is he really didn't care.

Dear WW: I hate the thought of Valentine's Day coming soon. I am a widow now but my spouse used to go all out and spoil me to no end. We even got married on Valentine's Day to show the world how much we loved each other. He used to buy me red roses, jewelry, take me to dinner and I was queen for a day. How do I survive this day and not feel cheated? **Time Out**

Dear Time Out: We never know what is going to change from one year to the next. However, you have some lovely memories to live with. There is no getting around feeling cheated. Maybe you could journal about all the lovely things your spouse did do for you on Valentine's Day. You could actually buy yourself something nice or buy someone else something to keep the tradition going. Yes, it is a special day for you as you were shown much love by your spouse. You could also take some quiet time and visit his resting place and feel blessed that you were so loved.

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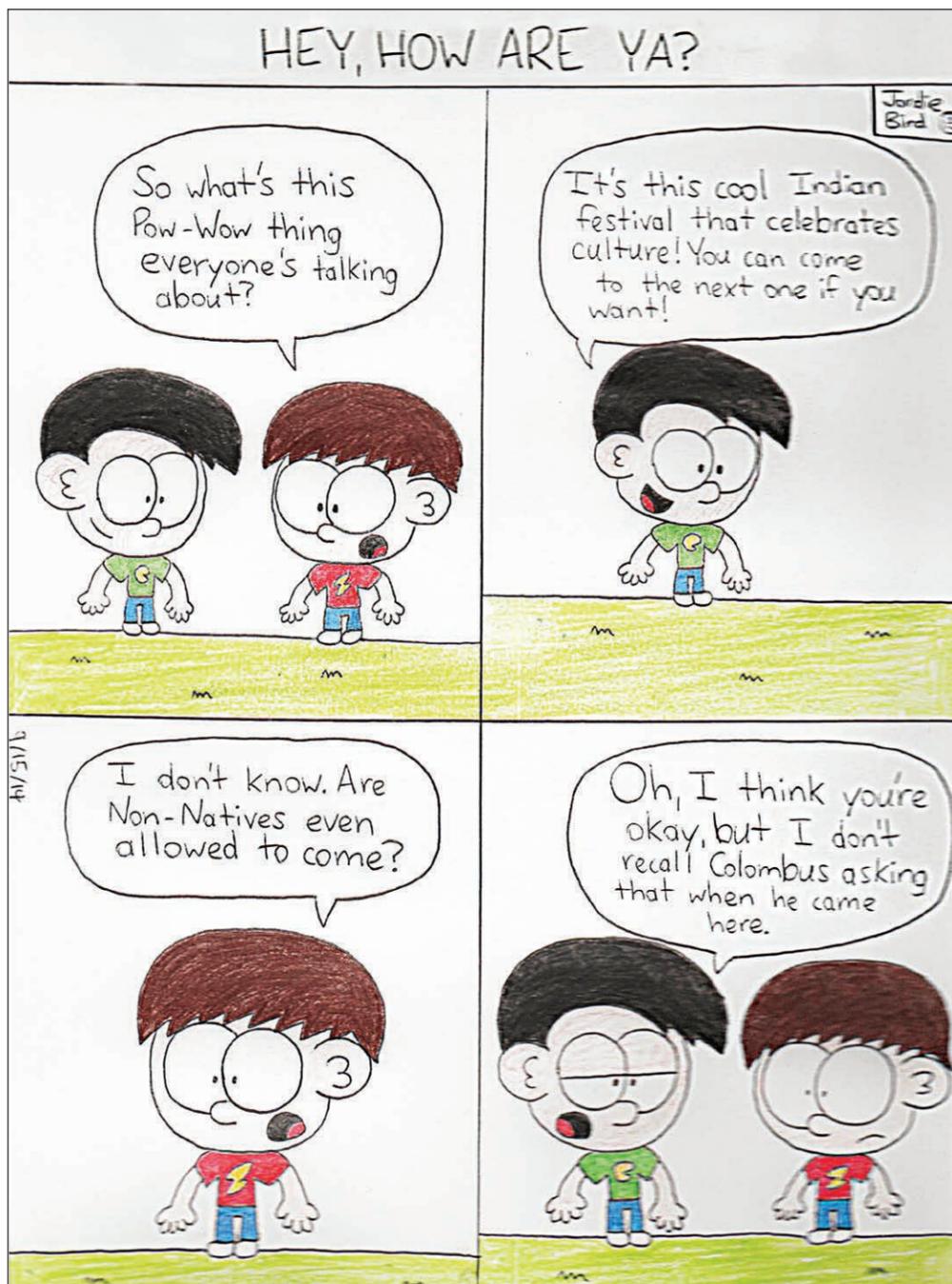
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Ugly Sweaters bowl Youth LEAD tournament participants over

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Photojournalist

During “the most wonderful time of the year,” Christmas singing legend Andy Williams was known to wear his signature holiday sweater. Beauty was in the eye of the beholder at the “Ugly Sweater Bowling Tournament” on Dec. 28 at Chippewa Lanes as bowlers donned their gay apparel to celebrate the season.

Youth LEAD Organization Sports Specialist Lucas Sprague, Youth LEAD Activities Manager Ronnie Ekdahl, Organization Sports Specialist Lindsey Sprague, Youth and Family Recreation Specialists Betsey Alonzo, Colleen Maki and Dave Merrill all played key roles while assisting the tournament.

“(Chippewa Lanes Owner) Carl Malish always puts out the welcome mat for the Tribe every time we host a tournament here,” Lucas Sprague said. “His staff does an excellent job and we basically get the run of the building while we are here for the afternoon. The action was sweet and (fellow league) bowler Aaron Chivis from the Saginaw Chippewa Academy was lighting up the alley with strikes.”



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Andre Leureaux took first in the youth Ugly Sweater contest with Neveah Badger and Angelo Leureaux (right) placing second and third respectively with Akiwaandemukwa “Bear” Howard photo bombing the winners in back.

In the adult high series 18 and older, Chivis led the men with a 745 total with one of those games where he went into the 10th frame with nine strikes in a row. Chippewa Lanes league bowler Valarie Raphael posted a 612-pin series to lead the women.

Alonzo said there were 82 registered bowlers.

Tina Howard was the lucky winner of the adult ugly sweater contest and Andre Leureaux won for the youth. Both highly competitive

events were judged by the Chippewa Lanes employees.

Lindsey Sprague breathed a sigh of relief when the Chippewa Lanes employees stepped up to be the judges for the contest.

“I really like to be a part of the Youth LEAD events but judging community events where you have so much family is hard for anyone,” she said. “Not only was there a huge turnout, it was great to see so many happy families all together. I would like to congratulate the ugly sweater contestants on doing such a good job making your sweaters for the event!”

The high game in the 7 and younger youth boys category went to Akiwaandemukwa “Bear” Howard with a 116, followed closely by girls first place finisher Aayla Chivis with a 95. In the 8-12 year old division, youth bowler Kenneth Wemigwans posted a 174 game to lead the boys and Andee Raphael led the girls with several strikes and rolling a 140 single game score.

In the 13-17 year old contest, SCIT Youth Council Member Valentin Romero took first place hardware with a 173 with Cicilee Chivis leading the women with a 159 game.

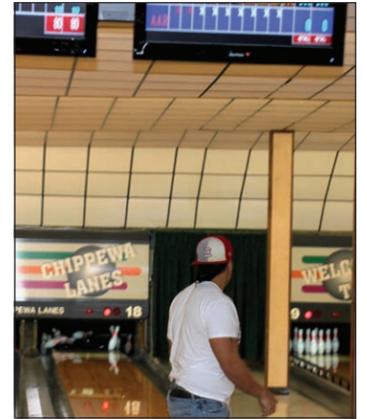
Door prize drawing winners for the event included Akhario



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Tribal youth bowler Aayla Chivas proudly displays her first place trophy in the girls 7 and younger tournament.

Gibbs and Andre Leureaux receiving a \$25 Shell Gift Card, Kat Pierce receiving a \$50 Shell Gift Card and Tribal



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SCA AB Teacher Aaron Chivas shows how easy it is to roll strikes as he posts a remarkable single game score.

Elder Charmaine Shawana won the grand prize drawing... an overnight stay at the luxurious Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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The Rez Girlz sweep the adult Ugly Sweater contest with Tina Howard (left) taking first place followed by Lupe Gonzalez (middle) and Rosemary Saboo.

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George makes premiere through Native American and Indigenous Program at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival

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Contributing Writer

In 2014, Sundance Institute celebrated the 20th anniversary of the formal existence of its Native American and Indigenous Program though the commitment has been consistent since the Institute's founding.

Through sustained and continuous support of filmmakers with grants, labs, mentorships and the platform of the Sundance Film Festival, great strides have been made in nurturing an Indigenous-created body of cinema which did not exist before the Institute's involvement.

Twenty years later, we continue to support Native American and Indigenous filmmakers through grants, labs, fellowships and the platform of the Sundance Film Festival.

In addition to the core work of investing in emerging filmmakers with the NativeLab Fellowship and the Time Warner Native Producers Initiative, we are excited to launch the new Full Circle Initiative, which provides fellowships to youth filmmakers from Michigan and New Mexico. Full



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SCIT Member Arlan George

Circle is supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

In the spirit of supporting Indigenous filmmakers, we are pleased to share the titles of the Indigenous-made films that will be premiering at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival this month. These films competed against a pool of 12,166 submissions, to be selected among the 181 films playing at the Festival. Filmmakers awarded as Full Circle Fellows will be given an immersive experience in the world of Independent film and attend screenings, participate in guided film discussions and connect with leaders of the Indigenous film community.

Arlan George (Saginaw Chippewa) was born in Lansing, Mich. on June 13th, 1996. He grew up on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe reservation in central Michigan until he was 16, when he enrolled in a private sports academy in Oregon. Two things have had a direct impact on him throughout high school: Skateboarding and film. They both have gone hand-in-hand for him, taking him places he never would have imagined. He is currently enrolled at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham, Ore. working toward a degree in advertising.

Autumn Rose Billie is from New Mexico and comes from the Taos Pueblo, Acoma Pueblo and the Navajo Nation (Diné) Tribes. She aspires to practice the core beliefs of her culture by being a positive role model. As a staff member at the non-profit Tewa Women United, she has the opportunity to do so through many community projects. She attends the Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, N.M. and has been involved in environmental and social justice/activist work since high school. She is double majoring

in journalism and experiential education. During her free time she is writing poetry, being an avid photographer, and helping at her grandfather's cornfield.

Forrest GoodLuck (Dine, Mandan, Hidatsa & Tsimshian) first began directing at age 10 for a school play and at age 12 he made a commercial for a Bosque School project. This is when he fell in love with filmmaking. He has participated in Longhouse Media's "Superfly Workshop" and was awarded the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian and SWAIA Santa Fe Indian Market Class X Youth Winner in 2013 for "Sun Kink" and in 2014 for "Malady's Muddy Waters". His films have premiered at the Seattle International Film Festival, Taos Shortz Film Festival, LA Skins Festival, and NM Film Showcase. Most recently, he has landed a supporting role with the upcoming movie, "The Revenant" due out December 2015, directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu ("Birdman", "Babel", "Biutiful") opposite Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy, Domhnall Gleeson and Will Poulter.

Peshawn Rae Bread (Comanche, Blackfeet and Kiowa) was born in Oklahoma, and is 18 years old. She is a freshman at the Academy of Art in San Francisco where she is a film major. In 2014, she participated in a leadership institute internship at the Museum in Indian Arts & Culture (MIAC). She also worked as an intern under the esteemed Director Chris Eyre for the Surdna funded MIAC Youth Film Camp. In addition to her intern duties she wrote, directed and produced the short film "Blood Blessing". Peshawn was invited to participate in Sundance Institute's Native American Writer's Workshop with Joan Tewkesbury held during the 2014 Indian Market. And, in 2013, she made her film acting debut in the acclaimed Sundance feature film "Drunktowns Finest" where she also worked behind the camera as the director's assistant. In 2010, she wrote, produced, directed and acted in her first short film "The Misadventures of Tatanka Girl" made in 2010 which is on YouTube.

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Migizi Economic Development Company offers employment opportunities at job fair

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With resolutions for the New Year, many may wish to seek new employment opportunities. Migizi Economic Development Company hosted its first job fair Jan. 6.

“Being on the Migizi board, I feel a strong urgency in being able to select the most appropriate person for the positions Migizi and its business units have to offer,” said SCIT Public Relations Director and Migizi Board Member Frank Cloutier. “These job fairs give us the opportunity to interact with a greater number of individuals and search for



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Food and Beverage Service Supervisor Janice Henderson is all smiles as she conducts an interview at the Migizi Job Fair.

the most viable candidates. Each one of our associates is an integral part of the puzzle. We take our selection process very serious.”

Migizi Human Resources Manager Marian Blake said the job fair occurred to fill 50 open positions within Migizi. Blake said Migizi had 127 participants attend the job fair and 27 of those were preference participants.

“Meghan Binion, promotions coordinator for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, was hired through our first job fair and has worked her way up to a leadership position in just two years since her attendance at our first job fair,” Blake said. “I was also hired to work for the Tribe at a job fair back in 1997 as well and have worked my way from security officer to human resources manager during my time with the Tribe. We hope to expand our job fair to involve the Youth LEAD team and include all Migizi businesses next year.”

Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford welcomes collaborative efforts with other departments and sees a “win-win” situation developing.

“During our strategic planning, one event that kept coming up was the old Career Fair that was held at the Holiday Inn,” Crawford said. “I remember our Behavioral Health Prevention employees and many other Tribal departments sharing in the experience.

Youth LEAD is so excited about the opportunity to work with Migizi to bring that event back for the SCIT youth, providing them the opportunity to explore a variety of the limitless career and post-secondary options available to them.”

SEWPH Associate General Manager Melinda Coffin views the job fair as an excellent opportunity for the local community and Migizi.

“We were able to offer employment to fill multiple open positions,” Coffin said.

“I would like to thank everybody that helped with registration, interviews, paperwork, and keeping our applicants informed as they arrived.”

Radio personality Tammy Thompson from 98.5 FM WUPS brought some excitement by doing a remote live broadcast of the event and conducting interviews with managers and potential employees.

Food & Beverage Department Service Supervisor Lorraine Dougherty viewed being a part of the Jan. 6 Migizi Job Fair as a positive progressive step in her professional career within the operation.

“It was very exciting to be a part of the interview process during the job fair. It allowed us to meet a wide variety of individuals, and has given us the opportunity to offer positions to many people who will to be a great



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Employment Coordinator Alexa Contreras moves a hopeful assembly of job seekers to their interview stations as 98.5 WUPS-FM radio DJ Tammy Thompson reports the action live.

addition to our already amazing team of associates.”

Those attending a Migizi job fair should bring a resume they can leave at the interview for later review by the hiring recruiters.

Migizi employs approximately 300 personnel. The mission at Migizi EDC is “to secure the economic well-being for the next seven generations of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe while adhering to the highest ethical standards. To build strong relationships, diversify, and promote economic development, and create self-determination for the Tribe and its members.”

Migizi Human Resources Employment Coordinator Alexa Contreras was commended for planning and organizing the event and mentions the job fair was a complete team effort.



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Sagamok Shell Store Supervisor David Eberly (left) and Retail Manager Aaron Murdoch (middle) interview a potential hire for Migizi properties.



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Tribal Operations employees recognized at annual Appreciation Banquet

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The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Human Resources department joined a packed audience as they recognized service award recipients and special honorees at the annual Tribal Operations Employee Appreciation Banquet Jan. 24 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police K-9 Officer Neil Schiefer and fellow Officer Trent Vatter received a special award for meritorious service in finding a lost 5-year-old girl on Jan. 4, 2015.

"She was found OK after 45 minutes of being missing



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Police Officers Neil Schiefer and Trent Vatter receive a meritorious recognition from Tribal Council. (Pictured left to right: Jennifer Wassegijig, Chip Neyome, Sandy Sprague, Schiefer, Vatter, Kelly Babcock, Steven Pego, Lindy Hunt and Shelly Bailey.)

in a wooded area," said Tribal Police Captain Jim Cates. "Sergeant Craig Wilson also received one for having these

officers go to the area where she was last seen. Sergeant Wilson did so before receiving any request for help from Isabella County 911 dispatch. It was a great job done by these fine officers."

Lt. Kelly Babcock represented the Tribal Police as Tribal Council bestowed the high honor on the officers.

Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Counselor Robert Storrer also received a special recognition of a Pendleton blanket for his service to our community by Tribal Chief Steven Pego and the Tribal Council.

Anishinabe Workforce Developer Louanna Bruner introduced the employees receiving their 25 years of service (Genevieve Chippeway, Angel Jackson, Matthew Sprague, Sandra Stevens, Lindy Hunt and Julius Peters) and 35-year recipients Tribal Council Members Tim J. Davis and Delmar Jackson Sr.

Assistant Human Resources Manager Mary Quigno served as event coordinator and the Mino Ode' Singers offered a welcome and Honor Song on the drum.

SCIT Public Relations Manager Marcella Hadden



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Residential Treatment Center Counselor Robert Storrer shakes Chief Steven Pego's hand as he is honored with a Pendleton blanket by Tribal Council. (Pictured left to right: Mae Pego, Storrer, Chief Steven Pego, Lindy Hunt, Jennifer Wassegijig and Shelly Bailey.)

did a brief welcome address then introduced Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig who offered a blessing of the food and for all the families and friends represented.

SCIT Mail Courier Kenny Sprague served as master of ceremonies as Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez kept the music moving.

"On behalf of the Human Resources department, I would like to take this time to thank those departments and individuals that assisted with the annual Tribal Operations Employee Banquet and to those who donated prizes: Public Relations, Tribal Observer, Soaring Eagle Casino &

Resort and Spa, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, SECR Marketing, Sales, Information Technology, Mino Ode' Singers, DJ Lupe, Louanna Bruner, Kenny Sprague, Tribal Council and SECR Food and Beverage," Quigno said. "As always, your department went above and beyond our expectations. A special thank you goes out to all of our Tribal Operations employees for their hard work and dedication. Every one of you contributes to the success of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and our Tribal programs and we appreciate all that you do (and if I left anyone out it was not intentional)."



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SCIT Per Capita Assistant Genevieve Chippeway is honored with a plaque for her 25 years of service by Tribal Council.



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The Jackson family came together with patriarch Delmar Jackson Sr. and matriarch Julia Jackson to celebrate Delmar's 35 years of service.

SEWPH support Toys for Tots



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The gift of giving was truly in the heart of the holiday spirit as Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel General Manager Bonnie Sprague (left) celebrates Christmas with Toys for Tots Coordinator Lucinda Clark.

The employees and patrons of the property have been gathering the toys through the months of November and December for the Dec. 20 distribution. Clark is the daughter of deceased U. S. Marine Corps Veteran Richard "Dick" Barz and has taken on the responsibility left after her father walked on last year.

Thanks to the efforts of the SEWPH employees and patrons, many children in central Michigan enjoyed a new toy for Christmas.

SCIT Planning Department Tree Planting Program

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Planning Department is excited to announce a tree planting program. We are looking for interested community members to help us re-establish forest areas along rivers, lakes, ponds, or any other water. Trees and shrubs help to stabilize soils along stream banks and shorelines, provide shade for fish and other organisms living in the water, and work as purifications systems for our environment. We have ordered several varieties of small, bare root trees from the Conservation District to plant this Spring. The trees typically arrive in late April. The trees vary in size from small seedlings to approximately five feet tall.

In order to be eligible for the program, community members must meet the following requirements:

- Ownership of the land (near water) where trees will be planted.
- Be willing to nurture and protect trees (regular watering, protection from mowing).
- Trees must be planted on Tribal property or within the Tribal Boundary.

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Planning Department
7070 E Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Or by email: cpauquette@sagchip.org

Not all applicants will be chosen, but please apply. We have a lot of trees to plant!

Please contact Carey Pauquette, water quality specialist, with any questions: 989-775-4016

Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2015. Happy Planting!

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Reservation reflections: The second half of my life begins now

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

Getting older certainly has its challenges. It seems as if it was just yesterday that I graduated from high school and went on to Central Michigan University. I turned the big 60 this month. A monumental feat in its own right, I do believe. My mom lived to be only 60, but my grandmother lived to be well in her 90s.

Looking back on my life, I can say has been one of great fortune. Although as kids I don't think we were rich, we

never really wanted anything. Our days were filled with playing outside from dawn until dusk. We knew every tree that was climbable and where every creek and ditch was. I notice a lot of the kids nowadays don't play outside like we used to.

There was always a game going on somewhere. We played kickball in the street until dark with all the neighborhood kids. There was always a basketball or volleyball game going on in the "Old Housing Project." If there wasn't one, we'd start one up. All it took was a few of

us kids. Someone would look out the window and soon there would be a whole gang of us kids playing. Even as teenagers, we'd play until we were exhausted. Weekends were reserved for the big softball games.

I notice my aches and pains more often now. Write them off to old age I do. I can tell I am getting older when some days I am happy with my books, a hot cup of tea and the fireplace.

I find myself telling my grandkids about the old days. I'm always telling them stories about my wild and crazy life.

I've lived a remarkably fortunate life of traveling; meeting many people and always believed in living my life to the fullest.

For now, the second half of my life starts. I look forward to more traveling, more sightseeing, more meeting new people, spending more time in Canada, at my second home. I still love being outside and love being in Mother Nature's finest. We are always having some kind of adventure there like boating, camping, fishing, hiking; looking for things to do. We have a cabin there, very rustic. There is still so much to see and do. Sometimes I feel my life has just begun.



Courtesy of the Ziibwing Center

A lone manual water pump stands in the foreground of the Housing and Urban Development Project (HUD) at 2451 Nish-Na-Be-Among Drive on the Isabella Indian Reservation. (Photo from the Alice Littlefield Collection.)

SCIT welcomes two new Tribal police officers



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

SCIT Police Officers Daniel Hernandez (left) and Matthew Gibson were sworn in by SCIT Tribal Chief Steven Pego on Monday, Dec. 22 to begin their duty to serve and protect the Tribal community.



Courtesy of the Ziibwing Center

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council Member and HUD Housing Manager Arnold Sowmick Sr. shares remarks to the community from the podium at a 1966 reservation event. (Photo from the Alice Littlefield Collection.)



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There are many reasons why an individual may need mental health counseling. He or she may have a chemical imbalance that is making it difficult to function, which can be aided through drugs but may also require some form of talk therapy. There may be unresolved trauma that is plaguing an individual. In nearly any case where a psychological issue is making daily functioning a problem, mental health counseling can help.

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Located in the heart of the Isabella Reservation, we offer community-based programs catering to the needs of Native Americans who want to begin a journey to recovery. Programming is based on the twelve steps and incorporates the cultural and traditional process. Residents are exposed to the Ojibwe language, ceremonies, Native values and historical contexts through our cultural curriculum which is supported by our clinical approaches.

Program Goals:

- Promote balance and harmony within individuals and the community.
- Provide services aimed at reducing personal, family, social, physical, emotional and spiritual distress to individuals.
- Provide an environment that is met with honesty, humility, love, truthfulness, bravery, respect and wisdom.
- Provide documentation and evaluation of services pertaining to all clients' activities, planning, management, support services and training.
- Provide coordinated professional referral sources as a network of recovery support linkages.

Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan "Under the Eagle Wing"

The purpose of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's domestic violence program is to assist those affected by domestic violence in finding another path without abuse.

Individual needs will be addressed by utilizing emergency transportation to other shelters and case management services. We are dedicated to providing resources, safety and advocacy to ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of families victimized by violence. In order to achieve balance and independence, we as a community, need to re-establish a support network of services and resources.

The domestic violence services are open to anyone who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault and/or stalking.

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Math and reading teacher Cassaday receives "Educator of the Month"

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Education Administration would like to take this opportunity to showcase the shining stars in the department! We are proud of each and every team member within our department and think the community should know about you!

Congratulations Kelli Cassaday for being selected as the January Educator of the Month! The perks of this award include an induction into the Education Apple Orchard, educator's goody bag, a gift certificate and a traveling educator award.

The following is a questionnaire completed by Cassaday:

Which program do you work for? Saginaw Chippewa Academy

How long have you worked for the Education Department? This is my fourth school year.

What is your title? Reading and Math Teacher

What is your favorite part of working in this department? The chance to work with so many different students. I also love seeing the students grow. Looking at the differences between fall and spring is an especially rewarding part of the job.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A teacher. I used to play school with my little sisters.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? I have

one student who is very interested in the shoes that I am wearing. I look forward to hearing the student's description of my shoes. I always get excited when I have a new pair for the student to notice.

Something people may not know about you. I am a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? I enjoy crocheting for my family and friends.

What is your favorite movie? Up

What is your favorite food? Pierogies. My favorite are my aunt's homemade.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

SCA Teacher Kelli Cassaday (middle) accepts her award from SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda (left) and Administrative Assistant Christina Halliwill.

Thank you so much for being such an integral part of our education team! We appreciate you!

Matthew Van Alstine Makomenaw joins American Indian College Fund as faculty fellowships program officer

DINA HORWEDEL

American Indian College Fund

On Jan. 5, Matthew Van Alstine Makomenaw, an enrolled member of the Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Tribe of Michigan, has joined the American Indian College Fund as the faculty fellowships program officer. He will be responsible for recruiting applicants



Courtesy of AICF

Matthew Van Alstine Makomenaw

for faculty fellowship programs and managing all aspects of the fellowship selection process.

Makomenaw was previously employed at Montana State University as an assistant professor of Native American Studies. Prior to his position in Montana, he served as the director of the American Indian Resource Center at the University of Utah. He also served as a graduate assistant with the ASHE/Lumina Fellows Program at Michigan State University, and was the director of Native American Programs at Central Michigan University.

Makomenaw holds a doctorate degree in higher, adult and life-long education from Michigan State University, where he completed his dissertation on the success of tribal college students transferring to four-year predominantly white institutions. He holds both a Master's of Arts degree in higher, adult and lifelong education-student affairs and a bachelor of arts in psychology.

He has served as a member of the Indian Advisory Committee for the Utah Museum of Natural History; with the Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA) with its Region V Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Community; as a member of the board of directors for the Urban

Indian Center of Salt Lake City; as a member of the State of Utah's Governors Native American Summit Committee; and as the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Board of Regents secretary.

The American Indian College Fund is the nation's largest private provider of scholarships for American Indian students. Founded in 1989, the College Fund has been "Educating the Mind and Spirit" of Native people for 25 years and provides an average of 6,000 scholarships annually.

The College Fund also supports the nation's 34 accredited tribal colleges and universities located on or near Indian reservations. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. For more information, please visit www.collegefund.org.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Arianna Bird, Mackenzie Burger, Zheesheeb Compo, Isaiah Harris, Ivan Munoz, Jesse Ritter-Bollman, Kentae Flory, Aiyana Sprague, Christopher Bartow, Daniel Fuller and Katie Green.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Madison Isham, Logan Bird, Caleb Burger, Nikodin Davis, Trevor Isham, Zhaawan Martell, Javanni Perry, Isaiah Rodriguez, Bailey Burger, Juan-Sergio Casas, Jasmine Davis, Ryan Flaughner, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Tavia Agosto, Arianna Altman and La'Anna Trudeau.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for December: Erica Hinmon, Gabriel Steele, Greg Steele, Tyler Snyder, Brysen Chamberlain-Fish, Katie Pigeon, Cordelia McDaniel, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Dena Gibson, Nixie Snyder, Rayleigh Bennett, Josalyn Shaw, Isaiah Otto-Powers and Logan Van Order.

Attention

Saginaw Chippewa Higher Education Students: The Spring/Winter 2015 Deadline for Tribal Scholarship funding is **Feb. 15, 2015**

Class schedules and original receipts may be mailed to the Youth LEAD main office:

Higher Education
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
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****All default balances must be paid in full by the deadline for Spring/Winter 2015 funding****

Do you have an SCA Alumni Success Story?

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Please answer and submit the following questions:

- Students Name:
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- Years Attended SCA
- How did SCA help you achieve the success?

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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NIFA Extension Coordinator

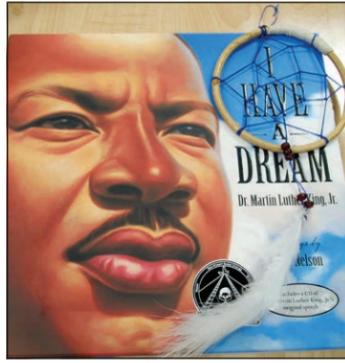
It has been more than 50 years since Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. and gave his most famous speech. He spoke about the injustice of oppression that was prevalent at that time.

In his speech, King proclaimed that he had a dream that, "the sweltering heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice." He spoke of

the hope for the future as, "I Have a Dream."

King helped to spark the civil rights movement. He did this in the most genuine of ways, as a peaceful confrontation. King did not advocate fighting or violence; on the contrary, he wanted to change the policies of that time with peace and love.

In a different speech, King so eloquently stated, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." King's words and actions created monumental change.



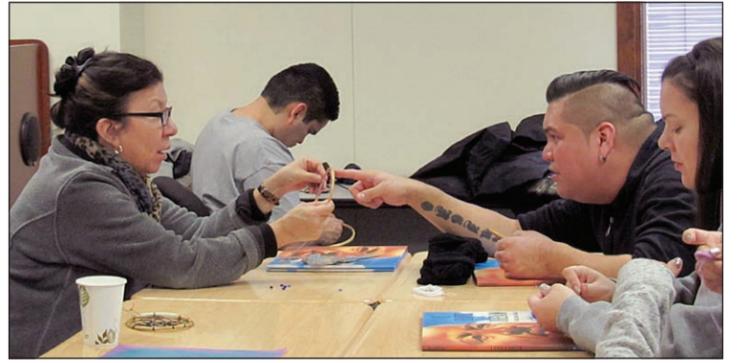
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On Jan. 19, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College hosted events in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day on campus in our own way with a theme centered on dreams and peace.

King's speech was played throughout the event held Jan. 19, while participants made dream catchers and did a printing project focused on peace symbols. The dream catchers made at this event could symbolize the interconnectedness of us all, the hope of the future, and the dreams that families have for the next generation.

There were more than 50 participants that attended, and families received a children's book about King.



Courtesy of Mary Pelcher

More than 50 participants attended SCTC's Martin Luther King Jr. Day event.



Courtesy of Mary Pelcher

Participants worked quietly and intently while listening to King's speech.

The book is based on that famous "I Have a Dream" speech and is a Caldecott award winner for its beautiful illustrations about that time and place. The book also included the CD of his famous speech. This children's book

is a family teaching tool, used to remember one of the greatest men in the history of the United States of America.

The event was a special tribute to a special man. Miigwech Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!



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A work in progress for a dream catcher, inspired by King's speech.



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A participant working on the finishing touch of a dream catcher.



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SCTC President Carla Sineway overlooks the printing of a peace symbol.



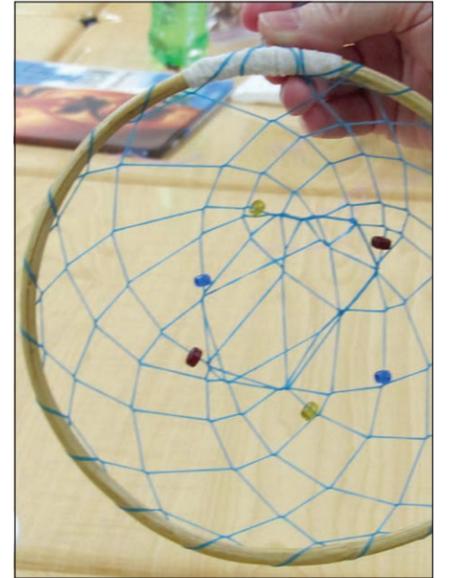
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Dream catchers represented dreams for future generations to come.



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Even the youngest learned about hopes and dreams for the future.



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The dream catchers made at the SCTC event could symbolize the interconnected of all people.

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Sawyer Brown and John Michael Montgomery deliver country tunes

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

American country music was the night's theme on Dec. 30 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during the Sawyer Brown and John Michael Montgomery concert.

Brother of former SECR entertainer Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry, John Michael Montgomery is no stranger to the music industry. He began singing with Eddie before signing a major-label solo career in 1992.

Montgomery kicked off his show with "Cowboy Love" (1995), and "Beer and Bones", "Life's A Dance" both from his debut album.

He has had more than 30 singles on the Billboard country charts of which seven have reached number one and he

performed each one: "I Love The Way You Love Me", "I Can Love You Like That", "If You've Got Love", "I Swear", "The Little Girl", "Be My Baby Tonight" and "Sold (The Grundy County Auction Incident)".

"I have a couple favorite songs with the word 'home' in them," Montgomery said. "I've always been a homebody. I do love being on the road, but I always love being back home."

He then performed "Home To You" and "Letters To Home" where he mentioned how important it is "to remember the people that have kept us safe in the U.S."

"I had two uncles in Vietnam," he said. "My grandma would receive letters from them and she would always talk about how much those letters meant to her. May all those serving come home safely."

His 10th studio album "Time Flies" was released under his own label, Stringtown Records, in October 2008.

"If you like this next song, you will like the entire album because this is the worst song on the album," Montgomery said of "Forever", stirring audience laughter.

Montgomery ended his set by tossing his cowboy hat out to one lucky fan.

With bass guitarist Jim Scholten from



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

With his unique freestyle dancing, energy and vocal ability, Sawyer Brown lead vocalist Mark Miller kept the audience entertained.



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Sawyer Brown lead guitarist Shayne Hill (left) and Midland, Mich.'s own Jim Scholten (bass guitar) share a moment with the audience.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

American country music artist John Michael Montgomery performs "Beer and Bones" off of his 1992 debut album.

Midland, Mich., the fans were exceptionally eager to welcome Scholten, of Sawyer Brown, home.

Scholten, along with Mark Miller (lead vocals), Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard (keyboards), Shayne Hill (guitar) and Joe Smyth (drums) are better known as Sawyer Brown, the American country music band founded in 1981 in Florida. They are named after Sawyer Brown Road, near their original rehearsal location.

Known for their country pop sound and Miller's passionate dancing, in 1991, the band began to express a more serious side by adding ballads to their repertoire.

"The Boys and Me", "Drive Me Wild", "Café On The Corner", "The Walk" and "This Night Won't Last Forever" were on the set list.

"It is great to be back," Miller said of the SECR return. "(John) Michael (Montgomery) and we go way back. It's awesome to hear his songs."

"All These Years", a song addressing infidelity, earned abundant applause and a standing ovation from the audience.

After performing "Mission Temple Fireworks Stand", Miller addressed the audience.

"I had a guy come up to me backstage; he said he hasn't seen me in 20 years and asked, 'are you still a mover,'" Miller said laughing at his constant, upbeat dance moves.

"Now that I feel we have bonded, I'm going to do a survey," he said. "How many of you have never seen us before? It's been 35 years now. If you raised your hand, you need to

get out more... or we need to come to Michigan more."

Miller mentioned how Sawyer Brown is considered "the original American Idols." In 1981, the group played up to five sets a night, six days a week, until they auditioned for the TV show "Star Search" in 1983. They auditioned just for band promotion, and ended up winning the \$100,000 grand prize and recording contract.

Sawyer Brown performed their first number one hit "Step That Step" from 1984.

"Last year, we released our 23rd album," Miller said. "Oh... just as I said that, I realized they are no longer called albums."

Other performances included a love song Miller wrote for his wife entitled "Smokin' Hot Wife", "The Dirt Road", "Thank God For You" and "Some Girls Do".

Keith Sweat and Mint Condition heat up SECR during the winter weather

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

With their good looks, charm and talent, it was safe to say Keith Sweat and Mint Condition heated up the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort during the cold, wintery Dec. 29 night.

Opens Mint Condition, the American R&B band, formed in the mid '80s in St. Paul, Minn. Current members

Stokley Williams, Ricky Kinchen, Homer O'Dell, Larry Waddell and Jeffrey Allen play their own instruments, and they play them well.

"If The Feeling's Right" (1993) kicked off their set, followed by "U Send Me Swingin'", "So Fine", "My Dear" and "Whoaa".

Williams' vocals of scats and runs were flawless; especially shining in "Nothin' Left to Say" and "Sometimes". His

vocal ability sounded comparable to the great Stevie Wonder.

"Thank you for allowing us to get that out of our system," Kinchen (bass guitar) said after a comprehensive jam session on "Sometimes".

Mint Condition then performed "What Kind Of Man Would I Be?" the No. 2 song on the Billboard R&B Charts in 1996. The single was so popular, it stayed on the charts for 41 weeks.

An encore of the ballad "Breakin' My Heart (Pretty Brown Eyes)" thrilled the audience.

American R&B/soul singer-songwriter Keith Sweat was the headliner for the night. Sweat sang in nightclubs throughout New York City until he was discovered in 1987 and offered a recording contract with Elektra Records.

Since 1987, Sweat has created many hits and in 2013 he earned the Soul Train Lifetime Achievement Award.

With the help of a full band and exceptional backing vocalists, Sweat performed "Get Up On It", "Just Got Paid", "My Body" and "(There You Go) Tellin' Me No Again".

"Thank you all for making me Keith Sweat," he said to the crowd. "I've got so many hits, I'm not sure which one I'm going to do right now."

"Make It Last Forever" was the hit he chose, with "How Deep Is Your Love" and "Make You Sweat" next.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

American R&B singer-songwriter Keith Sweat shows off his soulful voice during "Get Up On It".

Sweat showed much interaction with the crowd when he spoke to them after each song, he also brought a young lady up on stage with him and later brought couples on stage to sing to them.

He also performed his biggest hits to date "Twisted" and "Nobody". The "Twisted" recording featured R&B group Kut Klose and stayed at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100.



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Lead guitarist Homer O'Dell and lead vocalist Stokley Williams share a moment on stage while keyboardist Jeffrey Allen looks on.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Mint Condition bassist Ricky Kinchen delivers backing vocals during "U Send Me Swingin'".



Jim Gaffigan delivers comedic relief to sold-out SECR audience

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed comedic artist Jim Gaffigan to the Entertainment Hall stage Saturday, Dec. 27. The sold-out audience was treated to a night of his signature comedic routine.

As a stand-up comedian, Gaffigan has released nine comedy albums, with the most recent "Obsessed" coming out in 2014. He has also had roles in more than 30 films including "Super

Troopers", "The Love Guru", "30 Years to Life" and "17 Again". Beginning in 2015, he will star in his own sitcom "The Jim Gaffigan Show" on TV Land.

His writing career includes the newly released "Food: A Love Story" and the New York Times Bestseller "Dad is Fat". Gaffigan also produced a short animated series, "Pale Force", which aired on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien".

Gaffigan's material covers a broad spectrum of topics, from his love affair with food, to his family and other

observations in his everyday life. A highlight of his style is the self-deprecating "inner commentary", a high-pitched voice which often disapproves with his act.

Gaffigan's forte remains his cheeky observations about food and drinks. From donuts, steak, Mexican food and most famously his trademark Hot Pockets routine.

"Have you ever eaten a Hot Pocket and afterwards been like, 'I'm glad I ate that,'" Gaffigan said. "I'm always like, 'I'm going to die.'"

The comedian also shared his distaste of everything seafood with the audience, especially the fallacy of calling fish good tasting.

"How can it be good," he said. "When the best thing you can say about it is that 'it isn't fishy?'"

After donning a hillbilly accent, Gaffigan went on to describe the firsthand account of the first person who thought it was a good idea to try oysters.

"I found a rock with some snot in it," he said. "I'm thinking of eating it."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Comedian Jim Gaffigan delivers his signature "Hot Pockets" routine.

New Year's Eve Party at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort a raucous affair

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Whenever there's a party happening at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall, you can count on a raucous affair replete of excitement and non-stop action. The activity and visually stimulating stage show with Detroit area DJ Skitzo and our own Guest Service Performance Development Specialist Tim McCullough made ushering in the 2015 New Year a memorable occasion.

"For me, I can say it is always the event I look forward to every year not only is it an awesome New Year's Eve party but we get to celebrate it with all our valued guests," McCullough said. "It is rewarding to know the guests are at SECR to bring in the 2015 New Year. When I look out into the crowd and see



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Guest Service Performance Development Specialist Tim McCullough (left) keeps the action moving with background music and support from his friend from the Motor City, DJ Skitzo.

all the happy faces, dancing, and enjoying all the activities, DJ, games, giveaways and all the room has to offer. Plus all that positive energy from all of our guests waiting for the balloon drop and champagne

toast at midnight, there is nothing better."

Ice sculptures that featured gaming themes like slot machines, craps and roulette adorned the venue along with the New Year's Eve favorite... champagne! SECR Executive Chef Chris Nadobny credits the artistry to the Grand Rapids-based company Ice Sculptures Limited who were contracted for the event.

"Randy Finch and his team have provided several pieces that included themed sculptures featuring the Soaring Eagle and Saginaw Chippewa Tribe logo," Nadobny said. "For some of our special events we do for SECR Food & Beverage, it's nice to have the creativity of an ice sculpture to compliment the presentation."

The event had a little touch of Vegas with female performers donning feathered outfits while dancing and posing for pictures with patrons.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Revelers are all smiles as the balloons drop while the Soaring Eagle patrons and performers ring in 2015.

For those who enjoy the sports bar atmosphere, there was the traditional darts area with pool tables and foosball, a football throw game, a basketball hoop game, video games and golf. For those patrons who wanted to put on the oversized boxing gloves, there was an inflatable bouncer boxing ring which turned out to be a crowd favorite.

Much of the excitement came from the stage show entertainers provided by a production

company called Funny Business. The Grand Rapids talent agency books jugglers, caricatures artists, human sculptures, and a variety of circus and "freak show" performers.

As live video clips from the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square were shown on the big screens, it was clear that everyone was waiting for the confetti to blast and the balloons to drop signifying the hope of the new beginning.

Classic rock bands America and Little River Band shake SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Australia-based band Little River Band and American folk-rock band America appeared under one roof during the Jan. 17 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Formed in 1975, Little River Band chose its name after passing the Victorian township of Little River road sign on the way to a performance.

Little River Band has sold more than 25 million records and they performed many of their U.S. Top 10 singles including "Reminiscing" (their biggest hit), "Lady", "The Night Owls",

"Take It Easy On Me" and "Cool Change", which consisted of an instrumental break and band member introduction in the middle of the song.

Current band members include: Wayne Nelson (lead vocals and bass guitar), Greg Hind (rhythm guitar), Chris Marion (keys), Ryan Ricks (drums) and Richard Herring (lead guitar).

Little River Band also performed "Long Way There", "Man On Your Mind" and "Happy Anniversary" which Nelson said was for the crowd to "celebrate your main squeeze or celebrate your divorce."

"Next, we'd like to try something new for you... from 1982,

that is," Hind said of the bluesy tune "The Other Guys". "We're going to take some Michigan blues and stick it in there."

Little River Band also performed "You Dream I'll Drive" and closed the set with their hit "Lonesome Loser".

America was formed in 1970 by musicians Dewey Bunnell, Gerry Beckley and Dan Peek. They first met in London and became well-known in the U.S. for their solid vocal harmonies and light acoustic folk sound.

Peek left the group in May 1977 and unfortunately passed away July 24, 2011. Before his passing, there was constant speculation and hope he would re-join the group.

A full band backed up Bunnell and Beckley as they began the performance with acoustic guitars. "Tin Man", "You Can Do Magic", "Don't Cross the River", "Daisy Jane", "Riverside" and "I Need You" were played first.

America also performed "Here" and the popular 1972 song "Ventura Highway".

According to the boxed-set CD booklet, Bunnell wrote "Ventura Highway" while his family got a flat tire driving down the coast from Vandenberg Air



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Little River Band lead guitarist Richard Herring (left) and lead vocalist and bassist Wayne Nelson perform an instrumental break during "Long Way There".

Force Base. It was there he saw a road sign for "Ventura."

"I really believe that 'Ventura Highway' has the most lasting power of all my songs," Bunnell said, according to the booklet. "It's not just the words - the song and the track have a certain fresh, vibrant, optimistic quality that I can still respond to."

America covered "Til I Hear It From You" by Gin Blossoms, who performed at the SECR outdoor concert series in July 2014.

"Foolin'", "The Border", "Green Monkey", "Woman Tonight", "Only In Your Heart",

"Lonely People" and "Sandman" were also on the band's set list.

"Sister Golden Hair" from America's fifth album "Hearts" (1975) was their second single to reach number one on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100. The lyrics explain a man's love for a woman, although he is not ready to commit to marriage.

The encore included the band's first and most successful single "A Horse With No Name" (1971). The song not only achieved top 10 success in the U.S., but also in Canada, Finland, Ireland, and the U.K.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Dewey Bunnell (left) and Gerry Beckley of the rock band America perform "Tin Man" at their Jan. 17 concert.



Roczen of RCH Racing is flying high with second checkered flag of the season

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The 2015 Monster Energy AMA Supercross season finds Ken Roczen and the RCH Soaring Eagle Racing team flying high in Anaheim, Calif. as Roczen took his second checkered flag after three races on Jan. 17. The win was Roczen's second of the season and third career at Angel Stadium.

Despite Roczen's first and second-place finishes, respectively, in the first two races, the 20-year-old 450SX sophomore standout was cautiously optimistic before the gate dropped on the third main event of the year.

"My day started out a little bit rusty," Roczen, who is undefeated at Anaheim this season said. "The track was really special and not easy to ride. I knew, going into the track walk, not to get stressed about the first or second practice. The track really came around in the main. It was pretty tricky. We had some ruts out there and it was a big track with long lap times. That definitely made it interesting. We got good starts when we needed them, and I think everyone can see that my Suzuki RM-Z450 works awesome. We had a great heat race so I was very confident going into the main. I didn't get the holeshot but I was still near the front after the start and that was all I really needed."

Roczen was second fastest in both qualifying sessions and finished second to Ryan Dungey in the first 450SX heat race of the program. The solid effort in his heat guaranteed the German rider



Courtesy of Simon Cudby

Ken Roczen takes a corner on his Suzuki RM-Z450.

a spot at the starting gate for the main event.

Jimmy Albertson won the holeshot but it took Roczen less than a lap to pass Albertson, Davi Millsaps and, ultimately, Andrew Short for the top spot. From there it was all Roczen, all night, where he led all 20 laps en route to the fourth big-bike win of his young career.

"Shorty (Andrew Short) is a hard guy to pass," Roczen said. "I didn't really want to get tangled up behind him so I had to make the move. After that, I needed to ride smart but stay focused on intensity because everyone was really fast. My bike worked awesome. It felt great and that's all that matters. We put in a few strong laps but I couldn't rest because Ryan got a bit closer sometimes during the race. Overall, it was a really good night. It was good to fight back after last weekend. We'll keep going and hopefully, just inch away with the points lead. As long as we're winning, we're good."

Fellow RCH Racing team member Broc Tickle posted

a respectful fifth place finish in the competitive field of 22 450 SX riders in the Monster Energy Supercross event. Tickle's fifth-place finish was his best effort of 2015, less than a year removed from a potentially career-ending injury he suffered last March in Toronto.

Tickle had a solid weekend overall. The Holly, Mich. rider was solid on his Suzuki in both of the weekend's qualifying sessions but a sixth-place finish in his heat race forced Tickle to race his way through the first 450SX semifinal of the night.

"Everything went pretty good," Tickle said after round three. "The semi set the tone for the night. Honestly, I haven't gotten a holeshot in a couple of years. And winning the semi was important. All that confidence carried over into the main. All I did was go out there, try to ride 20 solid laps and it paid off. There was a lot of carnage midway through the race so I just tried to keep my pace going and look forward. (Justin) Barcia was close to me and I knew if I stayed close to

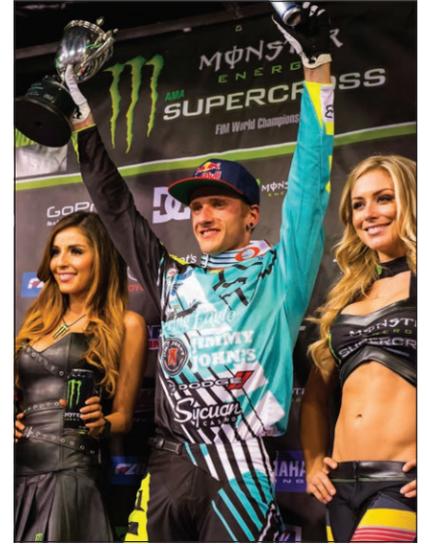
him that I would leave a gap behind me. That was my goal and that's kind of what happened. (Cole) Seely started catching me at the end but I still had some left in the tank, so I opened it up a little bit and gapped him just enough where I could cruise the last couple of laps. It was an awesome main event. It gives me goose bumps getting off the bike after a finish like that. I really appreciate everyone who stuck with me after the injury last year."

RCH co-owner Carey Hart was on hand in Anaheim when the dust settled and was obviously proud of both his riders.

"The whole night is really bittersweet," Hart said. "With Ken getting the win and to see Broc come back and finish fifth after the year he had last year is just awesome. I'm not sure who I'm happier for."

RCH co-owner and AMA Supercross legend Ricky Carmichael is a regular guest on Fox Sports 1 network that broadcasts the 2015 Monster Energy AMA Supercross season and the exposure highlights SECR to a national and international television audience.

"When I look back at RCH and the progress the team has made, it's very humbling," Carmichael said. "When Cary and I first talked about the idea, the best thing we did was make a plan. We knew that it would take two years to get everything pointed in the right



Courtesy of Simon Cudby

RCH Soaring Eagle Racing team member Ken Roczen displaying his trophy on the podium in Anaheim, Calif.

direction and by year three, we'd have a shot at contending for a championship. Now, we have a championship caliber rider with Ken and feel like Broc is going to be racing for podiums all season, too. It's worked out better than what I anticipated. Everything is set. We've got great riders, great sponsors and a great team... we're ready!"

The 2015 Monster Energy AMA Supercross season continues with a Feb. 7 race at PETCO Park in San Diego, followed by a Feb. 14 run at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. The series then moves to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on Feb. 21 and 28 for a southern stop before racing to Daytona International Speedway on March 7. All weekend events are broadcast live on Fox Sports 1.

Blue Öyster Cult and Skid Row amp up the volume and rock Soaring Eagle

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

Blue Öyster Cult and hair metal band Skid Row turned up the Marshalls and amped up the volume through a hard core onslaught of chart-topping rockers.

Starting with "The Red and the Black", "The Golden Age of Leather" from their 1997 LP "Spectres" demonstrated the rock anthem harmonies that made Long Island's favorite export, Blue Öyster Cult (BÖC), a super group that

charted more than 24 million in sales.

Eric Bloom on lead vocals and trademark stun guitar and guitarist Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser led the way with Richie Castellano (keyboards, rhythm guitar, backing vocals), Kasim Sulton (bass, backing vocals) and Jules Radino (drums, percussion).

The hard rock and heavy metal rolled out as Buck sang "Burnin' for You," "Godzilla" and their seminal smash "(Don't Fear) The Reaper". Always the showman, Bloom referenced the "more cowbell" pop culture catchphrase

originally derived from an April 2000 Saturday Night Live comedy sketch which fictionalized BÖC recording of the song.

Radio personality Jerry Coyne from Q100 and Blarneystone Broadcasting presented the band with classic rock T-shirts from his station and mentions BÖC music is regularly featured on his station.

"Bands like Blue Oyster Cult who rocked Soaring Eagle... still rock, still energize and bring enjoyment to their audience," Coyne said. "It's easy to see when you have 3,200 people standing and cheering... but hearing those songs on the radio always take us back to another time and place, they play in through ears, circle around your brain and heart and end up in your soul."

Bassist extraordinaire Sulton surprised the crowd with a solo during their performance that featured Joan Jett and the Blackhearts' "I Love Rock and Roll", "Bang the Drum All Day" from Todd Rundgren and Meat Loaf's "Paradise by the Dashboard Light". Not to be outdone, Radino jumped into a blistering drum solo and showed his musicianship. In their 90-minute

performance, BÖC stole the show from the Jersey rockers, Skid Row.

It was Bon Jovi, a summer concert series favorite at Soaring Eagle, who had Sebastian Bach and his band as an opening act in 1989. Skid Row was flying high with multi-platinum success fueled by the hit singles "18 and Life", "I Remember You" and "Youth Gone Wild".

Fans crushed up in front of the stage to hear the vocal gymnastics of Skid Row front man Johnny Solinger. Solinger was joined onstage with Dave "The Snake" Sabo (guitars and backing vocals), Rachael Bolan (bass and vocals), Scotti Hill (guitars and vocals) and drummer Rob Hammersmith.

Concert patron Barry Ayris attends many Soaring Eagle rock shows and thought Skid Row delivered.

"This was the music I grew up on and I'm pretty picky when bands go through



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Skid Row guitarist Scotti Hill (left) lays down some power chords as lead singer Johnny Solinger packs a punch into the rock anthem "We Are the Damned".

lineup changes... it happens with just about every heavy metal rock band," Ayris said. "They nailed it straight off and I'm glad they included their new music from the 'United World Rebellion' releases. If you really like your rock hard and loud, they put on your kind of show."

During their encore of "Slave to the Grind" and "Youth Gone Wild," everyone in the venue was standing and screaming their approval.



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Blue Öyster Cult (pictured left to right) frontman Eric Bloom and his stun guitar takes center stage with Richie Castellano (rhythm guitar), Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (lead guitar) and Kasim Sulton (bass).



How to train teens to participate safely in sports

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Increased participation in football, soccer, basketball, and other sports also leaves athletes more prone to injury, but certain good practices can help protect them from being sidelined, according to Dr. Scott Rodeo, an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

- Athletes need to stay hydrated. Water is adequate, but fluids with electrolytes are needed

if athletes exercise more than two hours a day.

- Make sure young athletes warm up properly to slowly increase the heart and breathing rate by doing low-intensity versions of the activity and stretching.

- Any player who feels dizzy, light-headed, or short of breath needs to get out of the game. This is especially important if playing or practicing in hot and humid conditions.

- Athletes can push themselves during practice, but should not go to complete exhaustion.

- Athletes should talk to their parents or coaches if they feel they've been injured. There is no such thing as a mild concussion. Signs of a concussion include a headache, light sensitivity, appearing confused, and clumsiness. After a player is removed from a game, parents need to monitor their child at home to make sure symptoms aren't worsening.

- Limit weekly training time, number of repetitions, and total distance to no more than a 10 percent increase each week.

- Ensure the use of proper equipment for each sport: protective equipment should be the correct size, fit well, and protect from top to bottom.

- Players should be educated on the rules of the game: make sure they understand their role and position, as well as where to be to avoid being in harm's way.

- Serious injuries should be promptly evaluated and treated. Even injuries that may be considered minor should be promptly checked by a medical professional so they do not cause more serious problems later on.

- Parents should be vigilant to signs of burnout such as athlete's fatigue, poor academic performance, and complaints of non-specific muscle or joint problems.

- Keep it positive: Emphasize that the focus of sports participation should be on fun, skill acquisition, sportsmanship and, above all else, safety.

- Nutrition is important for recovery. Consume a carbohydrate bar or carbohydrate drink immediately after practice, followed by a meal one to two hours after to help maintain strength and endurance.

Tips for successfully maintaining your healthy goals

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Nutritionist

Now is a good time to think ahead to the time when you attained your goal(s), and start planning on how you can maintain that achievement!

Enjoy the learning process:

- Enjoy eating healthy: Learn ways to cook so you like the food - take a cooking class, or watch a TV cooking show; find ways to enjoy the process of preparing your foods - could you cook and/or eat with a friend who has similar goals; educate yourself about nutrition to gain respect and appreciation for the healthy foods - learn about nutrients, food quality, environmental impacts, etc.

- Enjoy exercise/activity: explore ways to move your body that "speak" to you (dance, hike in the woods, take the kids sledding, take a class in the Nimkee Fitness Center.)

Continue to set new goals: this is not about achieving a goal and then returning to old habits. Success is easier

to maintain if you continue to grow, learn and change.

Surround yourself with like-minded people: It is so much easier to follow your new lifestyle if you have friends to call, check in with and share your new activities and values.

Be open to new challenges: whether with nutrition, your exercise or other areas in your life.

Remind yourself of the benefits of achieving your goal: What in your life is better now, because you have achieved your goal? What are you able to do now that you could not do before?

Strive to be positive: A lot of success in health is a result of your mental outlook - you are what you think. While not a new concept, positive psychology - the effects on our lives when thinking positively - is now an accredited area of study in universities around the world.

Get enough sleep: Lack of sleep is associated with health problems, low motivation, depression, excessive hunger. There are many suggestions about how to improve your sleep, such as daily mild exercise, relaxation and deep breathing techniques.

Keep in mind to avoid drinking caffeinated coffee, tea and sodas after 3 p.m.; as well, don't use alcohol as a sleep aid - it causes restless sleep.

Eating breakfast is associated with many health benefits: Diminishes mid-morning

hunger, elevates basal metabolic rate, results in less imbalanced, erratic or excessive eating the rest of the day and it can also encourage an improved consciousness about health.

Maintain those habits (sleep, laughter, exercise) that helped

you achieve your goal.

Want help with any of this? Call me (Sally) at **989-775-4615** for nutrition ideas and coaching, with Jayme or Jaden at **989-775-4696** to help shape up your fitness, in or outside of the Fitness Center!

Mino Bimaadiziwin: The good life

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I've often said that goal setting is an important part of making progress toward good health, and taking the time around the holidays was a good time to make new goals for 2015.

This will be my fourth year of bodybuilding competition and my expectations are much higher than ever before. I've come a long way in three years of consistent weight training, but I need to begin focusing more on bringing all of the different aspects together. The exercise, the nutrition, the posing, the contest preparation all need to be timed to efficiently peak together; that is a challenge! As with life, timing is everything. Luck isn't random, it occurs where preparation meets opportunity.

I plan on competing in three contests early this year. The first will be in Flint, Mich. on April 11. It's a smaller show but one that consistently attracts competitors in all of

the areas sanctioned by the National Physique Committee (NPC). This is a good show to start with because the crowd is enthusiastic and many of the competitors are local.

At 52 years old, I will be competing in the "Grand Masters" (aged 50 and older) division, and I want to get to 185 pounds or less than 10 percent body fat from my current 197 pounds and 18 percent body fat.

I've already started my preparation. Nutrition is first, cutting down the luxury fats like extra cheese, butter and mayonnaise. I'm transitioning to higher quality proteins like lean ham instead of bacon, or turkey instead of hamburger. I'm also using protein supplements for rapid absorption at strategic times like post-work out or before bedtime and upon waking up.

My exercise changes too. I've increased repetitions and focus on good form because lifting heavy isn't as important pre-contest as it is during the "off season."



Courtesy of Damian Fisher

This year marks the start of Fisher's fourth year in competitive bodybuilding.

Vitamin and mineral supplements are part of this regime, too.

I'm not doing this alone this season: I have help training at Nimkee Fitness Center, diet advice from our nutrition services at Nimkee Public Health, and I have been fortunate to have the support of the community.

I really appreciate all of the encouragement from the people who stop by in the gym, in town, and on the Rez to talk to me about this wonderful journey. Thank you and I'll let you know about the progress next month!

Apple Crisp Breakfast Cookies

Yields: 18 servings Prep Time: 15 minutes Cook Time: 17 minutes

Make these ahead of time; store in the freezer. Thaw in the morning and give them to your children as a quick, tasty, and nourishing snack! Recipe adapted from Rachel of Rachel Cooks



Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup whole wheat flour (I prefer using whole wheat pastry flour)
- 1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cup rolled oats (try 1 cup quick oats plus 1/2 cup long-cooking rolled oats)
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup chopped granny smith apple (small pieces)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- In a medium bowl, stir together both types of flour, oats, salt, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg until combined. Set aside.
- In a bowl of a stand mixer, cream together softened butter and yogurt. Add brown sugar and mix until combined. Add eggs and vanilla, mixing again until combined. With the mixer on low, gradually add in the dry ingredients until thoroughly mixed. By hand, fold in the walnuts and apple pieces.
- Scoop onto a Silpat or parchment paper lined baking sheet by about 1/4 cup spoonful's.
- Bake for 15-17 minutes, or until firm to the touch.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule February 2015

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 a.m.	*Aqua Fit Sharon		*Aqua Fit Sharon		*Aqua Fit Sharon
*Location Change: Aqua Fit will now be held at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel					
12:10 p.m.	Turbo Kick Jayme	Suspension Training Jayme	Turbo Kick Jayme	Fat Blast Jayme	CrossFitness Jaden
1:10 p.m.			Boot Camp Jaden		Turbo Kick Jayme
5:10 p.m.	Fat Blast Jayme	Kick & Step Jeni		Power Hour Leah	
5:30 p.m.			Belly Dance Deanna		



Elvis would have been 80, Andahwod Elders celebrate

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

It was “one for the money, two for the show” as the Andahwod Continuing Care & Elder Services and the Human Resources Training and Development departments teamed up to celebrate the 80th birthday of Elvis Aaron Presley (Jan. 8, 1935 – Aug. 17, 1977) on Friday, Jan. 9, 2015.

Elder Community Activity Assistant Tomarrah Green

confirmed the event occurred on what we call on the Rez, “Indian time,” by celebrating a day late.

“...There was a snow storm, but we still had at least 12 Elders participate,” Green said. “Training Instructor John Gerhard from HR led an Elvis-themed ‘Name that Tune’ game. There was an Elvis trivia quiz, as well as Elvis’ favorite snack, fried pickles.”

Last year, another Elvis’ favorite food was incorporated:

peanut butter and banana sandwiches.

“The HR Training Department spun some Elvis tunes for the teams to identify,” Gerhard said. “The three teams were ‘Elvis Pelvis’, ‘Don’t Be Cruel’ and ‘Blue Suede Shoes’. Of course, if they sang or danced, extra points were awarded. There

were a lot of laughs, singing and pelvis wiggling. It was difficult to stump these astute folks who grew up with ‘The King.’”

Fellow HR Training Instructor Steve Urbani was the scorekeeper and photographer and Andrew Wagner kept the trivia tunes rolling.

Andahwod Senior Assisted Living Administrator Gayle Ruhl appreciates the effort Gerhard and his associates made on providing a lively afternoon of fun for the residents and Elders in the community.

“We have many different departments that do a similar outreach to the Elders in our community and the residents enjoy the diversity of all these different programs we can offer,” Ruhl said. “Whether

it’s the language bingo programs done by the ALRD (Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department) or the Youth LEAD volunteers coming in with the SCIT Youth Council, having this kind of support helps us build exciting opportunities for everyone in the community.”

Elvis Presley is considered one of the most celebrated and influential musicians of the 20th century. Commercially successful in many genres, including pop, blues and gospel, he is the best-selling solo artist in the history of recorded music, with estimated album sales of 600 million units worldwide.

He was nominated for 14 competitive Grammys

and won three, also receiving the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award at age 36, and has been inducted into multiple music halls of fame.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Andahwod looks a little like Graceland as many Elders wore their Elvis glasses in loving tribute to the “King of Rock and Roll.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

SCIT Human Resources Training Instructor John Gerhard takes a moment during the Elvis “Name That Tune” trivia contest with Andahwod resident and Elder Tweedie VanCise.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

It’s all “Viva Las Vegas” as SCIT Human Resources Training Instructor Andrew Wagner dons his Elvis glasses with his DJ gear and kicks out all of Elvis Presley’s chart toppers.

FEBRUARY 2015 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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

*Birthday is the 29th

Think warm thoughts, spring weather is just around the corner

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BSW Intern

With the dismal temperatures surrounding us outdoors, finding something to do around the house helps us to stay focused and ready for the coming season. Though at the moment it seems so far away, spring always seems to jump on us with household project after project.

Starting our spring cleaning early can give us a head start on getting organized before the weather turns around. Performing indoor activities can be just what we need to pass the time. Andahwod has a few tips to help you keep your home warm and organized.

February is an excellent time to change the batteries in smoke detectors around

the house. These should be replaced twice a year, so having a few extra nine-volt batteries in a drawer for next time is never a bad idea.

Dusting and cleaning vents can also help pass the time while simultaneously improving the air quality in your home! A neat trick to help keep you warm is running ceiling fans in reverse. The angle of the blades coupled with the reverse direction circulates warm air downwards. Please give us a call at Andahwod so we can assist you in this process **989-775-4300**.

Right now is also the perfect time to start planting those fruits and veggies best enjoyed in the summer and fall seasons. Warm weather foods such as peppers, tomatoes, squash, watermelon and strawberries can be planted

indoors and later moved to the garden as winter comes to a close. These foods and others have long growing seasons which makes this month the perfect time to get started.

Once the seedlings reach about eight inches or have a few leaves, they are ready to be transported to a more permanent location. This growing process should take about 6-8 weeks which should bring us right into sunshine and rain. In other words, no more snow! Certain flowers such as snapdragons and violas are also best started at this time. Watching the plants start to grow can give hope for warmer weather to come.

Sources: *Good Plants to Start Indoors, 2014; Improve Indoor Air Quality with Winter House Cleaning, 2014*

Andahwod February Events

Euchre

Tuesdays/Thursdays at 6 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Language Bingo

Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Snagapalooza Presents: Burlesque

Feb. 14 from 7-11 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300
• Ages 30 and older • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

Elders Breakfast

Feb. 11 & 25 from 9-10 a.m. | Contact: 989-775-4300

Bingo with Friends

Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. | Contact: 989-775-4307

Candy Grams Fundraiser

Feb. 1-11 | Contact: 989-775-4300
• Delivery Feb. 13

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FEBRUARY 2015 EVENT PLANNER

Walking Club

February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 26 | 12 - 12:50 p.m.
 • Location: Meet in front of SECR Entertainment Hall
 • Contact: 989-775-5624

Parenting Classes

February 2, 9, 16, 23 | 3 - 5 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • To Register: 989-775-4616
 • "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent"
 • For parents of children ages six and older

Red Dress Fashion Show

February 6 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing Center
 • Contact: 989-775-4059
 • Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection
 • Open to the Tribal Community

Fitness Support Group

February 11, 26 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • Contact: 989-775-4780

Heroin: Drug Education Presentation

February 11 | 6 p.m.
 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 989-775-4208
 • Includes a presentation from Families Against Narcotics
 • Light Dinner Provided

Women's Support Group

February 17 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
 • Location: Behavioral Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4896
 • Lasagna dinner provided

Family Spirit Support Group

February 18 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 • Location: Nimkee Public Health
 • Contact: 989-775-4616

Men's Meeting

February 26 | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 • Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • Contact: 989-775-2370 ext. 214
 • Open communication, talking circle
 • Food will be provided

Housing Financial Workshop

February 19 | 12 p.m.
 • Location: Housing Conference Room
 • Contact: 989-775-4552

Wellness Support Group

February 19 | 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 February 20 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 3 - 4 p.m.
 • Location: SECR Employee Main Entrance Hallway
 • Contact: 989-775-5624
 • A support group to discuss health issues and wellness goals among friends and co-workers.

Anishinabe Mijim Community Potluck

February 26 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Location: Ziibiwing
 • Contact: 989-775-4750

Youth LEAD trip to Sea Life Aquarium

February 28 | Leaving at 10 a.m., returning at 5 p.m.
 • Meeting at Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • To reserve your spot, please contact: 989-775-4506
 • \$5 per person, transportation provided
 • First come first serve basis

Saganing Traditional Teaching

February 4 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 • Location: Saganing Tribal Center
 • Contact: 989-775-5820

Candy Grams

To raise funds for the Elders Valentine's Day Party
 Last day to order: Wednesday, Feb. 11 • Delivery: Friday, Feb. 13
Send a nicely packaged candy gram with assorted candies and your personal message to your child, sweetheart, friends and family or even that secret crush.

For more information, please contact:
 Tomarrah or Elisa at 989.775.4302 or tgreen@sagchip.org

Talking Circle

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
 Andahwod Maple Room

For more information contact: Kim 989.289.3088, Roger 989.944.1937

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HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 20 & 21, 2015

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2015

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> 	<p>Gamblers Anonymous (GA) Meetings 12-step program for people that have a gambling problem.</p> <p>Mondays & Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Mount Pleasant First United Methodist Church 400 S. Main St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858</p>	<p>Narcotics Anonymous Meetings</p> <p>Tuesdays: 6 p.m., Wesley Foundation at CMU 1400 S. Washington St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Thursdays: 6:30 p.m., First Methodist Church 400 S. Main St., Mount Pleasant</p> <p>Saturdays: 7 p.m., Mount Pleasant Alano Club 1201 N. Fancher Rd., Mount Pleasant</p>	<p>1</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Women's Traditions Bear Hide Healing Bundle Making B. Health 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> <p>Grandmother Moon B. Health 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Seniors Room 6 p.m.</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Parent Advisory Meeting SCA 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Traditional Healers 7th Generation 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Girls Basketball Game Tribal Gym 1 - 4 p.m.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd Sweat Lodge B. Health 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Donnie Dowd B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Healthy Heart Breakfast Nimkee Kitchen 8 - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>SCA Family Movie Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p>				
<p>16</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline 3 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Seniors Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>Baby Moccasin Class Nimkee Public Health 2 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Super Saturday Quilt Making Tribal Gym 1 - 5 p.m.</p>				
<p>23</p> <p>Women's Traditions Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p> Euchre Andahwod 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>AA/NA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> <p>Understanding Addiction 7th Generation 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod 10 a.m.</p> <p>Butch and Tone Tribal Gym 6 - 8 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Boys Basketball Game Tribal Gym 1 - 4 p.m.</p>				

Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Social Services Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years experience in a human services setting and one-year supervisory experience. Must have knowledge of applicable Tribal and federal law as they pertain to Tribal children and families. The social services supervisor concentration will be in the area of protective services, along with acting as the lead to the supervisor management team.

Health Professionals Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma. Experience required is based on job opening requirements. Applicant must be available on short notice for short term employment.

Bus Driver – Part Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must meet the minimum requirements for a school bus driver as defined by the State of Michigan; Must be at least 21 years old.

Leadership Apprentice

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must provide documentation of acceptance at an accredited college/university in Michigan. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average. Must submit an official transcript and class schedule during recruitment process. Must be a full-time college student. Applicants must submit a declared degree audit during recruitment process.

General Labor Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor.

Clerical Pool (Temporary Employee)

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application to the temporary clerical pool if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting: working on computers, standard office equipment, and answering telephones (i.e. administrative assistant, file clerk, tutor.)

Native American Applicant Pool

All Native Americans that meet the minimum qualifications. Tribal preference applicants are encouraged to submit application information to the posting. For employment and training opportunities, the following criteria will be utilized where applicable: A member

of SCIT. Direct descendants of members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. All others who are members of federally-recognized Tribes, indigenous to the United States or an indigenous aboriginal Tribe of Canada.

Journeyman Lineman Manager

Open to the public. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Candidate must have a Journeyman License with lineman experience or must have successfully completed the journeyman examination requirements as administered by an accredited Lineman Apprenticeship Training program or five years three phase high voltage experience with appropriate electrical license. Two plus years experience as a journeyman lineman preferred. Candidate must have formal hot stick training and experience.

Resident Care Manager

Open to the public. Must be a licensed registered nurse (BSN preferred), with at least one year of long term care experience. One year of supervisory experience in a long term care setting preferred. Knowledge of and/or willingness to learn about and understand the Tribal community and outside systems is required. Knowledge of services to the aged, assisted living services, adult foster care services, and/or homes for the aged also required.

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.

Water Operator Intern

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills is helpful. A math test will be required and administered prior to interview. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science or related field will help in learning this field. Should have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

Curriculum Instructional Coordinator

Open to the public. M.A. in educational administration with five years teaching experience or bachelor's degree in education field with seven years experience. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teacher Certificate as

applicable. Must demonstrate knowledge of the Michigan Department of Education Curriculum Standards. Must demonstrate knowledge in curriculum design and skilled in the areas of instruction, and professional development.

Support Services Technician I

Open to the public. Two plus years IT help desk experience or four year IT related degree. Must be capable of undergoing and passing the background investigation for gaming license. Needs to have a basic understanding of computer and server hardware, and network connectivity. Must pass IT related competency exam. Must be able to learn new software and hardware systems on a regular basis.

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education. Must possess a valid State of Michigan Teaching Certification. Prefer minimum of two years teaching experience and working experience with Native Americans.

Casino

Director Cage & Count

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

Comptroller

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or business with an accounting minor, or MBA in accounting. CMA or CPA a plus. Minimum of 12 years accounting experience in casino and/or hospitality industry, of which four years experience in a senior accounting supervisory position.

Line Server Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred.

Steward

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desire to work hard. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service. Exceptional people skills, high level of enthusiasm and professionalism.

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age or older. High school diploma

or equivalent is required. At least three years experience in a central plant or mechanical equipment environment utilizing equipment as described in essential job duties. Must be able to operate computerized equipment and devices. Must have a valid state of Michigan driver's license. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Laws. Maintains and operates electrical, mechanical and pneumatic equipment throughout Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort buildings.

Waitstaff Level I

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Must be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours.

Lead Cook

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 accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Host/Hostess

Open to the public. Must be at least 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.

Massage Therapist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must have a valid Michigan massage certification. A total of 600 hours required for Massage certification.

Guest Room Attendant

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred. Must be able to bend, twist, squat and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Qualified applicants

should possess a friendly and outgoing personality, enjoy dealing with and be willing to provide a positive experience to the hotel guests, fellow associates and visitors.

Inventory Control Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or equivalent. Must have five years of business-related inventory control. Associate degree and three years of business-related inventory control experience. Food-handling and management experience preferred. Must have and maintain an appropriate Michigan driver's licensing dependent on fleet requirements. Must have an excellent understand of material management policies and procedures, personnel management, and inventory best practices. Must be able to be directly responsible for a shift of employees, as well as indirectly responsible for a three shift operation.

Function Service Casino Beverage

Open to the public. Must be at least 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.

Alterations Clerk

Open to the public. Must have knowledge and experience with both regular and serge sewing machines. Alterations experience within a hospitality environment a plus. Must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, poised and friendly, attuned to details and self motivated. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Needs to know the operations of equipment used in construction, alteration and repair of fabric articles. Needs to be able to maintain uniform inventory records using the current software, the ability to exert up to 50 pounds of force for lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling objects.

High Lift Operator

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to withstand heights up to 90 feet. Able to work well with others.

Must pass lift/safety training. Prefer one-year experience working at elevated levels.

Housekeeping Manager

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years housekeeping supervisory experience in either hospitality or casino field. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License and be able to obtain and maintain a Gaming License and Tribal Drivers License. Must be computer literate and capable of using various software applications including Excel.

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. Native American preferred.

Journeyman Electrician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have and maintain a State of Michigan Journeyman Electrician license. Must have at least six years experience in the electrical trade including completion of an apprenticeship. Native American preferred.

Kitchen Equipment Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma. Must have three years experience in Commercial Food Equipment Repair. Universal certification and/or within 30 days after employed. Working knowledge of plumbing, refrigeration and cooling, electrical, wiring and solid state circuitry. Native American preferred.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, communication and teamwork skills. Or six months of SECR internal Culinary training. Native American preferred.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF LYSSA BENNETT:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 779-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 14-CI-0448 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Solutions, 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 Lyssa Bennett 11101 E. Pickard Rd. Lot 89 Mt. Pleasant MI 48858. 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 relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires June 10, 2015.**



Eleven students graduate from Anishinabe Performance Circle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After 12-week classes, 11 students aged 4 to 12 graduated from the Anishinabe Performance Circle at the Broadway Theatre in downtown Mount Pleasant, Mich. on Dec. 16.

The graduates Brook Brown, Brielle Brown, Samantha D'Artagnan, Kathlyn Dunn-Anderson, Mia Marie Floyd, Jordan Aaliyah Floyd, Katie Green, David Jackson, Nadia Mills, Landen Roulett and Bree Sprague learned Anishinabe dances and traditions throughout the weeks.

Ziibiwing Center's Assistant Director Judy Pamp, Visitor Service Coordinator Renata Borton and Visitor Service Representative Raymond Cadotte were on stage to assist the students.

"Every Tuesday, the students came to class with an exuberant energy to learn, and for the 12 weeks, they learned about proper etiquette of Anishinabe dance," Borton said. "The students would try new moves each week to improve upon their skills, and put so much heart into learning their style of dance that when graduation came around, they shined."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Eleven students completed the 12-week Anishinabe Performance Circle classes.



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Broadway Theatre in downtown Mount Pleasant, Mich. hosted the Performance Circle graduation on Dec. 16.



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Male youth dancers David Jackson and Landen Roulett take a moment to introduce themselves to the audience with Ziibiwing Center Assistant Director Judy Pamp overlooking.

The 11 students were also assisted by two teen volunteers, Kylie Fisher and Abbie Nahdee, and ZC Youth Worker Zack Jackson.

"The class performed a Grand Entry, Swan Dance (for the girl dancers), Boy Song, Girl Song, Inter-Tribal, Hoop Dance, Ojibwa Song and introduced themselves," Borton said. "The kids worked so hard at overcoming their fear of public speaking by practicing each week in the language to introduce themselves and sing our traditional songs. Triumph was shown in each of their faces."

The Anishinabe Performance Circle is "aimed at promoting and enhancing positive self-images of all children through the use of traditional Anishinabe arts (storytelling, dance, music and language), and preparing youth as leaders in a multicultural society."

"Our volunteers showed great leadership strength in helping with this next generation's understanding of traditions," Borton said. "Our traditions are strong and our next generations are growing into amazing individuals. We are very proud of our youth and all their hard work. We would also like to say chi-miigwetch to the families of these students because they are keeping our traditions alive and strong."

The current Performance Circle is celebrating 10



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Dancers performed a Hoop Dance during the Anishinabe Performance Circle Graduation at Broadway Theatre.

years of traditions through songs, dance, storytelling and language.

"We are excited to see returning students and new students come participate in our Anishinabe Performance Circle

so we can continue to build our future generations' traditional knowledge," she said.

Performance Circle is sponsored by ZC and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Housing Department.



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Brielle Brown proudly shows off her Certificate of Participation.



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Jordan Aaliyah Floyd smiles as she holds up her Certificate of Participation.



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Throughout the courses, the dancers worked on public speaker. One-by-one, they introduced themselves at the graduation.



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Brook Brown dances during the Inter-Tribal.



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David Jackson proudly displays his regalia.



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Bree Sprague shows off the dances she learned during the Performance Circle classes.