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Good Friday Unity Service Promotes Fellowship and Worship

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

People gathered to promote love, unity, and fellowship at the 12th annual Good Friday Unity Service on Mar. 29. The service was held at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's tribal gym. The theme for this year's service was, "He Lives" and included praise, worship, prayer, special music, and testimonials. A multitude of guest speakers were present to share their stories and messages.

Brother Fred Cantu, Potter's House Worship Center, began the service with an introductory message and reading of the scripture. "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live." John 11:25. Cantu fired up the crowd with his inspirational message and set the tone for the rest of the service. "I got you guys all fired up, because we are on fire for the Lord!" Cantu concluded as the crowd applauded in agreement.

Pastor Chuck Allen of Potter's House Worship Center blew the shofar, a horn used for Jewish religious practices in biblical times. The shofar is blown in modern times to remind us of God's promise of salvation as well as the

calling of his people. "As I blow this trumpet blast, know that it's acknowledging that God is the king of all creation that Jesus is the one who died for use, and Jesus is the one who defeated death so that we will see him again."

Tribal Council Chaplain Steve Pego welcomed everyone to the Unity Service with an opening Ojibwe prayer and introduced another ceremonial instrument, the Eagle Bone Whistle.

"We use this whistle traditionally to open our ceremonies," Pego said after blowing the whistle four times. "It represents the eagle, and the sound of its voice. The Eagle flies the highest and closest to the creator, so we always want to send our prayers with them."

"On behalf of Tribal Council I would like to welcome everybody," SCIT Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom, Sr. said as part of his opening remarks. "We should remember what this is all for."

The event is a culmination of the efforts and support of church members, SCIT community members, employees, and the Tribal Council. "The only thing that really makes this possible is the belief that we have a message to share within our community," said emcee Joseph Sowmick, who has been a leader in the founding and planning of this service. "To have a Tribal Government that we can get behind, to the point that employees, native churches, other churches, and people in the faith based community can get together for a program like this. That's the blessing, and to have the support of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council. We wouldn't be having the 12th annual Good Friday Unity Service if it wasn't for that support."

The Women of Mid-Michigan Teen Challenge joined in for the

first time in the Unity Service's history. Two members stepped forward to give heartbreaking testimonies of their hardships and struggles earlier in their life. The stories were very uplifting and highlighted how they turned their life around through the help of their faith and the Teen Challenge program.

"We are privileged and honored to be here, to be amongst you people here this morning," said Gilbert Garcia, Leader of the Teen Challenge's men's facilities. "From the bottom of our hearts, thank you."

The Mid Michigan Teen Challenge has been in the area for over forty years. The Teen Challenge USA Program is made up of nearly 200 centers that provide care for people of all ages who are struggling with intense life controlling problems. They help with spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and educational challenges though the strength of God. For more information on the program explore their website at www.teenchallengeusa.com.

"At Mid-Michigan Teen Challenge we teach our students that their lives are not over," Garcia said. "We encourage our students, there is a lot of love and we have a lot of fun."

A special performance was given by Anna Hon. She delivered a powerful rendition of, "Via Delerosa" followed by a flute solo. During her performance a video showed the sacrifices Jesus made during his Crucifixion.

The programs also featured musical performances by the drum group The Snowbirds, The Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Choir, Ellie VanHorn, and her guitar Loretta. Testimonies and messages were given by Rev. Doyle Perry from the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene, Brother Charles Disel, Brother

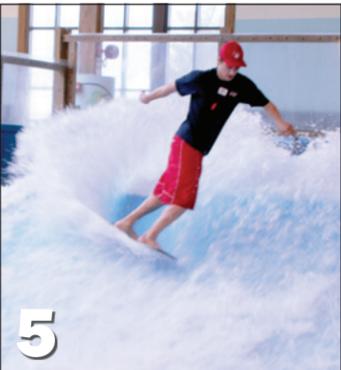


Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose
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Gary Bennett, Rev. Robert Pego from the Chippewa Community Church, Rev. Owen White-Pigeon from the Chippewa United Methodist Church, and Rev. Sam McClellan from the Chippewa United Methodist Church.

Rev. Owen Smith led the congregation with the reading of the Good Friday scripture from Luke 23:1-47. The sermon message, "He Lives" was delivered by Rev. Devin Chisholm from the Saganing Indian Community Church. To close out the service Tribal Elder Barb "Little Fawn" Sprague led the congregation in prayer. Guests of the event were graciously treated to a brunch courtesy of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage Department.

The annual Good Friday Unity Service once again proved to be a successful and powerful event for the community. It brought everyone together in celebration and fellowship. A special Miigwetch goes out to all who helped make this service possible, as well as those who attended. As emcee Joseph Sowmick stated, "This is a Tribe which can be bold in their witness."



5 SEWPH Anniversary
Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel celebrate their one year anniversary.



9 Artist in Residence
Shirley Brauker brought her workshops to the Zibiwing Center.



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24th annual event celebrates life, fellowship, and the native culture.



BACK Annual K-12 Powwow
Local students gathered to keep the native culture alive in the community.



Beatrice Jackson performs as part of the Snowbirds drum group.

Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union To Close

SCIT PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union notified Tribal Council on the 24th of April 2013 by letter that the credit Union is closing Saturday, June 1, 2013 and that on June 3, 2013 all credit union members will be members of the Isabella Community Credit Union. In the letter

Board Chairperson, Ronald G. Douglas stated many reasons for the closure while making credit union members aware of the many benefits they will be able to take advantage of at ICCU that Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union did not offer.

Tribal Council administrations in the past have awarded monies to the effort of establishing a member

owned credit union for access and availability to the tribal membership.

"When the Tribal Council was asked by the Credit Union for further assistance we stood firm in our position to say no. It was widely felt that to continue to invest in a business that is not solely owned by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is not in our best interest for the

future success of the tribe and its holdings," stated Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe remains committed to the future success of our Tribal community and its business ventures. For more information please contact Frank J. Cloutier, Public Relations Director at 989-775-4076 or at fcloutier@sagchip.org for more information.



John Roland Alberts

July 28, 1932 - April 7, 2013

John Roland Alberts passed away peacefully on April 7, 2013. He was born on July 28, 1932 to Whitney and Beatrice (Nahgahgwon) Alberts in Oscoda, Michigan. He was employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe as superintendent of housing before retiring. John was a loving father and grandfather. He loved casinos, Cashword lottery tickets, traveling, crosswords, and spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. John was proud to serve his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War (1952-1954).



John is survived by his daughter Robin Alberts, granddaughter Adrienne and grandsons Brandon, Denny and Cody. He is also survived by many very special nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his parents, his brothers Wilmer (Florine), Bill (Nancy), Frank (Anne) and Frances, his sisters Susan and Hazel and his infant brother Stanley and infant sister Marina.

His funeral service was held on Thursday, Apr. 11, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the R. O. Savage Funeral Chapel in Standish, with Devin Chisholm presiding. He was buried at the Saganing Indian Cemetery.

In Loving Memory of..
Victoria G. Miller
 03/08/1937 - 04/13/2004
 Victoria worked at the Saginaw Inter-Tribal Association Inc. in Saginaw MI for many years. She was a good woman, wife and mother. She is survived by her loving husband Arthur and Arthur Miller Jr., Carolyn Estill, and John Miller.

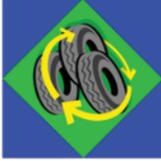
In Loving Memory of..
Rev. Carol A. Bennett
 Thank you for your unfailing love and the words of wisdom. Your kind heart and compassion to see people love God and find their purpose in life are still spoken about today. Your zest for life, sports, the instruments and the songs you sang have not been forgotten. Thank you for instructing us in the things of the Lord without it we would be struggling in life especially in your absence. You are loved deeply and missed very much.
 Love, Angela, Barbara, Denise, & Leslie

Are You Interested In Being a Firework's Vendor This Season?
 Migizi EDC is accepting bids for land leases for the 2013 Fireworks Season
 Bids are due by: **May 10th at 5:00pm**
 For more information and to receive a bidding package, please contact (989) 775-4225.

ATTENTION
 Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
 Veteran & Warrior Society Members

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

TIME Is Running Out
 The Criteria for GED Testing Has Changed. *Effective December 2013.*
 If you have not tested by this date all previous work done towards your GED **Will not be counted.**
GED Testing
 Aabizikaawin
 Open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Recycling TIRE COLLECTION
 JUNE 3-7, 2013
 Open To All Tribal Members & Sag Chip Employees With Valid ID.

Drop Off Times Monday-Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm
 By Appointment Only.
Open Drop Off Time With Out An Appointment Will Be Wednesday June 5 and Friday June 7 From 11:00am To 2:00pm.
 The Drop off Trailer Will Be Located Behind The Nimkee Fitness Center By The Recycling Bins.
 Limit 20 Tires Per House Hold.
 Call For An Appointment
 Rick Meyers Or Tonia Jewell
 772-8810

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WASTE MANAGEMENT
 Curbside Service
WILL STOP
 On May 3, 2013 if you have not returned your address verification form to the Planning Office

Attention Students
 The Higher Education Department would like to remind students participating in the Tribal Scholarship and Youth Leadership Programs that the **deadline for submitting grade reports for the winter or spring 2013 semester is June 15.** The grade reports are used to process the balance of tribal scholarships for classes that have been successfully completed and meet the requirements of the Tribal Scholarship Program.
 In addition, the deadline to submit an official transcript is **June 30.** The official transcripts are used to process "Academic Incentive" Awards which are awarded to students at the annual Eagle Spirit Awards banquet. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, June 28 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. We look forward to seeing you there and especially recognizing the academic accomplishments of our fellow Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members!

Member Needed
 We Are In Need of One Health Advisory Board Member For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board
Requirements Are:
 1. Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
 2. Must be 18 years of age
 3. Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.
 Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible). Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval. If interested: write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.
Mail or Bring to the Nimkee Clinic:
 Attention: Michelle George
 2591 South Leaton Road
 Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858
 Please include your phone number or a contact person. When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.
If you have any questions do not hesitate to call Michelle George at 989-775-4602

CLEAN SWEEP & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
 Isabella County Fair Grounds
 Sat. May 11, 2013 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
DISPOSE OF UNWANTED:

Household Waste	Clean Sweep
• Fluorescent Bulbs	• Pesticides
• Batteries (regular, lithium, & lead acid)	• Herbicides
• Paint (latex and oil based)	• Mercury
• Solvents & Cleaners	
• Acids & Disinfectants	
• Unwanted/Expired Medications	

WHO CAN USE THIS FREE PROGRAM?
 Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, golf course or oth-er end user can use this service. All dealers or persons who apply pesti-cides for hire may use these collections to dispose of pesticides at cost.
 Electronic waste can be disposed of at the Habitat for Humanity Restore, located on West Pickard. This is also a free service.
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
Isabella Conservation District
 989-772-9152 ext. 3
 Thank you Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for supporting this program and providing the district with 2% funds.

American Indian Youth Summer Film Workshop
 A Residential Camp and Film Experience
 July 14th-19th, 2013


Selected Students Will:
 • Be Provided room and board in a secure MSU Dormitory.
 • Create their own short film.
 • Receive training and hands-on experience with lighting, sound, storyboarding, shot design, special effects production and other aspects of film production.
 • Interact with other Native Youth.
 • Enjoy supervised recreation activities and field experiences.
 *There is **NO FEE** for this Camp
 *Camper Applications can be found on the NAI's website


 For More Information Contact MSU's Native American Institute at 517-353-6632 or visit www.nai.msu.edu

NATIVE FARMERS MARKET
Every Wednesday
Starting
 June 5-October 9, 2013
Time: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Items For Sale
 Seasonal Produce, Flowers, Fish, Wild Rice, Honey, & Maple Syrup
Native American
 Handmade Arts, Crafts & Supplies
Our Vendors
 Tribal/Community Members & Employees (Casino, Tribal, Migizi)
LOCATION
Northeast Corner of Leaton and Broadway
 7070 East Broadway | Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
 For Questions and Registration Forms, Please Contact: Marcella Hadden, Interim Market Master at (989) 775-4059



SCCC Helps Tribe Obtain Wild Turkey License



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

April 11, 2013 marked an important day as the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will have their first ever wild turkey licenses that will allow Tribal Members to hunt wild turkeys on tribal lands in the spring. The Saginaw Chippewa Conservation Committee of Linze Ritter, Harry Ambs, James Walker, Ronnie Ek Dahl and Jonas Wilcox worked diligently on making this possible for the Tribe. The licenses are currently available and can be purchased at the Planning Department. Under the spring wild turkey license a person can harvest two bearded turkeys. Cost for a Spring Wild Turkey License is \$20 for two tags.



Happy Birthday Andreas!
May 14
Love
Poppy, Grandma, & Aunt Sis



Happy Birthday James Walker
Love,
Your son & daughter-in-law



Happy Birthday Jasmine and Tori,
May 1st & May 18th
Love Always
Your FAVORITE Auntie



Happy 30th Birthday Rena
May 3
Love
Love Consuelo & Kids



Congratulations DAD
On Your Graduation from Central
We Are all Proud of You
Love Always,
Waba, Jr, Hame



Happy 34th Birthday Lupe
May 18
Love Consuelo & Kids



Happy Mother's Day Mom
Love,
Harry & Denise



Happy Birthday "Too Tuff Tiff"
May 31
Love
Coach Consuelo & Kids



Happy Birthday Kaya!
From
The Gravies



Happy Birthday Mommy!
We Love You Very Much,
Waba, Jr, & Ham Graveratte



Happy Birthday Joe!
May 16th
I Love You,
Cathy

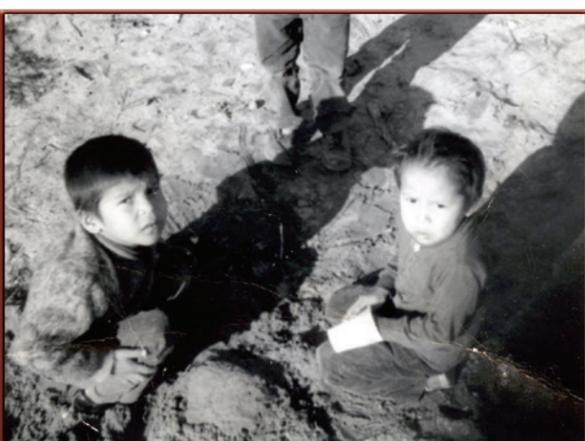


Happy Birthday "BFF" Darcy
May 29
Love,
Consuelo & Kids

2013 Graduate Photos

<i>High School</i>	<i>College</i>
Name of Graduate	Name of Graduate
Name of School	Field of Study

Submit Information To:
observer@sagchip.org
Due by May 15, 2013



Happy 50th Birthday Segar and Quickdraw!
Quickdraw even though you're not here to celebrate this milestone we know you're in heaven smiling down.
Love,
Julie, Tink, Cass, Meggy, Karmen, Tony, & Ella



"Johnny Depp Sends **XOXO to Dolores Laban** On Her Birthday on May 17th"



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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Approved As State Historic Preservation Officer

SCIT PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is pleased to announce on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, the Director of the National Park Service has formally approved the proposal of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan to assume certain State Historic Preservation Officer duties within the Tribe's reservation and on tribal trust lands in Michigan. The Tribe has assumed formal responsibility for review of Federal undertakings pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

William Johnson has been named the interim Tribal Historical Preservation Office (THPO). His contact information is as follows: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, 6650 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858. Office

phone number 989-775-4750. Fax 989-775-4770 or at wjohnson@sagchip.org.

Charmaine Shawana, Tribal Council Member stated, "This recognition is another part of our sovereignty that the federal government is finally recognizing even though we have been assuming these duties as part of our own responsibility for quite some time now."

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is the 142 Tribal Historic Preservation Office in the United States and the fifth one in Michigan. The other Native Tribes that have been issued THPO are: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

In addition, the Tribe has assumed all of the other THPO functions set out in the Act with the exceptions of assisting in the certification of local governments and assisting in the evaluation of Investment Tax Credit rehabilitation projects.

Car Enthusiasts Start Preparing Your Vehicles for SECR 11th Annual Cruise'n Car Show

CARRIE GARCIA

Interim Editor

Looking for something to do or wanting to add an award to a collection? Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort will have their 11th annual Cruise'n Car Show June 8 and 9. SECR will again feature around 300 classic cars. Cars will be judged in 20 different categories as the awards will be given June 9. SECR will be giving away a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner in their classic car giveaway.

Monster truck rides will be offered again this year. Registrants that register before May 25 will receive

a pre-registration packet which will include a T-shirt, one entry for exclusive prize drawings, bonus entries for the classic car giveaway drawing, two Cruise'n Car show lanyards, \$5 food voucher, magnetic dash plaque, a bio of the judges and a 2013 save the date magnet. Registration by May 25 is \$25 and registration between June 8 and June 9 will be \$30.

There will also be a vendor row for guests to purchase related car items. If you have a vehicle 1988 or older bring it to SECR to have it judge. Registration forms and more information about the car show can be found on the SECR website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.

Monday Night Golf League Debuts on May 20

JOE SOWMICK

Contributing Writer

On May 20, the SCIT Parks & Recreation is proud to announce that our "Monday Night Masters" Golf League is launching soon and already has 10 teams eager to get started. It will be on Monday nights starting on May 20 and ending on Aug. 19 for a total of 14 weeks of league play. The golf league is co-ed and will be playing at Maple Creek Golf Club in Shepherd, Mich. Tee times will be available between 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (pending) every Monday and we will alternate between the front and the back sides.

There are a few different payment options: 1.) Pay in Full at \$16 for 14 weeks or \$224 upfront (includes benefits) 2.) Pay the green fees upfront \$10 week or \$140 upfront 3.) Pay weekly at \$20 per night.

There will be games on the course each week for a chance to win prizes, skin opportunities, and you will be competing for first half champion, second half champion, and League Champion. There will be a couple of fun nights (scrambles) and it will be handicapped to ensure that it is both competitive and fun. This league is already half full and we are shooting for 20 two person teams. Two person teams, man or woman, are required with one player being either an, SCIT Tribal Member, Descendent, Member of another Tribe, or an SECR Employee.

"As we ramp up for our annual golf tournament in July, the staff thought it would be a nice to have a league night for golfers in the community," Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl said. "The excitement of the upcoming season is already having people head out with their clubs... here we have a chance for other golfers to scramble with our Parks staff at Maple Creek."

Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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



Tribal Observer

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

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

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

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

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Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Marks Their One Year Anniversary



CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel the 45,000 square foot attraction to Mt. Pleasant celebrates their one year anniversary this month. With the spectacular specials at the waterpark the occupancy has been selling out. Currently the waterpark is featuring their Super Slide Into Spring deal at \$79.95 with four free waterpark passes Sunday through Thursday.

“We have been making waves in the waterpark in our first year in this industry,” said Associate General Manager at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel Melinda Coffin.

“Other waterparks have been running what we have been doing and even other casinos are copying our room rate specials.”

New additions are being added to the waterpark including a business center. It is currently under construction. Nbakade “I’m Hungry”



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Restaurant and the Wiisinidaa “Let Us Eat” food court located inside the waterpark lowered their prices to accommodate guests. New additions have been made on the weekends as Nbakade offers a weekend breakfast buffet on Saturday’s 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. For late night diners, Nbakade offers bi-weekly acoustic music by various artists including, Ben Schuller on Saturday nights.

SEWPH also offers swimming lessons and also Flowrider lessons. The swimming lessons are \$60 and \$50 for tribal members and Flowrider lessons are \$20 each.

“The idea of having the swimming and Flowrider lessons came from Aquatics Manager Chris Seyler,” Coffin said. “Seyler and his team put together the programs.”

SEWPH plans on celebrating Mother’s Day with a raffle. Mothers who stay at the park and purchase items whether if it is golf, food or an overnight stay, will receive an entry form to win a Halia bracelet. Multiple entries can be earned and one bracelet will be given out each week in May.

Families can enjoy making crafts together as SEWPH has days that allow the bonding time.

Make sure to stop on over at SEWPH as they will be having

their grand opening anniversary from the week of Monday, May 20 through Friday, May 24 as they will be having cupcakes. The weekend of May 24 and 25 a carnival will be going on in the waterpark parking lot.

SEWPH is located west off the US-127 Big Rapids/Midland exit 143 on M-20.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-2Eagle2 and online at www.soaringeaglewaterpark.com. Waterpark passes can be purchased without staying at the hotel seven days a week. For half day passes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4 p.m. to closing for \$25 per person ages three and older and children under two are free. Guests can purchase an all-day pass for \$35 persons ages three and over and children under two are free. SEWPH is running the half day passes and the full day passes 50 percent off. Half day passes are \$12.50 and full day passes are \$17.50.



Reservations are recommended as the passes can be limited based on the hotel occupancy, special events and holidays.



Soaring Eagle Casino Will Offer Play for Free Website to Patrons

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Soaring Eagle Casino is currently in plans with Aristocrat to build a new website to allow patrons to play their favorite casino games for free in the comfort of their own homes. The website will not take

bets for money as congress banned live gaming sites in the United States.

Raul Venegas, Director of Marketing at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort explained that the casino was taking a look into the free play aspect of the website and that SECR was in a state of intense competition and wanted to be one step further

than the rest from the marketing stand point.

“As we took a deeper look into it we saw that there were numerous marketing opportunities in having an online gaming site and obviously not looking at it from a real gaming site,” Venegas said. “We are still in the early developments on running the site.”

How it will work is players can go onto the Soaring Eagle Casino website. On the website a link will be posted that will allow a guest to sign up for a players club card for either the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

The site will also offer table games such as blackjack, and roulette.

“The site will help us offer further incentives for those to come to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort online and have fun going to the real Soaring Eagle Casino,” Venegas said.

SECR plans on launching the site in the next six months and will be the second casino in Michigan to offer free online gaming experiences.

BENEFIT FOR *Jack Souwmick*
(He has been very ill and in the hospital for 2 months)

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH MT. PLEASANT VFW 12 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
Food, Music, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction, and Dart Tournament
(Registration for Dart Tournament starts promptly at noon and tournament starts at 1 p.m.)

If you are unable to attend this event but would like to help or make a donation please contact:

Deb Smith DSmith@sagchip.org	Peggy Bacome PBacome@sagchip.org	Anita Hall AHall@sagchip.org
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CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Fishing is a favorite past time for most. It is a bonding time for families and a chance to be out in the wilderness. If those reasons aren't enough, Eagle Bay Marina has another reason to get into the fishing spirit as their 2013 fishing tournaments are fast approaching.

May 11, June 22 and August 17 are the Winner Takes All Walleye Tournaments. The event is from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per person with a minimum of two people per team. The tournaments will help determine the top 10 teams that will go on to fish into the Champion tournament held on Sept. 7. The Walleye Championship Tournament is a private invitation event. It will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teams

that weigh in a total of 23 pounds of walleye all season will be considered one of the top teams that will move on into the championship tournament.

Ten percent of the entry fees from the walleye tournaments will be saved for the season and be used as the payout for the September tournament.

This year will mark Eagle Bay Marina's second year with their Open Amateur Bass Tournament. Last year the winning weight of the tournament was 24.85 pounds for five bass caught. This year the tournament will be June 8 with a \$1,000 first place prize based on 20 boats. The contest will start at sunrise or at first safe light till 3 p.m. The cost will be a \$100 entry per team with a maximum of two people per team. This is a catch and release tournament.

On July 13 they will have the "July Eyes" Walleye



Photo Courtesy of Eagle Bay Marina

Gina Borushko presented a check to the Sterling Boy Scout Troop 188 last year during their second annual July Eyes Tournament.

Tournament. This tournament will mark the third year that Eagle Bay Marina has hosted and will help benefit the Sterling Boy Scout Troop 188. The tournament helps raise money so the troop can attend camp outings, purchase equipment, and remain involved in the community.

Fishers can also rent pontoons for the tournaments. A full day rental is \$175 for nine hours from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a half day rental, four hours any time between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for \$100 or a consecutive day rental for \$175 for the first day and additional

days for \$125. Renters must be 21 years old and a \$100 security deposit with credit card is needed.

For more information about these upcoming tournaments or about Eagle Bay Marina please visit them on Facebook or call 989-846-6065.

SELC March Employee of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Peggy Caffrey and Marie Roseberry; they are the Associates of the month for March!

Peggy is a slot ambassador who consistently comes to work with a positive and energetic attitude. She is very observant and knows the ins and outs of the Casino floor. Forging new relationships with guests that visit often is only one of Peggy's exceptional qualities but she can also easily identify the location of a new machine or the way a screen should pay out. Peggy confers with her coworkers to discuss who will be stepping off the floor and when, to make sure there is adequate coverage for the guests. Peggy exceeds many expectations

in her job performance. Thank you for your hard work Peggy!

Marie is a Supervisor for the Security Department whose dedication has not gone unnoticed. Marie shares her knowledge of rules and regulations with her staff, and takes the time to explain sensitive situations. She

is quick to assist guests whether it be a lost COT, medical, or needing a ride. Marie is always willing to help on the floor as well. She will assist in pushing in chairs, escorting and also with soft count. Security is very proud to have Marie on their team! Thank you for your hard work Marie!



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40 Work Credits Is Social Security

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Contributing Writer

What about 40 work credits? What does it mean to me? Why should I know or care about them?

You qualify for Social Security benefits by earning Social Security credits when you work in a job and pay Social Security taxes. The credits are based on the amount of your earnings. Your work history is used to determine your eligibility for retirement or disability benefits or your family's eligibility for survivors' benefits when you die.

In 2013, you receive one credit for each \$1,160 of earnings, up to the maximum of four credits per year.

Each year the amount of earnings needed for credits goes up slightly as average earnings levels increase. The credits you earn remain on your Social Security record even if you change jobs or have no earnings for a while. If you are self-employed, you earn Social Security credits the same way employees do (one credit for each \$1,160 in net earnings, but no more than four credits per year.)

If you are in the military, you earn Social Security credits the same way civilian employees do. You also may get additional earnings credits under certain conditions.

How long must you work to qualify for Social Security? The number of credits you need to be eligible for benefits depends on your age and the type of benefit. But in a nutshell you must usually work at least 10 years in a full time position to earn 40 work credits which entitle you to the maximum benefits allowed.

Retirement Benefits: Anyone born in 1929 or later needs ten years of work (40 credits) to be eligible for retirement benefits. People born before 1929 need fewer years of work.

Disability Benefits: How many credits you need for disability benefits depends on how old you are when you become disabled.

If you become disabled before age 24, you generally need 1.5 years of work (six credits) in the three years before you became disabled.

If you are 24 through 30, you generally need credits for half of the time between age 21 and the time you became disabled.

If you are disabled at age 31 or older, you generally need at least 20 credits in

the ten years immediately before you became disabled. The following table shows examples of how many credits you would need if you became disabled at various selected ages. This table does not cover all situations.

Disabled at Age	Credits Needed	Years of Work
31-42	20	5
44	22	5.5
46	24	6
48	26	6.5
50	28	7
52	30	7.5
54	32	8
56	34	8.5
58	36	9
60	38	9.5
62 or older	40	10

Medicare: The Social Security credits you earn also count toward eligibility for Medicare when you reach age 65. You need the maximum of 40 credits to receive all of the benefits available to you. You may be eligible for Medicare at an earlier age if you get disability benefits for 24 months or more.

Make sure your records are accurate: Each year your employer sends a copy of your W-2 (Wage and Tax Statement) to Social Security. Social Security compares your name and Social Security number on the W-2 with our records. When we find your name and number, your earnings shown on the W-2 are recorded on your lifelong earnings record. Your lifelong earnings record is what we use to figure whether you can get future benefits and the benefit amount.

Contacting Social Security: www.socialsecurity.gov or call toll-free, 1-800-772-1213.

Curious about how many credits you have? Contact Mikki at the SCIT At-Large Program and set up a time to get your work history and credit report from the Social Security Administration.

Contacting At-Large: www.sagchip.org/atlarge or call toll-free, 1-800-884-6271. Information gathered for this article was taken from the SSA.gov website.

What to Do in the Garden in May

DENISE PELCHER
Contributing Writer

May is a frantic month in northern hemisphere gardens. Warm climates change rapidly to hot climates. Gardens in cold climates suddenly appear out of nowhere and demand attention. You may not need a list of what to do in the garden in May, because it is staring you in the face every time you walk through your garden. But here are some reminders of what you can do. Don't panic. The season is just beginning.

Everyone should treat themselves to at least one great new plant before the best selection is gone. Water regularly, even if rain is predicted.

Flowers: Deadhead spring blooming bulbs, but leave their foliage until it turns yellow. Deadhead early spring flowers like pansies and primroses as the blossoms fade and begin replacing them in containers

with warm weather bloomers. Give everything a good feeding, to get things growing. Divide crowded perennials and share. Make sure tall perennials are staked.

Vegetables: Keep the perennial vegetables and berries weeded.

Houseplants: Move rosemary plants outdoors, if they don't live there year round.

Trees & Shrubs: Check out spring flowering trees and shrubs while they are in bloom and make notes for future purchases. Plant or transplant trees and shrubs before the heat of summer.

Landscape: Start digging that pond you've been talking about. Clean out bird feeders. Turn the compost.

These are only a few tips to get you on the right path to a healthy lawn and garden. Remember fresh grown vegetables are healthy because they are grown without chemicals and pesticides. For More information visit www.gardening.about.com/od/monthbyonthguide/a/MayCalendar.

Michigan Family Olympics 2013

COLLEEN MAKI
Contributing Writer

The Michigan Family Olympics offers something for all ages, from a baby crawl to archery and even a walking event. This will be the 26th year and it is time for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to take home the gold. A little friendly competition is healthy and we have the athletes to do this but we need you to join the team and help us bring it home. June 3 starts registration and you will be able to do this online or at the At-Large Program. We have an extra gift for all those who pre-register and then show up at the Olympics to compete.

Start your training today; here is an exercise to do at your desk. Seated Crunch: Put your feet flat on the floor, and sit up

straight. Put your hands and arms, folded, in your lap. Breathe in deep through your nose, "crunching" your upper and lower abs, pushing your lower back against the chair. Hold for a three count and relax, breathing out through your mouth. Do 100, or until your boss looks at you funny.

Chest Stretch: Interlace your fingers behind your back, palms facing in. Raise and straighten your arms, squeezing your shoulder blades together and "opening up" your chest. Fold for five to ten seconds. Repeat five to ten times.

Hammy Pulling: Sit back in a chair, making sure that your lower back is supported as to prevent back pain. Put both your hands under your right knee, palms on the hamstring. Slowly, lift your left leg up, keeping your knee bent toward the chest. Do this five times and then repeat with the opposite leg.

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Artist in Residence Shirley Brauker Teaches Workshops for Youth and Adults at Ziibiwing

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Shirley Brauker is a gifted and talented artist in many forms of art. She holds a Master of Arts degree from Central Michigan University and currently teaches a class at CMU about Native American art where students are able to get a grasp on making their own intricate forms. Her background consists of making contemporary and traditional art.

As the Artist-in-Residence she brought her block printing workshop for the adults on April 2, 4 and 5 and a four day spring day camp for the youth from April 1, 2, 4 and 5. The workshops hosted by Ziibiwing were made possible through Charles Schwab the Exclusive Sponsor of the event.

The two workshops hosted dealt with different types of



Glenna Genereaux helps her daughter Julianna with her design on her hide.

art. Adults in the evening class learned about the form of block printing. Depending upon the design being targeted, it can be very detailed or not.

Block printing is time consuming but the process is pretty simple. Those wishing to make block prints at home can buy the supplies at an art store. Supplies needed are linoleum, linoleum cutters, a rubber brayer, inking plate, and ink.

Designs need to be transferred to the piece of linoleum. A person can use transfer paper or cut it out and trace it on the piece. Once the design is at the desired level it can be then cut out by using the linoleum cutters. The person can incorporate negative space or white space in the design by not cutting the

space out. If a mistake is made it can't be corrected and that is why it is important to make sure that the design is correct. After the design is cut into the linoleum the person then uses the printing ink, the inking plate and the rubber brayer. The ink needs to be placed onto the inking plate and then ran across with the brayer. As the ink is picked up on the brayer it will then be rolled across the design and once the design is covered by the ink it then can be placed on paper.

During the four day spring camp for the youth, they incorporated cultural arts. The knowledge that the youth know can be passed through future generations so it can never be lost. Youth made drums from coffee cans wrapped in brown paper and drawing their own designs on them. They also made hide paintings. With hide paintings it is a traditional way of recording an event like a hunt or battle. Youth made their own hide paintings by illustrating designs that tell a story on brown paper in the shapes of an animal. Designs were made in crayon, crumpled and ironed with newspaper. The reason behind using the iron is so that the newspaper being ironed on top of the design would draw out the wax and have the look of it being



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

This is a design that Paul Walker Jr. had cut out of linoleum during the block printing workshop. The design of a Koi fish with flowers took him around four hours to complete.

vintage and historic. Students also made corn husk dolls and beaded card holders. Brauker also had the students color puppets for a puppet show that went along with the story she wrote called, The Jingle Dress that she wrote about her granddaughter. She also had one of the students wear the jingle dress that her granddaughter wore when she was younger.

Students participating in the spring day camp are, Julianna Garcia, Adrianna Garcia, Justin Graveratte, Skylur Graveratte, Dakarii Graveratte, Phoebe Defeyter, Aiyannah Borton, Tobias Pamp, Waasamoo Pamp, Gegek Pamp, Preston Gross, Hope Stevens, Ian Johnson, John Stevens, Emily Stevens, Jaden Osawabine, Joy Osawabine, Makayla Stevens, Will Potter,

Brooke Gunderman, Annie Lada, Haleigh Styles, Brandan Sharp, Taylor Burton, Kayla Sharp, and Evelyn House. Each of these students received a certificate of completion. For upcoming Artist-in-Residence workshops or events in the future visit Ziibiwing at their website www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing.



The excited students hold up the puppets they colored for the puppet show that went along with a story that master artist, Shirley wrote called, "The Jingle Dress".



Annie Lada dresses her cornhusk doll in a white dress meanwhile she beaded a paw print design on her card pouch.



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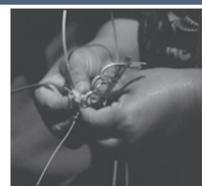
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Tatanka Means Dishes His Clean and Humorous Comedy on a Silver Platter

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Interim Editor

Mt. Pleasant wasn't new to Tatanka Means. Tatanka, the son of the former Native American Activist, Russell Means, traveled to Mt. Pleasant before to the campus of Central Michigan University in 2011 to give the keynote speech for Native American Heritage Month and also bring his clean humor for the students and the community to enjoy.

Representing the Tribes of the Oglala Lakota, Omaha and Navajo Nation, the stand-up comedian, motivational speaker and award winning actor came to a large crowd at the Tribal Gym on Mar. 21 for the Seventh Generation Gathering of Cultural Sharing.

From acting in movies such as, "The Host", "Sedona", "Tiger Eyes", "Derby Kings", "More than Frybread" and starring in shows such as, "Scoundrels", "In Plain Sight" and the mini-series, "Into The West" and managing a clothing line called, Tatanka Clothing, Tatanka organizes his time carefully.

The youngest Native American comedian in the circuit, he travels all over the United States and even Canada. His Native American Comedy group called, 49 Laughs Comedy also travels with him.

For those familiar with Tatanka's comedy and for those who were not, were coming to witness a dose of laughter.

To incorporate the night of jokes and laughter, Seventh Generation gave anyone

in the community a chance to tell their best clean jokes and stories. Four brave individuals got up to the microphone and showed their best shades of humor and walked away with a gas card. While sitting back in the fifth row of chairs was Tatanka. As he sat back, laughed, and watched these individuals get up to tell their jokes, he smiled and clapped for them.

With a brilliantly impressive introduction by Seventh Generation Director, Ben Hinmon, which included names of movies and TV shows that Tatanka starred in, he approached the stage.

Tatanka's friendly persona and his ability to come up with smart clean funny jokes allowed families to enjoy the segment.

With the question to the crowd of how they were doing left the response of being quiet and a couple of people answered with the reply of good. This left room for Tatanka to insert the sarcastic remark of, man you are rowdy, what happens in Mt. Pleasant, stays in Mt. Pleasant which then the audience warmed up to him with their laughter.

With Tatanka, his humor is the medicine that spreads the laughter in the community. The laughter could be heard in his voice as he told the audience that it was good to be in Mt. Pleasant and that he was going to sing them a song. He cupped the microphone and made everyone believe he was and the crowd got silent. The first words out of his mouth were, I don't have a song, I am not that talented and the crowd laughed.

Healthy doses of laughter were heard when he went into talking about how he heard of a new airline being bought by a couple of Native American Tribes and that their flights all have been late and how the interior of the plane would be decorated in Pendleton with a curtain that would say Council Members only.

Doing stand-up wasn't always the first thing on Tatanka's mind at an early age.

"Stand-up is a challenge," Tatanka said. "I have always been interested in it but didn't have the guts to do it. I was what they called a closet comedian because I would do mini shows for my family at home. Once I had the opportunity to do a stand-up show I didn't stop even though I had bad shows at first. Like anyone you have a rough time but you just have to keep going back and persevering."

Tatanka is also serious at times aside from his comedian stature. He is a motivational speaker talking to tribal communities and the youth from all over.

"I love talking to the youth because I can relate to them because I grew up on the rez and they are from the rez," Tatanka said. "A lot of the problems we have across reservations are substance and drug abuse and also suicide prevention. It is good to encourage kids to live and by telling them that someone cares about them outside of the tribal community helps them. Self-motivation helps. They have to believe in themselves and as adults we have to motivate ourselves to get out there and do something and try it because not always is someone going to be



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Tatanka Means gave the SCIT community a dose of laughter. Laughter is his driven force behind doing stand-up comedy.

there to lend you a hand or push you. You have to push yourself."

Clean humor is the best way to go with Tatanka and his adrenaline rush is when people laugh while he is on stage.

"I like doing clean comedy because everyone can enjoy it everyone should be able to enjoy comedy especially the whole community, the kids the elderly," Tatanka said.

"I enjoy doing stand-up, the laughs are nice, it keeps me going and it helps people. People come up afterwards and say that it really helped and that they haven't laughed like that in a long time. They inspire and drive me."

For more information on Tatanka Means and his projects visit, www.tatankameans.com.

Downtown Mt. Pleasant Welcomes Central Tees and Soon to Open Campus Barber

CARRIE GARCIA

Interim Editor

Expansion in Mt. Pleasant is showing signs. The once empty building that occupies 208 S. Main Street is no longer vacant as two new tenants, Robert Hart and Cody Bigjohn, welcome downtown Mt. Pleasant with their T-shirt graphic business.

Their business called Central Tees opened their doors on Feb. 25. Not only are Hart and Bigjohn venturing on one building, they will also occupy the building at 206 S. Main Street for the new home of Campus Barber.

Hart was the Manager at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway Park until Dec. 2012.

"During the off season, I took over the website and the social media accounts for all four properties, the RV Park, The Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, Green Suites and Wabooz Run," Hart said. He also founded Native American & Powwow Music and Digital Distribution Services also known to many as Pow-wow Jamz.

A current student at Central Michigan University, Hart is finishing his entrepreneurial degree.

Bigjohn is a self-taught graphic designer and is no stranger to the business of clothing. Central Tee's is the third business he had opened. He developed his clothing line called Warpaint Clothing. He opened two previous stores in Lansing under the names of Chill and Unknown Ink. Bigjohn closed both stores and continued to work out of his home with his business.

Both Hart and Bigjohn collaborated together to create a business in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

"I talked to many mentors of mine, Maunka Morgan of Migizi, my father

Robert Bird and a few native entrepreneurs about this," Hart said.

The idea came into effect and the business opened. Hart explained that they want to give back to the community.

Customers can bring in their own images or the store can supply them. No matter how big the job is, they can do it.

"I can make it happen," Bigjohn said. "I haven't told anyone no."

The customers can supply their own blank T-shirts and bring them in or they can be bought at the store also.

Families can have their child's birthdays at the store also. Each child will be able to see how the T-shirts are printed and are able to make their own shirt and take it with them.

Internship opportunities will also be available for those interested in learning screen printing at their store.

Central Tees can do same day T-shirt orders, banners, fliers, graphic design, business cards, decals, signs and embroidery.

So far the businesses downtown have shown their appreciation for the newly opened business.

"We had a friend of the family order two plants for us and Norm from the flower shop downtown brought a plant to us welcoming us," Hart said.

It wasn't just the flower shop that came over to welcome the business.

"Chris Walton from Max and Emily's brought us some cookies welcoming us to the neighborhood," Bigjohn said.

Hart and Bigjohn are in the works of having a grand opening on May 4 for their other business Campus Barber. There will be food, photo opportunities with Hart's cousin Thomas Wemigwans' pro-stop vehicle he uses to race with at the Mt. Pleasant racetrack, and free haircuts.

The building will have four barber chairs, a couch, big screen TV, and Xbox



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Robert Hart and Cody Bigjohn are the new owners of the T-shirt Company Central Tees while John Wemigwans helps with screen printing shirts in their store.

so customers can have something to keep them pre-occupied while waiting.

Both companies will offer discounts for tribal members and students.

"It doesn't matter what Tribe you are from, as long as you have your tribal

identification card or student card, we will honor the discount," Hart said.

Central Tees can be found on Facebook under the name Central Tees MP or stop by their store. Their hours of business are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Research Discovers Huge Discrepancies in Boarding School Deaths

CHARMAINE M. SHAWANA
Contributing Writer

Recently the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe acquired six historical buildings and the cemetery from the State of Michigan. The Michigan Indian Industrial Boarding School was built in

the late 1800's and operated as a boarding school to educate and assimilate as many as 300 students per year. The children were taken sometimes hundreds of miles from home. They were marched around military style in uniforms to learn tasks like welding, homemaking, and farming.

A committee of Tribal Members has been assigned to assess the buildings to see if

they are worth renovating and/or demolishing. The Tribe is always in need of space and this area may be worth investing in.

In these efforts the researchers found there was a total of 207 deaths, 169 students died while attending school. Several have written on the death certificates that they are buried at the "Indian School Cemetery." A total 38 died after being sent

home or were sent home to die, some within days. Many school records indicate they were sent home to be buried but no actual plot or gravesites have been found. So the question is "Where are they buried?" After review of historical documents they are unaccounted for.

These are some of the questions we are researching and hope to find the answers for.

Are they buried on the grounds somewhere? Many Indian Boarding Schools across America have similar questions and some have found these mass gravesites...this atrocity mainly goes without much attention. In America most people do not even know about Indian Boarding Schools. Some could say its America's dirty little secret...

2013 Earth Day Essay Contest Winners

JESSICA DEVERNEY-MCLAUGHLIN
Contributing Writer

In honor of Earth Day which was Monday, April 22 the Planning Department held an essay contest. We requested to please submit essays in 500 words or less on the topic of Global Climate Change from a Cultural Perspective. Thank you to our judges: Barb Sprague, SCIT Elders Advisory Board Member; Marcella Hadden, Manager for PR, and Cheryl Calhoun, Grant Consultant for SCIT Tribal College. We are happy to announce our prize winners of our contest. Now for your reading pleasure here are our award winners.

First Place, Charmaine Shawana: Our teachings tell us as Anishinabek, we are connected to the Earth; we call her our Mother Earth. The trees and grasses are her hair; the rivers are the lifeblood of all creation. We believe these things to be true, and who would doubt it when going into the woods and visiting the beautiful natural world? It brings such solace to us all.

We are connected through the spirit of all creation to be somehow one with the universe. That connection is real and its roots run deep with Anishinabek. Even if we are not aware of that connection we know that connection is there, and we acknowledge it with our morning prayers, and our increasing awareness of our Mother Earth.

As Anishinabek, we know that our connectedness to our Mother is real. As we grew up we may have seen our elders making black ash baskets, or going to pick blueberries, or strawberries. Perhaps we learned about maple syrup making or fishing with our grandparents.

These things have become part of our communal cultural heritage. We all have homemade baskets in our homes, be they sweet grass or black ash. These connections although subtle allow us that very real connection and our deep appreciation to the natural world.

Lately there has been much discussion about global warming. I have been told that in the years to come, many people will come to the Anishinabek and ask to take care of our Mother Earth. If you have noticed it is always the Anishinabek who have taken up the cause against mineral mining and fracking. Fracking is a new methodology to extract oil from the ground. In its wake, dangerous chemicals are left to drain into the ground water, which we all use to obtain our fresh drinking water. Many debates and protests are taking place with Anishinabek in the forefront.

With all the changes in the weather such as El Nino, recent droughts and even the slow reduction of the water in the Great Lakes, perhaps we should all pay attention to the needs of our Mother Earth. We all could all benefit from these teachings. Anyone can learn them, even you...

Second Place, Jason George: From what basis does Global Climate Change acquire its authority? It seems as though the notion of climate change is a hot topic that is somehow transitioning from a position of interest to a position of absolute and unquestionable standing. By unquestionable standing I mean, that the whole idea of nature and the unity of nature as a system or as a whole are balanced and perfect. This seems to be the idea that ecologist and environmentalists base their claim to legitimacy upon on. The other claim to legitimacy is that indigenous knowledge backs their assertion and in a sense secretly exploits those cultures for their own ends.

Either way this brings us to the true notion of nature, is it in fact a system or a balanced perfect phenomenon that exists independently from us as human beings or even includes us within its sphere or aura? Let's consider another option or the alternative, which is nature, is really a series of accidents that have no meaning in the way things happen or come to be.

Before we can tackle that last sentence we have to look at a belief which is the basis of an idea. I am talking about the Temptation of Meaning. When we talk about this Temptation of Meaning, we are really saying that when terrible things happen that have no rational basis or reason, we will find one to explain and give the experience a meaning. It feels better

to have a reason than to know that terrible things can just happen for no reason. An example of this would be when AIDS first appeared and conservatives proclaimed that it was God's punishment for those who live a wicked life. The rationale being that if God punishes us, we still live in a world of meaning. The Temptation of Meaning is a powerful force which tempts us to fill in the spaces of what we don't know or yet understand.

This explanation of nature is much like the Judeo-Christian Fall that there is no questioning this story, it just is. Environmentalists have used this same notion that nature is a balanced system that humans have disturbed or exploited, that we as human beings live outside of nature, that nature is trees, flowers

and bees and not downtown parking lots. This is the new so called opiate of the masses, much like a cult that no one questions the premise and blindly accepts the program.

The real challenge here, not that ecology isn't important because it is, but rather who is telling us the challenges of Global Climate Change and what is in it for them? The notion that we have to return to nature cannot be the answer because evidence shows that larger catastrophes have happened on a level we cannot imagine even when we did live with the realm of nature. The real solution, if there is such a thing, lies somewhere within the trash and pollution we make not in the blind belief that nature is a perfect harmonious unity.

May is National Foster Care Month

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services would like to recognize this event by offering the following events for the month of May.

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Location: Seniors Room at Tribal Operations

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May 14, 2013 from 2 pm to 5 pm **May 29, 2013** from 2 pm - 5 pm

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(Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education)

Location: ACFS • **May 11, 18, and 25**, from 9 am to 3 pm

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Location to be announced • Tentative Date: **May 22, 2013** 11 am to 2 pm

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**(WW is intended entertainment purposes only. Please make sure to seek professional counseling when necessary.)*

Dear WW: My husband has to be the nicest man on earth! He is always there whenever anybody needs anything. Lately I see him being used by his own children and it makes me sick to think of how they treat him. Because of the divorce, he did not raise them when they were little. Now that they are older, they have come into his life. He was able to secure them nice jobs with the company he works for and helped them relocate to our state. Of course, this was not cheap and the only thing he expects is to be paid back in a timely manner. The problem I see is that he continues to give and they continue to take without paying anything back! **Mr. Nice Guy**

Dear Nice Guy: There is probably very little you can do regarding how he handles his relationship with his children. He may be attempting to make up for lost time. They may be holding back payments out of spite. These are just assumptions based on what you have written, but I suspect their may be some truth to it. Regardless, perhaps you could ask to be the accountant in the matter and take over that area. That takes using the money as a weapon out of the equation. Money can be a paradox by allowing you to lead a life of luxury or bring out the worst and greed in people.

Dear WW: I think my aunt may be a hoarder. I think we have known this for years but no one ever really addresses it. She has piles and piles of junk outside her house. You can't see in any of her windows and she never lets anyone in. She came to a family event last week and I could really smell her body odor. We love her all the same but I am worried about her living conditions and now it's becoming evident with her odor. She never had any children. She was married but her husband died a few years ago. How do we go about getting her some help? **Dump Site**

Dear Dump Site: If your aunt is not asking for help, there may be little, if anything, you can do to help her. Unfortunately, you cannot save someone from themselves. At times, hoarding can start after a loss of some type or life tragedy. Losing a spouse could certainly be the underlying cause but without professional help, her condition will only get worse. You can always let her know that no matter what, you love her unconditionally and will be there for her no matter what. Address the issue with your grandparents and her siblings. Together there may be something that can be done with the help of a mental health professional.

Dear WW: I am thrilled to be dating a new man in my life. He is Native American but I am not. I am so fascinated with his culture and customs that I feel like he could really be the one! Just one slight problem... I found out that he is a recovering alcoholic. I love to have a few drinks now and then. However, after finding this out, I don't want to drink in front of him any more. I love to have my drinks and socialize and have never had a problem with it. What should I do? **One For The Road**

Dear One: Has he asked you not to drink around him? How much sobriety does he have? Those two questions could be key in how you deal with this situation. Under no circumstances would I think it would be ok to drink around him or ask him out to bars if he is newly recovered. I applaud you for your consideration towards him and his recovery. Something that not all people understand and/or acknowledge. It is ultimately up to him on what his comfort level is and if he chooses to be around drinking.

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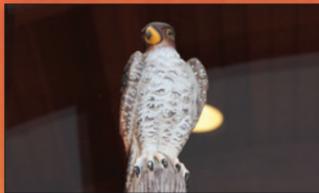
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SUMMER GOLF EVENTS



BERNIE SPRAGUE

Contributing Writer

EVERY TUESDAY

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Reminder that Golf will be a part of the Tribal Olympics again this year; we will be offering youth and seniors divisions along with men's and women's divisions. Players must meet the requirements established by the S.C. Olympic committee.

JUNE 20

At Waabooz Run will be the B. Sprague Open, Coed & Men's Divisions. Two players per team, Entry \$150 Team. A flyer will be available in May with more details.

JUNE 27

At Waabooz Run will be our Annual fundraiser for the youth of South Dakota. Backpacks four person Scramble, Entry \$240 Team *(Flyers will be available in May with all of the details.)*

ATTENTION ARTISTS

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is honored to announce that Michigan has been selected to create and distribute the agency's national 2013 American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage Month Poster. Distributing a poster, with original artwork created by an American Indian Artist, is one of the ways that NRCS celebrates American Indian Heritage Month. Michigan American Indian artists are invited to create an original painting that provides the artist's interpretation of American Indian Culture and Heritage, keeping in mind the following theme that we selected to inspire this year's artwork: **Land of the Great Water - Sustainer of Life.**

Rules for the Competitor Are as Follows:

- All American Indian artists in Michigan are invited to submit their artwork.
- Only one painting will be selected for the 2013 Heritage Month Poster.
- NRCS will purchase the artwork for the 2013 Heritage Month Poster from the artists at the rate of \$2,000. NRCS has the right to reproduce and distribute copies of the artwork at its discretion. NRCS and the selected artist will sign a contractual agreement to set forth the terms of the procurement and rights of the two parties.
- The artwork is to be original, size 18" x 24", in acrylic or oil on canvas.
- A written narrative and name of the piece is to be included with each entry

DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting the artwork to NRCS is **Monday, June 21, 2013.**

The artwork should be submitted to the following location by the deadline:

Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Michigan State Office
 3001 Coolidge Road, Suite 250
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The Artwork Will Be Judged On:

- 1) Creativity and originality
- 2) The realistic portrayal of something related to the heritage of American Indians in Michigan
- 3) The interesting depiction of an aspect of American Indian culture in Michigan
- 4) The essence of the competition theme in the artwork
- 5) Craftsmanship and skill.

If you have questions about this competition, please contact Sandy Penn at 517-324-5261 | sandy.penn@mi.usda.gov



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

Native American Fancy Dancers (e-miizinigaaajig) embrace their culture at the CMU Powwow.

24th ANNUAL CMU POWWOW

Celebrating Life, Fellowship, and the Native Culture

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The rhythmic beat of drums, expressive voices of the singers, and accentuated sounds of the dancer's regalia blended together to create a rich and compelling soundtrack. The visual stimulation was equally exciting, as the merging of motion and color worked together to create a thrilling experience unlike any other. It's this experience that caused people from across the nation to gather for the 24th annual CMU Powwow.

The two day event was held on Mar. 23 and 24, at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena. This is the third year the event has been held here, which is also home to the newly dedicated SCIT wall. The wall showcases various aspects of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal culture and history, as well as the Tribe's relationship with CMU.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, North American Indigenous Student Organization (NAISO), Office of Native American Programs, Office for Institutional Diversity, and Central Michigan University sponsored the event. Head Veteran at the powwow was Three Fires Midewin Society member, Korean and Vietnam Veteran, George Martin.

The master of ceremonies for the event was Jason Whitehouse. Head male judge was Maheengun Shawanda, and head female judge was Bernadette Shawanda. The host drums were The Kingbird Singers, and the Arena Director was Dave Shananaquet.

"The CMU Powwow is a student run powwow," said Colleen Green, Director of Native American Programs at CMU. "The NAISO and the AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) here on campus actually coordinate this powwow. I am their acting advisor for that. The powwow started 24 years ago by two students, Yvonne Moore and Tom Kequom, who requested its creation."

Yvonne Moore, one of the founding students, was in attendance at the event.

"The main word I would use to describe what is happening is harmony," Moore said. "The harmony between the Tribe and the school has grown so tremendously. It makes my heart smile that I can see the growth and the cooperation."

The event itself is a culmination of effort and support of the NAISO and AISES student groups, Student Powwow committee, CMU volunteer students, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

"I think Colleen has done a fabulous job," Moore said. "When I see how other

powwows are run at other schools and everything, she's the best. When you look at something you want to see it gets better and grow, and that's certainly what has happened at this University and with the Tribe. The harmony is just wonderful and I'm just so happy that I could be a part of the beginnings of that."

The theme to this year's powwow, as it has been

in the past is "Celebrating Life." According to Green the theme refers to, being active, energetic and living your life to the fullest and doing that with your family. The arena was filled with many eager participants and spectators, ready to celebrate life, fellowship, and the native culture.

Kris Anderson, a CMU student, powwow student

assistant, and dancer, joined in on the celebration. Being a Native American himself, coming from the Grand Traverse Bay Band, he appreciated the event and all it stands for.

"It's a cultural event it's originally called a Jiigtamok, which means a bringing of people together," Anderson said. "We like to come together, make new friends,



Head Veteran George Martin leads the way into the arena for Grand Entry.



The CMU annual Powwow was in full bloom as participants of all ages enjoyed themselves.

see old friends, along with family members that we haven't seen in forever. The farthest we have this year are from North Dakota, and they have come just because they like the energy, the environment, and all of the people that come here."

As tradition calls for, the powwow was opened with the Grand Entry. The audience stood to show respect as Head Veteran George Martin led the flag bearers into the dance circle. Martin held the Eagle Staff, which represents Native American nations in contemporary times. They were followed by head dancer, and the remaining dancers. The head dancers hold a position of honor, respect, and responsibility as they are leaders for the rest of the dancers.

The CMU powwow is a competitive powwow, with prizes being awarded to the top three participants in each category. There are four main types of dances, all with a different story behind them along with specific regalia. This includes the male and female versions of the Traditional dance and Fancy dance, the Men's Grass dance, and the female's Jingle Dress dance.

During each and every dance a drumbeat leads the dancers and directs their rhythm. Accompanying the drums are songs, which serve as a form of oral history sung in the native language of the group. The drums are especially important to the powwow, without them there is no music, without music there is no

dancing, and without dancing there is no powwow.

"Our drums are the heartbeat of our nation, so when we dance we are actually dancing to the heartbeat of our people, as well as honoring our ancestors," Green said.

Like most of the dancers present, the powwow proved to be a rewarding experience for Anderson.

"I'm a dancer, it's really, really fun," Anderson said. He participated as a grass dancer. "It's energetic and it lets you be native again, because during the regular year we are in school or working or something like that. When we go to a powwow, the best thing about it is that you get to be yourself while having the same kind of people around you."



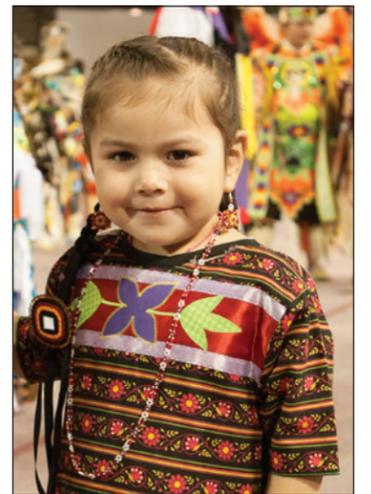
Lorraine "Punkin" Shananaquet and Ilana Montoya-Bennett



Melissa Montoya and her sister Maia wait as the procession starts for the Grand Entry.



A young dancer watches family and friends dance.



Native American princess Tahlia Alonzo.



Jamison Hill is focusing on showing off his moves.

24th Annual CMU Powwow Winners

Men's All Around: 1st: Charles Belisle, 2nd: Raymond Shenoskey, 3rd: Darrell Hill

Women's All-Around: 1st: Cassie Thomas, 2nd: Rose Track, 3rd: Melissa Montoya

Drum Contest: 1st: Bear Creek, 2nd: Crazy Spirit, 3rd: Eagle Flight

Hand Drum Contest: 1st: Bear Creek, 2nd: Eagle Flight, 3rd: Grandma's Boy

Golden Age Men: 1st: Royce Kingbird, 2nd: Wayne Pushetonequa, 3rd: Raymond Cadotte

Golden Age Women: 1st: Annamae Pushetonequa, 2nd: Debbie Klein, 3rd: Carol Hermiston

Adult Men's Traditional: 1st: Charles Belisle, 2nd: Michael Fish Jr., 3rd: RJ Smith

Adult Men's Grass: 1st: Matthew Isaac, 2nd: Matthew Pheasant, 3rd: Raymond Shenoskey

Adult Men's Fancy: 1st: Darrell Hill, 2nd: Nigel Schuyler, 3rd: Wesley Cleland

Adult Women's Traditional: 1st: Cassie Thomas, 2nd: Melissa Montoya, 3rd: Danielle Benton-George

Adult Women's Jingle: 1st: Grace Pushetonequa, 2nd: Dionne Jacobs, 3rd: Shannon White-George

Adult Women's Fancy Shawl: 1st: Rose Track, 2nd: Patricia Bugg, 3rd: Heather Schuyler

Teen Men's Traditional: 1st: Noodin, 2nd: Zack

Teen Men's Grass: 1st: Mason, 2nd: Miisheen, 3rd: Wassamoo

Teen Men's Fancy: 1st: Nodin, 2nd: Gegek

Teen Women's Traditional: 1st: Aerius, 2nd: Kaitlyn, 3rd: Aanzhenii

Teen Women's Jingle: 1st: Waskwane, 2nd: A-ya-Shay, 3rd: AJ

Teen Women's Fancy Shawl: 1st: Beedokah, 2nd: Vanessa, 3rd: Miigwaans

Youth Men's Traditional: 1st: Hayden, 2nd: Lil Bird, 3rd: Tobias

Youth Men's Grass: 1st: Quincey, 2nd: Simon, 3rd: Kiyenii

Youth Men's Fancy: 1st: Liam, 2nd: Gabriel, 3rd: Naakwaam

Youth Women's Traditional: 1st: Maddy, 2nd: Aryana

Youth Women's Jingle: 1st: Anna, 2nd: Madison, 3rd: Madison

Youth Women's Fancy Shawl: 1st: Coral, 2nd: Jasmyne, 3rd: Micayla



Without Mothers, What Kind of World Would This Be?

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer



Happy Mother's Day! I just wanted to put that out there for all the mothers. I was just thinking how we as mothers endure. I never thought of myself as strong but I guess I am. I thought back to the hospital stays, the hand holding, the hugs, the encouraging smiles, all that. I know you did it too and there's more to come. What kind of world would this be without mothers? A little town did just that. It was on Lifetime. The show was called,

"The Week the Women Went." I don't know if any of you saw it, but as you can probably figure out—everything went to H-E-double hockey sticks.

Say you have a house load of rug rats. Say you're taking a vacation and inadvertently think everyone will be okay without

you for a few days. Half the time you're wondering if they even notice your presence. If your house is like mine, everyone stays in their own rooms unless they are hungry. Then you hear this tapping on the door and they are there wondering, "What's for dinner?" So you think to yourself, yeah, I'm going on vacation and you leave. You have a lovely time on your vacation. You rest. You sightsee. You dine at fancy restaurants and eat the kind of food that your kids hate. You do what you want to do when you want to do it. Ahhhhh...

Now you are home after a long drive or flight and what greets you at the door. Bam! You are hit in the face first by the kids all telling who did what while you were gone. You always have that one child you can count on to take notes. Then you notice your normally clean house is demolished. And is it really so hard to just fill up the dishwasher? You don't even have to get your hands wet! Laundry is piled up by the door as you go tripping into the house. That's when I stop and say, "Thank you Creator for my children".

I do remember asking for them. I got exactly what I wanted. I asked for a big brother and then I remember thinking, twin girls would be awesome. And, boy, did I get 'em. Like you, I love my kids with all my heart. Like you, they wear me out. Like you, they sometimes break my heart and make me cry. But... they also make me laugh. They make me happy. They make my life what it is. What would life be like without mothers? I don't know. But what would our lives be without our kids... empty. BaaMaaPii.

With All the Tragedies Afar, Remember Help is Available Back Home

MICHELE STANLEY
Contributing Writer

Dear Tribal Members, On April 15, another tragedy occurred in our country. On a sunny day in Boston with thousands of people running the Boston marathon and celebrating Patriot Day people found their lives changed forever. We hear these things and our hearts break not only for those directly affected but for each and every one of us. Those that commit these acts of violence are suffering from severe mental illness. We are

reminded of these tragedies every time we go to the movie theater, send our children to school, go to the airport and gather in a group.

Indian Country is no stranger to tragedy and we have certainly had our share here. Indian country as a whole has seen an increase in suicide rates and the numbers of those involved in violent crimes and drug abuse have risen significantly.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has invested a lot in identifying individuals in need of help and our Behavioral Health center has helped

hundreds of individuals that are struggling with challenges to find a better way of life. This is not to say that all those patients suffer from mental illness but we do what we can to improve the lives of our people. We wish there was a way to help all those in need but unfortunately all too often those struggles are not known until it is too late.

Discrimination, income levels and the decline of family values are just a few of the reasons that we are faced with these statistics. Two major acts have been signed into law to help Tribes. We have the

Tribal Law and Order act that has increased the courts ability to sentence someone for longer periods of time and the Violence against Women's Act (VAWA). The good thing is the Federal Government recognizes our need and the bad thing is the lack of funding to enable tribes to fully implement it. Now under the current sequester tribes across the country are facing at least a five percent cut in funding and it gets harder every year to get the help that is needed. That means we have to try harder to educate our legislators on the needs in Indian Country and the Federal

responsibility to Tribes established within our treaties.

This is not an easy task but working with our members, the programs, regional organizations such as United Tribes and Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) and then on to the National Congress of American Indians we can make an impact. Tribal Nations working together and put aside their differences enables us to achieve great things.

I ask for your prayers and support as we continue these efforts. Hold your family close and remember that even the smallest action can have a huge impact on lives.



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Parents and Students Come Out To the SCA Art Show

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Excited students and proud parents attended the annual Saginaw Chippewa Academy Art Show on Apr. 25. The art show is to honor and to celebrate the artwork of the students during the 2012 and 2013 year.

Different forms of media art decorated the hallways of the academy and the creativity sparked the interest of visitors glancing at the pieces of art. This year the art show included a performance art piece done by the sixth graders targeting bullying.

Each grade concentrated on different ideas and that brought the creativity out in them.

Pre-kindergarteners created art from the Northern Lights and Collaborative paper sculptures.

Kindergarteners created paintings from the flower painting of Claude Monet, created works of art from being introduced to Bubba Bear through a Zoo-phonics program.

First graders created series of collages, drawings of Canadian Geese, Hopi Storytellers, Salmon, created paintings of their own portraits after viewing portraits done by artist Amedeo Modigliani, and explored the world of the painting titled American Gothic by Grant Wood by creating a collage of their own home and neighborhood and having a photo of them in olden-day clothes.



Fourth grader Nyah Chippeway created Cat Writer 9000. Fourth graders had to invent their own robot that would make life better and also run off an alternative energy to consider the future needs of the planet.

Second graders were introduced to famous pieces of artwork and asked to recreate them by using skeletons, they were introduced to Australian traditional art and were asked to choose an animal from the unique options and to re-paint them using warm colors and using the background with cool color, and designing and painting their own Owl and make a second image of an Owl and make it out of clay.



Theresa a sixth grader at SCA made her soft sculpture of a turtle by the name of Turt-Turt. The soft sculpture concept allows the students to sew their designs together.

Third graders made gargoyle architectural sculptures, created an eagle painting by using techniques of mixing colors, created tree collages that depicted what an ecosystem with living and non-living forms and made Oaxacan paper mache animals.

Fourth graders created eye and hands drawings, created Da Vinci Inventions, and Food Chain Paintings.

Fifth graders created Van Gogh Perspective drawings, Egyptian Vessels and Heron Paintings.

Sixth graders created soft sculptures by sewing their patterns of their favorite animals together.

Both fifth and sixth graders made family trees, Art Shoes, and fall inspirations.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of March: Navaeh Flory, Konin Kripa, Eli Marin, Felicia Saunders, Robert Saunders, Sara Saunders, Alex Taylor, and Chyla Wells.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of March: Teirra Ash, Sabashtion Davis, Kaden Fair, Elisha Hoorman, Foster Hoorman, Nathaniel Houghton, Matthew Jackson, Navaeh Jance, Trent McConnell, Cheyanne Odem, Elijah Otto-Powers, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Zamil Rueckert, Albert Shomin, Paul Shomin, Molly Smith-Rodriguez, Kaylie Sprague, and Hudson Yager.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of March: Andrew Chingman, Makayla Jackson, Dylan Klein, Seth Magnell, Molly Mandoka, Tyrone Rios, Aaron Schlegel, and Kyra Trofatter.

All the grades at SCA created animal likeness forms of art that closely represented them or symbolizes them self.

Meadow Hunt, SCA Art Teacher, brought various ideas to the students whether by exploring them in a story that was read to them, looking at various artworks done by artists such as Vincent Van Gogh, Claude Monet or Leonardo De Vinci or even exploring the world of science. She wanted the students to pull inspirations and to incorporate them in their own work.

"This year we were blessed to be able to have art history added into our curriculum as with other schools are cutting art, we have added on," Hunt said. "We added a half hour on for every grade except pre-kindergarten, we are expanding our program and it is showing with how much art we were able to produce this year."

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned perfect attendance for the Month of March: Joaquin Jackson, Thomas Williams, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Andre Leasureaux, Adam Saboo, Josiah Wemigwans, Quenten Rolfes, Auriiah Hunter, Carmela Negrete, Mastella Quaderer, Aleeya Peters, Bryan Sam, Wabi Shawnoo, LahRae Wilson, Jason Kahgegab, Matthew Quaderer, Frankie Sheahan, Storm Bonilla, Brandon Wemigwans, Lars George, Sky Bonilla, Shayanne Williams, Lexus Davis, Toby Pamp, Jarrod Sowmick, Gabe Jackson, Kenneth Wemigwans, Katie Pigeon, and Courtney Swink.

The following students have earned Student of the Month for March: Jordan Floyd, Storm Bonilla, Jason Kahgegab, Katie Pigeon, Kenneth Wemigwans, Sky Bonilla, Zhaawon Smith, Ariah Mandoka, and Shayanne Williams.

The following students turned in all homework for the Month of March: Gracie David, Alex Grice, Miika Prout, Kerra White-Pigeon, Meadow David, Red Arrow LaLonde, Jayden Schout-Pelcher, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Caden Pego, Katie Pigeon, Quenten Rolfes, Ariel Hinmon, Annie Lada, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Kayden Weekly-Dean, Thalia Bennett, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Chelsea Pelcher, James Moreland, Andre Leasureaux, Liberty Moreland, Nyah Chippeway, Treazure Jones, Ariah Mandoka, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Mastella Quaderer, Ogemah Tayler, Karen Chippewa, Aleeya Peters, Maciah Sprague, and Winnie Pelcher.

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You can download the enrollment application from the Tribe's website at www.sagchip.org, under Culture, then Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department. You may also pick up an enrollment application from the ALRD Main Office or the Sasiwaans Immersion School located on Ogemaw Drive. Your child must be five years old by November 1, 2013.

More information may be obtained by calling Mary Shomin at 989-775-4026



SCTC a Host at the 2013 AIHEC Student Conference

CARLA SINEWAY
SCTC President

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). AIHEC is considered the unifying voice of the 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities. As a member of this higher education network SCTC is part of the tribally and federally chartered institutions who work together to overcome barriers that Native American students face when attending college. And each year tribal colleges from the different regions host the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference. This year the 11 woodland colleges hosted the 2013 AIHEC Student Conference in Green Bay, Wis. from Mar. 17-20, 2013. The woodland colleges

include: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Bay Mills Community College, Leech Lake Tribal College, College of Menominee Nation, Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College, Nebraska Indian Community College, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Little Priest Tribal College, White Earth Tribal & Community College, and Red Lake Nation College. At this year's conference there were approximately 1,000 tribal college students in attendance from all over the country some from as far away as Barrow, Alaska.

As one of the host colleges SCTC was responsible for purchasing merchandise for "the store" and operating "the store" as well as setting up the Art Competition. Kathy Hart, SCTC STEM Recruiter, designed the logo that was



Photo from AIHEC website

Tribal College Presidents from across the Nation are honored at AIHEC Powwow.

used at this year's conference. Those attending the conference from SCTC were, Tracey Defeyter, Amanda George-Dye, Kathy Hart, Tracy Reed, Katy denHeeten, Patricia Alonzo, Kristin Sukhanath, and Mico Slattery. The SCTC students who attended included: Gilberto Franco (Student of the Year), Anthony Quiroga, Jennifer Arnold, and Russell Menefee. Other volunteers included Stan Sineway Sr. who hauled the trailer full of store merchandise to the conference and Gary Rueckert who assisted in monitoring the Art Competitions.

The conference days were quite long starting at 9 a.m. and not ending until 11 p.m. During the conference the staff and students had the opportunity to work behind the scenes of a national conference as competition judges, selling merchandise, and setting up competitions. They were also afforded the occasion to watch one of the 15 plus student competitions. Additional highlights of this conference were the evening activities. These included the Student of the Year reception, motivational speaker, pizza party and T-shirt exchange, hypnotist, Native American Idol, powwow, and awards banquet.

This was a memorable experience for staff and students who are already discussing the 2014 student conference which

will be held in Billings, Mont. There has even been mention of SCTC students participating in the One Act Play competition and going full force in next year's Science Bowl.

The woodland colleges will be hosting the AIHEC conference again in 2016. The planning for that student conference is already underway with the selection of a conference location being made in a few weeks. Although planning was

overwhelming at times, it was a great opportunity for students and staff to work as a team and represent the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and community. We would also like to say miigwech to Tribal Council for their donation to the conference. In total there were nine SCTC staff, four students who attended the conference. Together they worked tirelessly to make the 2013 AIHEC conference a success.



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Tribal Colleges participate in a T-Shirt exchange during the 2013 AIHEC Conference.

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From Alumni Class of 2010 graduate, Louanna Bruner.

SCTC Student of the Year!

Gilberto Franco was among 33 American Indian scholarship recipients honored by the American Indian College Fund at the 2012-13 Student of the Year Awards Banquet at the AIHEC Student Conference in Green Bay, Wis. on March 20, 2013.

Gilberto was selected for his perseverance and commitment to receiving a degree from SCTC. He is an individual who accepts life's challenges not as obstacles but as opportunities.

Gilberto graduated from Aabizikaawin in 2012 and immediately enrolled at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. He has actively pursued opportunities to represent SCTC through Environmental Science Research Scholarship activities and SCTC's AIHEC Science Bowl Competition team. Gilberto continues to strive for excellence in his studies

Photo courtesy of SCTC

Gilberto Franco

and other opportunities that are available to SCTC students. His goals are to obtain a degree for gainful employment and to lead by example, showing his sons that there is always a way to better one's self.

The program, sponsored by the Adolph Coors Foundation, awarded each honoree a \$1,000 scholarship.

SCTC Faculty of the Year!

Bruce Smelser was chosen as the 2012-2013 American Indian College Fund Faculty Member of the year. Each of the 33 Tribal Colleges nominates one faculty member per year to be awarded.

It's an honor for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and students to have nominated Bruce. He is a dedicated instructor that has shown a passion for Accounting not only in the classroom but also in the Tribal community.

Bruce retired from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Accounting department in 2010 after 14 years of service and has taught at the Tribal College for eight years.

Bruce's enthusiasm has flowed over into his classroom and his students enjoy accounting because of Bruce. Students have stated that "his class is enjoyable, it's a good environment to learn in, he likes to joke around and get to know you, but he still means business, if you come in a bad mood, you leave happy after being in class!"

Each Faculty of the Year recipient will receive a \$500 award from the American Indian College Fund.

Photo courtesy of SCTC

Bruce Smelser



The Men of Soul Tour “Warming Hearts of Their Fans”

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

The Men of Soul tour stopped at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to warm the hearts of their fans. R&B Crooners assembled the group from the names of Jeffrey Osborne, Peabo Bryson, Freddie Jackson and Howard Hewett. Of course it was a full house that night. This was an extensive list and in order for the audience to listen to each one, the performers only have a short time to sing their songs.

The evening started off with Howard Hewett from



Howard Hewett was uplifting the faith of his audience.



Freddie Jackson singing, “You are my Lady”.

Akron, Ohio. He was a former singer of the group Shalamar and also a former dancer for a TV show, “Soul Train”. Since going solo with his career, he has sold numerous albums and produced hits such as, “Stay”, “I Commit to Love”, “Strange Relationship” and also has done duets with Dionne Warwick and Anita Baker. One of his biggest duets was a cover of the song, “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” with Stacy Lattisaw.

When he came out to perform on the SECR stage he showed his fans what gift God gave to him and that it was the ability to sing beautifully.

With his R&B, soulful voice, his singing style was able to give the audience a

mixture of entertainment experiences from having the fans on their feet dancing to where he would slow it down with a gospel melody.

One of the highlights from his show was when he had picked one of the ladies from the audience. The excited guest got more than she expected that night because when Hewett was performing one of his romantic love songs the guest and him were romantically swaying to the music. A few songs later Hewett brought the romance by singing one of his gospel hits, “Say Amen.”

The song is a very uplifting song and was emotional at times. I witnessed firsthand a wife and a husband holding back the tears as the song impacted them. When the song ended they both embraced each other in their arms for comfort.

Next to take the stage was Freddie Jackson. Jackson started at an early age of training to be a gospel singer by singing at the White Rock Baptist Church.

When he started his music career he took the world of music by storm. In 1985 Jackson produced his debut album, “Rock Me Tonight”. The album spent six weeks at number one. His follow-up album, “Just like the First Time” went platinum.

When he came out onto the stage that night the first thing he exclaimed to the audience was that he was the naughty one out of the group (referring to The Men of Soul). The first time I saw him on stage he closely resembled Sammy Davis Jr., from his voice to his dance moves.

He showed his vocal ability with impressive ranges, as he played around with notes



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

Peabo Bryson showcasing his amazing vocal skills as he delivers his hits.

from his hit songs. At one point in his performance he told the audience that he has received an award for having one of the top love songs of all time for his smash hit song, “You are my Lady.”

When it was time for Peabo Bryson to take the stage he showed us that evening at the Soaring Eagle that he has amazing vocal skills as he treated us with some of his songs. A previous member of the American R&B/funk band L.T.D. he has a total of five gold albums and one platinum album.

Bryson’s music career soared by producing hits such as, “Can you stop the Rain”, “Tonight I Celebrate My Love”, and “If Ever You’re in My Arms Again.” He also has worked with some of the biggest names in the music world like, Celine Dion, Regina Belle and Kenny G. He won two Grammy Awards for the songs “Beauty and the Beast” and “A Whole New World”, for the movies “Beauty and the Beast” and “Aladdin”.

He also worked with some of the biggest names in the music world, people like James Ingram.

The lights went dim after Peabo was finished with his performance and then instantly the light came back. Spontaneously Jeffrey Osborne came out jamming and was shaking what his momma gave him. When he slowed the music down and stopped for a moment he started to tell the audience what happened to him the last time he was here at the SECR. He said that airport had lost his luggage and to find out

later that they have sent his luggage to Germany. The airport gave him some money to buy some new clothing. Osborne went on a field trip to Kohl’s. When he ended his story he continued to talk to the audience to ask where they came from. He said besides the middle of nowhere (referring to Mt. Pleasant) and then one of the crowd members shouted Flint. Osborne busted out in a little laugh and said, “Flint. The last time I was there someone tried to feed me possum.”

The biggest moment in the evening was when he performed the hit song, “On The Wings of Love.” What a great concert and I’m hoping that this show will come back. This concert had all you could ask for. I guess you could say it was an entertainment experience with a touch of emotion. Another amazing show held by SECR. For a listing of upcoming concerts or events check out SECR on their Facebook page or on Twitter *Soaringeagle777*.



Jeffrey Osborne singing his mega hit, “On the Wings of Love”.

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Blues Fest Features Timeless Music of the “King of the Blues”

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Some of the biggest names in the music world were at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Apr. 5. The Blues Festival featuring B.B. King, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Larry McCray, and Anna Popovic stopped to give fans a show to remember.

The Yugoslavian born blues-rock artist Anna Popovic kicked off the festivities. Her fiery, passionate guitar and vocal style captivated the audience. She rocked out on stage to such hit songs as, “Unconditional”, “Mo’ Better Love”, and “Rain Fall Down”.

Next on stage was a local musician from Saginaw who has made a name for himself amongst blues enthusiasts. Larry McCray is known for his edgy blues-rock style and warm expressive vocals. McCray treated the audience to many of his hit songs including: “Got My Blues On”, “Big Black Hole”, “Miss You”, and “Just a Little Too Much”.

The ensuing artist was Kenny Wayne Shepherd, one of the biggest names in modern blues. A child prodigy of sorts he played his first concert on stage with New Orleans blues legend Bryan Lee at the age of 13. In 1995 at the age of 18 he released his first album titled, “Ledbetter



Kenny Wayne Shepherd showcased his masterful abilities on guitar.

Heights”. Since then he has received five Grammy nominations and recorded five more albums including, “How I Go” in 2011. In 2008, Fender Musical Instruments Corp. introduced the Kenny Wayne Shepherd Signature Series Stratocaster, which he exclusively designed.

The show kicked off with lively renditions of his hit songs, “Somehow, Somewhere, Someway”, “Losing Kind”, “Shame, Shame, Shame”, “Dark Side of Love” and “Everything’s Broken”. The show took an excellent shift in energy with the introduction of his most successful song, “Blue on Black”. The song earned the 1998 Billboard Music Award for Rock Track of the Year. It maintained the top position on Billboards Top Rock Charts for 17 consecutive weeks.

The pinnacle of the show proved to be Shepherd’s mind blowing cover of Jimi Hendrix’s, “Voodoo Child”. From the amazing opening riff to the funky breakdowns, this rendition proved to be an incredible demonstration of expression and technique. The wailing sound of his guitar reached an all-time high as he seamlessly transitioned into one of the greatest solos ever written. He even played a section of the solo with the guitar behind his head.

The energy from Kenny Wayne Shepherd’s last solo brought the crowd to their feet in a frenzy of excited cheers and applause. That whirlwind of energy shifted into a focused eagerness, as one of the best known guitarists of all time was about to take the stage.

Everyone in attendance that night witnessed the timeless musical act of a living legend. B.B. King, known as the “King of the Blues,” is one of the most influential artists of all time. Some of the best known guitarists have modeled their playing style after King, including: Jimmy Page, Slash, George Harrison, Eric Clapton and literally thousands more. *Rolling Stone Magazine* ranked him at number three on their list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.



B.B King plays on his guitar “Lucille”.

Born Riley B. King, he picked up the nickname, “The Beale Street Blues Boy” while playing in the bar scene of Memphis. The nickname was later shortened to B.B. King. During his celebrated career he has released 44 albums, his first in 1956 and the latest in 2008. His list of accomplishments includes 15 Grammy Awards, and an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

“I can hear you, but I can’t see you,” King joked as he took his seat on center stage, his famous guitar “Lucille” in hand. King had a very personable and warm presence on stage, reacting to and talking with the audience, as well as cracking jokes between songs. He performed many hits including, “Every Day I Have the Blues”, “Rock

Me Baby”, and “Darling You Know I love You”. Highlighting the act was his performance on the widely successful single, “Thrill Is Gone” which was placed at number 183 in *Rolling Stone Magazine’s* list of The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

As the concert wound down the crowd started chanting out his name and asking for an encore. To their delight King and his band returned to their places. King sat with a smile on his face and directed his band to start a rousing and energetic rendition of, “When the Saints Go Marching In”.

The musicians in this concert were radiating talent. From the older classical acts to the genre defining new generation, it’s quite clear that the blues are as strong as ever and not going anywhere.



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Learning How to Run Just Got Easier With the Beginners Running Class

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The weather outside is slowly but surely warming up and for those anxious to get outside and run here is your chance. If you are looking to improve your running or to make your goal of running your first 5k, the Aambe Bmibtood Let's Go Running class is a good solution to help. These classes will not only give encouragement but also give valuable information on making running successful such as running form, breathing, and proper nutrition.

Apr. 16 marked the first day of the spring class for this year as individuals prepare themselves for eight weeks to run in annual Human Race 5k in June. There are a total of two running classes held, one in the spring and one in the fall to help prepare for the Run on the Rez 5k.

Classes this year will be held in the morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. Times will change if scheduling doesn't work.

Each class will last from 45 minutes to 60 minutes and



Photo courtesy of Tribal Observer

The Beginners Running Class wore shirts representing their group. The group competed in the Human Race last year at Seventh Generation.

it will not go by the distance but instead how many minutes are ran.

Jayme Green, Nimkee Fitness Coordinator enjoys having the classes.

"I love the running class and motivating people," Green said.

During the classes individuals would start out by doing intervals by running 30 seconds and walking two minutes in the beginning part and in the second half of the class it would focus on abdominal work and then strength training.

"I hope to gradually build it up so that running is not intimidating," Green said. "The other part of the class is the group

atmosphere and that makes it more fun and encouraging and inspiring when you have a large group of people doing it. Last year we had about 20 to 30 people for each group."

The classes allow everyone to run together at the same pace however during a race those involved in the group can run at their own pace.

If running in a group isn't what someone is looking for, Green has different programs for those who want to run on their own from beginners, intermediate and advanced.

For more information on the classes contact Jayme Green at 989-775-4696 or jgreen@sagchip.org.

Former Smokers Campaign Tips Feature New Stories and Health Conditions

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.: April 1, 2013: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office on Smoking and Health recently launched the new "Tips from Former Smoker's" Campaign. This campaign features real people telling their story of their health conditions caused by smoking commercial tobacco. The ads will air from April to June and include television, radio, billboards and social media.

This round of ads features one called "Nathan's Story." Nathan is a Native American from the Oglala Sioux tribe. Nathan had never smoked cigarettes, but after working in a casino for 11 years, he developed allergies and serious infections that triggered asthma attacks, eventually causing permanent lung damage called bronchiectasis. His health became so bad that he had to leave his job. You can read and view "Nathan's

Story," at: www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/stories/nathan.

Despite all that is known about the economic and health consequences of commercial tobacco abuse, an estimated 46.0 million Americans (20.6 percent) continue to smoke. American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest smoking prevalence (32 percent) as well as smokeless tobacco use (7.1 percent) when compared to other populations. Tribal specific data from the American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AI-ATS) and the Alaska Native Adult Tobacco Survey (AN-ATS) have revealed that the range for specific smoking estimates within tribal nations were as low as 28 percent to as high as 79 percent.

For more information, please visit www.keepitsacred.org, or call the quit line at 1-800-QUIT NOW.

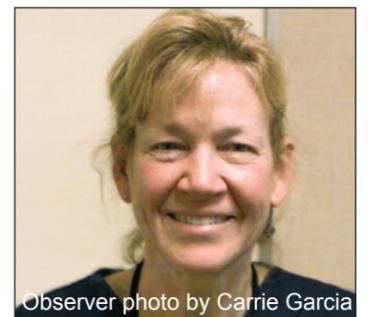
Nimkee Dental Welcomes Dr. Debbie Meacham to Their Staff

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Patients of Nimkee dental will notice a new employee in the office. Dr. Debbie Meacham has joined the team and started her first day on Apr. 8. Dr. Meacham is from Troy, Mich. She graduated from the University of Michigan as an undergraduate with her bachelor's degree and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in 1986.

She moved to California over 20 years ago where she met her husband. Dr. Meacham has one step daughter. While in California, Dr. Meacham had her own practice. She wanted to come back to Michigan to spend more time with her family. Dr. Meacham made an agreement with her sister to come back to help take care of their mother. Her brother lives in Traverse City.

Dr. Meacham's hobbies include horseback riding



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Dr. Debbie Meacham is one of the new dentists at Nimkee Dental.

including competing in jumps which she participated in the Los Angeles circuit for over 15 years. She enjoys cross country skiing, water rafting and tennis.

When it comes to her work as a dentist, Dr. Meacham wants to be in a position where she could be with other dentists so that different ideas can start to develop.

Her goal is to give the best care to the patient that she can.

Welcome to Nimkee Dr. Debbie Meacham.

Nimkee Fitness Center				Monday - Friday	
Group Exercise Schedule May, 2013				6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:30 a.m.		Beg. Running Jayme		Beg. Running Jayme	
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		PiYo Brandi	
12:00 p.m.	Fast Blast 4! Jayme	Turbo Kick Brandi	Turbo Kick Brandi	Fitness Support Group May 9 & 23	Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Brandi				
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme			World Fusion Belly Dance Tawnya	

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This July At the 26th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

As an active individual in the community what have been your experiences? Please share your personal experiences. If you have participated in the MIFO before, then share your experience and how it's made you feel.

Melissa Montoya: We are very fortunate in this community to have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events that pertain to wellness and fitness. While I would like to take advantage of all of these events, a busy lifestyle requires me to pick and choose the events I take part in. Fortunately for me, there are great events that are within my interest. I have bowled, golfed, jogged, played softball, played volleyball, and taken part in various cultural events. These opportunities have helped me maintain a physical, spiritual, and emotional balance which is crucial in maintaining my busy lifestyle.

Damian Fisher: Strength training has always been a big part of my life but weightlifting is repetitive by nature, and while I always feel great after a hard workout, getting to the gym can be difficult. Staying motivated is the biggest challenge in a maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Community wellness and fitness events like the Michigan Indian Family Olympics and the Human Race, really make it easy for me to set new goals that help me blast past those fitness plateaus and keep my activities fresh. This will be my first Michigan Indian Family Olympics and I'm really looking forward to competing in all the running events in my group.

How do you feel about the low numbers of our Tribe and other Tribes placing higher than us every year (taking home the trophies)?

MM: I really don't understand why our people aren't more active. I don't get why we have such low attendance when we host the event right in our own backyard. I do my best to participate in every event possible. I encourage family and friends to participate. It's discouraging to see bus loads of other Tribes pull into the MIFO, making a long trip to be here and compete and win. Being raised in this community, I know there are many gifted athletes that could compete. It would be nice if everyone gave it more of an effort.

DF: This is our event, and when I hear about how low our participation was over the last few years I immediately thought we should take this chance to get excited and jump ahead of our competitors!

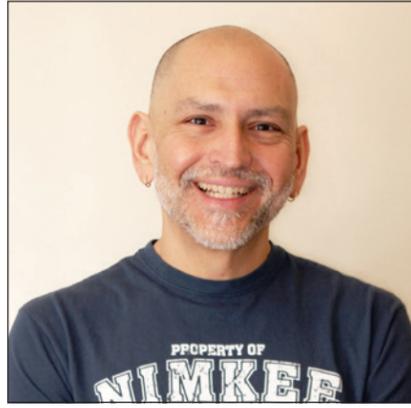
Why do you think it's important for people to participate in the Michigan Indian Family Olympics event?

MM: It's important to represent your tribal pride. Every Tribe that competes are encouraging each other and cheering for each other. There is fellowship amongst Tribes. It's friendly competition in a healthy way. Everybody that is there, regardless of affiliation, is doing something healthy for themselves, their family, their friends, their community, their Tribe.

DF: The best part about the MIFO is that entire families compete and that makes for a good times and family fun.

How do you feel this event can be a positive effect on our community?

MM: Every skill set and age set is represented at this event. It's great to see everybody cheering on their elders. It's inspiring for the young people to be encouraged by their



Damian Fisher



Melissa Montoya

elders and grown-up and modeling good health for the babies. It promotes fun in a way that does not require drugs, alcohol, or other negative influences.

DF: Like powwows, feasts and other cultural events, sporting events bring our community together to celebrate life and enjoy the company of our neighbors, family and friends.

What is your goal for our team to place this year and what do you feel needs to be done to accomplish this goal?

MM: There is no reason we can't bring home the gold! We have the numbers and talent to blow the competition away. In order to do this, we need community members to promote the event. We need people to tell their families and friends. We need to inspire and encourage our community to participate through events leading up to this. We also need to reach people in a way in which they communicate... social media. There are many things we can do to encourage participation.

DF: I think we can take one of the top three places if we get enough participants and I think we can hold some pre-Olympic events like

training sessions, practice meets, and other warm up events that get everyone together so that we can come to know one another and come together more as a team when Olympic day comes around in July.

What events do you plan on participating in for our Tribe? What is your own plan in preparing for this event?

MM: I plan on participating in as many events as I can. I might not be the fastest sprinter or the strongest softball thrower but the competitive spirit in me won't let me just hand over a medal to another Tribe. I plan to make all of my competitors work to win medals against me. As far as preparing for the event, I plan on continuing my daily routine in the Fitness Center. I plan on continuing to learn about and improve my eating habits. Even if I don't win a single medal, I still win because by then I will be fitter and healthier.

DF: I will be competing in all of the running events for 50 year-olds, so I will be adding a sprint training regimen to my aerobic and distance running routines. I am looking forward to the long jump event because it will be especially challenging since I fly like a brick with tiny wings.

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The Great Start Coalition

ANNA HON
Contributing Writer

Do you have a child who is age five or younger? Then you may be interested to know about a great resource available to you, the Great Start Collaborative of Gratiot and Isabella Counties. Anna Hon, a nurse from the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, sits on the committee of the Great Start Collaborative.

I am excited to tell you, that because of the diligent work of this group there is a great internet website which is a wonderful resource for parents who may be looking for things such as: child care resources, medical facilities, early childhood programs, children's activity links, and area food pantries. We also have a nice activity calendar for people who would like to take their child to an outing.

Great Start has a parent coalition. If you are interested in looking more into that, or to see



what information is available to you as a parent please visit www.greatstartgi.org.



MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2013 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of six (6) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

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- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be Received by the coordinator not later than June 20, 2013. (Please note, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded through the link:

www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm.

The application can also be obtained from the tribal education department of each of the constituent Tribes/Band.

New Adventures for Rhonda Quigno

GAYLE RUHL

Contributing Writer

Rhonda Quigno has submitted her letter of resignation with a heavy heart and many fun memories of her time with SCIT elders. She leaves to pursue some much needed energy and vigor to devote to the many demands of motherhood to three beautiful children.

She will be missed for her quick yet sometimes uncensored replies to elders and the many hilarious situations that occur while on community activity adventures. Trips to Frankenmuth where elders rolled away or other hair raising

experiences happened, several text messages with pictures were received during that event. Hijacked golf carts with stowaways holding on for a fun ride or the many different jokes and sayings not suitable for publication.

The work done here is easiest when friendships and close bonds develop over times shared and conversation had, but becomes so difficult when our good friends and relations must walk on to continue their journey elsewhere. Too often those times come all too soon and we must adjust with a void missing in our daily lives. As Rhonda takes on this new chapter in her journey



Rhonda Quigno

she will be creating emptiness with those who have been able to work with her every day.

Rhonda now gets to reclaim the many missed opportunities and the pursuit of new adventures still to be had. She will be dearly missed and we will look forward to visits and catching up on the many crazy adventures in her life. Baamaapii.

Andahwod March Employee of the Month

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

Be sure and congratulate Teresa Strubel if you see her, she was chosen March Employee of the Month at Andahwod. Teresa's favorite saying is, "Hard work always pays off!" Her hard work is paying off here with the residents. It is evident to see that Teresa enjoys coming to work

every day. She states that she is in the company of wonderful people that live at Andahwod. She also enjoys the people that she works with, and takes pride in Andahwod's awesome food.

She is very close to her family and enjoys spending time with her five children and the rest of her family. When she isn't here working she enjoys reading a good book and riding horses.



Teresa Strubel

Available Services and Activities for District One Elders

JULIE PEGO

Contributing Writer

Have you wondered what is available at Elders Services now that you have become a new elder or have recently moved into District One?

The following article will list and describe services available to Saginaw Chippewa Elders, through Elders Services, located in Andahwod.

Community Activities for District One include: Grandparents Day, Valentine Day Dinner and Dance, Birthday Bingo, Mother's and Father's Day Celebrations, Elders Golf Outing, Casino Day Trips, Health Seminars and Screenings, Bingo with Friends, and a daily Coffee Break at 3 p.m.

Parking Permits: Elders Services issues all Districts' Elders' parking permits which they can use to park in the Tribal Elder parking spots at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Case Management Services: Confidential Case Management Services are available for any District One Elder that requests them. Each plan is individualized to meet the Elders specific needs.

At the Elder's request, the Elders Services Case Manager can assist with the following:

- Gain and maintain control of their finances.
- Connect and Advocate for the Elder with other services that are available through the tribe and in the community.

- Assist with addressing family, legal, and substance abuse issues.

- Restore and increase Elders comfort and ability to care for themselves and manage their own affairs.

Food with Friends: Elders Services partners with the Isabella County Commission on Aging to provide a hot lunch daily to home bound Elders.

Transportation: Elders Services can assist with arranging transportation to medical appointments.

Lawn Care and Snow Removal: Elders who are 62 and over or have a documented long term disability are eligible

to receive lawn care and snow removal services at their primary residence.

Notary Services: Elders are welcome to call and schedule an appointment to get their yearly report notarized at Andahwod.

Elders Advocate:

- Confidential assistance with Interpreting bills and legal notices.

- Locating and filling out paperwork for services.
- Transportation to medical appointments and other important appointments.

- Assistance with budgeting and financial management.
- Advocacy

MAY 2013 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1	Leo Bennett Sr. Steven Pego Phillip Peters Sr.	17	Delores Laban John Quigno Paullette Pashence Gary Schneider
2	Robin Francis Gerald Ice Marlene Sova	18	Delores Hernandez Virginia LaMere Rose Sawyer
3	Mary Fender Phillip Shenoskey Jacqueline Wemigwans	19	Judith Banister Helen Peters Terrance Frank Ella Powers George Russell Kay Wert
4	Brian Chippeway William Federico William Cloutier	20	Robert Bennett Bonnie Cantu Donald Gage
6	Debbie Gose Tony Starkey Steven Collins Darrell Coon David Cyr Kathryn Shanks	21	April Borton Damian Fisher Rita Stambaugh Rose Wassegijig Bobbie Brown Julie Whitepigeon
7	Carol Shanks Marie Wicks	22	James Walker Yvonne Dyer
8	Susan Brooks Marjorie Wehner	23	Larry Pelcher Richard Smith Sr. Claudia Spalding Linda Staples Steven Wayne
9	Jean Ross Steven Godbey Shirley Powell	24	Marlene Garlick David Rhodes
10	Lawrence Smith Julie Allred Judy Potter Harvey Wright	25	Steven Martin Shirley Houle Gary Davis James Sprague Carol Stolz
11	Samuel DeFoy Diane Pego Kimberly Gerard Sharon Berdan Richard Collins Troy Hart	27	Frank Davis Joseph Garlick Lester Solomon
12	Elaine Shawnoo Bonnie Glover	28	Gail George Harold Gould Elijah Jackson Anna Atwell
13	Rose Henry Duane Pelcher Sr. Mary Austin Fredrick Bailey Sr. Gary Henry MaryAnn Reis Frank Romer	29	Anne Peters Patricia Peters Connie Freiburger Rosalie Berry Robert Fallis
14	Velma Lytle-Kyser	30	Richard Moggo Paul Schramm Jr.
15	Mildred Sepulveda Deborah Grills	31	Karen Siminski
16	David Jackson Orville Jackson Linda Cook Carolyn Estill Allan Slater Jr. Lena Stempel Shiela Villarreal		

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May 17

Glow Golf, Waabooz Run, Registration 8:30pm Tee-Off 9:30pm

May 18

RV Park kid's craft, RV Park Clubhouse, 11am-1pm **FREE**

May 20-23

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

Euchre

May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 6 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300

Elder's Breakfast

May 8, 22 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4300

Introduction to Stone Sculpting Class

May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Elijah Elk Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4780

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May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 | Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
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May 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17 | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Location: SCIT Behavioral Health
Contact: M. Heintzelman 989-817-6068

Journey Feast

May 17 | 4 p.m.
Location: 7th Generation Ceremonial Building
Contact: 989-775-4780

6-8th Grade Adventure Retreat

May 3, 4, 5 | Departure Time 4:30 p.m.
Location: Camp Hayo-Wen-Ha/Artbus

4th Annual Jalapeño Eating Contest

May 3, | Noon.
Location: Senior's Room
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Daughters of Tradition I

May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

Daughters of Tradition II

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

Anishinabe Performance Circle Graduation

May 7 | 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Location: Broadway Theater
Contact: 989-775-4750

Fit Mama & Baby Class

May 7, 14, 21, 28 | 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Location: Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

Be Healthy with Diabetes Class

May 7, 14, 21 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Nimkee Public Health
Contact: 989-775-4612

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Social

May 8, 22 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
Contact: 989-775-4386

Fitness Support Group

May 9, 23 | Noon. - 1 p.m.
Location: Nimkee Fitness Center
Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

Mother's Day Raffle

May 10 | 3 p.m.
Location: Senior's Room
\$5 Per Ticker, or 4 tickets for \$10
Prize: Migizi three hour Spa package and a one night stay in a First Class room at SECR.

Daughters of Tradition Sleepover

May 10, 11 | 1 p.m. Sat. - 11 a.m. Sun.
Location: Behavioral Health
Contact: 989-824-1209
Please Bring: Bags/pillows, change of clothes, flash lights, a big smile.

Clean Sweep/Hazardous Waste Collection

May 11 | 9 a.m. - Noon
Location: Isabella County Fair Grounds

Bird Day Celebration

May 11 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center Lobby
Contact: 989-775-4750
Free day of educational fun for the family. Special dance performance, "Birds of Prey" presentation, and activities.

Housing Financial Workshop

May 16 | Noon
Location: Housing Conference Room
Lunch included
Contact: 989-775-4595

Baby Moccasins with the Elders

May 17 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
Contact: 989-775-4907

Science Fair

May 23 | 1 p.m.
Location: Saginaw Chippewa Academy
Contact: 989-775-4453
Parents are invited to attend a walk through.



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR | MAY 2013



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 		1 Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser Tribal Kitchen 10:30 - 1:30 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	2 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	3 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	4 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 5 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m..
6 Annual Report Deadline Tribal Clerk's Office Womens Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	7 Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m. Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Karate Tribal Gym 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	8 Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	9 Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	10 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.	11 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 12 New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m..
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared-Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



Tribal Observer Classified

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

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Tribal Operations

Education Director
Open to the public. MA in Education Business, or related field. Basic knowledge of Indian Education Programs. Previous experience in education. Plans, develops, and administers programs to provide educational opportunities for Native American students. Prepares budget and determines allocation of funds for staff, education programs, supplies, and equipment. Acts as the agent of the Tribal Board of Education. Oversees and monitors the development and performance of all Tribal Education Programs. Ensures the implementation of Tribal Education programs and policies in accordance with Tribal Board of Education directives and compliance with appropriate State and Federal rules and regulations regarding grants and contracts.

Chief Judge
Open to the public. Pursuant to Title I, Chapter 1.5 of the Tribal Code the minimum qualifications are as follows: twenty-five years of age or older; has not been convicted of a misdemeanor type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense; is of good moral character and integrity; has graduated from an accredited law school and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or is licensed to practice law in another state. 10+ years of experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience,

and a demonstrated interest in working with an Indian Tribe. The successful candidate should have high ethical standards and strong references. This position is in an office/courtroom environment which requires normal everyday safety precautions. However, in some situations, additional safety precautions may be required.

Dietary Cook Aide
Open to the public. Must have high school diploma. This position also requires previous experience in a kitchen atmosphere. With quantity and quality food preparation and service in a group residential atmosphere preferred. To assist the Line cook in the preparation of resident meals, dining room setup and cleanup for each meal of the day. To maintain a clean and sanitized work environment.

Tribal Education Librarian
Open to the public. A Master's Degree with a Library Media endorsement from the State of Michigan; or a Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Must have substantive experience in library information technology, library collections, and excellent oral and written communications skills. Prefer Ojibwe language speakers. Prefer experience working for a Native American Indian Tribe or in a Native American community.

Secondary Language Immersion Specialist
Open to the public. Must possess required specialized unique skills include demon-

strated fluency and knowledge of Anishinabe language acquisition, a clear understanding of immersion philosophy and 2 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.

Casino

Bartender Casino Beverage Part-Time
Open to the public. Must be 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 including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred. Must possess the ability to operate the MICROS POS system.

Uniform Room Manager
Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have High School Diploma or equivalent and have a minimum of two years supervisory experience. Must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, attuned to details and self motivated. Must be able to bend, twist and work standing and walking for long periods of time. Oversees daily Operations of the resort uniform room. Works closely with purchasing agents to assure best price and value received. Maintains and updates

the Uniform management, distribution, replacement and the collection of uniform policies.

Steward Part-Time
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. 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. Native American preferred. Assure that the highest standards of cleanliness are maintained for our guests and associates.

Gift Shop Clerk Part Time
Must possess a High School Diploma or GED. Retail experience a plus. Must demonstrate/show strong communication skills as it pertains to customer service. Honest, energetic, personality a plus. Must be willing to learn about the culture and heritage of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as it relates to customer service.

Hospitality Training Instructor
Open to the public. Must have a minimum of a two year degree. Four year degree preferred. Must have three years

hotel front office or call center/reservations experience. Supervisory and training experience preferred. Must have excellent writing and oral communications with experience in formal course development. Must be willing to work afternoon shifts. Native American preferred.

Bartender Banquets
Open to Public. Must be 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 including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred.

Guest Room Attendant Part-Time
Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Previous housekeeping experience preferred. Must be able to lift up to thirty pounds. 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.

Waitstaff Banquets
Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. Must have

a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have accurate math skills. Needs to be able to deal with the public under stressful situations, be a team player, work flexible hours including weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Native American preferred.

Cosmetologist Part-Time
Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older upon employment. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must possess and maintain a MI state license in Cosmetology. 1600 Training Hours, followed by completion of State License with 2 year renewal required. One year experience preferred.

115 For Sale
For Sale: Dog Cages
One is 10'x10'x6'H \$250, the other one is 6'x8'x4'H \$150. Contact Mike at 854-5103.

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

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RE-OPEN AND ENFORCE PREVIOUS JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER OF APRIL MARIE LEAUREAUX

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E Broadway Rd Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Motion to Reopen and Enforce Previous Judgment Case No. 12-CI-0685 Plaintiff: Rasberry Bail Bonds LLC 1419 Bradford Street NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503-1317 (616) 456-5155 V.S. Defendant: April Marie Leureaux last known address 125 Quimby Street NE First Floor Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Notice to Defendant: Motion to Re-Open and Enforce Previous Judgment filed with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court to set aside Automatic Stay and enforce the judgment previously granted. A hearing on this matter will be scheduled immediately upon this publication. **This Summons Expires on September 8, 2013**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ASHLEY BENNETT

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0081 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Ashley Bennett 4695 E. Jordon 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 the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. **This Summons Expires on July 18, 2013.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ALEXANDER ROMERO:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 13-CI-0193. Plaintiff: Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union 2410 S. Leaton Rd. Ste 1 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-5070. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires August 25, 2013**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CONNIE JACKSON:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 13-CI-0182. Plaintiff: Chippewa Eagle Federal Credit Union 2410 S. Leaton Rd. Ste 1 Mt Pleasant MI 48858 (989)775-5070. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires August 21, 2013.**

"Honoring, Healing & Remembering"

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

Operated from January 3, 1893 to June 6, 1934

Join us on the 79th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

Thursday, June 6 • 7am - 4pm

Mission Creek Cemetery:

1475 S. Bamber Road - Mt. Pleasant, MI
7 am: Sunrise Ceremony

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations Parking Lot:

7070 E. Broadway - Mt Pleasant, MI
9 am: "Spirit Runners" Eagle Staff Healing Run/Walk

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School:

1400 W. Pickard - Mt Pleasant, MI
8 am: Breakfast (Provided)
10 am: Silent Auction Begins
11 am: Pipe Ceremony, Grand Entry and Flag Song *Welcoming all Pipe Carriers and Tribal Flag Bearers*
Student Roll Call "Remembering the Deceased"
Prayer
Student Memorial Guitar Dedication and Song
Noon: Lunch (Provided)
Community Concert
1 pm: Special Guest Speakers: *Walpole Island Residential School Survivor's Panel and Film Screening*
3 pm: Jingle Dress Healing Dance and Celebratory Round Dance
Welcoming all Jingle Dress Dancers
3:30 pm: Silent Auction Ends
4 pm: Give-Away and Traveling Song

Monetary donations and/or silent auction gifts are welcome. Make checks payable to Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

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Rain or Shine • Open to the Public • Groups Welcome
Bring lawnchairs, lawn blankets, awnings, umbrellas, water bottles, and feast bags. Bring your family photos and letters for the Zibiwing Center to scan and archive.

Main parking in the Morning Sun lot at 711 W. Pickard
Handicap and Elder Parking Available • Shuttle Service Available
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG CRAWFORD RD.



For More Information: Contact the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Public Relations Department at 989-775-4074 or email the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee at miibs@sagchip.org



K-12 Powwow Keeps the Native Culture Alive In the Community

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Contributing Writer

Students and staff gathered inside of the Tribal Gym on Apr. 23 and 24 for the annual K-12 Powwow. The powwow allows students from local area schools to experience what a powwow is. For some this is their first time going to one and for others it is the enjoyment of watching the beautiful decorated pieces of regalia and the different types of dances that were displayed.

This is a big field trip for the schools that took part in this once year program and chance for SCIT to share some of the culture. There was so

much fun for the students and for teachers as they get chance to sit and enjoy some Native American food, music and to admire the dancing.

Besides the fun that everyone was having, there were important teachings and sharing's about the culture that was also happening. Located in different rooms in the Tribal Operations building different sessions were going on. In the Seniors Room, Jefferson Ballew was doing story telling with the students. Stories that Ballew shared were talking about the wrong acts that happen to the Anishinabe people and how they survived the American holocaust and also talked

about the roles that we use to have in the family structure.

The game room by the tribal gym was set up for kids to make friendship bracelets and also the kids also made mini drums to hang up. The Tribal library was setup for teaching about regalia. This teaching talked about the history regalia and how it became part of the Native American culture. They also explained the different parts of regalia and how the regalia are a part of the Native American dancers. This is not just a powwow to entertain people or to make money it is a great way to break the barriers that were made from hundreds years of Native Americans being misunderstood.

There was time that the Great Spirit and the Mother Earth was connecting as one with the spirits of the Native American people. But now the people are just fragments of the past, but we press on. That is way is it so important to have the K-12 Powwow to keep our culture and to be able to share with others.

Thank you to everyone that made this event possible and for keeping the Native American culture going.



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

Fancy Dancers



Lee Ruffino instructs the students on making miniature drums.



Hunter Gena "Jr."



Youth dancers perform in vibrant colors of their regalia.



Storytelling by Jefferson Ballew.



Jingle Dress Dancers.



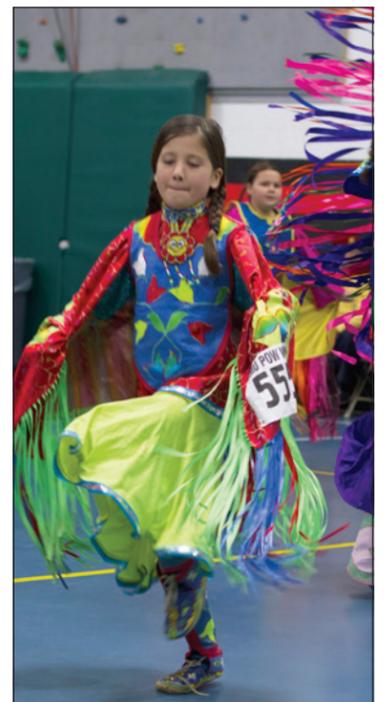
Margie Merrill concentrates on her dance steps.



Zach Jackson



Mt. Pleasant H.S. tutor Raymond Shenoskey participates as a hoop dancer.



Mnookmi Massey