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Former Tribal Chaplain Pego elected as Chief by Tribal Council



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

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

While a packed Tribal Operations Senior's Room of family, friends and employees gathered to find out who was going to be the next leader of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe on Dec. 3, former Tribal Chaplain Steve Pego was voted Chief by Tribal Council.

Tribal Court Judge Patrick Shannon administered the oath of office to Chief Pego as our newly elected Chief began his official duties of election oversight for other key Council positions and to administer their oath of office.

"It is truly an honor to be selected to serve as Tribal Chief for my Anishinabe Tribal community," Pego said. "I will do everything in my power to ensure we all collectively work for what is in the best interest of the Tribe."

Secret ballots were cast among Pego's 11 Council members for the other key Executive Council positions of Sub-Chief, Treasurer and Secretary. Chief Pego made his first official vote by breaking a tie in the Tribal Sub-Chief election by appointing Lorna Kahgegab Call.

Former Nimkee Contract Health Clerk Shelly Bailey has moved from administering financial duties of health care to the oversight of

fiscal health as Tribal Council Treasurer.

"I am honored to be elected as the Tribal Treasurer," Bailey said. "I look forward to serving our Tribe and overseeing the financial responsibilities."

In other Tribal election activity, first time Council member Sandy Sprague was voted by her colleagues to serve as Tribal Council Secretary.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve as Council Secretary," Sprague said. "I look forward to working with our newly elected Council."

Saganing District Two Council member Ron Nelson

was selected by unanimous vote to continue to serve in the position of Sergeant At Arms and newly elected Council member Jennifer Wassegijig was selected as Tribal Council Chaplain.

"I feel very honored representing the Lord and the people," Wassegijig said. "I am confident that God will direct me to make the right decisions. God has a plan for me and I am excited to see where He is taking me and the future of our Tribe."

On Saturday, Jan. 25 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall, Tribal Chief Pego will deliver his inaugural State of the Tribe address.

Bennett admits killing 4-year-old Carnel Chamberlain, faces up to 40 years in prison

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Photojournalist

It may not sound like closure, but Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member Anthony Bennett admits on Nov. 20 in U.S. District Judge Thomas Ludington's Bay City, Mich. courtroom, that he killed 4-year-old Carnel Isaiah Peter Chamberlain in June 2012. Bennett, for pleading guilty to the second-degree murder charge in federal court, is facing up to 35 to 40 years in prison.

Family spokesperson Kevin Chamberlain informs that close relatives to Carnel have been right beside the FBI throughout this entire process, playing an integral

part of the decision to offer the second-degree murder plea.

"We did not expect that Anthony Bennett would agree and especially that he would do so in such quick fashion," Chamberlain said. "According to our sources, no accused murder has ever copped to a plea such as this (specifically in Bay City) so easily and quickly. It simply has never happened there. This is a bittersweet moment as we are given some closure with Bennett's admission of guilt but are left with concern regarding his length of sentence. As well as the knowledge we have regarding the gruesome details associated with the murder. It is hard for us to

imagine the idea that someone as heinous and wickedly bent as he could actually someday walk free."

SCIT Victim of Crime Advocate Mandy Wigren noted to the Observer that sentencing for this matter is scheduled for Judge Ludington's courtroom, located at 1000 Washington Avenue in Bay City on March 27, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. and it is open to the public. Cellular phones are not allowed in the courtroom and there is a metal detector to pass through for safety.

"We fully expect and look forward to our time during sentencing to speak our mind," Chamberlain said. "We have much to say (nearly two years

of thoughts by March). We call for and look for as much support as humanly possible at this sentencing from anyone and everyone. We call on them to make their own shirts... use Carnel's image... his name... let everyone see support for Carnel! We are the only voice he has!"

Hundreds of community members and emergency service agencies mobilized in a weeklong search that ended June 28, 2012 when the Michigan State Police (MSP) found the burned remains of Carnel underneath the front porch of his mother Jaimee's Tomah Road reservation residence.

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"State of the Tribe"

Annual Meeting | Jan. 25, 2014

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

Doors open at 9 a.m.

Breakfast promptly at 10 a.m.

"State of the Tribe" address to begin at 11 a.m.



Donald Orville Gage May 20, 1924 - Nov. 19, 2013

Donald Orville Gage, 89, of Port Huron Township, Mich., passed away on Nov. 19, 2013 in his home with his family by his side. He was born on May 20, 1924 in Caro, Mich.

Son of the late Frank and Maud Gage. Donald married Lorene Odom on March 7, 1946 in Port Huron. He served in the United States Army. Donald was a long-time truck driver. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and cooking.



Donald is survived by his wife, Lorene; children: Sharon Berdan and Doug (Betty) Gage; grandchildren: Shawn (Rayann) Hodgins, Adam Berdan, Doug Decker, Angie Decker, Tamara (Shane) Wright, Marlana (David) Fuchs, Paula Graham, Dawn Gage and Lisa Gage and great-grandchildren: Michael, Donald, Kali, Hunter and Denny. He is preceded in death by a son, Donald Gage Jr.

Funeral services were held at the Jowett Funeral Home in Port Huron. Pastor Dan Bakay officiated. Burial was in the Kinney Cemetery. Pallbearers were Shawn Hodgins, Adam Berdan, Doug Decker, Michael Hodgins, Donald Hodgins and Angie Decker. Memorial tributes may be made to the Wishes of the Family. St. Clair County Allied Veterans conducted Military Honors.

Adeanna Marie Sexton July 29, 1982 - Dec. 7, 2013

Adeanna Sexton, age 31, passed away Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Her Memorial Service was held on Thursday, Dec. 12 at Lux Family Life Story Funeral Home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., with Father Rick Varner officiating. A luncheon followed at the Tribal Gym.



Adeanna was born July 29, 1982, in Pontiac, Mich. She was the daughter of Burgess Moore and Alice Peters. She graduated from Mesick High School in 2000 and was currently employed as a fitness assistant at Nimkee Fitness Center and was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

She is survived by two daughters, Katelynn and Kylie Sexton; her parents, Arthur and Alice Barton of Mt. Pleasant; sister, Christine Brown-Paul of Burton; maternal grandmother, Mildred Allen of Sterling Heights, aunts and uncles, Larry (Sandie) Peters of Mesick, Celeste (J.R.) Hammer of Sterling Heights and Delores Smith of Detroit; nieces and nephew, Sonya Samuelson, Jenna Paul and Steven Paul, all of Burton, Mich.; great niece, Brianna "Breezy" Burgoon; cousins, Donielle Bannon, Nikki Rose, Kendra Patton, Kira Patton, Konstance Patton, Elizabeth Douglas, Lisa Kearney and Rosalind Kearney; her close friend, Stormie Frees; and many, many pets. To learn more about Adeanna's life or to sign the online guest book, please visit LuxFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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Deadline: Jan. 17, 2014 - \$10 each

ATTENTION
Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
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Now Recruiting New Members

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

Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe will be conducting a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments from all interested Tribal and Non-Tribal residents within the boundaries of the Isabella Reservation and lands in the Saganing District (Arenac County) on the Tribe's intent to apply for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield's Clean up Grant(s) to help support the cleanup needed at the former Stop & Go property located at 4708 S. Huron Rd., Standish Township, Michigan 48658.

The meeting will be held at the following date and time:

Standish - Jan. 7, 2014 at 1 p.m.
Saganing Tribal Center
5447 Sturman Rd, Standish MI 48658

If awarded, the Brownfield Clean up Grant from EPA will be used to conduct environmental cleanup activities and possible demolition activities at the former Stop & Go property.

The grant funding, if awarded, will allow the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to receive up to \$200,000 in award funds. If awarded, the grant funding will require a 20 percent cash and/or in-kind match contribution by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (Approximately \$40,000).

Draft copies of the grant application and draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives detailing the activities proposed and related costs will be available for review at the Tribal Clerks office located in the Tribal Operations Building at 7070 E Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 between the hours of 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014.

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, will receive responses in the grant application submitted to EPA. Written comments should be sent to Carol Emmendorfer at the Tribal Clerks Office, 7070 E Broadway, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858. Please indicate "FY 2014 EPA Cleanup Grant" on your written comment.

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

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

There is currently three Vacancies
(one of the three vacancies is an interim position).

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services by Jan. 15, 2014. Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Please feel free to contact Angela M. Gonzalez at 989-775-4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7070 E Broadway Rd
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Order Establishing Fishing Season 2014 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 107 subdivision 2(8) the 2014 Fishing Season shall begin Jan. 6, 2014 and will close on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 unless ordered otherwise.

Licenses and Permits will be available at the Tribal Planning Department office starting Jan. 2, 2014. Please refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

SCIT Ordinance 11 Fishing Seasons and Possession Limits

Species	Seasons	Location	Limit	Min. Length
Trout	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	10 inches
Salmon	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	10 inches
Largemouth Bass	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	12 inches
Smallmouth Bass	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	12 inches
Northern Pike	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	20 inches
Muskellunge	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	42 inches
Sauger	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	14 inches
Tiger Muskellunge	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	42 inches
Walleye	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	14 per day	14 inches
Bluegill	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	50 per day	No minimum
Sunfish	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	50 per day	No minimum
Crappie	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	50 per day	No minimum
Rock Bass	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	50 per day	No minimum
Perch	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	50 per day	No minimum
Lake Whitefish	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	No minimum
Menominee	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	No minimum
Catfish	No Closed	Inland Streams and Rivers	10 per day	No minimum
Sturgeon	No Open	Inland Streams and Rivers	0 per day	Not applicable



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Carnel's biological father, Byron Francis, is currently in Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility serving a four to 10-year term for felonious assault. Carnel's remains are still in possession of the forensic division of the FBI and MSP as evidence in the ongoing investigation.

"We also very much look forward to the time when we can privately lay his remains to rest," Chamberlain said. "It has been far too long and our Tribe knows the importance regarding repatriation of our people. We also strongly urge the Tribal Community to not forget what happened here. Most know of far too much abuse taking place and far too many pretend it isn't happening. That silence did not help our Carnel and the silence must be broken or crimes of this nature could happen again in our community."

In Council Resolution 13-085, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council finds that "crime and criminal influences constitute a threat to the health and safety of the Tribal members and the community and to the economic welfare of the Tribe; and whereas the Tribal Council has determined, after

consultation with the Tribal Court and law enforcement agencies, that it is in the best interest of the Tribe not to make per capita payments to Tribal members convicted of certain particularly violent crimes and that a lifetime prohibition of per capita payments for Tribal members convicted of such crimes for the first such conviction after the date of this Resolution is in the best interest of the Tribe."

As clearly stated in the document, Resolution 13-085 is "effective as of June 1, 2013."

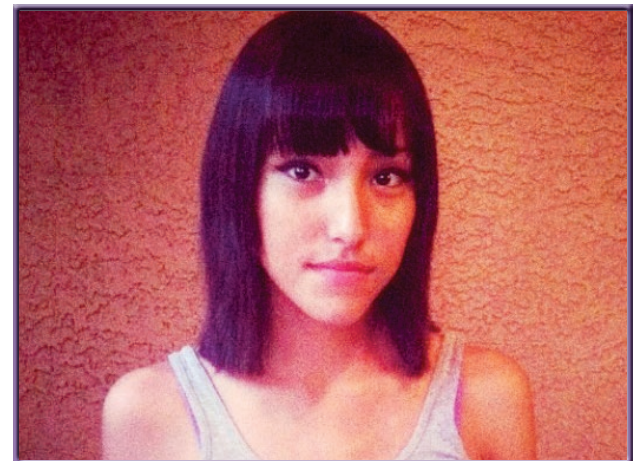
"Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom was clear something needed to be done and this was done unanimous support of the Tribal Council and the U.S. Department of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs," SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier informs. "This action was met with applause at the August community meeting and current Chief Steve Pego and Tribal Council remain committed to this action."

Under Resolution 13-085 provisions, Bennett is subject to losing his per capita payments for life after his March 27, 2014 sentencing in U.S. District Court.



Happy Birthday
Memi

Love, Gramma Peters, Poppa Big Jer



I'm proud of the young woman you are growing to be.

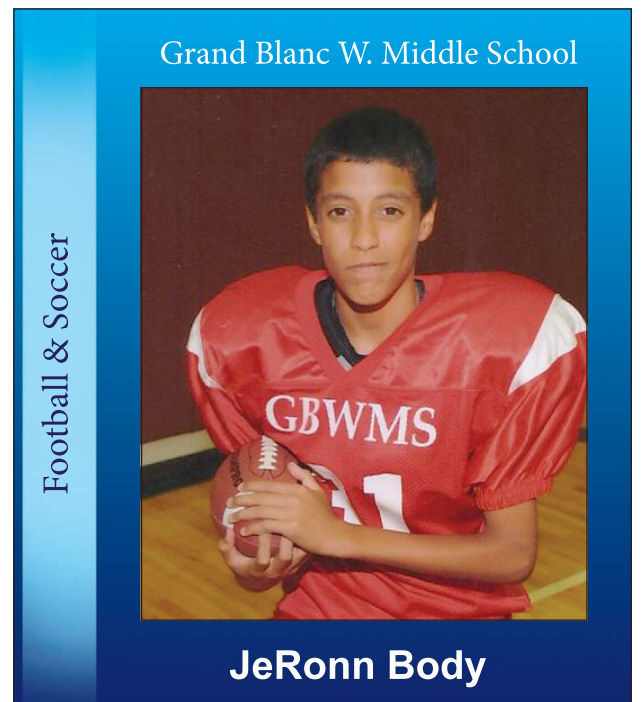
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to my Memigwaans, Love Mom



Happy Birthday
Mom
I love you!



Happy Anniversary!
January 23,
2003



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Honorable Dennis V. Kequom, Sr.
Chief, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
7070 East Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858

Dear Chief Kequom:

On May 23, 2013, the Midwest Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs transmitted to the Department of the Interior an amendment to the Saginaw Chippewa Revenue Allocation Plan. We have completed our review of the amendment adopted by Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council Resolution No. 13-085 dated May 2, 2013, and conclude that it does not violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) or the regulations in 25 CFR Part 290. Pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, the amendment is approved.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Nancy Pierskalla, Office of Indian Gaming, at (202) 219-4066.

Sincerely,

Lawrence S. Roberts
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

RCH Racing announces partnership with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

JUSTYN AMSTUTZ
Contributing Writer

Principals of RCH Racing (Ricky Carmichael, Carey Hart Racing), are pleased to announce that Michigan's famed Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort has partnered with the team as the Title Sponsor for the 2014 - 2016 Supercross and Motocross Seasons.

Voted as the Midwest's "Favorite Casino" and "Best Overall Gaming Resort" (Midwest Gaming & Travel), SECR sits right in the heart of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Owned and operated by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, SECR is known throughout the region for its superior live event promotion and production capabilities.

In harmonious fashion, RCH Racing is notorious for its on-site activations and fan engagement at the 17 Monster Energy Supercross races and 12 Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship races in major metropolitan areas throughout the country. Both entities are driven by family, fun and their passions to win.

Mutually recognizing the synergies and complementary nature between the two properties, SECR and the principals at RCH Racing look forward to growing their partnership throughout the next three years.

"Like Soaring Eagle, we strive to put the best product in front of our fans at each and every race," said Carmichael, co-owner of RCH Racing and five-time Monster Energy Supercross champion. "We have big expectations for the 2014 season with riders Josh Hill and Broc Tickle as well as the additions that we have made to our team. We will continue to make investments into our technical, mechanical, marketing and business areas. After personally experiencing the wonderful facilities that this campus has to offer, we

look forward to exposing Soaring Eagle to Supercross and Motocross communities across the country."

"This is a true partnership for the long term," said Hart, Freestyle Motocross legend and the other half of the RCH Racing ownership team. "RCH Racing will bring special lifestyle events to Soaring Eagle in addition to Soaring Eagle accompanying us throughout the Supercross and Motocross seasons."

Taking a page out of the RCH Racing diction, SECR Marketing Director Raul Venegas simply declared, "We are stoked on this partnership!"

"RCH Racing is a perfect platform to increase awareness and excitement for Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort," Venegas said. "We know that we have one of the best facilities in the region and now we will be able to tell our story to Supercross and Motocross enthusiasts across the country."

The 2014 Monster Energy Supercross season kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 4 in Anaheim, Calif.

All 17 races will be broadcast live on Fox Sports One. Tune in to see the RCH Racing Soaring Eagle team in action.



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Youth LEAD begins Super Saturdays this month

JEN CRAWFORD

Contributing Writer

Youth LEAD is excited to introduce our new Super Saturdays program for 2014!

Starting in January, our team will be providing fun, creative activities for youth and families on Saturdays throughout the year - in addition to the many events and activities offered by Youth LEAD.

Tapping into the unique strengths, talents and interests of our awesome staff, you will see a variety of both

recreation and sports-related activities, providing great opportunities for community youth and families, giving them something fun and healthy to do during the weekend.

Watch for announcements in the Tribal Observer, through email, on the SCIT Facebook page and posted around the community regarding our Super Saturday events and activities. If you have any questions or suggestions, let us know! We are located in the offices around and above the Tribal Gym or call us at **989-775-4506**.

Youth LEAD: Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion.



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COURT

Notice of Fee Schedule Modification Effective Jan. 1, 2014

MOTION FEES:

Civil/Probate/Estate Motion/Appellate* - \$50

*If court appointed, fee not applicable

INTERGOVERNMENTAL:

Intergovernmental Service of Process - \$10

CIVIL MATTERS:

Damages equal to or less than \$1,000 - \$50

Damages more than \$1,000 & less than \$5,000 - \$100

Damages \$5,000 or greater & less than \$25,000 - \$150

Damages \$25,000 and greater - \$200

Petition for Judicial Review - \$60

Child support/custody/paternity petition - \$60

Enforcement of Foreign Judgment:

- Order equal to or less than \$1,000 - \$50

- Order \$1,000 or greater & less than \$5,000 - \$100

- Order \$5,000 or greater & less than \$25,000 - \$150

- Order \$25,000 or greater - \$200

Real property - \$30

Landlord Tenant - \$60

Civil Restraining Order - \$30

Civil counter-claim - \$30

Enrollment/Membership - \$60

Annulment - \$120

Divorce without children - \$120

Divorce with children - \$150

Divorce Judgment Fee - \$75

Civil Appeal - \$150

Civil Jury Fee (due at filing) - \$500

PROBATE MATTERS:

Guardianship for a Minor - \$60

Guardianship for an Incapacitated Adult - \$60

Estate - \$60

Adoption - \$100

TRIBAL BAR ADMISSION:

Attorney Admission - \$100

Annual Attorney Admission Fee - \$50

Copy of Tribal Code - \$150

Copy of Section of Tribal Code - \$35

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*plus \$4 per 15 minutes

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Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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



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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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Native American ancestral remains from Wayne State University, Michigan State Police and University of Michigan repatriated

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Approaching the Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, two distinct burial areas were anticipating the remains of Native American ancestors.

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and men and women carrying the cardboard boxes containing the remains lined up on the chilling afternoon of Friday, Dec. 13 during the Recommitment to the Earth Ceremony.

SCIT and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeway's repatriated the ancestral human remains of 44 Native American individuals and three associated funerary objects from Wayne State University, Detroit; one Native American individual

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

"They made the appropriate decision to give our ancestors back and to allow us to lay them to rest, finally," Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier said of Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and Michigan State Police.

One-by-one, the remains were carried and placed in the graves, each lined with birch bark. After each of the remains were placed in the grave, the burial area was covered with birch bark and sprinkled with cedar.

Returning ancestors and their funerary objects back to Mother

Earth is a very significant and rewarding occurrence.

"This repatriation is so important and impactful for the Tribes, as well as reconciliation and healing among Tribes, institutions and museums that used our ancestors for science and study for many generations," Ziibiwing Director Shannon Martin said.

The reason for two separate burial areas this repatriation is due to Central Michigan University returning Frazier-Tyra Native American remains in 2010 before the NAGPRA law, for the respect and relationship with SCIT.

Frazier-Tyra relatives also came from Wayne State University to be buried next to those ancestors.

"In our planning for these repatriations, we leave open plots because these sites were scattered far and wide between various museums and institutions," Martin said. "As collections come back, we ensure that we leave space knowing one day we will be bringing them home."

For the first time during the week of a repatriation ceremony, funerary rights were performed for ancestors coming home.

"When we do this, based on the material of research and information that is given to us by the institutions we're able to deduce, for the most part, there were intentional burials based on field notes,"



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans led the ceremony as representatives lined up to carry the boxes one-by-one to the burial site.

Martin said. "There were three individuals that were identified by our Ziibiwing team and researcher. (Of) those three individuals, two had accidental deaths and one was tragic."

On Thursday, Dec. 12, with spiritual individuals and Elders, a funerary rights ceremony was given for the three individuals that were not given the proper ceremony in their time.

The Dec. 13 repatriation included "a recommitment, reconciliation, appeasement and healing ceremony because the rest have been given proper funeral rights," Martin said.

After the Recommitment to the Earth Ceremony, guests were welcomed to a Journey Feast at the Ziibiwing Center

to conclude the ancestral ceremonies and protocols.

Since the passage of the 1990 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, Ziibiwing has been working in collaboration with the Michigan Anishinabek Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance to bring home ancestors and their associated funerary objects from the numerous institutions, museums and universities across the country.

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



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Native American ancestral remains were brought home and laid to rest during the Recommitment to Earth Ceremony.

Recipients recognize SCIT at the Saganing two percent distribution



Richard Byrne
Pinconning City manager

"We have a pretty big park and we have soccer in the spring and other events where we have to move the bleachers around. It makes for a lot of wear and tear on the bleachers when we move them and these new bleachers will be a great addition to our area... It has been a busy week for me. I was sworn in Monday and I have my handout on Friday. You made a lot of young people in our city happy with what you have given us today."



Jeff Trombley
Arenac County vice-chair

"First of all I want to thank Tribal Council on behalf of all the senior citizens of Arenac County. The improvements you have help with, like the bridge and the grain elevator, helps everyone. I would encourage you to help Arenac County in any way possible... the last thing we need in Arenac County is another business with their doors closed."



Dave Ramsey
Pinconning/Fraser Fire Department chief

"What we asked for was money to purchase automatic defibrillator. It was mandated by the state that all medical first responder units be equipped with defibrillator that is both adult and pediatric. The units cost about \$2,300 for each department. I had to go to our board and they were gracious enough to allow us to take the money from the Tribe to purchase the needed units for all the 15 fire departments in the area. Last night, I was thinking of this and it is truly the meaning of Thanksgiving on how we have something we are thankful for and we are sharing it with others."



Alice Sproule
City of Omer mayor

"I came this moment because it feels like Christmas because twice a year we get help. Like Mr. Trombley said, Arenac County needs help... Because of the Indians, we have our library and this beautiful playground. I asked some teenagers what they would like and they said belt swings. I had no idea how expensive belt swings were until I priced them. Now I have a check for belt swings, a tractor and a fire truck."



Tom Ennes
City of Au Gres mayor

"I would like to thank Tribal Council for help with this boundary road in AuGres Township. These dollars help with projects we would find hard to complete without your assistance. You have been really good to AuGres and we really appreciate it. Thank you again."



Curt Hillman
Standish City manager

"I would like to thank the Tribe for helping us with the historic depot. Over the years, we just didn't have the extra money to do what we needed to do with the depot. We have people who have signed our (depot) registry books who come from 39 different states and nine different foreign countries. We want people to come to Standish and stop and look around. I think the economy is starting to turn around for Standish and Arenac County. One of the most frequently asked questions to our staff at the depot, is how do you get to the casino. The depot serves as the anchor to the U.S. 23 route and we are tirelessly promoting tourism for many businesses at the depot and we appreciate the support back to us."



Saganing Eagles Landing Casino December Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to our December Employees of the Month; Kurt Humeickhouse and Paul Walker.

Kurt has been with us for more than a year now. He started out in the Maintenance department as a part-time associate and is now our Carpenter!

We have been keeping Kurt very busy these past few months. Kurt did a terrific job installing our new ticket window at

the Player's Club; he has built displays for our Guest Service Department and has been working on trimming our doors in the Administration area.

Kurt completes his projects accurately and quickly. He works on his projects in the pole barn with no heat, and does not complain! Thank you, Kurt, we are fortunate to have you!

Paul has just recently joined us as a Maintenance Supervisor. Paul has really made an impact on the associates here. In the short

time he has been with us, he has made many new friends with the staff. Paul greets his staff at the beginning of their shift with his smile and positivity. At the end of their shift, he meets them again to let them know what a great job they have done. He is always smiling and sending out encouragement to all the associates. Paul has also volunteered to play Santa Claus during our December promotion, the \$10,000 Mystery Gift Giveaway. Thank you, Paul, you are greatly appreciated.



Kurt Humeickhouse



Paul Walker

SELC October Casual for a Cause

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Saganing Associates raised \$1,150 during the month of October for Casual for a Cause. Associates wishing to wear jeans on Tuesdays or Fridays donated \$5. The money collected was donated to the non-profit organization, The Arenac County Baby Pantry.

The Arenac County Baby Pantry opened its doors in 2006 and is still filling many of the needs of pregnant women in Arenac County. They offer wellness checkups for expecting moms along with prenatal vitamins. Once the baby is born they offer formula, diapers,



A total of \$1,150 was donated to the Arenac County Baby Pantry.

infant clothing, bottles, blankets and more.

If you would like to donate to the Arenac County Baby Pantry or know of someone who is in need in Arenac County, please contact the Arenac Health

Department at 989-846-6541 or you may e-mail Allison at afegan@cmdhd.org.

In 2013, Saganing Associates have donated more than \$13,000 to nonprofit organizations in the area. Way to go!

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January 2014 At-Large Tribal Member spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Contributing Writer

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee or business owner of the Tribe. If you know any At-Large members, employees or business owners, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

The January 2014 At-Large Tribal Member is Carrie (Sharp) Farr.

Carrie currently works in the Tribal Enrollment Office as the Administrative Assistant I. Carrie started working for the casino in 1995 in the Finance Department and moved around to other departments to learn more about them. Carrie has also been a Dental

Assistant at Nimkee and worked at the Tribal Library as well as other departments in Tribal Operations.

Carrie was born in Covina, Calif. but was raised in Baldwin Park, Calif., Later, she moved to Norton Shores, Mich. to live with her Grandfather George Slater Sr., then moving in with her mom and brother in Muskegon Heights, Mich.

Carrie graduated in 1981 from West Shore Christian Academy in Norton Shores. Carrie started her college career at Oklahoma Community College and then moved to Michigan where she attended Bay Mills Community college in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Carrie earned her Small Business Degree from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in 2010.

Carrie's mother is the late Lorraine Ann (Slater) Kennedy of Mt. Pleasant, and her father is Donald Wilson Sharp of Clare, Mich. Carrie's maternal grandparents were Emma (Peters) Slater and George Slater Sr. of Mt. Pleasant. Carrie's sisters are Mary Johnson, who works at the Soaring Eagle and Tina Montoya who is a Police Officer in California. Her younger sister was Kelly David. Carrie's brother is Maynard Sharp, he works at the Ziibiwing Center in the Maintenance department.

Carrie lives in Clare, Mich. with her loving husband of 27 years, Richard Farr. Richard had to retire from the Soaring Eagle as supervisor of the Central Plant due to health reasons.

Carrie and Richard have three daughters; Heather Nicole Farr,

26; Jessica Michelle Farr, 24; and Jennifer Lona Farr, 18. All of Carrie's girls share the month of February as their birth month. The Farr's have a nice little hobby farm going with four Huskies, one cat named Rusty, chickens and ducks.

Carrie and Richard love spending time together and with their children.

Carrie would like to thank the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for hiring her when she first came back to Michigan. Also, she would like to thank Tribal Operations for giving her the honor of working for them and to get to



Carrie with her loving husband, Richard.

know a lot of family. She has learned a lot and met a lot of new smiling faces.

You may contact Carrie and the Tribal Enrollment Department at 989-772-4050.

The four different parts of Medicare and how you may qualify

There are many ways to qualify for Medicare. Medicare has four parts, each of which has its own requirements:

Hospital Insurance (also known as Part A): Most people 65 or older are eligible for Medicare hospital insurance (Part A) based on their own or their spouse's employment. **You are eligible at 65 if you:**

- Receive Social Security or railroad retirement benefits, or
- Are not getting Social Security or railroad retirement benefits, but you have worked long enough to be eligible for them, or
- Would be entitled to Social Security benefits based on your spouse's, or divorced spouse's

work record and that spouse is at least 62. Your spouse does not have to apply for benefits in order for you to be eligible based on your spouse's work.

Worked long enough in a federal, state or local government job to be insured for Medicare if you are under 65. Before age 65, you are eligible for Medicare hospital insurance if you:

- Get Social Security disability benefits and have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's) disease, or
- Have been a Social Security disability beneficiary for 24 months, or
- Have worked long enough in a federal, state or local

government job and you meet the requirements of the Social Security disability program.

If you receive a disability annuity from the Railroad Retirement Board, you will be eligible for hospital insurance after a waiting period. (Contact your railroad retirement office for details)

Eligibility for family members: Under certain conditions, your spouse, divorced spouse, widow or widower or a dependent parent may be eligible for hospital insurance when your spouse turns 65, based on your work record.

Also, disabled widows and widowers under age 65, disabled divorced widows and widowers under 65 and disabled children may be eligible for Medicare, usually after a 24-month qualifying period. (For disabled widows/widowers, previous months of eligibility for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) based on disability may count toward the qualifying period.)

If you have kidney failure: Special rules apply to people with permanent kidney failure. Under these rules, you are eligible for hospital insurance at any age if you receive

maintenance dialysis or a kidney transplant and:

- You are insured or are getting monthly benefits under Social Security or the railroad retirement system; or
- You have worked long enough in government to be insured for Medicare.

In addition, your spouse or child may be eligible, based on your work record, if she or he receives continuing dialysis for permanent kidney failure or had a kidney transplant, even if no one else in the family is getting Medicare.

If you do not qualify under these rules: Certain aged people who do not qualify for Medicare hospital insurance under these rules may be able to get it by paying a monthly premium. They also must always enroll in medical insurance (Part B) to get this coverage. Certain disabled people who lost premium-free hospital insurance because they work can get Medicare hospital insurance again by paying a premium.

Medicare Medical Insurance (also known as Part B): Almost anyone who is 65 or older or who is under 65 but

eligible for Medicare hospital insurance can enroll for Medicare medical insurance by paying a monthly premium. Anyone aged 65 or older does not need any Social Security or government work credits to enroll in this part of Medicare.

If you would like to file for Medicare Part A or Part B, please visit the ssa-custhelp.ssa.gov website.


Medicare Advantage Plans (also known as Part C): People with Medicare Parts A and B can choose to receive all of their health care services through an approved provider organization under Part C. There may be additional premiums required for some plans.

Prescription Drug Coverage (also known as Part D): Anyone who has Medicare hospital insurance (Part A), medical insurance (Part B) or Medicare Advantage plan (Part C) is eligible for prescription drug coverage (Part D). Joining a Medicare prescription drug plan is voluntary and you pay an additional monthly premium for the coverage.

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Vacancy will be posted for at least 30 days from Jan. 1, 2014

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This position is only open to Tribal Members who are currently registered with the Tribal Clerks office as At-Large Members, District 3.

This is a volunteer position and not a paid position.

Goal: This role entails assessing and accurately representing the needs and concerns of constituents. Advise the Program Supervisor of those needs and concerns and make recommendations to develop solutions, act as a liaison between the At-Large Council Representative and the At-Large Membership.

If you are interested in filling this position, please send a letter of interest to:

At-Large Program
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Attention: BAB Board

If you have further questions Please call:

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At-Large Program Supervisor
1-800-884-6271



Let's talk: The role of ACFS Protective Services

LISA M. KENNEDY
Prevention & Outreach
Supervisor

In this month's article for *Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services*, the focus will be the Protective Services component of this agency. ACFS offers a variety of services for the benefit of families and children of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Protective Services being one of those entities, which functions under the Saginaw Chippewa

Children's Code (Title II), and furthermore requires compliance with Federal statutes.

In order for the Tribal community to achieve this level of protection of its most precious members it is vital that there be a process, standards and providers to implement the laws of the Tribal community. This is the role and responsibility of the Tribal Court, ACFS, Tribal Police Department, Administration, elected officials and the community overall.

Unfortunately, societal actions do not allow us to live

in a way that would eliminate this protective process. There are adults and parents who make choices that have implications for their families and children. This often stems from lifestyle choices and personal actions that require social service intervention.

The purpose of the SCIT Children's Code (Title II) is to:

2.101 The young people are the most important resource of SCIT and their welfare is of paramount importance.

2.102 It is important that the young people of SCIT receive, preferably in their own homes, the care and guidance need to prepare them to take their places as adult members of SCIT.

2.103 This Court shall protect the child's interest by choosing a course of action which least restricts the child's freedom and is consistent with the safety and interests of SCIT.

2.104 SCIT needs a recognized children's court system to insure that off-reservation courts will be willing to return young people of the tribe to the reservation or care and guidance.

Specifically, as listed under the Children's Code (Title II) it requires ACFS to take automatic action on cases where a minor is deemed a "Minor-In-Need-of-Care", thus requiring intervention. This language is very descriptive of the various challenges and circumstances facing some of our Tribal families. This includes:

2.202 "Abuse-or child abuse or neglect"- Means an act or omission in one of the following categories, which seriously threatens the health or welfare of a child. **Evidence of:**

a. Any case in which a child exhibits evidence of skin bruising, bleeding, malnutrition, failure to thrive, burns, fracture of any bone, subdural hematoma, soft tissue swelling, death, such conditions and death is not justifiable explained or where history given concerning such condition or death is

at variance with the degree or type of such condition or death or circumstances indicate that such condition or death may not be the product of an accidental occurrence.

b. Any case in which a child is subjected to sexual assault or molestation.

c. Any case in which a child's parents, legal guardian or custodians fail to take the same actions to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or supervision that a prudent parent would take.

2.222 "Minor-In-Need-of-Care" or "Child-In-Need-of-Care". A Minor:

a. Who has no parent, guardian or custodian available and willing to care for him/her or who is homeless, without proper care, or not domiciled with his parent, guardian, or legal custodian and through no fault of his parent, guardian or legal custodian; or

b. Who has suffered or is likely to suffer a physical injury, inflicted upon him/her by other than accidental means, which causes or creates a risk of death, disfigurement or impairment of bodily functions; or

c. Who has not been provided with adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education or supervision by his parent, guardian or custodian necessary for his/her health and well-being. The fact that one of the parents, guardian or custodian is providing adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education or supervision necessary for

the health and well-being of the minor, does not excuse the neglect of the offending parent, guardian, or custodian; or

d. Who has been sexually abused or sexually exploited by a parent, guardian or custodian either intentionally or negligently, or

e. Whose parents, guardian or custodian had the opportunity to prevent physical injury or physical or sexual abuse, and failed to do so, or

f. Who has been emotionally and/or psychologically abused or neglected;

g. Who is born addicted to alcohol or exposed to controlled substance which has resulted in physical and/or mental harm to the child;

h. Whose parents are separated and no court of competent jurisdiction has issued a temporary custody and support order; or

i. Whose parent has been convicted of a violent or criminal sexual crime against the other parent or a sibling of a child; or

j. Whose parent has been convicted of a crime of a nature that demonstrates the parent's unfitness to adequately parent the child; or

k. Whose parent has had his/her parental rights to one or more siblings of the minor terminated due to serious and chronic neglect or physical or sexual abuse; or

l. Whose found under conditions that would support grounds for termination of parental rights in Chapter 2.9.

Christmas Giving

Highlights Toys for Tots and Hoops for Hunger programs



The Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel employees and patrons collected more than 200 toys during their two-day "Giving & Swimming" event on Dec. 10-11.

"It was such a great feeling to give back to our local charities," General Manager Bonnie Sprague said.

Pictured in the photo with Gizi is Andy Blizzard, Abbie Rau, Bonnie Sprague, Darcy Brookshier, Stefanie Griffin and Skip Steere.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy fourth graders got into the spirit of the holiday season by collecting food for the CMU Basketball sponsored "Hoops for Hunger" program.

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Ziibiwing Center displayed North American Indian beadwork collection showing

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Throughout the year, the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways sponsors a quarterly collection showing to the Tribal community. On Saturday, Nov. 9, Ziibiwing Curator William Johnson introduced a special exhibit of North American Indian beadwork. The objects remained on display throughout November to the beginning of December.

Beadwork of geometric shapes, woodland floral and animal designs were showcased. Beautifully crafted, award-winning raised beadwork pieces by Samuel Thomas and Lorna Hill, a mother and son beadworking team from Niagara Falls, Ontario, was on display.

“One of our most special accomplishments that we were

honored to be a part of is the Indigenous People’s Art Market,” Johnson said. “We had the opportunity to present a juried competition and art market. During the competition, we had the pleasure of hosting Samuel Thomas and Lorna Hill, of the Lower Cayuga and Iroquois Wolf Clan.”

Thomas and Hill were so successful at the first Indigenous People’s Art Market, they won Best of Category and Best of Show for their beaded Strawberry Shoulder Bag, from approximately 2000.

A beautifully beaded yoke was also displayed, circa 2000, which won first place at the first Indigenous People’s Art Market.

“Ziibiwing was fortunate to be able to purchase the pieces from Samuel and Lorna for the permanent collection,” Johnson said. “The Ziibiwing Center has a beautiful Tribal Collections



**Deceased SCIT member
Caleb E. Calkins**

room where we keep all permanent collection objects. Samuel and Lorna’s objects will go back to their individual spaces within the Collections room after the exhibition.”

Other beadwork pieces displayed were collected by deceased Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe member Caleb E. Calkins.

Calkins requested 368 objects go to SCIT after his passing. Some of the objects are of the Nez Perce Tribe, including pictorial flat bags, circa 1950. There were three disfigured bandolier bags showcased to the Tribal community for the first time because they are so fragile.

“The Ziibiwing Center has a Collections Policy and Procedure that doesn’t allow us to collect for the sake of collecting,”



Ziibiwing Center displayed just a few samples of the 368 objects Calkins requested to go to SCIT after his passing.

Johnson said. “Public access to the permanent collection is primarily through exhibition and educational programs. Although fragile, we still have a responsibility to educate our community about Ojibwe beadwork.”

Ziibiwing has such an extensive collection that Thomas’ and Hill’s pieces have not seen the light of day since that Indigenous People’s Art Market in 2000.

“As the Curator, I keep a record of every single object that has been on display at the Ziibiwing Center,” Johnson said. “I know which have been shown to the Tribal community and which haven’t... After this

exhibition is over, we update the list and keep a written record of which objects are shown to the Tribal community.”

With Ziibiwing Collection showings planned quarterly, the next one is set for Feb. 8-15, 2014. Visit Ziibiwing Center’s website for more upcoming events at sagchip.org/ziibiwing/.



The 2000 Indigenous People’s Art Market award-winning Strawberry Shoulder Bag by Samuel Thomas and Lorna Hill.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

One of the beautiful beadwork pieces Ziibiwing received from deceased SCIT member Caleb E. Calkins.

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MINWAADIZI	Healthy
GOTAAMIGOZI	Good worker
MASHKAWAA	Strong/strength
NIBWAAKAA	Wise
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WAYESHKAD	Beginning
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MNO NIM-KO-DAA-DING HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dear WW: Before the holidays, I once again reconciled with my boyfriend. I think I made a mistake and from the gift he gave me, I know I did. I kept hinting around for a ring but instead I got a skimpy negligée! It seems our relationship isn't going anywhere but the bedroom. How do I get him to be serious about us? **Hint Hint**

Dear Hint: Perhaps hinting is not the proper way to communicate about your future. I would suggest a nice candle lit dinner for starters. You can practice what you want to say beforehand. If you can't be honest with this person, then he probably isn't the right person for you. You should examine that area and ask yourself if you really want to spend the rest of your life with this person you have a hard time communicating with.

Dear WW: My wife's daughter and her kids come over to visit her all the time. I don't have a problem with that. The problem is the kids and the destruction they leave behind! I am too much of a clean freak and find myself starting to resent these visits. Twinkies, chocolate milk and you name it; it is ground into our carpet! How do I tell them to clean up their mess without sounding like a jerk? **Mr. Clean**

Dear Mr. Clean: If someone doesn't start to teach the kids how to respect someone else's home, the problem will only get worse. You can very nicely monitor their visit and make sure they stay at the table while eating or drinking. You can remind them to clean up their mess before they get their coats on. You would not be a jerk for teaching young kids to clean up after themselves!

Dear WW: I'm afraid I made the mistake of my life by leaving my wife and son. I was so young and stupid at the time. Sadly, it didn't work out with the one I left her for so here I am all alone. I would give anything to be a family again. Unfortunately, she has moved on and has a new man in her life. I'm not sure, but I think she's giving me mixed signals about us. Should I pursue it or get on with my life? **Regrets**

Dear Regrets: You should ask yourself "What have I got to lose?" At least you can explain to your son when he grows up that once you realized your mistake, you gave it your all. Couples can work through situations like this with therapy. Maybe she is giving you mixed signals because she is also playing with the idea but doesn't know how to approach it. Send her an email and give her time to think about it.

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(Lets Celebrate Christmas)



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On Saturday, Dec. 14, the Ziibwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways hosted the "Let's Celebrate Christmas!" community cultural teaching and feast. The event featured holiday songs in Anishinaabemowin with Evelyn Roy and Loretta Doreen Peltier. Guests also had the opportunity to decorate cookies and create their own Christmas crafts.



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Angel Tree

provides gifts for 422 South Dakota children in need

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Once again this year, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Members took action in helping another community in need. SCIT members donated, purchased and collected gifts for children in need on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In preparation for the holidays, SCIT members, employees and community members were able to sponsor a child in South Dakota by shopping for items on their "wish list" for the Angel Tree program. For those with not enough extra time to shop, donations were gladly accepted and SCIT "elves" shopped to complete the children's lists.

Gifts were collected on Friday, Dec. 6 in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room and Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym.

"It is a blessing our Tribe and employees give to the families of Pine Ridge every year," Angel Tree Organizer Louanna Bruner said. "This (was) like Santa's workshop and we (were) wrapping gifts."

Bruner sent a special thank-you to all the community volunteers, SCIT Youth Council and CMU student volunteers.

Director of the Native American Programs and Student Transition Enrichment Program at Central Michigan University Colleen Green volunteered for the Angel Tree program and brought along many CMU students during gift collecting in the Tribal Gym.

"CMU Native American Programs has coordinated volunteers through the Multicultural Advancement and Lloyd Cofer Scholarship Program and student assistance for several years and welcomed the opportunity to work together again this year with the SCIT Angel

Tree Program," Green said. "A number of these CMU students have volunteered for consecutive years and get excited about shopping and wrapping gifts every year for this enriching program."

"This program gives students the chance to give back to a community who is less fortunate and allows student scholars the chance to reflect on social justice issues and their own passions as young professionals," Green said.

After the gift collection, Bruner, along with Green, Sheila Leureaux, Judy Pamp, Gary Bird, Toby Pamp, Frances Mena, Sydney Kopke, Mariah Miller, Rosanna Romero and Ken Snyder traveled to Oglala Lakota College in Kyle, S.D. with Santa; played by Bird, Mrs. Claus; played by Judy Pamp and elf friends to deliver the presents to the 422 children in need.

"Twenty-five classrooms were transported by bus to see Santa and receive their gifts," Bruner said. "Their gifts were provided by SCIT members, employees and community. Because of such generosity we were able to provide gifts for all enrolled children in the Oglala Lakota College Head Start Program. Some children traveled over an hour with great anticipation of seeing Santa."

Children received winter coats, boots, hats and gloves and even their favorite kind of toy or doll.

"Although the drive can be long and dangerous at



Photo courtesy of Colleen Green

Children in need on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota had a merry Christmas when they received gifts and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Bags and bags of gifts were collected in the Tribal Gym to be delivered to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.



Photo courtesy of Sheila Leureaux

Children send a big thank you to Santa, volunteers and gifts from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal community.



Photo courtesy of Sheila Leureaux

Santa, Mrs. Claus, their elves and SCIT members pose for a photo with the children.

times, the smiles on the children's faces melt all of the tension away," Judy Pamp said. "I hope everyone gets a chance to view the photos so they can see their generosity is well received. I am very proud of our community for remembering the tradition of sharing our blessings and giving to others."

Bird had the privilege of making children smile while playing the role of Santa and passing out the gifts.

"We are putting hope in these kids' hearts," Bird said. "I do this because some of the kids have nothing, it's not their fault, at least this way they have something."

Pamp had the honor of playing Mrs. Claus to brighten the children's day.

"One young girl came up to me (Mrs. Claus) and

whispered, 'Are you real? Some of my classmates said Santa wasn't real.' I held out my hand and asked her to touch my hand," Pamp said. "Her face lit up as she exclaimed, 'You are real!' I reminded her, 'As long as you believe, Santa is real!'"

The Holiday season is a great time to give back to other communities or people in need.

"We are trying to change the world one piece at a time," Snyder said. "Hopefully someone sees this and gets inspired to give back somewhere else."

The children's faces were priceless when they met Santa and received their gifts. They were able to have a blessed Christmas thanks to all the SCIT donors and volunteers.



Photo courtesy of Colleen Green

The children excitedly collected their Christmas gifts from "Santa Claus and his helpers."



Tribal Eagle Staff and flag fly proudly at Delta College Native Heritage Month

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Tribal Eagle Staff and our Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Flag flew proudly at the Nov. 14 Native Heritage Month event held on the campus of Delta College.

Delta College students joined with administrators and faculty in the courtyard for a smudge ceremony offered by Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans Warrior Society Okima I Mike Perez and Weekaun Kent Jackson.

"The Medicine Ceremony and Talking Circle fostered a learning community which uniquely and effectively promoted creativity, innovation and growth," Delta College President Jean Goodnow, Ph.D.

said. "Miigwetch to the Tribal Elders who, through their time and teachings, facilitated an open and insightful exploration of identity, experience, ideas and opinions among all participants. Delta College administration, faculty and staff deeply honor, appreciate and share the respect that was so evident between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal delegation and our students. We welcome future opportunities to promote learning that is inclusive, engaging, diverse and of mutual benefit to Tribal and Delta students."

Jackson admired that students continued to pour into the courtyard when they knew the teachings were available and accessible to them.

"We are meant to share these teachings with the community in a good way, and the students at Delta College were respectful of that," Jackson said. "To have a Talking Circle without the medicine being there would not be right and the students were correct

to make that tobacco offering for the warriors to help them ... it is an honor for us to do so."

The Talking Circle was sponsored by the Delta Foundation and it featured song, dance and storytelling from three Native Delta students.

As a packed room looked on, Delta student Tim Stone shared his environmental concerns about the Keystone pipeline and how Tribes respect our environment.

"It was a privilege to share my concerns about our environment. It made my heart soar to see all of the people who were interested in the Talking Circle show up," Stone said. "To have the Tribal dancing and singing right here at Delta, it was a great experience for all the students!"

Tim's wife, Cathy Stone, also shared her experience of being a mother and Native student at Delta.

"I was and still am honored for the opportunity to take part," she said. "I am honored for being able to share Medicine and take part in the Talking Circle. I feel blessed that so many people showed up to take part and learn what we had to share. My heart and soul was filled with much happiness by everyone thanking us for sharing and teaching them."



Delta Foundation Advisor Julie Dorcey addresses the full Talking Circle participants during Native Heritage Month.

Delta student Roxanne Adamczyk shared her message through music in performing a fancy shawl dance for a receptive audience.

"I wanted to thank the warriors and my fellow Heritage Month presenters for such warm beautiful words," Adamczyk said. "I wanted to thank the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe for letting me be a part of sharing at Delta – it was truly an honor. It also meant so much to me to be at the Wolf Vigil on the Reservation later that evening with other Delta family members."

Laura Dull, PhD, Delta College associate professor, agrees bridging cultures can be difficult when students are confined to the walls of a classroom and to hearing the voices of those different from us on paper or in video clips.

"Being able to see, hear and interact with Native peoples from our own area, especially peoples of different ages and statuses and with different life experiences, and hear their own stories, in voices that were soft, strong, and sometimes wavering, helped my students put a face to the struggles of peoples all over the world who have suffered from imperialism and a loss of their native cultures," Dull shares. "Over and over opportunities such as the Talking Circle affirm that truth. These opportunities are the great treasures of a college education."

After the Talking Circle, the Tribal representatives did a giveaway and the Delta Foundation treated all in attendance with a lunch that included a contemporary Native food staple... frybread.



Okima I Mike Perez (left) and Weekaun Kent Jackson (right) share a smudge ceremony with Delta College President Dr. Jean Goodnow.

SCIT sponsors 2014 Art Reach Festival of Banners in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe again joins forces with local area businesses in their sponsorship of the arts.

The Mt. Pleasant, Mich. based 501-C3 organization, Art Reach of Mid-Michigan, announced Dec. 12 they will again host the colorful Festival of Banners. The festival features brightly painted banners on light poles in downtown Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd, Mich., Winn and in Union Township on Pickard Street from June through November 2014.

SCIT Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier has seen many of our Native artists involved in the festival and is supportive of the Tribe's continued sponsorship.

"Art Reach of Mid-Michigan is one of many entities that help to assist within our community to bring about awareness and that much celebrated eclectic feel of diversity and the strength in difference," Cloutier said. Our Tribal community endlessly pursues opportunities to share our rich culture and our past practices in the hopes that all those efforts would bring about

greater awareness and respect. The projects, events and promotional efforts that Art Reach provides within our community are a natural fit to showcase our talents and love of creativity and creation."

Cloutier asks the community to join the Tribal Council and Public Relations department in supporting Art Reach by bringing some culture and creativity to our communities and our youth.

The Signature Sponsor for this community public art event is Union Township. Event sponsors joining SCIT are Northwestern Mutual

Financial Network, Isabella Bank and Firstbank.

Art Reach Executive Director Kathryn Hill welcomes the government and business community support but acknowledges the artists directly.

"Student artists participating through local schools will paint approximately half of the 333 banners this year, and the other half of the 333 banners will be painted by community members who submit designs," Hill said. "The Banner Festival Committee will sponsor public 'paint days' for artists to complete their paintings. Paint days will be held at Jameson Park in

Mt. Pleasant and paint for the banners will be provided."

Entry deadline for banner submissions is Feb. 14, 2014. Banners are available to artists of all ages and skill levels.

People interested in submitting a design may pick up an entry form at Art Reach or on the Art Reach website www.artreachcenter.org on Jan. 2, 2014. All banner designs become property of the Festival of Banners.

For more information on banner art and the Festival of Banners visit www.artreachcenter.org or call Art Reach at 989-773-3689.

ACFS Christmas Bazaar craft show raises funds for Foster Care Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services hosted their first annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 23 in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym. The fundraiser for the Foster Care Program organized a holiday sale of unique crafted or handmade items and baked goods from about 40 different vendors.

The Christmas Bazaar event idea came from ACFS Indian Child Welfare Specialist Eliza Owl as she has a love for both the foster care program and Christmas events.

Proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar are utilized to honor foster parents at the annual Foster Care Appreciation Banquet.



The first annual Christmas Bazaar offered unique crafted or handmade items and baked goods from about 40 vendors.

"It is thankless work that they do when they take other kids in," Owl said. "We try to honor them once a year with the banquet... We do not have the funds right now so this event helps us raise money."

All vendors paid for their

table space to help benefit the Foster Care Program.

"They sell their goods, but just pay for the table," Owl said. "We also raise funds with our bake sale, gift wrapping for a donation, a 50/50 raffle and profit from meals sold."

More than \$1400 was raised from booth space profits, the bake sale, meals sold, raffle tickets and donations.

ACFS gained the assistance of several Tribal departments to make this event possible.

"We tried to have the whole Tribe a part of this so we asked different programs to contribute," Owl said. "RTC (Residential Treatment Center) helped with gift wrapping, (Tribal) Youth helped in the kitchen and family volunteers were all around selling tickets. We wanted to make this a community-wide event."

Owl had support from all generations of her family; her son, granddaughter and great-grandchildren all volunteered to work.

On the stage of the Tribal Gym, beautifully decorated small Christmas trees were

displayed. The Christmas Trees were decorated by Saginaw Chippewa Academy students. A silent auction was provided for the trees, all funds went to the Academy, raising \$335.

Vendors were not just from the Tribal community alone, but from all around. Owl went to different craft shows, handed out fliers to acquire more merchants for the Christmas Bazaar.

I love Christmas Bazaar and it is a great way to make money while having fun, Owl said.

The first annual Christmas Bazaar was such a success, Owl hopes this becomes an annual event.

For more information on the Foster Care Program visit www.sagchip.org/socialservices/fosterparent.asp.



Community members get “crafty” at Seventh Generation holiday workshop

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, the Seventh Generation Cultural Representatives helped community members get “crafty” at their first of three Native Christmas holiday workshops. The first event was so well received by the community, Seventh Generation staffers said all three sessions filled up immediately.

“It was a great turn out and the kids were very creative and enjoyed making the decorations,” Cultural Representative and White Earth Elder Wilma Henry said. “The adults enjoyed making the drum decorations and had a good time conversing

and laughing. I would like to say thanks to our Seventh Generation Staff for making the evening a success.”

Andahwod Administrative Assistant II Sheligh Jackson brought her daughter, Sydney, and son, Walker, to the holiday event at the ceremonial building.

“I’m glad the Seventh Generation staff offered this craft night because it gives families an evening to make Christmas crafts together with others in the community,” Jackson said. “My kids and I enjoyed making our ornaments and are looking forward to the next night we signed up for!”

Housing Account Receivable Specialist Besty Weekley brought her daughter, Lexi, and son, Kayden, for the festivities.

“What a fun night,” Weekley said. “The kids and I really enjoyed making drums, ornaments, snowmen and lots more. What a fun way to get messy and crafty together as a family! Thanks so much to the Seventh Generation staff for all your efforts!”

Ziibiwing Research Center Specialist Robin Spencer also commended Seventh Generation’s efforts on encouraging some of the new artists from our community.

“My grandson, Chris, and I had a great time but it was a little rough in the beginning because the drum ornaments were a little hard for the kids,” Spencer said. “My personal favorite was the sock and rice snowman. Chris was so creative with



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elder Wilma Henry shows some Christmas craftiness as Tribal students Kayden Weekley and sisters Julianna and Adrianna Garcia look on (pictured left to right).

his he hated it when we had to get ready to leave. I think everyone that came enjoyed themselves and helped others as they needed help.”

As a successful event for the holiday season, many said, “Miigwetch” to the Seventh Generation program for providing a family-fun evening.

Artist Summer Peters teaches skillful beadwork at Ziibiwing Center

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Talented artist and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe member Summer Peters taught one-day beadwork workshops Nov. 18-22 at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways for the Artist-in-Residence class.

At age 8, Peters learned to bead from her mother and grandmother. Peters is also a Jingle Dress Dancer and learned to create the beadwork for her moccasins and leggings.

“I began beading at age 8 as a result of watching my mom do loom work in my kitchen,” Peters said. “I also used to go to my grandma’s house and get into paints and stare at her jars of beads. My family has always nurtured my creativity simply by letting me watch what they do.”

Peters presented the “Flat Stitching: Techniques, Detail & Definition” workshop to ages 10 and older. The fee was \$4 per student or chaperone and \$2 per educator.

Twenty-five students attended the three hour workshop each night. Fifteen participants attended throughout the week, and also showed up on the last day as they

worked on the finalization of their beaded work.

“I had a great time teaching at Ziibiwing,” Peters said. “I tell people that I’m not a university-trained teacher so I get a little nervous. But I took it moment by moment and it turned out really well. When people are inspired; child and adult, that’s the thing that lets me know I’m doing my job correctly.”

Interim Sales and Event Coordinator for Ziibiwing Glenna Genereaux attended the workshops where Peters had the students work on shading and blending different colors of an apple design.

“I learned how to shade colors together,” Genereaux said. “Even though everyone worked on the same piece, everyone sees it differently. Plus, I learned that needle nose pliers should be a beader’s best friend.”

The beading workshop was held after business hours, but during the day, Peters taught youth students how to craft a daisy chain. The students came from Tri-County schools and Gladwin Intermediate.

“She did work with a record number of students,” Genereaux said. “The total was 285 students, we usually only do 50 per day, with approximately



Photo courtesy of Glenna Genereaux

The beadworking class, with Summer Peters in the center, holds up their beaded apple project on the last night of the workshop.

30 teachers or chaperones and held a training workshop for Ziibiwing staff so we can share the daisy chain craft with school groups in the future.”

Peters shared her excitement when learning her Artist-in-Residence had the largest participation.

“I’m very proud of that,” Peters said. “The biggest accomplishment is passing on a gift that was given to me many years ago.”

In early 2010, Peters decided to quit her full-time job to pursue her passion for art.

“It was a scary move,” Peters said. “I had to rely on myself to figure everything out. Although the journey is rough at times, the moments of joy far outweigh. Pursuing my art full-time has allowed me to stay at home with my children and raise them properly. That is the biggest advantage to this and sometimes, they even come to art shows with me.”

“Doing art shows is fun for me,” she said. “I participate in juried art shows which you have to submit photos and wait to hear if you’ve been accepted...I’ve had really awesome wins this past year, but most of all, I’m just honored to be able to compete with the

best. Seeing my name next to my heroes is really satisfying.”

In summer 2013, Peters won Best of Show at the Eiteljorg Indian Market with her beadwork portrait “Gentleman Jim,” of Jim Thorpe from the Sac and Fox Tribe. The piece was created to highlight Native American people who have accomplished a great deal in mainstream society.

The Jim Thorpe piece is in the collection of a private collector, Peters said.

Thorpe went to the Carlisle Indian Industrial Boarding School in Pennsylvania where his athletic ability was recognized. Thorpe was an American Indian Olympic Gold Medalist in 1912, many considered him the greatest athlete of the 20th century.

Ziibiwing Center had the honor to purchase a second beadwork portrait of Thorpe made by Peters. It was displayed at the annual Appreciation Dinner in December. The portrait will remain at Ziibiwing.

“I am happy to say the Ziibiwing Center did acquire this piece,” Peters said. “It is my first contribution to my Tribe’s art collection. This is a huge honor and big milestone for me.”

Art is not the only career path Peters would like to focus on. She plans to head back to school next August to study the field of Sustainability and Renewable Energy.

“As for my art during this time, I will be limiting my art shows to two shows a year,” she said. “This will give me more time to concentrate on my school work while producing high-quality art.”

Peters enjoys bringing attention to Native American heroes and heroines with her artwork. The next portrait piece she plans on creating is of Billy Mills.

Advice Peters would give to a beginner beader is, “Practice makes perfect.”

“The more hours you log, the better you will be,” she said. “This reservation has so much talent and creativity that it’s just a way of life for us. We don’t acknowledge that we are in fact, artists. Being a working artist these days can be tricky with all the administrative duties that come along with it. I’m really glad I went to college, it’s helped me immensely.”

To view Peters’ artwork, visit her business Facebook page under “Mama Longlegz”.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Peters demonstrates how to begin the daisy chain beading to a Gladwin school student.



Remembering to keep faith during trials and tribulations

DAWN PEREZ

Contributing Writer

Wow! It's 2014. I don't know about you, but I am so glad 2013 is over and behind us. Talk about a bad year for me; I quite literally (as my friend put it) got beat up by life. I braved the storms that came my way. I think I did it mostly for my kids because every time something happened, I tried like heck to lessen the pain for them. If I was hurt, I'd tell them with a smile that I was going to be okay and that I was thankful I am alive to talk about it. If we didn't have money for the

lights, I'd tell them it would be okay and not to worry about it because God will provide. I don't even know why I worried myself because it seemed like whenever I was in that 11th hour—something always happened for the good. **SAVED!**

In every family there's always one person everyone is worried about. The person is usually an adult that thinks they can do whatever they want because they are "grown." They run around with their brief freedom drinking and driving too fast. Getting in fights and causing all kinds of mayhem within the family. Then there comes

the point where you aren't really happy to see that person coming up your driveway anymore. You hide and pretend you don't hear them knocking and you peek out relieved that they left on their own accord. Of course you feel bad about what you just did and wonder if it would've been the same old arguments if you had opened the door and let them in.

Maybe sometimes you do open the door. Maybe the person is so intoxicated they don't know who you are. Maybe you try to feed the person in the hopes they will go to sleep and not bother your neighbors. Or you instantly regret opening

the door because the person is being loud and obnoxious. They are being downright rude and mean to everyone in the house for no apparent reason. Perhaps, too, your kids are scared of the person when they are drunk. Maybe you pray for them but it seems like your prayers are going unanswered because for the fifth or sixth time, they are in the hospital again for crashing yet another car. Then, maybe, you get this incredible, unbelievable news that the person has stopped drinking and has been baptized. **SAVED!**

We all go through trials and tribulations. A lot of times

you lose **HOPE** but, I know you. You have this incredible **FAITH** and you have to know your **LOVE** of God the Creator will bring you through any storm. I saw a poster the other day and it said, "Sometimes the best thing to do is to bow your head and weather the storm." That will be my prayer this month whenever I get caught up and am about to give up. I have three very good reasons at home to keep on pushing forward through the pain and adversity. Plus, I wouldn't be a very good example to them if I just gave up, now would I? Baamaapii.

Tribal community meets Youth LEAD department staff at Christmas Bingo

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a night of fun for the family and a time for the Tribal Youth LEAD department to introduce themselves to the community. On Monday, Dec. 16, the Youth LEAD department hosted the Christmas Bingo in the Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym. It was a great turnout; the Gym was packed with people of all ages.

"We're excited," Youth LEAD Director Jennifer

Crawford said. "This is an annual event that Youth Task Force has always put on in the past. We're still collaborating with Youth Task Force, which is becoming part of Youth LEAD... So we're kicking off an older event, but sprucing it up, making it new and making it our own this year."

The first hour involved a visit from Santa, Christmas music by DJ Lupe and a meal prepared by the Youth LEAD staff. Before Christmas Bingo began, the Youth Lead department had the opportunity

to introduce the entire staff one-by-one.

When asked who helped make this event possible, Crawford said the entire Youth LEAD department joined forces.

"Our whole staff, the whole Youth LEAD department and all three of our teams; Leadership, Activities and Diversion," Crawford said. "We all work together and are bringing this event. From cooking the food and preparing everything, to getting the prizes and setting up the gym,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tribal Youth Lead department staff introduced themselves to the community during Christmas Bingo night on Dec. 16.

it's just amazing they all pull together and they are such an awesome team."

The night ended with Bingo winners collecting their prize

and a 50/50 raffle. The event was a great way for families to come together to celebrate the holidays and participate in an enjoyable activity.

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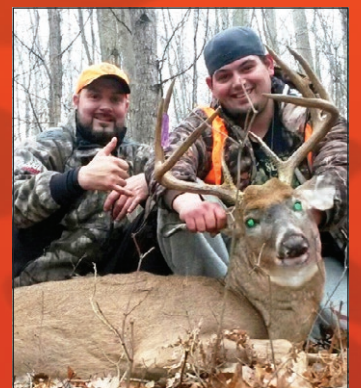
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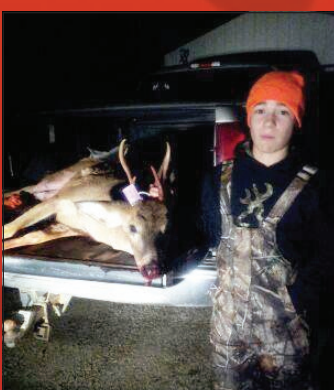
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Special Education Teacher Lovejoy receives "Educator of the Month" honors

GENA QUALLS

Contributing Writer

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

Congratulations to Rachel Lovejoy for being selected as our Educator of the Month! Lovejoy is a Special Education Teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

How long have you worked for the Education Department? Nov. 21, 2013 was my first complete year at SCA.

What is your favorite part of working in this department? Having a great

support system and staff. Also, being able to work with students of various ages and abilities.

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? One student comes to mind in particular. This student worked with me on a daily basis and was always trying to get rid of me. He would constantly ask staff members if I was fired yet. On the other hand, when I was absent, he would not stop asking about me. Staff would come up to me the next day to let me know that this student really missed me. Yet when he saw me, he would try to run and hide. This student was very humorous and could always put a smile on your face.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew

up? A marine biologist... I wanted to work with sharks.

Please tell us something people may not know about you. I am engaged to be married to my best friend that I've known since the third grade. I also own three Pitbulls named Bluto, Aries and Bocephous.

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? I enjoy reading, camping and kayaking.

What is your favorite movie? One of my favorite movies is "Bridesmaids".

What is your favorite food? Chinese!

Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick



Pictured left to right: SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda, Rachel Lovejoy and Leadership Program Intern Gena Qualls.

Miigwetch to Rachel Lovejoy for being such an integral part of our Education Team.

West Intermediate

The following students have earned perfect attendance for the First Trimester: Westley Adams, Joshua Bartow, Andrew Chingman, Bryan Chingman, Megan Cozzie, Robert Falcon-Hart, Joseph Hathaway, Zaltana Hinmon, Nodin Jackson, Montana Leasureaux, Kyle McCsauby-Reuckert, Michael Pelcher, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Aleeya Peters, William Potter, Joe Quintero, Aaron Schlegel and Carlee Williams. The following students are on the LEAD Honor Roll for the First Trimester: Justin Alexander, Esme Bailey, Chyna Doll Bergevin, Andrew Chingman, Karen Chippewa, Megan Cozzie, Robert Falcon-Hart, Alyssa Finch, Hunter Genia, Sydney Jackson, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Hunter Kequom, Montana Leasureaux, Emily Lezan, Maya Madrigal, Jesse Mandoka, Molly Mandoka, Kaida Morris, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Aleeya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Mastella Quaderer, Joe Quintero, Hailey Ritter, Aaron Schlegel, Maciah Sprague, Lindsay Watters and Carlee Williams.

Vowles

The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Aolani Gibbs, Aviana Gomez, Evelyn Kripa, Mateo Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Marianna Mays, Arianna Altiman, Anissa Quiroga and Gloria Altiman.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students have earned Student of the Month for November: Angelo Leasureaux, Alex Grice, Anita Pelcher, Raymond Pelcher, Layla Paul, Simon Jackson, Matthew Quaderer and Carissa Sanders. The following students have earned perfect attendance for November: Braeden Bennett, Adrianna Dudek, Angelo Leasureaux, Owen Seybert, Alex Grice, Red Arrow LaLonde, Kyla Henry, Frederick Highley, Adriana Paul, Landen Rowlett, Rodney Miller, Raymond Pelcher, Katie Pigeon, Madison Riggs, DaShawn Rueckert, Joshua Wemigwans, Adrianna Garcia, Annie Lada, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Joseph Swink, Kenneth Wemigwans, Thalia Bennett, Sam Hampton, Chelsea Pelcher, Sara Saunder, Lars George, Thomas Henry, Toby Pamp, Nathan Isaac, Teralyn Thomas, Quenten Rolfes and Ahsiniis Smith. The following students have turned in all homework for November: Liam Arbogast, Leia Black, Leticia Hawkins, Alex Grice, Gracie David, Matthew Stewart, Carmela Negrete, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Justin Perez, Jayden Pelcher, Kyla Henry, Dylan Bennett, Meadow David, Kerrina Miller-Hosler, Alexis Trepanier, Rodney Miller, Raymond Pelcher, Madison Riggs, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Tawny Jackson, Caden Pego, Alexis Taylor, Felicia Saunders, Thomas Pelcher, Calijah Trepanier, Annie Lada, Ariel Hinmon, Isaiah Leasureaux, Foster Crampton, Mnookmi Massey, Chelsea Pelcher, Adam Saboo, Sara Saunders, Christopher Spencer- Ruiz, Thomas Henry, Matthew Quaderer, Toby Pamp, Nathan Isaac and Teralyn Thomas.



LEAD Department Homework Lab Hours

Tribal Center and Mount Pleasant/Shepherd Schools

Tribal Center

Monday - Thursday | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
(Open to all students)

Mt. Pleasant High School

Monday - Friday | 2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m.
During student's lunch hour

Fancher

Monday - Friday | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

West Intermediate

Monday - Friday | 7:05 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
During student's lunch hour

McGuire

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
8:15 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.
During student's lunch hour (M,T,W,F)

Shepherd

Monday - Friday
7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
During student's lunch hour

Ganiard

Monday-Friday | 8 a.m. - 8:40 a.m.
Math Lab

McGuire

The following students have earned perfect attendance for November: Binayshee Hendrickson, Josie Isham, Sheananrose Pontiac, Makayla Stevens, Mgizi Wemigwans, Phoebe DeFeyter, Daniel Fuller, Sam Hassan, Charles Isham, James Montoya-Pego, Hazen Shinos, Marisa Bennett, Julian Flory, Cory Gaskill, Ogitchida Pamp, Carlos Sanders, Aliana Seybert and Chloe Wemigwans.

Pullen

The following students have earned perfect attendance for November: Kyras Bennett, Caleb Burger, Dylan Christy, Zheesheeb Compo, Jasmine Davis, Malakai DeMoines, Ryan Flaughner, Nevaeh Flory, Mahayla Freeman, James Hendrickson, Joaquin Jackson, Vanessa Lerma, Whisper Mandoka, Aaliyah Montoya-Pego, Elizabeth Pamp, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Kanner Quezada, Justin Ritter-Bollman, Kaya Rose, Emily Stevens, La'Anna Trudeau, Azrae Wemigwans and LahRae Wilson

Fancher

The following students have earned perfect attendance for November: Jamie Cross-George, Alex Hernandez, Eli Marin, Cheyanne Odem, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Thomas Trasky, David Culhane, Gabe Jackson, Makayla Jackson, Jarrad Johnson, Seth Magnell and Ty Rios.

Ganiard

The following students have earned perfect attendance for November: Inara Curry, Konner Hilleger, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Miah Perez, Gabriela Escabedo, Tehya Flores, Darien Haggard, Foster Hoorman, Neveah Jance, Paul Rueckert, Zoey Haggard, Nathaniel Houghton, Lucus Jackson, Trent McConnell, Collyn Morrow, Paul Shomin, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Damion Haggard, Matthew Jackson, Zamil Rueckert and Albert Shomin.



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SCTC Spring semester: New Year, new staff, great beginning

Happy New Year! Classes at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will begin Jan. 13 and the spring 2014 semester will officially be underway. There have been some significant changes in staff this past semester. We will take this opportunity to introduce the SCTC administrative staff to you once again, highlighting the newest staff members. Please call the office phone at **989-775-4123** to talk to any of the staff.

Carla Sineway is President of SCTC. She is a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe member, and has worked for SCIT for more than 25 years. She was the previous Dean of Students and Instruction at SCTC. She holds a Master's degree in enrollment from Capella University and a Master's degree in Professional Counseling from Central Michigan University.

Tracey DeFeyter is the SCTC Administrative Assistant III, her duties at the front desk are crucial to keep the Tribal College moving ahead.

Amanda George-Dye is in charge of Grants and Special Projects. Amanda is a SCIT member and has been working for the Tribe for many years. Amanda has worked as the SCTC Administrative Assistant. One current project is to identify funding sources for future building projects that will be needed for SCTC.

Mary Pelcher is the Extension Coordinator at SCTC; she is a member of Grand Traverse Bay from northern Michigan. Her primary duty is to provide outreach services to the Tribal community. She has also been an adjunct instructor teaching Anishinaabe Arts & Crafts, Native American Contemporary Artists and History of Art.

Tracy Reed is the new Dean of Research. Tracy has been employed with SCIT since 2000. She has previously worked at SCTC as Admissions/Registrar/Financial Aid, and then she was the Financial Aid Officer. This is what Tracy likes about working at SCTC:

"The atmosphere is very welcoming where each student is recognized as a person and not a number," Reed said. "I like being a small part of our students' educational journey, either by offering assistance or a word of encouragement. It is very rewarding to reflect on the students' growth when they come in nervous that first day, as they learn to navigate through classes and administrative processes and finally walk across that stage at graduation or transfer to the university level or take leadership positions in the community. I encourage everyone to continue their education. For me, it doesn't matter how long it takes to finish your degree because, as we all know, life exists beyond school. The important thing is to keep moving toward your goal, one class at a time."

Marco Angiolini is the Instructional Technology Specialist. His duties include the design, implementation and maintenance of all types of technology within SCTC. Marco is from Livorno, Italy; he moved to the Central Michigan area in 2001. He earned a diploma in Industrial Electric and Electronic Systems Technician from the L. Orlando Institute in Livorno, Italy. He has worked for the Italian national electric company (ENEL) for more than six years, at which time he also worked for a Theatrical Association as Stage Manager and Sound Engineer. Marco also worked for an IT company that provided service for Solvay, one of the largest chemical companies in the world.

Marco has been an employee of SCIT since November 2002; he transferred from IT to SCTC in December 2012.

"I love my job at the Tribal College because it gives me the opportunity to apply my diversified skills and make a difference in our community," Angiolini said. "My door is always open, so come say 'hi!' anytime; my office is located in the SCTC Campus' west building. I can also be reached via email at angiolini.marco@sagchip.edu."

Karmen Fox is the Dean of Instruction; she is an SCIT member and has been working for SCIT since 1999. Karmen oversees the full time faculty and adjunct faculty. Karmen was a student in the SCIT Career Development Program and the SCIT Leadership Program. She graduated with a Master's degree in Health Services Administration from CMU in 2011.

Nathaniel Lambertson began his duties as the Dean of Student Services in December 2013. Nate is a SCIT member. He has worked for the Tribe for nearly 10 years, having previously served as the Anishinaabe Merchandise Buyer for the Ziibiwing Center and as the Elder Services Manager for Andahwod CCC+ES. He also spent two years working at MSU as an outreach specialist. Nate is the son of Cordell (Corky) Crampton, he is also the eldest grandchild of John and Anna (Neyome) Crampton.

"I like working at SCTC because it is an opportunity to meet and encourage people from the community," Lambertson said. "My grandfather was a big believer in the value of education, as am I. Education may be overvalued by society at-large, how much education a person has is not a reliable indicator of

Photos courtesy of SCTC



Patricia Alonzo



Nathaniel Lambertson



Tracey DeFeyter



Amanda Flaughter

how wise they are, or what kind of human being they are, or can become. I value it for different reasons-because it can be a key to self-respect and self-discovery."

Patricia Alonzo transferred to the position of Financial Aid Officer in November 2013. Patricia is a SCIT member; she began at SCTC as the Registrar in 2012. Patricia graduated from SCTC in 2011 with an associate degree in liberal arts; she most recently graduated from CMU with a Bachelor's of Science in Sociology and a minor in Substance Abuse in fall 2013.

Amanda Flaughter joined the SCTC team in December 2013 as the Registrar. She will oversee the admissions process of all the students. She is your first stop when applying at SCTC. Amanda has worked for SCIT for 14 years. She began working as part of

the SCIT Summer Youth crew back in 2000. She has since worked in Tribal Education Department and at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy. Amanda graduated in the fall of 2013 with an associate degree in business from Mid-Michigan Community College.

Kathy Hart is the STEM Recruiter. Kathy is a SCIT member and has been working at SCTC since 2011. You will see Kathy at Tribal events handing out SCTC materials and encouraging you to continue your education. Kathy graduated from SCTC in 2007 with an associate degree in business. Kathy has six children and five grandchildren. She is working toward her Bachelor's in Business Administration. Kathy is on the Tribal Education Advisory Board, the Elder's Advisory Board and the Michigan Indian Elder's Association.

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Spring 2014 Academic Calendar

Friday, Dec. 20	Spring Registration Ends
Friday, Jan. 8	Late Registration Closed
Monday, Jan. 13	Classes Begin
Thursday, Jan. 16	Drop/Add Ends
Monday, Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No Classes)
Friday, March 7 at 5 p.m.	Spring Break Begins
Monday, March 10	Mid-Term Grades Due
Monday, March 17	Classes Resume
Friday, March 28	Last Day for "W"
Monday, March 31	Registration for Fall 2014
Friday, May 2	Last Day of Regular Classes
May 5 - May 9	Exam Week
Thursday, May 15	Graduation



Kenny G brings the sounds of smooth jazz to SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The lights dimmed, and the crowd roared. Suddenly the sound of saxophone rung throughout the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall. The spotlight shined as American adult contemporary and smooth jazz saxophonist, Kenny G, appeared while playing and walking through the aisles in the venue. Kenny G then stood on the railing in the middle of the hall while performing his entire first song.

As he continued to stand on the railing, he held a long note while turning and waving to the audience in each direction on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Kenny G told the audience the saxophone he was playing is the same one he's had since high school.

"Right here, in my hands, is the longest relationship I've had," Kenny G said causing the audience to chuckle.



American adult contemporary and smooth jazz saxophonist, Kenny G, "wowed" the crowd.

His band has been playing together for 25 years, and many of the members are his high school friends, Kenny G told the audience.

A few songs into the set, the band members left the stage, leaving one member to

play the tambourine front and center. The member was striking the tambourine, asking the audience to repeat the beat by clapping. Not only was his rhythm outstanding, he then began to dance and juggle the tambourine like a circus act.

The audience applauded his talent in admiration.

"I can do the same thing with the saxophone but don't want to show off," Kenny G jokingly said after re-appearing on stage.

Kenny G proved to be a gracious performer when he gave away a saxophone to a random raffle ticket winner. He called the winning raffle number and the winner, Dawn, and her son, Kyle, walked up on the stage. They sat on stage while Kenny G performed a song with the saxophone they were about to receive. Dawn was in tears at the sincere surprise.

During the performance, Kenny G and his band performed a medley of Christmas songs just before the Holiday season including; "Deck the Halls", "The Twelve Days of Christmas", "White Christmas" and "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town".

An exquisite version of "Amazing Grace" was played by the guitarist. The encore



Kenny G began his concert in the middle of audience seating in the SECR Entertainment Hall.

included "My Heart Will Go On", made popular by Celine Dion as the theme song for the movie, "Titanic".

Kenny G captivated the audience. He did not need an opening act; he immediately warmed the audience up to the smooth jazz he knows best.

Terry Fator: The Voice of Entertainment brings Vegas-styled excitement to SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Terry Fator is a comedian, singer, ventriloquist and celebrity impersonator all wrapped up into one incredibly entertaining talent. On Friday, Nov. 29, a sold-out audience in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall were treated to his lovable puppets and amazing vocal prowess. He is capable of more than 100 impressions ranging from Dean Martin to Roy Rogers,

Aretha Franklin, Lady Gaga and more, all while delivering beautiful tone and pitch. Perhaps the most impressive part of the vocals is the fact that it is done all through his puppets. His ability to put that much feeling and emphasis into the songs, all while keeping his lips and face still is a sight to behold.

It was this spectacle which first captured the nation's hearts and funny bones in the 2007 season of the hit TV show, "America's Got Talent". Fator won the second

season of the show, launching his career in show business.

In 2008, he signed one of the biggest entertainment contracts in Las Vegas history. He was set to be the headliner of a show for The Mirage Casino Resort in Las Vegas. His act, "Terry Fator: The Voice of Entertainment", runs four nights a week all year long. In May 2013, he reached a milestone in his career, performing his 1,000th show. It was truly an impressive turn of events for a man, who a year prior to signing the contract, was working in his family's janitorial business.

Fator started of the night with a one of the most beloved songs of our time. With the help of his puppet "Winston the Turtle", the duo gave an unbelievable performance of the hit Louis Armstrong song "What a Wonderful World". Winston the Turtle sang the part which was famously sang by Kermit the Frog. Fator complemented this with a perfect impression of Armstrong's part.

Other highlights of the night included the puppet "Johnny Vegas" singing the Dean Martin classic, "That's

Amore" and Tony Bennett's "I Left My Heart in San Francisco". A cowboy puppet known as "Walter T Airedale" performed "Friends in Low Places" by Garth Brooks and an incredible impression of Roy Roger's style yodeling.

The night proved to be very entertaining, reminding people that Terry Fator's ability to do his full-throttle singing and impressions without moving his lips, is indeed a wonder. Terry Fator: The Voice of Entertainment was truly a one-of-a-kind experience for everyone there that night.



Fator takes a moment to share his rise to fame. He worked as a janitor before headlining his own show in Las Vegas.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Terry Fator and "Winston the Turtle" sing a duet of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World".

The Month of January

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SECR UPCOMING EVENTS		
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Reo Speedwagon	On Sale Now!	Friday, Jan. 17
George Lopez	On Sale Now!	Saturday Jan. 25
Kenny Rogers	On Sale Now!	Saturday Feb. 1
WPBA Masters 2013	On Sale Now!	Feb. 5-9
The Price is Right Live	On Sale Now!	Feb 14 & 15



A Holiday tradition continues as Moscow Ballet's "Nutcracker" takes center stage

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

A holiday tradition continued on Dec. 9 as the Moscow Ballet took center stage for their return performance of the "Nutcracker".

Although this was the Moscow Ballet's second performance at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, the new edition to their 2013 version is the 20-foot wingspan Dove of Peace. The Ballet visualizes the feather winged messenger escorts Masha

and her Nutcracker Prince to the Land of Peace and Harmony. Much to the audience's delight, Russian soloists Sergey Chumakov and Elena Petrachenko danced as one to create a true synergistic masterpiece.

The classical ballerina role of Masha was expertly executed through the stunning poetry in motion by Ekaterina Bortiakova. The Nutcracker Prince featured the ballet of world renowned soloist Vladimir Tkachenko. Classically trained at the prestigious Perm Choreographic

Ballet School, Tkachenko recently performed with the Moscow Ballet in a January 2013 Washington performance at the request of President Barack Obama and his family.

Yadrun, Russia native Svetlana Todinova serves as the Moscow Ballet audition director and was gracious to meet patrons for photos before and after the production.

"Soaring Eagle performers normally have a merchandising component to their productions," SECR Production Manager Henry Kubin said. "The patrons really enjoy the opportunity of being able to meet and greet the artists and Svetlana and the dancers were happy to oblige."

Todinova was an integral part of the Moscow Ballet's Classic Repertory for Children program where she educates students in the great story ballets of our time. The Moscow Ballet performers are generous with their time and talents wherever they perform.

Moscow Ballet soloist Carolina Siscanu visited with young patients at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in October. A portion of the Moscow Ballet's Dec. 22 performance of



The Nutcracker ballerinas move in unison as they prance to the "Waltz of the Flowers".



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

Moscow Ballet dancers Sergey Chumakov and Elena Petrachenko bring the majestic Dove of Peace to life.

the Nutcracker at the Fox Theatre in Detroit will benefit the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

SECR Tour and Travel Group Sales Manager Jessica Gelvin was pleased to see the 38 motor coaches come in from across the Midwest and Canada for the Nutcracker's triumphant return engagement.

"The Tour and Travel Department is proud to offer complimentary/promotional shows to our motor coach groups," Gelvin said. "These shows are specifically chosen to entice the current tour groups that frequent our property. Our loyal Tour Operators

are offered free tickets to these shows, packaged with our incentive programs, as a thank you and a selling advantage for them. We average six shows per fiscal year with approximately 2500 passengers enjoying each performance. We are very proud to be the only property in Michigan to offer this opportunity to our motor coach patrons."

The next promotional show for the motor coach and tour operators is scheduled for Feb. 3 when former Carol Burnett's co-star and Mama's Family actress Vicki Lawrence brings her music and comedy variety show back to SECR.



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A healthy lifestyle is key to weight loss without “the diet”

SALLY VAN CISE
Contributing Writer

Perhaps the most asked question is, “How can I lose weight?” The answer lies in healthy lifestyle behaviors and attitude changes, rather than in a diet. Too often, those who diet end up gaining more weight than what they lost. Why? Most diets feel like jail sentences and at some point, all one wants to do is break free and eat all those “forbidden” foods.

A healthy lifestyle involves free choice, both in food selection and physical activity. A healthy lifestyle includes all foods; some eaten more often, and some less. Activity can include dancing, bicycling, sledding with your children or friends, gardening and using a fitness center.

A healthy lifestyle is one that helps prevent diabetes and heart disease. It can decrease your blood sugars, blood pressure and cholesterol. Oh, and by the way, you may incidentally lose weight!

You’ve tried this, but it didn’t work? Think about the following guidelines.

How to start making lifestyle changes:

- Make small changes in your habits, so sticking with these changes isn’t too difficult. Anyone can diet for a short time, but few can continue a rigid regime for long. It’s just too hard!

- Enjoy the changes you make. You need to like and value the new foods, or you won’t eat them! You’ll need to look forward to your physical activity – hopefully, you’ll find it fun – or you will drop out!

Physical activity: This activity does not need to be vigorous, nor does it need to be done all at one time. Walking is great! So is taking the kids for a walk. Ten minutes at a time is a good start, if you’ve been doing nothing. How about three days a week? See what fits into your interests. Gradually increase the time to about one hour’s worth of moderate aerobic activity a day, six days a week.

Tips for handling food:

- Eat several smaller planned meals and snacks throughout the day to avoid extreme hunger and tiredness. Include protein foods. Peanut butter is a great idea;

protein helps keep the blood sugar steady.

- Take time to relax, focus and then savor your food. Sit and eat (together as a family when possible), turn electronic devices off, no multi-tasking.

- I recommend learning the “Plate Method” of eating. Half of your plate is filled with low-starch veggies such as broccoli, spinach or salad. One fourth is your protein and one fourth is your starch. Sometimes include fruit, milk or yogurt. For example, have veggies/dip and an orange with your sandwich.

- Eat lots of veggies; five to seven servings per day! Eat veggies at least twice a day! You’ll get vitamins, minerals and fiber. Also, you’ll get quite a bit of munching and veggies help you to feel full. That helps you feel satisfied.

- Eat whole fruit and skip the juices. Juice has the same calories and sugar as pop! Drink water or unsweetened tea.

- Eat less of the calorie-dense foods such as sweets and high-fat foods. Remember, eating “less” means you don’t have to skip these foods – they aren’t “bad.”

- Maybe you will have to watch the total amount of

starchy foods (breads, cereals, potatoes, corn) at each meal. But, you will not be eliminating “carb foods” from your life!

- Drink two quarts of water daily. Thirst is sometimes mistaken for hunger. Water also helps you not be tired! Pop and fruit juice do not substitute for water; as well, they can cause your blood sugar and triglycerides to rise.

Emotions and Feelings:

Are you using food to help you deal with life stressors, such as anger, loneliness, boredom or tiredness? This is common – and a very difficult habit to break. One needs to think about what would be a better and positive behavior (such as walking off anger, instead of eating to dull the feeling). Also, look into how to avoid or lessen the stressors – can you avoid the situation causing the anger? Tough stuff, for sure!

Handling sleep: Speaking of emotions – are you getting enough sleep? Lack of sleep often worsens our moods and emotions, thus opening that door for eating as our coping habit. It makes us feel less energetic, and more likely to skip exercise or cooking healthy for the day;

it affects some hormones, thus making us feel hungrier.

Tips for Meal Planning:

A final component to success in a healthy lifestyle is planning meals and snacks ahead of time, instead of grabbing whatever is handy at the time. Hungry people are vulnerable to whatever is quick and easy – and often that is not the healthier foods. People plan their days and their appointments; they also need to anticipate where they will be when they are hungry and either bring food or plan the restaurant choices.

Conclusion: I am sure this sounds like work – and it is. That is why I recommend small changes over time, and patience. You can be successful! It takes practice, as does learning any skill.

If you like, call me and make an appointment 989-775-4615. I work as a coach, not a judge nor the food police. People are people, not machines. They need help, especially starting up. Later, people need to “retune,” when old habits and stressful situations return into their lives. Thanks!

A must read: If you want to achieve your fitness goals this New Year!

JADEN HARMAN
Contributing Writer

Every New Year brings resolutions. But as we all know, these resolutions never stick unless we make them habits. When it comes to fitness, I often see people get revved up in wanting to make changes by starting to exercise, yet drop off after two weeks. Here are a few tips that may help us stick with our fitness resolutions this New Year:

The feeling, not the fat: Too often people want to see immediate changes in losing weight. They think once you walk in the gym, something magical will happen. The true benefits come from how you’re going to feel after you exercise. Focus on how much more energy you have throughout the day after you’ve exercised, this alone is worth the trip to the gym! Not to mention how much better you will sleep,

your improved mood and the long-term benefits exercise has for your health.

Set attainable goals: We all know how goals can help motivate us, but many times we don’t set them. Brainstorm some goals you want to achieve that are attainable. Goals such as; going to the gym three days a week at a specific time, run a 5K in the spring or increase your time on the treadmill by five minutes every week. Watch these small goals keep you on track towards success. Take the effort to write down a goal this New Year!

Reward yourself: Once you obtain your goals, reward yourself! Take yourself out to a nice meal, buy that gadget you’ve been wanting or buy yourself some new fitness gear that will keep you inspired. These little things keep you excited in what you’re achieving and will help keep you moving forward.

The buddy system: Find someone else that has similar goals. Probably, you can start with the simple goal to start exercising with each other. Once, you have this, you’ve established accountability with your “buddy”. If you want to get serious, get accountable! Plus, exercise can be so much more fun when you participate with someone else.

Invest in something: Since the Nimkee Fitness Center is FREE for all eligible members, you may want to invest in something. Buy yourself some new fitness clothes, a gym bag or a new pair of shoes. Once you’ve made the investment, you are more apt to not waste the money you spent!

Fight the voice: Our biggest enemy is the voice inside our heads. Often it sounds like this, “I’m too tired today,” “I’ll just go tomorrow,” “I’m too busy today”

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or the many other excuses we can convince ourselves in believing. Again, remember how much better you will feel after you’ve exercised. Once you make yourself go to the gym, these voices become smaller and smaller. You will always still hear them, but you will learn to ignore them because you begin to know the benefits of exercise win the fight!

The ultimate goal: Once you can put some of these recommendations into practice then you will make exercise a habit. This is our ultimate goal. Before you know it, exercise is something that is a part of what you do. When

you don’t work out, you’ll find you feel like junk and like your day is just not the same. In the long run, you’ll begin to reap the benefits and it will change the trajectory for wellness in your life!

As a reminder, Nimkee Fitness Center is here to serve you and help you obtain everything above. We have personal trainers and other staff that want you to WIN! Please stop in to get started today! Take the perfect opportunity to sign-up and challenge yourself in our annual Fitness Resolutions Incentive program starting Jan. 13. We hope to see you soon!

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

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Money mistakes to avoid and tips to help increase financial success

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer

The following article is provided to assist Elders, members and the community on ways to increase financial success.

In a December meeting with Tribal Council, the Elder Advisory Board expressed concerns for Elder members who have come across financial difficulties. An outcome from that meeting is to provide financial information and tips through articles and workshops.

For many, the New Year means resolving to decrease your waistline, get healthier or give up another poor habit. Often thoughts of changing bad spending habits are not in consideration. If you are ready to start increasing your wallets waistline here are a few money mistakes to avoid this coming year.

1. Spending, spending and more spending. There are often times when we have a few extra dollars in our pockets so we feel it is okay to purchase an item we

really do not need or want. This is called mindless spending and leads to you short-changing real financial goals on spur of the moment items. To stop mindless spending, create a goal of spending priorities so you will be less likely to buy items that are not a priority. This extra effort will pay off when dealing with other tips to embrace this year.

2. Open the mail and all bills. This is one of the areas I personally struggle with due to the ease of online banking and bill payments. The extra charges on bills get neglected and this leads to late fees,

interest charges and possibly security deposits on bills. It is best to open all bills and statements to avoid the extra charges that add up over time.

3. Contribute to your savings. Saving is difficult when bills are piling up and spending is out of control. Once the mindless spending stops and extra money is not going to interest rates and late fees, it is time to start building up a savings account. Most financial advice articles recommend saving up six months of living expenses in case of loss of job. This could mean having \$15,000 saved away for

the average family. When the economy is less stable those same articles recommend eight months of living expenses saved up. By just saving \$20 per week, you could save more than \$1,000 in one year. Having a savings plan also contributes to less mindless spending and helps out when the furnace needs replacing or unexpected car repairs.

These tips to avoid are just a start to better financial health in the coming year possibly adding some extra weight to your wallet.

Reference: www.smartaboutmoney.org

JANUARY 2014 Tribal Elder Birthdays

1 William Smith Jr.	15 Err Chamberlain Jr.
2 Bonita Davis, Meletta Trepanier, Robyn Henry, James Pashenee	16 Joann Clark
3 Angela Trofatter	18 Byron Bird, Audrey Falcon, Anthony Jackson, Richard Ritter, Iva Chimoski
5 Lorne Jackson	19 Sue Durfee, Scott Moses, Sarah Starkey, John Grills
6 Alan Henry	20 Robin Bonnau Nicki Perez
7 Warren Stone	22 Barbara Arzola, Orin Fallis, Linda Schramm
8 Alstyn Peters, Barbara Vance	23 Vicki Brown, Joseph Kequom, Jack Wheaton
9 Charmaine Shawana	24 Eva Jackson, Norma Rapp, Jacqueline Cyr, Wilma Gionet, Tweedie Vancise
10 Susan Kequom, Mary Green, Susan Sturock, Barbara McMullen, Martin Francis, Ronald Battice, Brenda Brouder, Donald Slavik	26 Darlene Highley, Jeffrey Reed, Goldie Stanton
11 Esther Helms	27 Renee Brogardt, Rick Shawano
12 Norman Davenport, Jose Gonzalez	28 Gloria King, James Fowler
13 Paul Hawk, Sandra Barron, Lyle Collins	29 Vincent Gallegos, Jacquelyne Meir Jr.
14 Zack Sawmick, Christine Theile	31 Nancy Funnell, Mary Walker, Gerald Cloutier, Vicki Sandlin, Delores Watson

Andahwod November Employee of the Month

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Ashley Hunt! Ashley was selected as Andahwod's Employee of the Month for November. She has worked as a housekeeper for three years and enjoys her job because she gets to visit with the residents while she is cleaning for them, and has been able to share many laughs with them.

Ashley lost her Grandfather in July and she cherished all of the time she was able to spend with him. He was a member

of the Lumbee Tribe in North Carolina and was the funniest person she has ever met. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and is expecting her first baby, a son. She is getting excited to meet him.

If you see Ashley, let her know how much she is appreciated for being a friend to the residents. Congratulations again, Ashley,



Congratulations to Ashley Hunt who has worked at Andahwod for three years.

not only on a job well done, but on the upcoming birth of your baby son!

Andahwod Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Andahwod hosted a Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Baked goods, handcrafted and beaded jewelry, bird houses and homemade items were sold. Proceeds will help fund eventful trips for the Elders, including outings to Saganing and Frankenmuth. Andahwod staff plans to continue helping raise money for Elders' trips with different fundraisers throughout the year.

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19 - 10am-12pm

24 - 6pm-8pm

25 - 6pm-8pm

31 - 6pm-8pm

January 10

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January 24

Acoustic Set by Josh Stutsman, Nbakade Lounge, 9pm-12am



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JANUARY 2014 EVENT PLANNER

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• Contact: 989-775-4386

Youth Lead Community Roller Skating

January 3 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
• Location: Spinning Wheels Arena
• Contact: 989-775-4115

Sewing Club

January 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4307

Euchre

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

Cooking with Andahwod

January 13, 27 | 1 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4307

Fried Fish Buffet

January 2, 23 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4300

Elders Breakfast

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

Elvis Birthday Party

January 8 | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4300

Language Bingo

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

Fried Chicken Buffet

January 9, 30 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4300

Recycled Prizes Bingo

January 11 | 12 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4307

Bingo with Friends

January 15 | 1 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4307

Meatloaf Buffet

January 16 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
• Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
• Contact: 989-775-4300

Acupuncture Sessions

January 22 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
• Location: Behavioral Health
• Contact: 989-775-4850

New Parents Support Group

January 31 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
• Location: Nimkee Health
• Contact: 989-775-4600

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
		1 Tribal Operations Closed New Years Day Men's Society Meeting 7 th Generation 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	2 Sacred Fire Lunch 7 th Generation Noon - 1 p.m. Talking Circle 7 th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Traditional Healer 7 th Generation	3 AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m. New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m. Traditional Healer 7 th Generation	4 Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.
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Associate General Counsel

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

environmental law, cultural resource preservation, child welfare and drafting legislation.

Family Nurse Practitioner

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

Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Must have an Associates degree or a professional secretarial certificate with two years clerical experience or A high school diploma (or equivalent) with four years clerical experience. Applicant must possess the ability to accurately and efficiently type reports and correspondence. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet and database computer applications. Native American preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language. The Administrative Assistant provides support for the day to day operation of the Tribal Education programs.

Mechanics Helper

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

Healing to Wellness Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree, Master's preferred, in Criminal Justice, Public or Business Administration, Social Work or similar area plus five years experience working in legal or behavioral health environment. Must be available on nights and weekends in addition to the regular work week. Must be a self-starter with the ability to follow through with all tasks assigned. No felony convictions ever and no misdemeanor convictions in the past five years.

Youth Empowerment Aide

Open to the public. High school diploma with college-level math and science and two years working directly with youth. Experience with school programming, requirements and policies. Knowledge of motivational tactics and how to actively engage youth using positive reinforcement. Ability to gain First-Aid and CPR certification within three months of hire. Experience working with Native communities preferred.

Deputy Court Clerk

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Previous Court Clerk experience or equivalent education in subject area. Capacity to type letters and reports with minimum errors. Ability to maintain financial records and other booking records. Demonstrate knowledge of correct English grammar, spelling, punctua-

tion and ability to defectively communicate orally and in writing. Ability to understand Tribal Code and court procedure. Must not have been convicted of a felony or have been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years. Must be able to obtain certification as an Electronic Court recorder. Capable of being a Notary Public and being bonded.

Domestic Violence Supp Tech I

Open to the public. High School Diploma or equivalent. Previous personal, professional or volunteer experience in the domestic violence field highly desired. A demonstrated interest in working with women and children experiencing crisis situations. Knowledge of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community and its relation to the Three-Fires strongly encouraged.

Casino

Director of Cage and Count

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must include a Bachelor's degree or above in business or accounting and five years of Casino cage and count managerial experience. Effective written and verbal communications skills required. Must have the ability to resolve problems/conflicts in a diplomatic and tactful manner. Must have the ability to deal effectively and interact well with customers and associates. Computer experience and good organizational skills are necessary. As a 24/7 operation, this position is expected to work a variety of shifts to maintain effective communication.

Sous Chef-Aurora

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

Lead Cook Pastry

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

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF BRIAN WEMIGWANS:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case NO. 11-CI-0943 Plaintiff: Approved Cash Advance 4585 E. Pickard Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-1545 Vs. Brain Wemigwans 2250 Otto Dr. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires April 10, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF BRIAN & TONIA WEMIGWANS:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case NO. 11-CI-0948 Plaintiff: Approved Cash Advance 4585 E. Pickard Rd. Suite A Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-1545 Vs. Defendant: Brian & Tonia Wemigwans 6072 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires April 10, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT I THE MATTER OF MORGAN MENA:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-0899 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's attorney: Schilser Law. Scott Schilser P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Morgan Mena 1489 S. Leaton Rd. 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 March 30, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF ROBBIE ETTINGER:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint NO. 11-CI-00944 Plaintiff: Approved Cash Advance 4585 E. Pickard St. Ste. A Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-1545 Vs. Defendant: Robbie Ettinger 611 N. Harris St. 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 not 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 April 10, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF AMBER ATKINSON:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case NO. 11-CI-1020 Plaintiff: Approve Cash Advance 4585 E. Pickard Suite A Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-1545 Vs. Defendant: Amber Atkinson 2704 W. Deerfield Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. 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 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 May 8, 2014.**



12th annual Unity Service provides message of “The Real Christmas Story”

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The Eagles Nest Tribal Gym was packed as Tribal members, employees and the community came in record numbers to celebrate the Dec. 13 Christmas Unity Service. The service was sponsored in part by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and represented Tribal Chief Steve Pego’s first community address of his administration.

“For me, it was an honor and my first time as the Ogema of this great Nation to welcome all inter-denominations of faith,” Pego said. “I could feel the unity and the heart-felt love of the celebration of Jesus’ birth in the gym. A big ‘Chi-Miigwetch’

from the Council to all who came and felt it.”

Pastor Chuck Allen from the Potters House Family Worship Center spoke a Hebrew homily and blew the traditional ram’s horn (shofar) to start the service followed by Chief Pego’s opening remarks.

Newly elected Tribal Council Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig also did her first official community prayer to welcome the congregation.

Eagle Clan Mide’ Kwe and Tribal Elder Mae Pego came to the service with her husband Steve and brought the Snowbirds with her.

“On behalf of the ‘Wabanisee’ Snowbird Singers, it was an honor to participate in the celebration of the birth of the sacred one, Jesus Christ,” Mae Pego said.

“May Peace and Joy be shared by all, especially the children all through our community. It is a time of love and unity to sing our praises to the true spirit of Christmas. The Snowbirds humbly say, ‘Miigwetch’ for the invitation every year. Blessings to all our families for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.”

The 12th annual Christmas Unity Service provided a beautiful combination of worship in testimony and song.

“It was heartwarming to see the joy on each and every face that attended the service,” SCIT Regulations Clerk Mindy Durfee warmly

expressed. “Gatherings, such as this, are what Christmas is about; coming together to share love, joy and appreciation of life.”

Sacred Heart Academy valedictorian and 2013 American Idol superstar Shubha Vedula delivered a stirring trifecta of Christmas classics to the delight of an appreciative audience.

“As a performer and part of the Mt. Pleasant community, I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe Christmas service,” Vedula said. “While I was there, I could feel an atmosphere of faith-inspired Christmas spirit that was almost contagious in its ability to make everyone feel happy and loved. It really is wonderful that our community can take part in something like this every year. I would like to thank Sue Durfee for asking me to perform and the Tribe for the beautiful gift of the Tribal blanket. I enjoyed the event and am glad the community enjoyed my music!”

Tribal Elder Sue Durfee honored those in attendance with the main sermon on “The Real Christmas Story.” With the support of Pastor Chuck Allen and song leader Charles Disel, Sister Sue led the congregation in the traditional Christmas hymn “O Come All Ye Faithful” and recognized all the pastors and church leaders in attendance.

The service concluded with a prayer by Tribal Elder Barb “Little Fawn” Sprague followed by an excellent lunch catered by the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food and Beverage team.



Sisters Daisy Kendall, Ellie Van Horn and her guitar “Loretta” perform a Christmas Unity special.



Brothers Kevin Chamberlain and Gary Bennett sing “Go Tell It On The Mountain”.



Mide’ Elder Mae Pego and the Snowbird Singers use their hand drums and shakers to perform “Silent Night” in Ojibwe.



American Idol songstress Shubha Vedula wows the standing room only crowd with her performance of “Do You Hear What I Hear?”



Tribal Observer Managing Editor Natalie Shattuck performs “O Holy Night” with her father Minard Shattuck on guitar.



Choir Director Alfie Moses leads members of Faith Indian and Chippewa Indian churches sing an Ojibwe Christmas carol.



Faith Indian Elder Rev. Owen Smith shares a Christmas scripture reading from the Book of Luke.



Nimkee Healthy Start Child Nurse Anna Hon delights the congregation with a flute solo.



The Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Choir shares their laughter-filled “12 Anishinabe Days of Christmas”.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright