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SCIT Chief Steven Pego delivers the State of the Tribe Address

(Editor's note: The following is Chief Steven Pego's 2014 State of the Tribe Address speech presented on Saturday, March 8 at the Tribal Community Meeting in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.)

"Boozhoo, thank you (Tribal Chaplain) Jen (Wassegijig) for the comforting words you have shared on our behalf to the Creator in blessing this gathering. It is important that we begin our days in the appropriate way and the best intentions.

Good morning and welcome. It is good to see so many of our members have braved the cold to be with us today.

I am honored to have the opportunity to stand before you as the newly-elected Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I appreciate all the support and well wishes that have come from our membership as I begin this new journey.

I would like to begin by introducing your new Tribal Council. Even though we have only been seated for a short time, a good-working relationship has been formed as we build on each other's dedication, strengths and experience. I expect good things to come from this administration and we have been very busy addressing the day-to-day challenges and strive to be

responsive to the needs of the community. The Tribe operates close to 200 programs and other businesses so it takes a lot of meeting time, but we are making real strides in our understanding of them.

I would like to reinforce my commitment and dedication to our traditional values and spiritual beliefs to lead our hearts and minds in making the best decisions for this great nation and our people. I believe we must know and understand the past to make the best decisions for the future, be leaders you can count on and be proud of. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has a long list of strong leadership that has made us a strong, successful and respected Tribe. It is my intention to build on that foundation to take this Tribe on to bigger and better things.

We have a lot of information to share with you today and I appreciate all the work it takes to pull a meeting like this together. So I would like to thank all those that worked so hard to make it happen. I also welcome all of our presenters today.

I would first like to talk about our Migizi Economic Development Company. As you know, they oversee all of our businesses that do not involve gaming. Under the direction of (CEO) Maunka Morgan, they

have worked hard to reduce costs by 30 percent and drive sales while working on strategies to make Eagle Bay Marina and Eagle Valley Outfitters more viable in the market place. They are also developing a dividend plan to repay the Tribal government for its investment while retaining the ability to reinvest in itself and grow in the future. We have also seen a greater interest and use of the (Soaring Eagle) Water Park (and hotel) and are planning even more changes to increase sales. Through the use of cross marketing and competitive pricing, the numbers are improving.

We are pleased to say Saginaw Landing Casino continues to show strong numbers even through this slow economic period. The expansion plans for a hotel and food venue are being discussed. Council has scheduled a meeting with our project development team to review those plans for further consideration. We have built the infrastructure in Saginaw to meet future demands and will be working on a master plan to make the future sustainable and successful.

Our Utilities Department has been working with the local units of government in Arenac County to provide municipal



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services such as water and wastewater from our facilities. If this is successful, the new found revenue would supplement the day-to-day costs of our operation.

In a short time, the Tribal Council Treasurer Shelly Bailey will provide you with a detailed report of our financials. I will save those specifics for her report. These are reports that we only share with our membership which is why the staff is excused during this time.

I did want to address the possibility of expansion here at Soaring Eagle (Casino & Resort) and what we may be able to develop to support our future. All indication states

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SECR CEO Wendy Reeve promotes branding to Tribal membership

(Editor's note: Since January 1994, the Tribal Observer has shared the State of the Tribe Address delivered by the residing Chief and Council Administration. With the economic challenges facing businesses in Michigan, the Tribal Observer shares the following opportunities Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort CEO Wendy Reeve highlighted in her March 8 address on the importance of branding to more than 400 Tribal members.)

"Last year when I joined the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in May, my directives from Council were clear: Increase the revenue! This was not an overnight fix and required a massive restructure of many existing programs.



Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort CEO Wendy Reeve.

We discovered the reward program could be structured more effectively to target 'actual' players who brought 'actual' money to the property instead of just using their Premium play, their free food and their free rooms and walking out with your money. So, we built a brand new Player's Club program with

restructured incentives offering more rewards the more they play.

We introduced the HERO card to spread the word to a broader demographic and to help build awareness of SECR. We focused internally on cleanliness and guest service, new uniforms, and provided some equipment to make associates able to do their job.

We streamlined our benefits program to reflect modern day business strategies and identified a strong direction to help SECR be a recognized name locally, regionally, state wide, nationally and eventually globally. When people say 'Disney', the immediate vision brings 'fun, family, vacation, sunshine and generally enjoyment' - it is universally known that Disney is

the happiest place on earth - it's clean, friendly and safe.

When people say Foxwoods, the immediate vision brings 'fun, family, gaming, shopping and again, generally enjoyment.' This is branding.

We recently presented a global strategy to Tribal Council and all the executive management teams for the Tribal businesses. We showed how the addition of an arena can be combined with convention space to bring the large Government and Medical agencies, and they won't have to walk through the gaming or the smoke to get to the convention space. Building a multi-purpose arena can bring larger events, RV shows, rodeos and 50,000-guest concerts.

Reeve promotes branding continued on page 5



Beldon "Bel" John Denman

Sept. 17, 1927 - Feb. 27, 2014

Denman, Beldon "Bel" John, age 86, crossed over to the Spirit World to meet his Creator on Feb. 27, 2014 in his Independence, Mo., home. Services were held Friday, March 7, 2014 at the Brown Funeral Home in Grand Blanc, Mich. Burial followed at Crestwood Cemetery in Grand Blanc.



Beldon was born Sept. 17, 1927 in Flint, Mich., to Elizabeth (Hinman) and Neuel John Denman. Beldon was the oldest son, fourth child of six children. Beldon attended Flint Northern High School, joined the Navy in 1945 and is a World War II veteran. Beldon completed his diploma in 1947. After returning from the war, Beldon served on the Great Lakes. Beldon began working for General Motors Parts Division, Swartz Creek and retired after 35 years of service.

Beldon is an enrolled member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. He was affectionately known as "Straight Arrow" by his family. Beldon was a lifelong member of the Community of Christ church. He served as an Elder and Pastor in several congregations. Beldon had been active in American Indian ministries for many years and attended the First People's Circle, Community of Christ until his death.

Preceding Beldon in death is Mary Frances Denman, his wife of 54 years, 2002. His three sisters and one brother: Corona Heidel; Mary Lou Stobaugh; Lucille Dersha and Daniel Denman. His second wife: Mildred Pitman, of five years, 2009, of Independence, Mo. Surviving is one brother Neuel "Denny" Denman, of Davison, Mich. Surviving are two daughters of Beldon and Mary Frances: Deborah "Dee" Denman White Eye of Independence, Mo; and Kathy Sue Denman-Wilke of Stillwater, Minn. Surviving are six grandchildren: Paula Renee Gravatt of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Angela Dee McKernan of Scotts Valley, Calif.; Jacob Ammon Worthington of Temecula, Calif.; Johnathan Dutton Denman of St. Charles, Mich.; Zachary Beldon Wilke, Travis Michael Wilke and Dietrich James Wilke, all of Stillwater, Minn.; eight great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends. Beldon married Sylvia Owens in February 2011 of Independence, Mo., with whom he resided until his death.

Sharon Ruth Aumend

July 22, 1948 - March 7, 2014

Resided in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., formerly of Bridgeport, Mich. Loving, daughter, sister, wife, mother and nana crossed over to the spirit world to meet her creator on Friday, March 7, 2014 at age 65.



The daughter of Mary Ann Smith and the late Alton Parris Smith was born on July 22, 1948 in Saginaw, Mich. She married Randy Aumend; he survives her. She owned and operated Fort Road Party Store. Sharon enjoyed building and sitting by a fire with family, gardening and sewing. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. Nana left a special gift, her granddaughter Seraphina Sharon-Grace Turpin who entered into the world as Sharon left.

She is survived by her husband Randy; children, Mary (Larry) Martinez, Sheila David and (Mike), Melissa (Brian) Turpin; step-son, Randy (Allison) Rose; grandchildren, Wayne, Lauren, Myla, Ricco, Santana, Corina, Kristina, Brian, Savannah, Shaina, Sophia, Sylvia, Seraphina and Aubrey; great-grandson Brandon Jr., and siblings, Christina (Harold) Guttowsky, Vicki (Paul) Steffen, Debra (Bob) Cicalo, Alton (Deb) Smith, Faye (John) Roby. She was predeceased by a special friend Dennis David.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at W.L. Case & Company 5700 Dixie Highway. Rev. Ted Doolittle of Calvary Community Church officiated with cremation following.

Err Samuel Chamberlain

Born: Jan. 15, 1946
Died: Feb. 13, 2014



Joseph Andrew Smith

Jan. 1, 1970 - March 5, 2014

Smith, Joseph Andrew - Age 44, of Linden, Mich., died March 5, 2014. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 11 at Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton, Mich., with Pastor Jim Wiegand officiating. Burial followed in the Great Lakes National Cemetery.



Husband of Kimberly (Wojtkowiak). Father of Joseph, Samantha, Rebekah and David. Son of Daniel and Patricia. A Veteran of the U.S. Army. Graduated from the University of Michigan and University of Miami earning two Master's degrees. Joe worked for FOX 2 News in Detroit as a photo journalist. He was a devoted and loving Youth Leader at the Freedom Center in Fenton.

He is also survived by his mother, Patricia; brothers, Daniel and Matt; sister, Lena and Danielle. He was preceded in death by his father.

Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board.

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a SCIT member.
- 2) Must be at least 18 years of age.
- 3) Must have strong interests in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community.

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible). Term of office is three years with three more years with Tribal Council approval.

If interested: Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member. Mail or bring to the clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
591 South Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI. 48858

Please include your phone number or a contact person. When the letters are received at the end of the time period the letters are given to the Tribal Council and they will make the final decision.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call:
Michelle 989-775-4602.

CORRECTION

Correction from the March 2014 issue. Page 20. South Korean athlete Kim repeats WPBA Masters Champion achievement.

(upper right) Fisher and Kim photo was courtesy of Denise Pelcher.

(lower left) Photo of Fisher and Kim of SECR CEO Wendy Reeve was courtesy of SECR.

14th Annual Good Friday

Unity Service

April 18, 2014 | 10 a.m. - Noon

Eagles Nest Tribal Gym | 7070 E. Broadway, Mt Pleasant, MI

Introduction - Brother Fred Cantu & Pastor Chuck Allen

Welcome and opening prayer - Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegejig

Opening remarks - Tribal Chief Steve Pego

Hand Drum Specials - Wabanaisee "Snowbird" Singers

Special and testimony - Rev. Doyle Perry

Specials - Brothers Kevin Chamberlain & Gary Bennett

Ojibwe Choir Specials "Lily of the Valley" - Alfreda Moses & Faith Indian Church Choir

Specials - Sister Natalie Shattuck & Brother Minard Shattuck

Special and testimony - Rev. Sam McClellan

Specials - Sisters Ellie Van Horn & Daisy Kendall

Good Friday Scripture reading - Rev. Owen Smith

Specials - Brother Charles Disel and Sister Julie Pego

Testimony - Rev. Sam Forney, "Celebrate Recovery"

"I Can Only Imagine" - Brother Trent Disel

Testimony - Rev. Robert Pego

Choir Specials - Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Choir

"Via Dolorosa" and Flute Solo - Sister Anna Hon

Specials - Special Musical Guest

Main Sermon - "The Lily of the Valley" - Rev. Devin Chisholm

Closing Ojibwe Prayer - Tribal Elder Barb "Little Fawn" Sprague

Lunch served immediately after service and catered by SECR Food & Beverage

Power of Attorney (POA)

Attention Tribal Members
Cashing POA Checks at the Resort

If you have been named Power of Attorney and need to cash a check at the Resort, you must present a Power of Attorney document. A photocopy of this document will only be accepted with the **raised seal stamp** from the Tribal Clerks office. You must provide a valid picture ID. A valid government issued driver's license, state ID card, passport, tribal enrollment card or SCIT/SECR employee ID badge Gaming Service License with last name. If the check exceeds \$10,000, a driver's license or other picture of identification with an address and social security numbers is necessary from both individuals.

ATTENTION

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw
Veteran & Warrior Society Members

Now Recruiting New Members



Meetings Will be Held

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

Vendors & Food Booths Needed

Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 14 and 15

Contact: Mikki 989-775-4905 or
The At-Large Program 800-884-6271

Public Notice

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

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

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

SUMMER GOLF EVENTS

APRIL 29 - JULY 15

Skins matches at Waabooz Run Golf Course. All players must be 40 years old or older, and all players will use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 weekly, plus green fees and cart fees. Tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 22 - SEPT. 23

No age limit all players use the blue tee's. The cost is \$20 per player plus Green fees and Cart fees, tee off is at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

JULY 12 - B. SPRAGUE OPEN

10 a.m. shotgun, two person scramble mens/coed divisions \$120 per team includes skins, green fees, cart and lunch.

AUG. 2 - SUPER SKINS MATCH

Super Skins match on Aug. 2 at Waabooz Run. Cost is \$50 per player plus green/cart fees all three tee markers will be used by each player (example Hole #1 Blue Tee, hole #2 White tee, Hole #3 Red tee). Two players per team any mix, all teams off the first tee starting at 10 a.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

on these events, contact Bernard Sprague at
(989) 400-1838 or (989) 772-4013



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Attention Tribal Members

Due to the increasing postage cost, as of July 1, 2014, Tribal members (*excluding Elders) will no longer receive the Tribal Observer newspaper mailed free of charge.

However, the Tribal Observer is available online on the Tribal website at no cost. If you would like to continue to receive the Tribal Observer, you may subscribe at the reduced rate of **\$15 per year**.

*Tribal Elders will continue to receive their complimentary mailed Tribal Observer **but are still required to fill out a subscription form**.

These changes reflect management's responsibility to reduce cost and are in conjunction with our traditional beliefs by respecting Mother Earth. Thank you for your understanding as we make this transition.

We are requesting that all Tribal members who would like to continue receiving the Tribal Observer fill out the subscription form, available on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver/index.asp or email the Observer staff at Observer@sagchip.org.

Anyone that has not returned a subscription form by June 25, 2014 will not receive their mailed July edition.



Happy Birthday
Amir!



Happy 50th Birthday!
Hodgie
Love, The Nahdee's
Em, Lori & Abbie
April 12th



Happy Belated
5th Birthday
Nunu!



Happy 50th Birthday!!
Jeff Colwell!
Love you! Your family...
Shell, Bre, & Gage

Walking: Taking a step in the right direction

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Public Health

Before beginning a walking program, you should check with your health care provider if you have a health problem or physical reason that might prevent you from starting a walking program. Seek your health care provider if you smoke, are 50 years of age or older and are not used to doing any moderate physical activity, or often feel faint. These types of problems should be addressed with your provider.

Here are a few points to consider when starting a walking program:

- Choose a safe place to walk. Find a partner or group to walk with you.

- Wear shoes with proper arch support, a firm heel and thick flexible soles.
- Wear clothes that will keep you dry and comfortable.
- Divide your walk into three parts. Warm up slowly, and then increase your speed to a brisk walk. Cool down slowly.
- Stretch lightly after warm-up and cool-down.
- Spread your walking evenly throughout the week. Try to walk at least three days each week if you cannot walk daily.
- Break up your walk into multiple sessions throughout the day with at least 10 minutes each if you have a busy schedule.

And don't forget you can walk at the Tribal Gym, Morey Courts or our own Nimkee Fitness Center.

Chief Pego delivers donation to American Indian Services, Inc.

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Chief Steven Pego delivered a \$1,000 charitable donation check to Fay Givens, executive director of American Indian Services, Inc., in Lincoln Park, Mich.

American Indian Services is a non-profit center which oversees Federal programs for Native American families living in four counties. It has numerous upcoming developmental projects planned including a Native American art center, gallery and gift shop with a 300-seat community performance or meeting space; a Native Law Center; the first Downriver area outdoor Farmer's Market and relocated and expanding AIS offices to newly renovated buildings.

"On behalf of my Tribe, I am very pleased to be able to help out other Indigenous organizations during harsh times," Chief Pego said. "Let us not forget our own struggles before the blessing of gaming revenue."



Photo courtesy of Marcella Hadden

(Pictured left to right: Gene Bereza, youth counselor; Lorna Aikens, driver; Fay Givens, director American Indian Services, Inc., Lincoln Park, Mich.; Steve Pego, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal chief; Tonya Hammitte, youth counselor and Lee Nauman, board member.)

Happy Belated B-Day

Riana
Love, Mom, Dad & Sissy

PUBLIC NOTICE

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN PUBLICATION ON NOTICE OF HEARING

ATTENTION ALL SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL MEMBERS

TAKE NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Seniors Room at the Tribal Operations Building, 7070 E. Broadway, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

1. Renewal of Retail On-Sale General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Such License, if approved, would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resorts premises, Main Casino Floor (Bars 1-4 &, Floor Lounge) Isabella's Italian Restaurant, Water Lily Lounge, Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Room Service, Banquet & Conference Rooms & Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Slot Palace & Slot Palace Pub, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Pizza Cart, Pool & Spa areas; Mijim Convenience Store, Cart Services, and includes Indoor & Outdoor Bar Services, Beverage Service on the Gaming Floor and Special Event/Activity/Function Service, SECR Concession Trailer when on premises, and outdoor spaces under auspices of SECR. This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2014 through May 24, 2015, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.



Tribal Council

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Seven Grandfather Teachings

- Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom**
To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.
- Zaagidowin ~ Love**
To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.
- Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect**
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.
- Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery**
To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.
- Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty**
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.
- Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility**
To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.
- Debwewin ~ Truth**
To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.



Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Project

DON SEAL

Planning Director

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

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

SCIT and the IHS are encouraging Tribal members to participate in the POWTS Project as a benefit to Tribal member homeowners. We will be conducting an inventory of private onsite wastewater treatment systems for Tribal member homes throughout

the Isabella Reservation, Clare, Arenac, Midland and Isabella Counties in Michigan.

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

Contact Don Seal if you have questions or concerns:

Don Seal
Planning Director/Community Engineer
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of MI
7070 E. Broadway Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Please respond by Friday, April 18, 2014.

Welcoming Behavioral Health's Sexual Assault Response Team

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF

The Behavioral Health staff would like to introduce Brooke Huber and Shelby McCliggott as the newest members of the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Team.

In October 2013, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan was awarded a grant allowing the development of a Sexual Assault Response Team, or SART. The purpose of a community-based SART is to coordinate the efforts of law enforcement, medical personnel and victim advocates.

SART employees work to ensure an immediate response to adult victims of sexual assault that prioritizes the needs of victims and brings responsible persons to justice.

Shelby McCliggott, M.A., LLPC, SART counselor, is responsible for providing culturally appropriate clinical services to both Native and non-Native victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Brooke Huber, B.S., SART coordinator, is responsible for arranging and assisting in the facilitation of



Brooke Huber (left) and Shelby McCliggott (right) are the newest member of the Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan Team.

sexual assault trainings and outreach education services to the community.

Thank you for joining us in welcoming Shelby and Brooke to the SCIT Team.

April 17 is National Native Sexual Assault Awareness Day

BROOKE HUBER

SART Coordinator



April 17 is National Native Sexual Assault Awareness Day in Michigan. One in six women in America will be a victim of sexual assault; American Indian and Alaskan Native women are twice more likely to become victims of sexual assault than any other race.

The SART team will be dispersing sexual assault awareness ribbons to various SCIT departments, please join us in raising awareness of this violent act by proudly wearing your ribbon on Thursday, April 17.

Too often, the vital work takes place after someone has been harmed. We are asking you to start the conversation now, do not wait until a sexual assault act impacts someone you love.

Tribal Observer

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



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

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

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

For Announcements including Birthday, Wedding, Engagement, Congratulations, etc, cost is \$10 and is open to Tribal, Community members and Employees.

Political ads - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is \$500. Political ads may include but are not limited to: any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature, and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

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State of the Tribe Address continued from front page

that we have the ability to expand the entertainment and convention business. We have to determine when it is appropriate to begin that work. We have our CEO Wendy Reeve to expand on that later in the program. We all know how important it is to market our Tribally-owned properties. We have a lot to offer and Ms. Reeve and Marketing Director Raul Venegas will be discussing the plan to position us in the ever challenging gaming market here in mid-Michigan.

I also want to touch on a topic of great importance to our Tribal family. The Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services department has undergone some big changes in a very short time. These changes had to be made in

the best interests of the children. It is our obligation to make sure that these little ones are being addressed in a timely, effective and loving manner. Although I am unable to discuss specifics, it was discovered that there were actions taken that were not in their best interest. We had to address it quickly and appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of change and new found direction.

Last fall, Tribal Administration took a new direction with the Parks and Recreation department reinventing it into the L.E.A.D. department. L.E.A.D. stands for Leadership, Engagement, Activities and Diversion. The hope of this department is to provide vital supportive services

to all of our youth by mentoring with preventative, supportive and positive interaction. This concept is designed to make a more well-rounded and greater student and child for future growth and development. This programming is designed to include youth from all districts and I am happy to report this department is quickly growing and developing to meet those needs.

The December issue of the Tribal Observer reported on an order from the Appellate court that has led to a number of disenrollments. It was a heavy heart that the last administration had to take action and it was the first time in the history of the Tribe that anyone had been disenrolled. The article that came

out in the Morning Sun wrongly claimed there were more than 400 other members facing disenrollment. That is not true. This administration has no intention of using these proceedings to begin targeting our membership.

We have also made time on the agenda today to introduce you to a couple of our police officers. These front line defenders are dedicated to combatting crime, drugs and civil unrest in our community. Our Tribal Police Department has grown as have the needs. They have a hard job but by working together, we can have a safe community.

Every community I have visited with or worked for has the same challenges our Tribal community faces every day. Past

and future councils have and will continue to dedicate time, resources, support and defend our tribal sovereignty both on a state and national level. We define our future and I believe that it will be a bright one for the next seven generations.

My fellow members, I would like to close by thanking each one of you who believed in me enough to vote for me and thank my fellow council members for having the faith in me to be your Tribal Chief. I will do everything in my power to serve with all your best interests and our future in mind. Together we can accomplish great things for all of our people.

Chi Miigwetch to each and every one of you."

Reeve promotes branding continued from front page

We have spent the last six months building a marketing framework that adopts all Tribal entities with a goal to increasing revenues not only for SECR, but for the entire Saginaw Chippewa organization – the (Soaring Eagle) Water Park (and Hotel), Wabooz Run Golf Course, the RV park, Ziibiwing, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Eagle Valley Outfitters - they are all part of the branding strategy.

The concept is simple: "Fe, Fi, Fo, Fun! Soaring Eagle – Find Your Adventure".

We already have a multitude of possibilities for any guest seeking enjoyment, but in the past, everything has been marketed as separate entities. We are a sleeping giant in the heart of the mid-west and we are ready to wake up!

By promoting our products, not just as hospitality, but slots, tables, bingo, hotel, waterpark, concerts, events, golf to name just a few we can identify ourselves as the biggest playground in the Midwest!

Whether the guest is seeking excitement, indulgence, entertainment, relaxation, family fun or just a little gambling time, we have it all.

By branding Soaring Eagle – "Find Your Adventure" we can advertise, market and promote all of the entities while driving the main revenue focus which is gaming!

The renovation of the floor has proved profitable with a reduced number of slot machines. We intentionally did the remodel project during the slower months and we never went above 85 percent occupancy so we never lost out on any revenue.

To enhance our branding opportunities, we recently started a relationship with RCH Racing team. This has created awareness in the last eight weeks to regions that had never even heard of Soaring Eagle. In recent weeks, they drew crowds of more than 40,000 people at each event in Texas, California, Arizona and Indianapolis.

Our social media awareness for each event has been averaging nine million hits every week. Using social media including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, we are able to reach out to millions of potential customers, creating a massive database we can now market to. At Indianapolis, we drove 5,000 new users to the Soaring Eagle website simply because they followed us on Instagram.

Over the next few weeks, the tour hits our direct radius market, Detroit, Toronto, and St. Louis and we expect a greater expanded awareness from these markets in our closer vicinity. The business-to-business partnerships formed by the relationships with RCH, bring Dodge, Suzuki, Amsoil and Fox to our circle of partners and allows for expanded marketing and promotional opportunities.

The key to success for SECR is branding. We have everything anyone could want, but if they've never heard of us why will they come?

Six weeks ago, Tribal Treasurer Shelly Bailey reminded me the revenue has been going down for the last seven years ... long before I came on board.

In the last four to six months, we have changed the reward program, the marketing strategy, the business strategy and the gaming floor. We have streamlined our expenses and corrected manpower numbers to be able to offer exceptional service. Knowing that tactical changes generally take four to six months to come to fruition, we were hoping that maybe by March we would start to show increases for revenue.

I am thrilled and excited, and so proud of the SECR team, to tell you that last month in February, which is generally a slow month, the numbers finally came through! We beat the

previous year's revenue numbers and we beat the projected budgeted revenue numbers for February 2014... this is proof the changes are working!

We believe the new business strategy, and especially the branding, will help us achieve targets throughout the upcoming fiscal year. There is strength in numbers and strength in unity.

I must thank the entire SECR team for their patience and their acceptance to change. I am so proud of the team for all they have achieved. I have several Tribal members on the Executive team who I would like to thank, Raul Venegas, Chris Bailey, Bernie Sprague, Bernie Wright and Brent Jackson. I am proud to work alongside each of them and the rest of our team. Branding is the key and combined with unity it can make you successful."

Casting Call

Seeking Tribal/Community members to audition for roles in a feature film portraying members of a Manitoba First Nations Tribe. Black/brown straight hair and medium/dark skin is a must (Native features). Acting experience not required but is a bonus. All roles are paid.

Filming will take place in a small town in Central Michigan in 2014. Minor travel will be required; however, lodging will not be necessary.

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Saganing Eagles Landing Casino February Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK

Administrative Assistant

Congratulations to our February Employees of the Month. Irene Allison is our Associate of the Month and JoAnn Bowen is our Leader of the Month.

Irene is a respected member of the Finance Soft Count Team and was nominated by one of her supervisors. She has been with the department since we opened and has taken a lead role in the count room. Irene has a great attendance record and she plans her leave time well. Not only

does Irene share her knowledge with her co-workers and new associates, but she also shares her great, upbeat personality. When Irene is working, you can hear the laughter coming from the Soft Count Room. Irene surpasses in all aspects of her everyday duties and is recognized as an energetic, keen and profound employee. We are very lucky to have her as part of our team. Thank you, Irene!

JoAnn is currently a supervisor for our Guest Service department. She was nominated for Management of the Month by

one of her co-workers for doing a great job in training new associates. Jo took extra time to help train a new associate and stayed after her shift to make sure everything went smooth with our February promotion. Currently, Jo has been taking part in many aspects of marketing and has excelled in all of them. In her spare time, JoAnn works on tracing her Native genealogy, shopping, traveling and is looking forward to her new grandbaby. The Guest Service Department is very proud to have JoAnn on their team. Way to go, Jo!



Associate of the Month
Irene Allison



Leader of the Month
JoAnn Bowen

SCIT Youth member and skateboarder Arlan George shines at Windell's Academy

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

For youth today, the education possibilities are endless. Saginaw Chippewa Youth Tribal Member Arlan George is attending Windell's Academy: The Premier Year Round Action Sports Academy for Snowboarding, Skiing and Skateboarding in Sandy, Ore.

Windell's Academy is a specialty high school that educates and trains the next generation of Olympic and X Game snowboard, ski and skate stars to thrive not only in the classroom, but in their competitive action sports field as well.

Pro snowboarders Shaun White, Louis Vito, Kelly Clark, Kevin Pearce and Hannah Teter have all come through Windell's, along with



SCIT Youth Member Arlan George currently attends Windell's Academy in Sandy, Ore.; the sports academy for snowboarding, skiing and skateboarding.

Olympic skiers Nick Goepper, ABM and Maggie Voisin.

George has been attending Windell's Academy for his junior and senior high school

years, focusing on academics and skateboarding. He is currently in his senior year and slated to graduate April 20, 2014.

Within George's first four months of attending, web series were filmed on the school grounds. GroupM Entertainment presented a deal with Hulu to co-produce the series, created by documentary filmmaker Sarah Feeley.

George even has a few small parts in the webisodes. The Hulu webisode is entitled "My Side of the Sky". He is in every episode, but in episodes two and four, he has more appearances.

"We're particularly excited about this project," Peter Tortorici, president of GroupM Entertainment Global said. "This series is about vibrant, interesting young student athletes who are putting it all on the line to get to the next level of achievement in the highly competitive world of action sports.

It delivers a message that many of our clients can embrace."

"My Side of the Sky" is a nonfictional, character-driven series that shares real-life stories of the students, faculty and coaches of Windell's Academy.

George has been skating for six years, and has competed in many competitions around the United States and Canada in Michigan, California, New Mexico, Oregon and Toronto. His skateboard sponsor is Native Skates out of Adrian, Mich.

Other hobbies for George include video production and photography.

His parents are Jason George and Gayle Ruhl and he has two brothers; Cauy, 14, and Lars George, 11.

George has published skate team videos on YouTube and Vimeo. They can be viewed at youtube.com/user/arlant321 and at vimeo.com/search?q=arlan+george.



Photos courtesy of Sean McNally

George is featured in the webisodes "My Side of the Sky" on Hulu, filmed at his high school.

Powwow Program Booklet

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE OF MICHIGAN
AT-LARGE PROGRAM PRESENTS:

The At-Large Program would like to offer families and individuals the opportunity to show their support for the Saganing Traditional Powwow, by featuring their friends, family and loved ones in the 2014 Saganing Powwow Program Booklet!

Photo ads will only be available for the 1/2 page ad because of the limited space. Picture will be scanned and digitally cropped and resized and will cost an additional \$10, and original pictures will be returned unharmed. This is the sixth edition of the Saganing Powwow Booklet, it will include the history on the Saganing Powwow, The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other interesting information on Powwows and Native Traditions. An ad will cost \$25 or \$50 for an ad without a picture and \$60 with a picture; all money will go toward helping to keep the Saganing Powwow alive. The period for submission will be now through May 16, 2014.

Please keep in mind that there is a 25 word maximum limit, due to limited space. Payment must be received with the memorial application by May 16, 2014 or your memorial will not be included.

The Powwow booklet will now include birthday wishes, anniversary wishes, graduation announcements, memorials or just an ad to show your family support for the Powwow.

Become a Powwow Booster. We will also be taking \$20 donations and your name will be included on a Powwow booster page, and you will receive a Powwow Booster Button.

Please note that the Date of the 2014 Saganing Traditional Powwow is June 14 & 15, 2014.

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Wording: _____



At-Large Program April Tribal Member Spotlight

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk
Case Manager

Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an employee of the Tribe, owns a business or has an interesting pastime. If you know any At-Large members that fits this bill, please nominate them to be spotlighted on the At-Large page in the Tribal Observer.

Patrick Collins was born at the Gratiot Community Hospital in Alma, Mich. on Dec. 20, 1973, he is the son of Tribal member Marlene Collins. Patrick's father, from the Seminole Tribe in Florida, left when Patrick was a child and became absent throughout Patrick's life. As a child, Patrick was often sent from one foster home to another.

When asked if he wanted to include all of this in his story, he said it has made him the person he is today and is not ashamed to talk about it.

Patrick was in the care of Bethany Christian Services when he was placed in the Grand Rapids, Mich. area for possible adoption. It was at this point someone noticed Patrick had an eye for art and that he was a very talented young boy.

He was then enrolled in Eastern Elementary School in Grand Rapids for 5th and 6th grade. The school is for artistically-gifted children.

He attended Alma Public Schools from 8th through 12th grade and graduated from Alma High School in 1991 at age 17. Within that year, Patrick met his father for the first time.

Patrick was getting ready to enroll for college when he came to the Tribal Clerk's office to utilize the Michigan Indian



Collins earned a degree in Art Studies in two-dimensional arts from CMU and in 3D arts from the Institute of American Indian Arts.

tuition waiver. Patrick enrolled at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. He also got a job working for the Tribe in the Human Resource department during this time. Patrick stated like most new college students, he was more interested in finding the next party rather than keeping his grades up and ended up being placed on academic probation.

Patrick made the decision to enlist in the Marines; he left for bootcamp in San Diego on Dec. 26, 1991, six days after his 18th birthday. After bootcamp, he was sent overseas and then ended up touring at the end of Desert Storm. After almost five years in the service, Patrick was given an honorable medical discharge from the service for an airway disease that was caused from chemical exposure.

After he returned from the service, he re-enrolled at CMU and got a degree in Art Studies in two-dimensional arts. He then enrolled at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., where he graduated with an art degree in Native American Studies in 3D (sculptures) arts.

Patrick said he has a total of eight brothers and sisters between his mom's side and his dad's side, but has not had a chance to meet them all.



Collins with one of his daughters, Shelayna.

His mom now resides at Andahwod, and his dad lives in Florida with his wife. Patrick has two daughters, his oldest is Madrid Collins who is 17 years old and lives in the Ovid-Elsie, Mich. area, and his youngest is Shelayna Collins-Pelcher who is 7 years old and lives in Mt. Pleasant with her mother.

How will California's ongoing drought affect Michigan?

DENISE PELCHER

Contract Health Clerk
Case Manager

Many of us are aware there has been an ongoing drought in California, but did you know 2013 was the driest year documented since record keeping began in the mid-19th century?

Many of us don't stop to think about how it may affect us in Michigan, we may think it won't affect us, it's not dry here, but have you ever thought about where our food comes from?

Our food supply is provided largely in California; 99 percent of all almonds and walnuts, 95 percent of broccoli, 92 percent of strawberries, 91 percent of grapes, 90 percent of all tomatoes and 74 percent of all lettuce comes from California.

Did you know that it takes more than five gallons of water to grow one head of broccoli, and that one walnut takes more than four gallons of water? The amount of fresh

produce that is exported from California is staggering.

What this means to all of us is much higher, long-term prices in the grocery stores. The California drought will affect us where it hurts the most, our pockets. It makes it harder for middle and low income families to stay afloat. We have to make tough choices, especially this winter, between heating our homes, driving to work or feeding our families. But what can we do to counter act this? We can learn to buy when fruits, vegetables and meats are on sale, and by using coupons.

Here are a few helpful money-saving tips:

1. Clip coupons and shop at stores that double or triple coupons.
2. Join coupon-swapping organizations.
3. Create a list and stick to it.
4. Don't just buy things because they're cheap. Stick to only what you need.
5. Stay within your budget.
6. Compare prices.

7. Buy in bulk.

8. Shop for grocery store baked goods early in the day. That is when stores mark down their day-old items.

9. Shop for grocery store meat later in the day. That is when meat departments mark down the items about to go past the "sell by" date. This meat is perfectly safe and can be frozen for later use.

10. Consider buying private label or store brands. Many times large companies are contracted to produce private label products.

11. Avoid processed foods.
12. Select plant proteins.
13. Check deep-discount grocery stores.
14. Join a wholesale club.
15. Plan your weekly menu before you go shopping.
16. Only buy when things are on sale, and use your coupons that you have clipped then. Doing this will make your savings even larger.

Another way to save money is to plant a garden this year

and can and freeze what you harvest. Start by planting from seed. Plan today to plant the garden as soon as the frost has passed. Starting your plants from seeds will save you money, rather than buying potted plants and seedlings. Not only will doing this save you money but the produce grown will be healthier because it will not be full of pesticides.

However you look at it, this California drought will affect all of us right where it hurts most, in our pockets.

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We Need Your Help

The Saganing Traditional Powwow is a traditional non-competitive, self-funded powwow and cannot happen without your support and assistance. The money earned through memorial or announcement sales and advertisements from local businesses is what makes this powwow possible, not to mention the money earned from gate sales.

When you purchase a memorial or announcement spot in the Powwow booklet, you are showing your support and making it possible to happen again next year.

This year's Saganing Traditional Powwow will be held June 14 and 15, 2014 at the Saganing Powwow grounds. Look for the Memorial/Announcement application on page 6 of this month's Tribal Observer. We look forward to your continued support.

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SECR announces nomination for ACM's 2014 Casino of the Year

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It's no secret the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, or SECR, has brought many talented musicians to both the indoor Entertainment Hall and the outdoor Summer Concert Series. Many of country music's greatest stars have graced the SECR stage.

With SECR hosting an abundance of country music talent, the SECR is proud to announce it has been nominated for the 2014 Casino of the Year (Small

Capacity) by the Academy of Country Music, or ACM.

"We are very excited to be nominated among some beautiful properties and venues," SECR CEO Wendy Reeve said. "We believe that our continued efforts to enhance our guest service and our highly qualified entertainment team, combined with the light and sound management teams are encouraging agents to bring spectacular shows to our property."

SECR continues to thrive to bring its guest the best in live

entertainment as well as the finest resort experience.

Reba McEntyre, Alabama, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Jason Aldean, Miranda Lambert, Willie Nelson, Little Big Town, Eric Church and Toby Keith are just a few of the country artists that have previously performed on the SECR property. SECR has become the anticipated concert destination for country music fans all around Michigan.

"When I was informed about Soaring Eagle's ACM nomination, I was so excited," Raul

Venegas, director of Marketing and Entertainment said. "Imagine me running around the administrative offices announcing the great news and high-fiving all the staff. Yes, that was me! This is such a huge recognition and it gives everyone at Soaring Eagle a great sense of pride to be a part of it. The entire entertainment staff is diligent in every aspect to make a concert successful at Soaring Eagle; some of the top names in country entertainment are core witnesses to Soaring Eagle's professionalism and friendly

atmosphere during their performances here. This national recognition is an affirmation that the team at Soaring Eagle is doing a great job!"

In addition to the ACM Casino of the Year nomination, SECR received Casino Player magazine's Best Dining and Nightlife Award for Best Concerts, Best Concert Hall and Best Overall Entertainment. It has also won awards for Best Concert Venue and Best Live Entertainment from the Midwest Gaming & Travel magazine.

Seventh annual Round Dance serves as a social gathering ceremony

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

The March 8 Round Dance, traditionally held in the Tribal Operations Eagles Nest gym every second weekend in March, drew a packed assortment of family and friends who laughed, danced and swayed together at the social gathering ceremony.

Event Coordinators and Emcees Nathan Isaac and Aaron Chivis joined Stickman Joe Syrette and Arena Director Matthew "Cubby" Sprague in keeping the cultural moving in a good way.

"This event was started as part of the Culture program at the



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Saginaw Chippewa community swing and sway the Anishnaabe way at the 7th annual Round Dance.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy," Isaac said. "Before the first Round Dance, six years ago, Round Dances were a nearly forgotten social ceremony here in the Great Lakes area. This type of gathering was kept alive and

strong by our Cree relatives who reside on the western plains of Alberta and Saskatchewan."

"A Round Dance is a traditional ceremony held to celebrate the lives of loved ones and ancestors who have passed on," Isaac

said. "During the winter months, the Northern Lights visit us periodically. The wasnodeg are referred to as the spirits of our ancestors. When they come to visit us, there are different feasts and ceremonies held to welcome them and acknowledge them."

Chivis felt honored to be a part of the traditional gathering.

"The Round Dance has become one of the premier Round Dances in the Great Lakes community," Chivis said. "It has had continued success from the event coordinators (SCA AB Teachers) closely following protocol as they learned it from the Elders. This year's event was less social in nature while sticking more

closely to the ceremonial protocol involved in more traditional Round Dances held by our Cree relations. We hope to continue learning and providing the original teachings of the Round Dance and its protocol for all community members far and wide to enjoy."

It was a joy to see Elders, adults and our youth join Tribal Chief Steve Pego as they danced in celebration of our rich heritage. The media company, ReZonance Productions, had their 12-track audio board recording the event live for a 2014 release that will be available for purchase to raise funds for the next Round Dance slated for March 13, 2015.

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April 17, 2014 • 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym 7070 E. Broadway

Agenda: Open with discussion topics being suggested by Tribal members.

Tribal Council Member Chip Neyome is offering an opportunity to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Membership to participate in an open discussion. Members are encouraged to attend with the intent of asking the tough questions, providing possible solutions and with the willingness to listen to others. Neyome will moderate and lead the discussion.

To offer topic suggestions prior to the event, please email SCIT Council Member Chip Neyome at neyome@charter.net with the subject line: Your Voice My Voice. Submissions will help in the organization and collection of slide show materials.

Tribal ID required for entry. Teens to Adults welcome. No young children.

Baby Celebration



Photos courtesy of Marco Angiolini



The newest members of the community were honored at the Baby Celebration on Thursday, March 20. Proud new parents, family members and friends gathered at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center to feast, socialize and share wisdom with the new parents.

The event was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Seventh Generation Program, ACFS, Behavioral Health Programs and Nimkee Public Health. Ann Arbor, Mich. based Native American musician Joe Reilly provided the musical entertainment for the night.

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12 pm-12:30pm Cake Cutting
12:30pm Mascot Dance off

May 2nd - Kids Night!

10am-9pm SALE
6pm-8pm Kids Entertainment
8:00pm Last drawing - Kids Bikes



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BAYANET presentation sheds light on community drug trends

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On March 6, the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team, BAYANET, conducted a community presentation to more than 80 participants on current drug trends in the Central Michigan area.

Youth LEAD Diversion Manager Guadalupe Gonzalez welcomed BAYANET Detective Lt. Mark Uribe as Sgt. Scott Bailey of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police and many Tribal youth and families watched an informative overview of drugs that have been coming into the area.

Ziibiwing Center hosted the gathering and Behavioral Health served as a co-sponsor for the event.

Referred to as BAYANET, Uribe informs the enforcement

team consists of three multi-jurisdictional street-level drug enforcement teams, one mid-to-upper-level conspiracy team and houses the Third District Fugitive Team.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council has been very supportive in their funding of the team effort and many communities do not have the resources that this jurisdiction has," Uribe said. "With the increased presence of meth labs and heroin in the area, we need community support to assist law enforce in getting the drugs off the street."

Sgt. Bailey took the opportunity to mention reports of suspected illegal activity can be routed through the Tribal Police tip line at **989-775-4775**.

BAYANET has been in operation since 1981, with the teams monitoring drug

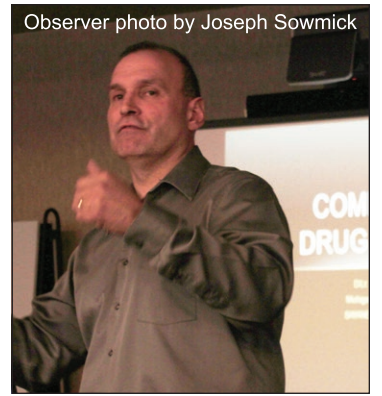
trafficking in Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw counties.

Youth LEAD Director Jennifer Crawford informs this is just the beginning of several presentations that their department is prepared to bring to the youth and families of the community.

"Whether it's about suicide prevention or looking at the current drug trends in our community, Youth LEAD employees stand together in bringing this vital information to everyone because it affects all of us," Crawford said. "We realize the issues are there and the problems exist, just like any other community, but we do have resources to deal with the issues and willing departments and leaders who are ready to help our youth and families."

Behavioral Health Administrator Hunter Genia was equally pleased with the commitment of the community participants in attendance.

"As we look at tackling the substance abuse issues in our community, it was great to see representation from Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, Tribal community members, program directors, Tribal law enforcement, Tribal court, Tribal community youth and numerous caring staff from multiple departments who want to be a part of the solution and fight back and prevent anymore tragedy in our community," Genia said. "The attendance... and who was there was evidence that we can do this and we can win the war on substance abuse in our community."



Lt. Detective Mark Uribe of the Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team speaks at Ziibiwing Center.

Genia, Crawford and Gonzalez were given more feedback from the community on topics to present in the near future and they look forward to partner with Behavioral Health, Youth Lead and several other departments to make it happen.

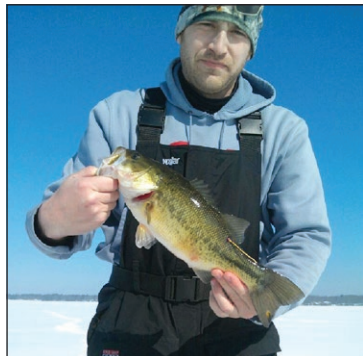
SCIT employee Tory Fletcher catches fourth tagged fish in contest

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Successful fisherman and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's own employee Tory Fletcher caught a 17.5-inch largemouth bass Feb. 20 while fishing on Houghton Lake, his former hometown.

The bass was verified for the 2013-2014 "Catch Us If You Can" contest sponsored by the Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau, Spicer's Boat City and Lyman's on the Lake. This was the fourth fish caught in this



Fletcher holding his prize-winning catch.

year's contest. The contest has been ongoing for eight years.

"I am feeling very lucky," Fletcher said. "I caught Betty

Bass, the tagged largemouth bass, at about 1 p.m. while fishing in the same location that I won the Houghton Lake Walleye Tournament five days prior after catching a 26-inch walleye."

As bass season is past, Fletcher had to return the fish to the lake, but his picture for proof and documentation was sent to the HLABT. Fletcher received a \$50 gas card at Lyman's and is eligible to draw for the \$100,000 cash prize and a new SmokerCraft boat package from Spicer's. The drawing takes place at Spicer's in Houghton Lake on April 27.

"I will definitely be at the drawing on April 27," Fletcher said. "There are three other lucky anglers that caught tagged fish this year. One of the four will draw the golden key that opens the chest. The chest contains 20 envelopes; one with the grand prize of \$100,000, one with a brand new fishing boat package, and the rest are cash prizes/gifts from local businesses. The lowest envelope is valued at over \$1,000!"

Fletcher said if he won the grand prize, he would instantly pay off his house mortgage.

More than 100 fish were tagged in Houghton Lake, Lake St. Helen and Higgins Lake. Phil Morris of Mason, Mich.; Rocky Lange of Houghton Lake, Mich. and Randy Spayd of Blanchard, Mich. were also successful in catching tagged fish this year.

Fletcher began working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in May 2009, when Waabooz Run was still named Holiday Greens. Fletcher is on his sixth season as Superintendent/Director at Waabooz Run Golf Course.

Best of luck to Fletcher at the April 27 cash prize drawing!

QPR seminar educates community on suicide prevention

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

In Isabella County, the 2007-2011 statistics confirm suicide rates are double the state average. Brandon Snook, M.A., L.P.C., of the Gratiot County Community Mental Health Association (GCCMHA) believes this is a significant statistic that affects everyone who lives in the Central Michigan area.

"The more clues and signs that are observed, the greater the risk of suicide," Snook said.

Snook was joined by fellow GCCMHA colleague Vic Guajardo as they spoke at the March 5 presentation on suicide prevention at the Saginaw Chippewa Housing conference room.

Both 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. sessions were at capacity with Tribal departmental employees and

concerned community members. The "QPR Training" offered to teach the attendees how to recognize when someone is at risk for suicide, how to intervene with those at risk and how to refer them to an appropriate resource.

"QPR is similar to CPR where both offer on-site prevention that can save a life," Guajardo explains. "We teach how people can Question, Persuade and Refer a person who needs help because suicide is not the problem, only the solution to a perceived insoluble problem."

Guajardo further explains if one thinks "this is all I can see and everything in my field of vision is bad" that could be someone who can benefit from your QPR training.

"The direct involvement may be uncomfortable, but ask yourself would you rather do nothing and wonder if you should have said something before a community tragedy occurs," Snook questioned the attendees. "How can we persuade someone it is worth getting help and can you ask 'will you let me help you get help?'"

"If we, as a community, think there may be a problem, there is probably something

there that needs to be talked about" Crawford said. "With the Youth LEAD Department, we want to inform the students, parents and community that we are ready to have those discussion that we may be able to save a life just by letting people know they are not alone and that we care about them."

If you would like more information on the next offering of QPR training, contact GCCMHA at **989-463-4971** or access their website at www.gccmha.org. Counselors are also available through Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health at **989-775-4850**. For emergency situations, please do not hesitate to call Tribal Police at **989-775-4700** or dial 911 directly.



Gratiot County Community Mental Health Association Counselor Brandon Snook addressed attendees.

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WIGWAM WISDOM

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of change and war, but upon our strongest enemies, ourselves. The spirit of the wigwam does not forget and keeps with it the wisdom to guide the souls that have strayed back to a peaceful life.

Comments or feedback can be sent to: wigwam_wisdom@yahoo.com

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

Dear WW: I have been in a relationship for four years and all of it has been off and on again. I am 26 years old and not getting any younger. I have four years invested now and don't know if I should get out or stay in it. We mostly fight about money and jealousy. I get upset when he spends too much and he is very jealous of other men around me. I have never given him any reason to doubt me but he says his mind wonders too much. It makes me wonder if he's doing something. I love him dearly but feel like there is something missing. Should I stay or should I go? **On and Off**

Dear On and Off: As a young adult, your issues are not unique. Jealousy is actually a form of control and it makes you conform to someone else's insecurities. If you have nothing to hide, refuse to play the game. Money, however, is a little different. Relationships work better with one treasurer. That person pays all the bills and budgets all the money. Together, you can have a bigger plan for your income but only one person is in charge. That way the right hand always knows what the left hand is doing. Sometimes if you leave a relationship before issues are resolved, you go right back into a similar one. Money and jealousy are issues that can be worked through. If the issues were infidelity, addiction or abuse, I would be advising you differently.

Dear WW: I was meeting up with my boyfriend at our local pool. When I got there, he was tossing kids over his head and they were screaming and laughing with delight before they hit the water. He did not see me standing there and I was shocked to see what he did next. He grabbed one of the young (and beautiful) mothers and was pretending to throw her over too. She just giggled and swam off. I was hurt that he would touch another woman in such a playful manner. I told him I refuse to go there again because I don't want that. Am I wrong to do this? **Playful Partner**

Dear Playful: Are you avoiding the issue by not going there? The issue really is not about the pool, it's about your boyfriend and what his boundaries are. You need to sit down and talk to him about how it made you feel to see that. If he is a loving and caring partner, it won't happen again. Yes, there are times when people can get carried away when joking and laughing, but crossing the boundary to touch another in a playful manner is not appropriate. I would embrace his word and let him know that you do trust him. He will want you there to see that he means it. However, if it ever does happen again, I would definitely advise you to Google a good counselor!

Dear WW: My sister is at it again! Several years ago, she had a baby and things didn't work out with the baby's daddy. Sadly to say, he headed back to prison not soon after the child was born. Now, a couple of years have passed and she met another man (ex-prisoner) and... yes, you guessed it - she's pregnant! I don't have any kids and have been there for her and her first born. How do I draw the line between supporting her and enabling her? **Not Again**

Dear Not Again: When you support someone, you empower them to become independent. When you enable someone, they learn to rely on you or others. She needs professional help in exploring why she chooses the men she does and to not make the same mistake again. Perhaps she is uncommitted or seeks out men who are uncommitted. Either way, a good therapist can help her understand more about herself in order to make better choices.

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LAST MONTH:



Carpet in Tribal Library
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Kelly Sprague

LEGOS

With L.E.A.D.



The Youth LEAD Department hosted the Lego Family Super Saturday on Feb. 22. After watching the movie, a Lego contest was held at the Tribal Center for 28 participants. Lots of Lego fun was had by youth and adults!



REZ Pets

It's Raining Cats & Dogs



Owner: Alfie Moses
Name: Angus Moses
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Teacup Pomeranian



Owners:
Andre & Angelo Leureaux
Name: Brian **Age:** 9 weeks old
Breed: Lab



Owner: Autumn "Ellie" Mitchell
Name: Princess
Age: 6 years old
Breed: Domestic Shorthair



Owner: Angela Weaver
Name: Nellie Vanellie Lou
Age: 8 years old
Breed: English Springer Spaniel



Owner: Kelly Bryant
Name: Brittney
Age: 14 years old
Breed: Blue Point Siamese



Owner: Carol Emmendorfer
Name:
Sheza Cadillac "Caddie" Fleet
Age: 13 years old
Breed: American Paint Horse and
American Pinto Horse



Owner: Natalie Shattuck
Name: Chester Bear Shattuck
Age: 8 years old
Breed: Beagle



Owner: Arthur Cicalo III
Name/age/breed:
Dozer (left): Age 7, Lab & Pit-bull
Matilda (right): Age 4, Boxer



Owner: Carol Corbiere
Name: Toto Chitamoo and his
best friend the cat!
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Yorkie and Schnauzer
Cat: Siamese/Blue Persian, Age 6



Owners:
Anne Heidemann and Karl Roosa
Name: Coraline **Age:** 3 years old
Breed: Boston Terrier



Owner: Elizabeth M. Wray
Name: Rascal
Age: 7.5 years old
Breed: Golden Retriever



Owner: Craig Waynee
Name: Lucy
Age: 3.5 years old
Breed: Golden Retriever



Owner: Ron Huber
Name: Duffy
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Beagle mix



Owner: Gina Borushko
Name: Gracie Mae
Age: 2 years old
Breed: Dilute Tortoiseshell



Owner: Elijah Otto-Powers
Name: Kai
Age: 4 months old
Breed: Bearded Dragon



Owners: Giizhig, Jimaganish and
Zhaawan Martell
Name: Princess **Age:** 2 years old
Breed: Pomeranian/ Tzitzu mix



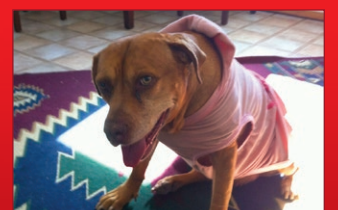
Owners: Jim and Mary Lue Bailey
Name: Drifter
Age: 7.5 years old
Breed: Cocker Spaniel



Owner: Heather Haynes
Name/age/breed:
Maggie (left): Age 10, mixed Lab
Molly (middle): 8 mo., Jack Russell
Sammi (right): Age 2, Jack Russell



Owners:
Anne Carson & Jeremy Kruger
Name: Lola **Age:** 4.5 years old
Breed: Beagle/Walker



Owner: Casey Nicholson
Name: Jade Johnson
Age: 16 years old
Breed: Red Nose Pitbull
(R.I.P.) She was the best dog and
loved wearing hoodies!



Owner: Marcella Hadden
Name/age: Sox, 2 years old
Nibbles, 4 years old
Breed: Pugs



Owner: Kelli Henry
Name/age: Brodie (left): Age 6
Ace (right): Age 9
Breed: Miniature Dachshunds



Owners: Joseph and Sue Sowmick
Name: Koko
Age: 3 years old
Breed: Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier



Owner: Kathleen Lett
Name: Freckles
Age: 7 years old
Breed: Beagle mix



Owner: Nicole Aasved
Name: Kooper
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Pug



Owner: Krysta Marek
Name: Cali
Age: 3 months old
Breed: German Shepherd



Owner: Melinda Coffin
Name/age: Bailey
Age: 8 years old
Breed: Chihuahua



Owners: Larry and Jodi Friend
Name: Baby Girl Friend (Bailey)
Age: 1.5 years old
Breed: Shih Tzu & Pomeranian



Owner: Tomarrah M-J Green
Name: Cowboy
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Chihuahua mix



Owners: Matt & Sharon Wright
Name: Suzzie
Age: 2.5 years old
Breed: Boxer



Owners: Michelle George & Brian Deaton
Name: Spotty **Age:** 14 years old
Breed: Mixed breed



Owner: Lorraine Dougherty
Name: Pipsqueak and Macho
Age: 9 weeks old
Breed: Teacup Chihuahua, Pomeranian mix puppies



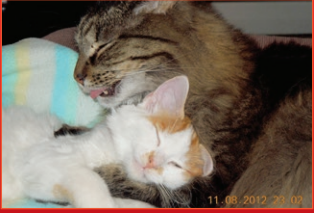
Owner: Michelle Anderson
Name: Rocky
Age: 4 months old
Breed: Jack Russell Terrier



Owners: Jeff and Twila Schrot
Name/age/breed:
Sadie: 7 years old, Lab
Papi: 4 years old, Jack Russell
Gracie: 6 years old, Chihuahua



Owner: Lisa Pollard
Name: Olivia
Age: 6 years old
Breed: Domestic Longhair



Owner: Raynee Richards
Name/age/breed:
Fergus (right): 1.5 years, Main Coon
Toralei (left): 3 months
 Both adopted from HATS of Mt. Pleasant



Owner: Paul Rowden
Name: Jack
 (with his niece Madelyn)
Age: 2 years old **Breed:** Pitbull



Owner: Kelsey Ames
Name: Arthur or "Artie"
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Pomapoo



Owners: Sheila & Aaron Leareaux
Name: Aceso **Age:** 5 months
Breed: Chihuahua



Owner: Shannon Martin
Name/age:
Buelah (white/10 years old.)
Rona (black/3 years old.)
Breed: Pitbulls



Owner: Mae Pego
Name: Snowball
Age: 2 years old
Breed: Toy Maltese



Owner: Steve Pego
Name: Makey
Age: 4 years old
Breed: Pug



Owner: Nicole Barnes
Name/age/breed:
Susan Q. Alligator (right)
 4.5 years, Chocolate Labrador Retriever
Langston James O'Picklesbee (left)
 2.5 years old, mixed breed from the animal shelter



Owner: Natalie Nichols
Name: Bella **Age:** 18 months
Breed: Pomeranian, Dachshund and Yellow Lab



Owner: Marilyn Bailey
Name: Tommy
Age: 4 years old



Owner: Wendy Drowley
Name/age/breed:
Zeekie: 6 years, Pug/Pomeranian
Carbon: 1.5, English Springer Spaniel
Lexi: 16 months, Yorkie
Ace: 5.5, Miniature English Bulldog



Owner: Ursula Gibbons
Name: Elvis
Age: 12 years old
 Adopted from the animal shelter



Owner: Tina Myers
Name: Victoria Myers
Age: 6 years old
Breed: Nio Mastiff



Owner: Trina Kerchen
Name/age/breed:
Kaachoosh: 18 months, Siberian Husky
Marshmallow: White Cat, 2 years
Ham: Black Cat, 3 months old

Adopt a Pet

Addy

Addy is a 1.5-year-old female Domestic Shorthair that has been with HATS since May 2013. Addy is quietly affectionate. She loves to sit in your lap and soak up the sun. She also loves to chase around her toy mouse. Addy gets along well with other cats and dogs and would do best in a household with children aged 5 and older.



Davey

Davey is a 13-year-old Chow who came to HATS this winter. Davey was very underweight and had hair loss due to a severe flea allergy. He also had an eye infection when he came in. Now, Davey has a clean bill of health and his hair is growing back nicely! This sweet old boy loves to go for walks and curl up next to you for ear scratches. Davey is seeking a household without feline friends as he likes to chase them. He gets along well with some other dogs and has been around children aged 8 and older.



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“Celebrating Life” 25th annual CMU Powwow brings diversity on campus

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Central Michigan University’s McGuirk Arena was filled with the sound of chatter and laughter as family and friends reunited and rejoiced. As grand entry began, the laughter was replaced with the rhythmic sounds of drum beats and dancers’ regalia stirring in tempo with the drums.

It was the 25th annual Central Michigan “Celebrating Life” Powwow for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Grand entries took place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 and at 12 p.m. on Sunday, March 23.

“I personally feel the Powwow brings a diverse perspective to

campus, which many of our students have never had the chance to witness or be a part of,” Director of CMU Native American Programs and Student Transition Enrichment Program Colleen Green said. “It enriches the culture on campus and engages student learning.”

The Master of Ceremonies was Jason Whitehouse and Dave Shananaquet took on the responsibility as Arena Director.

Head Veteran George Martin led the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran Warriors and the dancers during the grand entries. Charles Belisle took on the role as Head Male Dance Judge and Cassie Thomas was the Head Female Dance Judge. The head male

and female dancers were selected daily.

Dances included an intertribal open to the public, an all-around dance for registered dancers and smoke dance.

The Host Drum was The Boyz. First place for the drum contest won \$3,000, with second place receiving \$2,000 and third received \$1,000. The Hand Drum Contest winners took home \$500.

First place for the Adult Dance Contest took home \$400, second place received \$300 and third place received \$200.

On Saturday afternoon, Dr. Timothy Hall, associate dean professor of History, stepped up to the microphone to discuss Central Michigan University’s positive partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

“We are happy with the relationship we’ve had with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, it has opened a lot of doors to many cultural opportunities for us, and educational opportunities that wouldn’t exist otherwise,” Hall said. “CMU’s Native American Programs, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the CMU Sociology department are creating the needs for a mentoring program through the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe... the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center is collaborating with the Saginaw Chippewa Academy to implement a lunch buddies program into the school.”

Dr. Hall further discussed CMU’s affiliation with SCIT.

“CMU staff and faculty members sent the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee to help educate the campus and the local community on that topic,” he said. “CMU also provides space for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics, and the Tribe and CMU work pretty closely in a variety of athletic initiatives. Probably the

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



Grass Dancers Jason Stevens, Matt Plain, Travis Skylar and Quinton Schawder stand for the Flag Carriers.



Head Veteran George Martin of Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe leads the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Warriors at Grand Entry.



Traditional Dance Warriors Bobby Bird and Donnie Jacobs stand at attention.



Men’s Traditional Dancer Paul Syrette from Batchewana First Nations Canada trades moves with Forrest Smith from the Oneida Tribe.



Junior Jingle Dress Dancer and SCIT Tribal youth Hopi Stevens shows excitement at the CMU Powwow.



Fancy Dancer Lucas Cleveland of the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin displayed his colorful regalia.



Traditional Women Dancers Krystal Abel, Melissa Montoya and Samantha Calloway look regal in the arena.

most important is the opportunity just to experience the Indigenous programs, cultural events and speakers, Native American Heritage Month and simply sitting down and talking with one another and sharing stories. Thank you for joining us today and celebrating the cultural diversity of our community. As the Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences at CMU, I look forward to continuing our work with the Tribe, helping our relationship grow and prosper.”

Green aids the Powwow Committee with planning the

annual event. The Powwow Committee is comprised of CMU students, community members and two staff advisors.

“My role is to advise the Powwow Committee on the details of the weekend, request funding on their behalf and oversee the payout process and contracts,” Green said.

The Committee begins planning the powwow in December every year, right after Native American Heritage Month.

The “Celebrating Life” 25th annual CMU Powwow was a success that brought beauty, diversity and a reunion celebration to campus.

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SCA Teaching Assistant Hasse receives "Educator of the Month" honors

CHRISTINA HALLIWILL

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, Meg Hasse, for being selected as our March Educator of the Month! The following is a questionnaire completed by Hasse:

Which program do you work for?
Education/Saginaw Chippewa Academy

What is your title? *Teacher Assistant*

How long have you worked for the Education Department? *Since 2001*

What is your favorite part of working in this department? *I enjoy the students.*

What is your funniest memory in working with our students? *In the toddler program, they used to say the funniest things. You couldn't help but smile.*

Something people may not know about you: *I lived in California for a few years.*

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Carlos Sanders, Cory Jo Gaskill, Walker Jackson-Pelcher, Hazen Shinos, Simon Quigno, Miingan Jackson, Phoebe Defeyer, Daniel Fuller, Caleb Kequom, Binayshee Hendrickson, Josie Isham, Hunter Letts and Shenanrose Pontiac.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Liam Arbogast, Leia Black, Syriana Smith, Robbie Pamp-Ettinger, Charles Trepanier, Red Arrow LaLonde, Quinn Pelcher, Frederick Highley, Anita Pelcher, Landen Rowlett, Aiden Shaffer, Alexis Trepanier, Brandon Wemigwans, Erica Hinmon, Tawny Jackson, Quenten Rolfes, Felicia Saunders, Ahsiniis Smith, Calijah Trepanier, Joshua Wemigwans, Cameron Fleming, Isaiah Leaux, Annie Lada, Foster Crampton, Sara Saunders, Aana Hinmon, Matthew Quaderer and Toby Pamp. **The following students turned in all homework for February:** Gracie David, Alex Grice, Charles Trepanier, Jayden Pelcher-Schout, Maiingan Miller-Hosler, Riana Chippewa, Meadow David, Landen Rowlett, Erica Hinmon, Bela Magnell, Kerrina Miller-Hosler, Anita Pelcher, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Kyleigh Scarlott, Robert Saunders, Josclynn Shaw, Alexis Trepanier, Kaley Davis, Lawrence Hinmon, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Tawny Jackson, Rodney Miller, Thomas Pelcher, Madison Riggs, Felicia Saunders, Calijah Trepanier, Ariel Hinmon, Thalia Bennett, Foster Crampton, James Morland, Chelsea Pelcher, Sara Saunders, Christopher Spencer-Ruiz, Liberty Morland, Frankie Sheahan, Treazure Jones, Aria Mandoka, Toby Pamp and Carissa Sanders. **The following students have earned student of the month for February:** Liam Arbogast, Andrea Hinmon, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Rodney Miller, Ariel Hinmon, Foster Crampton, Liberty Morland and Courtney Swink.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? *A wife and a mother.*

Do you have any hobbies or special talents? *I like gardening.*

What is your favorite movie? *Any of the old Christmas classics.*

What is your favorite food? *A good steak.*

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

W. Intermediate

The following students are on the Honor Roll for the second trimester: Esme Bailey, Chyna Bergevin, Karen Chippewa, Megan Cozzie, Kendra Cyr, Alyssa Finch, Hunter Genia, Sydney Jackson, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Montana Leaux, Emily Lezan, Maya Madrigal, Jesse Mandoka, Molly Mandoka, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Karli Percha, Aleeya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Mastella Quaderer, Hailey Ritter, Maciah Sprague and Lindsay Watters. **Honorable Mention:** Alexandria Weekley-Dean **The following students earned perfect attendance for February:** Logan Adams, Westley Adams, Delilah Alonzo, Esme Bailey, Andrew Chingman, Brian Chingman, Naomi Compo, Megan Cozzie, Grace-Lynn Cyr, Kendra Cyr, Sierra Davis, Alyssa Finch, Jose Garcia, Cauy George, Nodin Jackson, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Tristin Key, Montana Leaux, Maya Madrigal, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias, Aleeya Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Aaron Schlegel, Gavin Seybert, Shaylyn Sprague, Lindsay Watters and Carlee Williams **The following students are participating in volleyball:** Esme Bailey, Alyssa Finch, Lindsay Watters and China Bergevin



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Education Administrative Assistant II Christina Halliwill, Hasse and SCA Principal Marcella Mosqueda.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Inara Curry, Aaden Gose, Konner Hilleger, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Miah Perez, Darien Haggard, Gabriela Escabedo, Elijah Teller, Caedynce Bailey, Lucus Jackson, Trent McConnell, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers, Albert Shomin and Alek Welch.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: AJ Hernandez, Eli Marin, Aysia Mena-Isham, Madison Nahgahgwon, Jenna Rios, Mollie Smith-Rodriguez, Isaiah Teswood, Gabe Jackson, Makayla Jackson and Tyrone Rios.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Dylan Christy, Aolani Gibbs, Mateo Harris, Zamiah Marshall, Hunter Johnson and Joseph Swink.

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for February: Hope Stevens, Mataeo Flory, Olivia Lerma, Logan Bird, Leonard Pamp-Ettinger, Juan-Sergio Casas, Jonathan Martinez, Ryan Flaughter, Whisper Mandoka, Kadeen Rose, James Hendrickson, Emily Stevens, Nevaeh Flory, Joaquin Jackson, Tayden Davis, Aaliyah Mena, Mia Bennett, Jonathan Davis, Malakai DeMoines and Chyla Wells.

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SCTC students attend the 2014 AIHEC Conference in Billings, Mont.

VICTORIA OWENS

SCTC Student

Four Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students and two faculty members recently took a trip to represent SCTC and the Tribe in the 2014 American Indian Higher Education Consortium, or AIHEC, conference in Billings, Mont. The locals refer to Billings as the "Big Sky Country" with its amazing hills, beautiful mountains and, of course, the big sky.

Three of the four students who went; Irene Lopez-Casillas, Victoria Owens and Anthony Quiroga represented SCTC in the science bowl. The fourth student is SCTC's Student of the Year Jennifer Arnold. Nathaniel Lambertson, dean of students, and Kristin Sukhanath, mathematics teacher, prepped and accompanied the competing students.

At the AIHEC conference, the students were able to meet people from other Tribal colleges and make new friendships and connections. Students were also able to interact with people from different cultures and backgrounds. They got to hear

speakers from all around the country and became educated on idea to excel in a career and in life.

"I enjoyed sitting in on the speech competition and listening to all the wonderful speech's and speakers," Lopez-Casillas said. "They were truly amazing. They put everything that I'm learning in public speaking in action. It was truly an amazing trip and experience for a lifetime."

The students that competed in the science bowl were excited and nervous at the same time. But through it all, they made it to the top five in the science bowl and made Saginaw Chippewa College history as the first group to make it there.

The learning experience along for the students has been tremendous. I was so excited to be a part of the SCTC Science Bowl Team, have an opportunity to have friendly competition, expand my knowledge and help others do the same. For me, this has been a great learning experience and I will remember it always.

"What I enjoyed most about the conference was

seeing so many students from all of the different Tribal colleges," Lambertson said. "To hear their stories of perseverance over the many obstacles that have shut Native people out of higher education for so long is inspiring. It was good to hear their laughter and see them develop their confidence through competition, networking or simply by being around a huge group of their peers. I think it's important for Tribal College students to understand they are not alone in this walk. Rather, they are part of a legacy and a movement that began long ago and grows stronger nationwide."

"Sometimes, we labor under the illusion that becoming educated is contrary to who we are as American Indian people, that education is not traditional," Lambertson said. "I believe the truth of the matter is Indian people have always valued education, the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom, we just have not enjoyed the forced assimilation that comes with it. That is why it was a great thing to see so many students who are getting an opportunity to grow, both



Photo courtesy of SCTC

The SCTC Science Bowl Team (shown above) were one of the five Tribal Colleges left in the competition out of the original 18.

as Native people, and Native scholars – not changing who they are, but strengthening who they are and what they can become."

This is what our college is about. It is about learning in a safe environment where we can connect with others

who share our same ideals and principals and our sense of community and a place to grow in knowledge. It is also about celebrating the Seven Grandfather Teachings that this school is built on and to learn to preserve this world for the future generations to come.

A note from SCTC President Sineway

CARLA SINEWAY

SCTC President

During these cold winter days, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College staff is diligently working on developing summer programs, registering for summer and fall classes, and planning for the upcoming May graduation. I believe graduation is always a bittersweet day. While it is a great sense of accomplishment for students, watching them move on is always an emotional time for staff and faculty.

Even with the excitement of graduation, students returning and new students enrolling at SCTC, there are also the day-to-day measures taken to create an enriching learning

environment for SCTC students. A large part of creating such an environment is the technology component for student services. In December 2012, the college hired Marco Angiolini as Instructional Technology Specialist.

Marco has updated the classrooms with computers, projectors, and is developing social media for the Tribal college. During this time, an inventory was also created to track technical equipment and lifecycles for equipment replacement. In the past year, this new process has proven beneficial to staff and students.

Alas, it is also discouraging to note that throughout the past year, some equipment has

gone missing. The equipment that was taken includes a laptop computer, wireless mouse, receiver and charger. It is not a lot of equipment and it is not taking from "a building", but it is taking important services from our SCTC students.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College provides a valuable educational service to the community. We are an open, family-friendly campus. The Grandfather Teachings of honesty and respect play a large part in offering services to the student and the community. Please respect the classroom equipment. SCTC will then be able to continue to serve the community with pride in each other's accomplishments.

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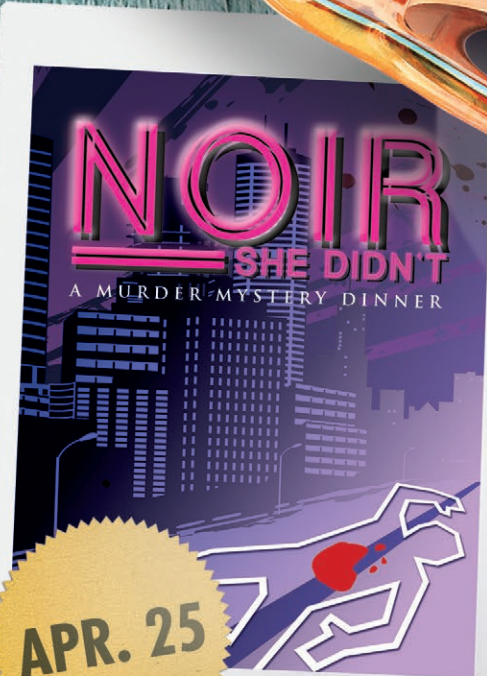
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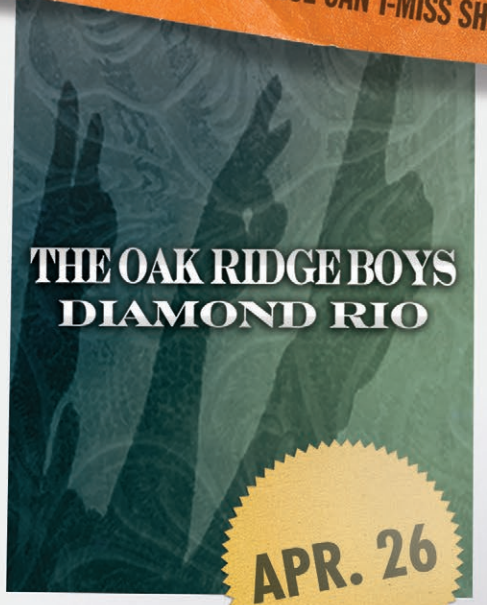


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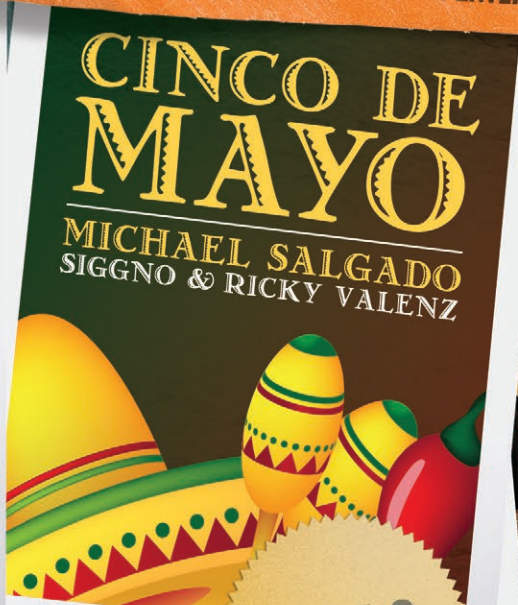


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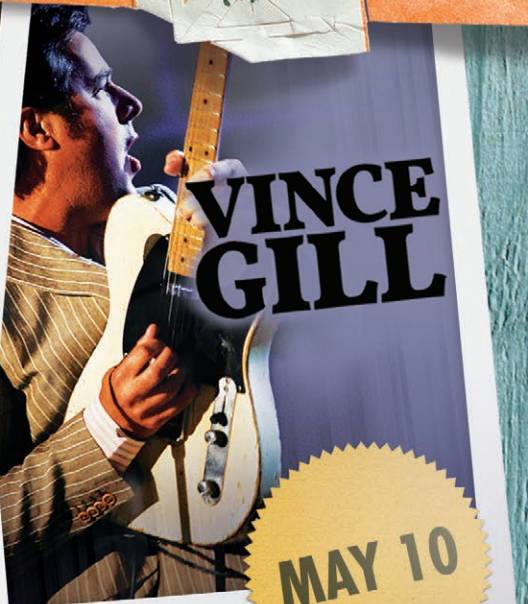
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Why we, Anishinabe people, will never just “get over it”

CHARMAINE SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

“Why can’t you just get over it?” I’ve heard some people say this about many things regarding Anishinabe people. In trying to understand it, I wonder if they even know what they are asking us to get over. Are they

talking about our tragic historical trauma we, as American Indian people, have collectively suffered through?

People talk about the Jewish people and the Holocaust; American Indian people have suffered near genocide as well as assimilation at the hands of the U.S. Government.

Ever think about all the atrocities we have gone through as a people? Maybe mainstream America has never thought about it? It’s easy to say “just get over it” when you don’t know our history or the trauma we have suffered as a people.

Not to say that other ethnic minorities have not suffered,

but when you think about it... what other minority, or race of people, has been near decimated by its own government? Treaties were made and expected to be honored, but never were.

It’s a miracle to say we are even alive with all that we have been through. We have survived loss of land, language

and customs. We have lived through all the horrid diseases introduced and we are alive and well. We have lived through the process of assimilation in the United States Boarding Schools, and have survived. Through broken treaties, and all our losses, we still survive. And now, we will not “just get over it.”

NFL Quarterback and "Game Changer" Kirk Cousins speaks at Soaring Eagle

(Editor's note: On March 6, Washington Redskins NFL Quarterback Kirk Cousins spoke to a standing-room only audience on HVAC contractors [heating, ventilation and air conditioning] at their annual state convention in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Saginaw ballroom. Cousins signed copies of his book "Game Changer: Faith, Football & Finding Your Way". The following is Tribal Observer Photojournalist Joseph Sowmick's interview with Cousins.)



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Cousins takes a break to read the latest issue of the Tribal Observer.

Tribal Observer: What brings you to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort?

Kirk Cousins: I came on site to speak to the heating and cooling contractors and to share a

little bit of my story and maybe it can help them as they go through their journey and their challenges in business.

T.O.: MSU Football Coach Mark Dantonio has been on site for many different speaking engagements, are

you continuing to follow in those footsteps?

K.C.: I love sharing my story and I have always enjoyed trying to paint the state green, and spread the love of Michigan State to as many people as possible and hopefully we have accomplished that today.

T.O.: The NFL offers many opportunities and a big stage for one to communicate with a large audience. How do you embrace that opportunity?

K.C.: The chance to be an NFL quarterback provides a big platform and you can be

whatever you want to be about from that platform and people are going to take notice. I would like to use that platform to impact as many people as possible in a positive way, especially young people, and I will aim to do just that; the best way I can.

T.O.: In your book "Game Changer," you talk about how your father shared his wisdom as a minister. Do you have any power verses you would like to share that would highlight your father's influence in your life?

K.C.: I have been raised and taught to believe that privilege should lead to responsibility. The Bible says in Luke 12:48, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

Murder mystery dinner theatre event helps highlight cooks, wait staff

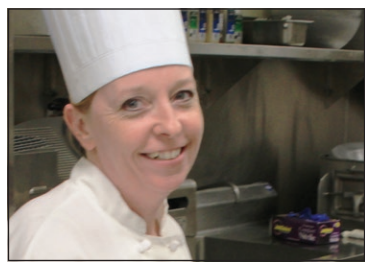
KELLY ROCHELEAU

CMU Contributing Writer

“The Comic Book Killer” dinner theater event at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Feb. 21 took place in the Saginaw Ballroom and was performed by the Chicago branch of Jest Murder Mystery Co. The event sold more than 200 tickets.

Jest has performed many of the sold-out murder mystery dinner theater shows SECR has held. The basic idea of the show is that each guest was actually a superhero attending a meeting in attempt to think of a way to the stop the evil Dr. Weevil.

The performers frequently interacted with the audience, with audience members picking slightly off-kilter superhero names like “The Owl” and “Mr. Molar” from name tags. After the



Chef Bette Riddle

bad doctor is killed, the audience must pick one of five “suspects,” which were audience members the actors interacted earlier in the show, as the culprit.

Every murder mystery dinner theater show has had a menu built around the theme of that particular event. Head Chef Betty Riddle of Mount Pleasant, Mich. said that although creating menus based on each show’s theme is creatively stimulating, coming up with a workable menu for a show about superheroes and super

villains was not something she’s had experience with.

“This one was a little more challenging,” Riddle said. “I (chose) ‘Super Foods’, which are foods that are thought to be very healthy, and some of those also have medical purposes. We incorporate those into all four courses.”

Dishes served during the event included sliced house smoked turkey breast, brie cheese, yogurt curried pork loin and lemon cake.

Riddle, who has been working at SECR for 19 years, originally began as a line cook and eventually moved through the ranks. Riddle savors the opportunity of creative freedom while composing these dinner theater menus.

“One of my favorites was the Dickens themed (murder mystery), because we did up a Cornish game hen and stuffed it, and then surrounded it with roasted

vegetables so it almost looked like a platter of turkey on a very small plate,” Riddle said. “It was a lot of fun to produce that.”

Riddle said she and her lead cook staff decide on the menus and then send them to SECR’s Executive Chef Chris Nadobny, who will then make any necessary changes.

Nadobny, who has worked at SECR for 14 years and was schooled at the Culinary Institute of America in New York, relishes the chance to let the chefs spread their creative wings with new cooking techniques and test out new dishes.

“It’s absolutely what we live for,” Nadobny said. “Any one of (the chefs) could put together deep-in-meat-potato menus, it’s where we get to play, and it’s what we come to work for every single day. We like to bring in those products we don’t usually see.”

Accommodations for people with food allergies are available as long as calls are made explaining their special culinary needs at least a week in advance, Nadobny said.

Food preferences are also put into consideration, as one party ordered burgers and fries as opposed to “super foods” for the dinner theater shows, Riddle said.

At least one week’s training is required for all 800 or so employees of SECR’s Food and Beverage department, depending on how in-depth the position is, with other positions such as chefs requiring continuing education in their field, Nadobny said.



Actress Alexandra Gonzalez of Chicago, with Farwell resident Nick Whitney at “The Comic Book Killer” murder mystery dinner theater.

It would be difficult for dinner theater events to serve food if it wasn’t for those who deliver produce to the tables. This is where the wait staff comes in.

Mark Calder and Devon Rusas, both from metro Detroit, have been servers at SECR since April 2012 and June 2013, respectively.

In addition to their jobs at SECR, both Calder and Rusas are Central Michigan University students. Calder is majoring in therapeutic recreation while Rusas is currently in the college’s education program.

Calder and Rusas said although their shifts are often fast-paced and 11-12 hours, they enjoy the work overall and the gratuity involved is a huge advantage.

“We make a lot more than most part-time (students) up here,” Rusas said.

Calder and Rusas said they believe one server tends to about 40 people. They do, however, believe the job can be done well.

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Players holding their District Playoff trophy they won March 2. (Pictured left to right: Joaquin Jackson, Miingan Jackson and Quincey Jackson.)



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Legendary groups The Temptations and The Four Tops bring Motown to SECR

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

No music collection could be considered complete without them. The magic driving the Motown music experience envisioned by Berry Gordy would not have been possible without the legendary music groups The Temptations and The Four Tops.

Either one of these super groups, who sport a catalogue of hits starting from 1953, could have headlined the star-studded Motown show, but The Four Tops received the honor of taking the stage first.



The Temptations bust some regal moves to go with their Motown harmonies at Soaring Eagle on Feb. 28.

The Four Tops lead singer Levi Stubbs and fellow musicians Abdul "Duke" Fakir, Renaldo "Obie" Benson and Lawrence Payton personify longevity for a band, having gone from 1953 until

1997 without a change in personnel. Joining founding member Abdul "Duke" Fakir's return to SECR were fellow Tops members Ronnie McNeir, Lawrence Payton Jr. and Harold Bonhart.

The Four Tops were among a number of groups, including The Temptations, The Miracles, The Marvelettes, Martha and the Vandellas and The Supremes, who established the Motown sound around the world during the '60s. The group was the main male vocal group for the highly successful songwriting and production team of Holland-Dozier-Holland, who crafted a stream of hit singles on Motown. These included two Billboard Hot 100

number-one hits for the Tops: "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)" in 1965 and "(Reach Out) I'll Be There" in 1966. Along with first 1964 hit, "Baby, I Need Your Loving", "Duke", and the Tops churned out Motown staples "Standing in the Shadows of Love" "It's the Same Old Song" and "Bernadette" much to the delight of the Soaring Eagle faithful.

With an ample wall of sound behind them, The Four Tops showcased some of their signature dance steps as their twin bill counterparts The Temptations watched backstage.

The 1965 original members of The Temptations included Otis Williams, David Ruffin, Melvin Franklin, Paul Williams and Eddie Kendricks. Founding member Otis Williams led the current Temps lineup of fellow R&B musicians Ron Tyson, Joe Herndon, Terry Weeks and Bruce Williamson.

The Temptations were stylish in purple suits and demonstrating gyrations and rich harmonies to their classic Motown hits. Right from the opening notes of

their 1965 breakthrough chart topper "My Girl", the Temps kept rolling with their 1966 standards "Get Ready," "(I Know) I'm Losing You" and "Ain't Too Proud to Beg".

Three classic Temptations songs, "My Girl", the 1971 ballad "Just My Imagination (Running Away with Me)", and their 1972 magnum opus "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone", are listed among The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll. The Temptations were also ranked at no. 68 on the Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 100 Greatest Artists of all time.

The Temptations were recently featured in a 2012 "Dancing with the Stars" television appearance and the 2007 movie "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story".

The Temptations were inducted to Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989 followed by The Four Tops in 1990. The Four Tops received their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame 1987 followed by the Temps in 1994.

For the true music lover of the Motown genre, Soaring Eagle was a slice of heaven on Feb. 28.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Four Tops reminisce about their "Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch" during a star-studded set at Soaring Eagle.

The Irish Tenors provide a touch of Dublin on St. Patrick's Day

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

There was plenty patrons who were in the spirit of "the wearin' o' the green" for a special St. Patrick's Day performance at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Spirit Productions Director of Operations and Touring Oliver Rouet were delighted to assist SECR in the first performance for their production company.

"Spirit Touring USA Inc., in cooperation with the Soaring Eagle Resort & Casino was proud to bring The Irish Tenors on March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day to a sold-out crowd at a specially-arranged

promotional motor coach show hosted by the Casino," Rouet said. "Guest singers Alexander Bartosch, John Bowen, Joe Jeffrey Kidwell and Dublin native, Mr. Kevin Littlejohn had the time of their lives performing to more than 3,000 Casino guests, all of whom arrived on more than 50 specially chartered motor coaches to join the Celtic celebrations."

Spirit Productions, whom were the original creators of the internationally acclaimed Irish Dance spectacular 'Spirit of the Dance' were particularly excited to bring their first ever show to the Mid-Michigan area.

"We are delighted to bring our first ever show to Soaring Eagle Resort and Casino, we had an amazing time and so it appears did their guests," Rouet said. "Soaring Eagle's not the first Native Indian property we've performed at in Michigan, our friends at Chip's-In Island Resort in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have been enjoying our Christmas shows for years as well as other Native Indian Properties in Wisconsin to name but a few."

The Irish Tenors showed their range through crowd favorites like "When Irish Eyes are Smiling", "Danny Boy" and the "Streets of Dublin". The motor coach patrons were pleasantly

surprised when the four tenors broke into a pair of three song medleys that included chart toppers from Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons and the rock opera group Queen.

Rouet mentions Spirit Productions are looking forward to working with their new friends at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Nation to bring more shows from their roster in the future.



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

The Irish Tenors share a backstage moment with SECR patrons Karen and Buzz Fate of Remus.

Vicki Lawrence and "Mama Harper" delight Carol Burnett fans

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Photojournalist

On Feb. 3, the multi-talented actress and songstress Vicki Lawrence made her fourth return a memorable one for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort audience as she shared fond memories of her career on the 1967-1978 Carol Burnett show and her

1983-1990 successful sitcom spin-off "Mama's Family".

She performed a promotional afternoon retrospective to a motor coach audience involving music, comedy and several video clips of her stellar performances from her variety show.

Lawrence was all about family as she commanded the stage as Mama Thelma Harper and

her husband of 40 years, who is also Burnett's makeup artist and former Missouri Tiger football player, Al Schultz, and son Garrett, enjoyed the light-hearted fun aimed at their expense.

Mama had the crowd in stitches as the homespun one-liners kept coming.

"I'm so old I don't buy green bananas anymore," Mama said. "I'm so old it took me a while to figure out the Spice channel had nothing to do with oregano!"

Lawrence did admit Mama Harper had a better career than she did, although it was Vicki who sang the number one ballad from 1972, "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia".

As Lawrence sang her signature song, it became clear comedic talent was just one dimension of her multi-faceted career. Starting in her valedictorian days at Morningside High School in Inglewood, Calif., she sang with

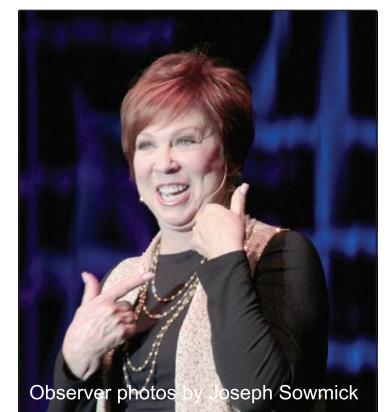
the musical theatre group "The Young Americans" and shared the stage with former Soaring Eagle performers Johnny Mathis and Andy Williams.

The self-described "natural red head" thanked the appreciative audience for the support throughout the years. Lawrence has authored two books, the

1995 autobiography "Vicki!: The True-Life Adventures of Miss Fireball," published by Simon and Schuster with Marc Eliot and her 2008 comedy tome "Mama for President: Good Lord, Why Not?"



Mama Thelma Harper brings her homespun humor to the Soaring Eagle stage.



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The multi-talented actress and performer Vicki Lawrence is all smiles as she shares some funny moments from her days on "The Carol Burnett Show".

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Travis Tritt and The Charlie Daniels Band bring country, southern rock and gospel to SECR

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The audience was in for a fiddlin' good time as country and southern rock musician Charlie Daniels began his concert on Saturday, March 15 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

The Charlie Daniels Band consisted of incredible, in-sync musicians. Daniels, himself, displayed remarkable guitar and fiddle skills, along with vocals.

Daniels announced the band will be releasing a CD covering Bob Dylan's greatest hits, and they played Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'" for a sneak peak.

"We got any rednecks here in Michigan," Daniels asked

the crowd before playing his hit, "(What This World Needs Is) A Few More Rednecks". He described his idea of a redneck is someone who is up before the sun, works all day and drives a pickup truck.

Forty years ago, Daniels recorded one of his most requested songs, "Long Haired Country Boy" on the album "Fire on the Mountain". The audience hollered and sang along to every word.

"The guys in this band are the best I've ever had, and I'm gonna prove that right now," Daniels said as the band began playing "Black Ice", during which each musician, one-by-one, played an unbelievably impressive solo, as the other band members left the stage. It

was their time to shine, all alone on the stage.

Ending his set, Daniels performed an inspirational gospel song, "How Great Thou Art". Daniels and his band could not leave the stage, however, without performing their number one country hit "The Devil Went Down to Georgia".

The Charlie Daniels Band not only consisted of talented musicians, but it appeared they had great chemistry while having a blast on stage together.

Headliner and American country music singer Travis Tritt was also not opposed to having fun on stage. With his flirty smirks, amusing dance moves and high kicks while strumming the guitar, it's no wonder Tritt loves what he does and does what he loves.

Tritt performed an abundance of his hits including, "Put Some Drive In Your Country", "High Time For Getting' Down" and "I'm Gonna Be Somebody". His live vocals sounded just like the recordings.

"It's a whole lot warmer in Georgia where we came from, but we came here to party with ya'll," Tritt said before playing "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'".

Tritt revealed his flirtatious side during the funky, upbeat "Rub Off On Me". He

dropped his guitar and seductively danced before the audience. He also hit an exceptional high note at the end of the song, showcasing his vocal ability.

It was then time for Tritt to stop dancing and get serious. When he sat down to perform acoustic versions of his number-one country hit "Anymore" and "Tell Me I Was Dreaming" he gave his heart and soul.

As the audience was awestruck by The Charlie Daniels Band beforehand, Tritt proved to be too.

"I am not anywhere as close to being the musician Charlie Daniels and his band are, but I'm not done trying," Tritt said to the crowd causing both jeers and applause.

Tritt didn't sell himself short though, his impressive southern rock country, gospel and blues style and vocals kept the audience mesmerized.

"Southbound Train", written by both Tritt and Daniels, was then performed.



American country music singer Travis Tritt was anything but shy on stage as he smiled to the crowd and danced along as he played guitar.

"Here's a Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)", "Modern Day Bonnie and Clyde" and "Country Club" received applause, but it wasn't until "It's a Great Day to Be Alive", the audience roared and gave Tritt a standing ovation.

The sold-out crowd got a dose of southern rock and country from both Travis Tritt and The Charlie Daniels Band. Although they had different styles from one another, both acts equally impressed the crowd, leaving them begging for more.



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Fiddle master, country and southern rock musician Charlie Daniels shows off his passion for music.

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May 10 • 10am-3pm

Decolonization Writing Workshop
May 17 • 11am-4pm

Performance Circle Graduation
May 20 • 6pm-9pm



Mino n'Bimaadziwin: It's a journey

DAMIAN FISHER

Contributing Writer

Whenever I talk to friends about healthy lifestyles, there comes a point when a reticence, an apology, or an excuse creeps into the conversation.

While it seems natural to judge ourselves, it is here we can take the first step toward a healthier lifestyle and stop being so hard on ourselves.

Living the good life is more about feeling healthy than it is about some absolute or objective ideal that one must measure up to. Sure, measuring progress and performance is an important part of getting to a place where one can feel healthy, but it's the relative metrics that will help you get closer to your goals.

How do we get there from here? First, figure out where your "here" is. See your doctor; make sure your body and mind are ready for exercise. If you have chronic health issues, ask your doctor what your physical limitations are and what you must watch for as you consider being more active.

If you take medications, make sure you know the side effects, be mindful of dosages and the most effective times to take them. Exercise will change your metabolism and that will affect how you feel and how your medications are absorbed in your body.

Paying attention to your body will reap many benefits. Your body loves you and wants to survive despite your best efforts at a timely demise through poor diet, a sedentary lifestyle or even substance abuse. Learning how to listen to your body, and more importantly, understanding what it is saying is how you will begin to enjoy the good life.

It helped me to think of my body as a machine controlled by a number of levers and switches. The control panel was big, scary and seemed so complicated I wanted to give up right then. But then curiosity took over and I moved a lever, and then another and then I threw a couple of switches and I ended up sore, tired, hurt and discouraged!

I couldn't just play at the controls and expect to know what I was doing right away. I had to take time, try to figure out what each lever and switch was connected to and what system they controlled. A simple process; but it took time, attention and awareness to make it a habit. Once you figure it out though, your reward is more control over your health and it becomes easier to make better choices for yourself and your body.

I got lucky after my bariatric surgery; since I couldn't eat much at a time, I had to pay attention to what I could feed my body and still expect it to perform the way I demanded to reach my goals of competing in bodybuilding contests. My choices were limited and I had to pay attention. Eventually, I figured things out and things began to fall into place.

Make goals for yourself, figure out where you're starting from and love yourself. If you see me around, let's talk about how we can get there from here!

April is National STI Awareness Month

ROBYN GRINZINGER

Health Educator

April is STI Awareness Month. Talking about STIs is a very sensitive issue. This annual observance helps raise awareness.

It used to be called Venereal Disease, Latin for 'goddess of love,' meaning the disease was spread through sexual activity. Later, it was renamed STD for Sexually Transmitted Disease. Now, it is called STI for Sexually Transmitted Infection because it is not a disease, but it is an infection.

How are STIs spread?

1. Unprotected sexual activity
2. From mother to baby
3. Sharing of IV drugs (needles) or intercourse with an IV drug user

Anyone may be at risk for an STI. If you have ever had

an STI, it does not make you a bad person. It means somewhere along the way you had unprotected sex once – it only takes one time – and were exposed. Either your partner did not know, or they chose not to tell you. Sometimes it is fear of what you may think of them.

STIs affect anyone at any age, no one is immune. STIs in youth and Elders continue to soar.

All STIs are treatable, but not all of them are curable. Bacterial means with treatment they can be cured (Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and Trichomonas.) STIs such as Genital Warts (HPV), Hepatitis B and C, Herpes and HIV are viral; no treatment can rid these and you will have them for the rest of your life.

If you have ever been exposed to chlamydia, it

could have just as easily been HIV. You can get both through sexual activity.

What can you do?

1. If you've ever had unprotected sex, ask the doctor for an STI test at your next physical.
2. Don't assume if 'they look clean' they are, this belief has nothing to do with it.
3. Ask a new partner to get themselves tested.
4. If you ever experience any symptoms, please call your doctor right away. We would rather have you come in and tell you it is nothing, rather than wait. Untreated STIs cause many complications. Often a woman will have no symptoms, so it is very important to keep annual physicals.
5. Use protection to save you and your partner from harm.

Nimkee Fitness Center Group Exercise Schedule April 2014

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 8 a.m. | Aqua Fit Sharon | | Aqua Fit Sharon | | Aqua Fit Sharon |
| 12:10 p.m. | Turbo Kick Ashleigh | Mat Pilates Catherine <i>*Starts at 12:15 p.m.</i> | Lunch Crunch Go Jaden | Fat Blast Jayme | Boot Camp Jaden |
| 4:15 p.m. | | | | | Fat Blast Jayme |
| 5:10 p.m. | Zumba Jayme | Kick & Step Jeni | Kick & Step Jeni | World Fusion Belly Tawnya | |
| 5:10 p.m. | | Beginner's Running Class (Starts 4/15) Jayme | | Beginner's Running Class (Starts 4/15) Jayme | |

Cooking with Kids: The Roasted Chickpea ("Garbanzo Bean")

SALLY VAN CISE

RD Nutritionist



Chickpeas are a legume (bean) that must be first cooked before eating. They are high in protein, fiber, folate and low in fat. Chickpeas were discovered more than 8,000 years ago. They are very versatile and are used in many recipes.

Mature chickpeas can be cooked and eaten cold in salads, cooked in stews, ground into a flour called gram flour and used frequently in Indian cuisine, ground and shaped in balls and fried as falafel, stirred into a batter and baked to make farinata or panelle.

Hummus is the Arabic word for chickpeas, which are often cooked and ground into a paste and mixed with tahini, sesame seed paste, the blend called hummus bi tahini. Chickpeas and Bengal grams

are used to make curries and are one of the most popular vegetarian foods in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and the UK. In the US, chickpeas can transform into cookies, cake, brownies, sweet or savory muffins and crackers.

Roasted chickpeas are a simple, healthy, snack. The technique for these recipes involves dry-roasting, and then tossing the chickpeas in seasoning for a short time, followed by a second roasting time. Olive oil burns at high temperatures, but with slow dry-roasting, the chickpeas get crunchy without getting charred, and the seasoning still has time at the very end to absorb and caramelize.

Maple-Coconut Roasted Chickpeas

- 1 1/2 cups fully cooked chickpeas (or one 15 oz. can, well drained)
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 1/2 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 cup unsweetened shredded coconut (optional)
- 1/8 teaspoon sea salt

Sriracha-Lime Roasted Chickpeas

- 1 1/2 cups fully cooked chickpeas (or one 15 oz. can, well drained)
- 1/2-1 tablespoon Sriracha (depending on how much heat you like!)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt

Honey-Cinnamon-Ginger Roasted Chickpeas

- 1 1/2 cups fully cooked chickpeas (or one 15 oz. can, well drained)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon sea salt

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees and cover a large tray with parchment paper. NOTE: you can also use a 300-degree oven – drying time is about 1 hour; the lower temperature decreases the chance of the chickpeas burning if you forget to check on them.
2. Rinse chickpeas, and then dry, by sandwiching the chickpeas between a few sheets of paper towels and blot them dry. You'll need more paper towels than you think – the drier, the crunchier!
3. Spread out the chickpeas on the parchment paper, and remove any of the skins that easily pop off since these can burn. Then, place the tray in the oven to dry-roast for about 45 minutes. Open the oven every 10 minutes or so and give the tray a little shake so that the chickpeas cook evenly. (And if, like me, you're liable to get distracted and then suddenly smell something burning, set a timer for 10-minute intervals).
4. While they cook, prepare your choice of seasoning in a big bowl (one that has enough room to toss the chickpeas).
5. When chickpeas seem fairly crunchy (but not totally dried out), remove the tray from the oven, gently lift the parchment paper and slide those chickpeas right into your bowl of seasoning. Mix until well-coated.
6. Pour the chickpeas back onto the parchment and pop the tray back in the oven. Bake at 300 degrees for another 10-20 minutes. If they are not yet crispy, gently stir and continue to bake until the chick peas are crispy.
7. Remove, and let them cool for at least 10 minutes. Serve at room temperature.

Recipe submitted by Sally Van Cise RD Nutritionist with permission to reprint by author, Veggiecation. For more recipes visit www.veggiecation.com



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Early colorectal cancer screening essential to prevention and increasing cure rate

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Central Michigan District Health Department wants to make consumers aware colorectal cancer, a potentially life-threatening disease, is preventable with early detection.

“Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, with more than 56,000 people expected to die from this

disease each year,” Dr. Robert Graham, medical director for the Central Michigan District Health Department said. “However, it is a preventable and very curable disease if caught early.”

Because there are often no symptoms when it is first developing, colorectal cancer can only be detected through regular early screening.

“The benefits of early detection and treatment are dramatic,” Dr. Graham said. “The possibility of curing patients after symptoms develop is only 50 percent,

but if colorectal cancer is found and treated at an early stage before symptoms develop, the opportunity to cure is 80 percent or better.”

The ages between 50 and 64, family history of colorectal cancer, colon polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, and Crohn’s disease are factors that create a higher risk for colorectal cancer. All men and women of average risk for colorectal cancer should have regular colorectal cancer screenings after the age of 50. Your doctor may recommend earlier

screening if you have one or more risk factors. Call your medical care provider and ask about his/her recommendations for screening.

Dr. Graham notes that in addition to getting screened regularly for colorectal cancer, people can lower their risk of getting the disease by:

- Avoiding foods that are high in fat
- Eating plenty of vegetables, fruits, and other high-fiber foods
- Exercising regularly and maintaining a normal body weight

- Not smoking
- Drinking alcohol only in moderation

For more information on colorectal cancer prevention and screening, visit www.cancer.org or www.cdc.gov/cancer.

This article has been brought to you by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola and Roscommon. Visit our website at www.cmdhd.org and “Like” Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook.

Nighttime habits interfere with sleep and may also increase risk of disease

JUDY DAVIS

Nimkee Women’s Health

Sleep; it probably comes as no surprise that more than one-third of us are not getting enough. The competing demands of work, family and social life can make the recommended seven to eight hours seem more like a luxury than a necessity. And then add in the many technologies that allow us to connect with each other anytime,

anywhere and it becomes all too easy to skimp on sleep.

What may surprise you is that some of our seemingly harmless nighttime habits may not only interfere with our sleep, but may also increase our risk for chronic diseases, including certain types of cancer. Exposure to light during nighttime activities likely plays a role in the link between sleep and cancer.

Exposure to light suppresses our body’s production of melatonin, a hormone

that helps regulate our internal clock. During the day this is helpful, as it boosts our mood and makes us more alert. But at night it can make falling asleep more difficult and prevent our body from producing the much needed melatonin. Scientific evidence suggests that regular exposure to light during nighttime hours may increase the risk for certain types of cancer including breast and prostate. So, put down that iPad or iPhone, turn out the lights and head to bed.

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It is not too late to start investing now for retirement

GAYLE RUHL

Senior Assisted Living Administrator

One of the realities for many Tribal members is the lack of planning for future retirement. Sure, it can be several years away and why worry about something so far down the road? Well, having a good solid foundation for retirement may mean a better retirement; doing the things you enjoy and love for many years, instead of scraping by with little to nothing.

It is no surprise this is one of the last things to think about when a pile of bills and food is needed now but having some financial and retirement goals today will improve many of the spending woes we deal with right now. A more exciting prospect to proper planning now is members may have additional assets and income from retirement funds and investments if they begin planning now.

The Elder Services Program is going to provide one to three informational and educational

classes for all members. These classes will help answer questions about retirement, investing and planning for the future. One of the goals for the Elders Services Program is to improve the quality of life for Elder members and one way we can

assist is to prepare members for reaching Elder status in the best possible financial circumstance.

Dates and times are pending, but the first class will be in May, look for a flyer and more information in the May Tribal Observer issue. Also, if you

would like to provide us with questions ahead of time, we can make sure the providers address your specific questions. If you are interested in attending one of these classes, please contact the Elder Services Program at **989-775-4300** to sign up.

How agility helps with mobility

Want to be able to move around well as you age? Finding it more difficult to get down on your knees and get up? Interested in keeping your joints strong and flexible to meet the demands of daily life?

Join the club. Without our ability to get around, all kinds of health problems set in, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC. MySilverAge.com challenges not just seniors but everyone else to work out to improve mobility with these three functional fitness workouts:

- **Use sandbells to minimize strain.** While exercise

equipment such as dumbbells strengthens arms, many weights can place too much strain on the hands. A sandbell—a weighted, contoured fabric bag filled with sand—is an easier alternative for older adults and others who have trouble gripping items, because they offer customizable weight and grip for strength exercises, while minimizing stress and strain on hands.

- **Use interval training for quick bursts of energy.** Children tend to have short bursts of energy followed by periods of rest before they start again. Keep up with the kids with interval training. Walk on

a treadmill at a normal speed for five minutes, then increase to a more challenging pace for one minute and repeat.

- **Use an exercise ball for better balance.** Good balance is vital for safe walking, stair climbing and avoiding falls. Use an exercise ball in place of a chair during traditional workouts, such as lifting weights, to help improve balance. The instability of the ball forces all the body's muscles to work together to support stability and steady balance.

Source: Health-e headlines™ Consumer Health News Service

Attention Tribal Elders!

There is still space available on the **New York City bus trip**. Sept. 3-10, 2014

Also **Powwow Homecoming** (space is limited) July 23-28, 2014

For more information contact Sheila Leaux 989-775-4135 or saleaux@sagchip.org

District One Elders Services Lawn Care Guidelines 2013-2014

Changes are coming to the 2013-2014 Lawn Care Guidelines. Look for more information on these changes in the May Tribal Observer.

APRIL 2014 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1 Willard Chapoton III, David James, Carla Sineway | 15 Marietta Stanley |
| 2 Mike Frank | 16 Debra House, Russell Stevens |
| 3 Peggy Harris, Sharon Matthews, Robert Sharon, Christine Bird, William Bouck, Mary North, Laura Yoder | 17 Jon Bennett Jr., Wanda Lautner |
| 4 Nathan Childers, Judy Jackson, Donald Weaver Jr. | 18 Zilda Jackson |
| 5 Domonic Stone, Barbara Poulos, Westbrook Shawboose | 19 Kermit Paul Jr. |
| 6 Shelly Rickert, Mary Russell | 20 Terry Schmitzer, Henriette Steele |
| 7 Daniel Fowler, Roberto Martinez | 21 Theron Fisher, Raymond Cloutier |
| 8 Francis Douglas, Eleanor VanHorn, Daniel Lingford | 22 David Bennett, Charles Benz, Ethel Lingford |
| 9 Josephine Arnold, Lisa Snyder, Joseph DeGuvara, Janice Wilcox | 23 Lawrence Nahgahgwon Jr., Diana Trepanier, Steven Weaver |
| 10 Sena Hutcheson, Wendy Roulo | 25 Brenda Franco, Linda Hudak, Patrick Mena |
| 11 Barbara Sprague | 26 Frank Gallegos Jr., Richard Quigno, Darlene Wilson, Roy Fowler, Gladys Hall, Carolyn O'Neal, Ronald Jackson, Teresa Reyes |
| 12 Mary Lynne Chippeway, Livingston Colwell, Randolph Holy-Day | 27 Catherine Jackson, Marie Kequom, Alta Arroyo, Jovain Shawboose, Linda Smith |
| 13 Vivian Jackson, Roy Ritter, Karen Clarchick, Lawrence Collins | 28 Josephine Carranza, Stephen Bonneau |
| 14 Rena Bird, William Quayle Jr., Michael Salgat | 29 Robin Dutton, Raul Venegas Sr. |
| 15 Laurie Jackson, | 30 Lou Ann Loiselle, Pauline Walker, Lawrence Zoicher |

Andahwod March Employee of the Month

SHELIGH JACKSON

Administrative Assistant II

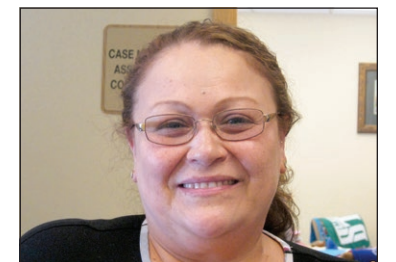
Congratulations to Toni Leaux! Toni was chosen by the residents to be Andahwod's March Employee of the Month.

Toni has worked at Andahwod for four years and she is a Certified Nursing Assistant. Toni is soon moving to another position within the Tribe, but could

not leave without mentioning her experience here at Andahwod.

"I've enjoyed my time here at Andahwod, working with my Tribal Elders," Leaux said. "I can't express my love for them all, and it is hard when you get attached to them and then lose them, that is the hardest part of my job."

Toni has four grown children and nine grandchildren who are her world, outside of work. She also has a lovely dog and cat.



Toni Leaux

Congratulations again, Toni. We will miss you when you move to your new job, but you are welcome to visit us anytime!

Elders Advisory Board Vacancy

The Elder's Advisory Board (EAB) has one vacant seat. Applicants must be 50 years and older Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder, reside in District #1, willing to advocate for Tribal Elders and attend meetings regularly.

Letters of interest will be accepted until April 30, 2014.

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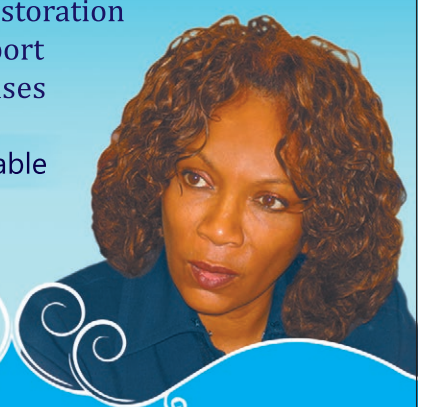
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French Toast
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APRIL 2014 EVENT PLANNER

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- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Euchre

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 p.m.

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

Andahwod Crafts

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387
- 4/1: Plastic Canvast Crafts, 1 p.m.
- 4/25: Spa Day Crafts, 1 p.m.
- 4/28: Chapstick Holder Craft Crafts, 10:30 a.m.

Dog Therapy with Kindle & Boomer

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4307

Easter Crafts

April 2, 5, 9, 11 | 10:30 a.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Language Bingo

April 3 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4307

Friday Dinner Buffets

April 4, 11, 24 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Games

April 6, 20 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Sewing Club

April 7, 14, 21, 28 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Elder's Breakfast

April 9, 23 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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

Sing-a-long

April 12 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Knitting

April 10, 13, 17, 24 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
- Contact: 989-775-4387

Bingo with Friends

April 16 | 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
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Rummage & Craft Sale

April 17 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
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Easter Brunch

April 17 | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

Easter Egg Hunt

April 19 | TBA

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

Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Dinner Party

April 2 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4386

Performance Circle Class

April 8, 15, 22 | Junior Class: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- Senior Class: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center
- Contact: 989-775-4750

Rez Rollers Bowling Tournament

April 12 | Registration: 11:30 a.m., Bowling: 12:30 p.m.

- Location: Chippewa Lanes
- Contact: 989-775-4149

Meet & Greet with Behavioral Health

April 15 | 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

- Location: Saganing Tribal Center
- Contact: 989-775-5810
- Brief overview of Behavioral Health Services and announcement of BH Services
- Great door prizes for one lucky elder, parent/adult, and youth for just filling out a brief survey
- Dinner, acupuncture will also be available

Family Bingo

April 15 | 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- Location: Eagle's Nest Tribal Gym

Fitness Support Group

April 16, 30 | 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- Contact: 989-775-4696

New Parents Support Group

April 25 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Location: Nimkee Health
- Contact: 989-775-4600

TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2014

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT./SUN. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Waste Collection* <small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small> | <p>1</p> <p>Ogitchedaw Meeting Senior's Room 6 p.m.</p> <p>Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Senior's Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hoop Dancing Class Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.</p> <p>6</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>7</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Donnie Dowd B. Health 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Traditional Healing B. Health 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hoop Dancing Class Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Traditions 101 B. Health 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.</p> <p>13</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>Grandmother Moon B. Health 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.</p> <p>Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Education Advisory Board 9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Senior's Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline - 3 p.m.</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hoop Dancing Class Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>18</p> <p>AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.</p> <p>20</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Day after Easter</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> | <p>22</p> <p>Mother Earth Day Clean Up Housing Park 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Education Advisory Board Meeting 9 a.m.</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Senior's Room 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation Noon - 1 p.m.</p> <p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hoop Dancing Class Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> | <p>25</p> <p>AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.</p> <p>27</p> <p>New Spirit Support Group B. Health 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>Women's Tradition Group B. Health 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Men's Society Meeting Behind SCA 6 p.m.</p> | <p>29</p> <p>Men & Women's Healing Circle B. Health 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.</p> | | | |

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



Tribal Observer Classifieds

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

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Tribal Operations

Social Services Supervisor Protective Service

Open to the public. The Social Services Supervisor will assure protective services investigations, prevention, child and family service cases and open-active cases including descendants as outlined in the ICWA agreement between Michigan DHS and SCIT are responded to in a manner consistent with the Department's overall goal. Requires: Bachelor's degree in Social Work or related field required. Master's degree preferred. Four years of experience in a Tribal social services setting. Must have supervisory experience in Social Services or Human Services related field. Must have knowledge of applicable Tribal and Federal law as they pertain to Tribal children and families.

Associate Judge

Open to the public. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar: Ten or more years experience as a practicing attorney, considerable litigation experience preferred, excellent knowledge of criminal and civil procedure and federal Indian law and demonstrated interest in working with an Indian tribe.

Journeyman Lineman

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

Wellness Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree required in health education, public health, health counseling/behavior-related field, human resources/business administration. Two years related professional work experience required. Must have experience in implementing and managing projects. Demonstrated health insurance industry knowledge preferred.

Creative Arts Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in Education. Must possess a valid Michigan Elementary Teaching Certificate; endorsement in art education preferred. Two years demonstrated experience in teaching as a successful Art teacher. Good class room management skills.

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 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.

T.O. Grounds Maintenance Temp

Only SCIT members may apply. Must have experience and show knowledge in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment as described in the essential job duties.

Tribal Police Captain

Open to the public. Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be certified law enforcement officer. Requires 10 years experience in law enforcement field. Completion of any law enforcement or administrative training required for the position. Must possess knowledge of departmental policies and procedures as well as BIA Law Enforcement Manual.

Support Services Tech I

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

Assistant Elders Advocate

Open to the public. Two years of college education in a human service area. Two years work experience in a service or hospital industry position. Must have good program development and organizational skills and possess a willingness to communicate and socialize with large groups of people. Prefer a working knowledge of Native American communities and/or Elder populations. Prefer a working knowledge of local social service agencies, services for the aging, health services, Medicaid, Medicare, or Social Security is helpful. The Assistant Elders Advocate will advocate services to address the needs of the Senior's Elder membership.

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.

Operator Lab Tech Intern

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe may apply. High school diploma or equivalent. It is preferred the individual has an aptitude for the operation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and electrical equipment. Also helpful is an aptitude for math and chemistry with the ability to work in adverse conditions both environmental and climatic. The employee in this position will be trained to meet the requirements to be able to test for their MDEQ L2, L1 and Class "D" license which includes 2080 hands on hours.

Water Operator Intern

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. It is preferred the individual has an aptitude for math and chemistry with the willingness to learn the essentials of water operations and water system maintenance. This position is designed to enable the employee to enter the field of Water Operations. Through trainings and experience they will achieve the necessary requirements to test for their MDEQ F-4, F-3 and S-4 licenses.

SECR

Director of Cage & 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 ex-

perience. 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 at least 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.

Comptroller

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

Lead Cook Isabella's

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 ac-

cepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

Table Games Dealer

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license. Must be able to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner. Native American preferred. Training fee: Applicants must pay a \$400 fee for training. This fee can be payroll deducted at \$50 per week. If successful completion of training has been met, the fee will not be required for additional games. (Fee is waived for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Members only).

Key Booth Attendant-Hotel

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma. Available to work all shifts including weekends and holidays.

Steward

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have an organized and thorough in work ethic and a strong desire to provide service.

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Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF KELLY CLOUSE:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case no. 13-CI-1018 Plaintiff: Paula M. Fisher Attorney at Law, PC Plaintiff's attorney: Toni L. Sessoms, Paula M. Fisher Attorney at Law, PC 201 S. University Ave. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 vs. Defendant: Kelly Clouse 110 S. Oak St. #1 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 in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default Judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires May 7, 2014.**

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF MARCINE BERTRAND:


The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 13-CI-1082 Plaintiff: Janes, Backus & Janes, P.C. 115 S. University St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Plaintiff's attorney Robert M. Backus, Janes, Backus & Janes 115 S. University St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-9941 vs. Defendant: Marcine Bertrand 7321 E. Remus Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to the Defendant: 1 You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. This is a lawsuit claiming that you have committed a civil wrong. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to server 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 the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. If the amount of damages requested by Plaintiff exceeds \$1000.00, you may demand a Jury Trial in writing. 4. 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 25, 2014.**



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Ziibwing presents “Debwewin/Truth: The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience” exhibit

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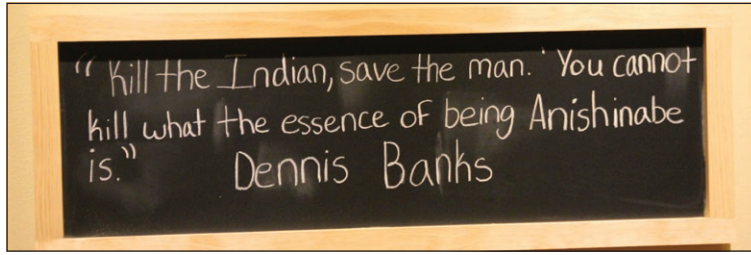
For many, the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School, or MIIBS, period is known as the Era of Stolen Children or the American Indian Holocaust. MIIBS operated from June 30, 1893 to June 6, 1934 with an average enrollment of 300 students per year. Students were forbidden to speak their language, honor their culture and practice their Anishinabe spirituality.

Administrative records indicate only five children perished while attending MIIBS during its 41 years of operation, while the Ziibwing Center’s research team discovered more than 200 undocumented deaths thus far utilizing newspaper articles on microfilm, county death records and other historical documents.

On Saturday, March 15, Ziibwing premiered its changing exhibit, “Debwewin/Truth: The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience”. The exhibit reveals the historical and archeological research of the school, along with present-day impacts quoted from many Tribal members affected by boarding schools.

“We are very proud of this exhibit, it’s been a long time coming,” Ziibwing Center Director Shannon Martin said. “It’s been an exhibit we’ve been working up to; it’s no easy feat for us to confront the history, the materials and stories that we are about to abide to the public.”

“Back in 2001 to 2003, the Ziibwing Center team... was tasked with developing this permanent exhibition,” Martin said. “Within this exhibition is a gallery called “Effects of Colonization”, that gallery was



Dennis Banks, Native American leader of the American Indian Movement, is quoted within the exhibit.

the toughest and most difficult gallery for our exhibit design team to tackle. It was very emotionally impactful and draining. We were uncovering information about our grandparents and great-grandparents’ history and what they had to endure during those generations of colonization. Within that story... was the dark chapter of the Native American boarding school experience.”

Capt. Richard Henry Pratt was the founder and longtime superintendent of the Carlisle Indian Industrial Boarding School in Carlisle, Pa. Many consider him the founder of the boarding school system. Ziibwing Curator William Johnson presented some of Pratt’s philosophies from 1892.

“As you enter the exhibit, you will see the introduction panel... where Capt. Richard Henry Pratt says, ‘Kill the Indian, Save the Man,’ and we’ve been grasping, trying to understand that mentality,” Johnson said. “We began to look at the official report of the 19th annual Conference of Charities and Corrections in 1892, 122 years ago. Capt. Pratt had some pretty contradictory thinking.”

“At the meeting... Capt. Richard H. Pratt, asserted that he was going to kill Indian culture, he was going to kill languages and Indian spirituality,” Johnson said. “Pratt believed anxiety to civilize

Indian people was a falsehood, and there was an idea nationally that people were anxious about civilizing Indian people.”

At the exhibit entrance, the appalling, upsetting quote from Pratt reads, “A great general has said that the only good Indian is a dead one, and that high sanction of his destruction has been an enormous factor in promoting Indian massacres. In a sense, I agree with the sentiment, but only in this: that all the Indian there is in the race should dead. Kill the Indian in him, and save the man...”

The boarding school era is rarely mentioned in history books.

“This history has been denied to all of us,” Martin said. “It has been denied to us through our educational system... It wasn’t in my history book... So that’s why it’s important we continue to sound our voices about this chapter in U.S. history. It is a shared history and one we have to take a responsibility to educate as much as we can... for many of us, we came to learn and understand how impactful it was for our family lines, our heritage and how we are still dealing with it.”

The “Debwewin/Truth: The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience” exhibit will be displayed at Ziibwing until Sept. 30, 2014. The changing exhibit part II containing 3D objects begins April 30.



A photo, courtesy of the Alice Littlefield Collection, shows a MIIBS classroom.

BOARDING SCHOOL ‘RITHMETIC

By: Esther Helms

Self-appointed teacher
Do the new math

Your twisted expression
me = you
is an irrational equation

Your brutal attempts to subtract from me
the differences you
don’t get,
don’t like,
don’t possess,
don’t result
in a lesser value
but an undiminished Anishinabe zongadeyahn.

Your feeble efforts to divide by fractionalized quantum
fails
to reduce
or separate

You have underestimated
the power
of generations plus grandfathers
times 7

You are impotent
in calculating wealth
with your weak
accounting of dollars

While you plot pretentious prosperity
by sending solitary singles
along distant, dismal diagonals,
we register rewarding riches
by gratefully guiding grand kids
around sweetly circulating spheres

Teacher evaluation:
FAILED
to kill the Indian.

Student evaluation:
100%
FREE
from the need
for your approval
or validation

Student promoted
by full
blood
memory



Tribal members look over the record containing a list of the documented deceased MIIBS students.



AOVW Representative Harold Gould and Tribal Elder Daisy Kostus have a hand in the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Ziibwing Changing Exhibit.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

Many community members attended the grand opening of Ziibwing’s changing exhibit, “Debwewin/Truth: The Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Experience”.



Ziibwing Center Curator William Johnson presented information on the official report of the 19th annual Conference of Charities and Corrections in 1892.