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Anthony Bennett Indicted on First Degree Murder By Federal Grand Jury For Death of Carnel Chamberlain

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Anthony Michael Bennett was indicted on first degree murder of a child on Nov. 7 by a federal grand jury in Bay City.

Bennett, a member of SCIT, committed the murder of Carnel Chamberlain on June 21.

According to a press release issued by the United States Attorney's Office Eastern District of Michigan, U.S. Attorney Barbara L. McQuade stated, "We are committed to prosecuting violent crimes against vulnerable victims wherever they occur, including in tribal communities. This indictment is the result of extraordinary cooperation and diligence by federal, state and tribal law enforcement agencies."

FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert D. Foley, III was also there when the announcement was made of the Bennett's

charges.

He stated, "Violent crimes against children cannot be tolerated and those who commit them will face severe consequences for these crimes. Together with tribal, state and federal law enforcement partners, the FBI is committed to stopping these criminal acts. It is a sense of relief to the community. We waited so long to bring some sort of result to what had happened, where we might go with this."

Frank Cloutier, SCIT Public Relations Director issued a press release throughout the community and in it, Cloutier stated, "This is a time for us to heal, this is a time for us to look for justice and we are walking down that path for justice."

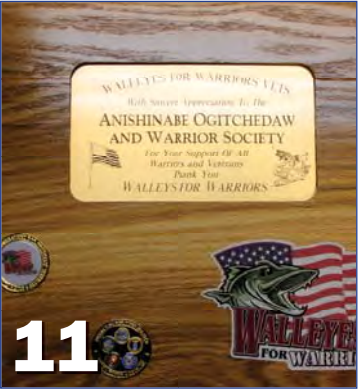
Bennett will be given due process in court.

"He will have his day and time in court and Carnel will be represented well," Cloutier said. "Hopefully justice will prevail in this event. I really believe it is a

turning point to the community to take a breath of relief and reflect on what happened and hope for the best during this judicial process."

The disappearance of Carnel has not only impacted the SCIT community but has impacted many all over the United States.

"There are a lot of people wondering why there was a press release in this case and why there haven't been in other cases," Cloutier said. "This is one of those cases when we do a press release involving membership and involving situations and circumstances in the community. The activities involved and the disappearance of Carnel and the subsequent realization of what happened to him was such an impact on this community we felt as though there was an obligation to notify the community that this case was now going in a new direction."



11 Veteran's Feast
The Anishinabe Ojibchedah honored Veterans in the community with feast



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Athletes throughout the community are proudly showcased



22 Fairytales and Fables
Nimkee Public Health hosts 27th Annual Halloween Wellness Fair



BACK Halloween Haunt
The Halloween party and Trunk or Treat were a big hit

Tubby's Shines At Migizi VIP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

JOE SOWMICK
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 13, a new Tribal business emerged with a VIP ribbon cutting. The Migizi Board of Directors joined the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and representatives from Tubby's corporate offices in Detroit.

"Whenever the Tribe gets to open a new business venture, the whole community knows we are looking at creative ways to build revenue," Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom Sr. said. "Tubby's offers some healthy alternatives and a diverse menu that many will be able to enjoy."

SCIT Public Relations Director and Migizi Board member Frank Cloutier elaborated further on Chief Kequom's assessment.

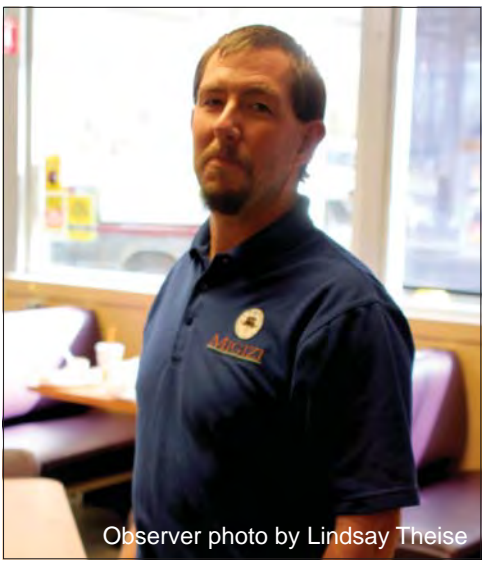
"I think the choice to bring something more wholesome and healthier than the average fast foot fair is a step in the right direction," Cloutier said. "The fact that Tubby's has the capability of catering for events will ensure Tribal departments, families and other groups have yet again another choice in their event, meeting and celebration food choices." Tubby's was founded in 1968 in St. Clair Shores and the chain operates more than 70 stores throughout Michigan, primarily in the Detroit metropolitan area. Founder Richard Paganes, who was 21 at the time, had previously worked at another local sub shop called Super Sub Shop, and decided to open his own sub shop. Tubby's sold 25 different varieties of sandwiches, most grilled. By 1977, the



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council joins Migizi Board at Tubby's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

chain had grown to ten locations, and was incorporated as Tubby's Sub Shops, Inc.

In 1994, Tubby's also started a concept called Tubby's Café Express, which operated inside five local Sears department stores, including the ones at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn and Oakland Mall in Troy. They also proposed another prototype, drive-thru only location, and opened locations on the campuses of Wayne State University in Detroit and Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, as well as one located inside a Detroit hospital. Tubby's offers more than twenty different types of submarine sandwiches, most of which are served grilled. In addition, the chain serves several sides, including French fries, fruit cups, onion chips, potato chips, cheese sticks, and soft drinks.



Observer photo by Lindsay Theise
Tubby's would not have been possible without William Bates.



James R. Walker, Jr., October 12, 1930 - October 24, 2012

The family of James R. Walker, Jr., with much love and respect, announce his peaceful passing into the Spirit World on October 24, 2012.



Jim was last seen with a giant smile on his face while dancing into heaven on his new legs. He was lovingly attended to by Southern Care Hospice and in the tender hands of the nurturing staff of Andahwod ("Where We Live") on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Nation. Jim's warm smile, belly-shaking laughter, twinkly eyes and unforgettable voice will be missed by all those who touched his life.

Jim was born in Petoskey, Michigan, on October 12, 1930; the son of James R. Walker, Sr. and Lottie Johnson. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Aloysius, sisters Gertrude, Betty and Jeanette as he begins his journey with his strong faith guiding him.

Jim was a proud Marine and often spoke about his Korean War experiences. Six weeks after returning from service, Jim met the love of his life, MaryAnne J. DeLeary. The bond of their relationship reconciled late in life revealed a bond that leaves behind a legacy of love in their six children: James R (Mary) Walker III, Sharon Skutt, Donna (Ron) DeLap, Janice Walker, Mary Margaret Walker and Paul J (Jami) Walker; 14 Grandchildren and 20 Great-Grand -children. Jim also leaves behind the matriarch of the Walker Family, his sister, Theresa (Henry) Rubin and their children along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Many characteristics of Jim stand-out but the most outstanding qualities include his sense of humor, generosity, his constant warmth and ability to adapt to any situation. Jim had a remarkable sense of in-sight and fore-shadowing that often left family members in awe as his revelations and inventions became reality.

The Walker Family received fans and paparazzi at Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home, 1200 West Wheeler Street, Midland; Sunday from 2 - 4 p.m. with the Ogitchidaw (Warriors') Society and Drum group honoring Jim as a Korean War veteran and from 6 - 8 p.m., with a Catholic vigil at 7 p.m. Funeral will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Church, on West River Road in Sanford, Monday at 2 p.m. with a "Drive by" salute past his home on his way to Calvary Cemetery where he will lie next to his wife, MaryAnne. Family received friends at St. Agnes for food and fellowship.

Tribal Education Advisory Board Vacancy Announcement

Letters of interest are now being accepted from Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members interested in serving on the TEAB. Beginning January 1, 2013, three four year term ending December 31, 2017, three three year term ending December 31, 2016 and a two year term ending December 31, 2015 will be open. The role of the TEAB is to oversee policies for the Tribe's culture-based, student centered, educational programs and advise Tribal Council on all matters pertaining to the educational development of the members and programmatic opportunities.

Requirements: 1.) *Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe;* 2.) *Must be at least 18 years old;* and 3.) *Must not be employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Education Department.*

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TEAB Conference Room.

Letters of interest will be accepted until December 14, 2012

Please send letters of interest to the

**Tribal Education Administration
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

For further information call Melissa Montoya at 989-775-4523

Post on November 13, 2012

Attention Flagstar Mortgage holders:

A representative from Flagstar will be at the Housing office on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to answer any questions you may have concerning your Flagstar Mortgage.

Please call Sherrill at 989-775-4552 to make an appointment.

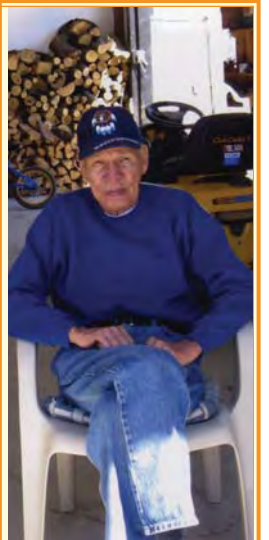
Thank you Steve & Mae Pego, Dave Perez and Darwin Sanada for your services at the memorial for Norman Fowler.

~The Family of Norman Fowler



In Loving Memory of Richard Earl Davis (Snooks)

...who went away one year ago
December 20, 2011 we miss you so much we find it hard to believe you are gone. Your place is vacant in our hearts that never can be filled. We miss you, love you, and think of you with each day that passes. Love Connie your children, Buzz, Casey, and Jason, Richard (Lil Man) - Lisa and grandchildren.



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Attention: Tribal Members & Employees

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort has just recently replaced all of the floor carpet tiles and the purchasing department will be giving away the used 3x3 carpet squares that were on the casino floor. This carpet is used and is great for deer blinds and also for basement flooring.

This carpet is on a first come first serve basis and there will be NO SORTING of carpet. What carpet is on top of the pile is what will be taken.

Tribal members will be able to pick up the used carpet from Jan. 7 through Jan. 18 and employees will be able to pick the carpet up Jan. 14 through Jan. 18. The carpet can be picked up during the hours of 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the SCIT Warehouse located at 2717 Makwa Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

For more information or questions please contact David Charles, Director of Purchasing at DCharles@sagchip.org.



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For more information please contact Emily Wiggins

email: Ewiggins@sagchip.org

phone: 989-775-4613

Stop in to see her at
Nimkee Public Health.



SOUTH DAKOTA ANGEL TREE PROGRAM



LOUANNA BRUNER
Contributing Writer

Every year I continue to be completely amazed at our Tribal community's generosity! So many Tribal members, employees and departments have sponsored children.

However we still have over 200 Angel Tree wish lists that need to be filled. So if you haven't had a chance to experience the beauty of providing for the less fortunate, please come to Council offices and pick out your child to sponsor. Don't have time to shop; we can do it for you!

Cash and check donations can still be mailed:

**SCIT Angel Tree Program
7070 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

Are you looking for other opportunities to help? Below is a list of events where we could use your help:

Sunday, Dec. 2:

Shopping at Walmart

Thursday, Dec. 6:

Shopping at Walmart

Friday, Dec. 7:

Gift drop off at Tribal Gym

Saturday, Dec. 8:

Gift drop off & truck loading at Tribal Gym

For more information on volunteering and participating, please call Louanna Bruner at 989-775-4200.

I encourage everyone to witness the excitement in the gift return at the Tribal Gym. It's so awesome to see our Tribal gym completely fill up with Christmas gifts for another Native Nation less fortunate than us. Remember to bring the whole family and enjoy a visit with Santa Claus!

A Friendly Farewell to Greg Moeggenberg

Gregory Moeggenberg will be retiring after nearly 13 years of working with the Tribe.

Moeggenberg will be missed by many of his co-workers. From funny to serious stories each of his fellow co-workers has something to remember him by.

Cindy Kyser ~ Greg is a very courteous person. He is always willing to help if you ask for it and I always call him, our on the fence person because he doesn't like to get involved in people's petty problems. One time it was really funny we had the overhead door half way open and he tried to bring a ladder taller than the door in through the door. He ran right into the door with the ladder.

Dave Anderson ~ Greg and I worked 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. together and we would sit back in the maintenance garage and talk and laugh. He talks about his experiences in Vietnam. Greg is an all-around happy go lucky person. Greg always made fun of Cindy and made me laugh.

Josh Grace ~ One thing I can say about Greg is that he is stubborn. I remember one project we worked on



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

in the hallway for council and he had put up a magazine rack and he was like, there is nothing on this wall. Greg would not wait for me to go get a stud finder and he ended up putting four holes in that wall and he was like, I will just cover that up with a magazine rack and still the rack covers it up. If he would just listen to me in the beginning we wouldn't have had this problem at all. One of the good things about Greg is that he is a good father; I have been to his house several times.

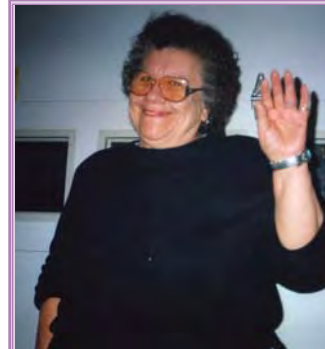
*Happy Birthday
Tommy and Johnny*

*From your Aunt,
Love you both*



**Happy 18th
Birthday
Gary**

*Enjoy your day
Love you,
From your Family*



**Happy "80"
Birthday Ma
Virginia Zocher
12-30-32**

*As we count our blessings,
we can't help but think of
you and thank you for the
difference you have made in
our lives Dear Mother.*

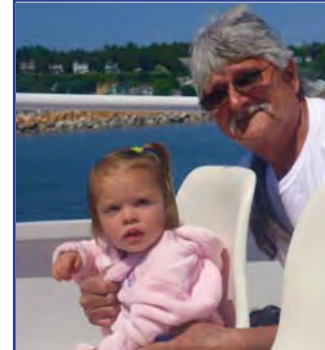


**Happy Birthday
Jaquin
Dec 11**

*From Amanda,
Grace Lynn, Kendra,
William, Amelia and
Dad*



**Happy 11th
Birthday
Tyrone!**
*Love, Mom,
Scotty & Jenna*



**Happy Birthday
to My Dad, Tom
Dec 4th
and Daughter,
Brihanna
Dec. 11th**



**Happy Birthday
Kenny!**
*I Love You!
Love Consuelo
December 12*



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Christmas!**
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Tribal Observer
Staff*

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Submit your photos to us

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Deadline:

December 10th

Positive Indian Parenting Classes

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- Dec. 4, 2012** **Lessons of Mother Nature** – Parents will be able to understand how examples from nature were traditionally used to teach skills for living.
- Dec. 11, 2012** **Praise and Traditional Parenting** – Parents will be able to recognize the ways in which praise was used in traditional Anishnaabeg parenting and the reason behind praise.
- Dec. 18, 2012** **Choices in Parenting** – Parents will be able to know some of the things Anishnaabeg parents face today, understand the unique challenges that Anishnaabeg children face today.



~ Tribal Council ~

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Soaring Eagle Waterpark Hosts Business After Hours Event

JOE SOWMICK
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 14, another first for the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce took place as Soaring Eagle Waterpark & Hotel (SEWPH) hosted Business After Hours.

"The Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event hosted by the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel was a wonderful opportunity for the Tribe and Migizi to showcase our newest destination property," SCIT Public Relations Director and Chamber Board Member Frank Cloutier said. "The water park has something for everyone to enjoy and is a draw for all ages. It is nice to be engaged not only as member of the Mt. Pleasant Chamber but to serve on the board for that business group. We have had many opportunities to collaborate and have worked together to make Mid-Michigan that destination hot spot."

SEWPH General Manager Bonnie Sprague personally welcomed the business leaders and spoke about the wide array of amenities within the water park and hotel operations.

"On behalf of Soaring Eagle



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Jones

Waterpark and Hotel, we were honored to welcome the Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce staff and members. We had a great turnout and hosting the event at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel gave us the opportunity to showcase our new property and introduce our new restaurant and beverage menus," Sprague said. "We truly enjoyed social networking with other area business dignitaries. The face to face experience was pleasant and professional."

Sprague and her staff provided

personalized tours of various room types and the tour of the water park was the highlight of the evening. Sprague is optimistic on garnering new business as a result of the event."

Migizi Chief Executive Officer Maunka Morgan introduced himself and his fellow Migizi Board members in attendance and was impressed with the turnout.

"It was great opportunity to showcase the beautiful Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel," Morgan said. "Many guests were treated to a buffet dinner in the Hotel's Nbakade restaurant and given a tour throughout the facility. The Chamber Business After Hours event is a great opportunity to network and expose the community to a family fun destination site right here in Mt. Pleasant."

Providing an additional spark to a successful evening, local musician and Tribal Member Kevin Chamberlain performed for the crowd and the official SEWPH mascot "Gizi" flew in to take photos with the appreciative crowd.



Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin ~ Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin ~ Love

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

Minaadendamoowin ~ Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin ~ Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin ~ Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin ~ Humility

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

Debwewin ~ Truth

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

Tribal Observer

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c/o Tribal Observer
7070 East Broadway Road
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Occupational Health Manager Tracy Terrill-Leathers Receives ARM Degree

JOE SOWMICK
Contributing Writer

On Nov. 13, SCIT Human Resources Director Greg Falsetta was pleased to announce that Tracy Terrill-Leathers has successfully completed her professional designation of ARM (Associate Risk Management) degree. To achieve this, Terrill-Leathers had to commit to studying and passing three major courses prepared by the Insurance Institute of America.

“The designation will provide her with the technical ability to perform duties of a Risk Manager and be a direct benefit to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe,” Falsetta said. “It’s always a plus to promote employees from within. Our department offers congratulations to Tracy on her ARM designation and best of luck in her additional duties!”



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Tracy Terrill-Leathers holds up her ARM (Associate Risk Management) Degree. Terrill-Leathers has been training with Alan Boose, Risk Management Manager, pictured on right.

Falsetta further informs since Terrill-Leathers has been the Occupational Health Manager the

past several years, she has been training under Risk Management Manager Alan Boose to eventually assume the position. With this understanding, all future correspondence relative to Risk Management issues should be directed to Tracy, with a copy to Alan Boose. Boose will be continuing in his role of a consultant and will be monitoring Tracy’s work and is readily available should the need arise.

“Tracy is a great example of a Tribal Member that completed her educational goals of attaining her Bachelor’s Degree, Associate Risk Management, and soon her Master’s Degree, for the purpose of becoming the Tribe’s Risk Manager,” Boose said. “Tracy also entered into a three year Mentoring/Training Program under my direction and successfully displayed the skills to handle the challenges ahead as the new Risk

Manager for the SCIT.”

Terrill-Leathers received her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) majoring in Human Resources Management from CMU in August 2005. She received her Associate in Risk Management (ARM) from the Insurance Institute of America in October 2011 and is currently pursuing a Master’s of Science in Administration (MSA) degree, majoring in Human Resources Management from CMU. Terrill-Leathers is anticipating graduation in December 2013.

“I am deeply grateful for the opportunities that I have received from the Tribe in order to reach my educational and career goals,” Terrill-Leathers said. “I am also grateful for having Alan Boose as my Director who allowed me the opportunity to prove myself capable to run the Risk Management department.”

When You See Mary Barker New Tribal Librarian Make Sure To Say Hello

MARY BARKER
Contributing Writer

“One of the great things about being a teacher and a librarian is helping people connect with resources and information that can help to light those sparks of creativity and curiosity within people,” Mary Barker, the new tribal librarian said.

“There is a bit of an artist and a lot of creativity in everyone if they just find a way to connect to it,” Barker said. The new tribal librarian who oversees the school library, the college library and the tribal library is no stranger to the creative process since she first graduated from CMU with her Bachelor’s Degree in art education. Mary Barker had earlier been the Saginaw Chippewa Academy school librarian and library

media specialist for 11 years before a three year hiatus. When she came back to work for the Tribe on Sept. 17, there were many familiar faces and many new ones too.

“It’s been a joy reconnecting with some of the students that I taught three years ago,” Barker said. “We do have some great resources at these libraries and one of my challenges will be getting the word out about the books, DVD’s and other special collections that we currently have available.”

Because the libraries are connected to a huge network of other libraries in Michigan, there is almost unlimited access to any materials patrons and students might need for research or anything they might need for curiosity or fun. In the three years she was gone from the Tribe, Mary has kept busy with volunteer work of many kinds

including managing political campaigns. She currently serves as chair of the Isabella County Democratic Party and her husband, John is the supervisor of Union Township. Politics seems to run in the family somewhat since son, Benjamin, also made an unsuccessful run at the Mt. Pleasant City Commission while he was still a junior at CMU. Now, Ben has graduated and is currently at Fort Benning, Ga. where he is in boot camp after enlisting in the Army Reserves. Mary’s youngest son, Jonathan, is a second year art student at CMU.

“He is not at all interested in politics,” Barker chuckled.

But he has learned quite a bit from his mother who holds a Bachelor’s Degree in art education and a Masters in Library Science/Library Media. Mary is in charge of the Tribal Library,



Observer photo by Lindsay Theisen

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Library Media Center and the Tribal College Library. “Libraries are one place, as a family, you can go and everyone can find subjects that interest, move and inspire them.” Barker said.

Casual For A Cause




Holding the check are Christy Fedak and Catherine Lemunyon.


CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Thank you to all the Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino employees that was able to donate to our Casual For A Cause for the month of October. With their help the Casino was able to donate \$345 to the Arenac County

Animal Shelter. The Shelter handles over a thousand animals annually and maintains a healthy and inviting shelter for the animals. These services include adoptions, information referral, lost and found pets, sale of dog license, and cruelty investigations. Saginaw Eagles Landing is proud to help out the animals in need.



Light of the World



11th Annual Christmas Unity Service December 14th

Share the reason for the season with our local area Native churches.

Special music guests Rev. Kenny and Sonya Sault from First Nations, Canada will accompany the main sermon


“Light of the World” by Evangelist E’Vann Walker

Come celebrate this special time of year with our Tribal members, Tribal employees and community


This interdenominational faith-based outreach is supported by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Free lunch immediately following the service

For more information, call (989) 854-5737 or email jvsowmick@sagchip.org.



Christmas Unity Service





At-Large Member Spotlight

MIKKI MARCOTTE
Contributing Writer

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

December 2012 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight is Teresa Bailey.

Teresa has been a Professor at Ferris State University College of Pharmacy since 2001. View her bio at: www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/pharmacy/staff/faculty/TeresaM-Bailey-Pharm.D.-FCOP.htm.

She also works part time at Hometown Pharmacy in Lawton as a pharmacist. Before coming to Ferris she was an Assistant Professor at University of Iowa College of Pharmacy from 1996 – 2001. Teresa has also worked as a pharmacist at Punches Pharmacy, Perry Drug Store and Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Teresa lectures to pharmacy

students on topics regarding women's health such as contraception and osteoporosis and on dietary supplements and vitamins. She also has pharmacy students spend six weeks at her clinic ProMed Family Practice Clinic in Portage, where they counsel patients about their medications and make sure the patients are not experiencing side effects or drug interactions. The latest project that students are helping with is assessing whether patients are ready to quit smoking and if so, helping the patients decide what tools to use to quit smoking.

Teresa was born and raised in Clare and graduated from Clare High School in 1987. In 1992 Teresa earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at Ferris State University. She then went on to get her Doctorate of Pharmacy at Wayne State University in 1995. Teresa feels very fortunate to have been able to use the Indian Tuition Waiver as she was getting her Doctorate.

Teresa's parents are Tom Bailey and Glenda Bailey. Her Grandparents are Willie and Daisy Bailey they lived right on the corner across from the casino. She has a sister, Colleen



the children, driving them to various extracurricular activities. She admits to being addicted to Words with Friends and other games on her iPhone. She likes to knit small projects such as scarves and watching older movies especially from 1930-1950s. Teresa enjoys shopping and getting bargains, never paying full price for something. Traveling to see other parts of the world to experience different food, music, cultures is on her list of past times. Her last trip was in 2011 with a group of pharmacists from the United States to Beijing and Shanghai to exchange pharmacy ideas.

Before Teresa's last two kids arrived, she enjoyed volunteering for the At-Large Program. She met some really fun people and learned more about tribal ideas and concerns. It didn't really take that much time and effort and Teresa feels that when her life with kids slows down again, she will volunteer again for another tribal committee. Teresa encourages other tribal members to volunteer once in a while if they aren't doing so already and thanks the members who are already volunteering. Teresa invites you to contact her at teresa-bailey@ferris.edu.

Vasher, and many Aunties and Uncles who are Tribal Members.

Currently Teresa lives in Portage with her three children and their pet gecko, Izzy. Teresa's children are thirteen year old, Sarah Klepser, nine year old Rachel Klepser and seven year old, Andrew Klepser, who all attend St. Michael Lutheran School.

Teresa doesn't have much free time between teaching, working and taking care of her family. Normally you can find her being a taxi for

I'm No June Cleaver and Proud of It

DENISE PELCHER
Contributing Writer

The shopping, the wrapping, the baking, the planning, the cooking, the entertaining, the decorating, the holiday parties somewhere in there, everything starts to become a blur and things start to get stressful.

Growing up I had the kind of mother that always decorated to the hilt, always made two or three different types of Christmas cookies, not to mention all of the Christmas candy. The tree was always perfect on Christmas day with the presents perfectly wrapped.

Somewhere along the line when I suddenly had a family of my own, I started to feel inadequate as a mother. I felt like I should try to do everything that she did, all while working a full time job too. Not to mention the stress of trying to make parents and in laws all happy about when they got to celebrate Christmas with our new family. Then throw a divorce in the mix, and then you really have to do a juggling act according to the court orders and who has the kids on which holiday.

As I get older and my kids have gone their own ways and are starting to have families of their own. I have decided that I don't want to get all stressed. I put a tree up but don't get all stressed about decorating the rest of the house and baking a bunch of stuff that I don't need anyway. If it gets done it gets done, and if it doesn't that is okay too. I know it's Christmas and I don't need a perfect poinsettia or mistletoe hanging over my head to remind me. I have decided to focus on the more important things like being with my family and not making their lives any more stressful.

There are ways to make your lives less stressful at Christmas here are a few that my coworkers and I have

adopted.

Shop online- The beauty of this is everything is delivered right to your door and you don't have to go out in the cold and fight the crowds or put gas in your car.

If you don't know what to get that person don't worry what person couldn't use a little cash or a gift card to their favorite store? Besides that then you don't have to worry about whether you got the right color or size.

Make yourself a list and a budget and follow it, trust me you will thank yourself when you get your credit card bills in January.

When at all possible don't use your credit card, pay with cash.

If you want all of those cookies but don't want to spend hours on end baking, organize a cookie exchange with your coworkers or family.

If you are buying gifts, use the free wrapping service in the center of the malls. Don't get bogged down on Christmas Eve and be up till midnight wrapping gifts.

If you're making a meal for your family have everyone bring something. Don't try to do it all yourself it can be exhausting, and where is the joy in that?

Don't try to do everything yourself. If you need help, ask for it. Most people have kids or grand kids that would be more than happy to help you.

Lower your expectations, you don't have to be June Cleaver or Martha Stewart your family will still love you.

Draw names instead of trying to buy for everyone. Doing this saves money and time.

Don't get caught up in all of the holiday hoopla.

Don't forget about yourself. Take time to do something that you enjoy, like treating yourself to a pedicure, massage or maybe something as simple as a warm cup of hot chocolate.

Tips to Help Avoid Medicare Fraud

GLYNIS LANZETTA
Contributing Writer

Hello, I am calling from Medicare. The Medicare card has been updated and we are sending them to everyone who has Medicare. We need to verify your Medicare number and bank account number."

Sound familiar? If you are on Medicare, it could. Or maybe you got a call that goes like this:

"Hello, I am calling from Medicare. I see that you are on Medicare and you have diabetes. I am calling you about your Medicare benefits. You are eligible for free test strips! I just need to verify your Medicare number."

Medicare beneficiaries, pick your scam. What happens when you cooperate and give your Medicare number and bank account info? Here's what could happen:

- Your Medicare number could be sold and used to pay for someone else's care. Your Medicare account will be charged.
- You could receive those test strips, thousands of them. You don't need them and can't stop them from coming. Medicare

will pay for them.

- The thieves could drain your bank account. It's happening to others.
- These scams have been going on for a while. The warnings remain the same:
- Don't give your Medicare number away.
- If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Medicare, hang up! Medicare does not call people.
- Do not tell telemarketers anything about you, no matter who they say they are or what they want to know.
- Review your Medicare statements. Make sure you got the care or supplies as shown.

If you need help, or think you have been scammed, call the Senior Medicare Patrol, **1-800-803-7174**. They are with MMAP, the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program. MMAP provides free counseling services to people with Medicare. The At-Large Program has trained MMAP counselors on staff—**1-800-884-6271**.

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Charmaine Shawana Is Reappointed To Serve On Tribal Council

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Tribal Council appointed Charmaine (Benz) Shawana on Monday, Nov. 19 during a special session meeting.

Shawana is known in the tribal community as she served on Tribal Council as the treasurer in 2004-2005, finished the term of Simon Jackson in 2009 and also served two years in 2010-2011.

"It is an honor and privilege to

serve my community and I love working for my Tribe," Shawana said. Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom stated, "I'm glad she's on, she does a good job and gets involved."

The vacant seat was occupied by Courtney Wemigwans who resigned on Oct. 16, for personal reasons.

The decision to fill the vacant seat was by either appointing a district one member or selecting the next highest vote getter from the last election.



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Plastic Pollution is Still Becoming More of a Big Problem for Great Lakes



Photos courtesy of Google Images

MICHAEL FISHER
Contributing Writer

Researchers recently discovered that there is plastic in the Great Lakes, a lot of plastic. Tiny pieces (less than the size of your pinky nail) called micro-plastic are being found throughout all of the Great Lakes. Micro-plastics are formed when landfills aren't covered and plastic gets blown away or when litter that is thrown on our streets gets washed into our rivers through storm drains. The plastic tumbles along with the river's current, breaking into smaller pieces as it hits rocks and sand. This is very bad for our environment for a number of reasons.

Micro-plastic floats near the surface of a lake. They have the tendency to attract other pollutants, like oil and hazardous waste that stick to the surface of the plastic. This is a huge problem because plastics are not bio-degradable (can't break down naturally), and when they are eaten by plankton, fish or birds they can cause serious damage to the ecosystem.

Since this problem affects all who appreciate our Great Lakes, we need



to realize that we are all responsible for adding to this problem. Any piece of plastic that we use and dispose of ends up in one of three places: 1. Recycle (best choice) 2. The Landfill (acceptable) 3. Litter (very bad). The plastic that ends up in our Great Lakes is what we don't recycle - it's causing problems.

I see it all summer long in the Chippewa River. People come to have a wonderful day enjoying our beautiful natural resource, but when they are done they forget that this resource is shared, forgetting to respect the Earth and each other. They leave their trash in the river, feeling no responsibility towards anyone else who wants to appreciate the river's beauty. Being the worst of the culprits - this plastic left in the river is on a direct path to the Saginaw River - eventually making its way to Lake Huron. Everyone

who litters or refuses to recycle their plastic are also part of the problem. I think we all need to think a bit harder about our impact on our Great Lakes. If we want them to remain beautiful and healthy ecosystems for the next seven generations and beyond, then it is time for us to start picking up after ourselves.

So remember, the next time you see someone littering or you throw your recyclable plastic in the trash bin, it is your responsibility to keep plastic out of our Great Lakes.

For more information look up Great Pacific Garbage Patch, Isabella County Recycling Center.

Tribal Elders and Hunting and Fishing Ordinances Are Now Enforced

SEAN REED
Contributing Writer

Tribal Council enacted a new Tribal Elders Protection Code on October 17, 2012 and revised the Tribal Hunting and Fishing Ordinance on November 14, 2012. The new Elders Code and the revised Hunting and Fishing Ordinance represent significant legislative achievements. The Elders Code was enacted to address an ongoing community concern over the financial and physical abuse of Tribal member elders and encourages the community to use the services and resources to reduce the harm to Tribal Elders.

Definitions of abuse include physical, sexual, emotional and financial exploitation.

According to the Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom, Sr., "Prior to the enactment of the Elders Code the Tribe did not have a law that was dedicated to the protection of Elders. As a result, these cases had to be brought under other provisions of Tribal law that were not well suited to addressing the protection of Tribal elders." The Elders Code creates a duty to

report abuse of a Tribal elder by certain Tribal officials or caregivers and establishes a mechanism by which the Tribal Court can protect an elder from abuse if necessary by placement or through Tribal services.

The Council revised the Hunting and Fishing Ordinance to clarify and expand the authority of the Tribe to regulate hunting, fishing and gathering by Tribal members in the Isabella Indian Reservation. Under the revised Hunting and Fishing Ordinance, Tribal members will obtain licenses from the Tribe to hunt and fish on Reservation and will not need a license from the State while on Reservation. Bag limits and seasons will be established by the Tribe under the revised Ordinance. Enforcement of the Tribe's hunting and fishing Ordinance will be handled by Tribal law enforcement officers.

Many provisions of the Ordinance still need to be implemented before the Tribe can begin issuing any Tribal licenses or permits under the revised Ordinance. The Tribal Planning Department, Legal Department, Police and the Committee established under the Ordinance are currently working to finalize implementation procedures.

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Ziibiwing Hosts Historian to Commemorate 200th Anniversary of War of 1812



Guest speaker, Ralph Naveaux, spoke of his insights and the history of The Battle of the River Raisin, part of the War of 1812.

ESTHER HELMS
Contributing Writer

Debris from the battle is still being unearthed from what has been described as “Michigan’s greatest battlefield” with many acres of that battlefield still undisturbed. Located in Monroe, Mich., the River Raisin Battlefield was declared a National Park in March of 2009, but much of the land is either city or privately owned and included, until recently, according to the National Park Service, “a large, abandoned paper mill.”

On Saturday, Nov. 17, acclaimed historian, scholar, author, and life-long resident of Monroe, Ralph Naveaux, came to the Ziibiwing Center with his insights and the story of

The Battle of the River Raisin, which was a part of the War of 1812.

With a lecture that included background, detail, humor and a Power Point presentation filled with facts and figures, historical photographs and interactive charts, Mr. Naveaux painted a picture of the scene prior to, during and after the battle in the city of Monroe which was then known as Frenchtown. The War of 1812 was a war that actually spanned 1812 and then continued on until a peace treaty was ratified in 1815.

The Battle of the River Raisin occurred on Jan. 22, 1813 and resulted in the deaths of “at least 300 Americans” according to Mr. Naveaux. On Jan. 23, 1813 wounded Americans were killed in what

was described as a massacre and the words “Remember the Raisin!” became the battle cry that was used to motivate the U.S. forces to “avenge their countrymen and turn defeat into victory,” Naveaux said.

The Battle at the River Raisin was one that included the interests of the British, Canada, an alliance of Native Americans under the leadership of Tecumseh and the United States. Each group saw great importance from their standpoints. Mr. Naveaux explained that this battle was considered a “major disaster” for the Americans and gave the Native Americans “renewed hope that by this triumph and their continued resistance, they might yet

secure their native lands from the advancing tide of white settlers.” He went on to explain that, in the end, the battle is considered by many as a draw because the treaty just determined that everything should be set back as it was before the battle.

Ziibiwing Curator, William Johnson, was very impressed with the extent of Mr. Naveaux’s knowledge of the Battle of the River Raisin.

“I’m just now beginning to read his book *Invaded on All Sides*,” Johnson said. “The cast of true-life characters is plentiful and the history that they represent is very exciting and informative. The questions posed to him after the lecture were very

well thought out and articulated. It illustrates our community’s knowledge of the War of 1812 as well.” Mr. Naveaux signed several copies of that book for attendees of the lecture. It is a book which resulted from many years of research.

In addition to author and historian, Mr. Naveaux is the vice-chairman of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. He is frequently involved with historical re-enactments, including one that will take place on Jan. 19, 2013 in Monroe, Mich. that will commemorate the Battle of the River Raisin. For more information visit www.riverraisinbattlefield.org.

Two Books Hot Off the Press Feature Ziibiwing Center!

SHANNON MARTIN
Contributing Writer

Two new books featuring the Ziibiwing Center were recently released by nationally renowned American Indian scholars, Dr. Sonya Atalay (Ojibwe) and Dr. Amy Lonetree (Ho-Chunk). Dr. Atalay’s *Community-Based Archaeology: Research with, by, and for Indigenous and Local Communities* focuses on participatory research.



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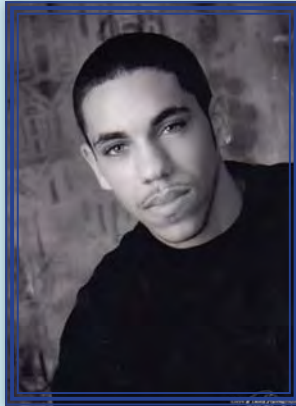
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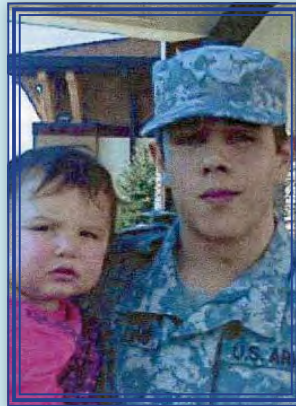
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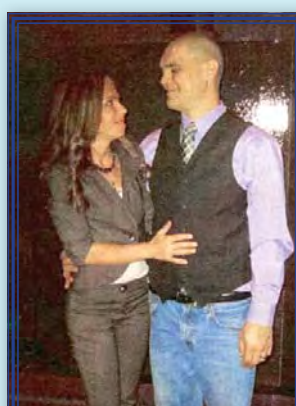
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Appreciation and Stories Were Shared At Veterans Feast



Rolene Amsler accepts a gift from George Martin. Martin, a renowned veteran, stated that each of the gifts were made with love.

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Veterans in the community were honored at the fourth annual Seventh Generation, Honoring Our Veterans Feast on Friday, Nov. 16. Opening remarks were made by Ben Hinmon, Interim Director at the Seventh Generation program and spoke about how warriors like Pontiac and Tecumseh were great protectors and the tradition of protectors stemmed from a long time ago.

"It was a long tradition of making sure that there are

people taking care of those lands and taking on those responsibilities," Hinmon said. "This is worth it to all of us in the communities and this nation. The evening is not about that but it is about all those brave men and women who stepped out in the front lines to take care of us and to make sure our freedom was protected. It is a great honor to know the veterans in this community and to consider them my personal friends and this is a great honor to me. We are always happy when we have this honor to share with them and to recognize what they have done for all of us."

An honor song for the veterans was performed by Great Lakes Alliance and Daisy Kostus said a prayer.

George Martin, Veteran U.S. Army Korea, and Renowned Cultural Teacher in the community, was the guest speaker. He spoke about his family and the years of service he endured while in the armed forces.

"My family was a military family," Martin said. "My father served in the world war and my four brothers served in the Korea War and the Vietnam War." Martin enlisted into the service at the age of 17 and spent 19 years in the service. The veterans in the room appreciated the words that Martin spoke and his time of service.

"They all took their vows and signed that piece of paper to give their lives for this country," Martin said. "Each veteran went in and fought for Mother Earth that you're walking on, Mother Earth of the United States." At the celebration last year, each veteran present received a gunstock and dried tobacco that was Seventh Generation's harvest.

Each veteran this year was gifted with a dream catcher made with sweetgrass.

Veterans this year being

honored were,

Lynn Squandra Murphy U.S. Army, Al Waynee U.S. Army, David McConnell U.S. Marine Corp, Rolene Amsler, U.S. Army, David Perez, U.S. Army, Eugene Walraven, U.S. Army, David Carranza, U.S. Marine Corp, Jim Anderson, U.S. Air Force, Pedro Toreez, U.S. Army, Greg Morales U.S. Army, Duane Pelcher U.S. Army and Jaime Davis U.S. Army.

Those who were involved with the Men's Society were also honored with a certificate of recognition with a gold star. The star is to be worn on the lapel of their jackets and shirts. Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement came to visit the reservation during the repatriation of the ancestors in October. These ancestors came from the University Of Michigan and the Peabody Museum. Banks talked about the five stars circled on his jacket which these stars represented the living of his Anishinabe life. Women in the community were also honored at the ceremony with helping of the repatriation ceremony.

A total of 70 men are involved in the Men's Society.



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The Veterans proudly stand with Margaret Bedard. Margaret is past president of the local Blue Star mothers. Currently she is the president representing the Gold Star mothers.

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Everyone stood in appreciation as the veterans entered the room for grand entry.



All of the proud mothers stand tall while posing in a photo with Margaret Bedard.



Being on Homecoming Court Is a Memory to Never Be Forgotten

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Remember those memories of high school and wanting to be involved in the after school clubs and the student organizations and not to mention being on homecoming court.

For three local teenagers, having the honor to be out on the field during their halftime in the homecoming court is an experience to be remembered.

Erin Sowmick, Beal City Freshman, didn't know that she was nominated for homecoming court. It wasn't until at their assembly that she found out.

It was called a tap assembly. This is where everyone in the high school has to sit in the stands and wait until the nominations are announced. A person will go around and find the person and tap them on the shoulder. They will then proceed to stand in front of their upperclassmen until all couples are found.



Photo courtesy of Joe Sowmick
Melissa Sowmick with her daughter Erin Sowmick and father Eric Sowmick.

Sowmick kept watching the people who were tapping the nominees walk past her five times.

"It was scary and every time they walked by I kept thinking it was me but it wasn't and finally it was," Sowmick said. The tap on her shoulder let her know she was in the homecoming court.

Walking down the stairs in the stands was nerve racking enough as she kept hoping she wouldn't fall down them. Her heart was racing and she had butterflies in her stomach.

She immediately told her mother, Melissa, by text.

"My mom didn't believe me," Sowmick said. "She was like, 'no way' and she called the school and asked and they told her that I had gotten on homecoming court."

When she told her father, Eric, he was so proud of her for making homecoming court.

With her shimmery metallic silver strapless dress, her mother and father escorted her arm in arm down to the football field during the Beal City homecoming game on Friday, Oct 5. This was a night that Erin will not forget.

For Mount Pleasant High School senior, Izabella Ruffino, knowing that she was going to be homecoming queen was exciting.

Students could be nominated by anyone in their school and from those nominated the top 10 were chosen.



Photo courtesy of LeeAnn Ruffino
LeeAnn Ruffino, Izabella Ruffino (Homecoming Queen), and father Matt Ruffino.

Ruffino happened to be in the top 10.

"It was an incredible feeling just having that many people recognize me and wanted me to represent our school," Ruffino said.

The nominees would then go through two rounds of voting, the first round is people from their grade and the second round is from people in the entire school.

During the homecoming assembly was when Ruffino found out she was the homecoming queen.

"I was in shock, I was really excited," Ruffino said. "My friends knew that I was going to be homecoming queen and they were all excited for

me and happy and also proud of me."

During the Oct. 5 homecoming game, her mother, LeeAnn Ruffino and her father, Matt Ruffino escorted her onto the football field during the half-time game.

Proudly displaying the beautiful crown that the homecoming queen receives, her night was magical.

Skyler Neyome was also nominated to be on homecoming court at Shepherd High School.

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Dear WW: I believe I might have a stalker after me. I dated a man a while ago and he can't seem to move on from it. It's to the point where I am ready to ask for police protection and file for a Restraining Order. It always feels so borderline that I don't know if it's me or if he really is crossing the line. For instance, when I have a date over, he shows up unexpectedly, he sends me cards in the mail, I went to pick up my dry cleaning and he already paid for it, etc. Last week I actually felt like someone was in my house but couldn't prove anything. How do I know for sure? **Being Stalked**

Dear Being Stalked: Stalking is no laughing matter and is against the law. A court official or an attorney can tell you for sure. I would recommend that you check into it only because YOU are not comfortable with the situation. Start by documenting his behavior and anything you have to say to him should also be sent by email (keep a copy) or in front of a witness. Do not encourage the behavior by thanking him for doing things for you. Bluntly tell him that you can pay your own bills and don't answer your door if he hasn't been invited over.

Dear WW: Holidays are fast approaching and before we know it, the invites will start to come in. I recently married and we both come from big families. My family is local but his is about two hours away. Until now, we have always spent it with our immediate family. I can't think of not being with my family over the holidays. My grandmother is not getting any younger and I never know if this will be her last holiday. How do I divide my time with my new in-laws and my own. I don't want to feel like I am being selfish for not wanting to travel to be with his family but I don't! **Not Going**

Dear Not Going: In prior years, you spent time with immediate family because you were not married. Being married is a partnership and there is no room for stubbornness. It is not fair to your husband to forsake holidays with his family in order for you to enjoy them with yours. Perhaps you could split up the holidays or even host them at your house. As far as your grandmother, you can always call her on the holiday and let her know you are thinking of her. It doesn't take a holiday to be with your family and if it's not on the day of, the day before of the day after will be just as good.

Dear WW: I am an elder in the Tribal community, I see so much change and most of it is for the better. However, what really makes me nervous is the influx of drugs and alcohol on to the reservation. This was a safe place to roam back in the day but now most of my prayers are for the safety of my grandkids and the community. I've even heard of people being held for ransom in order to get paid their drug money! How do we get rid of this threat to our lives? **Times Have Changed**

Dear Changed: Your best defense is education and awareness. Educate yourself on the behaviors of drugs and report any suspicious activity to your local police department. You could get involved in a Community Watch program which would be made up of citizens in your own community. Unfortunately, you will never be able to completely get rid of drugs but you can empower yourself and your community by uniting and taking a stand against it. Being a good role model and reaching out to help people who need help will encourage others to follow.

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Nimkee Public Health Fear Factor Tested the Brave at SCA

ROBYN GRINZINGER
Contributing Writer

Did your children come home on Nov. 8 and say they tried different foods at school? The students sampled spaghetti squash, mint leaves, and pomegranate today!

In an effort to encourage children to eat a variety of different foods and to make healthier food choices in the future, Nimkee Public Health provides a taste testing program. This program is called Fear Factor. The students are not told what the food is until after they have tasted it. We learned if we tell them what it is beforehand, they will not even give it a try. Most of the kids really like the different foods, and would not have given it a try without playing our fear factor game!

The program has been a great success. We have seen

the students try a variety of foods that they have never eaten before. They are especially more willing to try it because we are having a school wide competition, classroom against classroom and teachers against students!

The students 'taste' it first, then we explain what they just ate, and show the whole food, and what health benefits are in each food. The students are having a lot of fun. All the foods your children try are available at Wal-Mart. Thank you for letting us introduce new foods to your children.

With each of the foods the children taste tested, there are different benefits to each one.

Pomegranates are one of the oldest known fruits out there. These wonderful fruits are filled with powerful antioxidants and have potent

anticancer and immune supporting effects. The juice from these fruits helps lower cholesterol and helps lower blood pressure.

Spaghetti Squash is a vegetable but when cooked, the flesh from inside the vegetable can be pulled apart to look like noodles. This type of squash offers a wide range of vitamins such as vitamin C, vitamin A, B-6, thiamin, riboflavin, niacin, folate, pantothenic acid and vitamin K. Minerals such as manganese, potassium, magnesium, calcium, copper, iron, phosphorus, sodium, zinc and selenium can also be found in smaller amounts in these types of squash. Spaghetti Squash also contains fiber which helps aid in weight reduction.

Mint leaves or also known as peppermint helps in aiding with indigestion. It helps to soothe the stomach and



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

SCA Third Graders, Thalia, Dawn, and Mnookmi, try out the new fruits and vegetables provided to them through Nimkee Public Health.

stimulates the bile and production flow which helps in aiding the digestion of fats. It also helps in reducing pain, alleviates cold symptoms and helps with individuals living with irritable bowel syndrome.

For more information about Nimkee Public Health, please feel free to call Robyn

at 989-775-4649, Leah Markel at 989-775-4639, or Caitlin Hills at 989-775-4637.

Recognizing Our Native Active Youth Athletes

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Football, Wrestling, Baseball

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10th Grade

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Saginaw Arts & Science Academy
11th Grade

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7th Grade

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Park Elementary
3rd Grade

Football, Wrestling, Baseball

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5th Grade

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10th Grade

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Sacred Heart Academy
4th Grade

Football

Jacob Quigno-Grundahl

Sacred Heart Academy
2nd Grade

Gymnastics

Asalia Quigno-Grundahl

Mt. Pleasant
9th Grade

Football

Milan Quigno-Grundahl

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6th Grade

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9th Grade

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West Intermediate
7th Grade

Rocket Football

William Anderson

West Intermediate
8th Grade

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Football

Matthew Smith

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5th Grade

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Charles Hart

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9th Grade

Tennis

Alexander Ojeda

Mt. Pleasant High School
11th Grade

Marching Band & Winter Drum Line

Breanna Colwell

Beal City
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Cheerleading

Erin Sowmick

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10th Grade

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Holly High School
11th Grade

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Patterson Elementary
6th Grade

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Mt. Pleasant High School
7th Grade

Soccer

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Shepherd Elementary
2nd Grade

Football & Wrestling

Jayden Bross

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Rocket Football

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4th Grade

Soccer

Simon Quigno

Chippewa Hills
10th Grade

JV Football

Taylor Kohloff



Creative Designs Emerge From SCA Students with Exhibit at Ziibiwing

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

For the fifth and sixth grade students at The Saginaw Chippewa Academy, they had to put their thinking caps on and bring out their creative side when it came to designs. These designs each one crafted with each of their unique designs were displayed at the I Love My Makizinan exhibit at the Ziibiwing Center from Nov. 10 through Nov. 17.

The idea of this exhibit was from a meeting that SCA Teacher Assistant, Karyn Spickerman went to with some of the Ziibiwing staff.

"They talked about how they wanted to inspire the students to do art work and talked in many different avenues on how they can inspire them and showcase the students

artwork," Meadow Hunt, SCA Creative Arts Teacher said. "They suggested doing something with shoes. There was an offer made up to purchase shoes for the program, which was wonderful. It was challenging though because we had to figure out the students shoe sizes."

Hunt has her background in fiber arts and wearable art and thought the idea of designing shoes was fun for her students.

"It is fun to design shoes and talk about how art influences fashion and design and where we get our inspirations for our designs and themes from," Hunt said. "I shared various wearable art shoes and non-wearable art shoes with the students. Students then used their inspiration and used problem solving for their shoes such as time management and deadlines."

Impressed by her students, Hunt noticed her students

taking them home to work on them, researching their designs and also be inspired and have their own creative twist to it.

Students were able to show off their finished work at a fashion show during the SCA Fall Festival at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Their shoes will also be displayed at the exhibit at Ziibiwing and also they will have them at the spring art show in 2013 at SCA. They will be able to take them home after these three events. Students invested a total of 20 hours of work into their shoes. Some students even worked through their recesses and lunches to make sure their projects were completed and their art classes were extended on time and their teachers understood on it.

The fifth and sixth graders were excited on making a project like this and Hunt was impressed from the students being able to start with a blank concept and make it into a sculptural piece.

"In art class I taught them how to do things with clay and paper mache but taking something that is already manufactured and then adorning it in their own way was great to see them go through the creative process as well as get excited about it," Hunt said. "There was high excitement in relation to the project and conversation back and forth on what



"The design on the shoe is, *Back To The Future*. I was inspired by the movie. It took me a while to get the idea for the shoe because first I was going to put hydraulic doors on the sides of the shoe but I needed to know how big the shoe was and needed to get the measurements. I drew the sides of the door on the shoe and my art teacher gave me some silver paint and I colored in where the doors were. I had an idea and put some glue around the soles of the shoe and put silver glitter around it," - Nathan Isaac SCA Fifth Grader.



Lexus Davis created a puzzle piece design titled "Puzzle Peace" for the Exhibition at the Ziibiwing Center.



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

"It was a night and day theme. It took me more than a couple of weeks to come up with the design. My art teacher Meadow helped me with the design. I enjoyed doing the project and if asked to do it again I would," - Mastella Quadener, SCA Sixth Grader.

they were going to be doing, where they got the idea from and having them looking over each other's shoulders to see

their design. The critiquing back and forth was between the students and not just the teachers."

Bring the Brighter Good of the Holiday by Giving Instead Of Expecting

DAWN PEREZ
Contributing Writer



Well it's that time of year again. Bring on those sleigh bells and Christmas cookies! I just love everything about this season. I like the tinsel in the stores and how everyone decorates their homes inside and out. I like that everyone is in the spirit of the holidays and when the Christmas songs take over the radio. I like watching all the Christmas programs. Love hearing the little kids sing Christmas carols...it just warms the cockles of my heart. I have a question. What are "cockles"? Just saying, I love the gifts I get from my kids. The homemade ones are the best! But what I like most about the season is the giving.

There are different ways you can give. For example, you can give your time. Long ago (I was about 7-ish) my great grandpa Simon gave his time by serving God. On Sundays we would walk to North Branch church to get the fire going before service and he was always the last one to leave so he could lock up. The

Christmas program was something to behold and we always left with our bag of popcorn balls, peanuts, and fruit. Man, was that ever a treat! Another way to give your time is by volunteering. You can ring bells for the Salvation Army to help them meet their goals. You can also give your time to an elder or a single parent. The "ways" are unlimited.

You can give a little of that extra zhoonyaa the Tribe disburses at this time of the year. Kroger, for example, has bundles of food available for purchase during the holiday seasons. For \$20 you can buy a bundle to make sure the less fortunate have a holiday dinner. Or maybe you can adopt an Angel Tree child from Louanna Brunner in Tribal Council. The families in South Dakota are living way below the poverty level and from past experience—they are very grateful. If you

want to help local families, adopt a Star Tree child from Emily Wiggins located at Nimkee Public Health. There are also several local charities where you can give. The Soup Kitchen or the local Red Cross food pantry welcomes donations. Let's not forget the Toys for Tots drive sponsored by the

U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Semper Fi. You could also be a secret Santa to a needy family.

You truly are blessed and sharing those blessings comes back to you in ways you never imagined. I like sharing the wealth. In my mind, it's almost like an insurance policy in that

your good deeds come back to you. Someday you or someone you love might need those programs or services you are helping to support. My prayer to the Creator will be to remember the less fortunate and to help when I can. And, also that God bless us and everyone. BaaMaaPii.

Saganing Associates of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Pete Kopp and Jody Valley they are our Associates of the month.

Pete works in our Maintenance department as a Central Plant Operator. He transferred from Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort when we opened in 2007. Pete has over 15 years of combined service. Pete is the definition of consistent performance. He has helped the Food and Beverage department out on several occasions whether it is just replacing a screw or getting the cooler up and running, Pete is on top of it! Thank



you to Pete for your great skills and dependability.

Jody is a supervisor for our Finance Department and has been with the Casino since 2008. She started as a Cashier and quickly worked her way up to Supervisor. Not only does



she have a great attitude, but she love to accept new projects. Recently Jody accepted the co-chairman of the SOP committee and continues to impress her coworkers with her excellent customer service. Thank you Jody for giving it your all every day!

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Forrest Gregg Represents SCTC at AISES In Anchorage Alaska

FORREST R. GREGG
Contributing Writer

Being able to travel to Anchorage, AK and represent the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) at the AISES 2012 National Conference was both an honor and an overwhelming experience. It was extremely motivational to be able to admire so many individuals from all over the country pursuing their educations and sharing their research with one another. This great opportunity would not have been obtainable without

the extraordinary help of both SCTC and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's (SCIT) Planning Department. I was able to share this wonderful experience with both Michael Fisher from the Saginaw Chippewa Planning Department and Jonathon Miller from SCTC.

The conference itself was amazing. It began with an opening ceremony that put all of the conference attendees in the right mind state for the proceeding days of taking in knowledge of ongoing research, presenting research, learning of new research opportunities, and

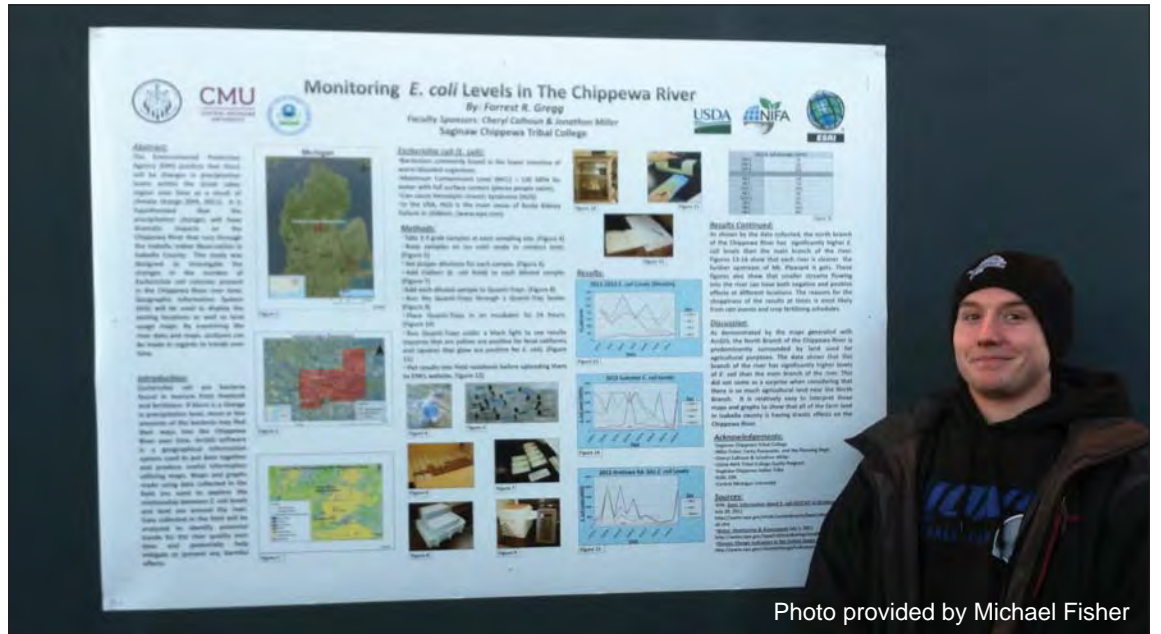


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SCTC's Forrest Gregg displays his Poster Presentation.

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BIO 105*	Introduction to Biology	3	Science Building	T/R	10:30 - 11:50	Calhoun
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BUS 170	Principles of Management	3	West 2	T/R	10:30-11:50	Gotaas
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SOC 240	Gender & Social Roles	3	West 1	M	5:30-8:20	Ruhl
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getting an overall look at what people from places all over the nation are currently doing to try and prevent environmental and economical catastrophes. The research project that I was sent there to present was on the E. coli levels in the Chippewa River over the span of the last two summers. Although I was unable to bring a first place prize in the undergraduate poster competition home to SCTC, I had fun trying and gained a great wealth of knowledge while I was at it.

Alaska had always been a state that I wanted to travel to and because of my current research; I was able to do so. Our hotel had an awesome view of both water and mountains and was only about a block away from the conference center which was a blessing due to the cold temperatures. The food was good and the company was even better. One of my favorite things about educational travel is meeting new people from different places and seeing the differences that they are making in their home communities. It's amazing to me that at a time where it is so difficult for people to find jobs, there are so many research opportunities for both young and old college students. No matter who you are or how old you are, it is never too late to expand your education and pursue a career that interests you. In fact, I would recommend it.

In conclusion, this year's AISES Conference was unbelievably educational and an overall great experience. It's easy to become a member of AISES and I would recommend more people do so and attend one of the conferences to see what it's all about. The trip was fun and even though my Halloween night was spent in airports and in flight, I'd say it was worth it.



SCTC Changes Lives: A Focus on SCIT'S Louanna Bruner

ALICIA HALEY

SCTC Dean of Student

This article is the third in a series of interviews highlighting the struggles and successes of SCTC alumni. Louanna Bruner graduated with an associates of business from SCTC in 2010. Bruner currently serves on the SCIT Tribal Council.

Alicia Haley: How did you end up at SCTC?

Louanna Bruner: In 2004, I had basically decided to rebuild a life I had previously destroyed through use of drugs and alcohol. I found the Tribal College as an avenue to fill some time with healthy choices. I was a little bit scared about what I could and could not accomplish. At that point in my life I was just doing everything I could to try stay sober and make the right decisions for me and my children, because I had three children. But, I had good support and I felt a sense of security or welcome when I enrolled. I was comforted that I wasn't the only non-traditional student there. There were other adult learners there that were also going back to school.

AH: You were the SCIT Workforce Developer before you

were elected to the Tribal Council in 2009, so, why did you continue with your education at SCTC?

LB: You know, after my first semester, I successfully completed two classes with "A's", and I think it really helped build a confidence in me. I still wanted to keep doing that, because that was a big success for me, even though it was just two classes. I just kinda pecked away at classes that would enhance whatever job I had at the time. So, my work path continued to grow and develop, and I just stuck with two classes a term. And, then next thing you know I had accumulated quite a few credits. So, it was time to declare something, which always seems so far away, such a huge task, even though it's just a two year degree. It seemed huge, like I am never going to get to that point. But, at SCTC, they sit down and help you organize. It's really nice because they put down on paper your progress, so you can see, wow, a huge sense of accomplishment already. They show you the light at the end of the tunnel wasn't that far to go. It was almost like a rebirthing or revitalizing my college career. I thought, oh my gosh! I can do this, but now I have to be more strategic and take classes that fit into my degree component.

AH: Were there any specific courses you took that have helped you be successful in your career?

LB: The classes that had the most impact on my career were the business courses, the Native American courses, and English Composition I and II. Those classes were full of content. The business courses prepared me for a role on Tribal Council. I had no idea what kind of matters would come before Council and they are everything. The

biggest aspect was seeing the financial statements, the income statements, and knowing what the difference was between gross revenue and net revenue, what our expenses are, and knowing what is depreciation. It was really exciting. Not only do I know what these words mean, but I have been exposed to it and I have had to create a business plan. I have had to do all of these things. It really, really helped me prepare for this aspect of my life. Also, I was not born and raised here, so I was not as familiar—I felt like I was not as familiar with or knowledgeable and experienced with my culture as the other Natives here, so I enrolled in the Native American courses. I thought that would give me an opportunity to have an understanding of my Tribe. The first six weeks of the history class are about who we are as Native people: the completion of the four directions, the mental, emotional, and physical aspects really helped me complete myself in everything, and spiritually in my recovery.

"I just love the Tribal College. They pretty much saved my life. Really, they did!"

A lot of things were just coming together. It was like a rediscovery of, and once again, a motivation to why I would even want to represent my people at that level. In Tribal Council, there is a lot of public speaking that we do, and the work in my composition

courses really helped me here. When addressing our membership, we don't have a long period of time, so we need to know what our opening statement is, what the three points are we are going to bring, how we are going to lead from one point into the other and how to wrap it all up and reaffirm what I just spoke about.

AH: So, now that you are on Tribal Council, what do you see as the future of SCTC and for the members of SCIT?

LB: My job outside of Tribal Council was the Anishinaabe Workforce Developer, and so, that responsibility was to help our members to become active in our workforce and put them on a career path. So, I would sit down and find out what they want to do and help them get there. Often, it was encouraging them to seek a higher education, to go to the Tribal College. I definitely want to see our people succeed and I would like to see that. I am just glad I was in a position today where I was part of the decision to allot the college land to build a bigger campus. It shows that the entire Tribal Council is supportive of the work that SCTC does to enhance our member's lives. Seeing

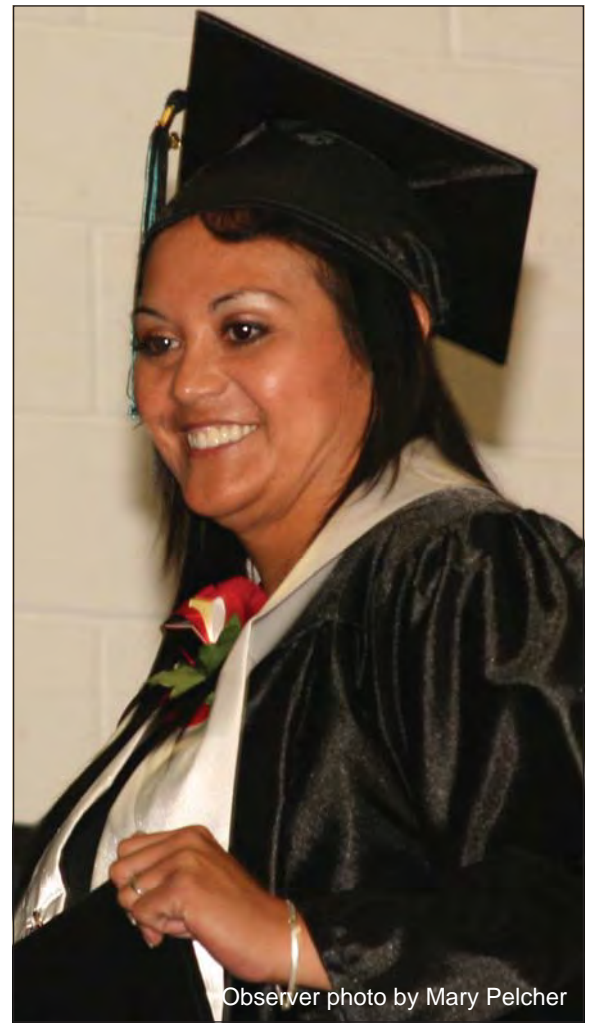
the continuation of SCTC's accreditation validates this. It shows us that we are equal and that our education does mean something and that we can be successful in our careers. It shows SCTC's courses and faculty are college level quality. I knew the difference and I appreciated that difference. Sure, it was a lot harder. I had to do my homework. I actually had to participate in class, but it made me a better student too. I think that is so huge to continue that influence in our young kids. With the relationships that the Tribal College has built with CMU with their Native American student organizations, we are seeing a lot more of our members going from that two-year Tribal College into CMU. It's just amazing to have an opportunity at the Council level now to basically have a front row seat to their success. We get invited to all the graduations. It's just a huge accomplishment. Hopefully, some of our youth go right

into a four-year university. I would love to see our Tribal College expand into a four-year college. That would be great. That would be a huge dream and victory, positive, for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I think we can do it. There is a lot of opportunity throughout the Tribe that we definitely need to communicate that to the college, so that they can have a vision and can plan to meet our needs.

AH: What would you say to someone who may be in the position you were

when you were deciding whether or not to go to college?

LB: I would tell them to do it. Don't be intimidated. I would definitely suggest to any adult learner to utilize the Tribal College. Use all your resources. They have tutors that are provided. The administrative staff helps you select your classes, they help you with the admissions paperwork, and anything that seems like too much work. They really wipe that away with support. I just love the Tribal College. They pretty much saved my life. Really, they did!



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Louanna Bruner graduated from SCTC in 2010.

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The Band Perry Dazzled Their Fans at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Guests at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort were in for a delight on Oct. 26 as the country pop group, The Band Perry, appeared on stage to a sold out crowd.

Siblings Kimberly who is the lead vocalist, guitarist, and pianist, Neil, who is the bass guitarist and serves as the background vocalist and Reid, who is the drummer, accordionist, background vocalist and also plays the mandolin entertained their fans of many ages.

The Band Perry reached stardom at an early age as Kimberly had her own band and her two brothers had performed as the opening act called the Mobile Music Machines at ages eight and ten.

The three siblings then united into forming, the Band Perry and joined

the new faces of country in 2005. They were discovered in 2008 by Bob Doyle who is also the manager of Garth Brooks.

Their first single called, "Hip to My Heart" peaked into the charts but soon fell off. It was then their single called, "If I Die Young" that landed them at number one in the country music chart and number 14 in the Billboard Hot 100. Their music career has been successful since then.

Those who were in attendance witnessed songs such as, "Miss You Being Gone", "All Your Life", "Independence", "Amazing Grace," "It Burns For You", "Under The Bus", "Sugar, Sugar", "Double Heart", "Better Dig Two", "Postcard From Paris", "You Lie", and a cover of "Fat Bottom Girls" played live before their eyes.

With a sold out crowd and a brilliant performance, Soaring Eagle



Observer photo by Jacob Vanhorn

The Band Perry brought their new and past hits for an anxious SECR sold out crowd.

brings in a variety of music for their audience.

Make sure to check out Johnny Mathis on Dec. 6, Brule & AIRO on Dec. 21. For more information on

upcoming concerts visit Soaring Eagle on their Facebook at Soaring Eagle Casino.

Total Nonstop Action Wrestling Stops at SECR for Fans of All Ages



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Kid Kash pries open the mouth of Garrett Bischoff during their match. Bischoff was declared the winner.

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

With high flying jumps and impressive body slams, Total Nonstop Action Wrestling proved to be exciting with fans. Fans filled the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall on Nov. 8 as their favorite wrestlers such as Crimson, Mr. Anderson, Rob Van Dam, Eric Young and Garrett Bischoff wrestled against each other for title belts or just to wrestle in general.

So Cal Val who is an American Professional Wrestling Valet and the ring announcer for the evening's festivities introduced herself along with Jimmy J who was throwing out free stuff for the excited crowd.

The first match of the evening was between the wrestlers Crimson and Doug Williams. As the arrogant Crimson came out from behind the curtains from the stage dressed in his hoodie, he paraded around a t-shirt in his hands with his famed face on the front of it. He approached the ring and

had gotten inside of it and climbed on the ropes. With the booing and cheering of the crowd he whipped out the t-shirt for the audience to glance and the uproar of the audience could be heard. When the audience believed he was going to throw the shirt, he dropped it right beside the ring and started laughing. Doug Williams came from behind the curtains and approached the ring and the crowd instantly cheered for as they believe was the, "good guy". As the wrestlers got into the ring, they eyeballed each other and couldn't wait to tackle the other wrestler over. When the bell rang the two wrestlers grabbed each other and the grunts could be heard and the pinning of the arms lead to Williams to be the first one down. Crimson put up a good fight as he was pinned down and punched. In the end the winner of the match was Williams.

When the fight was over, the next match was between the two TNA Knockouts, Gail Kim and Miss Tessmacher. When both ladies entered the ring a feud between the referee and Kim erupted and Kim asked for

another referee. The guest referee between the match was no other than wrestler Eric Young. The comedic Young amused the crowd when he jumped out of the ring and jumped into the Soaring Eagle audience and had high fives with guests and an occasional photo opportunity. When Young reentered the ring the women wrestlers were ready for their match and started pushing each other. Tessmacher had pushed Kim into the corner of the ring that Young was on and had grabbed her and told Tessmacher to tag him so he could be in. Mistakenly Young was not even in match however he managed to grab ahold of Kim's arm and push her. He jumped out of the ring and Tessmacher was back in and the two women with their hair flinging in the air battled it out against each other

with midair flips and the occasional headlocks. The winner of the match went to Tessmacher. Young flung her arms in the air in a proud stance as the defeated Kim still in the ring pouted.

The match of the night was for the X Division Championship title belt. Rob Van Dam the current winner of the X Division belt faced Zema Ion whose infatuation with hairspray left his trail noticed especially when he would spray his hair. Let's just say that Zema Ion didn't last against RVD. With many struggles, RVD was the winner.

Each match of the night was exciting as these were just a few in the roster. Many fans left happy knowing that their favorite wrestler won their match.



RVD leaps into the air with one of his finishing moves to land on top of Zema Ion.

SECR Upcoming Events

Event	Tickets on Sale	Date
JOHNNY MATHIS	10/6 Sat	12/6 Thurs
CARNIVAL OF WONDERS	10/13 Sat	12/15 & 12/16
BRULE & AIRO	10/20 Sat	12/21 Fri
KEITH SWEAT BOBBY BROWN	10/27 Sat	12/27 Th
BUCKCHERRY & VINCE NEIL	10/27 Sat	12/28 Fri
TRACY MORGAN	10/27 Sat	12/29 Sat
EASTON CORBIN	11/17 Sat	12/30 Sun

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Fairytales & Fables

Came To Life at the Halloween Wellness Fair



Repunzel let down her long hair and Mother Goose brought along her feathered friend.

LINDSAY THEISEN
Staff Writer

Fairytales and Fables came to life after weeks of planning and organizing a unique theme for the 27th Annual Halloween Wellness Fair on Oct. 30 in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.

The sleet and the rain didn't stop

Mother Goose, Pinocchio and even Rapunzel from delighting the 1,058 guests that visited the health fair.

Over 85 vendors came to promote their booths and organizations and Rodnick Chiropractic Family Center was just one of them.

Rodnick Chiropractic has four different locations in Midland, Clare, Saginaw and Commerce Township. For the past five years, they have been promoting their company at the health fair.

Doreen Herring, a massage therapist at Rodnick Chiropractic enjoys sharing information to the guests who pass along their booth.

"We meet a lot of nice people and talk to them and sign people up and get the word out," Herring said. "Chiropractic isn't just for headache necks aches back-aches it is for your overall health."

Cheryl Weekly and other associates of the Kraphol Ford team have attended the wellness fair for years.

"I'm having a great time, we enjoy coming out here to support the Tribal community, they buy a lot of cars from us and we are very thankful for that," Weekly said. "Nimkee Health makes it so easy to do this wellness fair because it's really easy to set up, you're in and out so fast, we just have a great time out here."

Many patrons were interested in the



The staff at Woodland Hospice had a wonderful experience at the Wellness Fair.

Kraphol Ford booth as some of their associates were in costume and not to mention their giant display of a blow up Michelin Man with inflatable tires.

"I think there were probably more people this year who have stopped and actually listened to what we were selling and that was important to us," Weekly said. "It's like everyone is at a party instead of working. The way this wellness fair is set up and they make it comfortable for us. We do a lot of business expos but we like this one the best. The four hours is great instead of an all-day event and the people are always so friendly."

Rachel Cole, Marketing Director at The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant was also one of those who provided a booth at the wellness fair.

"This is our second year at this Halloween Wellness Fair," Cole said. "It's nice to come out here and promote our organization and connect with the community and sell our product."

This year's coordinators were Caitlin Hills, Judy Davis and Robyn Grinzinger all from Nimkee Public Health. Grinzinger has been organizing the wellness fair for the past seven years. With each wellness fair, she started sending out invitations to different places at the end of August. She also plans ideas all year round and attends other fairs to look for potential vendors.

Grinzinger explained that the fair is a wellness fair as opposed to a health fair.

"Our fair is not called a health fair, but instead a wellness fair," Grinzinger said. "Wellness to us is not just the absence of disease or the physical self. Instead, the focus is a holistic approach. That takes into account physical, emotional, mental, social and spiritual. All of our vendors are required to have a 'wellness' theme at their booth. Some vendors included medical provider, chiropractors, fitness centers, hospitals, proper foot wear,



Pinocchio was not lying when he said he was attending the Wellness Fair this year.

weight management, sleep organizations, service programs, self-esteem, stress management, financial planning (for wills and trusts), funeral pre-planning, massage therapy, hearing information, humor and much more. All of our vendors are asked to dress in costume. Halloween is a time for us big kids too. We encourage humor and fun for better overall wellness."

Nimkee Public Health Director, Walt Kennedy gave great praise for the organization for this year's event and felt that it was a great turnout.

"The ladies did a great job of planning the fair this year," Kennedy said. "There was an excellent mixture of people from both Tribal community sites and departments and also a large amount of tribal and community programs. Greater Mt. Pleasant area, an excellent turnout and a lot of participants came through steady throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m."

Make sure to check out next year's wellness fair.

Congrats 2012 Costume Contest Winners

Group Apple Awards:

1st Place: Andahwod, "Anishnabe Legend"

2nd Place: Isabella County Human Rights, "Robin Hood"

3rd Place: Behavioral Health, "Once Upon a Time"

Best Decorated Booth- "Old Women who Lived in the shoe"

Sasiwans Schools Isabelle Osawamick, Avis Bear, Jenna Davis, Casey Nicholson

Individual Winners:

Happily Ever After (cutest)- "Lucy from Peanuts Gang",

HR training's Jason George

Fantastical (fantasy)- "Tooth Fairy", Katie Green - Delta Dental

Golden Goose Award (most creative)- "The Beanstalk",

Andrea Beagle from Michigan Blood Bank

Wicked Evil Villain- "Marley", Hantz Group, David Drysdale

Mother Goose Award- "Mary Had a Little Lamb",

SCIT Accounting Gail Harrington

Grimm Brother- "Pinocchio", SCIT Recycling's Rick Meyers



Behavioral Health Is Here For the Community For Positive Direction Recovery

JAN BURTON

Contributing Writer

Many people wonder how the services at Behavioral Health help the community out. The programs at Behavioral Health address the needs of community members of all ages at any stage of life. These services are available to help face issues including substance use, depression, anxiety, school issues, behavior issues, domestic violence and relationship issues. The BH Prevention program promotes healthy behaviors and lifestyles through education and community based programs. The BH Residential Treatment

Center provides substance abuse treatment for adults in a comfortable and attractive setting. Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan provides services for victims of domestic violence. BH Outpatient services include individual outpatient counseling, intensive outpatient counseling, coping skills group, psychiatric services and school based consulting services. BH strictly follows the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and Indian Health Services (IHS) guidelines and all services are confidential.

Anyone who is currently registered at the Nimkee Medical clinic, a member of a federally recognized

Tribe or direct descendant living in or outside the five county service area of Isabella, Clare, Arenac, Midland or Missaukee County is eligible for services. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members are eligible for services no matter where they reside. Eligible families and individuals need only contact BH and ask to be scheduled for an intake for services. An "intake" is the first appointment where a skilled clinician meets with you and determines what services would best fit your needs. We invite all community members to visit our facility and meet our staff. We have a committed staff that is passionate about helping community members

reach their goals and improve their lives. It is our hope that after visiting Behavioral Health and learning about our services that community and family members will feel comfortable seeking services if they are needed. This event will give community members that chance to tour our beautiful building and talk with staff members who can answer any questions they may have. Refreshments will be served and there will be door prizes awarded. The Open House will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. We hope to see you there.

For more information about the BH open house please contact 989-775-4850.

Have you or a loved one been touched by cancer?

LEAH MARKEL

Contributing Writer

Please consider sharing your story, Short video clips, Taping at the Black Elk Building, IT Department (located downstairs) Thursday, Dec. 13, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Or 1 – 2:30 p.m.

We would like to hear from you. Cancer can be a scary diagnosis that can feel overwhelming. We are hoping to get some resources together for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's website to assist people with resources and emotional support. This would include short video clips about community members who have been touched by this disease. If you are a cancer patient or have assisted a loved one on their journey and would be willing to share a brief story to be available on the SCIT website please contact

Leah Markel at Nimkee Public Health 989-775-4639 or email at lmarkel@sagchip.org. Your stories would be greatly appreciated!

Keep things simple. In previous years, you may have been the one to do most of the holiday decorating, shopping, cooking, baking, and entertaining. This year, you may need to scale back your activities and focus on one or two traditions that are special to you. Let your family and friends know what your expectations are so they can help and offer their support.

If holiday shopping is a source of stress, make alternate plans to shop online, order from catalogues, give gift certificates, or ask a friend to do some shopping for you. Consider wrapping gifts in gift bags or using gift-wrapping services in stores and shopping malls.

If you are worried about the finances

involved in holiday shopping, keep in mind that heartfelt, homemade gifts and "thinking of you" notes go a long way to let someone know you are thinking of them. A wrapped gift is not the only way to show appreciation.

Ask for help. If the task of cooking a large family meal seems daunting, then ask for help with set up and clean up, have each person bring a dish to share, or order food to go from a store or restaurant. You may consider making restaurant reservations. Remember, getting together with the people you care about is more important than the food. Family and friends will gladly play a role in your celebration and may feel flattered that you

asked for their input and contribution.

Learn your limitations and accept them. Carefully schedule your visits to and from friends and be aware of the physical stress that entertaining and traveling puts on your body so you do not overextend yourself. Use discretion when selecting which holiday party invitations to accept.

If you are visiting relatives or friends out of town, consider staying in a hotel instead of in a family member's home. This may offer you more opportunities to relax and restore your energy and give you more control over your space and time. Read more about what to consider when traveling with cancer.

Holiday Stress Management

CAITLIN HILLS

Contributing Writer

For some people, the holiday season can be just as stressful as it is joyous. It is easy to see how people can get a little stressed out considering everything that the holiday season entails. If you are part of the nearly 70 percent of people who feel more stressed during the holidays, here are some tips for you:

1. Make a schedule. If you set aside specific dates and times for all holiday activities, you won't feel as rushed. If you plan meals or make gift lists ahead of time it will hopefully prevent you from scrambling around for things last-minute.

2. Stay true to a budget. After making your food or gift lists, figure out how much money you can afford to spend and don't go over that number. Putting even more money on a credit card will just add to your stress. You can always get in tune with your creative side and make awesome homemade gifts.

3. Try to put family differences on hold. The last thing anyone wants at a family get-together is arguing or fighting. If there is quarreling in your family, make it a point to set aside differences for the time being to enjoy the holidays together. You can then plan a time to talk after the holidays.

4. Keep up with your healthy habits. The holiday season is notorious for

having lots of really good food. Even though the food is really good, some of it may not necessarily be too healthy. Everything is alright in moderation, just try not to frequently overindulge. And as always, try to continue to get enough physical activity and sleep.

5. Take time for yourself. As great as it is to be around friends and family, it is also great to have some time for ourselves. Set aside 15-20 minutes to do something for yourself. Take a walk, listen to some music, sit quietly, do anything that helps you to de-stress and keep your mind centered.

6. Seek community support. Unfortunately, not everyone is blessed with having family and friends around during the holidays. It is important to realize that you are not alone! If you are feeling isolated or lonely, reach out. There are numerous social, community, and religious events during this time of year where you can meet new people and start a friendship. Volunteering is also a great way to be around others while coming together for a common cause.

If you are part of that 70 percent who feel more stressed during the holidays, hopefully these tips are helpful in combatting some of your holiday stress. If you would like more tips or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at either chills@sagchip.org or 989-775-4637.

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Resident Spotlight

Winter and Feeling At Home Are Comforts to John Martin

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The cold Michigan winters don't bother John Martin. In fact the winters remind him of his childhood of when both his brother Billy and he were young. Martin, one of the newest residents at Andahwod felt at home when he moved into the facility three months ago.

His cozy, clean, and spotless, two bedroom apartment is just enough for him. Don't expect him to make feast for a king as he instantly said that his oven stays off and avoids cooking in it.

Martin was born and raised in Caro, Mich. He has one brother and one sister. Martin and his brother would spend a

lot of time together. He recalls one of the memories of walking to the corner of the road in downtown Caro with his brother and his brother questioning whether they would live until they were 50 years old.

"I guess we did," Martin said.

Winters were a wonderful time for Martin, as he can remember the snow drifts where he used to live at were deep and they had fun in the snow.

Since Martin and his family lived in downtown Caro, he couldn't ride the bus to school because he lived so close. Every day he would walk.

"I would walk through the winter and had short hair and never wore a hat," Martin said. "I was used to walking

in the cold."

Their mother was a lab technician at Mercy General and was also a Dental Assistant in Saginaw before she went to Chicago. While in Chicago his mother got to see the two lovable entertainers, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis when they were still performing together.

When his mother retired from working, she rented a trailer and went to go live on her sister's farm.

His mother currently lives in Bay City, Mich.

His brother Billy lives in Caro and also has a home in Florida where he spends seven months out of the year.

"Billy and his wife don't



John stands beside a photo frame that has pictures of his relatives inside. Each photo tells a story of his family.

like the cold," Martin said.

Martin enjoys Andahwod and thinks the staff is nice and likes to watch TV out in the dining room.

One of the things that Martin regrets on bringing with him when he moved to Andahwod was his mother's extensive cassette tape collection.

"The collection was over 500 tapes," Martin said. "I didn't know where they would store them so I dropped them off in a dumpster. I should have sold them."

Make sure to read the next upcoming Tribal Observer to find out who is the next resident spotlight.

A New Chapter for Charlene Kerby

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer



The Elder Services Program for District one will be saying goodbye to Charlene Kerby at the end of the year. She has decided to finish her work at Andahwod and start working on retirement. She has worked as the District one Elder Advocate for Saginaw Chippewa Tribe members often doing a number of different tasks. It will be a bitter sweet day as we will have to adjust to a work environment without her, "feisty go get'em" attitude. This spunkiness has been assisting elders for the past nine years. When elders have needed assistance with various tasks, applications or day-to-day hassles Charlene has been there to provide a few cents to the conversation. If you have been on the receiving end of the phone line you are well aware of why elders seek

out her assistance.

Although she may come across as a bulldog when dealing with some bill collectors it is all for the sake of helping an elder. Charlene really has the softest of hearts and genuinely cares a great deal for those she works with and works for. When something is needed or unknown she will "get right on it" until she has figured it out.

The Elder's Advocate position has evolved through the years, Charlene has worn many hats and a few unsettling costumes during this time. She has traveled many places with the elders and started several

different activates that have become a staple for elder's every year. We will definitely miss working with her. So don't be surprised if it's a very cold day on Dec. 31 we can blame Charlene for that as she begins a new chapter in her life tending to other exciting adventures.

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| | 31) Rosaleane Brown, Marie Saboo |

Goodbye Notes to Charlene Kerby

I will miss Charlene, but I wish her a happy retirement. Enjoy your new Michigan room. I know you will find something to do with your time. Whoever you volunteer for or work for next will be lucky, because you are so passionate about your work!
~ God Bless! - Julie Pego

Charlene has a big heart and goes above and beyond for tribal elders! I hope she enjoys her retirement and has happiness and good health.

~ Sheligh Jackson

She says it like it is and some people just happen to be bimbos!

~ Marcella Hadden

I will always remember her Halloween costume from 2003. I think I'm scared for life.

~ Gayle Ruhl

I'm going to miss her morning teasing message to Edzoo "Don't make me spank you this early in the morning."

~ Rhonda Quigno



Employee of the Month Aaron Jewell

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer



Congratulations to Aaron Jewell, who was chosen to be November Employee of the Month. Aaron has worked at Andahwod for four months. This is his first job with the Tribe. Aaron has a two and a half year old son named Gabriel and another baby on the way in April. A few of the things that he likes to do in his free time is spend time with his growing family, play basketball and hunt.

His favorite memory of his grandparent is of his Grandpa Jewell, when he went with him in his truck to New Mexico and they went through several different states.

He has two favorite quotes one from Wayne Gretzky, "You miss 100 percent of the shots that you don't take." and "Everyone is a genius, but if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid," from Albert Einstein. Aaron likes working at Andahwod because of the atmosphere and because the residents are so nice and friendly.

When Elders Need Peace of Mind

JULIE PEGO
Contributing Writer

When Elder's get to the place where they need a little more peace of mind while staying in their homes, they might consider a Medical Alert System.

Medical Alert Systems are

not that expensive to have in the home. The monthly fee for one can be under \$30 a month. If your loved one has ever fallen and couldn't get up, but is functioning well in their home, this is an option to think about.

Contact Elders Services Case Manager, Julie Pego at 989-775-4306 for contact information on Medical Alert Systems.

Forms of Arthritis Facts and Information

LISA CROSS
Educator

Arthritis is a complex family of musculoskeletal disorders with many causes, not yet fully understood, so there are no cures. It is the leading cause of disability in the United States not to mention the cost to the U.S. economy is \$128 billion annually.

There are five common forms of arthritis:

- **Osteoarthritis**, is the most common. It is a progressive degenerative joint disease characterized by the breakdown of joint cartilage.
- **Rheumatoid arthritis**, a

systemic disease characterized by the inflammation of the membrane lining the joint, which causes pain, stiffness, warmth, swelling and sometimes severe joint damage.

- **Gout**, a buildup of uric acid in the body causing crystal-like deposits to travel to the joints, causing sudden, severe attacks of pain and tenderness, redness, warmth and swelling in the joint.
- **Lupus**, a chronic inflammatory disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joint, blood and kidneys.

- **Fibromyalgia**, characterized by generalized muscular pain and fatigue.

There are many treatment plans for arthritis including home remedies, nonprescription and prescription medications, joint injections and surgical procedures. For more information, talk with your primary care physician or contact the American Arthritis Foundation.

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 Counties.



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Quigley

Sasiwaans and SCA students visited Andahwod on October 31 as the elders and Chief Kequom helped hand out candy to the trick-or-treaters. The elders enjoyed the kids as laughter is the best medicine.



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DECEMBER 2012 EVENT PLANNER

Winter Program

December 4 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: SECR Concert Hall
 Contact: Nathan Isaac
 SCA Pre-Kindergarten to 6th Grade students have been preparing their Winter Program routines and songs. Come and enjoy an evening of holiday songs and fun performed by SCA students. Sasiwaans Immersion School students will take part in the fun and share their songs with you. Bring the entire family and a camera! This will be a truly memorable evening together!



Contact: 989-775-4302

Daughters of Tradition

December 4, 5, 12, 18, 19 | 4:30 p.m.

Girls 1st - 4th grade Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Girls 5th - 12th grade Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Behavioral Health
 Contact: Mary at 989-775-4894

Daughters of tradition group is open to all girls that fall into the appropriate age ranges. If girls are in sports or doing something healthy during the times we meet just let me know if they are interested. I will have sleep overs and community service opportunity for the girls that will fall on other dates.

Christmas Unity Service

December 14 | 12 p.m.

Location: Tribal Gym
 Contact: Joe Sowmick 989-854-5737
 Share the reason for the season with our local area Native churches. Saganing Indian Community Church (Rev. Devin Chisholm), Saginaw Chippewa Community Church (Rev. Robert Pego), Chippewa Indian United Methodist Church (Rev. Owen White-pigeon) and Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene (Rev. Doyle Perry) will offer a message of worship and song. Special music guests Rev. Kenny and Sonya Sault from First Nations, Canada will accompany the main sermon "Light of the World" by Evangelist E'Vann Walker. For more information email jvsowmick@sagchip.org.

"Home for the Holidays"

Family Potluck Dinner

December 14 | 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 Contact: 989-775-4509

Community Cultural Teaching & Feast

December 15 | 12 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Ziibiwing Center
 Contact: 989-775-4302
 Keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Reinhardt. Reinhardt is an Anishnaabe Ojibway citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians from Michigan.

Elder's Breakfast

December 19 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 Contact: 989-775-4302

Christmas Bingo!

December 20 | 5 p.m.

Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 Contact: 989-775-4509
 Presented by Youth Task Force. Soup and sandwiches provided at 6 p.m.

2nd Annual Men's Christmas Basketball Tournament

December 22 |

Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 Contact: Luke Sprague 989-400-8454 or 989-775-4509
 Must register by December 14. \$200 Entry fee per team. Ten person team max, cash payouts, t-shirts and trophies.

Andahwod Thursday Dinner Buffets

December 6, 13, 20 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 Contact: 989-775-4300
 6: Fried Chicken
 13: Soup, Salad, Baked Potato Bar
 20: Fried Fish Buffet

Euchre on Tuesdays

December 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6 p.m.

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

Behavioral Health Open House

December 6 | 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Location: Behavioral Health
 Contact: 989-775-4894

Christmas Brunch

December 12 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: Andahwod CCC & ES

Tribal Community Calendar - December 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat. Sun.
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Karate Tribal Gym 7:00 p.m.	11	Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym Game Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.	13	"Home for the Holidays" Family Potluck Dinner Christmas Unity Service "Light of the World" Tribal Gym 12 p.m. Tribal Observer Deadline - 3:00 p.m.	Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m. 15 16
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Tribal Operations

Medical Clinic Specialist

Only members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and/or current employees may apply. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be able to pass testing on basic computer skills, typing, and medical terminology. Experience and/or knowledge in telephone triage, scheduling appointments, Contract Health Services, and 3rd party insurance coverage is preferable.

Grounds Maint Wrker Part-time

Open to the public. Must have at least one year experience in landscaping, grounds maintenance or a maintenance related job environment. Must be able to work with hands and to work in a mechanically oriented situation following supervisor instructions. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License. Must possess sufficient stamina to work under all types of weather conditions and to lift and carry.

Casino

Security Officer Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Good reading, writing and mathematical skills. Typing and computer skills a plus. Ability to handle irate, disorderly or intoxicated guests in a professional manner. May be required to perform their duties during hazardous conditions that could include severe weather and fire.

Housekeeping Manager - Hotel

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a minimum of two years Supervisory experience in hospitality, gaming, or retail operations (four diamond hotels a plus). Must have good communication skills, be tactful and professional, attuned to details and self motivated. Supervises and manages all activities relating to the Hotel Housekeeping department. Provides the department with leadership whereby they achieve results in accordance with the objectives, performance and four diamond quality standards established by the Resort.

Front Desk Agent Part-Time

Open to the public. High School Diploma. Hotel experience in Front Office Operations preferred, but not necessary. Typing skills preferred. Must have cash handling experience and one (1) year minimum of customer service experience.

Transit Driver Part-Time

Open to the public. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid Michigan Driver's License and must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Transport patrons of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort to and from both casinos, Mount Pleasant Airport, Tribal Campgrounds and any other locations deemed necessary. Provide transportation service for entertainers, and tribal entities as required and approved by management.

130 Services

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF: CASE OF STEVEN RAY JACKSON VS. ANNA MARIE MENA:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 12-CI-0426. Notice to defendant Anna Marie Mena: You are being sued. A Verified Complaint for Divorce and Verified Motion for Genetic Paternity Testing have been filed with the court. You have 28 days to file a written response to the Complaint and Motion with the Tribal Court and mail a copy to Joseph T. Barberi 2304 Hawthorn Drive Suite C MT. Pleasant, Michigan 48858. A hearing will be held at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant Michigan regarding Plaintiff's Verified Motion for Genetic Paternity Testing on Tuesday January 15, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. If Defendant fails to respond to this notice or fails to appear at said hearing, the Tribal Court will follow regular procedures of ordering Defendant to appear for a show cause hearing. Thereafter, if Defendant fails to appear for the show cause hearing, the Tribal Court will issue a warrant for Defendant's arrest.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF NICOLE DAVIS:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Case No. 12-CI-0426. 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.

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint: Case No. 12-CI-0810 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257, Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Defendant: Ridge Jackson 7281 E. Remus Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice of Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. This summons expires **FEBRUARY 28, 2013**.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF SAMUEL PEGO:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint: Case No. 12-CI-0786 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257, Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Defendant: Samuel Pego 3880 Miigwan Lane Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice of Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. This summons expires on **FEBRUARY 21, 2013**.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF YOLANDA SWEET:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint: Case No. 12-CI-0030 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257, Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989) 791-2505 vs. Defendant: Yolanda Sweet, 537 E. Emelita Ave. Mesa, AZ 85210 Notice of Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. This summons expires **DECEMBER 14, 2012**.

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Celebrating Halloween Scares Up Some Good Fun for Everyone

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The evening of Friday, Oct 19 was quite chilly as brave princesses, witches, little monsters and super heroes walked up and down East Broadway for the Youth Task Force's Trunk or Treat. From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. East Broadway was closed off for these excited youth to fill their empty bags with candy.

The night wasn't over as the tribal gym was transformed into a haunted house for SCIT Parks & Recreation's Seventh annual Halloween Haunt.

For two days volunteers from the community and various tribal departments worked together on creating the scary atmosphere for a fun night.

From skeletons to spiders and the occasional vampire hiding on the wall of the gym, the guests didn't seem to mind.

Kevin Chamberlain also known as, Dee Jay Ozzy Osbourne, played some spooky dance music and also kept the guests on their feet with some dancing.

As if candy wasn't enough to help keep the sugar flowing, located in the Tribal Library they were having a cake walk for both the adults and the children.

Costume contests were going on throughout the night as Larry Burdick, SCIT Associate Judge, Maunka Morgan, Migizi Economic Development CEO, David Crockett, SCIT Tribal Police Captain, Louanna Bruner, SCIT Tribal Council Treasurer and Anna Hon; Nimkee Public Health Nurse had a tough

time judging the different costumes for each age category.

The Halloween party was such a success every year since 2005 when it first made its debut at the tribal gym when the Youth Task Force also known as the Youth Task Force Eaghoul's blacked out the gym and created a community event.

Chamberlain was one of those who helped start the annual event and has also been the Dee Jay for each one.

"The history of it stemmed from when I was a child in the tribal community when the tribal gym was just the gym prior to bingo being placed in it," Chamberlain said. "They use to have Halloween parties not only in the gym but also at the church up at the hill. People that you would never expect would dress up and you would have to guess who they were and it was something that our community always did every year. As a kid I fell in love with Halloween for that reason." Seeing the community coming together for events is truly special. "I really can't put into words on how fun it is for me because it is all of that," Chamberlain said. "It is the passion and the joy of Halloween. Watching the community come together the way it always did in the past and hopefully it will continue. We are planting a seed of not only for the Halloween party but just for the community coming together and these kids will never forget this just the same way I haven't." The kids had a great time and the adults too.



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Looks like the prince of darkness Ozzy made a special appearance at the Halloween Haunt.



Trunk or treat kids filled the streets.



This team has it going on with showing their Team Wolverines Team spirit.



Farming is not what it used to be.



Elijah Bennett wanted to show his scary side by dressing up as a little monster.



Shalyn the astronaut and Thomas the skeleton were filling their empty bags with candy at Trunk or Treat.



The tiny witch, Jadrian Jackson flew in for her candy.



Looks like the case of insomnia had gotten a hold of her. Get some sleep.



Cauy George, the angry bird brought out his best dance moves and boogied down.



Check out all those pretty costumes.



Benjamin the pilot brought his plane for this special event.