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11th Annual Christmas Unity Service In Holiday Spirit

DENISE CANTU
Staff Writer

On Friday Dec. 17, 2012 marked the 11th Annual Christmas Unity Service. This year's theme was "Light of the World". As many people gathered in the gym the service started with the reading of scripture by Fred Cantu, "Then Jesus spoke to them again and said I am the light of the world, He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" John 8:12.

The shofar, a horn used in Biblical times and Jewish customs, was blown by Pastor Chuck Allen from Potters House Family Worship Center. This represented the calling of God's people and the Holy Spirit. Tribal Chaplin Steve Pego welcomed people and said the opening prayer followed by Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom saying the opening remarks.

The traditional story of the birth of Jesus from the Bible was read by 92 year old native elder Reverend Owen J. Smith Sr. Pastor Robert Pego of the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church gave an astounding description of the Godly legacy from early centuries among the Tribes. He titled his exhortation "Wise men still seek Him" based on the scripture Luke 2:1, posing the question, Is our Tribe alone in its belief? No, we've know him in the past and other Tribes believed.

He spoke of the Biblical descendants that derived from Noah's sons Ham and Jephath, our grandfather's native descendants traveling east to this land the farther we went from the

Holy land the more we forgot "Yahweh" (God). He went on to say in 1492 Europeans arrive with the Bible which reminded us of who we are, former believers of Yahweh, that still had the fragments of our past beliefs that are common belief in native society, for example the great flood. "The natives said at that time said, 'This is what we're looking for!' Early believers such as Tisquantum (Squanto), the east coast Tribes Six Nations, the Ohio Valley tribes cause Native preachers to arise to declare the good news," Pego said.

Some early native preachers from the 1800s were, Peter Marksman, Reverend Greensky, and Dan Wheaton. In more recent times, pastors or ministers were: Jim Peters Chippewa United Methodist Church, Joe Sprague Sr. Chippewa United Methodist Church and Faith Indian Nazerene Church, the Bass family Faith Indian Nazerene Church, Jim Plain and Elmer Plain First Nations Sarnia Ontario, Lester Whitepigeon, Kemo Smith Faith Indian Nazerene Church, Willard Shomin Faith Indian Nazerene Church, Sam Mackety and wife Geneva pioneered Indian missions around the United States, Warren Pamp Chuck Pamp, Larry Gilbert Wapole Island First Nations, Enos Willis Greensky Hill, Carol Bennett United Tribes for Christ Fellowship, Joey Gilbert Wapole Island First Nations and others. Currently among the Tribe are Owen Smith Sr. retired but active in the church, who pioneered churches among other native Tribes, Robert Pego, Fred Cantu, and Owen Whitepigeon. Special recognition when out



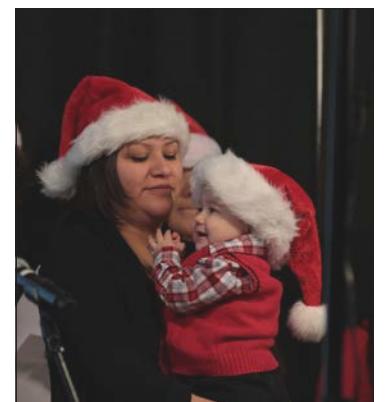
Kevin Chamberlain reflects on the troubles of last year and gives hope for the future.

to the non-native pastors who has served fervently among our Tribes. Currently serving is Devin Chisholm Saganing and Doyle Perry, Faith Indian Nazerene Church. Pego ended with "wise men still seek Him".

Anna Hon sang and played the flute to "O Holy Night". She also sang the song "A Baby Changes Everything" that accompanied a video viewing of portions from the movie, Nativity that combined a theatrical and powerful message of what the birth of Christ represented. The Sault Family singers have a new performer rising from among them, 11 year old Nathaniel played a solo instrumental piece. Nathaniel is a fifth grader and has been playing for approximately a year and a half. The main speaker Evangelist E'Vann Walker emphasized the details of what may have occurred surrounding the birth of Christ and how it transpired outside of the norm in society at that time. He used it as a metaphor of the challenges we may face today in life circumstances and keeping the focus on Christ. "Circumstances do not

determine your value but keep your focus on Jesus the Son of God," Walker said.

Other performers and speakers were the Snowbirds, Sam Forney, Kevin Chamberlain, Gary Bennett, Sue Durfee, and the Tribal Elders Community Choir. The Christmas tree display on the stage was decorated by the youth from the Saginaw Chippewa Academy and would be later donated to family in need this season. The atmosphere created the heartfelt warmth of Christmas and directed the audience that the light of the world has come.



Jackie and son participate in the Saginaw Chippewa Community Church Choir.



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Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

COMMUNITY MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2013

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 9 A.M. MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10 A.M. AND END AT 2 P.M.
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Karen Rae Jackson

May 30, 1943 – November 21, 2012

Karen Rae Jackson, age 69, of Mt. Pleasant passed away on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at the Andahwod Senior Care Community Center.



Funeral services for Karen were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, November 24 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Owen White-Pigeon officiating. Interment followed in the Woodland Cemetery. The family received friends at the Jackson's home, 7100 Aggimaak Drive, on Friday, November 23 from 2 until 7 p.m. and on Saturday, November 24 from 1 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral chapel.

Karen was born on May 30, 1943 in Grand Rapids, MI, the daughter of Robert Rodriguez Sr. and Rose Marie Britton. Karen was a tutor for the Lansing school district for many years and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Karen was an avid collector of fine antiques. She also loved playing bingo and doing jigsaw puzzles. There was nothing more that Karen enjoyed than to spend time with her loving grandchildren. She will greatly be missed.

Karen is survived by her children, Simon Jackson II, Delmar (Mary) Jackson Jr., Darryl (Theresa) Jackson, Angel (Brian Corbiere) Jackson, all of Mt. Pleasant, Salina Jackson of Lansing, and special daughter, Catherine Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; the children she raised as her own, Cris (Felix) Silva of Lansing, Jeff Rowland of Mt. Pleasant, Ernest Swain Jr. of Lansing, and Mike and Michelle Jackson of Mt. Pleasant; 25 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 3 brothers, Robert Rodriguez Jr., Richard Rodriguez, and Mike Zygmunt, all of Mt. Pleasant.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Rose and Chuck Collins Jr.; grandson, Justin Ray Bennett; and great-grandson, Kyle Mejia.

Katrina Marie Tomlin

March 24, 1963 - November 26, 2012

Katrina Marie Tomlin, age 49, of Swartz Creek, passed away on Monday, November 26, 2012 at McLaren-Flint.



Funeral service were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Burial in Fairview Cemetery in Linden, Michigan. Visitation was from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Katrina was born in Flint, Michigan on March 24, 1963 and was a resident of Flint most of her life. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and F.O.E. #629. Surviving are son, John Cook; daughter, Christine Petty; grandchildren, Samuel Petty, Jr. and Zackary Petty; mother, Christine Reed; many sisters, brothers and other loving family and her beloved dog, Penny.

Marie Esther "Auntie" "Mugs" Evilsizer

March 21, 1924 – December 13, 2012

Marie Esther "Auntie" "Mugs" Evilsizer, age 88, of Mt. Pleasant passed away Thursday, December 13, 2012 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alma with her family by her side.

Funeral Services for Marie were held at Clark Funeral Chapel on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment followed in the Floral Gardens Cemetery in Bay City. The family received friends on Sunday, December 16, 2012 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Visitation continued on Monday, December 17 from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions were made to the Leukemia Foundation. Envelopes were available at the funeral chapel.

Marie was born on March 21, 1924 in Gulliver, MI, the daughter of Richard and Sigrid (Johnson) Martell. She married Donald Leon Evilsizer on December 16, 1955 in Bay City. Donald and Marie spent 46 years together before his passing in 2001. She was a member of the Sault Ste Marie Chippewa Indian Tribe. Marie was active in both the Eagle's Club in Prudenville and the Moose Lodge in Port Huron. Marie loved playing card games, bowling, bingo, going to the casino, Pow Wow's, camping, boating, hockey and lacrosse, and traveling, especially to Zephyrhills, FL in the winter.

Marie is survived by her children, Constance Hamilton of Lansing, Vickie (Richard) Sharrard of North Street, MI, and Suzanne (Tim) Bass of Falkville, AL; daughter-in-law, Mary Artibee of Lansing; 9 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild; special niece and nephews, Julia and Delmar Jackson and Rodney Gott.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband; son, Larry Artibee in 2008; brothers, Howard, Richard, and Clifford; and sister, Florence Wilde.

You may view Marie's obituary online and send a condolence to the family, light a memorial candle, or place a memorial donation at www.clarkfuneralchapel.com.

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NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal Council Approves New Power of Attorney Forms

Beginning February 1, 2013, Tribal Members who wish to designate a Power of Attorney to handle their affairs for Tribal Members must use the new forms approved by Tribal Council. New POA forms were formally approved by the Tribal Council on November 28, 2012. The Tribe will only recognize POA's in the form approved by the Tribal Council. February 1 forms will be available at the Tribal Clerk's Office and on the Tribal Website.

ATTENTION

To The Employees of the Tribe's Enterprises

The following changes have been made for the government ID's. They will now have an expiration date of two years from the date of issue. There will be a \$5 fee for new or replacement cards.

Attention All Creative Artists!

The SCIT Conservation Committee also known as the SCCC will be holding a logo contest and the theme will be natural resources. This contest is only open to SCIT members of all ages. We will award prizes for the first, second and third place winners. Winners will be announced at the February 2 community meeting.

Entries should be sent or dropped off at the planning department and put in attention to the SCCC.

Contest will start January 1 and run until January 21. For more information please contact the planning department.

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New Mentoring Program Coordinator Hopes To Lead the Youth in a Positive Lifestyle

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Maia Montoya-Pego is the new Mentoring Program Coordinator at Behavioral Health. Montoya-Pego is a SCIT member and grew up on the reservation her whole life.

“This project makes it even more important to me, there were many role models I looked up to growing up here and they are who inspired me to pursue this position,” Montoya-Pego said.

How the structure of the program will be is to pair up fifth and sixth grade Saginaw Chippewa Academy students with a Central Michigan University Native American student. The pairs will then interact through coordinated activities throughout the second semester of the school year.

“We are anticipating this to be a successful program and look to expand in the next phase of the program in the fall,” Montoya-Pego said.

The purpose of this is to increase the quality of life for the youth while following the Seven Grandfather Teachings of, bravery, wisdom, humility, truth, respect, love, and honesty.

“The program will also focus on ways to live a healthy lifestyle through prevention, cultural identity, physical fitness, academic success, and other positive activities,” Montoya-Pego said. “Studies have shown that youth that interact with a mentor are more likely to be successful in future endeavors.”

Not only is the position an integral part in the Behavioral Health Program but it also increases the chances of opportunities for the tribal youth to be successful.

Statistically there are areas of concerns for the youth in terms of academics, healthy, choices, decision making, and self-esteem.

With having an extra hand and a mentor, it can help youth and their families out by influencing a child’s life



Photo courtesy of Maia Montoya-Pego

Maia Montoya-Pego currently serves as the Mentoring Coordinator at Behavioral Health. She plans on motivating the youth in a positive direction for the future.

positively. The position of having a mentoring coordinator at Behavioral Health fitted in perfectly.

“With Tribal Administration support we were able to maneuver some money around to make this position happen and become a reality,” Hunter Genia, Behavioral Health Administrator said. “We basically put the walk behind the talk instead of just expressing that this was needed and a great idea. We went from idea to reality. We will be working with Central Michigan University and eventually other local colleges and recruiting Native American students to be mentors.”

Genia is pleased on having Montoya-Pego on board. “She is a role model for our youth and has the qualities we are looking for in this position,” Genia said. “She is proud of who she is, participates in cultural lifestyle, obtained her higher education degree, lives a healthy lifestyle and has leadership skills and abilities. There were many great candidates for this position that we feel could’ve done a tremendous job and we’re appreciative that they all applied and made it a competitive process. We’re very happy to Maia as part of our Behavioral Health team.”

Informational flyers will be sent home to parents at the beginning of January. For more information please contact Maia Montoya-Pego at 989-775-4825 or email her at mamontoyapego@sagchip.org.

Andy Asselin Soaring Eagle CEO Letter of Resignation

Dear Associates & Tribal Members,

Our CEO, Andy Asselin, has informed Tribal Council that he does not intend to renew his contract with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Mr. Asselin has been with us for six years and we have come to rely on Mr. Asselin for his straight forward thinking and no nonsense approach to business. It was with hesitation that Tribal Council reluctantly accepted Mr. Asselin’s resignation.

On Wednesday, November 21, 2012, Tribal Council voted to approve the appointment of Sales Director, Bob VanWert, as Interim CEO of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as well as Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino in Standish, Michigan. Mr. VanWert has been with Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort since May 8, 1998, and has amassed over thirty years of experience in Sales and Conventions. His knowledge will assure we have a smooth and consistent transition during our search for the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Rest assured that Tribal Council will work diligently with our human resources department to search for the most appropriate candidates to be considered to fill this vacancy. On behalf of the Tribal Council and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, we wish Mr. Asselin all the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Dennis V. Kequom

Wholesale Vendor Training

Ziibiwing Commercial Services is hosting a FREE two hour workshop for all Native American people interested in becoming a wholesale vendor.

The workshop date is scheduled for January 22 in the Ziibiwing Processing Center at 5:30pm.

Please do not bring merchandise for sale to this training; this training is an opportunity for learning.

To register for the training call 989-775-4741 – Register TODAY as there are only 24 seats available.

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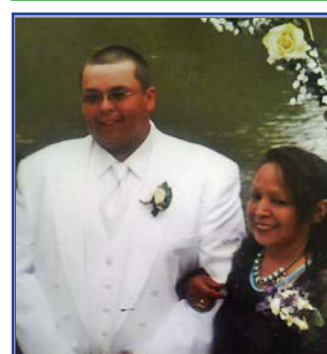
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From your loving children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren!
January 29th



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January 5th
Love your proud parents,
Harmony & Toby



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Basil, Kasina, Chris



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~ Tribal Council ~

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SCIT Distributes Fall 2012 Two Percent Funds

CARRIE GARCIA

Interim Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been helping out government entities and education by distributing two percent funds since 1994. On Nov. 29 representatives from surrounding Isabella County gathered in the Tribal Operations Seniors Room for the SCIT fall 2012 two percent distribution.

This year SCIT distributed a total of \$2,288,823.29 in two percent grants. The economy showed a positive sign in mid-Michigan as this year it was \$920,323.90 up from last fall.

The partnerships between the counties and the Tribe have been working together and it shows.

A total of \$708,526.94 was distributed to Isabella County. The City of Mt. Pleasant received \$483,260.00. Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Education received a check in the amount of \$14,344.66.

Kathy Stewart, Assistant Supervisor spoke on behalf of Isabella/Gratiot RESD & Special Education.

"I would like to extend Isabella

and Gratiot County RESD's gratitude to the two percent funds that help towards the Forest Hill Nature Area," Stewart said. "The Forest Hill Nature Area is visited by over 2000 students a year and it is staffed by volunteers. These funds have made the site equal access to all students whether they are able to walk or be in a wheelchair."

For Chippewa Township they received a check in the amount of \$26,925.53. Deerfield, Denver, Isabella and Nottawa Townships all received a check in the amount of \$21,435.80

John Pedjac, Denver Township Supervisor was thankful on the two percent funds.

"On behalf of Denver Township I would like to thank the Tribe and Council members for again supporting us," Pedjac said. "The money will be used on infrastructural things for our township. I would like to say thank you again and keep up the good work you are doing."

Union Township received a check in the amount of \$125,000 and the Village of Shepherd also received a check in the amount of \$20,549.

The total amount of funds given to government entities is

\$1,487,735.14.

Education is important to the Tribe. From the \$2.2 million dollars that was being distributed, a total of \$801,088.15 was set aside for area schools.

"One of reasons why the Tribe is so dedicated to education is that we understand we have to support those children and we want them to be ready for the future in education and hopefully for the majority of these children a higher education is going to stem the ties with the Tribe over time in the future," Frank Cloutier, Public Relations Director said. "Culturally as a native Tribe we believe that everything we do today is preparation for the next generations to come."

Bill Chillman, Superintendent of Beal City Public Schools was handed a check in the amount of \$20,749, Shirley Howard, Superintendent Chippewa Hills Public Schools, \$29,142.97, Mike Pung, Superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, \$534,234.18, Claire Bunker, Superintendent of Shepherd Public Schools \$198,335 and Jan Amsterburg Assistant Supervisor for Instruction at Gratiot Isabella RESD and \$18,627.

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.



2013 Per Capita Schedule

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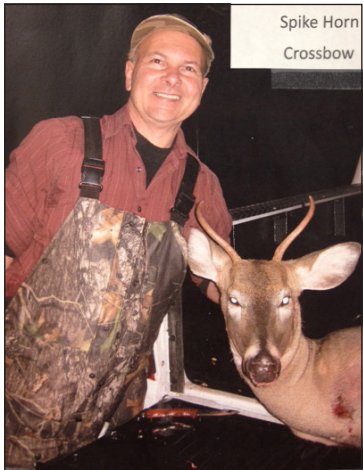
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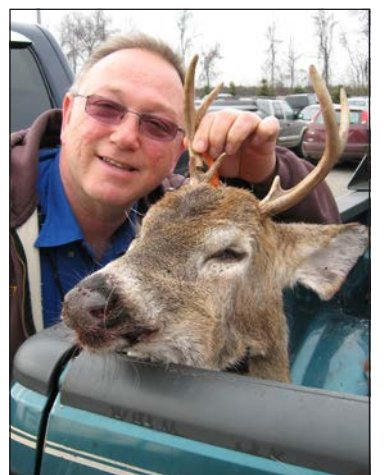
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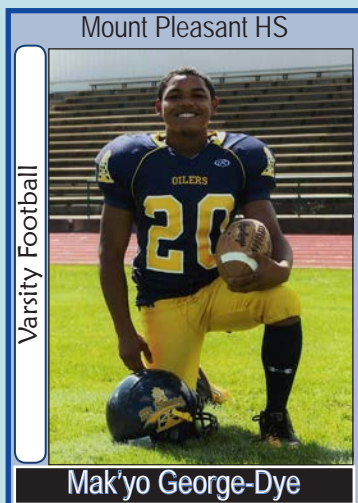
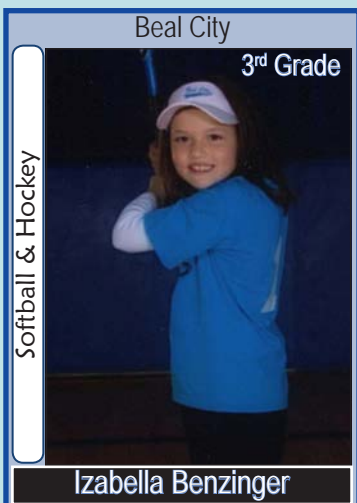


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SELC Casual For A Cause Helps Bikers for Blindness



Nathen DeKett and Brenda Goodman hold a check in the amount of \$325 made possible by the SELC Casual for a Cause.

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Associates raised \$325 dollars last month for our Casual for a Cause. We were pleased to present Brenda Goodman and Nathen DeKett with the Funds on Dec. 12. Brenda

and Nathen are the founders of Bikers for Blindness, a non-profit organization that helps raise money for research that will provide preventions, treatments and possibly cures for over nine million Americas who suffer from Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP), Macular Degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. Nathen is twelve years old

and was diagnosed with RP several years ago. This disease is progressive and eventually leads to blindness. Not only has Nathen worked diligently for the past four years, helping to raise money necessary to restore sight for millions of people, but he also serves as a youth chair for the Eastern Michigan VisionWalk. Thank you Saganing Associates for your donations.

Saganing Outreach Program Christmas Party



DON NELSON
Contributing Writer

Sergeant Gary Foco assisted Santa who was dressed in khakis, and Tribal Member and Officer Luke Dixon assisted as being a want to be Santa dressed in his uniform with a Santa hat.

Police officer Bob Forsyth dressed as an elf. These officers dressed up to help at the Annual Community Outreach Christmas Party on Nov. 30. A total of 100 tribal members and their families attended this party. For the past 20 years this Christmas party has been going on and brings the community together for a joyous event.

Saganing Eagles Landing Employees of the Month

CHRISTY FEDAK
Contributing Writer

Congratulations to Ann Trombley and Tina Meyer, they are the employees of the month for Saganing Eagles Landing Casino. Ann is our Management of the month. She started with the Tribe over 16 years ago as a Slot Technician for Soaring Eagle. She has been a Slot Technician Supervisor since April of 1999. Not only does Ann have a vast knowledge of slot machines but she also writes procedures for initial set up of the machine software. Her expertise has made her an essential addition to the Slot Departments SOP Team, helping review and write standard operating procedures. Because of Ann's outstanding ethics



Tina Meyer



Ann Trombley

and performance she has been asked to be the acting CSM on multiple Occasions. Thank you Ann. Tina is our Associate of the Month and currently works as a representative in our Guest Service Department. She started with the Casino in August of 2010 and was voted as the Guest Service

employee of the month for November. Because of Tina's initiative and enthusiasm she has been utilized as an upgrade supervisor when needed. Even when short of help and Tina is working the booth alone she has a smile on her face and is pleasant to everyone. Thank you to Tina for going the extra mile.

Saganing Blood Drive Results From December

JENNY TROUT
Contributing Writer

Chi Miiqwetch, for your support in Michigan Blood's life-saving mission and without

people like you, they could not meet the needs of our local hospitals and patients. On Dec. 3, Michigan Blood collected 185 units, with 9 first-time donors. The next blood drive at Saganing

will be held on Saganing Blood Drive Results From December Blood Drive Monday, Feb. 4. You can schedule an appointment by calling **1-866-MIBLOOD (1-866-642-5663)**.

Attention Home Owners

To date there are about 50 homes that are not metered or have broken meters. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe water treatment plant needs to replace or install these meters in order to comply with the law that takes effect on January 4, 2014, allowing for the use of materials already purchased. Failure to fix these meters or install new meters will cost the Tribe more money in the future to purchase equipment.

In September of 2008 the Tribal Council passed the Utility Ordinance changes that included the following:

Per ordinance # 18 section # 6 "Water Meters will be installed on Facilities and Structures that are connected to the system to enable the Authority to monitor the amount of water consumed through the system."

Per ordinance # 18 section # 6 d. "The Authority, or designated agents thereof, shall be permitted to enter onto any property utilizing the services of the System during regular business hours to inspect and read utility meters, and if necessary make repairs, additions, alterations or improvements to any system, utility or metering property or equipment."

In January the Utility Department will be mailing out letters to the homes that have broken meters or no meters. Please do not throw them away as they contain information to assist with the repair or installation needed for your home.

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At-Large Member Spotlights the Program Benefits Advisory Board

MIKKI MARCOTTE

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Each month the At-Large program will spotlight an At-Large member who is an 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.

January 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight is the At-Large Program Benefits Advisory Board (BAB).

The Benefits Advisory Board consists of four members which represent four regions of Michigan.



Region 1 is Peggy Goebel.

Peggy lives in Traverse City with her husband of 30 years Timothy. She has two children 28-year old Nathan and 23-year old Britany. Peggy grew up in Essexville

and graduated from Garber High School. Peggy's father is Ernest (Buck) Walraven. Peggy is employed by Health Department North West Michigan where she is a Public Health Tech. In her free time Peggy enjoys traveling, church, and reading.

Peggy has served on the Benefits Advisory Board for five years and also serves on the trip committee. Peggy feels that it is important to give back to the Tribe and that it is good to be involved.



Region 2 is Walter "Wally" Pamame.

Wally lives in Pinconning with his wife Rose. He has three boys, William, Stacy and Troy and eight grandchildren. Wally grew up in Mikado and graduated from Onekana High School. Wally's parents are Harry and Helen George. Wally retired from General Motors in Bay City after 32.5 years of service. In Wally's free

time he enjoys restoring old cars and trucks.

Wally has served on the Benefits Advisory Board for five years. Wally would like to encourage others to "give back when you can."



Region 3 is Marjorie Wehner.

Marjorie lives in Saginaw with her husband Charlie and their two children 16-year old Gavin and 14-year old Spencer. Marjorie and Charlie are going to be celebrating 25 years of marriage in January! Marjorie grew up in Saginaw and graduated from Douglas MacArther High School. Marjorie's mom is Miranda Stockel of Saginaw. Marjorie works in the medical department of Nimkee and has

worked in the medical field for over 24 years. In her spare time Marjorie enjoys painting, drawing and shopping. She also enjoys watching programming on HGTV, DIY and Food Network.

Marjorie has served on the Benefits Advisory Board for 1.5 years and feels thankful for the opportunity of being employed here and serving the membership on the board. It has helped her learn more about the history, language and customs of the Tribe. Marjorie wishes everyone to realize the value of a good education.



Region 4 is Dolly Holzhausen.

Dolly lives in Owosso with her husband Bill. Dolly and

Bill have two children Dawn Teichman and their son Jack Holzhausen whom is residing in heaven. They have four grandchildren, Joel, Tyler, Nicole, and Bobbi Kay. Dolly grew up in St. Charles and graduated from St. Charles High School. Dolly's parents are Archie and Verona Fowler. Dolly has spent her life volunteering her services. She especially enjoyed volunteering for the Chesaning Showboat and at her children's schools. In her free time Dolly enjoys hanging out with her grandkids, going to the casino, playing cards and people. Oh and coming to visit us at At-Large!

Dolly has served on the At-Large Benefits Advisory Board and Cultural Enrichment Board for a combined 25 years. Dolly would like people to "always keep an open mind and be willing to learn and help."

If you would like to reach any of the Benefits Advisory Board members please call the At-Large Program at 1-800-884-6271 and leave a message for them.

How to Help Kids Cope with CT Shooting

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Families in Newtown, Connecticut and beyond are still trying to make sense of Dec. 14 deadly school shooting. The tragedy can be especially challenging for kids to cope with.

Save the Children is based only about 25 miles from the elementary school where the tragedy unfolded. The group's opened a "child-friendly space" in Newtown to give kids a place to play and express themselves, while parents seeks support or counseling. Save the Children has released 10 tips to help all kids cope in the wake of the Newtown tragedy:

1. Limit television time. While it can be important for adults to stay informed about the situation, television images and reports may be confusing and frightening for children. Watching too many television reports can overwhelm children and even adults. So, limit the number of television reports about the situation you and your children watch.

2. Listen to your children carefully. Try to find out what your child knows and understands about the situation before responding to their questions. Children can experience stress when they do not understand dangerous

experiences. Find out what your child knows about the crisis. Then, talk to your child to help him or her understand the situation and ease their concerns.

3. Give children reassurance. Tell children that adults are doing everything they can to protect and help children who have been affected by the tragedy. Also, let them know that if an emergency happens, your main concern would be their safety. Make sure they know they are being protected.

4. Be alert for significant changes in behavior. Caregivers should be alert to any significant changes in children's sleeping patterns, eating habits, and concentration levels. Also watch for wide emotional swings or frequent physical complaints. If any of these actions do happen, they will likely lessen within a short time. If they continue, however, you should seek professional help and counseling for the child.

5. Understand children's unique needs. Not every child will experience a disaster in the same way. As children develop, their intellectual, physical and emotional abilities change. Younger children will depend largely on their parents to interpret events; older children and adolescents will get information from various sources, such as friends and the media. Remember that children of any age can be affected by a disaster. Provide them all with love,

understanding and support.

6. Give your children extra time and attention. Children need close, personal attention to know they are safe. Talk, play and, most importantly, listen to them. Find time to engage in special activities with children of all ages.

7. Be a model for your children. Your children will learn how to deal with these events by seeing how you respond. The amount you tell children about how you're feeling should depend on the age and maturity of the child. You may be able to disclose more to older or more mature children but remember to do so calmly.

8. Watch your own behavior. Make a point of being sensitive to those impacted by the crisis. This is an opportunity to teach your children that we all need to help each other.

9. Help your children return to a normal routine. Children usually benefit from routine activities such as set eating times, bed time, and playing with others. Parents should make sure their children's school is also returning to normal patterns and not spending a lot of time discussing the disaster.

10. Encourage your children to do volunteer work. Helping others can give children a sense of control and security and promote helping behavior. During a disaster, children and adolescents can bring about positive change by supporting those in need.

Where is my Social Security Statement?

COLLEEN MAKI

Contributing Writer

Per the Social Security website, In light of the current budget situation, we have suspended the request for a Social Security Statement service. You may sign up to get your Social Security Statement online. You also may be able to estimate your retirement benefit using our online Retirement Estimator.

The ssa.gov website can be overwhelming and getting in to get your statement can be tricky if you do not answer the security questions correctly. That is why there is a kiosk in the At-Large Program lobby that will take you into the Social Security website and if you have problems there is plenty of staff to help you.

Why do you need to look at your statement? You do not want to reach the age of retirement and find out that you did not meet the 40 work credit requirement to get your Social Security and Medicare and have to pay out of pocket for your Medicare. The cost of Medicare out of pocket could

be per the AARP website.

Provided that you're a U.S. citizen or have been a legal resident for at least five years, you can still get Medicare benefits at age 65 or older by.

Paying premiums for Part A (hospital insurance). If you have fewer than 30 work credits, you pay the maximum premium, \$451 a month in 2012. If you have 30 to 39 credits, you pay less, \$248 a month in 2012. If you continue working until you gain 40 credits, you will no longer pay these premiums.

Paying the same monthly premiums for Part B, which covers doctor visits and other outpatient services, as other enrollees pay.

Paying the same monthly premium for Part D prescription drug coverage as others enrolled in the drug plan you choose.

You can enroll in Part B without Part A. But if you buy into A, you also must enroll in B. You can get Part D if you're enrolled in either A or B.

Come visit the At-Large Program and make sure you are covered or on the way to being covered.



Annual Winter Program Shows Students Holiday Spirit

LINDSAY THEISEN
Staff Writer

The room was filled with holiday cheer as festive decorations, wrapped gifts and a beautifully lit Christmas tree covered the stage of Soaring Eagle Casino's Entertainment Hall, while the Sasiwaan Immersion students and Saginaw Chippewa Academy students put on a Winter Program. SCA Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade students practiced for their Winter Program routines and holiday songs for quite some time and it truly showed in their enthusiasm and talent.

The kids sang Christmas carols in the Ojibwe language. Some of the kids simply just belted words out into the microphone, intrigued to be the center of attention on the big stage. While a few younger Sasiwaan students portrayed to be nervous, the very merry show continued on.

Emcee Melissa Montoya, Assistant Education Director, dressed in a fancy silver sparkle holiday dress and Cultural Teacher, Aaron Chivis, accompanied by a large black mustache surely kept the crowd going as they announced each student's class to the stage class and were lovely game show hosts.

Gifts were to be won as audience members names were drawn to come appear on the stage and be included in the game. One of the games was a humming game. The audience was shown a piece of paper with the title of a Christmas carol on it. A student had to then guess the name of the tune that the audience member was humming. If they guessed correctly they were awarded a present.



Observer photos by Lindsay Theisen

The kids at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy have been practicing their song, "A Child's Gift"

Cans of whipped cream lined the table in the center of the stage for the next game to be played. Six contestants came onto the stage as they prepared themselves to build the tallest whipped cream Christmas tree as they possibly could. As they continuously moved the can around in a spiral the trees began to take shape. The winner of the tallest whipped cream tree was Katelyn Sexton.

The grand finale that ended this wonderful Winter Program were the students in Jennifer Wall's First grade classroom at the Academy were introduced to the song, "A Child's Gift," on Nov. 15 by their language and cultural teacher, Cecilia Henry. Cecilia wrote the song herself and the children sang it beautifully to the audience as they held up corresponding cards with the words in Ojibwe on them.

Watching the kids perform with such holiday spirit and cheer was a memorable site to see.



The students sang their hearts out with Christmas cheer to their family and friends at the Winter Program.



Emcee and game show hosts, Melissa Montoya and Aaron Chivis surely helped to keep the audience entertained and involved by welcoming audience members up on the stage to play holiday games and win gifts.



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HRC Is Looking for Tribal Members Microaggression Stories

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The Isabella County Human Rights Committee is conducting a study that will be looking for Tribal Members located in District One to share their stories on their encounters of microaggression. Microaggressions are brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral, or environmental indignities whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative racial slights and insults towards people of color. Messages such as, "You do not belong", "You are abnormal," "You are intellectually inferior," "You cannot be trusted," and "You are all the same" are messages that make those who have experienced microaggressions demeaned. Examples of microaggressions situations can include being stopped at the airport for a checkup, being ignored by a waiter or waitress at a restaurant or being assigned to a particular task by an employer, or being escorted to the most expensive items in a department store.

Funding for the project came from a proposal that was developed and submitted by the Isabella County Human Rights Committee.

The project was designed to identify themes and trends as it relates to a microaggression climate that has existed in Isabella County for numerous years. Results from this study will help to provide the direction that needs to be taken to help in addressing the racial climate in Isabella County.

"I think this is plausible that this committee is being progressive and proactive by identifying areas where the county needs to do more work regarding treatment towards tribal members," Shannon Martin, Ziibiwing Center Director said.

One on one interviews will be conducted by a selected and trained tribal member starting the beginning of January and ending March 15. Some of these tribal members that were selected stepped up to the plate to be focus group facilitators. A total of four focus groups will be conducted and the dates will be announced later.

The project is a 12-month project that started in May of 2012 and end in May of 2013. Findings from the project will be compiled and delivered to the Tribal Council within a few months following the fieldwork of the interviews and the focus groups.

For anyone interested in participating in this project and sharing their experiences please contact either Amy Shawboose at 989-400-1033 or Elizabeth Husbands at 989-621-6432 to be interviewed.

Senate Passes House Bill To Allow Gaming Devices at Horse Race Tracks

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The Michigan Senate passed the house bill also known as HB 5546 or the "Horse Racing Law of 1995" on the evening of Dec. 13 with a vote of 24 for and 11 against. The bill is now waiting the signature of Gov. Rick Snyder.

Rep. Kevin Daley introduced the bill in efforts to put the horse racing industry in a stronger economic position.

Earlier in 2012 Gov. Rick Snyder was against casino expansions in the state of Michigan.

The horse and harness agency felt threatened and need to compete against class three gaming.

"Early in the 1990s when it was becoming apparent that the class three gaming was going to be a reality for the Tribe that the horse and harness agency started getting nervous because for the longest time they held a captive audience on wagering," Frank Cloutier, SCIT Public Relations Director said. "They found themselves in an arena where they are going to have to

compete and have not taken steps to prepare for that competition."

At one point the state of Michigan had a total of 14 different horse tracks in the state.

"The bill was designed for nothing more than to get the horse tracks into the class three gaming market," Cloutier said. "In fact the proposed slot machines at the tracks are class three slot machines anyway you cut it. They not equipped for it or regulated for it. This is not a part of their industry it is a part of ours."

Proposal one in 2004 gave tax paying citizens in Michigan an opportunity to vote on expanding gaming or find new ways of gaming. The bill is exactly like what Proposal one was. With this bill you have no voice on this issue.

Gov. Snyder was very firm when he was not interested in expanding the gaming industry and also Dick DeVos when he was running for governor.

"We are hoping Gov. Snyder does the right thing and that is to veto the bill," Cloutier said.

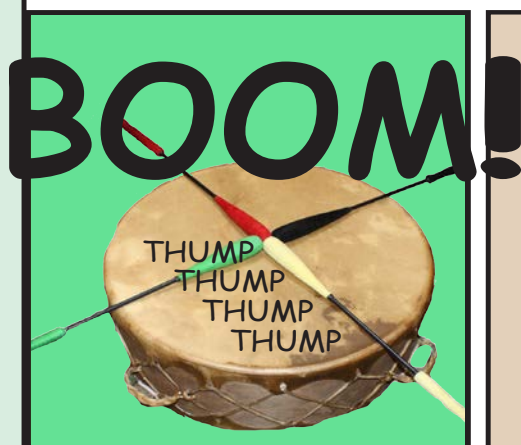


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A Friend from the Past Thanks Tribal Elder Eugene Walraven for Saving His Life

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Eugene Walraven, Tribal Elder and Treasurer for the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans & Warriors Society received a surprise letter from someone from his past thanking him.

The letter was addressed from Carl Dalka, U.S Army Veteran. Dalka and Walraven were members of the 3rd Armored Division and stationed at Fort Knox.

Mr. Dalka wrote in his letter, this letter is one of appreciation and gratitude to a friend of mine that I have not seen for 55 years. This is one U.S. Army Veteran thanking another for saving a life that did not seem to be much at the time. We were just doing a large mock-up battle on the fields of southern Germany in 1956. It was the U.S. 3rd Armored Division versus the U.S. 2nd Armored Division. We had been at this maneuver for over a week and at the time we were the rear guard in what the 1st Cavalry called a "bug-out". They had learned that in Korea. When the Chinese came across the border in 1953 there was not time for an orderly retreat. Hell, we had never practiced a retreat. We were not too sure what to do except for the orders that we were given to not leave anyone behind. We were to search the fields and make sure everyone in the 3rd Armored was moving back. If you met anyone who had not got the order to "bug-out" we were to help them get to a road and go. Eugene Walraven was assigned to my tank. He was our scout observer on the day this all happened. We hung him out of one of the hatches at the top of our tank almost every time we were on the move. He would be

wearing his steel helmet. His radio mouthpiece and ear-phones hung out from below his helmet. Most of the time he would wear goggles, he'd been trained in how to operate that tank, drive, fire it, command it and we all knew how to wash it. But, to all of us, Eugene "Coco" Walraven, was a jock. He had been a boxer before he came to the service and while he served with us, he also served as one of the Army's Olympic boxers. At this time I think he had returned from training for the 1956 Olympics, but don't quote me on that. I am not his biographer. So, here is how I remember it. I'm Carl Dalka, the tank gunner. I'm enjoying the inside of the tank. Walraven and our tank leader Rodney Van Elsacker, are up top doing lookout. Bill Patton is driving us across some farmer's field. All three of them are from Michigan. Walraven is Bay City, Van Elsacker is Upper Peninsula and Patton is from some auto plant town down south. I'm the one from Chicago. As I remember it, the tank stops and Van Elsacker yells, 'fire' on the radio. I start moving the gun and looking through the scope for a target. It is a war game and we had blank rounds to fire if we see an enemy. There is smoke so I figure some maneuvers umpire or a 2nd Armored trooper had hit us with a smoke grenade. I move the gun left and then right. No target spotted. All of a sudden someone is banging on the back of my helmet. I turn around and Walraven is hollering, 'Get out of there the tank is on fire.' Then he is gone. I shimmy out the top and see Walraven running across the field. I bail out and I'm running after him. He runs to a spot where the other two are standing near a tree. When I get there Patton is hollering at me, 'Thanks for moving the gun.

The gasoline just poured out onto the ground and I did not want to go out that way and then you moved the gun and it was right over my head to start with. Thanks. I went out the top as soon as I could.' I asked Van Elsacker what happened.

'The engine stopped after the loud bang, I saw smoke come from the engine compartment and I yelled fire into the radio and bailed out of the tank. That only left you. Then Walraven took off, climbed the tank and the two of you were out of there and were running when the explosions started.'

Yes I did not mention that part. We always carried dozens of rounds for the tank. Some were high explosives some were armor piercing and others were phosphorous. We were out and I was still called Walraven, a crazy something or other, for coming back for me. He is telling me I would have done it for him. Well, maybe and maybe not. Tank on fire, high explosives, and burning gasoline and if we were not roommates, because we had been in Fort Knox together, then who knows.

Months later we were at a court marshal hearing. All the details came out. The supercharger had lost a fan blade. That caused a lot of the other blades to shear off. Some of them pierced the gas tanks. There were two gas tanks, one on each side of the engine. They were near full. After we left the tank the flames from the burning gas baked the high explosive rounds. The explosions caused smoke rings to come out of the same holes we had crawled out when we left the tank. It burned for a long time.

Eugene, I have a copy of your photo as it appeared in the Bay City newspaper. You are wearing a yellow shirt with some decorations on it.



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Walraven, U.S. Army Veteran was awarded with an eagle staff last year at the Seventh Generation's Veterans Feast. Dalka found Walraven's photo though online editions of the Tribal Observer.

If I were there, I would put one more on that wide chest of yours. My medal would be the, "friend's medal".

I do wish to say that I owe all my life and successes to Walraven. Thank you to "Coco" my little buddy from Michigan. I want to say another Thank you Sincerely, Carl Dalka.

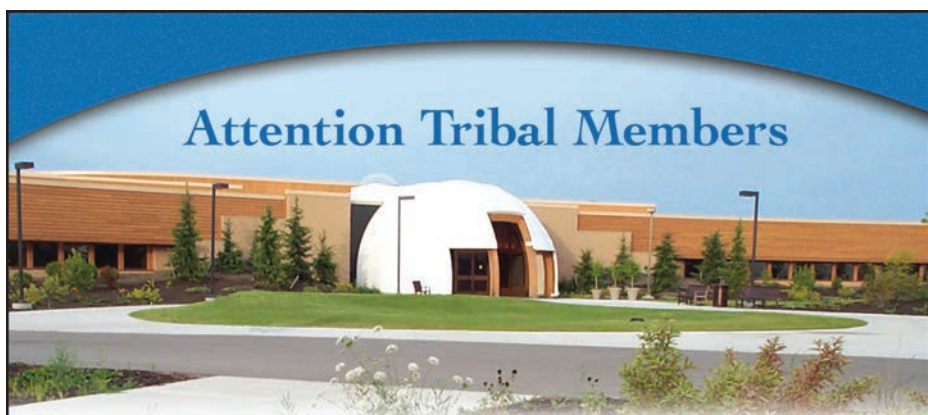
Walraven hasn't heard from Dalka in years. Dalka found Walraven's photo in an edition of the Tribal Observer that he read online. It was then Dalka had gotten in contact with the Tribal Clerks Office and asked

about Walraven. He didn't call back but instead wrote a letter in hopes that someone would give it to Walraven.

When he had gotten the letter, it made him feel good.

"It made me feel good just to talk to someone from all those years," Walraven said. "I highly remember that and didn't think it was a big deal because I knew Dalka would do the same thing for me by getting me out of the burning tank. He is a good guy."

Both Walraven and Dalka keep each other in contact, by phone calls and letters.



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Sacred Medicine Wheel Is Currently Being Constructed At Behavioral Health

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Located behind the Behavioral Health building is a garden. This garden is not like any common garden as the perfectly constructed grandfather stones are placed in a circular shape representing the medicine wheel and inside grows the four sacred medicines in the directions. Each direction represents a different medicine as sweetgrass is in the north direction, cedar in the south direction, tobacco in the east direction and sage in the west direction.

Behavioral Health Helping Healer, Beatrice Jackson wanted to make a garden with the medicines. Andrew Steele, Behavioral Health Maintenance Worker decided to create the medicine wheel. It took him an hour and a half to design the concept.

"I thought well if I make the garden, we might as well make a medicine wheel and when people come out here to Behavioral Health they can understand what direction the medicine comes from," Steele said.

Before the construction of the medicine wheel garden took place, it had to go before the leadership committee at Behavioral Health. They wanted to know what the purpose of the garden was and how it was going to help with the community members.

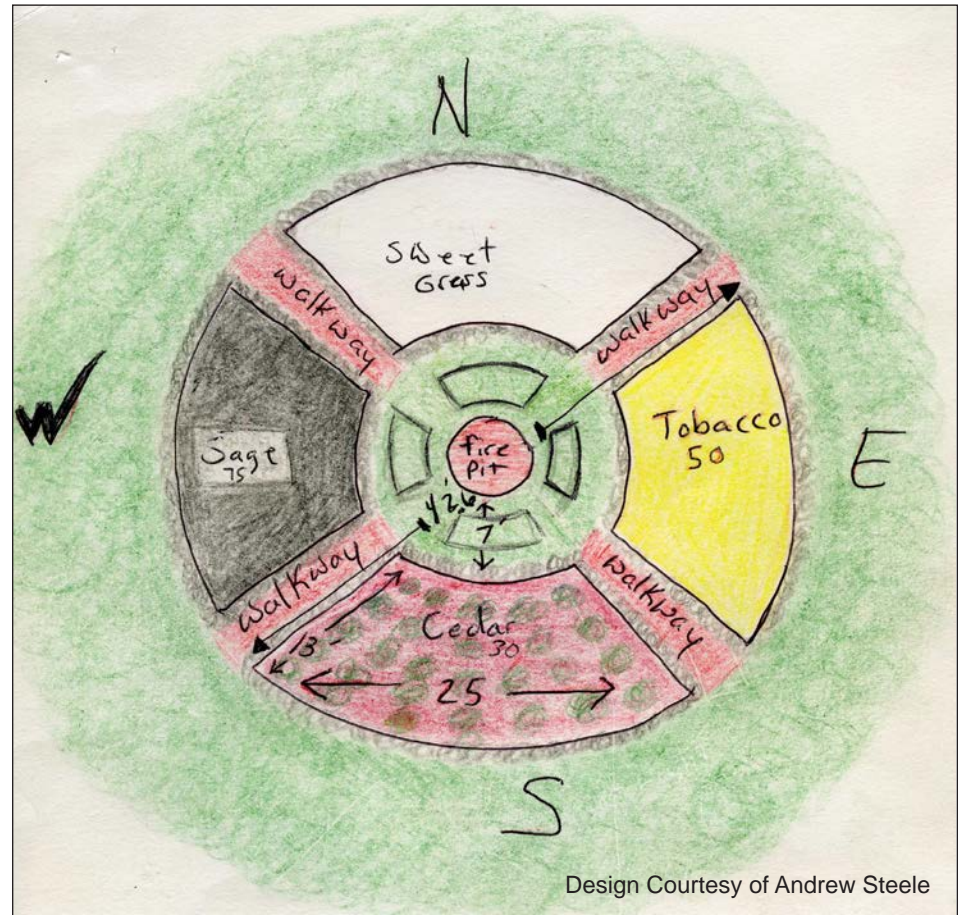
The beginning stages of planting took place on Nov. 8 as Behavioral Health staff, Seventh Generation staff, members of the Men's Society and the community volunteers helped plant 30 Cedar trees.

Each hole was dug by an auger that Seventh Generation provided and the Women's Circle placed tobacco inside each hole with water and would pray. The process of planting the cedar saplings took an hour.

The garden is surrounded by grandfather stones, these stones were used for the sweat lodges that Behavioral Health has.

"We used them to decorate outside the medicines that we planted so they can be used to protect and give us the blessing to expand the medicine wheel," Steele said. "I have put the medicine wheel in a good spot so we expand it even more out."

Not only is the garden going to be a beautiful sight, community members can go and heal or meditate around the sacred



Design Courtesy of Andrew Steele

This is the design that Andrew Steele, Behavioral Health Maintenance Worker came up with for the Medicine Wheel Garden. The design took him more than an hour to create. The garden can be seen outside the doors of the Behavioral Health building.



Photo Courtesy of Beatrice Jackson

Volunteers from the community came out to help start the Medicine Wheel garden by planting a total of 30 cedar trees. Other medicines will be planted in the future to help with the demand of medicines in the community.

fire located in the middle of the garden and be around the medicines at the same time.

"People can see the medicines at the different stages of growth," Jackson said. "Part of the needs for the medicine at Behavioral Health is that we use these medicines for healing. We use these medicines as a smudge to take any type of negative feelings or hurt feelings away in our everyday lives and uplift us."

With each medicine Behavioral Health will have to purchase or look for someone who will donate.

"Our needs for the sacred medicines are huge," Jackson said.

Francis Dutcher donated sweetgrass from his farm in Cedarville for the garden. He also donated the grandfather rocks for Behavioral Health's Sweatlodge.

The sweetgrass that was gathered will have to be separated from the weeds and placed in designated sweetgrass pots until it is planted.

Tobacco that will be used in the garden is Nsema. The green tobacco will grow two feet high. Seventh Generation will be growing brown tobacco to also be placed inside of the garden.

The other medicines will be planted next spring.

Volunteers are encouraged to come and take care of the garden by watering it and helping plant. Behavioral Health will be teaching about harvesting for those interested.

Chi miigwech to Alwood Nursery and the Rose Lake Material Center in East Lansing for assistance in the garden, the seed repository, volunteers in the community for helping, the Women's Circle, and Behavioral Health for funding the project.

Behavioral Health is accepting donations from those who want to contribute towards the garden. They can be contacted at 989-775-4850.

SCTC Extension and DOT II join forces in a Labor of Love

MARY PELCHER
Contributing Writer

In November the tribal community was delivered a blow when it was discovered that 14-year old tribal member Zane Jewell had contracted cancer. Immediately thoughts and prayers went out to him from many people.

The Daughters of Tradition II (DOT II) group was also concerned. DOT II consists of about 35 (fifth grade and up) young ladies. DOT II decided to turn a basic sewing class into a venture of good will. The SCTC Extension Program and Angela Mitchell of NDR Designs were already on schedule to work on a basic sewing project with DOT II; the group decided to focus the project on a comfort quilt for Zane.

For three weeks at their regularly scheduled meetings the progression of the comfort quilt was the topic of their gatherings. The quilt was constructed much like an old fashioned quilting bee. The fabric blocks were cut and sewn together by DOT II. They then had a night of assembly of the quilt and tying the layers together. It was amazing to see the progress of the quilt each week. The quilt will be given to Zane upon the final sewing of the edges. DOT II made the comfort quilt with love and it is filled with good thoughts and prayers for Zane and his family.

Chi-miigwech goes out to Mary Heintzelman who organizes the DOT groups, Angela Mitchell of NDR Designs for her sewing expertise, and SCTC Extension Program for offering the sewing class (materials, and use of sewing machines for the class). This comfort quilt is definitely a representation of program collaboration.



Photo Courtesy of Mary Pelcher

Daughters Of Tradition invested hard work and many hours into creating a beautiful quilt for Zane Jewell.

It is heartwarming to know that Zane's family and friends have rallied and continue to rally around his immediate family to offer love and support. There have been a couple of bake sales already, and a benefit

dinner will be held on Jan. 12, 2013 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Black Creek Conservation Club on Chippewa Road. All these efforts are to raise funds for Zane's medical costs and expenses.



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WIGWAM WISDOM

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



Dear WW: Now that the holidays are over, I am terribly embarrassed to say that I spent way, way too much on Christmas and out did myself on New Years living it up with friends I haven't seen in ages. It is so bad that I can't even charge on my charge cards any more.

That was the one thing I always fell back on. My only option is to ask my elderly parents for a loan. I know I will have to hear about it over and over until it is all paid back. Not to mention, they will be watching my every move and what I'm buying. **Broke & Busted**


Dear Broke & Busted: The holidays can do that to the best of us. However, in asking for a loan, (especially from your elderly parents) there are things that you will have to sacrifice. One is the freedom of privacy as now you have to tell them that you are broke and why. If you don't want them to say anything, don't ask them for a loan. They are reminding you that they have certain expectations and are basically disappointed. However, this type of nagging can help you in the long run as you will hear their voices in your head the next time you want to over spend! Next year, make a budget and stick to it no matter what. As a matter of fact, attempt to pay bills in advance so you won't have to worry about them.

Dear WW: Every year for Christmas, birthdays, any gift giving occasion, I always buy the nicest gifts and make sure they are wrapped in the prettiest paper. I am blessed to be able to do this and know exactly what to buy months in advance. The problem is that the gifts I receive are yet to be desired! I can't believe one of the gifts I received this year. I thought it was a practical joke but wasn't. Do people really expect me to grow a Chia Pet? Or use an Ove' Glove? I'm tired of pretending that I love the gifts that I secretly despise. I feel like not even giving gifts anymore! **Ba Humbug!**

Dear Humbug: I believe the issue here is really your expectation of others. Just because you give out gorgeous gifts and can afford it, doesn't mean that it is something everyone else can do. I am not saying this in regards to money but gift giving in general. Even the wealthiest of people can have a hard time with choosing the right gift. If you put more of your effort into giving and not so much in receiving, you may feel better about things. You can always re-gift them or simply donate them to the Goodwill. Better yet, auction them on EBay for fun!

Dear WW: Now that the holidays are over, I'm broke, gained more weight and am actually depressed! I was feeling so good right up until New Years and now I struggle to get out of bed every morning. I haven't seen the sun in days and have no energy to clean my dirty and dusty home. My children are all grown and my husband looks at me in disbelief because according to him, I have nothing to be depressed about as we have money and a beautiful home. So what is wrong with me? **Winter Blues**


Dear Blues: You may have the winter blues or you may be clinically depressed. Your husband obviously doesn't understand depression. Depression is not something you feel because of the materialist things you possess. It is more of a chemical make up in your brain that affects your moods, energy level and even appetite. You may need to be seen by a professional who can help you determine this. Medication can be a miracle. You mentioned all your children are grown so you may be feeling the "Empty Nest Syndrome" Counseling can help you with a plan to fill in the "void."




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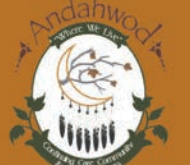


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Angel Tree Group Travels to South Dakota to Help Oglala Tribe

LOUANNA BRUNER
Contributing Writer

This year's Angel Tree Program provided gifts to the Oglala Lakota Head Start students on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. We received a total of 484 children's wish list. From the generosity of our Tribal Community all of the children received at least three gifts consisting of coats, boots/shoes, clothing and specific toy requests.

We had a caravan of five vehicles transport the gifts to Pine Ridge. Tribal Chaplin, Steve Pego provided a smudge for all of the volunteers and The Snow Birds sang a traveling song for safety on our journey. The smudge, prayer and song blessed us with beautiful traveling weather.

The children arrived bus after bus with great excitement and anticipation of seeing Santa! Some couldn't wait to see him, some were a bit apprehensive, but all left with a smile on their face.

Before we departed for home, we were invited to a Finance Administration meeting consisting of

several Council members. They were truly touched by what the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe did for their children. They hugged all of the volunteers who assisted with the gift delivery. They too offered a prayer of gratitude and for traveling mercies.

The gift delivery has always been a favorite part of the Angel Tree Program. Those of us who make that trip get to experience the Oglala Lakota's gratitude and appreciation. They too, are astounded when you walk into a room and see so many gifts.

Although we go there to provide gifts for those less financially blessed than us, what I saw this time was a strong Lakota Nation (approx. 45,000 enrolled members) rich with land as far as one can see (11,000 sq. miles) and a Nation where one third of their people claim the Lakota language as their first language! I saw strength in unity and their culture everywhere. I saw the things that really matter to keep a Nation strong. As always, when we give, we receive so much more.

On behalf of Tribal Council, we would like to thank our strong Nation for your participation in the Tribe's Angel Tree Program.



Observer Photo by Carrie Garcia

It was a fun time shopping at Walmart, especially when the gifts are going to support the wonderful SCIT Angel Tree Program.



Photo Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The beauty of the Pine Ridge Reservation shows the beauty of wild horses.



Photo Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The excited Angel Tree Group is ready to hand out the gifts to the Pine Ridge Students.



Photo Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The Snow Birds offer a Traveling Song before Angel Tree group travel to South Dakota.



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Members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. From left to right: Chairman, Irving Provost, Rtuth Brown, Mason Big Crow, SCIT Council Member Louanna Brunner, Jackie Siers, Vice-Chairwoman, Charlie Cummings, Larry Eagle bull, Stanley Little Whiteman and Lydia Bear Killer.



Photo Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

Jenna Rios, Christina Benz and Louanna Bruner, Tribal Treasurer, hold thank you cards from Pine Ridge students.



Photo Courtesy of Marcella Hadden

The joyous students play around with one of their teacher assistants.



Observer Photo by Carrie Garcia

Volunteers went shopping for their Angel Tree kids at Walmart.



Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

MDCH Announces ITC as part of Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Implementation Grantees.

LANSING - To address the growing obesity epidemic in Michigan, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) released the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan in June. In taking one of the first steps outlined in the plan, MDCH is excited to announce that six coalitions have been selected to implement this initiative across the state.

"These grants will assist community coalitions in implementing strategies that impact weight status, proper nutrition, physical activity and ultimately the success of our communities," said James K. Haveman, Director of the MDCH. "I commend these coalitions for their dedication to this effort and look forward to watching their progress as we work together to reduce obesity in Michigan."

Through a collaborative effort and local partnerships, the 4 x 4 Plan outlines the strategy to deploy local coalitions

to implement the plan in their communities. The focus of the coalitions is to improve health by creating healthier communities, expand prevention activities and empower people to make healthy choices and adopt health as a core personal value.

"Obesity is mainly driven by unhealthy eating habits and sedentary lifestyles which could lead to obesity-related health conditions such as Type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease and stroke, hypertension, arthritis and obesity-related cancers," said Dr. Dean Sienko, Interim Chief Medical Executive at the MDCH. "The initiatives are key to the state of Michigan tackling this issue by directly working with Michigan residents."

MDCH issued approximately \$900,000 in grant funding to

the following awardees to create environments that increase availability of healthy foods and access to physical activity opportunities in communities, as well as implement a multi-component community wide campaign:

- Berrien County Health Department
- Capital Area Health Alliance
- District Health Department #10
- Greater Flint Health Coalition
- Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan
- Oakland County Health Division

All grantees also will participate in implementing a multi-component community wide campaign during the grant period that will extend through Sept. 30, 2013. For more information about the Michigan Health and Wellness 4 x 4 Plan, 4 x 4 tool and more related resources, visit michigan.gov/healthymichigan.



Sally VanCise, Nimkee Public Health Nutritionist goes over healthy strategies with the Parks & Rec staff about creating healthy alternatives for the afterschool program.



Congratulations Christina Otto

DENISE CANTU
Staff Writer

Christina Otto was inducted as a member of the Phi Alpha Honor Society on Oct. 13, 2012 at Central Michigan University. The Sigma Psi is an honor society in social work for students who display dedicated to excellence in scholarship and high professional standards. Christina is a full time student and is working towards her

Bachelors in Sociology with a minor in Native American studies in which she expects to obtain her degree in May 2014. Her goal is to earn a Master's degree in social work. Aside from being a student, Christina is a mom and one of her hobbies is beading. She credits her success to her family and their continued support, "chi-miigwetch" to them. Her certificate will be displayed in the Higher Education Hall of Fame cabinet in the Tribal Operations building. Congratulations!

Construction on Wind Turbine In Progress



Observer Photo by Carrie Garcia

The assembly of the wind turbine is currently progressing as on Dec. 13 the lower half of the turbine was structured into place at the SCIT water treatment plant. Each piece of this magnificent turbine will have to be placed individually.

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Making Mistakes Are Open Door Ways for a Better Change in Life

DAWN PEREZ

Contributing Writer



I remember when I first learned to type. It was with those old fashioned typewriters. Do you remember those? They had the handle on it that you had to slap to advance it a line. If you made a mistake you had to dig out that sloppy white correction fluid. Then the newer electric typewriters came along. The buttons were easier on the fingers and the correction tape made erasing mistakes easier. We loved the new typewriters but, alas, it was improved upon as well. Now we have the computer with its backspace key to make any mistakes a distant memory. Such is life.

A long, long time ago this guy sailed across the ocean with his cronies. I think they were having some big adventure. He didn't speak English and therefore something was lost in translation I think. If you ever had a friend that didn't naturally speak English and you tried to teach them the correct way to use a word, you know what I'm talking

about. He dressed kind of funny, I thought, but I guess I shouldn't throw stones because I remember making some hideous fashion choices. Remember parachute pants? Haha. Anyways, his shoes were terribly uncomfortable and it seemed like him and his buddies all wore the same stuff. Birds of a feather, they were.

There wasn't really a lot to do so he wrote a lot. He wrote about his time at sea. What the weather was like, what they did on a day to day basis, if any of the crew got sick—pretty much anything under the sun. He didn't have a television aboard the ship so it wasn't like he was watching his favorite shows or the news. He spent most days standing looking to the horizon and

waiting. Finally came the day that he saw what he was looking for. Land. He and his boys were so happy and couldn't wait to get off the boat. Once they did, though, they met the folks that lived there. That's when he made a huge mistake. He called the people "Indians". I often wonder why that mistake

was never corrected. To this day I hear the word misused.

I know it's hard to take pains to correct a mistake when you make them. If you've ever made a mistake, it changes you. If you choose to learn from it then you are growing as a person. You are evolving and becoming a better person.

Your character defines you as a person and you can choose to either learn from or hide from your mistakes. If you choose not to learn from your mistakes and place the blame elsewhere—you know what they say. You will become a "horrible warning". Don't be a horrible warning! BaaMaaPii.

Higher Education Department Intern Vacancies!

The Higher Education Department has three vacancies in the Tribal Leadership Program and two vacancies in the Career Development Program.

Applications are now being accepted for both programs in the Higher Education Office located in the Tribal Operations Building adjacent to the gym/across from the Tribal Kitchen.

Please Contact

For an application or more information.

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Tribal Elder Reflects on Christmas Memories

This time of year holds happy memories for many of us, I am sure. I am grateful for a Christian Heritage through my Godly Grandparents, Moses and Maria Pelcher, who was the minister of the North branch Indian Church for many years. I especially remember the Christmas programs depicting the birthday of Jesus the Christ Child, receiving a box of candy, an orange and seeing a big beautifully decorated Christmas tree. What wonderful memories!

Because of their influence in my life I would like to express my thoughts and dedicate their Christmas message to a wonderful dear Christian cousin, Geneva Mackety, who I know would write a similar message if she was here. But now she lives eternally with her Lord and Savior. Praise God!

Just the word of Christmas gives me a spirit of humility and thankfulness to God for His great Mercy, His abundance and His protection in uncertain times like these. My trust again is renewed in God Almighty God.

Listening to the beautiful Christmas Carols, I feel great joy; a sense of happiness knowing I have a Savior and I sing (in my "crackly" gramma voice) the joyful songs of Christmas. The meaningful words that tell the story of the Birthday of a King! That is my real joy. I'm not dependent on outward events, but on the condition of a believing heart. We have a sure Hope and Reason to rejoice because of Jesus Christ.

It's wonderful and exciting to experience Christmas with gifts, parties, Christmas programs and Church Cantatas and activities of Yuletide, but I pray we will not forget the Reason for the Season, the Birthday of a King who is Christ the Lord.

Sometimes it seems that Santa is more prominent in the Malls with all the hustle and bustle, schedules to meet, and the sometimes out of control spending. One would hardly know Christmas is about God sending a Savior. During this season we make lists of those who we wish to give gifts and pray we haven't forgotten someone. Christmas seems to blend together all we hold dear, beginning with our precious family. Christmas is enjoying the things that can only be found at home, the warmth of a fireplace, early morning fussing in the kitchen, and a noisy bunch of kids, grand kids and great grand-kids waiting eagerly to open their gifts. Then there are the long-distances phone calls and that wonderful time as we gather round the table, holding hands and praying before that special meal to Almighty God, thanking Him for sending the Lord Jesus Christ Immanuel (God with us) His greatest priceless Gift to mankind.

So, along with the festivities, Christmas turns our heads upward in deep gratitude for our material and spiritual blessings. It helps us to refocus on the solid and simple things in life. I'm grateful to have learned that only God can get me through and beyond today. All I have to do is ask.

It's encouraging to know we aren't facing life alone! The year ahead is uncertain. Not one of us knows what lies in the future, which is all the reason to trust a God who holds our lives in His Mighty Hands. May our Blessed Lord be with you now and in the days ahead.

Sincerely, Mary Zilz

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A Foundation to Our Future, Anishinabe Performance Circle

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

On Dec. 11 the seventh annual Anishinabe Performance Circle Graduation brought out proud parents and students at the

Broadway Theatre.

It is that time of year where the Anishinabe Performance Circle dancers show everyone what they have been working on. The program takes place during the fall and lasts up to 14 weeks.

These classes teach our children about our beautiful culture and to help build

a solid foundation for their future. They will learn the importance of our culture while learning about our language, powwow, our songs and our dances. For instance we spend time with them teaching skills about public speaking that would help them build their confidence so they can enter the circle. These classes are a very family friendly place to learn, kind of like a home away from home.

Everyone treats everyone like family especially with things such as helping the families with making their regalia. That is just a part of what they offer, but on with the show.

It was finally time for them to perform. The red curtain of the stage was still down while all of the dancers were getting ready to show their families and their friends what they have been working so hard on. These talented dancers were excited as so was the audience.

The speaker came out to welcome everybody and to tell them a little about the Anishinabe Performance Circle (APC) program and as soon as the announcer

left the stage, the red curtain started going up and the dancers came out for grand entry. This was a time where they brought out their best dances for the audience. Little girl and boy dancers came out and some shy, put their best moves on the stage.

There was even one dancer that performed a shield dance and a hoop dance. A round dance was performed which was also titled, "Celebrating the Circle of Life".

With the evening coming to an end, all of the students received a certificate for their competition.

A sample of one of the songs that the students had to sing in Anishinabemowin was titled, "Bimishkaayan" which means, Row, Row, Row Your Boat. The lyrics are by Eagle Works and go as followed, Bii-mish-kaa-yan we-weni-go, Zii-biin-sing go-sha bii-mish-kaa-yan.

Naa-naa-ga-da wen-daman, bii-mish-kaa-yan wen-weni-go.

In English translation bimishkaayan means (when you paddle), weweni (gently/carefully), go (emphasis), ziibiinsing (in the stream), gosha (emphasis)



One of the dancers at the Anishinabe Performance Circle Avi Gomez show the world how beautiful she looks.



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

All smiles with the Families as Carrie Carabell, Carrie son Landen Lee, Terry Davis, Grandson Eli was at the Anishinabe Performance Circle.

and naanaagadawendaman (when you reflect/meditate). The event was a fun, free family event which was open to the public. A huge chi-migwech to the Housing Department and the Ziibiwing Center for being sponsors of this event.

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Eager Afterschool Program Students Take to SCTC Campus to Explore

JOSEPH SOWMICK
Staff Writer

On Nov. 26 potential future Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students went through a campus tour with SCTC Extension Outreach coordinator, Mary Pelcher. The kids seemed so eager to check out the Tribal College as they lined up at the door. The SCTC President, Carla Sineway, personally welcomed the SCTC afterschool

program students and staff before the tour and encouraged the youth on the importance that learning is a lifetime experience. This event started because Kevin Ricketts, Youth Coordinator from Parks and Recreation, was looking for creative outlets for the afterschool program to tap into. Many students that visited on Nov. 26 could relate to the Tribal College because of a family member working or going to school here. SCTC student Financial Aid Officer, Tracy

Reed, was also available to answer student questions. SCTC instructor and elder, Frank Roy, quizzed the youth on Anishinaabemowin and challenged the youth to continue to learn their Native language. Pelcher concluded the tour with a game that highlighted the different career paths available to the youth as they look forward to attending college in the future. Thanks to all of the people for making things like this possible, you make our community strong and our future brighter.



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

After school student Simon Quigno delights in receiving his winnings during SCTC career guessing game.

SCTC Extension Cooking Class Offers Simple and Easy Ideas for Holiday Appetizers

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The holidays can be stressful with buying gifts and planning parties especially if cooking is involved. For those of us who wanted to learn a wider variety of ideas for simple holiday appetizers, the SCTC Extension Program held a special "Holiday Hors d'oeuvres" class on Dec. 6 at the Seventh Generation Ceremonial Building.



Jeff Steffens demonstrates how to make benito bean dip.

This is the third cooking class offered by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Extension Program. This cooking class was a collaborative effort between SCTC, Nimkee Public Health, and Graff Chevrolet.

Participants visited appetizer stations where, Sally VanCise, Nimkee Nutritionist, taught participants how to make fruit kabobs with a lovely honey yogurt dip and baked garlic chips; she also introduced many to a tasty salmon dip.

Graff Chevrolet's Jeffrey Steffens showed participants how to make a savory benito bean dip and a light tzatziki & veggies appetizer that is so easy to make. Mary Pelcher, SCTC Extension Coordinator helped participants make easy mini blanket dogs with puff pastry, she also had the ingredients to assemble mini taco cups. All appetizers were delicious and easy to make and were a hit with the families that came out to learn and enjoy.

There was a children's art activity and families appreciated a relaxing moment with a simple supper of chicken noodle soup and bread. All in all it was a pleasant



Michael Pelcher is making mini blanket dogs.

evening with participants taking home recipes, an appetizer cookbook, and many other great ideas for snacking during the holidays.

Watch for SCTC Extension's next Family Supper Series coming in 2013!

West Intermediate

The following students earned perfect attendance for the First Trimester: Caitlyn Adamczak, E'Yabay Champlin, Brian Chingman, Tyler Chippeway, Robert Falcon-Hart, Ngwis Garcia, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Madison Magnell, Nathan Mandoka, Killian Markovich-Peters, Ben Quigno, Kallena Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, Gavin Seybert, Ariel Stallcup, Tanner Williams

The following students earned Honor Roll for the First Trimester: Kenah Alaniz, Chyna Bergevin, Morgan Bielicki, Rebecca Curtis, Ngwis Garcia, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Tristin Key, Madison Magnell, Onica Miller, Edgar Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Hailey Ritter, Elissa Schlegel, Dajia Shinos, Callista Sowmick, Ariel Stallcup, Tanner Williams

The following students earned Honor Roll, Honorable Mention for the First Trimester: Robert Falcon-Hart, Maya Madrigal, Rebecca Osawabine, Yasmine Pelcher-Arias

an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and has four classes left until she graduates with her Bachelors' in Social Work. Welcome to West Teresa!

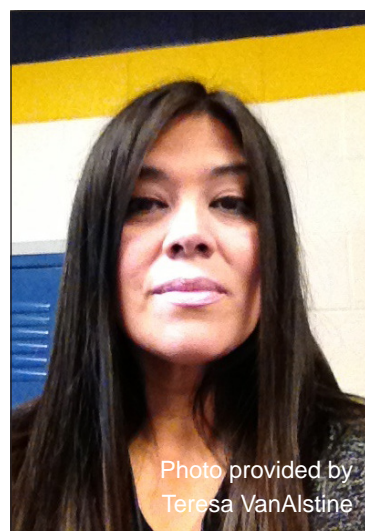


Photo provided by Teresa VanAlstine

K-12 Services Welcomes a New Tutor!

JOHN SHELTON
Contributing Writer

We would like to welcome Teresa VanAlstine as our new Tutor at West Intermediate. Teresa started in November and has fit in well with the program, students and teachers. Before coming to West Intermediate, she worked for Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) as a case worker. Teresa worked at ACFS for almost two years. Prior to ACFS, Teresa interned in both the Career Development and Leadership programs through the Higher Education Department. Teresa graduated from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in 2010 with

Pullen

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Bailey Burger, Tavia Agosto, Neveah Badger, Kadenn Rose, Donna Wiltse, Kyras Bennett, Mia Bennett, Mackenzie Burger, Malakai DeMoines, Alydia Floyd, Vanessa Lerma, Jimaganish Martell, Kayn Weldon, Dasia Wiltse, Skylar Leauteaux, Taleah Pelcher, Taliyah Poolaw, Makayla Stevens.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Jonathan Davis, Jimaganish Martell, Brandon McNarama, Zheesheeb Compo, Kimewon Raynee-Richards, Mia Pamp, Vanesa Lerma, Aaron Montoya-Pego, Mackenzie Burger, Kayn Weldon, Josie Isham, Taliyah Poolaw, Mgizi Wemigwans, Jayden Neyome, John Stevens, Skylar Leauteaux, Sheananrose Pontiac, Makayla Stevens.

Fancher

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Ty Rios, Jourdyn Bennett, Dylan Klein, Kaida Morris and Aaron Schlegel.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Makayla Jackson, Seth Magnell, Logan Adams, Dylan Klein, Molly Mandoka, Kaida Morris, and Aaron Schlegel.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Dylan Christy, Marianna Mays, Robert Saunders, Neveah Flory, Josiah Jackson, Konin Kripa, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Hunter Johnson, Chyla Wells, Dennis Christy, Adrian Gross, Jordan Price, and Eli Marin.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Mariana Mays, Maya Ryan, Robert Saunders, Josiah Jackson, Konin Kripa, Felicia Saunders, Kaitlyn Bartreau, Adrian Gross, Sara Saunders, and Eli Marin.

McGuire

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Nakisha Floyd, Emma VanHorn, Katie Green, Phoebe DeFeyer, Sam Hassan, James Montoya-Pego, Hazen Shinos, Taylor Burton, Quinnlan Burger, Walker Jackson-Pelcher, Julian Flory, Chloe Wemigwans, Kaila Garcia, Justin Alexander, Jose Garcia, Naomi Compo, Tyler VanHorn, Nelson Kahgegab, Montana Leauteaux, Will Potter, Carlee Williams.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Emma VanHorn, Katie Green, Phoebe DeFeyer, Sam Hassan, Caleb Kequom, James Montoya-Pego, Guadalupe Pelcher-Arias, Hazen Shinos, Quinnlan Burger, Walker Jackson-Pelcher, Carissa Sanders, Carlos Sanders, Jonas Kahgegab, Julian Kahgegab, Zary Dye, Lucas Dye, Jade Leauteaux, Katheryn Pierce, David Culhane, Tony Garcia, Kaila Garcia, Justin Alexander, Jose Garcia, Sydney Jackson, Tyler VanHorn, Hunter Kequom, Will Potter, Carlee Williams.

Ganiard

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of October: Foster Hoorman, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Devyn Bennett, Zoey Haggard, Nathaniel Houghton, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Sabashtion Davis, Damion Haggard, Elijah Otto-Powers, Zamil Rueckert, Jaylyn Jackson, Zach Lezan, Jenna Rios, Molly Smith-Rodriguez, and Thomas Trasky.

The following students earned perfect attendance for the month of November: Gabriela Escabedo, Tehya Flores, Darien Haggard, Foster Hoorman, Darius Lopez, Kerrina Miller-Hosler, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Kaden Fair, Paul Rueckert, Teirra Ash, Devyn Bennett, Zoey Haggard, Nathaneil Houghton, Trent McConnell, Paul Shomin, Kaylie Sprague, Hudson Yager, Daniel Bennett, Sabashtion Davis, Damion Haggard, Elisha Hoorman, Matthew Jackson, Elijah Otto-Powers, Zamil Rueckert, Albert Shomin, and Jonathan Willis.



SCTC Highlights 15th Year Anniversary & Tribal Land Allocation

MARY PELCHER

Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) is happy to announce that 2013 will mark its 15th year anniversary. What began as a mere thought among tribal educators during a strategic planning session within the SCIT Tribal Education department in the late 1980s has turned into a positive reality.

In 1990 an agreement was made

achieved since the establishment of SCTC. In May of 2000, SCIT Tribal Council signed Resolution # 00-062 that approved the Charter of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. This Charter is what the SCTC Board of Regents relies on to conduct the business of the Tribal College.

In the efforts toward accreditation an in-depth self-study report must be written and submitted to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Accreditation status means that the college has met the same



The early years.

between the Tribal Education Department (SCIT) and Bay Mills Community College (BMCC) to host a satellite location for BMCC on the Isabella Indian Reservation. The first college classes were offered in the fall of 1990 with 32 students registered. Classes were held in the old housing complex on Nish Na Be Anong Road. In 1994 the SCIT/BMCC satellite campus conferred their first two graduates. SCIT/BMCC satellite campus went on to graduate 10 more students between 1995 and 1997. This was the foundation of the current SCTC. When it was discovered that BMCC could not offer the students on the SCIT satellite campus the same benefits of their home campus they regretfully had to withdraw services after the spring semester of 1998. When this door closed, a new door opened.

April 8, 1998 will be a day in infamy for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe as this is the date that SCIT Resolution # 98-046 was signed by the Tribal Council which established the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Many milestones have been

educational standards met by other institutions of higher education. In 2003 after submittal of their first self-study report, SCTC was granted initial candidacy for accreditation. In 2004 a second self-study report was submitted to HLC. HLC opted to grant continuing candidacy for accreditation. A third self-study was submitted in 2007 which resulted in the Initial Accreditation of SCTC. A fourth self-study for continued accreditation was completed in fall 2012 and submitted to HLC titled "SCTC 2012 Self Study Report". HLC also recently completed their on campus visit to do an assessment of the operations of SCTC.

In March of 2003 SCTC became a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). Membership to this strong advocacy organization affords SCTC as part of a collective voice of the Tribal College movement. This also gives SCTC students access to benefits such as scholarship opportunities through the American Indian College Fund.

In October 2003 the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau



Photos provided by SCTC

SCTC Land Allocation.

of Indian Education (BIE) granted SCTC eligibility to receive assistance under the Tribally Controlled College and University Assistance Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-471). This funding contributes much needed revenue for a diverse funding base for SCTC.

In March of 2004, SCTC also achieved a significant milestone, Land Grant Status. President Bush signed Public Law 108-204, the Native American Technical Corrections Act of 2004, which added Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to a list of eligible institutions under the Equity in Educational Land Grant Status Act of 1994. Thus, SCTC joined 31 other Tribal Colleges and Universities that comprise the 1994 Land Grant Institutions under this act. As a Land Grant College,

Council. On July 25 2012, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council signed Resolution # 12-119 that designates the Assman, Coughlin, Rose, Ervin, and Miller parcels of land to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for the creation of a new college campus. The Tribal College has rented space for administration and classrooms from Petro Plaza for the past 12 years. In a letter thanking the Tribal Council, President Sineway expresses these sentiments, "The land allocation is an essential step for SCTC to begin seeking funding opportunities in making a true college campus come to fruition."

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College relishes a family atmosphere; SCTC's vision is "committed to maintaining a nurturing envi-



Future site of SCTC campus.

SCTC receives the benefits of funding through the USDA in the form of Equity grants, and NIFA funds. NIFA funds are used in the operation of the SCTC-Extension program.

There have been many other highlights that have transpired that have not been heralded throughout the years. And even though, through all of this growth, graduation has continued to be the apex of each school year. According to President Sineway, 106 students have graduated from SCTC; 73 have been SCIT Tribal Members; 81 graduates of SCTC are employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "As you can see SCTC is fulfilling the Charter granted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan in 1998 by educating the Tribal community and they are, in turn, providing services to the Tribe with their degrees." There were approximately 130 students attending SCTC during the fall of 2012.

The newest and most exciting milestone to date for SCTC is the allocation of 295 acres of land from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal

ronment which inspires all people to attain higher levels of personal and academic success." Great strides in staffing, curriculum, recruiting, and extension have been made during this past year. 2013 is predicted to be another year of growth for SCTC. The future of SCTC is positive with great potential, as it should be; after all, the future of many more tribal college students, whose future is also positive with great potential, is at stake.



Miller Pond is now part of SCTC campus.



Classroom in old Housing on Anish Na Be Anong.



Let the Fights Begin Bellator 82 Comes to SECR

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE
Staff Writer

On Nov. 30, Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort brought in some mixed martial arts action to the house. It was the Bellator 82 Welterweight Tournament Championship fight. This extreme event was aired live on MTV2 and Spike TV. SECR is the best place to be that showcases some of the top fighting event around Michigan.

The card listing and the results for the middleweight feature, Doug Marshall, who added to his record 15-6-0 with a bone crushing KO punch, win over Kala Hose that dropped his record to 7-6-0. The Catch weight was fun to watch it featured the 160 pound fighter, Jason Fischer, who tried to break his opponent's neck but lost in a unanimous decision to fighter, David "The Cave Man" Rickels, who uses his fighting style, Muy Thai.



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

Andrey "Spartan" Koreshkov took another step closer to this destiny.



The Cave Man gets a cave stomp just to survive with a win.

For the Welterweight, it was a good one that featured some high flying moves of Tony Hervey. Hervey came up short in winning the match against, Alexander "Tiger" Sarnavskiy. The win added to Sarnavskiy's record of 20-1-0. The main fight was a fight to remember. The tension in the air was as high as the Russia fighter, Andrey "Spartan" Koreshkov. Koreshkov said that he, came to American to take it all but

he had to go through Lyman "Cyborg" Good.

The feeling in the air that night was Russia verses the United States. When Koreshkov came out he was deeply focused as he jogged to the stage with little support from the crowd. When Good came from behind the curtains holding the American flag, the eruption in excitement could be heard within the crowd as they cheered, "USA." Both fighters have

similar styles of fighting and they came out flying. Good used his ground and pound attack while Koreshkov used karate with swinging bombs.

The fight lasted for three rounds of non-stop action but in the end, Koreshkov fought off Good and was declared the winner of the match.

It was exciting to watch the different divisions and walk away winners.

Johnny Mathis Brings Holiday Classics and His Hits to SECR

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Fans appreciated the holiday cheer at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Dec. 6 as the stage located in the Entertainment hall was decorated beautifully with Christmas decorations and the beautiful music of an orchestra that accompanied Mr. Johnny Mathis.

To help open the holiday festive show, the orchestra played a winter wonderland of songs that included, "Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer", "Frosty The Snowman" and many other songs.

The orchestra welcomed Mathis with the beginning introduction of "Winter Wonderland" as he happily appeared on stage and the audience clapped. As Mathis smiled throughout the song, he held his composure and still wowed the crowd after numerous years

of performing.

Performing was a gift that Mathis had when he started singing. Mathis has sold over 350 million records worldwide. His background includes jazz, traditional pop, Brazilian music, Spanish music, soul music, soft rock, Broadway theatre, Tin Pan Alley standard, blues, country and including disco.

Tonight Show host, Johnny Carson even told Mathis that he was the greatest ballad singer in the world. It was surely a compliment that anyone would take to heart. In 2003 Mathis received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2003 by the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. He was also inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. This is a special Grammy award that was established in 1973 to honor recordings that are 25 years old that have historical significance behind them.

The SECR audience was in for a treat, as Mathis did not stop with just one Christmas

song. With his soft but yet strong voice he sang, "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas."

Aside from his Christmas songs, Mathis sang some of his hit songs which included the traditional pop songs, "It's Not for Me to Say", and "Gina."

Mathis introduced his music special guest, Gary Mule Deer to join him on stage. Mule Deer is a comedian and country musician. Mule Deer was the opening act for many musical acts such as the Doobie Brothers, Sly and the Family Stone, The Guess Who, and Boz Skaggs. For the past 15 years, he has been touring with Mathis as his special guest. The audience enjoyed the comedy that Mule Deer performed for them before their eyes and made them clap.

When Mule Deer ended his performance, Mathis appeared on stage to sing again.

With the light twinkling



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Johnny Mathis delighted the crowd with Christmas carols and also new and old songs that the crowd followed along to. Mathis brought along Gary Mule Deer as a special musical guest to accompany him on songs.

of the musical piano notes for the introduction of, "Pure Imagination" made famous by the movie, Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory, Mathis belted out the notes perfectly with emotion and class.

The audience clapped as the piano started playing a jazzy rendition of, "Christmas Time Is Here." Audience members were drawn into Mathis singing and the beautiful melody of the music.

It was then Mathis changed the mood in the audience as he brought out his Spanish musical background by spicing the

night up with the song, "Mas Que Nada" which involved the beautiful orchestra of violins the fast pace piano playing. To help keep the mood going he moved into another fast pace Latin song called, "Felicidade" and sang his heart out for the first half and went into the song, "Manha de Carnival."

To help end the night, Mathis sang, "Merry Christmas" and "When A Child Is Born".

SECR is known for bringing in the best entertainment acts in Michigan. Make sure to check out Soaring Eagle on Twitter and Facebook.

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JEFF FOXWORTHY	12/1 Sat	2/1 Fri
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JEFF FOXWORTHY

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Dr. Martin Reinhardt Talks about the Decolonizing Diet Project

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Health, tradition and innovation shared the menu at the December Cultural Teaching and Feast at the Ziibiwing Center on Saturday, Dec. 15. About 40 men, women and children from the immediate and nearby communities gathered to sample and share tasty yet healthy foods and hear about a program called the Decolonizing Diet Project which studies the effects of eating only foods available in the pre-colonial Great Lakes area.

A feast of buffalo, wild rice, squash and strawberries shared the banquet table with entries for the People's Choice Contest, which was also a part of the afternoon's event, and included such entries as "Ayaabe (Buck) Venison," "Acorn Muffins with Cranberries and Hickory Nuts," "Apache Mousse Chocolate Delight," "Roasted Squash," "Baked Beans," and the delicious winning entry, "Sweet Mix," which listed the ingredients as "Potawatomi Rabbit Beans, Potawatomi Lima Beans, Iroquois Cranberry Bush Beans, True Red Cranberry, Bear Beans, Venison, and Trail of Tears Beans."

Members of The Gathering Society were in attendance. These members are composed of women of the Great Lakes region from diverse cultural backgrounds who have assembled with the mission of "preserving traditions for future generations." Further information about their group can be obtained via their email address at thegatheringsociety@gmail.com. Natural food

products such as Maple Sugar, Maple Nuggets, Maple Vinegar, Hickory Bark Syrup, Black Walnuts and Labrador and Wintergreen Teas were available for purchase.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Reinhardt, offered a multi-level presentation of the Decolonizing Diet Project (DDP) that began in March of 2012 at Northern Michigan University, where Reinhardt is an assistant professor of Native American Studies. Reinhardt, who is an Anishinaabe Ojibway citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan, previously held positions at Colorado State University and our own Central Michigan University, where he was the director of Native American Programs.

Twenty-five volunteers have been participating in the DDP and are a diverse group of men and women who range in age from 20 to 60 and come from various economic backgrounds and racial make-up that includes Native Americans from different Tribes and non-natives as well. These volunteers committed to follow the project at levels varying from 25 percent to 100 percent. The project studies the physical health, social, cultural, legal, and political aspects of procuring and consuming only foods available in the Great Lakes area prior to the year 1600. A year determined to be the last year without documented evidence of a colonial presence.

As the project moves towards the one year mark, analysis and future planning are being discussed. In terms of analysis, project participants have reported health benefits

such as lowered triglycerides and cholesterol seen at the regular health testing appointments that are a part of the program. Some have also reported no seasonal or pet allergic reactions during this time. Dr. Reinhardt has been a 100 percent DDP participant and reports that, in addition to the fact that he "feels great and energized," he has also lost an amazing 67 pounds since March, 2012. In addition, he says that he has had no flare-ups of the ulcerative colitis with which he has been diagnosed. Dr. Reinhardt also shared that he and Mrs. Reinhardt have noticed a strengthening of family ties as immediate family members gravitate around the nourishing and delicious foods that they prepare, especially since those foods are not easily available elsewhere.

This leads to the downside of the DDP analysis which speaks to higher costs incurred since these foods, once the daily fare for the indigenous people, are now considered specialty items and carry a higher price tag because of that. Along with the higher cost is the additional time and energy needed to locate and prepare the foods that Reinhardt carries along with him to work in order to stay on the program. Food vendors in the northern Michigan area recognize the financial benefits of providing these foods and have begun to label their eligible products as "DDP friendly."

Looking to the future, there is a documentary of the project and its' participants planned along with a much requested DDP Cookbook which is expected to be available in the summer of 2013.



Dr. Reinhardt poses with Judy Pamp, Assistant Director of Ziibiwing.

Currently there are about 70 newly created recipes and a master list of DDP foods available for download at the DDP Group Site at decolonizingdiet-project.blogspot.com. Reinhardt admits that some of the menus still need tweaking but maintains that they are getting better with experience. A couple of his favorite DDP meals are Bison mixed with Venison Meatloaf and Pumpkin Cornbread.

As for Dr. Reinhardt's future diet plans, although he does miss mozzarella cheese and tomatoes, the benefits of the DDP diet are too great to be completely left behind. After the project ends he expects to maintain at least a 50 percent indigenous foods diet. Further questions or donations to support the project are welcomed by contacting Dr. Reinhardt at 906-227-1397 or by email at mreinhar@nmu.edu.

Healthier Fitness Resolutions for 2013

JADEN HARMAN
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Are you looking to make some changes in your health starting with the New Year? Do you feel it's your time to start exercising? Well, look no further because Nimkee Fitness is providing the Fitness Resolutions incentive program starting on Jan. 14. Fitness Resolutions is a four weeks program that is geared to give you a jump start into exercising each week. The program is based on minutes exercised each week. We understand that you might be just getting started so there are a few different goal categories that you can choose from. They are as follows:

Fitness Resolutions

If you accomplish your goal for three out the four weeks then you will be eligible to win a prize. Also, note that there are bonus opportunities through performing certain exercises that will give you 20 minutes toward your weekly total.

If you have any questions, please call Jaden Harman, Fitness Coordinator at 989-775-4694. We're looking forward to seeing you in the Nimkee Fitness Center soon! Be an example in Bimaadiziwin, Anishshanabe for "living a healthy lifestyle".

Good Start: Between 60 and 179 minutes per week.
Fitness Maniac: Between 180 and 299 minutes per week.
Over Achiever: Over 300 minutes per week.

Herbed Salmon Spread

BY SALLY VAN CISE R.D. NUTRITIONIST

(recipe from Lickety-Split Meals, by Zonya Foco, R.D. www.Zonya.com)

Time: hands-on 12 minutes

This can be served inside a hollowed-out round loaf of pumpernickel bread and eaten with the bread cubes. This is also wonderful served with bagel or pita chips, or crackers. Or, try it as a lunchtime sandwich spread!



- 1 ½ cups Plain non-fat Greek Yogurt
- 1 can (15-oz) red or pink salmon, packed in water, drained and picked over for skin and bones
- 1 Tablespoon Miracle Whip Light
- 1 Tablespoon parsley, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon green onion, tops and bottoms, chopped
- ¼ teaspoon dill weed
- ¼ teaspoon thyme
- 6 whole-wheat pita breads or Bagel Chips

~ 2-4 hours before serving: Gently mix all ingredients (except the pita) together, and refrigerate 2 or more hours before serving. (If "water puddles" appear after the dip has sat a while, simply stir)

~ Lightly toast each pita in a toaster and cut into triangles to serve. Or, serve on the "Bagel Chips" you have made!

Bagel Chips

Hands-on 20 minutes; Oven 12 minutes
Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees

Looking for a snack that's tasty? These are great with any dip, but especially "Herbed Salmon Spread." This also makes a delicious "road trip" munchie all by itself!!

- 4- 3-oz. each) whole-wheat bagels, onion, plain or garlic (preferably unsliced)
- Non-stick cooking spray or I Can't Believe It's Not Butter® spray
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- Dash garlic powder

~ Using a sharp serrated knife, slice each bagel vertically (from top to bottom) into 8 very thin slices. Arrange in single layer on 2 ungreased nonstick baking sheets.

~ Lightly spray bagel slices with the cooking spray
~ Sprinkle oregano and garlic powder on the bagel slices. Bake until crisp in a pre-heated 350-degree oven, about 12 minutes. Let cool and enjoy! Store in an airtight container for up to one week.



Four Key Health Measures

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Contributing Writer

1. Body Mass Index (BMI)

BMI, or Body Mass Index, is a measure of body fat based on height and weight. A healthy adult BMI falls within a range of 18.5 -24.9. A BMI between 25 and 29.9 is considered overweight. Those with a BMI of 30 or greater are classified as obese. Maintaining a BMI within the healthy range can reduce blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and lower your risk for heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and kidney disease.

BMI values for children are expressed in percentiles to control for differences in body sizes due to gender and age. The percentile indicates the relative position of the child's BMI number among children of the same gender and age. A child with a BMI percentile between 5 percent and 84 percent is considered to be at a healthy weight; 85-94 percent is considered overweight and above the 95th percentile is considered obese. Lowering BMI can have dramatic health benefits including reducing risk of developing Type 2 diabetes

by more than 50 percent and substantially reducing the risk of heart disease and cancer if moderate reduction of BMI (5 to 10 percent) is achieved.

2. Blood Pressure

Healthy blood pressure is a key to heart health. Uncontrolled high blood pressure increases your risk of heart attack, stroke and kidney disease. A blood pressure of less than 120/80 is considered healthy or normal. A blood pressure between 120-139/80-89 is considered "prehypertension"; and a blood pressure of 140/90 or above is considered hypertension.

3. Cholesterol Level

High cholesterol is a direct contributor to cardiovascular disease, which can lead to stroke and heart attacks. To decrease risk for cardiovascular disease total blood cholesterol should be kept below 200. A blood cholesterol level of 200-239 is considered mildly high, while a blood cholesterol level of 240 or greater is considered high.

4. Blood Glucose Level

Blood glucose levels measure the amount of a type of glucose in your blood. It is important to know this measure because increased blood glucose levels can be a predictor of diabetes. Fasting blood glucose levels should be below 100mg/dl.

SECR Security Department Presents Check to Toys for Tots

JEAN McCLEAN

Contributing Writer

The Security Department is presenting Lucinda and Richard a check for \$463.90 for the Toys for Tots for Christmas. Security also donated 136 toys along with the Tribal Police donating \$100 to the drive. Thanks

goes out to Bill Durfee from Slots for donating the most toys.

Every year the Toys for Tots goal is \$25,000 each year, so they can buy at least 9000 toys for the children, for Christmas. The Security Department has been donating for at least four years now. This year Security also adopted a family through United Way, and collected

money for the Soup Kitchen. The goal for next year is to surpass the donations from this year. It is a good cause and the Security Department and Soaring Eagle enjoy helping.

We at the Security Department would like to send out a special thanks to the Tribal Council allowing us to host these worthwhile drives.



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Lucinda Clark and Richard Barz from Toys for Tots with Tim Nicholas, Dave Winegardner and Bernie Wright from the Security Department.



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Resident Spotlight

A Novel Could Be Written About the Many Stories of Ed Cloutier

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

Ed Cloutier has many stories to share when it comes to talking about his life and from funny to serious Cloutier has made his presence known.

Cloutier is from Pinconning, Mich. His family was very large with a total of 18 siblings.

"We lived on a farm and raised hogs, chickens and just about everything," Cloutier said. "My father was a butcher and a lot of times we were called to go get a cow that was down and butcher it."

In order to accommodate the large family, Ed's father would custom build their tables so everyone would be able to sit and enjoy many numerous meals together.

"His mother was an amazing cook, she would take the littlest things and make them a gourmet meal out of it," said Kathy, Ed's Wife.

Cloutier liked to be outside while growing up Cloutier was the loner of the siblings and often like to stray away from his siblings.

"I kind of liked it that way," Cloutier said.

He would spend a majority of his time outside. He even had a trap line that he would tend to which sometimes

would make him miss his family dinners.

"I would grab three or four pork chops and put them in my pockets and my mom would get so mad because my coat or shirt pockets would be greasy," Cloutier said. "I would take them on the trail with me."

When Cloutier turned 18 years old he left home and enlisted in the military. He traveled to Korea to serve and was with the 101st Airborne Division out of Kentucky. He met his wife Kathy while being stationed in Kentucky. After not serving for a while in the military Cloutier thought he was out of the service until one day in 1980 a letter showed up in his mailbox that stated he was honorably discharged.

"It was a surprise to me," Cloutier said.

He met his wife Kathy while living in Kentucky. Both of them have been happily married for over 23 years and have a total of four sons, two from previous marriages and two from their current marriage. They have a total of three grandsons and one granddaughter.

When Cloutier finished his term of service with the military he moved his family to Mt. Pleasant. He had gotten hired to work on a

subcommittee for the construction of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

"The Tribe hired me when I was in Kentucky and I came in for an interview because they were looking for tribal members to do some of the jobs on the reservation because of the construction of the casino and they wanted me to help oversee the power plant, the boilers, the chillers and things like that," Cloutier said.

Cloutier got to know the tribal council that was serving during the time of the construction of the casino.

"I got to know John Hart, Jeanette Leaux and Phil Peters, I use to go sit with them every morning after work because I would work third shift starting out until they started the construction," Cloutier said. "It was my job to train as many as members as I could. I think it was about ten or twelve tribal members they wanted me to train and understand and learn about chillers and boilers."

Cloutier saw numerous tribal members grasp onto the construction material needed and even watched students emerge into positions at Tribal Operations.

"I had one guy that is still at Tribal Operations that was an original student that was training and he is kind of

my pride and joy because he really latched on to it and went with it and that person is Paul Walker," Cloutier said. "He is the Director of Maintenance at Tribal Operations."

Another student in the class was Ronald Jackson who currently works at Central Plant.

Cloutier was even on the construction team when Andahwod was being built.

"I never dreamt that I would live here but I am," Cloutier said. "It is nice."

Both Cloutier and his wife moved to Andahwod three months ago. They allowed his wife live with him. Currently he serves on the Elders Advisory board at Andahwod.

"I found out about how my spouse could be with me and I am really never alone here because if my wife has to go on vacation with me. Also I have an extra room that my family could come and stay the night with me," Cloutier said.

It has been nothing but praise from Cloutier as he appreciates the wonderful staff and never feels alone at Andahwod.

"When I feel up to it I like to go on rides, here they offer you transportation to your appointments," Cloutier said. "They have taken me to Saginaw and that is a big help. When Kathy is gone I still have ways of getting where I need to go. That way she can go see her family and not worry."

Some of the things that Cloutier enjoys while at Andahwod are the coffee with



Observer photo by Carrie Garcia

Ed enjoys what Andahwod has to offer. His wife Kathy lives with him.

friends, bingo and also watching westerns in the comfort of his recliner in his room.

"I am very happy where I'm at and I can't stress enough that Andahwod is where you should really be," Cloutier said. "If you need help don't be ashamed. They will help you. The staff is good and I hate it when it comes to evaluations because you have to nominate an employee of the month and I like all of them. I know all of them now and they are so helpful and it is impossible for me to choose. I want to see all of them get employee of the month and that is the only thing I struggle with."

As for his feelings of Andahwod, he is comfortable and warm and doesn't have to worry about being in the cold.

Make sure to read the February issue of the Tribal Observer.

Only a Few Pet-Friendly Apartments Left

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer

The year 2012 has come to an end, for some this means the end of their current apartment lease. Andahwod is taking applications for residency of two bedroom apartments with 924 square feet of living space. Currently there remain only two pet friendly apartments in the Maple Lodge and approximately eight apartments in Birch and Cedar lodges.

We have seen an increase in occupancy in the past year as more members relocate to the reservation to take advantage of tribal services, tax agreements, proximity to tribal and gaming operations and family. With continued demands for housing on the reservation available units will become scarcer.

Apartments include electricity, heat, trash, water, basic cable and internet service. The facility offers a fitness center and exercise pool and sauna, dining services, 24-hour

surveillance system, carports and a long list of other amenities. Each apartment offers all this for a very affordable rate of \$800 base rent for room and board.

When a loved one needs additional care Andahwod provides direct care services by certified nurse aides, oversight from licensed practical nursing staff. Care ranges from an additional \$625 per month to \$2,025 per month for those with some care needs to those who have more extensive care needs. We have also opened up a two bedroom unit for families requesting respite and hospice care needs.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members 50 years of age and older are eligible for residency, many of the residents are quite independent but enjoy the closeness of reservation living while others do need some assistance. Come visit our beautiful facility we welcome all inquiries and can make appointments for tours. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5p.m., phone 989- 775-4300 or toll free at 866-379-6780.

JANUARY 2013 TRIBAL ELDER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1) William Smith Jr. | 16) Joann Clark |
| 2) Bonita Davis, Meletta Trepanier, Robyn Henry, James Pashenee | 18) Byron Bird, Audrey Falcon, Anthony Jackson, Richard Ritter, Iva Chimoski |
| 3) Angela Trofatter | 19) Sue Durfee, Sara Starkey, John Grills, Frances Rhodes |
| 5) Lorne Jackson | 20) Robin Bonnau, Niki Perez |
| 6) Alan Henry | 22) Barbara Arzola, Orin Guy Fallis, Linda Schramm |
| 7) Warren Stone | 23) Vicki Brown, Joseph Kequom, Jack Wheaton |
| 8) Alstyn Peters, Gerald Silas, Barbara Vance | 24) Eva Bennett, Norma Rapp, Jacqueline Cyr, Wilma Gionet, Tweedie Vancise |
| 9) Charmaine Shawana | 25) Daniel Jackson |
| 10) Susan Kequom, Barbara McMullen, Ronald Battice, Brenda Brouder, Martin Frances, Mary Green, Donald Slavik, Susan Sturock | 26) Darlene Highley, Jeffrey Reed, Goldie Stanton |
| 11) Esther Helms | 27) Renee Borgardt, Rick Shawano |
| 12) Norman Davenport, Jose Gonzalez | 28) Gloria King, James Fowler |
| 13) Sandra Barron, Lyle Collins | 29) Susan Emig, Vincent Gallegos, Jacquelyne Meir Jr. |
| 14) Zack Sowmick, Christine Theile | 31) Nancy Funnell, Gerald Cloutier, Ruby Reeves, Vicki Sandlin, Delores Watson |
| 15) Jayne Keating, Delford Wheaton, Michael Zygmunt, Err Chamberlain Jr., Lisa Slattery | |



Youth Council Serves Thanksgiving Dinner for Elders in the Community

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor



Youth Council, parents and staff from the K-12 helped with the Elders Thanksgiving. From left to right: David Merrill Jr., Sarah Alexander, Tonia Leureaux, Alyssa Andy, Ethan Hunt, Sydnee Kopke, Jazman Martin, Rosanna Romero holding her daughter Natalia Martin, Tanner Williams, David Williams.

Giving thanks by volunteering is one of the gifts that the Youth Council gave back to the community. On Nov. 14, Elders in the community gathered at the tribal gym for a wonderful thanksgiving dinner with the help of the K-12 staff and Youth Council. Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, stuffing and the side of cranberry sauce made the night for many.

Elders were delighted when plates of food were being served to them by the gracious youth and many were appreciative of the role models.

In the past, the K-12 services have put on the dinner, however, due to budget cuts, the department hasn't been able to do many things with their students. The K-12 department informed the Youth Council about the event and the youth obliged and wanted to help out.

"This was a good way for everyone to work together," Sara Alexander, K-12 Administrative Assistant II said. "I think it is an awesome job that Rosie did on getting the kids together. It helps out a lot with our staff because some of them couldn't leave their schools during the day to help cook food. This was

a really good way for the kids to learn how important it is to give back to their Elders and do things like this for them. It made me really happy. The K-12 staff cooked the food and the youth council took over on what they were going to do. I would like to thank Rosie as she handled the

flyers and the organization of the dinner, the rest of the K-12 staff that came and prepared, Tonia Leureaux for helping serve the food and Beaver Pelcher for saying a prayer for the dinner and for all the elders coming out and serving them and enjoying their company for the day."

For Rosanna Romero, SCIT Youth Council Advisor, it was a busy time organizing the dinner as soon as K-12 contacted her about it.

"It took me about three to four weeks to organize the dinner," Romero said. "The K-12 department asked if the Youth Council would want to help and we talked to them and they were on board. They were happy to serve their Elders and I told them, alright guys let's make this happen."

Romero is proud of the youth and by volunteering it is showing the Elders that they are not being forgotten and how important they are.

The Youth Council has been getting numerous requests from different departments to volunteer at various events.

For Sydnee Kopke, Female Co-Chief, volunteering at events or any events in general is getting their group out there and potential new members also.

"It makes me feel like our group has an important spot in the community with really good leadership and I feel like we have a huge part on this," Kopke said. "When we first started out we weren't known and now everyone knows our group. When they found out we were serving at the dinner they were like, 'oh you are serving, and that is great.' The group likes to help serve our community. Numerous youth want to join but are too scared on doing things like volunteering in the community."

For more information on SCIT Youth Council, contact Rosanna Romero at 989-775-4001.

Elder Training with 12 Continuing Education Credits

GAYLE RUHL
Contributing Writer

The Elder Services Program will be hosting an educational series on Elder Health and Care issues provided by the Geriatric Education center of Michigan State University. The first training will occur on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7 and 8, 2013 from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one hour lunch.

The best part of this training will be the 12 CE (continuing education) credits offered for full attendance for providers with licenses in social work, nursing, medical, behavioral health and dental staff. This initial pilot course will be free for the two-day training at Andahwod.

Elder health and care is

becoming an increasing concern as the baby boomer generation begins to access more medical and mental health care services. It is important for health care, elder services and behavioral health providers to become familiar with the changing care needs of aging populations.

We hope this pilot class goes well as the success of this course may lead to further development

of other classes on legal issues and elder protection. Having trained staff from the Geriatric Center from Michigan State University is an excellent opportunity for community providers to learn of new resources and developments in elder health and wellness care.

To register for this course please contact Gayle Ruhl, at 989-775-4305 or the main office at 989-775-4300.



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JANUARY 2013 EVENT PLANNER

Andahwod Thursday Dinner Buffets

January 3, 10, 17 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 Contact: 989-775-4300
 3: Fried Chicken
 10: Smothered Pork Chops
 17: Fried Fish Buffet

Elvis Birthday Party

January 8 | 3 p.m.

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

Elder's Breakfast

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

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

Bingo with Friends

January 16 | 1 p.m.

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

Italian Pasta Buffet

January 24 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Enchilada & Taco Buffet

January 31 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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

Eagle Valley Outfitters Outdoor Expo

January 18 - 20

Location: SECR Conference Center
 Doors Open Friday 5 - 9 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Sunday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Adults \$6, 12 and under are free

Daughters of Tradition II

January 8, 9, 22, 23, 29, 30 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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

YTF Winter Blues Bingo

January 23 | Dinner at 6 p.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m.

Location: 7th Generation
 We are sure your family will appreciate a fun filled winter blues bingo game while treating themselves to a nice bowl of hot soup, a delicious sandwich, and some information on beating the winter blues provided by the SCIT Behavioral Health Program.

SCIT Girls Volleyball Tournament

January 12 |

Location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 This is an all-Native girls double elimination team tournament. There are two divisions: Varsity 16 to 19 age girls and Junior Varsity 12 to 15 age girls. All Native Girls from any Tribe or Tribal organization are eligible to compete. There is a \$50 registration fee per team (minimum 6 players per team). If (3) or less teams register, a round robin tournament will be played. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each division. Concessions will be available throughout the day. To register, please contact SCIT Parks & Recreation at (989) 775-4509 or (989) 775-4530 or email Coach Betsey

Performance Circle Sign-Up and 1st Class

January 29 | 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Andahwod CCC & ES
 Contact: 989-775-4300
 Performance Circle classes are held every Tuesday. We will hold the first class from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. We will then evaluate the class size and students needs to determine if we need to split the class into smaller groups to offer the best learning opportunities (Senior Class 4:00pm to 5:30pm & Junior Class 5:30pm to 6:30pm). Sign-up today for this 12-week certification program! Ages 3-16, beginner dancers can join the Jr. Performance Circle and ages 6-16, experienced dancers can join the Sr. Performance Circle. The mission of the Anishinabe

Performance Circle is aimed at promoting and enhancing positive self images of all children through the use of traditional Anishinabe arts (storytelling, dance, music, and language), and preparing our youth as leaders in a multicultural society. Dare to learn the culture and share it with others.

SCIT Men's Winter League

January 26 | 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Location: Eagles Nest Gym
 Contact: 989-775-4509
 Registration by January 18th
 SCIT Parks & Recreation is proud to announce our Men's Winter League is starting up again. Adult men and women are also encouraged to take advantage of our Eagles Nest gym and Eagles Nest weight room (Monday through Friday from 10:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.). Please be advised the SCIT Eagles are gearing up for their upcoming county league season and basketball practices are scheduled as follows: Wednesday sixth grade boys 6-7:30 p.m., Monday eight grade girls 6-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday sixth grade girls 6-7:30 p.m.



Tribal Community Calendar ~ January 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat. Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curbside Recycling ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll 	<p>Karate Tribal Gym 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>Women's Group 7th Generation 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Youth Council Meeting Tribal Gym Game Room 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <p>Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Talking Circle 7th Generation 3 p.m.</p>	<p>AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge 7 p.m.</p> <p>New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge 10 a.m.</p>
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Tribal Departments: Our primary source for information is the Shared Network Community Calendar. You may access the Community Calendar by going onto the Shared Drive and clicking on the Tribal Community Calendar. This is a very useful tool that we suggest everyone explore. Start by creating a shortcut, then adding an event, enjoy!



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Accreditation/Quality Assurance Specialist

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training will be required to attend within a year of employment. Strong computer skills essential. Effective organizational, quality assurance, team-building, and problem-solving skills and superior oral and written communication skills are required. Native American preferred.

Casino

Maintenance Worker Part-time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have good organizational skills, basic knowledge of electricity, plumbing and carpentry. Some knowledge of small engines. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier. Responsible for assisting with the upkeep and maintenance of the casino.

Line Server Little Eagle Part-Time

Must have high school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age; must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Good physical ability for walking, standing, lifting, and bending. Must be able to lift 25-50 pounds regularly. Native American preferred. Verifies quantity of food issued to the buffet area. Oversees distribution of prepared food from kitchen to buffet area. Keeps buffet area clean and

orderly. Replenishes food to the buffet area as needed. Communicate effectively with supervisor, and co-workers, and general public. Other duties as assigned.

Floor/Upholstery Cleaner Part-Time

Open to the public. Six months of carpet/floor care and upholstery experience required. Must have knowledge of wet and dry extractions of carpet and upholstery and truck mount system a plus. Knowledge in various chemicals pertaining to daily maintenance of furniture, carpet and flooring. Must be self motivated, friendly and willing to provide exceptional service based on our established guest service system. Must have a valid Michigan Drivers License, High School Diploma or equivalent, be able to ob-

tain a Service License and Tribal Drivers License and qualify for coverage by our insurance carrier.

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. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements. Must be able to lift up to 90 pounds. Must have a good attendance record. Must have excellent customer and employee relation skills. Must be able to work all shifts such as weekends, graveyards, and holidays. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 12-CI-0935 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: Christina Keshick 9163 E. Remus Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or to take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside of the reservation land you have 28 days to answer attached complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in plaintiff's complaint. This summons expires March 26, 2013.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF CHRISTINA KESHICK:

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SECR's Gift of Giving Promotion Helps out Organizations for the Holiday

CARRIE GARCIA
Interim Editor

The feeling of joy and giving was present as the annual Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Gift of Giving dinner where area charities received donations through the Gift of Giving promotion at the casino. The promotion allowed winners that are drawn to receive up to \$6,000 and SECR would match the cash prize won in a form of a donation to the charity of the winner's choice.

Charities that were in

attendance at the dinner were the SCIT Angel Tree Program, American Red Cross, Hospice of Central Michigan, Region 7 Special Olympics, Isabella Soup Kitchen, United Tribes of Christ, Saginaw Chippewa Anishinabe Athletes, Youth of Pine Ridge, South Dakota and Toys for Tots. A total of \$61,400 was distributed among the nine charities.

The SCIT Angel Tree helped out a total amount of 484 children this year and had a generous donation of \$4,700, American Red Cross received a check in the amount of \$8,550; Hospice of Central Michigan received a check in

the amount of \$9,600. Region 7 Special Olympics received a check in the amount of \$3,900; Isabella County Soup Kitchen received a check in the amount of \$11,200, United Tribes of Christ received a check in the amount of \$2,000, SCIT Anishinabe Athletes received a check in the amount of \$6500, Youth of Pine Ridge South Dakota received a check for the amount of \$2,000 and Isabella and Clare County Toys For Tots received a check in the amount of \$12,950.

The generous donations from the casino guests brought joy to many who came to represent their charities.

Fred Cantu who serves as Tribal Department Fire Chief accepted the check for United Tribes of Christ. He explained on what the charity does and how the funds will be used.

"We represent the eastern part of the United States for United Tribes," Cantu said. "United Tribes of Christ is a faith based organization that goes to Indian reservations throughout the United States and Canada and brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to those communities and also helps them just like any other communities that struggle with drugs and alcohol. There are



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Lucinda Clark, and Jan Brandon, and a Marine Corp officer accept the check in the amount of \$12950.

many ministries that operate under United Tribes for Christ like, Kingdom Rockfest and New Creations. They organize concerts in those communities and promote a better lifestyle and helping them get out of those situations and circumstance that they have been struggling with. With these donations we thank all that have donated and thanks to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for putting on such an event like this to help each and every organization. This money will be used to continually promote the gospel to Native American Tribes."

Lucinda Clark Coordinator

for Toys For Tots was excited and speechless when she had accepted the check on the charities behalf.

"Thank you so much," Clark said. "We work diligently throughout the year and it takes about \$25,000 a year to fund our program and it takes a very generous community to donate all the toys that we get. Last year we handed out 9000 toys to over 200 children. It takes everyone to come together and realize the value of a young child has when they are growing up knowing that they are worth a new unwrapped toy."

Toys for Tots presented SECR with a beautiful plaque.



Tim McCullough, SECR Guest Service Performance Development Specialist accepts a check on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Angel Tree Program.



The At-Large department accepted the check in the amount of \$6500 for the Anishinabe Athletes Program.



Fred Cantu and Angela Trofatter accept the check for the United Tribes Of Christ in the amount of \$2000.



Isabella Community Soup Kitchen received a check in the amount of \$11200 and was overjoyed by the amount of community support.



Hospice Of Central Michigan received a generous donation in the amount of \$9600.



Bernie Sprague, Director of Hotel Operations accepted the check in the amount of \$2000 for the Youth of Pine Ridge. The program helps students on the Pine Ridge Reservation by buying school supplies.