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THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"

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## Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. Delivers the State of Tribe Address At February Community Meeting

*(Editor's Note: The following speech was delivered at the Community Meeting held on Feb. 2 by Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief, Dennis V. Kequom Sr.)*

choices in the competitive market of fast food while providing a sustainable and attractive food venue for the ease and convenience of our patrons, associates and members to enjoy.

One of the major responsibilities of the Tribal leadership is to stay engaged with our legislators on a local, state and federal level. There are many laws, policies and agreements being created, changed, or altered that have an effect on our Tribe. One of the ways we stay connected is through our representatives in Lansing and Washington D.C. We also host a legislative breakfast on the reservation twice year.

I have had the opportunity to meet with President Barack Obama on a couple of occasions during my time on Tribal Council. Some of what was discussed was Native Health Care, Indian Health Services and the need to get Native people involved in these initiatives. Tribal Council continues attending Tribal & State Summits between the 12 federally recognized Tribes and Gov. Snyder. These meetings have been very helpful and allowed us the opportunity to discuss issues and challenges within the state of Michigan.

Saganing was visited during election season by congressional candidate, Dan Kildee who incidentally became our Congressman from Flint to win the 2012 election. The Kildee family has been strong supporters of Indian rights and our Tribal community for many years and we hope to have a successful relationship with Dan and have enjoyed his uncle Dale Kildee.

This gives us the opportunity to invite our local representative and state senator to meet with other elected officials and business partners. These networking opportunities will ensure we remain shoulder to shoulder with our peers.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe along with several other partners revived the Protect My Vote campaign from 2004 to challenge the effort behind Citizens for More Michigan Jobs. That group was the one attempting to write into the State Constitution, eight new casino projects that surely would have crippled our efforts.

This was a long hard fought battle and applying the talent and knowledge of trusted partners, we were able take a stand which courts ruled the ballot proposal unconstitutional.

The Racino bill passed with enough support to go to the governor's desk for signing. Tribal Council and our partners we were able to educate and support the position of the States Attorney General and the Governor's office to see this bill for what is really is - a clear violation of Proposal one.

Currently Ordinance 11, On-Reservation Hunting, Fishing and Gathering, has been developed to ensure we protect our way of life and that our hunting and gathering rights are protected. Soon we will be able to regulate such things as fishing and hunting not only within our reservation boundaries but within our aboriginal lands as well. Ordinance 11 does have a booth set here today and they are running a Power Point if you would like to stop over and view it.

We remain dedicated to the welfare and education of our youth. Council has set aside land that will be used to host our Tribal College. Carla Sineway, President, is scheduled to give an update on it.

We are currently working on a plan with Isabella County to begin our own Tribal community transportation program. This would give us connections from here to Saganing. It would also provide medical transportation to doctors' visits and other health related services.

Tribal Council minutes and ordinances will now be offered to you online and IT is here with a brief demonstration. They will all be password protected and will keep us up to date with other Tribes who are currently doing this as well. This will save the Tribe thousands of dollars in mailings and unnecessary paper floating around. Don't worry if you don't use email or the computer, you can still request them from the Clerk's office.

On Jan. 15 Council voted to expand our operations in Saganing. This will give us the opportunity to provide table games, food venues, additional slot machines and a modest hotel. These will ensure we have a solid mix of visitors, travelers and those who want to stay and play patrons. The reality of additional jobs will recharge that areas local economy and create more patrons for everyone.

In closing, I would like to again thank you for coming. The state of the Tribe is well and we will continue to do all we can to ensure we have a bright and prosperous future for all to enjoy. Miigwetch.

Good morning, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire Tribal Council to thank you for attending the 2013 State of the Tribe Address. I have served as your chief for three years and we have met some serious challenges and celebrated some large and significant accomplishments. One thing I have found to be true is that when we work together, we can accomplish some incredible things.

So let me begin with our accomplishments. May 21 we opened the Soaring Eagle Water Park and Hotel. This property provides the family destination stay that was much needed for Mid-Michigan.

On June 12 Tribal Council cut the ribbon on the much needed Saganing Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant. This project was over 15 years in concept and a key component on what is to become future growth and development for the future of Saganing.

The Hide-Away RV Park opened on June 29 just in time for our annual powwow. This property has the potential to grow in popularity and reoccurring use by many of you, the members, as well as our loyal patrons. The Hide-Away RV Park is on track to become one of the most popular attractions to the Mt. Pleasant area.

Oct. 2 marked a new direction for the Mt. Pleasant Sagamok with the opening of the Tubby's Sandwich Shop. This change in direction allows the Sagamok to offer healthier



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## SCIT Plans an Expansion at Saganing Eagles Landing Casino

### SCIT PUBLIC RELATIONS

SCIT Tribal Council voted to expand the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino on Jan. 15. Construction for expansion of the casino will start to take place.

"The time has come to make the changes necessary to ensure we have continued growth

and development within the Saganing area," stated Arenac County District 11 Tribal Council Member Ron Nelson.

Currently the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino has a total amount of 32,000 square feet of gaming space which features over 800 slot machines including virtual gambling.

The expansion will allow hotel accommodations, dining

options and have the options of adding additional slot machines and table games such as roulette, black jack and craps to be on the gaming floor.

"We are hoping to turn soil on this modest addition between April and May of this year with an expected completion date of early spring 2014," stated Tribal Chief Dennis Kequom.

Construction plans include building 150 hotel rooms, including 12 various table games and a diner fashioned to replicate the Legends Diner currently at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort. The construction of the project is expected to take 10 months and expecting to bring in an additional 251 part and full time jobs.





## Amy Bessie Schneider

June 16, 1927 - February 19, 2013

Mrs. Schneider passed away Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at the Carriage House of Bay City, age 85. Amy was born June 16, 1927 in Bay City to the late James and Goldie (Moore) Wayne. She married Manfred R. Schneider on June 4, 1958; he survives her.



Amy was a Native American Story Teller in several area schools and was awarded the Bay City Times Hardy Award for her Indian heritage and history story telling. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a former President of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Association. She also loved traveling throughout Europe.

Surviving besides her husband, Manfred are two sons, Gary S. (Renee) and James S. (Christine) Schneider, eight grandchildren: Stacey (Michael) Gearn, Gary N. Schneider, Matthew and Jessica Cornejo, Erin (Dan) Brady, Justin and Ryan Burke and Kristen Brubaker, seven great grandchildren, one brother, Robert (Margie) Wayne, two sisters in-law, Marianne (Raji) Mondol and Ruth Slate, best friend, Donna Granzow, numerous nieces and nephews. Amy was predeceased by two brothers, James and Edward Wayne.

Amy's family would like to thank all the staff and doctors at Carriage House for their kind and compassionate care they gave Amy and her family.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service for Amy was held at the Little Indian Mission Church on North Euclid. Expressions of sympathy were given through memorials to the Little Indian Mission Church on North Euclid and the American Lung Association.

## LOVE & APPRECIATION

Each day we face trials we must overcome. The end result depends on how you decide to handle a situation. I chose to be thankful and never give up. Never lose joy though faced with overpowering emotions.

Therefore, I would like to acknowledge those who have helped me to never waver. In confidence my God ALWAYS makes a way! To those who heard his voice to defend my integrity and family, I thank you with all my heart! Among those are Council members, family, co-workers, friends too many to mention. You know who you are! Blessed are those who harken to his will! My testimony of God's LOVE!

*Jeanette Mandoka*



**CALL FOR  
Native American  
ARTISTS**

**Art Walk Central**

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is partnering with Art Reach of Mid-Michigan to present Art Walk Central, a community wide art competition and exhibit that will take place in Mt. Pleasant from August 7-28, 2013.

Over \$20,000 in prize money will be awarded. All media will be accepted, and Native American Artists are encouraged to participate.

**Be Watching for Details!**

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is developing a program to restore and protect tribal waters from the bacteria, sediment, nutrients, and other pollutants carried by water running off the land – called nonpoint source pollution. The Tribe has been working with federal, state, local agencies and organizations to put together a plan. Two documents describing the causes of the pollution and how to fix it can be found at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). The reports will help to secure grant funding for restoration of tribal waters. Restoring these waters will be hard work. Input and support are needed for these activities.

### Two Community Discussions to Share Ideas About the Program Have Been Scheduled:

- **March 7, 2013 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Center, Seniors Room (7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI)  
Focus: Chippewa River, the North Branch Chippewa River, Coldwater River, and Salt River.
- **March 8, 2013 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
Saganing Community Center (5447 Sturman Rd, Standish, MI)  
Focus: Saganing River.

### For More Information About The Community Discussions or Tribal Water Resources

Contact: Carey Pauquette, Water Quality Specialist  
By email ([CPauquette@sagchip.org](mailto:CPauquette@sagchip.org)) or phone **989-775-4016**

## CORRECTION

In the February 2013 Edition of the Tribal Observer in the article Tribal Council is Seeking Tribal Member for Project, it should read Charmaine Shawana not Benz.

## Are You STRUGGLING

With "Hurts, Habits and Hang Ups"?

We at **Celebrate Recovery** Would Like to **Help**.

This is a Biblical 12 step program that helps those who are dealing with alcohol/drug addictions, anger, fear, co-dependency, etc.

**Every Tuesday at 7 p.m.**

**Location:**

**The Potters House Family Worship Center**  
5346 E. Deerfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

**If You Have Questions Feel Free to Contact:**

Alice Jo Ricketts **989-944-1298**  
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\*Limit of 175 memberships to be sold; first come-first served.



### ATTENTION

SECR Promotions is seeking any photos that entail the Tribe's 33 years of gaming! Photos of Car Bingo would be a nice shocker! April will be our 33rd year of gaming and a large banner to recognize our success is being planned for the casino stage area.

**If you or anyone you know has any photos that you would like to be added, you can do it in two ways:**

- 1 Email photos to [publicrelations@sagchip.org](mailto:publicrelations@sagchip.org)
- 2 Bring them in to anyone in PR to have them scanned. Scanning is quick and can be done while you wait.

Deadline for all photo submissions is Friday, March 8, 2013.





## Making Memories at the Daddy Daughter Date Night

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Feb. 13 the Ziibiwing Center held the Daddy Daughter Date Night. This event was filled with fun times, smiles and laughter. On this night fathers celebrated that special relationship that they share with their daughters. This event was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Behavioral Health and Ziibiwing Cultural Center.

Mother Nature was creating her beautiful wintry blanket and that didn't stop the fathers from taking their daughters out for a good time. Walking into the room with my very own daughter, we viewed a packed house. There was not an empty table in the room, and it was filled with proud fathers and smiling young ladies. When you walked in from the cold and entered the building it seemed like you entered a fancy restaurant. There were tables covered with white linens with small dishes filled with little mints and nuts. The room was filled with pretty red balloons and some of the balloons were even shaped as hearts. The Soaring Eagle Casino Food and Beverage Department catered the event with a buffet style table of food with their hot spicy chicken wings, sub sandwiches, cookies, brownies and some lemonade to drink.

*"One of the greatest gifts from God is the bond of unconditional love that a dad shares with his daughter."*

-Vanyork Shawboose



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

Clint Von Eitzen and his Daughter Leena enjoyed the festivities.

After dinner we were offered the chance to have our Daddy Daughter date night free picture taken. What a beautiful way to capture that memory with our special little girls, what a good way to remember this evening. Then it was time, time to cut loose footloose as Ziibiwing Center had another room set up just for dancing. As we walked towards the room you could hear laughter and music. Fathers danced with their daughters carelessly as the streams of brightly colored lights bedazzling throughout the air filled the room.

As this wonderful evening came to an end, attendees waited around for the door prizes. Everyone left happy with the gift of winning the hearts and the smiles of their daughters.

## Making Baby Moccasins with the Elders

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE  
Staff Writer

Have you ever seen beautiful Native American moccasins in gift shops or at a powwow, and wish that you could make some like that? Well wish no longer, the 2013 Baby Moccasins with Elders is a series of scheduled workshops to make moccasins for the new babies in the community. These workshops are sponsored by Nimkee Healthy Start Program, Ziibiwing Cultural Society and the Andahwod Elders Program. At one of the workshops held on February 15 at Andahwod you had a chance to make your own baby moccasins or to give them as gift. Just one workshop is all you need to make your own moccasins so if you happened to miss it another one is scheduled for April 19. Don't miss your chance.

There are different types of moccasins, like almost all footwear that has developed over centuries of time. During the time that the Native American people were the main occupants of the United States, each Tribe developed its own style of moccasins and this varied widely. Traditional moccasins are made with tanned leather hides because it kept it from losing its shape and the skins were also smoked to make them water-resistant. With a soft bottom to them, it felt great on a person's foot. It was like being barefooted. It's believed the reason for having a soft bottom to them was that so they are in touch with Mother Earth and they didn't damage anything that was



Observer photo by Vanyork Shawboose

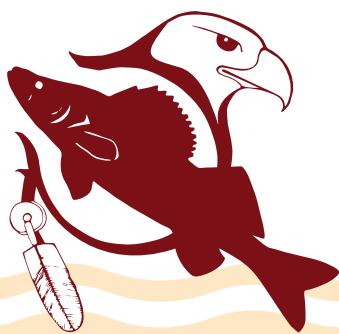
This is an example of one of the baby moccasins that was hand-crafted at the workshop.

stepped on. For this workshop its focus was on making baby moccasins and all the supplies needed were there. The moccasins are very easy to make. This is what you need to do, you need two pieces of leather with your moccasin pattern on it and cut them out. You punch holes in the leather similar to the pattern provided. Then lace the leather strap in the holes you punch out. It's like tying your shoes. So if you want to make your very own baby moccasins check out the workshop, seating and supplies are limited. Please contact Debbie Peterson at 989-775-4907 for more information.

### ATTENTION Elders

There are still plenty of seats left for the **Gatlinburg Bus Trip Sept. 3 - Sept. 11, 2013** with a \$100 deposit per person and the **Powwow Homecoming July 31 - Aug. 5, 2013** with a deposit of \$100 per person.

For More Information Please Call **Shelia Leareaux, Travel Coordinator** at **989-775-4135**



### The Third Annual Walleyes for Warriors

Is looking for volunteer boat captains to help with their annual event. The event will take place on June 15 and 16 at Veterans Park in Bay City. Registration for Veterans and volunteers will be posted soon on their website.

For More Information About the Event or Volunteering Please visit [www.walleyesforwarriors.com](http://www.walleyesforwarriors.com).



**Hello World!**  
My name is  
**Jeremiah**

I was born 01-11-13, 7 lbs. 1 oz.  
My mom is Eryka Mitchell  
and I sure love her!



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Angelo!

Love,  
Your Family



**Happy 13th Birthday**

Evelyn House  
March 12, 2000

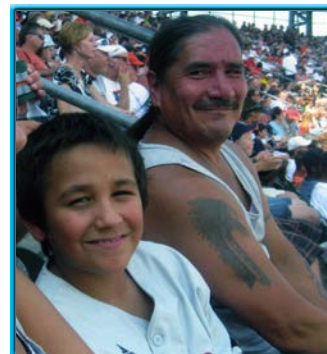
Love,  
All of your family!



**Happy Birthday Marcella!**

March 2

Love,  
Mom, Brian & family



**Happy Birthday**

Charles

We Love You



**Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday**

Michael

We Love You



**Happy Anniversary**

Craig

Graveratte

March 6<sup>th</sup>

I Love You Very Much  
You Are My One and  
Only True Love



**Happy Birthday!**

Maykiss Pego

Love,

Grandma Gerada  
& Grandpa Dave,  
Mom (Laurie), Mariya,  
Lyle, and Rochelle



**Happy Belated Birthday!**

Jon Pego

Love,

Grandma Gerada  
& Grandpa Dave,  
Mom, Mariya,  
Lyle, and Rochelle





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## Kidnapping Shocks the Mt. Pleasant Community, the Brave Efforts of Two Minors Saved the Victims Life

(Editor's Note: The following is a summary of various media sources' coverage of the kidnapping.)

On January 16 around 9:30 p.m., a Central Michigan University senior was kidnapped by gunpoint outside the student activities center by Eric Lee Ramsey.

Ramsey approached the woman as she was walking out to her SUV and forced her into it by gunpoint. He told the woman to drive to a house on South Crawford Street where he bound and sexually assaulted her.

He took the woman back into the SUV along with two cans of gas and told the victim that he was going to kill her. The victim then jumped out of the moving SUV and ran to the nearest house on South Mission Road where she pounded on the door of the home. It was the home of 14 - year old James Persyn III, his 11 - year old sister Acelin and their two year old brother Angus. The three children let her inside the home when they heard the banging from the door and her cries of help.

James instincts kicked in and grabbed his hunting knife from his bedroom and told the victim and his sister and brother to go to the bathroom. The victim called 911 while James called his father who rushed home.

Ramsey poured gasoline around the home and lit it on fire and took off. Michigan State Police were on pursuit of Ramsey as he was heading north in the victims SUV. The police investigated a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot in Gaylord as it was the victims SUV. The SUV was rammed into the trooper's car three times. The SUV drove off and the police followed the tracks to an Elk Ranch in Gaylord. The troopers on foot went into the ranch and found the SUV stuck in the snow.

At 4:15 a.m. troopers were parked north of Frederic when a one ton flatbed truck came behind them with no headlights on and smashed into their vehicle. The truck turned around and smashed into a Crawford County sheriff's car causing the two vehicles to be pinned together. The officer stuck inside the car got out and fatally wounded Ramsey.

The kidnapping shocked the Mt. Pleasant community and it was the brave efforts of James and his sister Acelin that saved the victims life.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe showed their gratitude and donated a two nights stay and vouchers for the restaurant at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel to the two heroes.

## 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.



## Isabella County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski • Undersheriff John Tellis  
207 Court Street • Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 • (989) 772-5911 • FAX (989) 773-2739

February 8, 2003

To: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.  
From: Sherriff Leo Mioduszewski  
Re: Thank You

I would like to thank you for your generous donation of two nights stay and vouchers for the restaurant at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel for the two young people that saved the life of a CMU student three weeks ago. Your generous donation helped put smiles on the faces of James Patterson (14 years old) and his sister, Acelin (11 years old). As you know they were the young individuals that allowed a CMU student who had been kidnapped, sexually assaulted and was being brought to a location where she was going to be murdered by her captor. The victim was able to jump out of the moving car and ran to the Persyn's house yelling for them to let her in. They willingly allowed her in, locked up the house and secured everyone in their bathroom until help arrived. Their heroic act saved the life of the victim.

As Sherriff, it is always refreshing to see the willingness of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to step up to help make the central - Michigan area a great place to live.

Once again, thank you very much for your generous donation.

Best wishes,

Leo Mioduszewski  
Sheriff, Isabella County

## Tribal Observer

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

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

You may also e-mail us at [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org).

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**SCIT Waste Management Curbside Service Information**

The planning Department has recently requested updated address verification for the curbside waste management service. This request was to update the data base to better serve the residents and ensure an accurate account of serviceable addresses. There are still several addresses that have not yet returned their address verification form. If you have not yet completed the form please return it to the Planning Department at 7070 E Broadway,

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or stop in to our office located at 2451 Nish Na Be Anong (Housing Building South Entrance).

The curbside service only allows one (1) waste container per address for eligible residents 18 years old and up. We strongly encourage the participation in any Recycling efforts that are available to the residents as well. Most of the service area does have curbside recycling available to them, or there is a

local recycling depot near their residence. The Tribal Recycling depot located behind Tribal Operations building is open 24 hrs a day seven days a week.

Residents that request an additional container from waste management will have to set up an account to pay for the additional service. If you are interested in continuing to use more than the one provided you can contact waste management directly to set up your account at 800-797-9018.

If you are currently receiving the waste service that is provided to you or are requesting to set up new service you will now have to visit the Planning Department to complete a form. If you are planning to move and are still in our service area you will need to provide us with your old address along with your new address before it will be passed on to start service. All service requests will only be sent in on Fridays to start or stop service.

The Planning Department will then notify the resident of your service start date along with the pickup days of your waste service once we hear from waste management. The address verification will also be conducted on a yearly basis to keep the data base updated.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 989- 774-4014.

**Eagles Nest Invitational "Strikes" Community as a Success**

JOE SOWMICK  
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 17, the SCIT Parks & Recreation Eagles Nest Invitational Bowling Tournament strikes the local community as another successful event. The tournament, held at Chippewa Lanes for the second consecutive year, featured four person teams (male, female or mixed) with a \$100 team entry fee.

Bowling Tournament Coordinator Lucas Sprague remains optimistic about the Eagles Nest Invitational as yet another annual signature event for the SCIT Parks & Recreation department.

"The no tap handicap tournament leveled the playing field and allowed even the casual bowler to bring their A game," Sprague said. "We have a lot of league bowlers who are up to a challenge and we want to

build a competitive reputation with this invitational."

Sprague also offered up kind words toward the venue itself.

"Chippewa Lanes Owner Carl Malish and his staff are always great to work with and we want to fill all the lanes for the next invitational."

SCIT Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Ekdahl rolled a 764 series while competing with Team Eagles and was impressed with the turnout.

"Everyone had a good time and you could tell there was a competitive atmosphere with the lanes full of Chippewas," Ekdahl said. "I believe is it a part of our indigenous spirit to be competitive and to see families compete together, it's definitely what our Parks & Recreation program is all about."

Ekdahl also spoke about how strategic planning helps staff look for opportunities to bring in different age groups to the activities.

"Having the different age categories this year really helped to not only level the playing field but it also brought some more competition to the youth division and for the adults," Ekdahl said. "We look forward to seeing this event grow every year."

SCIT Parks & Recreation Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts echoed Ekdahl's assertion.

"These Parks & Recreation events, like the bowling tournament, are great for the entire community, and by opening the events up to Tribal Members, Native Americans and our employees, we find it benefits everyone involved," Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts said. "The Eagles Nest Invitational Bowling Tournament offers another opportunity for our Saginaw Chippewa Parks & Recreation department to bring people together in a friendly competitive environment and to foster a healthy family atmosphere."

In the team competition, "3 Saboo's & a Cummings" (Rosemary Saboo, Rachel Saboo, Duke Saboo and Terri Cummings) combined for 3,121 pins and garnered a third place finish. "Team Eagles" took their 3,148 pins (Ronnie Ekdahl, Chase Owl, Steven Kayayou and Luke Sprague) to win a second place finish. When the Invitational was over, it was "Team Strikeforce" (Karen



Winners in the 12 and under division (left to right): first place Jasmyn Milks, second place Andre Leoureux, and third place Dia Anderson.



Winners in the 13 to 17 year division (left to right): first place Dawson Milks, second place Basil Naganashe, and third place Audrey Anderson.

Naganashe, Sheila Leoureux, Kenny Vasquez and Frank Romer) taking the trophy with a tournament best 3,451 pins. In the fourth game of the tournament, Naganashe rolled a 300 game to win a side jackpot between the bowlers.

Sheila Leoureux also took the all-around high series for the Invitational plus winning the bobblehead trophy for the most smashed pins.

In the 12 and under youth competition, Jasmyn Milks took the first place trophy with Andre Leoureux placing second. Bowler Dia Anderson took the third place trophy in

the 12 and under division. In the 13 to 17 year old youth tournament, Dawson Milks took the first place trophy with Basil Naganashe placing second. Audrey Anderson took the third place trophy in the 13 to 17 division.

The next tentative date for the Eagles Nest Invitational is set for Sunday, February 16, 2014 at Chippewa Lanes. The annual event is always set to occur the Sunday before the President's Day holiday. To view photos and other tournament information, please access the Parks main website at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org).



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Bowlers took to the lanes, ready to compete for bragging rights as the top team at the tournament.



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## Saganing Sagamok Shell Adds Chester's Chicken to Their Store

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

Want to try something different for dinner? Try Chester's Chicken. Saganing Sagamok Shell currently has something different for the community to try. Chester's Chicken or also Chester's Chicken On The Fly is a company that started in 1952 by W.O. Giles. The beginning stages consisted of him frying donuts and later chicken. The company expanded and added the Chester's Chicken On The Fly extension in 2008. The extension was to address current issues in the marketplace related to labor, capital and space requirements.

Chester's Chicken and the On The Fly brand have over 2,000 locations in the United States.

The idea of having a Chester's Chicken emerged from trade shows that Craig Engelhardt, Area Retail Manager for Saganing Sagamok Shell and Eagle Valley Outfitters attended.

"I have thought about it for a long time," Engelhardt said. "I have subscribed to a lot of the in-store news magazines and they have showed a lot of different trends. That is one thing that each of those magazines talked about. I started attending all of these trade shows for different convenience stores. Food service is a huge growing trend in convenience stores and it is

something that the people over in Saganing wanted to get into. We are located in the middle of two towns four miles each way and we thought there was an offering there."

Engelhardt started figuring out what would be a good match for the Saganing area and felt that Chester's Chicken would fill that void.

Chester's Chicken at the Saganing Sagamok Shell does not have a dining area however customers can go right up to the register and order their food. They also allow call in orders.

"If this takes off well, we are looking into other options to expand on what we currently built," Engelhardt said. "We

could turn the space into a larger sit down area. We started with the smallest program they have, there are options to keep it going bigger and bigger."

Products that Chester's Chicken offers are boneless products such as chicken tenders. They offer potato wedges, biscuits and five different sauces for their products. Dinners can also be bought in two pieces, four pieces and five pieces; and many more combinations. Other items to bring into Chester's Chicken are currently in the works.

Not everyone can enjoy the delicious products that Chester's Chicken offers. Engelhardt is working to set up a delivery program for

the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and the Tribal Center.

"Some people don't have a long enough break to come down and grab some and go back," Engelhardt said. "Why not try to set this up."

With the minimum advertising that was done, the business at Chester's Chicken has taken off.

"We haven't even had our grand opening yet but business has started to pick up because we are able to offer it 24 hours," Engelhardt said. "During lunch and dinner time we have ready to go meals but after that time we just do made to order items."

To call ahead for an order at Chester's Chicken the number is 989-846-6703.

## Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Associates of the Month for January

**KRIS NEUHALFEN**  
& **TONY CLARK**  
Contributing Writers

Congratulations to Dareld Osborn and Justin Shelvin they are our Employees of the Month for January. Dareld has worked for the Tribe since October of 2002. He is currently a technician for our Surveillance department. Dareld is responsible for the upkeep of the entire surveillance system throughout the Casino. Installing, Maintaining, designing and creating the best shot are just some of Dareld's

responsibilities. In his free time Dareld enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family. Dareld is a shining example of professionalism, from his knowledge he shares with his peers to the compassion he shows behind the scenes as a father and husband. Without Dareld the successes we have had within our Surveillance department would not be possible! Congratulations Dareld you are more than deserving of this award!

Justin Shelvin has been performing the position of F&B Supervisor for over a year at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino.

In that time we have had the pleasure of watching Justin flourish into one of the most well rounded leaders I have ever had the privilege of having on my team. He has taken so many new tasks on during his time with our team that it is shocking how easily he has mastered all of them. Justin provides a unique perspective to all of our team because he was promoted from the position of wait-staff where he excelled. Justin has been able to take the knowledge and experience he gained from that position and turned it into a strong teaching ability. He has the patience to listen to any concern



Dareld Osborn



Justin Shelvin

and determine the best course of action for the good of all of our guests and associates. He has definitely gained the respect of his associates and peers. I would like to personally thank Justin for

giving us the chance to have him as a part of our team. Without him performing at the level we have become accustomed to we would not have achieved the success that we have experienced today.

## Saganing Employees Recognized at Annual Banquet



Left to Right: Phil Daniels, Annette Goodman, Pete Kopp, Kurt Humerickhouse, Shawn Huber, Jody Valley, Pam Beebe, Jason Roebuck, Bridget Rashott, Beth Lindow, Gary McLellan, Dalene Gillette, Eric Gansser, Tina Meyer, Polly Powers, Wendy Bartys, Karen Achtabowski, Ann Trombley, Natalie Nichols, Martin Lamont.

## Casual For a Cause Helps Out Camp Centaur with Generous Donations from SELC Associates

**CHRISTY FEDAK**  
Contributing Writer

Saganing Eagles Landing Casino Associates were able to raise \$1,700 for Camp Centaur with the Casual for a Cause donations for the month of January. Camp Centaur is a camp for pediatric cancer patients located in Midland, Mich. Camp Centaur also includes the siblings of the cancer patient. When Cancer strikes it affects the whole family. Inviting the sister or brother

of the cancer patients helps them to also cope with the special challenges that cancer brings. Horseback riding, fishing and hiking trails are just some of the activities that Camp Centaur offers. Of course the biggest concern is the health and well-being of each camper, therefore Camp Centaur has a Registered Nurse and a Registered Physical Therapist as part of their on-site staff. Donations, grants and fundraising efforts are the sole contributions that fund Camp Centaur.



Pictured is Barbara Lewis-Mack and Stephan Mack the founders of Camp Centaur.



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## February 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight

**MIKKI MARCOTTE**  
Case Manager

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.

February 2013 At-Large Tribal Member Employee Spotlight is Sam Anglin.

Sam has worked for the Tribe for nine years. He started out at the Soaring Eagle working at the Water Lilly as a line cook and then he became a banquet chef. Sam came to Andahwod

in 2007 as the Support Services Manager, which entails overseeing the kitchen, maintenance, housekeeping and security departments.

Sam has been married to his wife Amy for 11 years and they have two children, 12 year old Dakota in sixth grade at Beal City and nine year old Samuel who is in fourth grade also at Beal City. They live in Weidman.

Sam was born and raised in Clare. He graduated from Clare High School in 1996 and the Culinary School at Grand Rapids Community College in 2000. Sam's Mother is Connie Pallett and his Grandmother is Mabel Pelcher.

Sam takes great pride in the care of his Elders and invites everyone to stop into Andahwod on Thursday nights to have dinner with the Elders.

Sam and his family like to travel and love vacationing in South Carolina. They also enjoy hunting, fishing and the kids' sports. Sam has a passion for music and going to concerts, his favorite concert was Woodstock '99. Currently Sam is pursuing a degree in Business from the Tribal College.

If you have any questions or thoughts concerning Andahwod or the Seniors Program please feel free to contact Sam at [sanglin@sagchip.org](mailto:sanglin@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4315.



Sam has worked for the Tribe for nine years.

### At-Large Offers New Social Security Kiosk After Changes to Policy

**COLLEEN MAKI**  
Contributing Writer

Per the Social Security website: In light of the current budget situation, we have suspended the Request 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 into 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:



The kiosk is located in the At-Large Program lobby. It will take you into the Social Security website and if you have problems there is plenty of staff to help.

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.

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

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## Paving the Way in the Community through Education

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

*(Editor's Note: The Higher Education Department has both a Tribal Leadership Program and Career Development Program for students interested in going to college and also be placed in a work environment close to their major. Currently there are vacancies for the Tribal Leadership Program. The Observer will be sharing a series of stories from graduates from both programs. For more information about the Career Development Program or Tribal Leadership Program call Sharon Skutt at 989-775-4505 or Jackie Ortiz 989-775-4501.)*



Photo courtesy of Charla Cummins  
**Charla Cummins stands with her friends at the SCIT Tribal College Graduation in 2007. Cummins graduated with her Associates of Business.**

"They didn't limit me to filing and paperwork. The staff here is really great and letting me learn new business areas so I can figure out what I really liked. It was a really great internship."

Her current title as being the Funding and Development Specialist allows her to dive into the world of grants. Cummings also works with the Ziibiwing memberships, the Artifact Adoption Program and the silent auctions that Ziibiwing holds.

"I haven't had really much experience with grants and I dove into it which is a really great thing for me," Cummins said. "I was able to kind of dive into the grants and do all the coordinating for it and how to make it easier so that we can meet those deadlines and made easy tools for me to plan and anything that has to do with funding that is what I help with."

Cummins has nothing but positivity for the program and recommends future students apply for the positions.

Charla Cummins serves as the Funding and Development Specialist at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center. Her experience from being in the Career Development and the Tribal Leadership Program has been positive. Cummins graduated in 2007 with her Associates of Business from the Tribal College and a Bachelors of Applied Arts in Entrepreneurship with a minor in Business Administration from Central Michigan University in 2009.

During both her internships, she was at the Ziibiwing Center.

"In the first two years I did a lot of data analysis and reports that the director needed, and I transitioned into the Leadership program and streamlined a lot of data and I also went to a lot of management meetings to get a generalized idea on what everyone does at the Ziibiwing Center," Cummins said.

"I think it puts you ahead of the game," Cummins said. "I think it is one thing to go to college and learn everything and try to do the job without the experience. It is another thing to do the job and get the experience and do the schooling simultaneously I think it goes hand in hand with the learning aspect."

Karmen Fox is a graduate from the Career Development Program and also the Tribal Leadership Program. While working on her Associates of Arts degree in the Career Development Program, she interned for Nimkee Medical. She wanted to go into nursing and was working as a medical assistant. Nursing wasn't something that she wanted to go into after all. In 2006, she graduated from Mid Michigan Community College with her Associates of Arts Degree in General Studies.

While she was in the Career Development Program she changed her major. Her education path did not end there as she applied to the Tribal Leadership Program. She was accepted into the program and interned at Nimkee Public Health.

She graduated in 2008 from Central Michigan University with her Bachelors of Applied Arts in Public Health Education & Health Promotion.

"When I was at Nimkee I was working with Robyn Grininger a lot and it was something about her passion for her job that I wanted to go into public health education and that is where I ended up doing and graduating with my bachelors," Fox said.

Schooling wasn't completed for Fox as she was accepted into the Master of Science in Administration program



Photo courtesy of Tribal Observer  
**Karmen Fox standing with her family received a plaque at the Eagle Spirit Awards banquet June of 2012 for her completion of the Master of Science Administration program at CMU.**

at CMU and reapplied for the Tribal Leadership Program. Her internship was at Behavioral Health in the prevention program. When Nimkee had posted the position for an Interim Assistant Health Administrator she applied for the position and had left the program. In 2012, she had graduated CMU with her Master of Science in Administration with a concentration in Health Services Administration.

Today Fox is the Dean of Instruction at the Tribal College and is happy to have the opportunity to be involved with both the Career Development and Tribal Leadership Program.

"I always encourage people and talk highly of the Career Development and Leadership Programs because I would not be where I am at today if I did not have the experience behind me," Fox said.

## Reflecting On the United States Indian Industrial Schools

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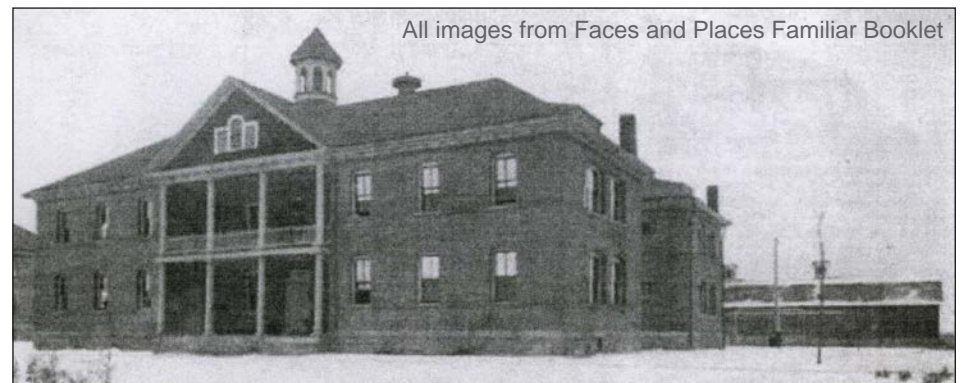
*(Editor's Note: The following content is originally documented from the booklet Faces and Places Familiar, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 1906. A copy of the booklet is available at the Clarke Historical Library on the campus of Central Michigan University. This article is brought to you from the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) Committee in compliance with their strategic plans and sub-committee for Building Community Support through Education.)*

One of the institutions of interest to which all residents of Mt. Pleasant direct the attention of visitors is the United States Indian Industrial Schools, of which the illustrations accompanying this article will give a very comprehensive idea. These schools are situated just outside the city limits on the northwest, being one mile from the business center of the

city. The land upon which these schools are located was formerly known as the "Old Mission farm" and the "Mowry tract" and was selected by the United States government in 1891 as a location for these schools. There were 200 acres of land in these tracts, then valued at \$8,400, of which amount the United States paid \$5,000, and the citizens of this city contributed the balance, that being used as an inducement toward securing the location of the schools at this point.

The lands upon which the schools stand was formerly granted to the M.E. church for educational purposes, being transferred by them to other parties, and finally repurchased by the government as noted above. This tract includes the old reservation burying ground, and has been improved until today it is considered one of the finest farms to be found in this state.

The corner stone for the main building was laid October 12, 1892, and the building was finished and occupied by the school on June 30, 1893. Since that time the schools have been gradually enlarged until the present buildings consist of a



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**The School Building**

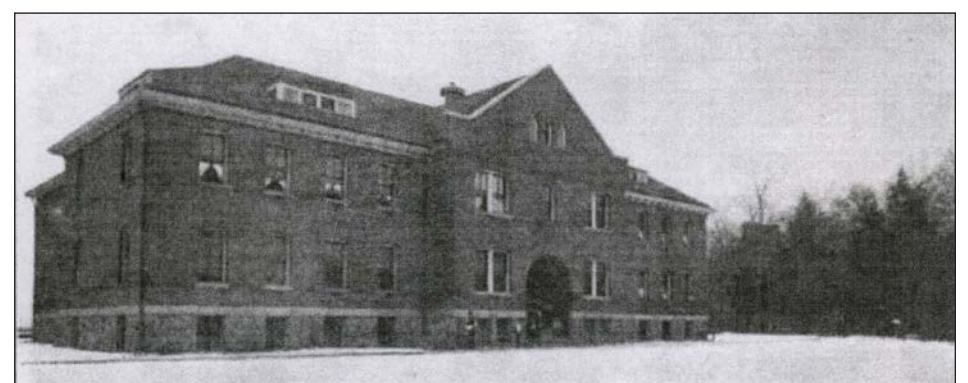
Boys' Dormitory, a Girls' Dormitory, the Dining Hall, which building contains a large dining room with a seating capacity of 350, the kitchen and the bakery; the Steam Laundry, which is thoroughly equipped with all modern conveniences; the Hospital, containing two wards and a dispensary, where the sick report each morning for treatment; the School House, which contains eight good-sized class rooms and a large chapel seated with opera chairs; the Power House, shops and barns and other out buildings. These

buildings are all steam heated and lighted with electricity.

The class room work is carried on by a corps of six teachers, the pupils being taught through the eighth grade in their studies. Great stress is laid upon the industrial side of the schools and the different departments are all under competent heads, the manner in which the farm is handled, the out buildings kept, and the character of the articles manufactured showing that thoroughness is one of the requisition which are carefully looked after.



**The Girls' Dormitory, The Hospital, and Interior of Laundry**



**The Boys' Dormitory**





# Go Red Spreads the Word Out In the Community about Heart Disease

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

The first Friday in the month of February marks a day every year for an important event as it represents the National Wear Red Day for heart disease. Also known as Go Red for women, it is a movement which started in 2004. Heart disease has claimed the lives of 500,000 American women each year. Heart disease doesn't target gender or ethnicity as it affects both men and women.

While helping support the awareness of heart disease and by wearing the color red, Nimkee Women's Health/BCCCP had a Go Red fashion show and luncheon at the tribal gym on Feb. 1.

This year they went with giving out water bottles as gifts for signing in. With a light lunch of beef vegetable or tomato basil soup paired with a nutritious salad, everyone fed their bodies with a heart healthy meal. With the wonderful staff at Nimkee Clinic and Nimkee Fitness they were able

to converse with everyone and also serve the delicious lunch.

Models from various tribal departments and also from the community got on stage and wore their best dressed reds and proudly strutted down the cat walk.

Some facts about heart disease are that it is the leading cause of death in both men and women and more than half of the deaths in America are due to heart disease according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention website.

Heart disease causes deaths in most ethnicities in the United States including African Americans at 24.5 percent, American Indians or Alaska Natives at 18 percent, Asians and Pacific Islanders 23.2 percent, Hispanics at 20.8 percent, Caucasians at 25.1 percent and all which includes all ethnicities at 25 percent.

Things such as being overweight, having a poor diet, not exercising, having a high blood pressure and drinking alcohol excessively can put someone at risk for having heart disease.



Sharon Peters shows her support for Red Dress event by wearing the new Nimkee Fitness gear.



Walt Kennedy with his two side-kicks walked the runway to raise the awareness and help support the Red Dress event.

Here are some tips to help reduce the chances of dying from heart disease. Follow doctor's instructions and stay on the medications they have prescribed, eat a healthy diet rich in vegetables and fruit and

make sure foods are low in salt, saturated fat and cholesterol. Even if running is something you are not interested in, taking a 10 minute walk, three times a day five days a week will help.

For more information, stop in at Nimkee Public Health and set up an appointment with one of their staff. Also a healthy start will help greatly on the heart and the staff at Nimkee Fitness will help make a heart stronger with their workout programs. Make sure to stop in.

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## Senate Passes the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act

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WASHINGTON - Attorney General Eric Holder issued the following statement today on the Senate passage of the Violence Against Women Act:

"I am extremely pleased the Senate has passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, which contains important new provisions to expand access to justice for all victims of violence and strengthen law enforcement and prosecutorial tools to hold accountable those who commit these crimes. Notably, the tribal provisions included in the VAWA reauthorization and originally proposed by the Department of Justice, will close a significant jurisdictional gap that has left too many Native American women, precisely because they are Native American, exposed to violence for far too long. The status quo is simply unacceptable and the Senate has today acted courageously on behalf of our society's most vulnerable, who deserve not only equal justice but also our unquestionable resolve to protect them. As the House of Representatives now move to consider reauthorizing this critical law, I urge lawmakers to come together, as they have historically, to pass an improved and strengthened VAWA that continues its 18 years of progress towards ending the scourge of violence against all victims in our society."





## The Tigers Call to Their Fans with Their Loud Roaring Presence

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

Detroit Tigers players and coaches ate breakfast with their fans at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Jan. 25 as the 2013 Tigers Winter Caravan Tour rolled through Mt. Pleasant.

Fans eager for the event lined the hallway in front of the Entertainment Hall earlier than 7 a.m., even though the doors did not open until 8 a.m. From the littlest fans to the older ones, everyone was there to have a good time talking about the favorite pastime of baseball.

Before the question and answer session, clips of the Tigers season were flashbacking on the screens located beside each other on the main stage. Those flashbacks include the 2012 season highlights leading up to the American League



**Pitchers Darin Downs and Casey Crosby answer questions from the fans at SECR such as, who was your favorite baseball player growing up.**

Division Series where they beat the Oakland Athletics and landed a trip to the American League Championship Series where they would play against the New York Yankees.

The Tigers swept the Yankees earning them the ALCS trophy and a spot in the World Series, where they played against

the San Francisco Giants. For their trip they brought along the ALCS trophy so their fans could witness the prized award in person.

The session featured a question and answer session with the players such as Andy Dirks, Jhonny Peralta, Aníbal Sánchez, and Alex Avila.

Several coaches and managers made the trip including Alex Avila's father, Al Avila who serves as the Assistant General Manager and Vice President of the Tigers.

Dan Dickerson, radio play-by-play announcer for the Tigers made sure the 35 minute session started.

"I would like to thank our partners planning the caravan this year, Central Michigan University Athletics Department, Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, Mt. Pleasant Convention and Business Bureau, Central Michigan University Alumni Association and Pure Michigan, for making this event possible," Dickerson said.

Al Avila reviewed the 2013 season which included the addition of new players and complimented each player with their strengths.

In addition to the Tigers being at SECR, Central Michigan University had their baseball and softball teams in the crowd and both the coaches came up on the stage to talk about their upcoming season. Dave Heeke, CMU Athletic Director talked about some of the university's achievements through their athletic department.

SECR stepped up to the plate to help out this exciting event by providing the space needed for the amount of people wanting to have the experience of being around the Detroit Tigers.

"When the Tigers contacted us, we just thought what a great opportunity to bring the guys here to Mt. Pleasant," Raul Venegas, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Director said. "The state of Michigan is truly dedicated to the Tigers, and we saw that today."

## Climate Change and the Impact of Warmer Winters

**MICHAEL FISHER**  
Contributing Writer

Do you remember the high water levels we experienced at the end of January? We've all seen it before, spring time flooding. The temperatures are high enough to melt our leftover snow, and the rivers rise because of the flowing melt water. This is nothing new to residents of Michigan, many of whom spend spring time working on sump-pumps and draining their property.

This year, the high water was very unusual. Instead of flooding in early spring, the flooding took place at the end of January, right in the heart of Michigan Winter! Average temperatures in Michigan for late January range from 14-28°F, but on Jan. 30, 2013 the temperatures in Michigan peaked at 68°F! Instead of a storm blanketing the ground with a couple feet of snow, we had an all-out thunderstorm. In 2012, high temperature records were shattered across the state. According

to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 2012 was most likely the hottest year ever recorded in the United States. On top of that, in 2012, we witnessed the largest drought since December 1956, covering 55 percent of the country!

What does this mean for us? Those of us who are used to spending summers on the lake may be in for a bit of a surprise. With water levels dropping, getting boats into and out of the water will definitely become more of a challenge. I asked Frank Cloutier, Public Relations Director for SCIT and a resident of the Saginaw Bay lakeshore, what he thought of the lower water levels and how it

would impact his summer plans, "Being an avid boater I will have to make adjustments and launch my boat where there is enough water to navigate safely. I will be running deeper waters and not spending so much time near shore with the unpredictable topography of the shore line absent the water levels I am accustomed to. It will indeed be different from my normal pattern but when you have lemons you make lemonade and I am looking forward to new territories to explore," Cloutier replied.

What does flooding in January have to do with lower water levels throughout the Great Lakes? It's not as simple as it may seem. When we watch a tremendous amount of water flow down the Chippewa River, our first instinct is to think that eventually the water will flow into the Saginaw Bay and raise the water level of Lake Huron. That isn't exactly the case. The Great Lakes are losing water every year because of evaporation. Evaporation occurs at a very fast rate when sunlight and wind

hit the surface of open water. In winters passed, the Great Lakes saw temperatures cold enough to freeze them over. When the lakes freeze over, the white layer of ice that forms reflects sunlight away from the Earth instead of absorbing it and heating the water up (Don't believe me? Try driving without sunglasses on a sunny day when the ground is covered with snow!). The white color of ice is what prevents our water from evaporating throughout the winter, without the ice, the Great Lakes start each spring at an even lower water level.

Basically, if winter temperatures keep rising, less and less ice will form over the Great Lakes and that means more evaporation. More evaporation means lower water levels for everyone, and this cycle keeps repeating itself. So when we see our winter snow rushing down the Chippewa River in late January, we need to remember that this isn't supposed to be happening for another couple months, and it is bad for our Great Lakes! We need the snow to stay on the



**The North Branch of the Chippewa River on Baseline Road.**

ground all winter, and to slowly evaporate in the spring time, reflecting that sunlight and keeping our planet cooler by doing so.

This is a wake-up call from Mother Earth. Now is the time for action to limit the causes and impacts of climate change. Let's do our part to be the stewards of Mother Earth, and repair the damage we humans have caused since the start of the industrial revolution.

For more information please feel free to contact me, your SCIT Water Resources Technician at 989-775-4080 or email me at [mfisher@sagchip.org](mailto:mfisher@sagchip.org).



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## SCIT Parks & Recreation Gets Hands On With Nutrition Teaching

DAVID SANDS

Contributing Writer

As reported in the Feb. 2013 issue of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) Parks & Recreation department has been putting into action a new nutrition program. The coordinated effort with Nimkee Public Health and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) MyPlate program is aimed at feeding and educating the youth, along with promoting healthier choices.

Thanks to the new grant that has been bestowed upon the K-6 program, by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITC), the SCIT Afterschool Program youth have truly been making progress in a short period of time. The activities lead by Sally Van Cise, Nimkee Public Health Dietitian and Nutritionist RD, have been great examples of how much kids can truly enjoy healthy eating as well as following the most up-to-date United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) healthy eating guidelines.

During the last month, Van Cise has led several weekly hands on demonstrations that exemplify what good nutrition is all about. Obviously, the challenge for the SCIT Afterschool Program staff is how to teach such information to children who are limited in how much



Joseph Swink and Donna Rueckert enjoy their new creation... a peanut butter banana tortilla rollup.

they can truly make for themselves safely. We can see by planning out the healthy eating activity, with clearly defined goals, objectives, and evaluation, Van Cise has assisted other staff members have easily risen up to the occasion.

Van Cise explained the main goals that were completed through structured learning activities were the following, Help the children learn about healthy nutrition, through the MyPlate Method (proper eating guidelines set by the USDA) and ensure that the children understand that protein is one component of the plate method.

To complete these goals, the children were taught how to identify and label components of the MyPlate Method. By teaching the students this specific skill, they will be able to create their own healthy snacks at home, instead of choosing an unhealthy alternative (such as pop, chips, or cookies).

"Peanut butter is a protein alternative, it can be a

substitute for lean meats when putting together a healthy meal or snack, and the plate will still have the necessary ingredients to fulfill nutritional requirements for growing children," Van Cise said. "Through the hands on approach, the kids were able to see these options as healthy snacks and they were pleasantly surprised as well as excited to make the homemade snack."

The homemade snack that was the source of all the excitement was a peanut butter and banana sandwich, with whole wheat tortillas. The children were showed how easily peanut butter could be made with the following recipe: 1 cup of roasted/salted peanuts, 1 teaspoon of any cooking oil, Blend with a food processor until proper consistency.

Many of the children were shocked to learn how easily peanut butter could be made at home. Once they were able to create their own peanut butter and banana rollups/sandwiches, they were instantly hooked. The youngest group, consisting of roughly kindergarteners through second graders, asked for second and even third servings after discovering the tasty snack. This illustrates how impressionable younger children can be when it comes to eating habits. This clear advantage should be used to create a healthy lifestyle earlier on in the child's development, to ensure that they can grow up and receive the benefits

of such choices, as well as avoid the negative aspects of being unhealthy.

To encourage more positive changes for the children involved in the afterschool program, handouts were made for the children to take home and give to their parents. By inspiring the children to include their parents in the process, we are hoping to create more family oriented activities within the home as well as teaching the children healthy lifestyles. Once the children are able to participate with the family in making such choices, positive socialization can be fostered to truly enhance the child's development and family.

Youth Facilities Coordinator Kevin Ricketts lauded the cooperative effort and has seen the excitement first hand.

"The SCIT Afterschool Program has made successful jump in the right direction, with providing healthy snacks," Coach Ricketts said. "Youth Facilities Assistant Christina Flamand has teamed up with Sally Van Cise to coordinate a daily healthy snack, using the standard "MyPlate Method" and the kids enjoy the tasty alternative."

Healthy lifestyle choices can only be made into real habits for a child when the role models around them are illustrating and committing to such a lifestyle. Here at the Afterschool Program, we are taking the time to create a



SCIT Afterschool students learn a lesson on nutrition at the Eagles' Nest kitchen.

healthy snack every weekday for the child, in hopes that an impression can be made for the long haul. The reason staff is making such an effort is because all kids deserve the opportunity to learn such habits from positive role models, and develop into the best adults they can be.

We encourage all friends and families of the SCIT Parks & Recreation department to make the effort and join in the fun of teaching the kids proper eating habits. To foster such an environment, you can make simple changes to your healthy choices and include the children in the process, such as Van Cise continues to do in the kitchen at the Eagles Nest.

If your family is looking for ideas, the USDA website, [choosemyplate.gov](http://choosemyplate.gov), is a great place to start. Help us continue to make a positive difference, one delicious meal at a time.

## Saginaw Chippewa Two Spirit/Straight Alliance Hosts Pizza Social

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE

Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Two Spirit/Straight Alliance came together on Feb. 6 for a pizza social at the beautiful Ziiibwing Center. The group is a support group for LGBTQ in our community who may be struggling with issues such as coming out, questioning, coping, and acceptance.

The evening started off with a warm welcome from Frank Cloutier, Saginaw Chippewa Public Relations Director, to all of the families and friends in attendance. He explained how important it was to have group like this and pointed out that its primary aim should support struggling youth.

After the greeting it was time for some local pizza from Red Arrow and dessert of delicious cupcakes. During the support

group, It was explained that the group came about one day when Consuelo Gonzalez from Behavioral Health and Shannon Martin from the Ziiibwing Center discussed how there are a lot of great support groups out there and many different things but there wasn't one for Two Spirit people. Their idea was to create safe family-friendly place to be to share stories, similar struggles and connect with other Two Spirit people

**"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law. For if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal, as well,"**  
- President Obama, Inaugural Address on January 21, 2013.

and allies. The Two Spirit/Straight Alliance event was co-sponsored by the Behavioral Health Department, Nimkee Public Health, Ziiibwing and Central Michigan University's Native American Programs. Our community strives to aide families with traditional Native

teachings and programs that make our community stronger and it all starts with the youth. If you are interested in learning more about Saginaw Chippewa Two Spirit/Straight Alliance, please call Consuelo Gonzalez at 989-775-4386 or find the group on Facebook.

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**Dear WW:** I don't know how to handle this problem. I have a friend that seems to be completely addicted to her cell phone. Whenever we are together she spends most of the time texting her other friends or checking her Facebook. Sometimes she puts it away but then she takes it right back out again. It's like she's possessed by it. This doesn't seem very respectful to our friendship. I'm afraid if I say anything to her, she will be mad or hurt, but if I don't, I'm the one whose mad or hurt. **Ring Ring!**

**Dear Ring Ring:** I wonder if she is doing it just to you or if she does it to everyone? If it's just you, then maybe she doesn't find you or your conversation that interesting. I do see it as a sign of lack of respect for the relationship if this is happening. However, if she is doing it all the time no matter who she is with, then maybe she is addicted to her phone. Depending on how close you are, you could bring this to her awareness. The next time she calls for an outing would be a perfect time to do it. You are not the only person suffering from this problem. There are restaurants that will give a discount on food for those who will give up their phones while having their meal. Maybe that should be your next restaurant!

**Dear WW:** It's no secret that my mother-in-law is a raging alcoholic, but what really gets me is that my husband will not confront her about this. The last time it happened, I left her house and walked half way home before he picked me up. All I could do was cry thinking that he allowed her to treat me that way. Now I have to deal with resentments towards him on top of it. I'm tired of sounding like a broken record and he says I am asking him to choose between the two of us. Maybe if I drank he would love me more! **One For The Road**

**Dear One For The Road:** Actually the best thing he can do is not confront the alcoholic and to leave the scene when someone has been drinking. You leaving the scene was a good thing but next time, why not wait in the car. He might not see what you see if she has done this all of his life. Confronting her will not do any good as she already knows that she needs help. Alcoholism is a disease and not everyone recovers to live a sober life. Distance yourself and leave his mother to him and refuse to go over there. It actually might be a relief to him. In the meantime, please find out all you can about **Alanon** which is a support group for people with addicted people in their life.

**Dear WW:** My cousin who I grew up with but have drifted apart from did not invite me to her wedding. This wedding has been the talk at many family functions to the point where I get sick of hearing about it. We are the same age and I am not one to date. I wasn't even asked to be a part of the wedding party. I am very heart broken over this and don't know what to do. I don't have the confidence to confront her nor do I feel I have the confidence to show up at the wedding if I really am not invited. What should I do? **Left Out**

**Dear Left Out:** If you can't confront her or let her know, you have no choice but to harbor it as a resentment. You really have to push yourself to acknowledge you hurt to her. As hard as it may be, having done so in the end will free you from those feelings. Can you email her or text her or ask someone else to speak to her? Maybe since you don't date, she thought you wouldn't be interested in standing in hers. She might sense that you are "sick of hearing about it" and perhaps that could have offended her. Either way, you are really the only person who can find that out from her!

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Photos display our struggles and triumphs and the courage our ancestors gave us to succeed.

## Central Michigan University *Unveils a New Wall* Dedicated To SCIT

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

McGuirk Arena at Central Michigan University Events Center revealed a good change. The change comes to many as a strong sign of significance for preserving the history of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) and the relationship of CMU. As CMU dignitaries, SCIT Tribal Council Members, CMU students and the tribal community came together the night of Jan. 23, the unveiling of the new walls brought many positive emotions.

The project took a year and a half to complete and consisted of numerous meetings and many ideas from the project committee members. The finished product was captivating and reflected the various aspects of Saginaw Chippewa tribal culture and history beautifully.

Located in the center part of the ceiling of the four walls is a design intertwined with strawberries and acorns. The design reflects the Four Sacred Directions and the colors that represent those directions.

These walls and directions depict different things as the north side features replicas of Native American items such

as baskets, cradleboards and a birchbark canoe that are still used in the culture. The south side features the relationships between the Tribe and CMU and showcases some of the CMU Native American graduates. The east wall features the history of the Anishinaabe culture and prized photos of relatives and past Tribal Chiefs. This wall will also feature a touch screen panel that includes photos that could not be displayed on the walls. The touch screen will also give information about the Native American culture such as what are powwows and the entities that SCIT offers. The west wall displays the repatriation of the ancestral remains from CMU.

"It (repatriation) significant a part of our history and we are pleased that it is a part of the wall on the west side," stated CMU Associate Vice President and Athletic Director Dave Heeke.

Heeke shared that the growing relationship between the Tribe and CMU is strong and still growing and by having these displays will only further communicate the historical significance of SCIT. He explained that during the 2007 construction process of the Events Center there was a discussion with representatives

from the Tribe to designate a space to feature the history of the Native American population in the region and the historical relationship with CMU.

"We wanted a visible reminder of the original inhabitants of the region and to respect

the history, the culture and the heritage while at the same time respect the partnership and relationship that has developed and evolved over the number of years between CMU and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe," Heeke said. "We are thrilled with this

space and thrilled with working with the Tribe."

When CMU President Ross was entering the lobby of the Events Center he said that he overheard someone saying that there was a very sweet spirit in the building.



Repatriation was an important event in the tribal community as they layed the ancestors to rest.





The late Minnie Jackson (known for her strawberry basket making) is displayed among those who played significant roles for our future pictured by Chief Okemos and Chief Nes-ro-ss-o-ba (Broken Jaw).

“This is a special place for learning and a special place to celebrate the partnership and the strong relationship between CMU and SCIT,” Ross said. “Beautiful isn’t it?”

Ross wanted to recognize Shannon Martin, Director of the Ziibwing Center, Colleen Green, Director of Native American Programs at CMU, Marcella Hadden, SCIT Public Relations Manager and Tonia Bleuer. These four ladies combined their ideas, organizational skills, time management and responsibility for putting the wall together for the Tribe.

“When this project began we did reach out to SCIT because we wanted them to be proud of this,” Ross said.

Tribal Chief Dennis V. Kequom Sr. was very pleased with the design and with the committee doing an outstanding job representing the Tribe.

“Miigwetch to all the committee members for the beautiful display,” Kequom said. “The walls are covered in photos for a constant reminder that it is

really important for events such as repatriating our ancestors back to the Earth. Our ancestors’ knowledge and determination helped lead us to where we are today.”

During the planning process of the wall others stepped up to the plate including Nick Williams, Associate Athletic Director for Corporate Sales and Marketing, Derek van der Merwe, Deputy Director of Athletics and Chief Operating Officer and Stan Shingles, Assistant Vice President of University Recreation, Central Michigan University Vice President of Development and External Affairs Kathleen Wilbur and SCIT Public Relations Director, Frank Cloutier.

SCIT Council member Charmaine Shawana extended the invitation to Hadden, Green, Martin, and other members of the tribal administration to work on this project.

“We began to put our heads together and work with the CMU athletic staff to begin the conceptualization design and development phase,” Martin



Displayed are replicas of items that are currently being used in the Native American culture today. Each item was beautifully crafted by the Anishanabek people.

said. “Looking at the beauty of this finished space now, the committee is able to see the pride in the faces of the people attending this Dedication Ceremony. Together, we are acknowledging the beauty and significance of our heritage while inviting the Central Michigan University community to participate with us in our culture.”

For Colleen Green it was a challenge by having four

different minds coming together and looking at things from different viewpoints.

“We went out to our community members and asked them what their thoughts were as well,” Green said. “We didn’t want it to seem like we were doing this by ourselves.”

The committee reached out to the tribal community, in addition to SCIT Public Relations, CMU students and Alumni, and the Tribal Observer and asked for photographs. Photos not used on the walls will be used on the touch screen.

“We wanted to make sure that we included everyone and not disregard photographs because they were cherished photographs that people have chosen to share with us,” Green said. “There were over 50 photographs that we had the challenging, but yet rewarding task to put together.”

Green also acknowledged the individuals in the CMU Athletic Department that the committee worked with and explained that they were extremely respectful and didn’t force a due date with the project.

“It was really nice to work with all of those individuals,” Green said.

Tribal Council was updated on the status of the project through Marcella Hadden in the bi-weekly Public Relations update meetings and she felt honored to sit on the project committee.

Hadden explained that during the Kahgegab Administration that there was an articulation agreement signed in 2003 that states that the Tribe and the University are committed to honor dignity and respect.

“I want to thank everyone for their contributions,” Hadden said.

The CMU Events Center has become the most used facility in the community and on the campus and has hosted a variety of cultural and sports-related events with over thousands of people visiting from the region and other regions.

The committee would like to thank the Tribal Council, Public Relations Department, and CMU Athletic Department for the appointment of the project committee; and entrusting them to strengthen the partnership and reflect the tribal community.



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## Life's Lessons Teach Us that the Old Days Arent So Bad

**DAWN PEREZ**

Contributing Writer

"I need help!" How many times have you said those very words? I stopped at a friend's house just in time to help her out. It was fine. I wasn't doing anything anyways. There she was rushing around trying to get things in order. I wondered to myself if the president was on his way over or something. She had grown children sitting around and I wondered why, if the president was indeed coming, they weren't helping. Later on I was thinking about my own family. There have been times



that I could use a hand with the chores and no one bothers to get up and help. How can I change this behavior?

Well the powers that be helped me get my answer. You know how somehow a bill gets over looked or maybe another bill was more important so you had to delegate which one to pay first? Somehow this month

it was between the Consumers bill and the Charter (cable) bill. Guess which bill won this round? Well, a few days later the cable did go on the chopping block and got turned off. I don't even know why I was stressing about it because some wonderful changes were about to take place. Reminds me of that saying about when one door closes, in my case the cable door, and another door opening.

What was the door that opened, you say? Instead of "Liking" everything on Facebook—we actually talked to each other when we sat down to dinner. Nothing on the television equals boredom at my

house and the kids actually got up to help. It seemed like we had more "together" time too. They wanted to go places instead of staying home and it was real nice having company during my regular routine of running around paying bills. I felt like I was performing an injustice, to myself and my kids, when I walked into the Charter office to pay that bill. Well, all any of us could do is try to make little changes without beating ourselves up about it. Hey, I make mistakes too.

Thinking this through, I came to the conclusion that I am the one to blame for their behavior. I am the one

providing Internet service and Wi-Fi. I pay the cable so they can sit and watch whatever they want. Sometimes in wanting to create a better life for my kids—I inadvertently did just the opposite. They don't need all that stuff. It hinders them from going outside to play like we did back in the day. They need to move and use their bodies so they can be healthy. Walking to see friends, climbing trees, playing Tag, riding bikes, skating—anything to get them up and moving. My prayer to the Creator today will be that I remember it is good to "keep on trucking". Do it for the health of it. BaaMaaPii.

## Understanding the Implications of Truancy and its Prevention

**SANDRA STEVENS**

Contributing Writer

Truancy is hard to address because of the confusion about who is responsible for handling the "problem." Does the responsibility fall on the schools; Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services; Law Enforcement; Tribal Courts; Behavioral Health; Tribal Education Department; the Parents or is the Student only at fault?

Truancy is a community problem. We must look at all the factors involved, and be willing to work together for the future our children, and the Tribe.

The cost for truancy is high. Truancy has been clearly identified as one of the early warning signs that school age children are potentially headed for delinquent activities. Research shows that truancy is related to delinquency, substance use and abuse, high school dropout, suicidal

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- If you are a College/High School graduate you have the potential to earn a higher wage than the drop-out.
- Unemployment rates are generally 20 percent higher

for drop-out than for College/High School graduates.

Given the multifaceted issues that can lead to truancy, it is clear that this is a matter for the whole community, and we need to come together to address and solve this problem for the well-being of our children and their future.

If you would like to share your thoughts and ideas please feel free to contact me by calling 989-775-4901. Miigwech!

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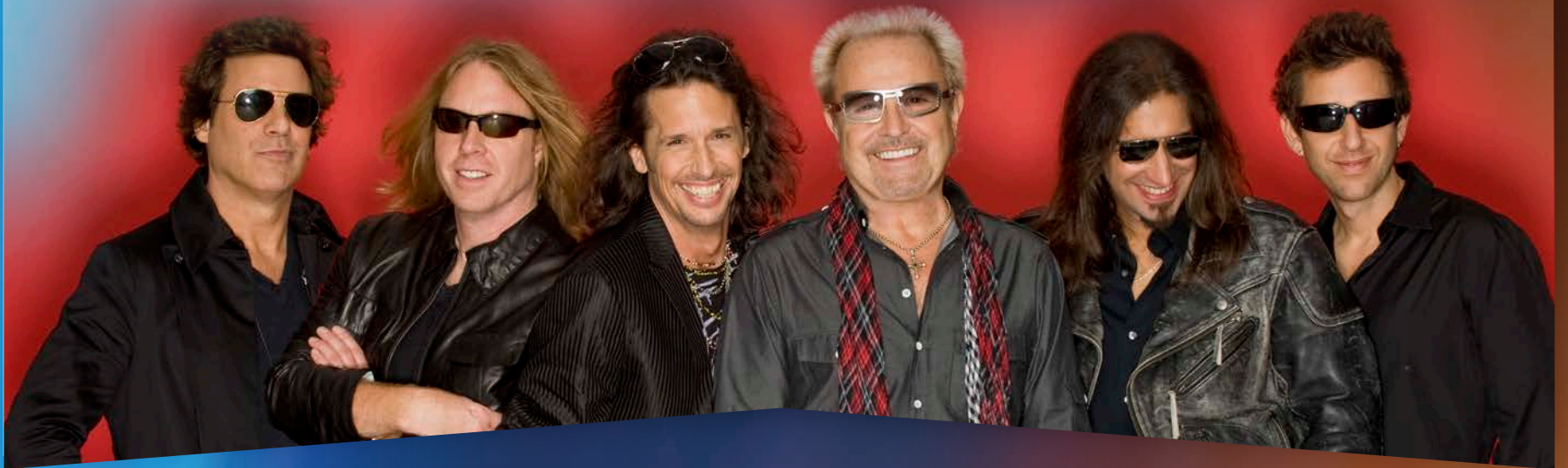
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## Learning the Fundamentals of Pool through a Professional

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

For SCIT Afterschool students being able to learn how to play pool with some of the best in the Women's Professional Billiards Association was exciting. Not to mention fun.

This year was quite different as the afterschool program invited some of the SCIT Youth Council Members to try out the pool clinic.

Students entered the Entertainment Hall with sheer excitement. Billiard players from Allison "The Duchess of Doom" Fisher to Michigan's own Vicki "Diamond Vic" Paski were ready to teach the youth about the lessons in playing pool.

Students counted off by four's and proceeded to the pool tables ready to shoot some billiard balls into the pockets.

Parks & Recreation Events Coordinator, Joe Sowmick felt that by being able to invite some of the members of the SCIT Youth Council made it a stronger event by intertwining the older youth with the younger.

It is programs such as the Youth Pool Clinic that the students are able to learn new things and by working together with the SECR Marketing Department they were able to make the pool clinic happen.

"It was the efforts that we done through these different departments to do the outreach but it seems that whenever there are competitive



**Karen Corr teaches Courtney Swink a lesson in trying to angle the pool cue.**

sporting events we haven't done our best effort to tap into that and having the support of the Marketing Department we were able to tap into something like this and it is a natural fit," Sowmick said.

With the afterschool program they welcome the parents of the students to try to be involved with the events their children participate in.

"We try to build in that family component in the afterhours and that is why we have a lot of weekend events and events after 5 p.m.," Sowmick said. "We are hoping to foster that and be able to build the parents into the schedule. The important thing with the afterschool program is seeing that interaction increase between the parents and the students regarding what they are doing in school and that is the natural outreach growth what we are trying to foster."

Ronnie Ekdahl, Parks & Recreation Director had gotten positive feedback about the pool clinic in the past.

"One of the biggest reasons why we participated in it again this year is the overwhelming response from our youth and the parents and the community members to see our kids on a national spotlight on ESPN and to have them interact with some of the best pool players," Ekdahl said. "The billiard players were just so outgoing and good with the kids and the kids just enjoyed it. It is a really overall positive experience for everyone, the afterschool program, the marketing department, the players and

for the kids in the community. I hope we can continue to utilize that program and work more with the SECR Marketing Department."

Parks & Recreation currently has two pool tables located in their lounge and are waiting to see the students grasp onto the idea of playing pool.

"The clinic taught them to be respectful of the pool tables and it also showed them that there are opportunities out there to do great things," Ekdahl said.

Thank you to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Marketing Department for organizing the Youth Pool Clinic.

### McGuire

**The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of January:**

Emma VanHorn, Katie Green, Phoebe DeFeyer, Sam Hassan, Caleb Kequom, James Montoya-Pego, Guadalulpe Pelcher-Arias, Daniel Fuller, Brian McNarama, Quinnlan Burger, Carlos Sanders, Katheryn Pierce, Kaila Garcia, Naomi Compo, Tyler VanHorn, Nelson Kahgegab, Hunter Kequom, Will Potter, Carli Sprague, Carlee Williams, Jose Garcia, Michael Pelcher.

### Pullen

**The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of January:**

Bailey Burger, Justin Ritter-Bollman, Makayla Stevens, Malakai Demoinis, Zheesheeb Compo, Tayden Davis, Mackenzie Burger, Jayden Neyome, Aaron Graveratte, J.J. Hendrickson, Jesse Ritter-Bollman.

### Shepherd

**The following students earned high GPA's for the third marking period (\*Denotes 4.0), Middle School:**

Hayley Cogswell, Tabitha Drews, Sedona Mejia, Dia Niezgoda, Alicia Raphael, Jordan Seegraves, Allyssa Shawboose, Joseph Sineway, Scott Sura. **High School:** Jarek Chamberlain, Taylor Cogswell, Cheyanne Drews, Jacob Jackson, Gena Leksche, Eternity Leonard, Arionna Mejia, Tina Neyome, Rhyannon Quinlan, \*Garrett Reed, Abbey Sura, Charlie Watkins.

**The following elementary students have earned perfect attendance for the month of January:**

Alize Jackson, Mihaiah Montoya-Pego, Trevor Phillips, Camron Scarlott-Pelcher, Brandon Seegraves, Olivia Sineway, Logan VanOrden.

**The following students have earned perfect attendance for the third marking period, Middle School:**

Adam Jewell, Kobun Neyome, Alicia Phillips. **High School:** Chris Benz, Jarek Chamberlain, Gena Leksche, Eternity Leonard, Autumn Neyome, Skyler Neyome, Tina Neyome, Garrett Reed, Taylor Seegraves.

### West Intermediate:

**The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of January:**

Marlin Bennett, E'Yabay Champlin, Tyler Chippeway, George Cloud, Robert Falcon-Hart, Ngwis Garcia, Wabagwonese Graveratte, Nathan Mandoka, Killian Markovich-Peters, Brenden Odem, Yasmin Pelcher-Arias, Edgar Peters, Phillip Peters, Shailyn Pontiac, Kallena Ricketts, Hailey Ritter, Elissa Schlegel, Gavin Seybert, Dajia Shinos, Miigwaans Smith.

### Saginaw Chippewa Academy

**The following students earned Student of the Month for the month of January:**

Mya Chippeway, Josclynn Shaw, Caden Pego, Cameron Fleming, Thalia Bennett, Madison Bennett, Courtney Swink, Theresa Bennett.

**The following students have turned in all homework for the month of January:**

Lexus Davis, Theresa Bennett, Karen Chippewa, Aleeya Peters, Josclynn Shaw, Anita Pelcher, Kyleigh Scarlott, Karma Pelcher-Scarlott, Meadow David, Toby Pamp, Gabe Jackson, Josephine Wemigwans, Kaley Davis, Josiah Hernandez-Wemigwans, Kataya Hickerson, Angelica Hinmon-Sanchez, Tawny Jackson, Rodney Miller, Caden Pego, Thomas Pelcher, Katie Pigeon, Thomas Williams, Ariel Hinmon, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Adam Saboo, Akiwaande Sheahan, Foster Crampton, Isaiah Leauteaux, Thalia Bennett, Chelsea Pelcher, Mana Pelcher, Dawnseh Wilson.

**The following students have earned perfect attendance for the month of January:**

Nyah Chippeway, Lars George, Matthew Quaderer, Thomas Henry, DaShawn Rueckert, Katie Pigeon, Layla Paul, Lindsay Paul, Gracin Montoya, Inara Curry, Hope Stevens, Miikawadizi Prout, Adriana Paul, Frederick Highley, Madison Kennedy-Kequom, Theresa Bennett, Nathan Isaac, Aleeya Peters.

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### Broadway Playhouse Kids are Bringing Alice in Wonderland to the Stage

From Alice to the Mad Hatter, The Broadway Playhouse Kids are bringing Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland story to life at the Broadway Theatre in downtown Mt. Pleasant. Mike Sobolewski, Tribal Tutor at Shepherd Public School will be directing the play. The version that will be on stage will be different than any of the films that anyone has seen.



Tribal members Shaylyn Sprague will be playing the cook, Chloe Wemigwans will be playing the Deuce of Hearts and Mgizi Wemigwans will be one of the stagehands and a puppeteer.

Show times will be March 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7 p.m. and March 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door, Ric's Food Center, Ace of Diamonds and at [www.friendsofthebroadway.org](http://www.friendsofthebroadway.org) for \$8.

**For more information contact the Broadway Theatre at 989-775-2075**





## Mid Term News at SCTC

MARY PELCHER  
Contributing Writer

2013 is proving to be a stellar year for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. There are 18 students slated to graduate in the May 2013. This is will be the largest class for the Tribal College to date. The graduation ceremony that is usually held at the Tribal gym is now being planned to be held at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort. This year is the 15th graduation ceremony celebration for SCTC and a milestone for the Tribal community.

Enrollment numbers at SCTC are steady. In fall of 2010 there were 163 students enrolled at SCTC, in fall of 2011 there were 133 students enrolled, and in the fall of 2012 there were 136 students enrolled at SCTC. Likewise in 2010 there were 16 graduates, in 2011 there were 13 graduates, and in 2012 there were nine graduates. As the numbers prove there is a steady flow in enrollment and graduates. An important note on the graduates,

there are now several SCTC graduates that work for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in many different departments and programs.

The Student Resource Center (SRC) at the Tribal College is also proving to be a great addition. The staff and tutors have been very busy this school year. The SRC offers a FREE and very valuable tutoring service to the Tribal College and the community. According to Katy DenHeeten, Dean of Student Services, 40 percent of registered students at SCTC used the SRC services at least once during the fall semester. 383 visits were recorded with an average of five visits per day. So far, approximately 538 hours have been spent on tutoring. Also, 10 people from the community have used the SRC services, mainly to brush up on math and GED skills.

SRC in conjunction with the SCTC Extension office hosted the community Valentine's party. It was attended by 22 students and community members. This is an example of a community connection and program collaboration that the SRC staff and tutors have cultivated throughout the academic year. Tutoring is offered in all subjects, see ad below for more information.

As we reach mid-term at SCTC the winter seems relentless. But really there are only a few weeks left for the spring 2013 semester. We all look forward to a much needed spring break (March 4-8)! Then it is the final push for the academic year. SCTC looks forward to giving those 18 graduates a heartfelt graduation ceremony as they reach this important lifetime milestone. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community gains a gem with each graduate.

## Planning for the Future of Your Tribal College

Photo courtesy of SCTC



Future site of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College sign on Broadway Road.

MARY PELCHER  
Contributing Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College has scheduled two planning focus groups. They will be held on March 27, 2013, 1 to 3 p.m., and April 10, 2013, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., both sessions will be held in the Tribal Center in the Seniors Room.

These focus groups are designed to gather input from the community on the future of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. The focus groups will be led by SCTC President Carla Sineway and Grants & Special Projects Coordinator, Amanda George-Dye.

In July of 2012 the Tribal Council signed resolution 12-119 that granted the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College 295 acres of land to begin the process of building a campus The Assman,

Coughlin, Rose, Ervin, and Miller parcels of land are now designated with signs on Broadway and Leaton Roads that read "Future site of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College."

The Tribal community is welcome to attend either of the focus group sessions. For more information call Amanda George-Dye at 989-775-4123.

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### Important!

This is a friendly student reminder that the last day to WITHDRAW from SCTC classes is Friday, March 15th. Please be aware, for an official withdraw you must submit a withdrawal FORM prior to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 2013. Your signature is required and reason for withdrawal should be noted. Please call Patricia Alonzo, Registrar at (989) 775-4123 if you have any questions.

### SCTC Spring 2013 Calendar

- March 1 (5 p.m.).. | Spring break begins
- March 11 ..... | Classes resume
- March 15 ..... | Last day to Withdraw
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## WPBA Brings Out the Best in the Pool World and Crowns a New Champion

**CARRIE GARCIA**  
Interim Editor

It proved to be an exciting four days at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as 48 of the best women billiard players came out for the 2013 Women's Professional Billiards Association (WPBA) Masters Tournament.

For the first time in history the WPBA Masters at SECR this year will be televised live on ESPN3. Last year Ewa Mataya Laurance won the 2012 WPBA Masters Tournament at SECR with Allison Fisher as the Runner-Up.

From the early morning of Friday, Feb. 8 through the late hours of Saturday, Feb. 9 the professionals played their way to have a spot in the semifinals for Sunday afternoon where they would play for the WPBA 9-ball Masters trophy.

Saturday was a battlefield for most of the players but in the end the matches of the night belong to Allison Fisher against Monica Webb, Karen Corr against Ga Young Kim, Jeanette Lee against Line Kjorsvik, and Helena Thornfeldt against Jasmine Ouschan.

The two matches of Fisher against Webb and Corr against Kim would determine who would go first into the semifinals. Winners of the matches of Lee against Kjorsvik and Thornfeldt against Ouschan



**Karen Corr studies her shot on the yellow one ball. Corr lost her match against Monica Webb during the semi-finals.**

would then play against the losers of the other two matches of Fisher and Webb and Corr against Kim and the winner of those matches would advance on to the semifinals for Sunday.

These matches were nail biters as the players brought out their best billiard moves while others felt that they didn't play up to where they wanted.

The first two people going onto the semifinals for Sunday were Fisher who will be in semifinal number one and Corr who will be playing in semifinal number two. This meant that the other ladies who wanted to place themselves in the semifinals had to step up their strategies and motives and play like they never played before.

Winners of the other two matches were Ouschan and Lee. The fierce competition between the players was at a high as the

10 p.m. matches consisted of Lee against Webb and Ouschan and Kim. It was an upsetting loss for Lee as Webb advanced on to play against Corr in semifinal number two. Ouschan lost against Kim and Kim secured her spot to play against Fisher in semifinal number one. For the ladies advancing on for Sunday it was time to get a full night's rest and to practice early.

Sunday was a big day in the world of billiards as four ladies each with different techniques of pool playing would enter the arena either to walk away a winner or walk away with nothing. It was time to play pool.

Spectators lined up before they allowed people to enter the arena and grabbed the best seats they could get. They were able to catch glimpses of Fisher practicing her shots or a giggly and cheery Kim

walking around. To the pool world Kim's nickname is, Little Devil Girl and Kim even said that she smiles and she isn't always the devil. The nickname could be because of the mischievous facial expressions she has when she plays pool. At 1 p.m. the match between Fisher and Kim went live on ESPN3 and the seats around the arena were full as some of the visitors stood to watch this intense match.

The match was unpredictable as Fisher was leading with the first set 4-3 and in the next set led 2-1. Kim took the lead away from Fisher as she came back the third set 4-3. This meant that with Kim winning the third set they went into a sudden death playoff. In the end Kim won the final game and officially moved on to the finals.

Between the matches with limited breaks, WPBA Tournament Director Steve Tipton would give the audience a chance to ask trivia questions and some of the women billiard players would throw gifts to the audience and even some of them got the chance to try to make a trick shot to win dinner for two at SECR, tickets to a concert or even a hotel stay.

In the second match Monica Webb faced Karen Corr. Corr lost the match with Webb winning both sets with 4-0 and 4-0. Webb was going on to play against Kim in the finals.

At 5 p.m. both Kim and Webb smiled at each other and



**Runner-up Monica Webb and WPBA Masters Champion Ga Young Kim complimented SECR on the beautiful facilities and would like to have the WPBA Masters again next year at the casino.**

shook hands and would figure out who would break first. With many expressions of excitement or either disappointment from the audience for their favorite player, Kim won the tournament by winning two sets of 4-0 and 4-0.

After defeating Webb, Kim shook her arms in the air with her pool stick in hand and the crowd cheered and gave her a standing ovation. The smile from Kim's face let everyone know that she was proud of her accomplishment.

Tim McCullough, Guest Service Specialist and Jill Spindler, Box Office Supervisor from SECR handed the crystal WPBA trophies to Runner-Up Monica Webb and WPBA Masters Champion Ga Young Kim.

## Jeff Foxworthy Brings Hilarity of Redneck Comedy to SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

The sound of laughter filled the air courtesy of the king of southern comedy, rednecks, and blue collars Jeff Foxworthy. Foxworthy best known for his "You might be a redneck" one-liners, brought his Grammy nominated stand-up act to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. He is a true master of his craft, becoming one of the most respected and successful comedians in America.

Foxworthy has released six major-label albums during his thirty year career,

while becoming the largest selling comedy-recording artist ever. His first two albums *You Might Be a Redneck If* (1993) and *Games Rednecks Play* (1995), both achieved three times platinum status by selling over three millions copies. He is also a best-selling author, having published over 26 books.

In 2000 his career experienced a resurgence largely due to his involvement in the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. This tour brought together a band of "working class" comedians. Paired with Larry the Cable Guy, Ron White, and Bill Engvall,

he toured for three years in front of record crowds. The success of the tour launched the quartet into a television deal with Comedy Central and the development of *Blue Collar TV*. From 2009-2011 he also appeared as the host of the primetime game show *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* Currently Jeff Foxworthy is working as the producer and host of *The American Bible Challenge* on the Game Show Network.

According to Foxworthy, the redneck label can be attributed to an individual who displays "a glorious lack of sophistication." Although known for his

redneck themed humor, his comedic reach extends much further. On stage he covered a broad range of topics, but mostly spoke from experiences and observations of everyday family life, relationships, and human nature.

While reflecting on the frigid weather that night, Foxworthy poked fun at the people living in our state when he asked, "I don't see a wall, ya'll know you can leave don't ya?" Interestingly enough however, the state of Michigan holds a special place in Foxworthy's heart. It was here that he developed his own brand of comedy. One of his early gigs was at a Detroit area bowling alley, which strangely offered valet parking for its customers. After being ridiculed for his southern accent, he responded to the crowd.

"If you don't think you have rednecks in Michigan, look out the window. People are valet parking at a bowling alley!" He jumped on this idea, and that night returned to his room to write 10 more "You might be a redneck" jokes.



**The southern twang of Jeff Foxworthy's voice was met with rounds of laughter and applause.**

That's right folks; the king of redneck comedy received his greatest inspiration from the residents of the great state of Michigan. His comedy has a way of connecting with people, no matter what walk of life they come from. As his monologue ensued, the southern twang of his voice was met with rounds of laughter and applause by the audience. Though few would be willing to admit it, it seems there may be a little redneck in all of us.

## SECR UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	TICKETS	EVENT DATE
Foreigner	On Sale Now!	Sun. March 3
Little Big Town w/ David Nail	Sold Out	Sat. March 9
Death at the Doo-wop Dinner Theater	On Sale Now!	Fri. March 29
Men of Soul	On Sale Now!	Sat. March 30
Blues Festival	On Sale Now!	Fri. April 5
Cheech & Chong	On Sale Now!	Sat. April 20
Loretta Lynn	On Sale Now!	Sat. April 27





# Bellator MMA Lightweight Tournament Quarterfinals

VANYORK SHAWBOOSE

Staff Writer

The Bellator fights were back at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. This is a place that you always experience more. Equipped with the official MMA ring standing straight in the middle of the Entertainment Hall and of course the gorgeous MMA ring girls Mercedes and Jade, it was a packed place with fans that came out of the cold to see their favorite fighter.

With it being live on Spike TV added more excitement and adrenaline to the fighters.

The main fights were to start later as the under card fights began the event. These under card fights were filled with local talent. It's always exciting



Clinton Pelcher's nephew received the gloves of a local fighter from Detroit, Jason "The Finisher" Fischer.

to watch the under card fights because these fighters are the rising stars and making their names known. Watching the Bellator on TV is fun to watch however it's nothing like being there watching it live.

The SECR stage crew was professional when it came to handling the lighting setup for the event and made it a night to remember.

Being at an event such as the Bellator, everything is so much bigger and energetic. Loud beats of the music played out of the enormous speakers and the fog from the machines filled the Entertainment Hall and the streams of the different colors from the strobe lights bounced off the walls letting the spectators know that the fighters were coming out and ready to begin their matches.

As each fighter came out on to the stage the fans screamed in an uproar as the TV for Spike panned over the crowd.

The main four fights for the night started off with Alexander "The Tiger" Sarnavskiy versus Thiago Michel.

The Tiger proved to be fierce as his work on defeating the other fighter was short. With his rear naked choke hold, he won in the second round.

Saad Awad versus Guillaume DeLorenzi was the second main fight. Awad was a late replacement for Patricky "Pitbull" Freire whom suffered an injury and was supposed to fight against DeLorenzi. From the looks of things, the spectators thought Guillaume was going to have an easy night but in the world of sports, there is nothing written in stone. This is what makes it so fun to watch. As soon as the fight started, Awad forced himself onto Guillaume with vengeance and a fast heated exchange with him. The fists were flying of Awad and it proved to be too much for Guillaume. As Guillaume's legs were giving out, he tried to cling on to the referee for support. In other terms, he had just gotten his lights punched out.

For the third main fight Will "ILL Will" Brooks fought against Ricardo Tirlon. The match was a very emotional fight for Books because of his mom passing away. He told the fans that the fight was for his parents and wanted to thank them for being the great parents that they didn't have to be. Video aired on the screens that showed Brooks being interviewed and photos of his late mother. During the interview



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

The under card fights were exciting and full of energy, as they featured local talent trying to make a name for themselves.

the camera would focus a live shot of his father in the audience. The look on his father's face would definitely show that he was very proud and happy of their son. His father was trying so hard to hold back the tears of happiness.

It was a great match up between Brooks and Tirlon as they both have similar styles of fighting and use these crisp striking skills and powerful wrestling moves. Fans could be heard chanting, "ILL Will" over and over again. This made a greatest moment in the cage for Brooks fighting career. Brooks succeeded to win the match over Tirlon.

The last main fight for the night was of David "Cave

Man" Rickels versus Lloyd "Cupcake" Woodard. There was no love lost between these fighters which could be clearly seen at the weigh in. The two fighters would get in each other faces which led to a bet between them. This bet was whoever loses the match must shave their beard or mustache. Woodard seem upset that night. You could say that he was red as a maraschino cherry on top of a cake that tonight. Besides losing the fight between the Cave Man, his girlfriend that he had a photo of her face tattooed on his forearm went on a diet. Looks like there will be no more cupcakes for her. In the end, the Cave Man will keep his beard and also his cake too.

## The Days of Big Hair Metal Bands Arrived Once Again At SECR

CARRIE GARCIA

Interim Editor

Remember the days of hot pink socks and t-shirt clips and of course the puffy pillows of hair with the help of hair spray that many would wear out on a daily basis. For many in the audience they could remember the '80s as the days of glam rock and heavy metal were popular.

L.A. Guns, Warrant, and Sebastian Bach brought back many memories and created new ones for many of the fans in attendance at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Having three well known bands in the same place brought out the excitement in the crowd. As the members of L.A. Guns, Lead Guitarist Michael Grant, Bass Guitarist Scott Griffin, and Drummer Steve Riley appeared on stage and started playing their music the audience especially those sitting in the front row got out of their seats and started dancing to the music. It was when Phil Lewis, Lead Vocalist appeared on stage with his leather jacket accompanied with a fox skin draped over his shoulder, leather pants, and fishnet shirt that the crowd started whistling as they knew it was going to be a good opening act.



Observer photos by Carrie Garcia

Lead Vocalist of Warrant, Robert Mason belted out classic songs that took the audience on a flashback.

They started out with the song called, "No Mercy". As the band got the attention of many of the audience members, they started throwing out guitar picks.

Their next song called, "Sex Action" proved that heavy metal still lives on with the loud drumming and strong guitar riffs.

Interestingly enough, Lewis went into telling the background story of their new song off their album, Hollywood Forever called, "You Better Not Love Me". He explained to the audience that he was not a fan of love songs which was the theory behind the song.

With lyrics such as, *she's a stone cold fox and she's so freaking fly but she better not love me unless she likes to cry*, it's definitely a song that doesn't profess love to anyone.

Other songs that L.A. Guns played were, "Ballad of Jayne", and "Rip & Tear" and ended their show.

In between sets fans flocked to be close up to the stage when Warrant would make their entrance onto the SECR stage. Some dressed in Warrant shirts and some women brought out their big hair couldn't wait to catch the glimpse of the Cherry Pie Guys.

Warrant brought out an exciting show as current lead singer and ex- Lynch Mob singer Robert Mason brought the excited crowd to their feet. Jani Lane who was the lead singer from the beginning of Warrant died August of 2011.

Mason with his microphone stand was fully energetic as his movement did not stop. With belting out lyrics to some of their songs, "Down Boys", "The Last Straw" DRFSR (Dirty, Rotten, Filthy, Stinking, Rich) the crowd wanted more and were absorbed into the music.

It was their love ballad, "Heaven" that the crowd sang along when Mason had aimed the microphone to them and let them sing a majority of the song.

They ended the show with their hits, "Uncle Tom's Cabin", "Home" and of course, "Cherry Pie" which everyone sang along to and also moved their bodies along to the music.

Sebastian Bach can be remembered as the Lead Vocalist for the American Hard Rock band, Skid Row. Skid Row has the same musical backgrounds as Guns N' Roses, Metallica, Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Kiss, Van Halen, Poison Motley Crue and others. The band was founded in 1986 and at the time consisted of band members, Vocalist Sebastian Bach, Guitarist Dave Sabo, Guitarist Scotti Hill, Bassist James Southworth also known as Rachel Bolan and Drummer Rob Affuso. During this time Skid Row wrote many hits including, "18 and Life", "Wasted Time", "Ghost" and "In a Darkened Room". While Bach was still in the band, they were able to produce albums such as, Skid Row, Slave to the Grind, and B-Side Ourselves, Subhuman Race.

In 1996 Bach had been fired by the band and left to pursue his own career. Some of his work could be seen on Broadway with the title role in Jekyll & Hyde and The Rocky Horror Show.

In 2011 Bach released his solo album titled, Kicking & Screaming and will be releasing

another solo album titled, *ABachalypse Now* this year.

Bach along with his new band brought some of the new and old hits.

While lassoing around the microphone and frantically head banging with his long locks of blonde hair the audience up roared in excitement.

Bach included his own hits off his solo albums including, "Kicking & Screaming", "Dirty Power", "Stuck Inside", "Piece of Me", "As Long As I Got The Music", and "Tunnelvision".

For a job well done Bach along with his band on stage all bowed in front of the audience to end the night.



Sebastian Bach, known for his big hair in the band Skid Row, rocked the SECR as fans sang along to many of his rock ballads.





## Avon Breast Health Outreach Program Awards Grant for Breast Cancer Awareness Program to SCIT Nimkee Clinic

JUDY DAVIS

Contributing Writer

**Mt. Pleasant, Michigan/February 4, 2013** – The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program has awarded an \$18,000 one-year grant to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to increase awareness of the life-saving benefits of early detection of breast cancer. It is the sixth year that the program has received funding from the Avon Foundation for Women to support its work on this important health issue and in recognition of the program's excellence.

The breast health program at Nimkee Clinic educates women and refers those eligible to low-cost or free mammograms. This vital program also includes free breast exams for all eligible women registered at the clinic. Since 1995 when the women's health screening program began at Nimkee, the clinic has reached women

with information about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and has referred 3,423 women for mammograms and completed 4,745 clinical breast exams at the clinic.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women in the United States, and the leading single cause of death overall in women between the ages of 40 and 55. According to the American Cancer Society, 8,140 new cases of breast cancer will be detected in Michigan this year and 1,360 lives will be lost. Nationwide, there is a new diagnosis every three minutes and a death from breast cancer every 14 minutes. While advances have been made in prevention, diagnosis and treatment; early detection still affords the best opportunity for successful treatment. Programs such as Nimkee Women's Health help ensure that all women have access to early detection information and

options, even poor and medically underserved women.

"We are proud that the Avon Foundation for Women shares our mission and has chosen to support our program. With these funds we will be able to continue our service to native clinic eligible women in this community," Jenna Wilcox, Women's Health Coordinator at Nimkee said.

Since 1993, the Avon Foundation has awarded 1,550 grants to community-based breast health programs across the United States, including the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's breast health program at Nimkee Clinic. These programs are dedicated to educating underserved women about breast cancer and linking them to early detection screening services.

**The Avon Foundation for Women**, an accredited 501(c) (3) public charity, was founded in 1955 to improve the lives of women and today

is the world's largest corporate-affiliated philanthropy focused on issues that matter most to women.

**The Avon Breast Cancer Crusade**, which observed its 20th anniversary in 2012, has placed Avon at the forefront of the fight against breast cancer; today, Avon is the leading corporate supporter of the cause globally. In the more than 20 years since the crusade's launch, Avon breast cancer programs in 58 countries have donated more than \$780 million for research and advancing access to care, regardless of a person's ability to pay. Avon raises funds for the crusade through the sale of Avon "Pink Ribbon" products, and through events and walks, such as the U.S. Avon Walk for Breast Cancer series, which is the Foundation's largest fundraising source.

**The Avon Breast Health Outreach Program** is administered by Cicatelli Associates Inc. to support community-based, non-profit breast health programs across the country. The Fund's National Advisory Board selected Nimkee's

Women's Health at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as one of 100 new grant recipients nationwide in the 2013 cycle of Avon Breast Health Outreach Program grants. These organizations were chosen based on their ability to effectively reach women, particularly minority, low-income, and older women, who are often medically underserved.

**For more information on Nimkee's Women's Health program** please call Jenna at 989-775-4604 or Judy at 989-775-4629. For more information about breast cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org), or the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER or [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov).

**To learn more about the Avon Foundation for Women**, call 1-866-505-AVON or visit [www.avonfoundation.org](http://www.avonfoundation.org), where you can access free printable Breast Health Resource Guides in English and Spanish. For information or to register or support the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer events, visit [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org) or call 1-888-540-WALK.

## Free Walk-In HIV TESTING at Nimkee

ROBYN GRINZINGER

Contributing Writer

March 20, 2013 marks the seventh annual National Native HIV Awareness Day. It is a time to reflect on those who have passed, as well as those who are currently infected. Native people have the fourth largest rates of NEW HIV infections.

Please take a few moments and look up this website [www.thepositiveproject.org](http://www.thepositiveproject.org). Those affected with HIV share their personal story.

### TESTING OPTIONS

1. All Nimkee patients, prior to March 20, please call 989-775-4633 to confirm you

**When:** March 20, National Native Testing Day, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Who:** All CHS (Contract Health) eligible patients of Nimkee/Saganing  
**Where:** Nimkee Clinic, 2591 S. Leaton Rd, Mt. Pleasant

are CHS (Contract Health Eligible). If you are told you are CHS eligible, you know the test is FREE for you.

Since this is a confidential test, at Nimkee Patient Registration "circle" the word OTHER upon check-in. When the nurse takes you back for your appointment, at that time you will inform her you are here for an HIV test. You do not need to inform the front desk. We have many people walk-in for lab work, which could mean flu shot to a cholesterol test.

2. If you are not a CHS eligible patient or prefer to go elsewhere, please contact the Central Michigan District Health Department at 989-773-5921 ext. 8409 to schedule a FREE test at their office. They are located at 2012 E. Preston Street, Mt. Pleasant. Anyone that is native or a resident of Isabella County is welcome. An appointment is needed.

If you have a concern about HIV or have any questions about testing, please contact Robyn at 989-775-4649 and I will be more than happy to help you.

## New Program for Children at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center

HELEN WILLIAMS

Contributing Writer

Does your child have difficulty learning, or hearing? Have you noticed behavioral problems like difficulty paying attention, poor concentration, unable to stay focused, hyperactivity, not talking, slow speech or very difficult to understand speech? Are you concerned that your child is not walking at the age the other kids in the family walked? Do you think your child acts tired or weak? Is your child eating or chewing on nonfood items?

There are many reasons for these symptoms and behaviors but lead poisoning can be one of them.

Lead can harm your child's brain, neurological system, kidneys, and other organs. Lead is a poisonous metal that our bodies cannot use.

Lead poisoning can occur with or without any obvious symptoms, and can harm your child. Blood testing is the only sure way to know if your child has lead poisoning.

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has a new lead screening Program available. Nursing Staff at Nimkee can now test your child for lead poisoning in minutes. The blood lead screening is

done with a capillary sample (finger prick) if the analysis of the sample shows an elevated blood lead level, it will be very important for you to bring your child back for a venous blood sample to confirm the results.

When should my child/children be tested for lead poisoning?

It is recommend that all children age one year, two years and six years of age to be screened for lead poisoning. It is recommended any child with neurological or behavior symptoms should be screened.

Screening can be done as part of your child's well child exams, at the walk in Immunization clinic or as needed just ask for lab when you come to Nimkee.

Testing is especially important for children who live in or spend time in older houses (homes build before 1978) which may have lead paint. Children who display signs or symptoms of lead poisoning discussed above should be tested. Lead can be in the soil, in the home or other environments your child visits.

Some children show no symptoms of lead poisoning so testing any child with possible exposure is recommended.

For more information call Helen Williams 989-775-4621 or Twila Schrot 989-775-4607.

### Nimkee Fitness Center

Group Exercise Schedule March 2013

Monday - Friday  
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 a.m.	Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon		Aqua Fit Sharon
11:00 a.m.		Mommy & Me Jayme		PiYo Brandi	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Crunch Go 30 Jaden	Turbo Kick Judi	Turbo Kick Brandi	Fitness Support Group Mar. 14 & 28	Boot Camp Jaden
4:00 p.m.	Step & Sculpt Brandi				
4:30 p.m.		Step & Sculpt Jeni	Step & Kick Plus Jeni		
5:10 p.m.	Zumba Jayme			World Fusion Belly Dance Tawnya	
5:30 p.m.			Zumba Express Jayme		





## Add Some Color to Your Plate

LISA SURIANO  
Contributing Writer

No one wants to see a plate that's full of colorless food like white pasta, potatoes and bread. Instead, wouldn't it be nice to see bright red tomatoes, perfectly orange carrots and leafy plant-like spinach? Here at Veggiecation, we sure think so!

In order to get the most health benefits possible, think color. Remember to keep track of how many servings of fruit and veggies you eat each day and try to push that number as high as you can.

We should be eating five or more servings a day of plant-based foods, so start making your peanut butter sandwiches

with fresh fruit, blending a veggie-infused smoothie for a morning snack and crunching on homemade baked kale and sweet potato chips.

To get your fill of fiber add dark-colored black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, and lentils to your diet. Want to keep your heart young and healthy? Eat red fruit and vegetables like tomatoes, beets, radishes, strawberries and raspberries. Lycopene, the antioxidant found in these foods protects against cell damage and cardiovascular disease.

Looking to improve your eyesight? Include carrots, sweet potatoes, pumpkins, and butternut squash in your diet. The beta-carotene converts to Vitamin A; which improves eyesight.

Leafy greens like spinach,



How many colors did you eat today?

kale, and Swiss Chard; plus broccoli, green beans, cucumbers, asparagus, and Brussels sprouts contain chlorophyll, Vitamins C and E and calcium for healthy skin, hair and bones, cataract and arthritis prevention.

In cases regarding veggies, white food is good! The pigment anthoxanthins found in cauliflower, garlic, mushrooms, onions, parsnips and jicama help to lower cholesterol and blood pressure.

### ✂ Shamrock Smoothie

#### TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

- Cutting Board
- Knife
- Blender
- Measuring Cup and Spoons
- Cups for tasting

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups kale, chopped
- 16 oz skim or low fat milk
- 16 oz plain or vanilla yogurt
- 2 large ripe bananas, frozen
- ¼ cup + 1 Tbs honey (optional)



#### YIELD:

5 Servings

#### DIRECTIONS:

Wash the kale leaves and dry. Remove stem and center rib and discard. Chop the kale and then measure. Place all of the ingredients in a blender and blend well until smooth. Enjoy.

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### Trying to Make Healthy Changes?

#### Here are ten tips

to guide you on your road to improving your health.

1. Aim for a healthy weight but don't make goals that are unattainable.
2. Be physically active every day.
3. Choose a variety of grains daily.
4. Choose a variety of fruits and vegetables daily.
5. Know and follow food safety rules.
6. Learn to read labels.
7. Stock your pantry.
8. Make food menus.
9. Plan family meals.
10. Prepare food with less salt.

Here is a recipe for a quick and easy meal plan:

### WHITE BEAN CHICKEN CHILI

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 (15.5 ounce) cans cannellini beans, undrained
- 1 ½ teaspoon salt-free Mexican seasoning mix
- Diced jalapeno peppers (optional)



#### DIRECTIONS:

Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium heat and sauté onions and garlic for two minutes. Mash one can of beans in a small bowl with a fork. Add mashed beans, remaining can of beans and other ingredients to sauté pan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Add cheese and simmer additional five minutes. Serve with jalapeno peppers if desired. Serve with prepared salad, canned fruit and milk. **Enjoy!**



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## Understanding Budgeting and Proving that it Really Does Work

**GAYLE RUHL**

Contributing Writer

Budgeting, most understand it is necessary, but may have a hard time understanding its true value. True values of a budget is knowing what money is coming in and what money is going out and whether there is more coming in or more going out. Having a good budget will allow you to see what money is needed

to cover living expenses, save enough for emergencies and frankly to have extra money to enjoy. Here are the basics to quick budgeting,

First, total up all your income received each pay period. You want this to be the net income received before any automatic payments are taken out. This is your total income.

Second, total up all your expenses, mortgages, rent, utilities, car payments and

insurance, childcare and any automatic deductions that are paid on a monthly basis. If you pay a couple bills every few months or once a year, divide the total bill by the number of months in between payments. If your water bill is paid every three months and the bill usually is \$66 per month, the monthly payment will be \$66 divided by three or \$22 per month. Add up all expenses for the month. This is your total expenses.

Lastly, take the amount in step one and subtract the amount totaled in step two. Here are two examples. Example A. total income is \$3,200 per month and total

expenses are \$2,750, the amount extra per month is \$450. This amount is extra and you are spending less than your means. Example B. Total income is \$3,200 per month and total expenses are \$3,500 per month, there is no extra and expenses are \$300 more than income. This means you will need to look at your budget to see what items you can cut from the budget to begin living within your means.

It is always a good idea to have a budget up to date and a goal for spending and saving. There are many resources available online, and within the Tribe to assist

with developing a budget. Online resources used for this article include [www.AARP.com](http://www.AARP.com) and [www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com). Tribal Housing as well as Elder Services Case Managers have comprehensive budgeting worksheets and will assist with you learning how to complete a budget. On Mar. 26, 2013 from noon to 1 p.m. Elder Services with Housing, will be conducting a financial workshop at Andahwod with lunch provided to all participants. Call ahead or just drop in, our number is 989-775-4300 and this workshop is open to all members, the community and employees.

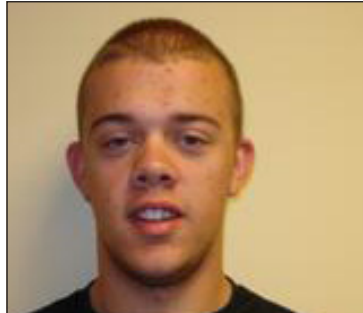
## Andahwod Employee of the Month

**JULIE PEGO**

Contributing Writer

Congratulations, to Anthony (Tony) Gager, Certified Nursing Assistant, who was chosen by our residents as January Employee of the Month. The residents picked Tony for this honor because, "he is always helpful and always willing to do anything that you ask of him."

Tony has been working at Andahwod since May 2009, when asked what he likes most about his job he stated, "the difference I make in people's lives."



**Anthony (Tony) Gager**

Tony likes to snowmobile and ride dirt bikes and just hang out with his friends, when he is not working. Thank you Tony for all you do for our residents!

## Benefits of Living a Tobacco Free Life

**LISA CROSS**

Contributing Writer

Cigarette smoking/tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable and premature death in the United States. It is estimated that 440,000 Americans will die each year from complications of tobacco use.

If you are interested in smoking cessation information, please contact 989-773-5921 ext. 8409, for more information. You can also call the Michigan Department of Community Health's Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

### Benefits of Living a Tobacco Free Life:

- Longer life expectancy
- Drop in heart rate and blood pressure
- Improved circulation
- Reduced risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorders (COPD)
- Improved lung function
- Increased stamina
- Increased sense of taste and smell
- Whiter teeth
- Cleaner smelling, clothes, furniture, car

This article has been provided by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the local residents of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella,

Osceola, and Roscommon Counties. Visit our website at [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org) or join us (Central Michigan District Health Department) on Facebook.

## MARCH 2013

### Tribal Elder Birthdays

<p>1 James Schneider</p> <p>2 Bernardino Perez Jr. Janice Hill Arthur Miller Jr.</p> <p>3 Winona Hancock Susan Pretzer Barbara Walraven</p> <p>4 Elizabeth Cabay Theresa Cloutier James Gingerich</p> <p>5 Nancy Henry Gerald Slater Wanda Brodie Anna Crampton Terry Cummings Herbert Robinson Sr. Clifford Saboo, Jr. Kenneth Vasquez</p> <p>6 Jessie Glover Frederic Allen Diane Morley Virginia Abdullah William Burnham</p> <p>7 Daniel Cloutier</p> <p>8 Martha Van Nuck Lorraine Walker</p> <p>9 George Sprague Marsha Gibson Theodore Kowalski Robert Stanton</p> <p>11 Jolene Quinlan Clifton Chippewa II Robert Neilson Bernadetta Reyes Steven Walraven Darwin Ziehmer</p> <p>12 Lorna Kahgegab-Call Julia Wixson</p> <p>13 Bernadine Gross Sherry Bame</p>	<p>14 Debra Vidana Linda Davis Patrick Otto Sr. Barbara Roy</p> <p>15 Arthur Henry Jr.</p> <p>17 Merton Flory Joseph Kowalski</p> <p>18 Marion Williams Thomas Bates Rhonda Dutton Wanda Wallace</p> <p>19 Rita Redman Janice Roach</p> <p>20 Etta Ayling Oliver Leaux Sr. Jacqueline Ramirez Lawrence Verga Sr.</p> <p>21 Marlene Jackson Elaine Kraska</p> <p>22 Kim Ambs Kim Aasved Paige Vanderlooven</p> <p>24 Larry Bearden Joyce Sandell</p> <p>25 Naomi Staggs Joseph Chamberlain Stella Falsetta Constance Pallett</p> <p>26 Virginia Pigeon Timothy Bennett Clifford Chamberlain</p> <p>27 Rex Alma</p> <p>28 Thelma Henry-Shipman Dawn Hunt Kelly Huyser</p> <p>29 Steven Moore Craig Wayne</p> <p>30 Janet Barnhart Esther Chatfield</p> <p>31 John Rhodes Michelle Stanley</p>
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Happy Birthday!

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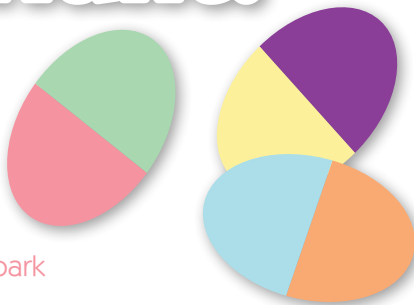
Hunt for treasure filled eggs!

**March 29 & 30**

29th: Egg hunt from 7pm-9pm in the hotel pool area

30th: Egg hunt from 9am-10am inside of the waterpark

(Hotel guest or day pass wristband required for all events)



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**St. Patty's Lounge Specials**  
March 17

## Acoustic Sets

**Ben Schuller**



**March 15**  
7-11pm

**Mark Daisy**



**March 30**  
7-11pm

## Calendar of Events

**March 2 & 9**

Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am

**March 9**

Balloon twisting with Jewls the clown, waterpark lobby, 6-9pm **FREE**

**March 9**

Nbakade Lounge specials

**March 10**

St. Patrick's magnet craft, waterpark lobby, 9-11am **FREE**  
(While supplies last)

**March 15**

Acoustic set by Ben Schuller, Nbakade restaurant, 7-11pm

**March 16**

Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am  
Bug bookmark kid's craft, waterpark lobby, 3-5pm **FREE**

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day Nbakade Lounge Specials

**March 23**

Visit Gizi, our eaglet mascot, Nbakade restaurant, 9:30am  
Balloon twisting with Jewls the clown, waterpark lobby, 6-9pm **FREE**

**March 24, 25, 26, 27, 28**

Kid's Easter crafts, waterpark lobby, 3-5pm **FREE**  
(While supplies last)

**March 29 & 30**

Easter Egg Hunt (see ad on left for details)

**March 30**

Acoustic music by Mark Daisy, Nbakade restaurant, 7-11pm

**March 31**

Easter brunch buffet and plated dinner specials

**Jewls the CLOWN!**



**March 9 & 23**

6-9pm

**Waterpark Lobby**

Jewls the clown is a pro when it comes to balloon animals & sculptures.

## Military Mondays

★ **20% OFF** ★  
★ **Veterans or active duty military members.** ★  
(With valid ID)

**15% OFF other days of the week to show our appreciation!**





## MARCH 2013 EVENT PLANNER

### Andahwod Dinner Buffets

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4300  
 1: Pancake Supper  
 8: Fish Buffet  
 15: Fish Buffet  
 22: Fish Buffet  
 29: Pancake Supper

### Euchre

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4300

### Elder's Breakfast

March 13, 27 | 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4302

### Rez Soup Contest

March 14 | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4302

### St. Patty's Lunch

March 15 | 11:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4300

### Day Trip to Saganing

March 19 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4302  
 Sign up with Rhonda

### Bingo with Friends

March 20 | 1 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4302

### Parenting Classes

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Location: Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center  
 Contact: 989-775-4616  
 For parents of children age six and older.

### At-Large Program Meet and Greet

March 3 | Noon - 3:45 p.m.  
 Location: Saganing Tribal Center

### Ogitchedaw Society Meeting

March 5 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Location: Tribal Operations Elder's Room  
 Contact: 989-775-4175

### Fit Mama & Baby Class

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  
 Location: Nimkee Fitness Center  
 Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

### National Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Party

March 5 | 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4905  
 Dessert Party in Honor of: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

### Anishinabe Performance Circle Class

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | Jr. Class 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
 Sr. Class 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Ziibiwing Cultural Center  
 Contact: 989-775-4750

### Daughters of Tradition I

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Behavioral Health  
 Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

### Daughters of Tradition II

March 6, 13, 20, 27 | 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
 Location: Behavioral Health  
 Contact: Mary 989-775-4894

### Introduction to Stone Sculpting Class

March 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 | 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Location: Elijah Elk Cultural Center  
 Contact: 989-775-4780  
 Only ten spaces available, first come first serve.

### Girls on the Run of Central Michigan

March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 | 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
 Location: SCIT Behavioral Health  
 Contact: M. Heintzelman 989-817-6068

### Active Parenting Now Class

March 7, 14 | 10 a.m. - Noon  
 Location: Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

### 6th Annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

March 9 | 3 p.m. - 3 a.m.  
 Location: Tribal Gym  
 Contact: 989-954-4471

### Fitness Support Group

March 14, 28 | Noon - 1 p.m.  
 Location: Nimkee Fitness Center  
 Contact: Jayme Green 989-775-4696

### Housing Financial Workshop

March 21 | Noon  
 Location: Housing Conference Room  
 Contact: 989-775-4595

### Baby Moccasins with Elders

March 22 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Location: Andahwod CCC & ES  
 Contact: 989-775-4302

### First AID Classes

March 28 | 9 a.m. - Noon  
 Location: Nimkee Public Health  
 Contact: Robyn at 775-4649  
 Become certified in FIRST AID  
 Tribal employees-\$19  
 Free for tribal members and Patients



## TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2013



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT./SUN.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> </ul>				<b>1</b> AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.  New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>2</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m.
<b>4</b> Womens Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>5</b> Daughters of Tradition I B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>6</b> Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym   5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Daughters of Tradition II B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>8</b> AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.  New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>9</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m.
<b>11</b> Crafts with Cultural Reps Saganing Ops   1 p.m.  Womens Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Crafts with Cultural Reps Saganing Ops   1 p.m.	<b>12</b> Daughters of Tradition I B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>13</b> Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym   5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Daughters of Tradition II B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>14</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>15</b> Tribal Observer Deadline - 3:00 p.m.  AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.  New Spirit Moon Andahwod   1 p.m.	<b>16</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m.
<b>SCA Youth Council</b>					
<b>18</b> Womens Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>19</b> Daughters of Tradition I B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>20</b> Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym   5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Daughters of Tradition II B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>21</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>22</b> AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.  New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>23</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m.
<b>25</b> Womens Tradition Group B. Health   5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>26</b> Daughters of Tradition I B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men & Womens Healing Circle B. Health   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Karate Tribal Gym   7 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>27</b> Youth Basketball Practice Tribal Gym   5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  Daughters of Tradition II B. Health   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Men's Society Meeting 7th Generation   6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	<b>28</b> Sacred Fire Lunch 7th Generation   11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  Talking Circle 7th Generation   3 p.m. - 5 p.m.	<b>29</b> AA Spirit Bear Meeting Andahwod Maple Lodge   7 p.m.  New Spirit Moon Andahwod Conference   1 p.m.	<b>30</b> Talking Circle Andahwod Maple Lodge   10 a.m.
<b>Tribal Child Welfare Quarter 3/29 - 4/26</b>					

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





## Tribal Observer Classified

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

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### Regulations Clerk Full Time

Open to the public. Must have a High School diploma (or equivalent). Must have an Associates degree in Business. Must be knowledgeable of word processing and spreadsheet computer applications. Must have complete knowledge in the licensing regulations of the Tribe. Must be able to pass a full background check and fingerprinting. Must be able to pass certified LEIN training and Recertification. Assisting the Director of Business Regulation in oversee the administration, reporting, audit, compliance of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sales tax ordinance and business corporations code and ordinances. This person will also issue licenses and permits for retail tax and tax exemptions. Native American preferred.

##### LPN-Assisted Living Part Time

Open to the public. Valid State of Michigan Practical Nurse License. One year of long term care experience preferred. Must consent to a criminal background check. Will be required to work other shifts, weekends, holidays, and during emergency situations as necessary to meet program staffing needs. Knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community required. At the direction of and under the delegated authority of the Resident Care Manager and/or the RN on call, provide supervision to assigned staff and provide direct care to residents as necessary. Oversees the day to day activities performed by the Certified Aides and the Resident Service Aides.

##### Chief Judge

Pursuant to Title I, Chapter 1.5 of the Tribal Code the minimum qualifications are as follows: twenty-five years of age or older; has not been convicted of a misdemeanor type offense, excluding a minor traffic offense, within one year past; has never been convicted of a felony type offense; is of good moral character and integrity; has graduated from an accredited law school and is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or is licensed to practice law in another state; is capable of preparing papers and reports incident to the office of Judge; has demonstrated a knowledge of being familiar with, and able to read and interpret the Tribal Code, as well as having an understanding of Federal and State law and Court procedures. 10+ years of experience as a practicing attorney.

### Social Services Support Tech

Open to the public. Must have an Associates Degree or 2 years of college. Must possess good oral and writing skills. Experience in human services is helpful, but not required. Must have knowledge of or experience with Native American communities. Must have reliable transportation. Must successfully pass a criminal history background check. Hiring in accordance with Indian Preference Law. Must be able to obtain and maintain a Tribal Driver's License. Assists tribal community families to access services and programs to strengthen the family and assist ACFS in providing services that promote safety and well being.

### Physician's Assistant/ Family Nurse Practitioner

Open to the public. Family Nurse Practitioners require State of Michigan licensure and certification as a Nurse Practitioner in the State of Michigan. Master of Science Degree in Nursing is required. Physician Assistant will have graduated from an approved program of study and have successfully completed the testing required to be certified. Both should have experience in an outpatient/clinic setting. Provide quality, comprehensive care to patients under the clinical supervision and in collaboration with the Tribal Physicians, Internal Medicine Consultant, Pediatrician, and Family Nurse Practitioner.

### Clerical Pool

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment. Temporary Clerical Employees may be called to work with very little advanced notice. Temporary assignments can be anywhere from 1 day to 6 months in length. This depends on the need of the department where the temporary employee will be placed.

### General Labor Pool Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and be able to perform manual labor. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short term employment. Temporary Labor Employees may be called to work with very little advanced notice. Temporary assignments can be anywhere from 1 day to 6 months in length. This depends on the need of the department where the temporary employee will be placed.

### Physician Full Time

Open to the public. Must be a M.D. or a D.O. licensed by the State of Michigan/ or be eligible to become licensed. Must maintain Michigan Board of Pharmacy Controlled Substance License and Federal Controlled Substance Registration through the US Dept. of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Must maintain up to date Board Certification, or be grandfathered to allow SCIT to bill 3rd party payers. Must complete a fingerprint/background check. Applicants not licensed by the State of Michigan prior to interview will be required to obtain licensure by the State of Michigan before date of hire.

### Tribal Education Librarian

Open to the public. A Master's Degree with a Library Media endorsement from the State of Michigan; or a Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational institution accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Must have substantive experience in library information technology, library collections, and excellent oral and written communications skills. Prefer Ojibwe language speakers. Prefer experience working for a Native American Indian Tribe or in a Native American community. The Tribal Library Media Specialist oversees the daily operations of all Tribal Library sites that include: 1) the Saginaw Chippewa Academy Library/Media Center; 2) the Tribal Library; and 3) the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Learning Center Library site.

### Accreditation/ Quality Assur Spc

Open to the public. Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Administration, preferably in Health Administration or Health and Human Services Field. Masters Degree in Health Administration or Health and Human Services field preferred. Experience in the Health Care Field or accreditation and policy formulation required. Preferred experience in accreditation to meet medical, dental, and public health care standards and governing bodies (IHS, Blue Cross Blue Shield, CMS, and State of Michigan). If not experience in accreditation in the health field, 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

#### Chief Executive Officer

Open to the public. Must have a bachelor's degree, Master's degree preferred, with preference in business, finance, or hospitality/casino management. Must have minimum of fifteen (15) years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and Indian gaming property experience preferred. Under the direction of Tribal Council this position is responsible for complex Administrative activities related to finances

and accounting, marketing and promotions, resort operations, staffing, and other activities to support the business operations. This position will manage and direct the organization towards its primary objectives, based on profit and return on capital, by performing the following duties personally or through subordinate managers.

#### Massage Therapist Part-Time

Open to the public. Must be 18 years or older upon employment. Must have a valid MI massage certification. 600 total hours required for Massage certification. One year experience preferred.

Provides a wide variety of spa services including but not limited to: Body treatments and Massage Therapy.

### 105 Lost and Found

#### Found Prescription Glasses

Found in Little Elk area call with description 989-948-3071.

### 130 Services

#### Fox Home Builders

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

## Summons and Complaint Notices

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS TO APPEAR FOR SHOWCAUSE HEARING IN THE MATTER OF JESSICA ANN BROWN AKA JESSICA A. CHRISJOHN:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI.48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 13-CI-0080 Plaintiff: Kurt Lane 14375 Bishop Road Chesaning, MI 48616. Plaintiff's Attorney: Toni L. Sessoms of Paula M. Fisher 201 S. University Ave. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-5878 Vs. Jessica Ann Brown aka. Jessica A. Chrisjohn 4592 S. F41 Oscoda, MI 48750 Notice to the Defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires July 18, 2013.**

### NOTICE OF MOTION TO RE-OPEN AND ENFORCE PREVIOUS JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER OF RAE LEE JOHN (A.K.A. RAE LEE VIDANA):

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E Broadway Rd Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Motion to Reopen and Enforce Previous Judgment Case No. 11-CI-0028 Plaintiff: Speedy G Bail Bonds PO Box 432 Perry MI 48872 (517) 625-2663 Plaintiff's Attorney: James D. Veldhuis P35068 108 S University, Suite 2 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)772-5299 Vs. Defendant: Rae Lee John (a.k.a. Rae Lee Vidana) last known address 132 Ingleside Avenue Aurora IL 60506-4808. Notice to Defendant: Motion to Re-Open and Enforce Previous Judgment filed with Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court to set aside Automatic Stay and enforce the judgment previously granted by this court on June 21, 2011. A hearing on this matter will be scheduled immediately upon this publication.

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLIANT IN THE MATTER OF RIDGE JACKSON:

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Rd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989)775-4800 Summons and Complaint Case No. 12-CI-0666 Plaintiff: Gateway Financial Services, Inc. P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Plaintiff's Attorney: Schisler Law, Scott Schisler P48832, P.O. Box 3257 Saginaw, MI 48605 (989)791-2505 Vs. Defendant: Ridge Jackson, 7281 E. Remus Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Notice to Defendant: 1. You are being sued. 2. You have 21 days to 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 July 30, 2013.**

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THE MATTER OF RAY BENZ:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI.48858 (989) 775-4800 Case No. 12-CI-1156 Plaintiff: Paula M. Fisher 201 S. University Ave. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-5878 Plaintiff's Attorney: Toni L. Sessoms 201 S. University Ave. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 773-5878 Vs. Ray Benz P.O. Box 101 Marquette, MI 49855. Notice to defendant: 1. You are being sued in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. 2. You have 21 days after receiving this summons to file an answer with the court and to serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action. Please note that if you were served by certified mail or served outside the reservation land you have 28 days to answer in Plaintiff's complaint. 3. Failure to file an answer or take other action within the time allowed may result in a default judgment being entered against you for the relief requested in Plaintiff's complaint. **This summons expires May 20, 2013.**





## Employees Are Recognized With an Appreciation Banquet

**VANYORK SHAWBOOSE**  
Staff Writer

Hard work does pay off. For many employees of Tribal Operations and Migizi Economic Company their years of service were recognized with an Employee Appreciation Banquet on Feb 2. Last year the event was located in the ballrooms at the Soaring Eagle Casino. This year it was moved to the Entertainment Hall due to the large response of attendees.

To help start the banquet, Frank Cloutier, SCIT Public Relations Director wanted to thank everyone for working for the Tribe, and also reflected on his personal experience with the Tribe. "On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe we would like to welcome each and every one of you," Cloutier said. "This is your evening and this is our time to celebrate your efforts. The time you give to us to be away from your families, Chi-miigwech we wouldn't be here or successful without you. Your Tribal Council is

aware of that on a daily basis. It is a privilege working for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I have learned so much over the years and I have gotten back the culture that was taken away from my family so many years ago. It has been an honoring and blessing being able to work with each and every one of you."

Steve Pego, SCIT Tribal Council Chaplin said a blessing before dinner was served. Not only were employees treated to a delicious dinner, but generous prizes were given away throughout the event. With prizes such as concert tickets, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel passes, and cash prizes, the employees were excited and attentive.

Deejay Guadalupe Gonzalez kept the music going, as many got out to shake their stuff and enjoyed the fun night.

Employees were recognized for their years of service working for the Tribe. Awards ranging from one year all the way up to 35 years of service were given out. Florence Sprague was the recipient of the 35 years of service award.

It was rewarding for all involved, to have a night set aside for the employees to be able to meet and socialize with their other coworkers, and also be recognized for their hard work.



Observer photos by Vanyork Shawboose

**Flossie Sprague, Nimkee Public Health Receptionist, receives a thirty-five year of service award.**



**Rochelle Roberts, Nimkee Dental Hygienist receives a one year of service award.**



**Kara Hotchkiss, SCA Third Grade Teacher receives a one year of service award.**



**Candace Benzinger, Bookkeeper at Accounts Payable, receives a twenty-five year of service award.**



**Gloria Mulbrecht, SCA Teacher Assistant receives the twenty years of service award.**



**Lanette Gale, Accounts Payable Clerk receives a ten years of service award.**



**Shannon Martin, Director at Ziibiwing Cultural Center receives the ten years of service award.**



**Jean Coughlin, Nimkee Medical Billing Clerk receives a twenty-five year of service award.**



**Daisy Kostus, Tribal Court Prosecutor Secretary receives a five years of award.**



**Kamie Haggard, Tribal Operations Administrative Assistant II receives a five years of award.**



**Dr. Deborah Eisenmann, Nimkee Public Health Physician receives a twenty years of service award.**