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Retreat reflection

Tribal member Ben Hinmon, far right, was among the competitors in the men's grass dance during the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat. More photos of the powwow can be found on pages 10-11. Results from the dance competition begin on page 3.

Concerns addressed at meeting

By Joe Sowmick
Editor

About 550 Tribal members from all three district came together at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Aug. 12 to voice their concerns to the Tribal Council.

Tribal Chief Phil Peters Sr. was joined at the table by fellow District One Council members.

"At the last community meeting, we decided that these meetings are mutually beneficial for all Tribal members and we want to be able to give them a chance to address their concerns to Council personally," Chief Peters said. "Although the meeting was in the bingo hall,

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Chippewa First Nation man leads people down powwow trail

By Joe Sowmick
Editor

Little Elk's Retreat was once again a resounding success and

much of that effort goes to Chippewa First Nation native Butch Elliot.

Elliot was the master

of ceremonies for the 12th annual retreat and was pleased with the thousands who came to the event.

"The Powwow Committee did a great job this year," stated Elliot. "We got a lot of dancers and to hear the heartbeat of our Nations through those drums, it's exactly what we need to get back to."

"This is one of the best powwows I've been to all summer. With the free admission and the free parking, I think your Tribal Council is showing a good example to these

other communities across the Midwest on how we need to support our culture and heritage through our way of life."

Tribal Council provided \$30,000 to the Powwow Committee and this helped contribute to the excellent turnout.

"Tribal Council is very supportive of many cultural activities in the community," said Tribal Chief Phil Peters. "There's not many things that you can do as a family for free. I see a lot of families here and that's good for everybody."

Much argument has been made between traditional versus competitive powwows, but Elliot views that from a different perspective.

"Every now and then you'll here people say that 'I don't dance for

money' or 'I don't sing for money'. We need to look at this in the true spirit of competition," stated Elliot. "By our very nature, we are very competitive people. We had

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Observer photo/Joe Sowmick

Master of ceremonies Butch Elliot looks on as Youth Counselor Dave Chatfield talks about Carole Tally's accomplishments during her 17 years of service with mid-Michigan Native youth.

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Grandparents' celebration set

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Fourth Annual Grandparents' Day Celebration will take place Sept. 8 at the Mt. Pleasant Comfort Inn.

All grandparents and their grandchildren ages 4 to 17 are invited to take part in the event, which is sponsored by the Tribe and its At-Large and Elders programs.

Doors will open at 3 p.m. with entertainment from comedian E.J. Satala from 3:15 to 4 p.m., followed by a giveaway for the youth.

Rev. Owen White-Pigeon will offer a blessing before the

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Tribal members interested in attending should RSVP by Aug. 23. Call the At-Large Program at (800) 884-6271, or Elders Advocate Roxene Judson at (517) 772-5700 or (800) 225-8172, ext 308. Early registration is encouraged as attendance will be limited to the first 500 people.

meal. The menu will include filet mignon and breast of chicken.

Discount offered

By Stacy Lea Black
Staff Writer

The Sagamok Shell gas station and food mart will offer Tribal members a 2-cent discount on each gallon of gasoline purchased starting Sept. 3.

Tribal members wishing to take part in this promotion must present their membership card upon arrival to receive the discount.

"We are planning more upcoming promotions," said station manager Norm Sorenson.

Sagamok Shell offers services including a deli, soup and salad bar, gifts and catering for events.

"The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council is pleased to be able to use our own business, Sagamok Shell, in working with press conferences and catering services," stated Joe Sowmick Public Relation Director.

"We hope that all departments of Tribal Operations and Soaring Eagle Casino will look toward Sagamok Shell and utilize these services," said Tribal Chief Phil Peters Sr.

Watch for upcoming Sagamok Shell promotions, or call (517) 775-7514 or fax (517) 005-7714 for more information.

Meeting

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Council decided to include those members under 18. After all, they are our future."

Dinner was catered by Frank Cloutier and H & H Bakery. Tribal Elder Virginia Pigeon opened a meeting with a traditional prayer.

Special guests included Financial Advisor Ahmed Kooros and Tribal Government Technician Betty Bell.

Kooros gave a presentation on the

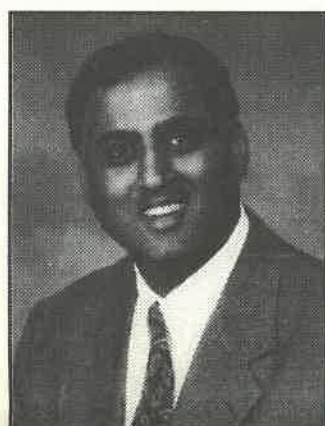
Tribe's financial portfolio and informed he is under the direction of the Tribal Council—who has final decision over all matters.

Bell gave an overview of Tribal enrollment and thought the meeting was well conducted.

"I was impressed by the response from the Tribal members and the orderliness in which they presented their concerns," Bell said. "We are concerned at this point with the understanding and implementation of Tribal law."

The meeting focused on financial, enrollment, legal, personnel as well as other issues. The most important development, however, came from Tribal Treasurer John Hart when he announced the next Elders payment.

"At one time we paid each Elder over 50 a tax-free payment of \$3,000 from the Ben Quigno Fund," Hart stated. "Now we pay Elders a payment for reaching 40, 50, 60, 70 years old and so on. I know a Tribal Elder (See MEETING page 19)



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Central Michigan Community Hospital is pleased to announce the addition of Ramesh B. Avula, M.D. to the medical staff.

Dr. Avula completed a clinical fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. He was chief resident of Internal Medicine at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc., after serving his internship and residency there. He received his medical degree and a diploma in child health from Andhra University in Visakhapatnam, India, and performed a three-year residency in pediatrics at King George Hospital in India. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Allergy and Immunology.

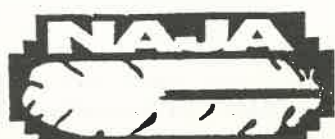
Dr. Avula specializes in diagnoses and treatment of adult and pediatric asthma and allergies, including hay fever, sinus disease, eczema, hives, food, medication and insect allergies, and immune deficiencies with recurrent infections. Dr. Avula can be reached by calling the CMCH Physician Specialty Clinic at (517) 772-6784.

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Dance contest results from Little Elk's Retreat posted

"Families together" was the theme of the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat, which took place Aug. 3-4 at the Saginaw Chippewa Campgrounds.

Over 220 dancers registered for competitive events. Ten drums, in addition to host High Spirit Singers, entered the Retreat's first-ever drum contest.

Winner of the contest was Young Nations, followed by Battle River in second place, Skintones in third, Chi-Geezis in fourth, and Many Voice in fifth.

Butch Elliot served as master of ceremonies and Larry Sprague as area director for the event. Head dancers were Bruce George and Julie Bloch. Jerry Kingbird served as head veteran dancer. Head judges were Ponche Plain and Deb Plain.

Tribal Elder Cecil Fisher gave the invocation at the start of Saturday's event, while Elder Virginia Pigeon offered the prayer on Sunday.

Flag bearers were World War II Army Air Corps veteran Egan VonHoffel posting the American flag, U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran Bud White Eye posting the Canadian flag, and fellow Vietnam veteran Dale Anderson of the First Marine Division posting the POW/MIA flag.

Powwow organizer Barb Sprague wished to thank all volunteers who helped over the weekend, especially the work release crew.

"They worked all weekend and cleaned up afterwards. Whatever needed to be done, they said, 'OK, we'll do it.' If it hadn't been for them, the grounds wouldn't have been kept up like they were," Sprague said.

She also expressed appreciation for Larry Sprague's efforts. Larry built the arbor in the center of the powwow grounds, and cuts cedar each year to adorn its roof during the event.

Volunteers interested in helping plan for next year's powwow should contact the Sprague family.

"Hopefully next year the Tribe can improve the area by putting up more lights around the arbor. We would also like to get more brush cleared out so the grounds can go back farther," Barb Sprague noted.

Winners of the powwow's competitive events included:

DRUM CONTEST

Young Nation, first; Battle River, second; Skintones, third; Chi-Geezis, fourth; Many Voice, fifth.

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (45 and up)

Alfred Keye, Mohawk, first place; Jerry Kingbird, Ojibwe, second; Bruce George Sr., Odawa, third; Andre' D'Artagnan, Wabanaki, fourth.

WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (45 and up)

Bunny George, Oneida, first place; Patricia Gardner-Lyons, Mohawk, second; Valeria Baker, Potawatomi/Chippewa, third; Stella Gibson, Odawa/Ojibwe, fourth.

MEN 18-44 TRADITIONAL:

Wayne Cleland, Ojibwe, first; Amos Keye Jr., Six Nations Mohawk, second; R.J. Smith, Ojibwe/Assiniboine, third; Frank Figueroa, Oneida, fourth.

GRASS:

Gary Parker, Seneca, first; Russ Blackbird, Ojibwe/Oneida, second; Ben Hinmon, Ojibwe, third; Myron Bird, Ho-Chunk/Chippewa, fourth.

FANCY:

Chris Green, Mohawk, first; Bobby Bird Jr., Ho-Chunk/Chippewa, second; Steve Payton, Ojibwe/Tusqaurara third; Thomas Battice, Grand River, fourth.

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Over 200 dancers took part in the competition at the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat.



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Safety and friendliness identified as area's draw in casino study

By Judy Whitman
Staff Writer

Safety and friendliness are the two most important concerns of visiting casino patrons, and the Mt. Pleasant area currently ranks high in both. However, precautions need to be taken now to ensure things stay that way when the expanded Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort opens.

These were among the findings revealed by a gaming expansion evaluation project funded in part by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe. Final results from the research, conducted by Central Michigan University's Center for Applied Research and Rural Studies, were unveiled July 29 and 30 at press conferences hosted by the project's "stakeholders," which included the Tribe, university, city and county.

Lead researcher Dr. James Hill said the study's most significant projections were in the area of crime and law enforcement.

After comparing Isabella County to other locales with large-scale casino and tourism activity—including Chippewa and Grand Traverse counties—researcher Dr. Carl Lee predicted slight increases in violent and



Observer photo/Judy Whitman

Interior construction is currently taking place on the Soaring Eagle Hotel.

property crimes, and greater increases in vandalism, drunk driv-

ing, and other less serious crimes. These increases were

attributed in part to a projected rise in population. (See STUDY page 16)

Information sought on members, descendants

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, IIM Department, has provided this list of adult descendants or members who have funds in trust. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of any of the people listed above, please contact: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, Attention: IIM, 2901.5 I-75 Business Spur, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Phone: (906) 632-6809, ext. 3124.

Name:	Date of Birth:
Amaro, Louis P.	Sept. 30, 1934
Andrews, Jane	May 17, 1890
Eastman, Arthur	Jan. 18, 1940
Ermatinger, Amina	Dec. 17, 1971
Griffus, Rachal L.	Feb. 15, 1972
Hall, Brian W.	Nov. 7, 1970
Hall, Steven	May 17, 1974
Hall, Cornelius	May 5, 1933
Hart, Arthur Salano	Sept. 25, 1928
Hart, Beulah Strong	June 8, 1935
Heppner, Louanna M.	Jan. 8, 1972
Moses, Beatrice	Feb. 26, 1923
Moses, Evelyn	Feb. 16, 1922
Moses, Sarabelle	Nov. 22, 1925
Moses, Sharrie L.	Feb. 11, 1972
Ojeda, Kandy L.	Jan. 7, 1972
Peters, Garland M.	June 14, 1949
Prescott, Linda	Nov. 13, 1956
Sasse, Charleen A.	June 12, 1972
Silas, Amy K.	June 2, 1972
Smith, David G.	August 22, 1944
Smith, James	May 28, 1972
Springer, Peter L.	Feb. 29, 1972
Stevens, Kenneth D.	Oct. 27, 1970
Stock, Victoria J.	April 23, 1949
Williams, Jacob	Jan. 1, 1900*
Williams, Joe	May 30, 1915
Willis, Dale V.	March 8, 1976
Willis, Kenneth	Jan. 1, 1900*
Willis, Walter G.	Jan. 1, 1900*
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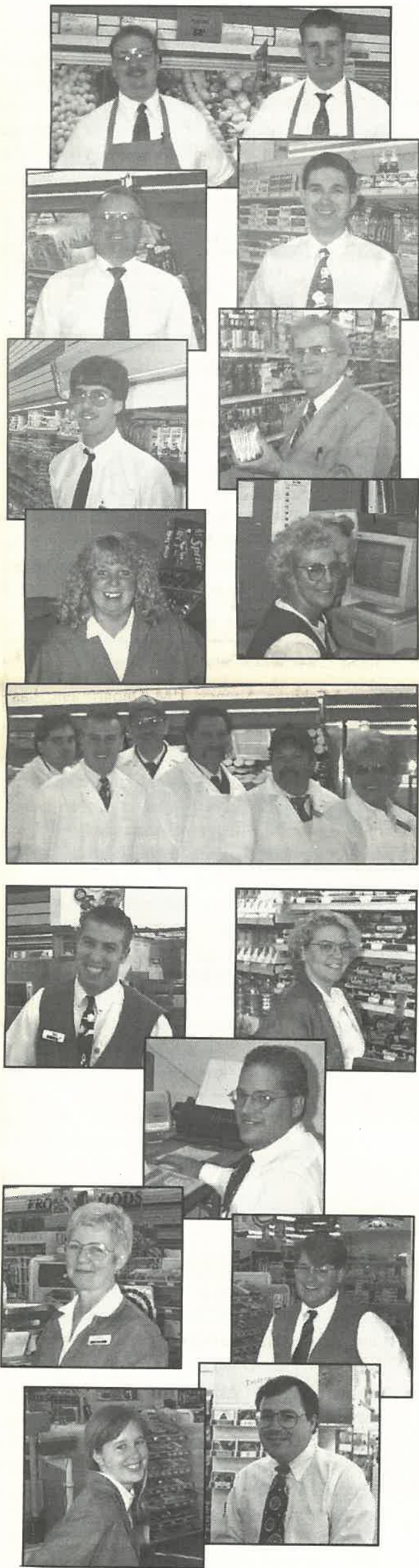
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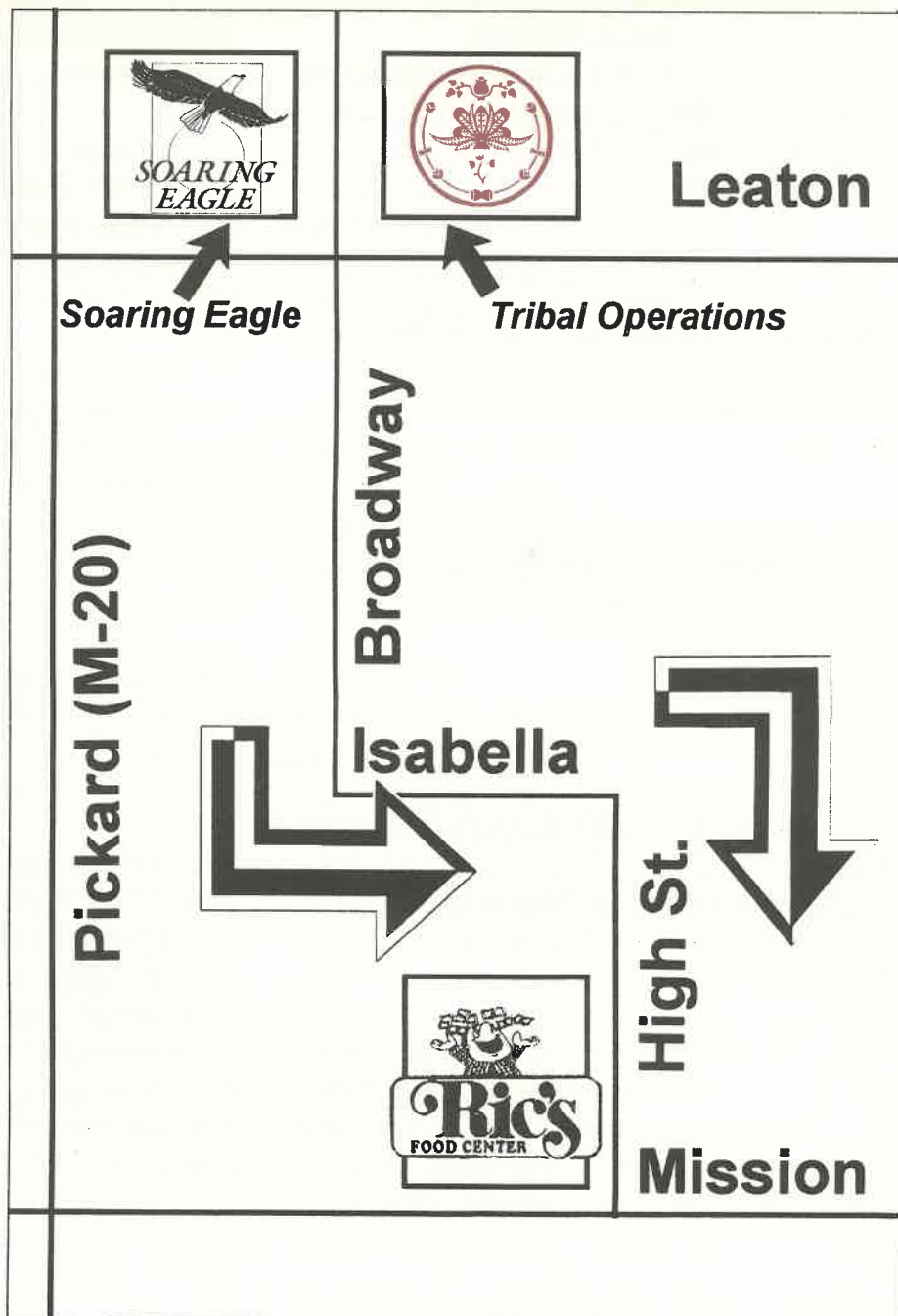
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InnerView

(Jeannie Loomis is a Native Iroquois artist from the Seneca Territory in New York. She specializes in custom embroidery and spends many months on the powwow trail across the country. She was interviewed on Aug. 4 at the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat by Editor Joe Sowmick.)

Tribal Observer: I know you spend a lot of time on the powwow trail. How has business been?

Jeannie Loomis: I travel with my husband Tom and my son Kea and they help out a lot when we're traveling and running our trader booth. Lately, I've been seeing a financial crisis on the powwow circuit. I see a lot of traders I know at powwow and they're starting to disappear. I think a part of that is a lot of the powwow committees are charging way too much for the vendors and the people coming in. That's what impressed me and my family about this powwow ... free admission and a fair price for the vendors. I think you really have a good thing going here and I know will be back every year.

T.O.: Do you attend many powwows in the Midwest?

J.L.: We spend most of the summer months in Canada, but I see some people from there at this powwow. That shows me a lot of respect for what's happening here.

T.O.: What should people expect when they come to the Loomis family trader booth?

J.L.: I buy and sell a lot of crafts that we get from other traders when we go to Canada. Many of those artists just do their own local powwows and don't travel much. Bringing some of their craft helps them to get noticed across Indian Country. It's also a great opportunity to meet other artists and when we run out we can call or write them and they send us more of their work.

T.O.: How important do you think it is for Native journalists to write about the work our artists are doing?

J.L.: Taking into consideration on how our grandmother talked to us, I think it's important to pass down this information. I know my grandmother grew up in a Quaker school on our Reservation and if she even spoke a word of Seneca or taught others how to do Native art, she was beaten and whipped.

T.O.: That's a terrible injustice for anyone to suffer.

J.L.: It sure was, but my grandmother was very strong. Even having to live through experiences like that, she made sure she taught the rest of our family about our language and culture. They tried to take it away from her and it made her resolve stronger to pass on what she learned to us. There's a lot of stories like that with our Elders, but if you don't write about our traditions and culture people won't know about it and won't be able to understand who we are.

T.O.: Regardless of what Nation you're from, language and culture is an important part of our



Observer photo/Joe Sowmick

KEA AND JEANNIE LOOMIS

way of life. Do you believe it is the cornerstone of our Native people?

J.L.: Language and tradition are very important. I think of going back to our old way ... the way of the long house. Some people think the long house was just about religion. It was about religion, government and many other things that reflected who we are. It may be hard to do that in this modern world but I think many of our Tribes and our people would be better off if we took our differences and went into that long house and talked these things out amongst ourselves. The way my grandmother taught me was that one day all our people will come together ... the long house should be a part of that.

T.O.: Even with President Clinton signing a proclamation giving religious freedom to Native Americans, do you believe more has to be done in this regard?

J.L.: Those people in Washington have never understood who we are and they have a lot to learn (laughs). As far as I'm concerned, just speaking about my own Nation, I've never considered myself a citizen of the United States anyway. I don't believe we are covered under the United States Constitution and we have our freedom of religion without Bill Clinton telling us and writing something down on a piece of paper to make it official. We were born with this freedom, and whether you say Indian or Anishinabe in these parts, it is a part of our way of life. Besides taking our land, those founding fathers of the U.S. stole much of what's in that Constitution from our Iroquois system of government.

T.O.: It sounds like we're stating the obvious here.

J.L.: Well, obviously if it makes Washington feel better I guess it's O.K. I saw all those Tribal leaders on the White House lawn and I asked myself how long has it been since our Tribes met with the President. They have hurt us so bad that many of our own Tribal people think they're citizens of the United States. I'm from the Iroquois Nation in Seneca Territory outside of Buffalo, N.Y. I'm proud that I have a Nation.

T.O.: The Saginaw Ojibwe Nation recognizes 13 different clans. I see you sell a lot of baseball caps that feature many different clans. It must be interesting to meet so many different clans from

the other sovereign Nations.

J.L.: These days a lot of people, just like myself, are going back to find out where they came from and what their clan is. It is becoming more popular everywhere we go. People will even come up to me and ask me what their clan is. I know the Iroquois clans but I have no idea about the many other Tribes. In our beliefs, we follow the mothers clan. I just learned today from a Shawnee Tribal member that they follow the father clan. I don't think there is anyone out there who would know all the clan affiliations of all the Tribes of North America. I know I'm just learning.

T.O.: Do you view that as part of a healing process where someone finds

out that they do belong to a particular clan?

J.L.: I think it's just going full circle. If someone who has never known who their father was and finally got that information ... well, that's an emotional moment of discovery. I know a lot of people that think if you're Seneca that you must be wolf clan. We have eight different clans in our Tribe. Clans are as different as regalia or headdresses. It depends what area of Indian Country you're in.

T.O.: It's that something that you try to communicate with the mainstream public that attends powwows?

J.L.: Yes, it is. Just because they're Indian doesn't mean they share a similar way of life. In many ways we are the same, but each sovereign Nation has a rich culture and traditions of their own. I think it's the duty of every Tribal member to know as much about their Tribe as possible ... and I know I'm still learning.

T.O.: It's great to see a Native trader that is willing to not only work as an artist but also an educator.

J.L.: I try to make an effort. I like it when people come buy and purchase things from us but there's a lot of stories that go along with the art. I learn from them and if they will listen, I'll try to give back some of the things that I was taught. The name of my business is Seneca Hawk. Back in the old days we were called Sinnekees. My grandmother, son and I are from the hawk clan. At least I'm trying to follow tradition in that way.

T.O.: One of our Saginaw Ojibwe poets wrote about how Native men remove their baseball caps at funerals. We also do the same during honor songs and flag songs at powwows. Selling caps is a large part of your business. Do you see that same respect as you travel the powwow trail?

J.L.: Yes, I do. Unless if there's an eagle feather on the hat ... I see many people that keep their hats on and I see that as being just as respectful. When I mentioned that our Tribes are different between Nations, the one tie that binds us is that sacred Eagle. I think it really hinges on a person's belief and what they were taught.

T.O.: I plan on wearing my beaver clan cap and putting my eagle feather on it when I attend powwows and funerals ... how's that make you feel?

(See LOOMIS page 15)



Tribal campgrounds provides retreat to the great outdoors

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Visitors at the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat had no trouble pitching the enjoyable time they were having while camping at the Saginaw Chippewa Campgrounds.

The wooded site, affectionately known as "The Hill," was packed with tents, pop-ups, travel trailers and campers throughout the weekend.

Surrounded by craft supplies, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member Fred Bailey was busy putting straps on a bracelet as a steady stream of relations came by to say hello.

"Let's get something going," yelled Perry Bailey Sr. as he drove by in a van.

"It's like a family reunion when we come here," stated Fred.



Jesse Soney, left, of Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, knows there's a lot of fun at stake when at the Saginaw Chippewa Campgrounds with Terrence Tooshkenig, of Walpole Island, Ontario, Canada.



Robert Lawrence and daughter Laurie prepare Sunday breakfast as Geraldine enjoys some morning coffee. The Freesoil family said they like staying at the campgrounds because of its quietness.



Tony Marler, of Rhea County, Tenn., sharpens an ax in the early morning hours as most of the campground visitors enjoy their slumber.



Muskegon residents Tracy Hagen and son Hobie enjoy some quality time together. The couple camped with Tracy's parents, Morrie and Jean Norton. Later that evening, Hobie helped his grandfather carry wood to the fire.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY SCOTT CSERNYIK



Tommy Aguilar, visiting from Florida, pounds a stake into the ground while helping friends and family set up their campsite.



Fred Bailey puts straps on a bracelet while wife Linda looks on. The Holly residents arrived at the Saginaw Chippewa Campgrounds a few days before the Aug. 3 and 4 powwow.



Health

Support group being developed for cancer victims

By Anna Lampi
Staff Writer

Geneva Mackety and Margaret Steslicki have both battled cancer—and won.

Now, they want to start a support group to help Tribal members fighting the disease.

The support group's first meeting will take place Sept. 12 from noon to 2 p.m. on the Hill near the church. A picnic lunch will be provided.

Mackety, a Tribal Elder, underwent a mastectomy in 1980.

A bone marrow transplant proved to be the ticket back to health for Steslicki, who was stricken six years ago with a pre-leukemia condition called myelodysplastic syndrome. Today, she serves as the Tribe's breast and cervical cancer control coordinator.

The women see a need for support for cancer victims, assistance for families who have lost a member to the disease, and more education to make people aware of cancer's warning signs.

Mackety would also like to clear up some mistaken notions about the disease. "I want to do something about this philosophy that cancer is 'catching.' A few believe that way around here. It's a belief that really needs to be worked on," she noted.

The pair recently traveled to Albuquerque,



Early Detection Is The Best Prevention

N. M., conference titled "Cancer Survivorship in Indian Country."

The conference was held by People Living Through Cancer, Inc., a group founded by cancer survivors in 1983. "They're trying to educate people and increase the awareness that cancer prevention is important," Steslicki said.

Thirteen people from Reservations in Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Michi-

tana, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Michigan participated in the training conference. Facilitators included Dora Garcia, Gena Love, Catherine Logan Carrillo, Roberta Paisano and Mary Lovato.

Participants visited Lovato's pueblo, Santa Domingo. "She opened her home to us. It was a wonderful learning experience," Steslicki said.

"The thing that touched me the most was they asked that we share out experiences," Mackety noted.

The participants told about their reactions to discovering they had cancer, what they did about it, how severe their disease was and what steps they took to combat it.

"It takes quite awhile, but you can get better," Mackety said.

People who have experienced cancer in their lives—whether personally, or through a family member or friend—and who would like to help themselves or others through the healing process are encouraged to become involved in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's cancer support group.

If you or someone you know is interested, please call Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center at 517-772-3767 and contact Margaret Steslicki at ext. 54619 or Kim Sawmick at ext. 54629, or call Geneva Mackety at (517) 644-5266.

Native woman wants to help others talk about experiences

By Geneva Mackety
Contributing Writer

Cancer! Cancer!
Cancer!

According to statistics, one out of every eight people in Michigan will have cancer. This is a frightening figure.

I thought that I didn't have to worry about this disease called cancer. I didn't smoke or drink alcoholic beverages. I behaved myself like a good girl. But...

The pain in my right breast, the weakness in my body told me plainly that something drastic was wrong. In the small town where I lived, the Indian clinic held an open meeting for those who might want to learn about cancer and its warning signs.

I went to this meeting all set to help others who might have the symptoms. The nurse who was speaking had such deep feelings for those who had cancer and, with fervor, ex-

plained the warning signs.

She urged us as soon as we got home to examine our breasts for lumps or tumors. "Relax, lay flat on your back and gently, with the tips of your fingers, feel your breast. In a circular motion, move your fingers until you have touched every part of your breast. When you feel a lump, stop and, if possible, mark the position."

Most Indian women are quite modest and would never feel their breast. It is improper. But thanks to the nurse, who gave us permission, I did it gladly. I found one large lump on my right breast! "Oh, God have mercy. This can't be possible!" I whispered to myself.

When my husband returned from work, I told him the sad news. "Make an appointment tomorrow early and find out for sure!" he said.

I did. I had my first

mammogram at our town hospital.

The procedure was as follows. I was told, "Strip yourself to your waist. Put on this gown." A nurse took me to the machine. A male X-ray technician put my right breast on a cold, flat plate. He pulled down the top plate, which squeezed my breast quite hard.

It hurt, but I knew this had to be done. A

bright light flashed and it was over.

I didn't like a strange man handling my breast. I said to myself, I'm going to advocate women technicians doing this job. It is coming to pass. Thank you.

A date was set for the removal of my right breast. The operation was to take place in my own little town hospital.

Cancer ...in Indian country

According to People Living Through Cancer, Inc:

- American Indians diagnosed with cancer have approximately 30 percent lower survival rates than other groups.
- For the most common cancers—breast, cervical and prostate—the survival rates for American Indians fall even further behind.
- Cancer survivors still experience social isolation in many American Indian communities.
- Because American Indians who have cancer often hide their illness, they may not receive the support of extended families, clans and villages. This also perpetuates the myth that a cancer diagnosis is always fatal.

Cancer support programs developed and administered by American Indians can fight the myths that prevent people from seeking early diagnosis and effective treatment!

My doctor was a tiny lady who had to stand on a stool to operate. She did an excellent job.

My husband, Sam Mackety, was a minister and had many people praying for me across the country. My Church of the Nazarene and many friends and relatives were praying for my successful recovery.

Recovery, however, was rather slow. Tuberculosis, a childhood sickness, reoccurred. The disease had affected my lymph nodes under my right arm.

Strong doses of chemotherapy were helpful, but extremely painful, nauseating and exhausting. I prayed earnestly, "Please bless this medicine. Help it to do its stuff!" And it did.

Several weeks later, I was back on the job

as a social worker with an master's degree earned from the University of Minnesota. I was anxious to see how my clients were doing. They were all glad to see me and most were doing fine.

All of this happened to me in 1983 when I was 60-years-old. My husband was with me in my recovery, bringing home the supper meal, taking me out to some beautiful lake.

My sisters Phyllis Kequom and Roselene Romer took turns staying with me, cooking meals, cleaning and doing the usual home chores, as well as driving me to see the doctor at the Indian Health Clinic for my shots.

My burning desire is to help others talk about their cancer experiences. We sometimes have a hard time trying to express our feelings to others.





CMU program helps Native students adapt to a college lifestyle

By Anna Lampi
Staff Writer

Central Michigan University student Wayne Wilson sees increasing numbers of Native students attending the school.

He's also experienced firsthand the difficulties some face.

"Being in this school isn't easy. I was brought up on a Reservation," said Wilson, who intends to study physical therapy then return to work among his people, the Navajo of the Four Corners region bordering Arizona and New Mexico.

Native students at CMU have found an ally in the director of Native American Programs. Martin Reinhardt has served as interim director since May 6. "I think we're facing a lot of challenges this year with Native American student financial aid, and recruitment and retention. I think

we have to have someone in place to address those issues, someone who is very knowledgeable about how they are going to affect Native American students in general," he noted.

"Also, we have a close neighbor, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, which we need to collaborate with on projects and resource development," Reinhardt said.

"The main focus should always be on Native American students' needs, and developing the resources to help students get through their time here at CMU. If we can develop activities and events to make them feel more comfortable in their stay here, then we'll do that.

"One of my most enjoyable activities at this point has been drumming with students and community members on our new student drum," he added.

Reinhardt is among about a dozen applicants for the director's position. The university has appointed a search committee to select candidates for interviews.

"It's really important that we appoint someone who has credibility with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, as well as someone who can serve as a support person and advocate for students on campus," said Dr. Cornel Morton, assistant vice president of institutional diversity.

"I personally look forward to having this individual establish closer relations for the university with the Tribe.

"I hope that the Saginaw Chippewa leadership and others will take any opportunity to provide advice to us or any comment on how we can serve Native American students on campus," Morton said.

Anishinabe tale for the birds has Waw-goosh eating crow

By Simon Otto
Contributing Writer

Long ago when the Anishnabek were many, they lived along the waterway. There were many beautiful white birds of all sizes and shapes. The Anishnabek were friendly, feeding the birds and conversing with them.

One day, the Fox (Waw-goosh) jokingly said to the birds, "I think I'll paint you different colors, I can't tell you apart." Most of the birds thought it was a good idea, all except Crow. Crow didn't want his feathers painted and he rebelled. He said, "Leave

me alone. I like the way I am, so don't paint me." "But, Waw-goosh held the Crow and started to paint all him all over. Now Waw-goosh told crow, "You are to conceited, I'll paint you all over with black paint." Crow was raising such a fuss that he frightened the other birds and they flew away.

Now Crow was very angry over what Waw-goosh did to him, painting his beautiful white feathers. "I'll get even with him for spoiling my feathers," he said. Crow flew North and there he built a huge long

fence. This would keep the deer from the feeding ground of Waw-goosh. When Waw-goosh and his friends went to the woods for deer, they found none. They sent birds to look for the deer, but they returned without finding any of them.

Later, Ko-ko-ko (Owl) was perched in a tree and saw Crow coming. She quickly followed him and saw all the deer, penned behind a fence far away. She flew to Waw-goosh and told him what Crow had done. Waw-goosh hurried to Crow and said, "You are keeping the deer from us."

Crow laughed, "You turned my feathers black, now you will turn black from starvation."

Waw-goosh sent many animals to break open the fence, but each time, Crow beat them back with his

wings. The wolves tried first, then a wildcat, but none of them could get past Crow. Waw-goosh was puzzled. Then he thought of his brother Fox. He sent two foxes in to divert Crows attention, while another broke through the fence and freed the deer.

Crow was outsmarted. However, he felt satisfied with his vengeance. He told Waw-goosh, "You painted my feathers black. You shouldn't have done

"You painted my feathers black. You shouldn't have done that, but I've had my revenge by making you go hungry. From this time on, you will be able to kill all the deer you need, but leave the liver and fat for me."

-Crow to Waw-goosh

that, but I've had my revenge by making you go hungry. From this time on, you will be able to kill all the deer you need, but leave the liver and fat for me." Waw-goosh agreed to do that.

So, Crow turned out to be useful as a scavenger. To this day you can see him along the roads, carrying out his duty that the first Crow negotiated with Waw-goosh.

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Parading princess

Miss Odawa Nation Summer Fairchild Peters participates in Harbor Springs' Fourth of July parade with Odawa Nation Drum members and friends. Her mother, Patricia, and other family members extend a special thanks to the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, friends and family who showed her much kindness during her reign as Miss Odawa Nation '95-'96. The title was passed on to another young Native American woman on Aug. 2. Summer would also like to send many thanks to everybody who supported her throughout the past two years as Miss Saginaw Ojibwe Tribal Princess '94-'95 and Miss Odawa Nation '95-'96.



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-Virginia
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Hundreds of dancers, drummers, traders and spectators gathered Aug. 3 and 4 for the 12th Annual Little Elk's Retreat. Clockwise from top center, Head Veteran Dancer Jerry Kingbird dances in a Veteran's Honor Song; Head Dancers Bruce George and Julie Blanc dance in an Honor Song; five-year-old Bimosayquay Austin finds some shade under an umbrella; jingle dress dancer Julie D'Artagnan and a men's traditional dancer compete in their respective events; Mike Bomberry Jr. assembles his bustle (he went on to take first place in the men's 12-17 traditional competition); and fancy dancer Thomas Battice of Holland notches a fourth-place finish in the men's 18-44 fancy competition.

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JUDY WHITMAN





Higher education budget includes waiver allocations

Native Americans in Michigan received a \$3 million slice from a billion-dollar pie when Gov. John Engler signed the Community Colleges and Higher Education Appropriations Act into law on June 19.

Included in the \$1.4 billion higher education bill was a \$2,445,676 allocation intended to fund the Michigan Indian tuition waiver program during the 1996-97 fiscal year. The community colleges bill appropriated an additional \$936,500 in funding for the program.

Each Michigan university and community college, as well as the federally-controlled Bay Mills college, received an increase in base funding to make up for the elimination

of the separate line-item funding for the waiver.

Although the Indian tuition line item no longer exists, the program will continue to be financed from the base operations amount given to each institution.

Among the appropriations to local colleges were \$100,000 to Bay Mills Tribal College, \$144,117 to Central Michigan University, \$156,380 to Ferris State University, \$37,266 to Saginaw Valley State University and \$10,900 to Mid Michigan Community College.



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Girls game

Lisa Flynn, left, and Nicole McMullen have fun with a role playing game during "For Girls Only" activities on July 17 at the Saganing Outreach Center.

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Natzel honored

By Anna Lampi
Staff Writer

Nurse Practitioner Fern Natzel has recently been honored by Indian Health Service for her several years of dedication at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

There were about 20 nominations for the Bemidji Area Council Nursing 1995 Nurse Award. The Bemidji Area IHS, which includes Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, provides different services, health employees and outreach facilitators to the area. Natzel earned a runner-up certificate of appreciation.



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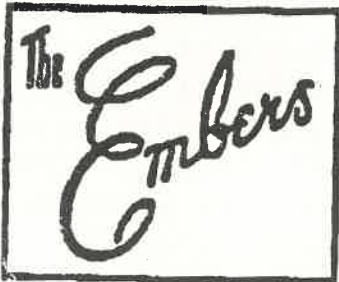
"I'm very grateful," she said. "I'm so appreciative and I like to be here."

Natzel previously worked at Nimkee nine years ago and returned two years ago in March.

Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick, who was part of the group which recommended Natzel, said they considered her for the award because of her dedication and hard work.

"Fern has put in many years of excellent service for the Tribal community and we thought she deserved a little extra recognition," Sowmick stated. "Everybody loves Fern."

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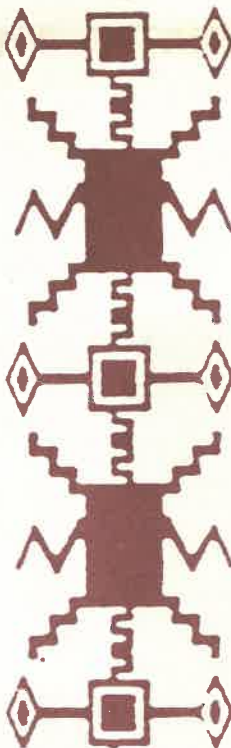
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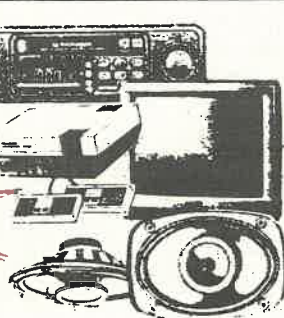
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Gun safety program targets Montessori students

Even though students are in the midst of enjoying summer vacation, one of the last lessons learned by Saginaw Chippewa Academy Binoojiinh Montessori students will help them year-round and could make the difference between life and death.

About 100 youth participated in a five-week gun safety program taught by Tribal Police Domestic Violence Officer Louise Dickerman and Office Records Administrator Cathy Chamberlain.

The program, designed by the National Rifle Association, used several visual aids in helping the children understand the importance of not touching a firearm—no matter where they find one.

"The kids seemed to pick up the information in the program really well," Dickerman said. "It's something they will remember."

Part of that recollection process included the children learning the "Eddie Eagle Shuffle." The program used the animated character to relate the gun safety message in a way children would understand.

According to Eddie, if a child finds a gun they are to:

"Stop.

Don't touch.

Leave the area and tell an adult."

"We wanted them to realize a gun can hurt you if used improperly," Dickerman added. "Some people do not put their guns away. They might not have children and don't think about it."

"Children have a curious nature and they may discover a gun almost anywhere. We wanted them to understand the seriousness of the matter and that it may not be just a toy."

The students' "graduation" included a participation certificate and a barbecue at the Tribal Public Safety Building. Cookout helpers included Lt. Joe Kequom and wife, Marge, Patrolmen Steve Yagiela and Michael Leasher, plus Patrolman Trainee Dwayne Miedzianowski (who is also one of McGruff's best friends).

PHOTOS AND STORY
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SCOTT CSERNYIK



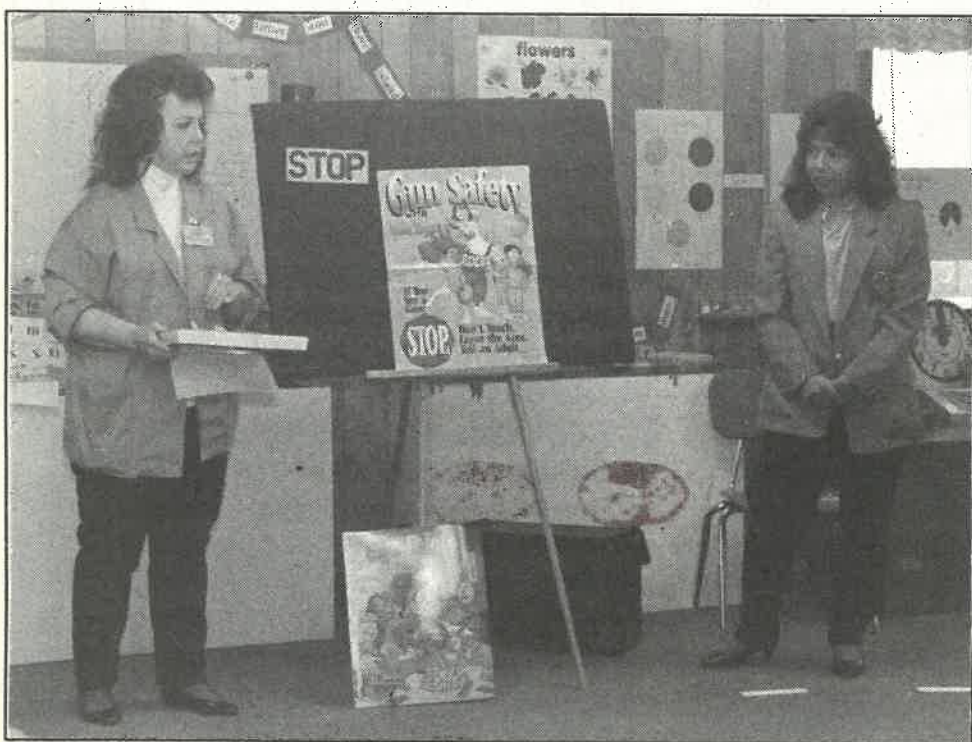
Saginaw Chippewa Academy Binoojiinh Montessori students recite the gun safety slogan they learned during the five-week program. If they discover a gun, they are to, "Stop. Don't Touch. Leave the area and tell an adult."



Alex Grice shows off his friend, a Tribal Patrol Bear, with Patrolman Michael Leasher.



McGruff the Crime Dog spends some quality time with Jeffrey McDonald, left, Jordan Logan, Mariah Perez, Heidi Reed and Malina Cantu.



Office Records Administrator Cathy Chamberlain, left, explains the importance of gun safety with Domestic Violence Officer Louise Dickerman.

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-Louise Dickerman



Materials in the gun safety packet include illustrated handouts to help the children understand what they are supposed to do if they discover a weapon.



Awareness effort spreads throughout Reservation

By Judy Whitman
Staff Writer

It's impossible to tell just by looking whether someone has a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

"STDs can happen to anyone—young, old, rich, poor, any color or nationality. They are equal-opportunity diseases," said Maternal-Child Nurse Specialist Kathe Martin.

Nimkee medical clinic and public health staffers have joined forces to increase awareness and fight STDs. The departments cooperated in an Aug. 6 series of seminars offering information about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

HIV is caused by a virus spread by sexual contact, contact with blood or other bodily fluids of an injected person, and through sharing needles used to inject drugs or tattoo.

Confidential AIDS testing can be obtained through the Nimkee clinic. Public Health Director Walt Kennedy and Health Educator Sue Siler have achieved certification in counseling and testing procedures. Patients must give their written consent in order for AIDS testing to be done.

Kennedy emphasized the testing is done anonymously—using numbers in place of names—to assure that results are kept confidential.

Siler noted women who are pregnant are routinely asked to undergo AIDS testing. "If an HIV-positive woman is treated with the drug AZT, it greatly reduces the chance that her baby will be born infected with the virus."

Confidential screening and counseling for other STDs is also available at Nimkee.

Early detection and treatment is vital, Martin emphasized. "If left untreated, STDs can cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) and sterility. The secondary stages of a disease like syphilis can effect the body in different ways, harming the neurological system and even leading to death."

Patients who prefer it can obtain general counseling, screening, and referrals for treatment at the health department or a private physician's office through the Maternal-Child program, staffed by Martin and fellow nurse specialist Deb Young.

"In addition, anybody can come into the clinic to get condoms without having it entered in their medical records," said Nimkee nurse Twila Schrot.

Schrot added the clinic also has a host of books, pamphlets and videos available to assist parents in explaining sexuality to their children. Materials range in scope from picture books explaining AIDS to preschoolers, to pamphlets suggesting ways parents can encourage honest and open communication with teens.

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J.L.: That makes me feel real good. I would hope that you could ask any of these artists here today and the most important complement you could give them is to love what they are doing. When I see one of my caps out there in that powwow arena, I feel like I'm there too. Although I'm a trader and need to work my booth, when I see that happen my heart soars and I feel like I'm out there dancing for my people.

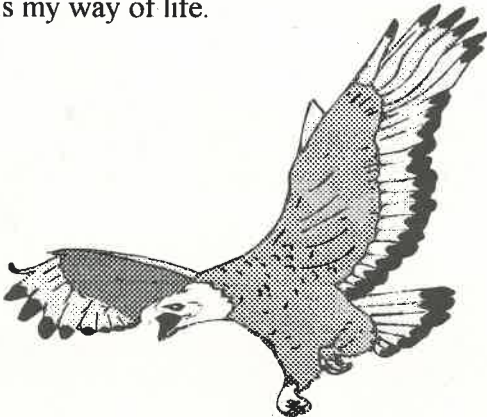
T.O.: What, in your opinion, is the most impor-

"I don't believe we are covered under the United States Constitution and we have our freedom of religion without Bill Clinton telling us and writing something down on a piece of paper to make it official."

-Jeannie Loomis

tant message that one should get after attending a powwow?

J.L.: It's about sharing the wealth. The wealth of our culture, language and traditions. Sharing our art with the people. Sharing the understanding that we are different but we can come together. There's a lot of sharing at powwows and I'm glad it is my way of life.



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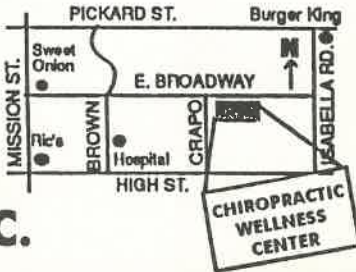
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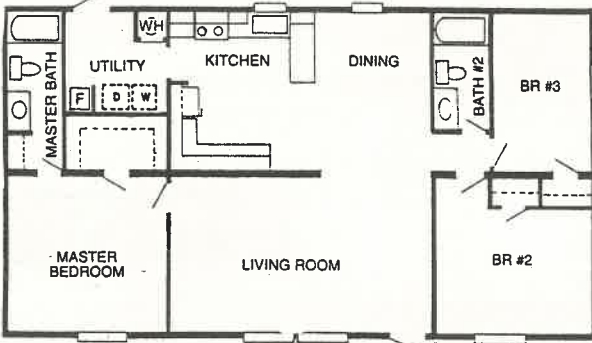
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"Mt. Pleasant has a tremendous reputation

for safety and friendliness. That reputation is there, it's solid, and it's something you can take to the bank," Hill noted, later adding, "There is a concern we could be vulnerable if we don't take proper steps."

The study recommended the city add six to eight and the county five to seven additional

police officers. Although the present staffing of the Tribal Police Department was considered in the report, the crime projections did not take into account the fact the department plans to nearly double its 18-person force with the opening of the resort.

On Aug. 6, the department announced it

is accepting applications for certified and entry-level officers.

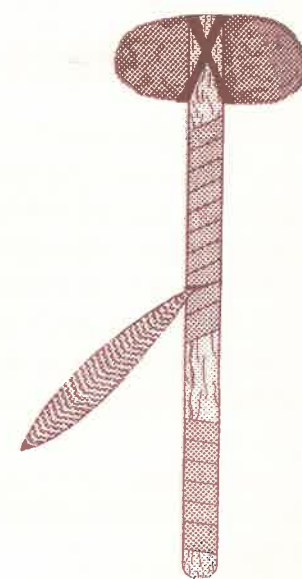
The impact study also examined the effect of the casino expansion on the labor pool, housing, schools, roads and health care. Among its findings were:

•Over 3,000 new jobs could be created in the long run.

•Housing and retail growth are likely to continue increasing at about the present rate.

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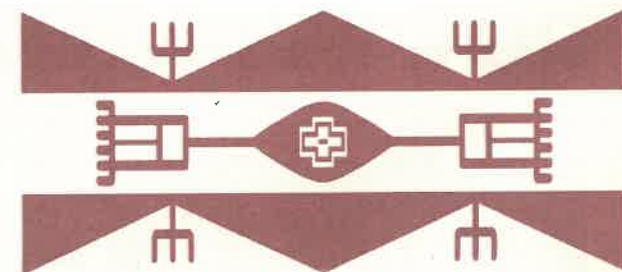
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
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Dance

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WOMEN 18-44

TRADITIONAL:

Bedahbin Webkamigad, Odawa, first; Dee White Eye, Chippewa, second; Angie Franciso, Potawatomi/Ottawa, third; Genevieve Gibson, Kickapoo, fourth.

JINGLE:

Vicki Montour, Mohawk, first; Cathy Gibson, Odawa, second; Julie D'Artagnan, Chippewa, third; Trisha Doxtafor, Oneida, fourth.

FANCY:

Noreen Parker, Mohawk, first; Zelda Elijah, Oneida, second; Christina Bomberly, Mohawk, third; Angie Shinos, Odawa/Ojibwe, fourth.

MEN 12-17

TRADITIONAL:

Michael Bomberly, Mohawk, first; Jesse Printup, Cayuga, second; Joel Johnson, Tuscarora, third.

GRASS:

Nimkeence Plain, Ojibwe, first; Myeengun Plain, Ojibwe/Cree, second; Robert White Eye, Delaware, third.

FANCY:

Dallas Sinopole, first; Jacob White Eye, Potawatomi, second; Bucky Shanks, Chippewa, third.

BOYS 6-11

TRADITIONAL:

Chase Stevens, Ojibwe, first; Enrico Zapata Gallegos, Jicarilla/Apache, second; Corey Sands, Ojibwe, third.

GRASS:

Wade Doxtator, Mohawk, first; Nate Gibson, Odawa, second; Andy Plain, Ojibwe, third.

FANCY:

Winter Blackbird, Oneida/Ojibwe, first; James Johansen, Ojibwe, second.

WOMEN 12-17

TRADITIONAL:

Veronica Bomberly, Mohawk, first; Becky Jacobs, Ojibwe, second; Sarah Big Bear, Ponca, third.

JINGLE:

Melanie Bomberly, Mohawk, first; Sophie Williams, Ojibwe, second; Aimee Johnson, Ojibwe/Potawatomi, third.

FANCY:

Melissa Williams, Seneca, first; Autumn Johnson,

Ojibwe/Potawatomi, second; Chenoa Plain, Ojibwe, third.

GIRLS 6-11

JINGLE:

Juanita Plain, Ojibwe, first; Carla Appleton, Ojibwe, second; Shelina Patterson, Ojibwe, third.

FANCY:

Shana Patterson, Ojibwe, first; Lee-Anne Bird, Ojibwe, second; Judy Shrinar, Grand Traverse Band, third.

Museum planning meeting scheduled

Tribal community members are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on Aug. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Old Senior's Room at Tribal Operations to discuss plans for a Cultural Center/Museum.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Ziibiwing Cultural Society. Drinks and snacks will be provided and for more information, call the ZCS offices at (517) 773-3810.

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POWWOW & EVENTS SCHEDULE

Aug. 17 American Indian Hobbyist Powwow in Killeetville, Pa. at the Flying W Ranch. For more information, call Tom Mance at (412) 331-6129.

Aug. 17-18 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians Peshawbestown Traditional Powwow in Suttons Bay. For more information, call (616) 271-3538.

Aug. 17-18 United Americans for Native Preservation "Honoring Our Veterans" Powwow in Sandusky at the Sandusky Fairgrounds on M-46. For information, call Ron Two Horses at (517) 673-2299 or (810) 657-8881.

Aug. 17-18 American Indian Council 14th Annual Traditional Powwow "Honoring All Veterans" in Lebanon, Ind. at the Boone County 4-H Grounds. For more information, call Nancy Malaterre at (317) 482-3315 or Susie Deem at (317) 545-5057.

Aug. 23-25 Seventh Annual Traditional Anishnabeg Mom-Weh Indian Center Powwow in Rapid River at the Hiawatha National Forest. For more information, call (906) 786-0556; fax (906) 786-8108.

Aug. 24-25 Rocky River Rendezvous and Two Worlds Lodge Powwow in Three Rivers at the Memory Isle Park. For more information on the powwow, call (616) 344-7111; on the rendezvous, call (616) 279-9069.

Aug. 24-25 Michigan Inter-Tribal Association Powwow in Climax at the Timberlake Campground, 7250 South 40th Street. For more information, call Sue at (616) 963-3166 or Karen (after 5 p.m.) at (313) 434-0773.

Aug. 31-Sept. 1 37th Annual Techmseh Lodge Labor Day Powwow in Tipton, Ind. at the Tipton County Fairgrounds. For more information, call Ray Kattmeyer at (317) 745-2858 after 6 p.m. For trader information, call Barbara Scott at (317) 773-4233.



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Play time

Amanda George enjoys some quality time with her son, Mak'yo Henry-George Dye, during the July 16 Play Group at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

Cemetery gathering planned for Aug. 26

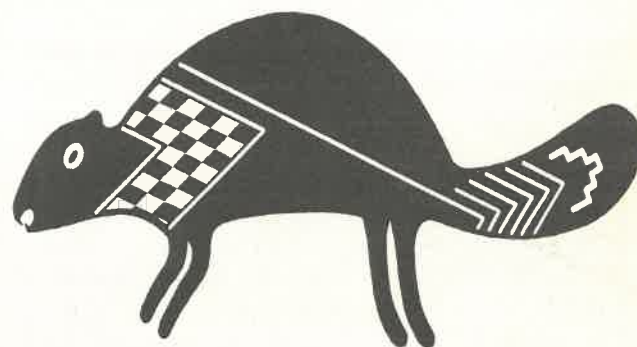
Tribal Elders and other interested community members are invited to attend an Aug. 26 gathering at the Tribe's Baseline Cemetery from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities include cemetery cleanup and information sharing. Lunch will also be served.

The event, sponsored by the Ziibwing Cultural Society, is a continuing effort to give Tribal members the opportunity to be included with cemetery preservation efforts.

If one has any information regarding the burial of ancestors at the Tribe's three cemeteries in Isabella County, they are encouraged to contact ZCS offices at (517) 773-3810. Individuals who are without transportation and want to attend the Aug. 26 gathering can also call Ziibwing for assistance.

The Baseline cemetery is located on Baseline Road, east of Old Mission Road, near the U.S. 27 overpass.



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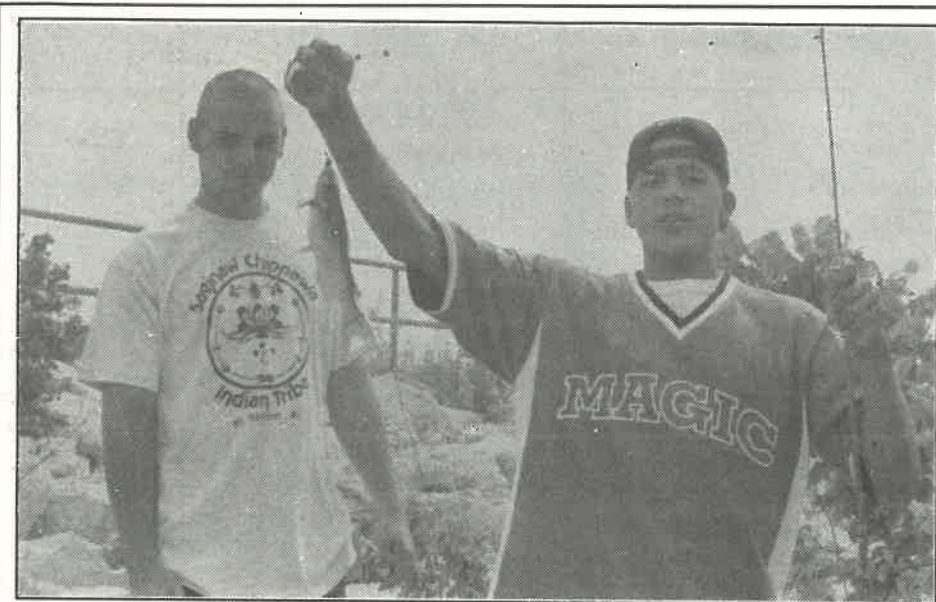
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Native

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games and competitions throughout our history. And we're exercising that birthright today."
As master of ceremonies, it was Elliot's job to inform the public on what is happening in the arena. It is a responsibility he takes very seriously.
"When people come to a powwow they see the honoring and respect that goes on," Elliot added. "It helps get rid of a lot of the stereotypes our people endure. It's the best



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Fishy time

Displaying obvious exhaustion after reeling in a monster catfish, Jeremy Slater takes a breather while Henry Sprague poses with the one "that didn't get away" on Aug. 1 in Au Gres. About 20 summer youth corps workers participated in the activity, which also included a trip to a local go-cart track and amusement park.

way someone from outside the Native community can learn about our culture."



Meeting

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who's 93 and by Aug. 23 she will receive five tax-free payments of \$3,000 each."

No date was given for the next community meeting at press time.



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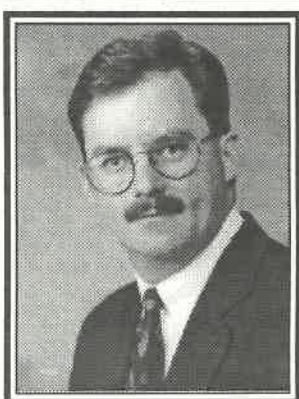
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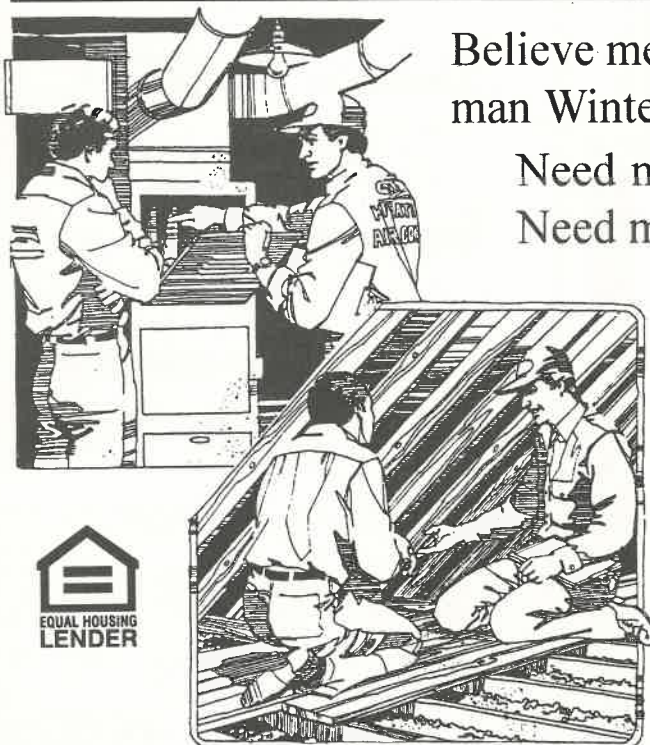
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