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INDIAN FINE ARTS GALLERY OPENS

by CORKY CRAMPTON

Pon-Yak, Mt. Pleasant's first known Indian owned and operated private business opened December 1, 1990, at 207 E. Broadway. Titled, an Indian Fine Arts Gallery, co-owners Dennis Christy and Allen Pego differed on whose idea this originally was; but both attributed the unusual spelling to Great-grandfather, James Pontiac. Pon-Yak is a literal pronunciation and spelling of the family name, as verified by Amelia Pontiac, daughter of James.

The gallery eliminated the middle-man in Pego and Christy's art sales, who estimated that 50-60% of the profits were lost to art agents, and now they said, "we're the agents." Pon-Yak accepts art at consignment or outright purchases Indian art at wholesale.

Christy and Pego said that the store would serve as an outlet for Great Lakes artistic expression and they wanted to express encouragement for young people's development in the arts.

Christy worked out a definition for 'fine arts' as "inspired quality work using technique and creativity--as opposed to craftsmanship that can make the same excellent product, again and again."

Pego vowed "not to turn down any local artist." Local crafts might be accepted, he laughed 'to pay the bills. But no rubber tipped spears."

Pego was introduced to sculpting in New Mexico in 1980. He traced his involvement in the Native American Fellows Program at Michigan State University with Representative Dave Hollister as mentor.

Christy graduated from the Institute of American Indian Art

at Santa Fe and is on the executive board of directors, Great Lakes Indian Artists Association. He will teach a class in jewelry making at the gallery, using his turquoise and silver smithing skills.

Grant money is being sought to help the Pon-Yak cash flow. "We're doing all right," said Christy. "Cash flow is about even."

Store hours are from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Sundays from now to Christmas are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and will be by appointment after December 25, 1990.

Both Christy and Pego, 35, were dismayed at being accused of being frauds. "Yeah, they said that on our own reserve," said Pego who

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Delores Bullbear shows her Eaglehead door prize. "It retails for \$650.00 and Steve Pego tried to buy it back. Yeah! I won. I'm so happy, I've always wanted one." Delores is a BlackJack dealer in the Cardroom.

Recall continued

shouldn't their expenses have been dismissed in August?"

Lorna Call pointed out there was a referendum on these concerns.

Mary Lynne Chippeway spoke of a "Strategic Action Plan" that was set for 5 years and 10 years in the future. She said she inflated executive council salaries with the expectation that they would be cut down. She also pointed out that \$50.00 for a regular meeting and \$25.00 for special meetings did not really mean much money for the effort that went with serving on the council.

Chief Davis compared executive salaries of other companies with multi-million dollar budgets and conclude that salaries would be left up to a vote of the people.

Ralph Sawmick said that decisions were made 'spur of the moment' with ought proper consideration for some types of salaries.

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PEGO AND CHRISTY LAUGH IT UP IN THE ART GALLERY Photos by Corky Crampton

TRIBAL COUNCIL RECALLED BY MEMBERS

by CORDELL CRAMPTON

Seven of eight Tribal Council members were recalled by overwhelming margins in a tribal vote. Only one member retained his post, Ron Falcon and rejoined council member At-Large, Gerald Gould, Saganing District council member, Le Etta Hansen, new-elect council members, Delmar Jackson, Sr., and Connie Sprague.

Losing were Chief Tim Davis, Tribal Chairman; Mary Lynne Chippeway, Ralph Sawmick, Emily Kahgegab, Lorna Kahgegab Call, Richard Quigno and Dorothy Scott. Both Quigno and Scott were absent at the last official council meeting, and Scott was also missing from the special recall

council meeting when council members addressed the community. Gerry Gould, council member At-Large, served as moderator at this meeting.

In the last official council meeting held, both Ralph Sawmick and Mary Lynne Chippeway opposed Resolution No. 91-021. Chippeway was most adamant in questioning the constitutionality of the resolution as proposed by Tribal Attorney, Derril B. Jordan. The resolution passed by a 7-2 margin after 45 minutes of debate. In the special recall meeting where community members addressed the council, sometimes very heatedly (but always very polite), council members had a chance to state their case why they should

not be recalled.

Ron Falcon said he was willing to answer any questions.

Ralph Sawmick said he was happy to serve and listed the service boards for Native Americans that he worked on.

Emily Kahgegab cited her prior council experience and the steadily increasing complexity of being a council member.

Lorna Call was mostly silent at this time but later joined with Mary Lynne Chippeway in a spirited defense of the council.

Mary Lynne Chippeway referred to herself on two occasions as "a greenhorn" and said that she was not happy with some of the prior decisions of the council and that was why she ran for election twice

before making tough business decisions for the Tribe.

Chief Davis said he would wait for questions from the people.

At this point, the community addressed the council: Carla Sineway asked why the Tribal Police Department was overspending on two police cars. Davis responded that one of the cars was a loaner from Ford Motor Co. and the other was bought with a police assistance grant to replace two aging police vehicles with about 100,400 and 100,200 miles on them.

Sineway continued with budgetary concerns and asked why "if money was so tight in June,

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CORKY CRAMPTON SPECIAL ELECTION

TO BE HELD

by APRIL BORTON

Recall Continued

A special election is tentatively scheduled for January 12th, 1991, and a primary election might occur January 10th, 1991, if there are more than 22 candidates for 7 Tribal Council positions.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will seek to replace the council members Tim Davis, Mary Lynne Chippeway, Lorna Kahgegab Call, Emily Kahgegab, Ralph Sawmick, Dorothy Scott, and Richard Quigno.

Sergeant at Arms Ron Falcon retained his post by a 115-24 vote.

"All candidate will need to file nominating petitions, as they would for a general election," said Borton.

CHESS CLUB MEETS AT NIMKEE CLINIC

by GLEN COFFIN

Chess Club for any interested individuals who wants to play, meets every Tuesday at 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Nimkee Memorial Clinic Fitness Center. The chess club is for all ages.

"I had been thinking about starting the Chess Club, kids wanted to play chess and had no place to play, so I started the Chess Club," said George Ebeling, Coordinator of the Chess Club.

Mr. Ebeling has received voluntary help from Robert Williams and Dan Jackson for their "extraordinary help." Williams and Jackson have been at the Chess club since the beginning and have been teaching kids who did not know how to play.

"Kids learn patience, attention, strategy to think better, plan ahead, and to problem solve all which is important to learn for when they grow up in life," stated Ebeling. Ebeling had bought the chess sets himself to start the club and asked the Indian Health Department to purchase the tables and chairs.

The Chess club had started about one month ago, November 13, 1990, and with new "players" the Chess club will expand to a games club where there will be other games for the "players" to use.

"I would like to see more adults to join as well as children," Ebeling pointed out, since lately there had been no great amount of adults that have attended.

For more information, please contact George Ebeling at 772-5700, Extension 273.

BIG BUCK

Winner of the Big Buck contest, sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Parks & Recreation, is Kevin Chamberlain. Chamberlain's 7 point, a total score of seventeen (17) and a half (1/2) points won the \$100.00 cash prize.

The contest was open to men and women. There were no women entries.

HIGH GAME

The Parks & Recreation committee would like to remind you of the high game of the month award.

Each month a \$20.00 gift certificate will be awarded to the men/women that has the high game for the month. Awards will be given for October 90, November 90, December 90, January 91, February 91, and March 91.

To qualify, you must be a sponsored team of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. * It is the responsibility of your team captain to submit monthly score cards to our committee or you can place them in a sealed envelope and drop off at the front reception desk at the Tribal Center.

Last year scores were recorded from the Morning Sun. All team scores did not get printed due to delay of the leagues. So it is important to turn them in yourself. * Thank You for your cooperation and participation.

NAME THE PLAYGROUND

The Saginaw Chippewa Parks & Recreation will be holding a contest to name our new neighborhood playground.

The playground is located between Ogemaw and Otto Drive. Watch for the January Tribal Observer for details.

ROLLER SKATING

FRIDAY, DEC. 21, 1990
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Spinning Wheels Roller Rink
Skate Rental, Hotdog, Soft Drink
Transportation also provided
Bus will be leaving Tribal
Center at 4:00 p.m.
For more info call Bernie Sprague
772-4013

Sponsored By the Saginaw
Chippewa Parks & Recreation

1990-1991

30 & OVER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Saginaw Chippewa Parks & Recreation sponsored a team of 8 players.

We could use more players.
Player fees are \$6.00.
Please contact Bernie Sprague
at 772-4013 for more info.

See back page for schedule

CULTURE CLASS GETS PROPOSAL FROM LING

A proposal for Native American culture to be taught as a class in Mt. Pleasant Schools is in its second year of development and is being finalized within the next couple months.

Kathy Ling, Mt. Pleasant High School social studies teacher, introduced the culture class proposal believing, "...if Native American students have a class they can relate to and have an interest in, they might stay in school longer", she said.

"This is something I personally believe is needed in the school system", Ling stated. The social studies teacher has been optimistic and believes the Professional Studies Committee, a staff of high school administrators and teachers that reviews new classes to be introduced into the school, that reports to be Mt. Pleasant School Board, will approve the culture class proposal and give the class its full support. The culture class will be taught to students in all grades, K-12 in the Mt. Pleasant school area, and will be emphasized in the 8th grade classroom. The culture class is to be introduced by next Fall '91, and no later than the Fall '92.

The culture class will use the cooperation of guest speakers, Native American artists, and Native American writers from the community and other experts on Native American culture in Michigan. The community will benefit from the participation of school students that attend the culture class and will bring students awareness of the heritage and culture of their neighboring Native Americans and will invoke understanding to the whole community through the one culture class.



GLEN COFFIN

TRIBE CONDUCTS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROJECT

Over this past summer the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe conducted a Junior Achievement Project in conjunction with the Midland Regional Office of Junior Achievement (J.A.). This is the first effort of a national initiative by Junior Achievement to work directly with Tribes rather than through the public school system.

Junior Achievement has not experienced broad participation in the past by Native American students in the traditional setting through the public schools. In response to this problem, Junior Achievement is trying to work directly with the tribes to meet the special needs of Native American students.

Because Little Elk's Retreat Pow-Wow was identified as the primary market for the company's products, the project was condensed into seven (7) weeks rather than fifteen (15). Although the students had to absorb twice as much information in a short amount of time, they learned that running a business was much more complicated than they originally thought.

The company earned a nice profit for stockholders and students alike and proved to be a good learning experience for all involved. At completion of the project, the local president of Junior Achievement and Board of Directors sponsored a breakfast in honor of the students who completed the project. At the breakfast, company officers gave their annual report on how well the company performed.

Students received individual awards for their contributions to the project. A special note of thanks to John Concannon, Tribal Education Director and Sue Wedrow of Kopy Korner for all their support throughout the project.

Association of Mt. Pleasant. He very much enjoys working with our Indian youth and for a winning season. A very special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Siers and to the parents who help this event possible.

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Alcoholism

To those parents who may be similar to mine, I just want to comment that respect is achieved by the willingness to show consideration and appreciation. A little love and tenderness never hurts either. To the children, don't let this kind of parent ruin your life, you're precious and fresh and needed somewhere. Find that 7th direction in your heart and deep in your soul. You'll find your place...

- Anonymous

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Job Announcement

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Families First Specialist

LOCATION: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, 7070 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
NOTE: Will serve Isabella County including Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

SALARY RANGE: Negotiable

SUPERVISORY CONTROL: Families First Supervisor

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in Social Work/Human Services or related field, OR A MINIMUM OF THREE (3) YEARS EXPERIENCE IN DIRECT CLIENT SERVICES.

Ability to engage with and relate to dysfunctional multi-problem families.

Skills in crisis intervention, assessment of potentially violent situations and short-term goal setting.

Knowledge of treatment philosophies and strategies of home based services.

Ability to work flexible schedule, on call 24 hours/day allowing for extensive client access.

Must be able to provide ethnic sensitive culturally appropriate treatment services.

Native American preferred.

DUTIES:

1. Conduct intensive family in-home crisis intervention counseling to dysfunctional families.
2. Responsible for client assessment and case planning/management.
3. Develop sound working relationships with local/tribal referral sources, agencies and multi disciplinary team.
4. Will secure interagency cooperative agreements from existing resource pool.
5. Develop individual service plans for each family with case consultation of supervisor and referring worker or agency.
6. Work on-site with families providing direct and supportive services.
7. Maintain client files and Inter-Tribal Council family focus documentation.
8. Maintain accurate and up to date records, preparing related reports involving case load, diagnostic and treatment activities and other services provided.
9. Prepare monthly statistical reports and narrative staff reports and submit to Families First Supervisor.
10. Perform all other duties as assigned by the Families First Supervisor.

DATE OF DISTRIBUTION: December 10, 1990
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Saginaw Chippewa Tribe
7070 East Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

YOUTH AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUE

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The Saginaw Chippewa Parks & Recreation sponsored seven male youths for the 1990-91 Amateur Hockey Association league.

The youth have been attending the Hockey clinics which have been in process since November 10, 1990. These clinics have been held in Big Rapids and Midland to prepare the youth for the season.

The Parks & Recreation provided equipment. Some equipment has been leased to the Tribe by Paul and Gloria Siers of Mt. Pleasant. Paul is the Director of (AHAMP) Amateur Hockey

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- DEC 17 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Xylitol chewing gum party at Wellness Center
- DEC 17-18 WIC Clinic will be open to the public by appointment
- DEC 19 8:00 - 12 Noon Cholesterol and blood pressure screening at the Tribal Center
- DEC 19 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Group session for girls 10 years and up at the Tribal Center Senior room

- DEC 20 Adult Education classes close down
- DEC 20 Xylitol chewing gum distribution at the Tribal Center
- DEC 21 Tribal Center closes down
- DEC 21 Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center closes down
- DEC 21 10:00 a.m. AIDS education program for tribal employees
- DEC 21 6:30 p.m. Christmas community bingo at Bingo Hall

- JAN 02 Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center re-opens
- JAN 03 Tribal Center Operations re-opens
- JAN 07 Adult Education classes re-open
- JAN 11 Xylitol Chewing gum distribution

BINGO & CARDROOM SCHEDULE

- DEC 16 Cardroom closes down
- DEC 16 Bingo hall closes down
- JAN 02 Bingo hall re-opens
- JAN 06 Hard cards
- JAN 13 Hard cards
- JAN 16 Cardroom re-opens Note: May open at an earlier time if renovations are complete
- *Our Bingo Schedule is subject to change.
- For more information regarding our Bingo Schedule please call our office Mondays/Tuesdays 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Wednesdays/Thursdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., and Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- After business hours call Toll Free 1-800-338-9092 Michigan Only!



KIM SAWMICK

HEALING AND PROGRESS SEEN IN LAST YEAR

by KIM SAWMICK

Dear Readers,

As the editor of this newspaper, I have been asked to write an article. As in Gerald Gould's article, I too look back at what has transpired through this past year. It is of progress and healing.

The most recent area of progress is having the Tribal Observer as its own department. "Corky" Crampton, son of John and Anna Crampton, joined us as Newspaper Manager. Mary Alice Perez, daughter of Nicki and David Perez, joined us as Newspaper Assistant. Glen Coffin, son of Dorothy Coffin, is in his senior year at Mt. Pleasant High School and is doing a student co-op with the newspaper. They are located here in the Planning Department. Many people thought my only duty here was the "Tribal Observer" but I have been active with other organizations as well.

In addition to Gerald's list of major happenings, I would like to share some other events that I'm aware of serving on the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and the American Indian Business Development Consortium, Inc. helps me to keep abreast of what is going on in the state. Over the past year, the American Indian Tourism Council was incorporated in June. The Urban Indian Consortium came in to existence to create a more unified voice and effort for our people living in the urban areas. The North American Indian Association, Inc. celebrated its 50th Anniversary which is the oldest urban Indian organization in the United States. This year the Grand Assembly of the Federally Recognized Tribes took last years priorities and put them into working items. Many great things happening here in Michigan. If I missed anything, please know that it is not deliberate. Let us know if I did.

Now of healing, we have had many deaths in such a short period of time for our small community. The day before my daughter, Alexandria, died she was saying, "When is Father's Day?" I told her tomorrow and she was so happy. Then Adam, her brother, spoke up and said, "Well when is it going to be Kid's Day?" We just laughed, but little did I know that would be such a profound statement. Everyday should be Kids day because we are not guaranteed of their tomorrow. I know how badly I missed my baby, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think of her. I'm sure others in our community who have lost their children feel the same way. My heart goes out to you.

There hasn't only been the deaths of children that has taken place, but of others who have had time to make their presence known. Chief Arnold Sowmick and his wife, "Miss Chief" (as she would call herself), Margaret. Henry George, Sr., Chief Little Elk (Eli Thomas) and Louis Pontiac.

Arnold was a gentle, discerning man who was looked on as a good leader. (Can anyone fill his shoes again? I think not) His wife, Margaret, was such a joy to be around. Always laughing, singing and telling a good story.

Henry was involved with the Constitution & By-Laws Revision Committee and added to the many meetings we had.

To the Editor:

I'm the child who turned to drugs, as well as alcohol, at a young age. The reason behind all this was to ease the pain of not having a "real" family. You know, that traditional "sit together at dinner" kind of family.

I come from a single-parent family and had experience with an alcoholic parent. The fact of not having that parent around when I needed them made me "rebel" and lose respect for them. It was a lot of responsibility for a twelve year old to have to grow up at that age. I was my own parent. I guess at the time I was trying to get my parent to show some love and care towards me.

As I grew older in this home environment, I thought about my own well-being and a lot about my future. I began to set my own curfew and tried to stay out of trouble. I knew what had to be done to make myself amenable as well as a liable person.

I felt deprived from my childhood years, but know I also gained from this experience. I know I will be a good parent someday and my children will be successful. I'm going to give my children my love and support so that they too will be successful as well as happy.

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PEREZ NAMED ASST. EDITOR



MARY A. PEREZ

Mary Alice Perez is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School class of 1990. She holds a Newspaper Assistant position at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Operations. She'll be attending Central Michigan University in January as a full-time student. Her planned major is focusing on Law or Business Administration with her long-term goal of going into graduate studies after receiving her Bachelors.

Perez comes from a family of four, one sister and two brothers, she being the

youngest. She is the daughter of David Glenn Perez, Sr. and Nicki Perez. Her father works as a computer operator for Dow Chemical Ion Exchange and her mother is the Tribal Magistrate for the Saginaw Chippewa Judicial Services.

Her favorite place is the beaches of San Diego, California. She received a birthday gift from her sister, Dawn, surprising her with a plane ticket there over spring break. She also visited Tijuana, Mexico, Los Angeles, Barona Mountains of California and the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps. base while visiting her brother, Craig, who is a Marine on active duty. Perez plans to move to California after completion of her studies, but the plans are not concrete.

Her favorite basketball team is the Pistons even though they're on a losing streak this month. In football, she is a fan of the Los Angeles Raiders. A prized possession is a Raider's winter jacket that her mother bought her for Christmas. Besides keeping track of sports, other hobbies include Native American dance, beadwork, skiing, aerobics, and cross-training.

EDITORIAL COMMENT



TRIBAL OBSERVER MAJOR MILESTONES MARK PROGRESS

by GERRY GOULD

It seems appropriate that at the end of each year we look back and reflect about the year's milestones or major events. Those events that touched our lives in the year 1990, I suppose in some ways measure whether this year was a good year or a bad year, successful or unsuccessful based on those events or milestones.

Looking back, of course, I was saddened by the tragic loss of so many of our tribal members, too many for our small community to suffer. It is impossible to measure such a great loss of human life to our tribe. What they were to us in real terms were our grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters...our loved ones. We will not forget them.

Yet, fortunately for us are the births, untouched new members filled with hope and unlimited possibilities. These possibilities are our tribe's future.

A milestone for our tribe was the opening of the new clinic and what it will mean for us in the area of better health care. This clinic will help our elders, our children, expectant mothers, all of us to have better and healthier lives. Another major event are the annual pow-wows that I hope we will never take for granted because of the way it brings our people together with warmth and friendship.

The increased activity of our construction company and the expansion of their work experience in new and different areas of construction will prove to be valuable in the future, as will of our gaming activities and the possible increase of more jobs for our tribal members.

Our tribal survey will help identify community needs and provide direction for new tribal programs. The survey can also help identify the pool of work experience that exists within our tribe's membership. We should never forget that our tribal members are our greatest resource.

In addition, it was a time of controversy with Central Michigan University and within our own Tribal Council. It was difficult to find agreement even among tribal members.

However, as a community, I feel that we have not allowed tragedy, disagreement or controversy to pull us apart, but rather to create a more sensitive community and give us a better understanding of our goals, our future, and ourselves. These last few months have helped me to understand how much the community cares about what happens here and what happens to all of us.

These are a few of the major events that balanced out the years activities and that keep us feeling optimistic and hopeful for a new and better year. Was it a good year or a bad year? It was certainly a year of change and year of growth.

Since it is Christmas, I would like to share part of my own Christmas list for the holidays:

- 1) To help us improve communication between the community and the Tribal Council and among the community members, that one Saturday morning each month be set aside for an informal community meeting to discuss issues, needs, and existing programs and the Tribal Council should spring for coffee and rolls.
- 2) The Tribal Council meeting minutes be prepared and approved at the following Gaming Commission meeting for publication in the Tribal Observer.
- 3) The Tribal Observer be published once each month.
- 4) Bring back the Christmas party as a permanent celebration for everyone.
- 5) Have more potluck dinners, three or four each year for community members.
- 6) At the beginning of each year have the Tribal Chief present a State of the Tribe message to discuss and explain a summary of the past years activities and the goals, objectives and expectations for the coming year.

The list is brief, like many Christmas stockings left hanging at the fire place, its full of hope. Merry Christmas! Gerry Gould, Tribal Council member At-Large.

Gerry Gould is serving his second term as Tribal Council member At-Large. He majored in history at Western Michigan University, and teaches management science for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He has also conducted classes in Native American Studies and a seminar in the cross cultural study of the Native American Vision Quest at Michigan State University. He currently resides in East Lansing.

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GOLF FEES ARE DUE

This years fees are set for the first 18 golfers to pay their 1/2 of the memberships.

Memberships of \$200.00 are due by December 31, 1990 for the season. Memberships of \$250.00 are due by March 1, 1991.

So hurry, memberships will go fast!

New memberships may sign up at the Tribal Center front reception area or contact Bernie Sprague at 772-4013 for any questions regarding membership sign up or payment of fees.

December 10, 1990

Mr. Bernie Sprague, Chairperson
Tribal Recreation Committee
2235 Otto Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Dear Bernie:

We would like to take this opportunity to commend you for a job well done on the Ogemaw Playground project. Your hours of dedication on over-seeing the project to completion has resulted in a quality facility and outstanding addition to the tribal community. Through your volunteer efforts, you have set a fine example of commitment and have demonstrated what can be accomplished by that commitment.

We would also like to recognize the efforts of the Recreation Committee for their time in coordinating the bidding process with the County and spending time giving direction to the project as needed. As you know, one of the primary factors measured by the Neighborhood Builders Alliance (the state agency providing funding for the project) is the amount of volunteer spirit at work within the Tribe.

Once again, thank you for your dedicated efforts to make sure the playground project was completed in a timely fashion and within budget. Perhaps this is a first step toward accomplishing other activities and projects which benefit the Tribal community as a whole.

Sincerely,
Deane K. Kent
Tribal Operations Officer

Sincerely,
William R. Mrdeza
Community and Economic
Development Director

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1. SHEPHERD IGA
2. AAA
3. RIC'S MARKET
4. BUTLER'S BOMBER
5. FOLTZ SCREEN
6. DUANE PRINCE
7. CHIPPEWAS
8. CENTRAL MI. TRANSIT
9. MORBARK
10. MICHELOB LIGHT

	12/16	1/6	1/13
1:00-	10-6	5-1	10-2
2:00-	5-8	4-2	5-3
3:00-	3-1	3-6	4-6
4:00-	2-6	10-7	8-7
5:00-	4-7	9-8	9-1

	1/20	1/27	2/3	2/10
12:00-	7-1	10-6	7-5	1-10
1:00-	9-3	8-4	2-3	7-9
2:00-	8-2	1-2	8-10	8-6
3:00-	10-4	9-5	9-6	3-4
4:00-	5-6	7-3	1-4	2-5

	2/17	2/24	3/3
1:00-	3-10	4-9	Post
2:00-	4-5	5-10	Season
3:00-	7-6	3-8	Tourney
4:00-	2-9	1-6	Starts
5:00-	1-8	2-7	

* All games are played at the Shepherd High School gym.

Ron Falcon said he was not for the salaries as stated and that more study was needed by the council and the people.

Emily Kahgegab said the council was getting more and more complicated, especially when compared with before when she was a council member.

Bernie Sprague spoke of a problem in comparing bingo wages with cardroom wages.

Josephine Jackson ran down her proposal for \$8.00 an hour plus fringe benefits. She talked of declining game revenues, the payback of loans and a \$200,000 plus renovation of the cardroom.

Then there was talk of the grid scale.

Jim Pego said there was too much congregating by staff personnel. "We should account for labor by job descriptions," and that there was a lot of wasted bureaucracy.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BINGO

December 21, 1990
6:30 p.m.

\$5.00 per packet

Buy as many as you want

Prize payout will be determined after sales of packets.

All work is on Voluntary Basis

NOTE: Must be 18 years old to play

Please plan to bring your own snacks, concession will not be open!

Letter from the Editor
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When I was pinched for someone to help me out with the tribal survey, Henry helped get in over 62% of the total surveys for the Isabella District. Was that a go getter or what?

A memory that stands out in my mind of Eli and Louis is of them at the "Hill" doing the Lord's Prayer in Indian and Indian sign language. What a sight to see! I must not fail to mention Little Elk constantly rekindling the cultural flames. What a treasure he was. His legacy live on with the Little Elks Retreat Pow-Wow. Please do all you can to keep it alive.

I spoke of progress and healing. A little saying of my father, Peter Duane Otto, was "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." I still have it in my office as a reminder.

Healing is a long process. It may not just be in healing the wounds from losing a loved one. It may be in dealing with substance abuse, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, etc. But, with any wound, it needs constant attention until it can heal. If it is constantly reopened, it becomes harder and harder to heal. If you are dealing with any of these things, please seek help, it could be the best gift you receive this season.

Sincerely,

Kim Sawmick

CHARLES H. BENZ USA/RET



17 Dec 1990

Anyone wishing to send

a card to my son in Saudi Arabia is welcome

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Mail from home is very precious over there & truly welcomed.

- Chuck Benz

INDIAN FINE ARTS

pointed out that the confusion in the Pontiac family name was caused by the immigration of horse thieves from Canada who adopted the Pon-Yak name for their own.

Both Christy and Pego laughed when this writer asked, "Can I quote you on this?"

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