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## Judge upholds ruling

Citing Tribal code governing how elections are conducted, Tribal Court Judge Bruce Havens on Jan. 8 upheld an earlier ruling stating there would not be a new primary election taking place.

Over 75 people attended the two-hour hearing which brought closure to the Dec. 12 primary election.

Although Havens ruled Resolution 97-006 unconstitutional, he agreed it was in the best interest of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe to schedule the special election as soon as possible.

The Caucus Committee, consisting of Virginia Pigeon, Denise Peters, Alfreda Moses, John Alberts, Le Etta Hansen, April Borton and Tribal Clerk Lorna Kahgegab Call chose Jan. 14 for the special election and Jan. 17 for a run-off election if necessary. Judge Havens is slated to swear in the 10 new Council members on Jan. 22.

At the heart of Havens' order was his ruling that the Interim Tribal Council lacked any authority under the Tribal Constitution. Havens later qualified his ruling, stating that he was not formally ruling on the authority of the Interim Tribal Council outside of election matters.

To satisfy Tribal Court concerns on the validity of the upcoming election, Havens created a Judicial Oversight Board which will oversee the election and report any impropriety.

Havens also accepted the Caucus Committee's decision to invalidate one primary election ballot on the grounds that it was not properly marked. This decision affected the tally of votes, creating a three-way tie between Bruce Hinmon, Josephine Jackson and Faith Montoya for the 20th candidate position. Havens ruled no run-off election is necessary.

(See RULING page 7)



Observer photo/Scott Csernyik

### Anishnabe art

Tribal member Perry Bailey Jr. works on a project during the Saginaw Chippewa Native Art Expo '96 on Dec. 14. The event, sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and the Ziiibiwing Cultural Society, showcased several artists and their works. See pages 8 and 9 for a closer look at artwork in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort created by Tribal members and descendants.

## These three gaming employees prove to be a sure bet

Three lucky employees of Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort had their holiday cheer extended an extra week when they were selected employees of the month

for January. Tracie Bellinger, Linda Alexander and Angela Gonzales were named "best of the best employees" by their co-workers.

Tracie is known for her winning personality and dedication to her job. As a valet attendant, she has developed a reputation as being the nicest person who will

go out of her way to ensure customers receive prompt and courteous service. Tracie has worked for Soaring Eagle for a year and a half. Fellow workers rate her as greatly organized and definitely one of the friendliest people in the department.

"She knows her job and does it well" is how one coworker rates Linda Alexander. After three years working in the casino finance soft count, it is little wonder Linda is often found assisting new employees in learning the ropes. Her positive attitude and sincere caring about a job well done makes her a great asset to the Soaring Eagle staff.

Earning the respect of other employees is easy

when you are willing to help anyone and everyone, even those outside your department. That's how Angela Gonzales earned her claim to fame as an employee of the month. With her gentle spirit and genuine smile, she is quickly becoming a role model for other new employees. During her first year at Soaring

Eagle, Angela's skills and upbeat attitude have helped her advance from switchboard operator to casino administration secretary.

With winners like Tracie, Linda and Angela, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort can boast of having the best employees in town.



Observer photo/Scott Csernyik

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees of the month for January include, from left to right, Angela Gonzales, Tracie Bellinger and Linda Alexander.

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# Artist creatively shares wisdom acquired during his life

By Dan Behmer  
Staff Writer

St. Ignace Ojibwe Ron Paquin overcame a troubled youth to become a Native American community leader. He creatively shares wisdom gained in his turbulent life through his book and art.

"If you dwell on all the negative things in your life, you can't take any of that negativity and amount it to anything positive. You have to go after the good in life," he emphasized in his autobiography, titled "Ain't First in Nobody's Heart."

Paquin, 54, said he struggled to realize this for most of his life.

"If you read my book about my home life as a youth, and some of the atrocities I went through, I guarantee you won't be bored," he said in reference to the atmosphere of abuse in which he was raised in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Paquin said he was called a "half-breed" while growing up because his mother was non-Native. "Being a half-breed in those days was sort of a mixed-up world," he said. "You didn't fit in. People didn't want to

admit they were Indian."

However, Paquin said his book is mostly about being poor and starting out bad, then turning yourself around. "You don't have to be Indian to relate to it. It's about building up your self-esteem, regardless of color."

Paquin said he turned to alcohol in his teen years and this led to more problems. "I had a terrible temper, and I committed violent crimes."

Paquin spent six and a half years in prison while in his 20s. "If you mess up your life, you



Observer photo/Joe Sowmick

## RON PAQUIN

can clean it up," was the lesson he said he learned there.

"Years ago, a prison

psychologist asked me, 'Why don't you stop feeling sorry for yourself?' That made me really mad at the time. But then I realized he was right. I started to look back on my life, and I said to myself, 'God, you're a jerk.'"

He credits his late wife, Carol, for straightening him out.

"Marriage is what turned me around. I know it's not the answer for everyone, but it was the right thing for me," he said. "Sooner or later, you have to admit when you're wrong, and you have to start being accountable for the past."

Paquin started to be-  
(See ARTIST page 7)

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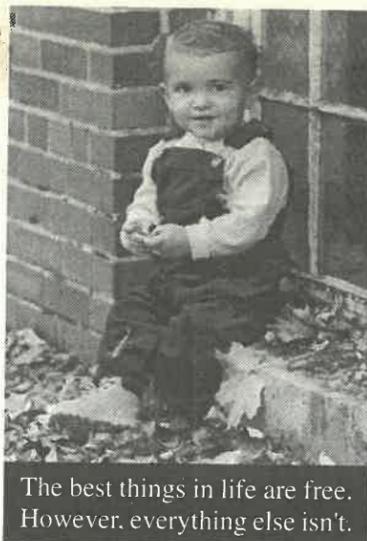
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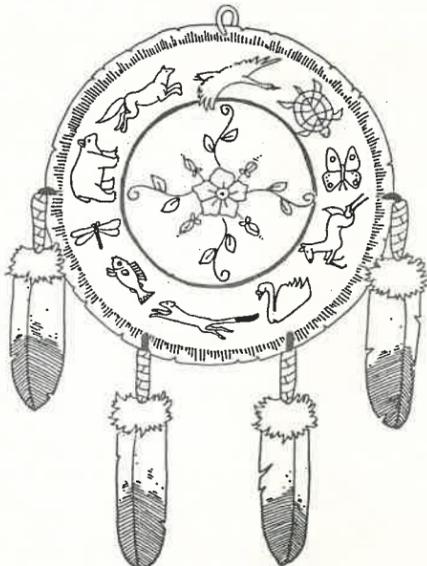
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Noon to 4 p.m.  
at the Elijah Elk Cultural Center  
(Seventh Generation Farm)  
Speakers to be announced.

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All comments and suggestions are welcomed. The Tribal Observer is also a proud member of the Native American Journalists Association (NAJA).



*"We need to make sure our kids don't lose their way with the greenbacks."*

-Sen. Ben Nighthorse-Campbell, R-Colo.

Boozhu! Welcome to the Jan. 16th issue of the Tribal Observer. The semi-monthly paper is a free service to enrolled Tribal members and employees. Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

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Subscription rates are \$15 per year. Contact the Tribal Observer for rate information on advertisement sizes from business card to full-page. Story ideas, photographs and advertisements are also welcomed from the community. Deadline for copy each month is on the 10th and 25th.



# School collecting register tapes

Saginaw Chippewa Academy Binoojiinh Montessori officials are collecting register tapes from Meijer with hopes of winning gift certificates.

Groups must turn in a minimum of \$2,500 in tapes to win. Twelve prizes ranging from \$30 to \$200 will be

awarded two more times this school year.

Deadlines for the school to meet those two turn-in dates are Feb. 28 and June 30.

"It's a fabulous way to earn money and getting the community involved at the same time," stated Early Childhood Coordina-

tor Leanne Barton.

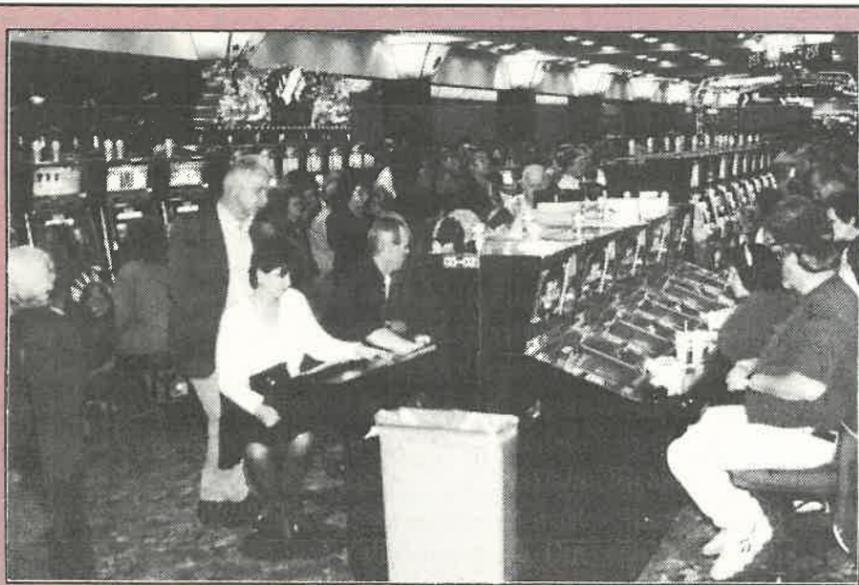
Groups receive a \$20 gift certificate for turning in tapes two times and \$25 for three times.

For more information about the contest contact the school, located at 7178 Ogemaw Drive, at (517) 773-1855.



Observer photo/Scott Csernyik

Evan Shenoskey, left, and Trent Trepanier II are just two of the Saginaw Chippewa Academy Binoojiinh Montessori students who can possibly benefit from the Meijer Community Party Register Tape Contest.



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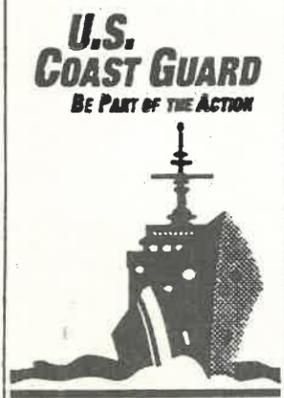


## New Year's Bash a smashing success

Thousands attended the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's New Year's Eve Bash, which featured snacks, party favors and live music by the band Notorious. Left, Marie Bennet and Al and Rose Lopez of the Lansing and Jackson areas don party hats to try their luck at the slots.



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## Michigan Commission office location changes

The Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs has moved into the Michigan Department of Civil Rights' Lansing Executive Office.

Previously located in the Ottawa Building in Lansing, the Commission's new address is 201 North Washington Square, Suite 700, Lansing, MI 48913. The new fax number is (517) 335-1649. The phone

number remains (517) 373-0654.

The Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs and Michigan Women's Commission have also moved to the same address.

In 1991 the three commissions were transferred by executive order from the Department of Management and Budget to the Civil Rights Department.

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 niques.

Ninety-five percent of  
 graduates have obtained  
 employment upon  
 graduation, Fardell said.

The next series of  
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 For more information,  
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 (616) 267-9970.

**Tribal man sentenced in  
 per capita fraud case**

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal member Kenneth  
 C. Chappell, 63, of Remus was sentenced Jan. 7  
 in federal court in Bay City to three years proba-  
 tion on a conviction of mail fraud.

Chappell had been charged with systemati-  
 cally embezzling and converting Tribal funds in the  
 form of per capita payments from the Tribe made  
 payable to his deceased mother via the U.S. Postal  
 Service over a span of several years.

Chappell failed to notify the Tribe of Jeynett  
 Chappell's death in 1991 and continued to use his  
 power of attorney to cash per capita checks is-  
 sued to her.

"Chappell entered a plea of guilty on Sept. 27  
 to a charge of mail fraud," stated U. S. Attorney  
 Saul Green. The sentence was imposed under the  
 United States Sentencing Guidelines according to  
 the nature of the offense and the criminal back-  
 ground of the defendant.

"Chappell was also ordered to pay restitution  
 to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in the  
 amount of \$26,985.82, as well as a \$50 special  
 assessment fee," Green noted.

Green commended the Saginaw Chippewa  
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 tion for their investigation of this case which led to  
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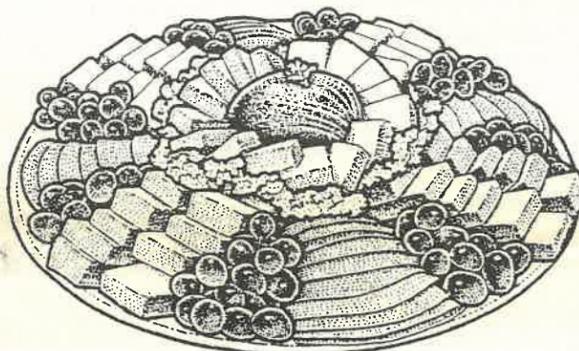
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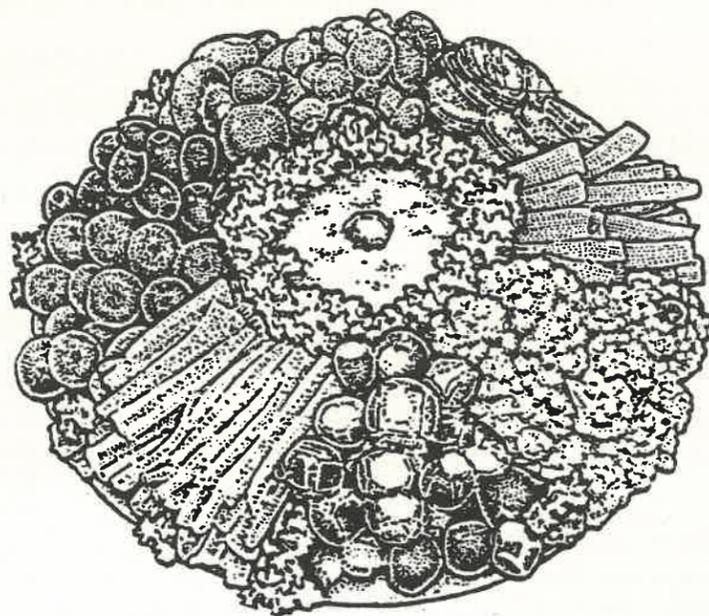
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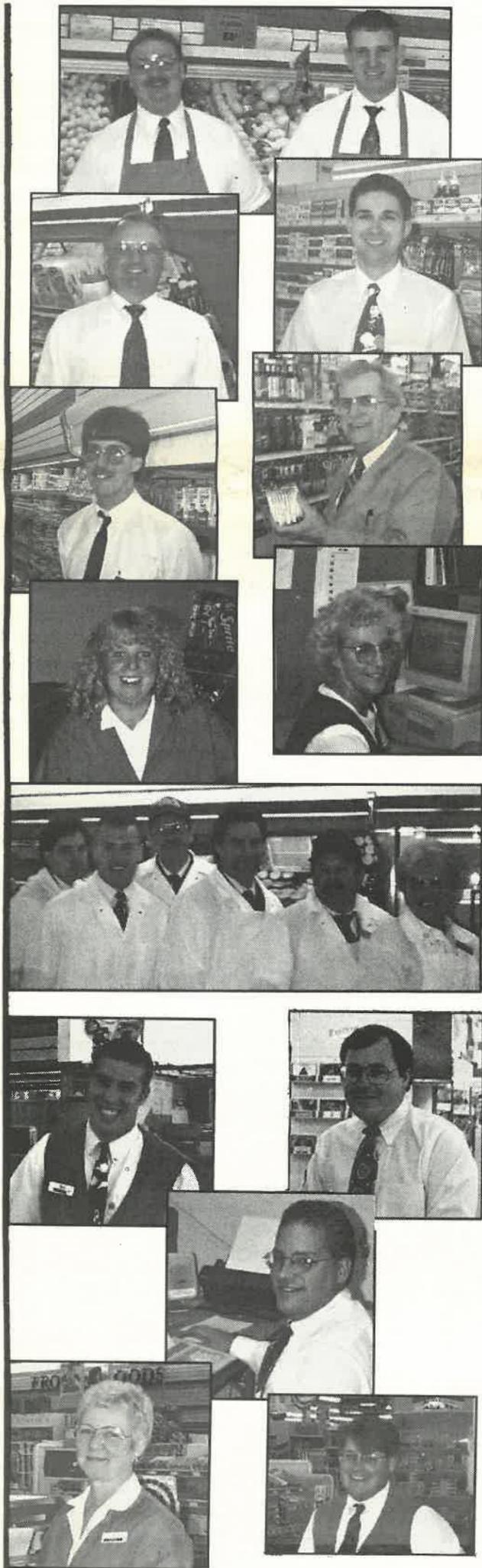
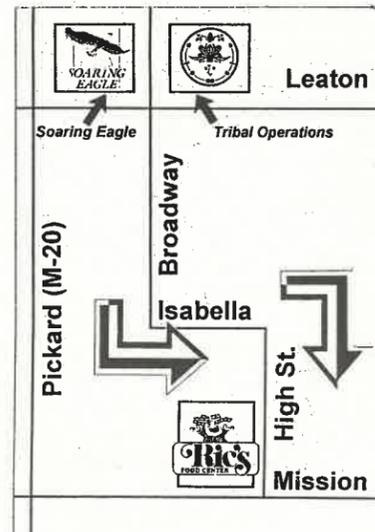


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# Health

## Annual blood drive set

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Isabella County Chapter of the American Red Cross are planning a lifesaving community blood drive on the Isabella Reservation.

Coordinator Nancy Tupica, who serves as clinic director for Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, said the event will take place Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the future arcade room next to Kids' Quest in the new casino. Lunch will be served.

In addition to blood donor volunteers, many workers are needed to staff various stations during the drive. "Dozens of cookies are also needed," said Tupica.

If you can help with the drive or are able to donate cookies, please call the clinic.

"The community was most supportive during last year's drive and we again hope to surpass our projected goal," Tupica said.

To sign up for a time to donate blood, call clinic nurse Twila Schrot at (517) 775-4606.

**Blood Drive**  
 Thurs., Jan 30  
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## Parents' night planned Jan. 28

A "Parents' Fitness Night" is planned for Jan. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center in the Nimkee Clinic.

The event, organized by Saginaw Chippewa Academy officials, is geared toward parents with children enrolled at the Binoojinh Montessori and Parent Child Center. The activity will include light snacks and beverages.

"It's kind of a parent's night out with a focus on fitness," stated Early Childhood Coordinator Leanne Barton.

She added babysitters will be provided. For more information, contact the school at (517) 773-1855.

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  - Nerve endings start regrowing
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- 2 WEEKS to 3 MONTHS**
  - Circulation improves
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- 1 to 9 MONTHS**
  - Coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, shortness of breath decrease
  - Cilia regrow in lungs, increasing ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, reduce infection
  - Body's overall energy increases
- 1 YEAR**
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- 5 YEARS**
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  - Stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker 5-15 years after quitting
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- 10 YEARS**
  - Lung cancer death rate similar to that of nonsmokers
  - Precancerous cells are replaced
  - Risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidney and pancreas decreases
- 15 YEARS**
  - Risk of coronary heart disease is that of a non-smoker



Source: American Cancer Society, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Michigan parents excluded

Michigan parents will not be entitled to reimbursements from formula manufacturers following settlement of a

class-action lawsuit accusing four companies of price-fixing. It was reported in December that Michigan

residents who purchased formula during the years 1980 to 1992 would be entitled to a (See BABY page 13)

## Wellness programs offered

Central Michigan Community Hospital is offering a host of wellness programs in January.

Activities include:

- Cholesterol screening, including blood sugar and blood pressure testing, will be offered in the hospital lobby from 7 to 11 a.m. A 12- to 14-hour fast is required. Cost is \$10 per person. Call the Wellness Center at 773-0530 for more information.

- A new cancer support group will meet Jan. 28 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Room F. Cancer patients, families and friends are encouraged to attend. The free meeting will be facilitated by Linda Chapman, MSW.

- An amputee support group meeting hosted by CMCH and Springer

Prosthetics will take place Jan. 16 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Medical Care Facility Physical Therapy Room adjacent to CMCH. The free group is designed to help individuals facing the loss of a limb, as well as their families. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 773-0530, 772-8841, or (800) 980-3000.

- Wellness Central will present its "Lighten Up Nutrition Series" beginning Jan. 20. This weight loss and exercise series presents the most updated guidelines on nutrition and a three-month membership to Wellness Central's new state-of-the-art fitness center. For more information and the cost of the class, call 773-0530.

- Food allergies will be discussed in a free workshop hosted by Dr.

Ramesh Avula on Jan. 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wellness Central. Call 773-0530 for more information.

- A diabetes support group will meet Jan. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. in CMCH's FDJ Conference Room. Call Patient Educator Autumn Bartz or Clinical Dietician Carol Keinath at 773-0530 for more information.

- Teaching detailed diet control is an integral part of treating diabetes. A workshop titled "Diabetes—Diet and Treatment," will take place Jan. 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Wellness Central. Participants will develop an individual diet plan and learn about the new dietetics guidelines. Those diagnosed with diabetes will want to register early as this free class fills up quickly. For information and registration, call 773-0530.

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<p><b>Thursday</b>                  Women's A.A. Meeting                  3548 S. Shepherd Road                  1 p.m.                  Contact: Martha Kase</p>	<p><b>Friday</b>                  A.A. Meeting                  Youth Center                  1 p.m.                  Contact: Martha Kase</p>	

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### Coyote tales

Grand Traverse Band member Lois Beardslee visited the Binoojiinh Montessori on Dec. 18 to share some Native American stories—including a tale of Coyote and Snapping Turtle—with the students. Beardslee also entertained during the recent Baby Celebration.

## Artist

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come active in the local fight for Native American fishing rights. He earned a living as a professional fisherman and attended Indian meetings regarding this issue. He became the head of a local Native American organization called Fishermen At Large, which lobbied for fishing rights in the late 1970s and early 80s.

He then switched careers, going to work for St. Ignace's Museum of Ojibway Culture, where he has

spent the last 11 years. He is also a professional artist.

"I try to stay traditional with my craft work," he said. "I work with birch bark and do a lot of carving. I carve just about anything imaginable out of deer antlers."

In addition, Paquin makes crafts from woven cedar matting and other materials. He also does craft work for the museum where he is employed. He built a full-size birch bark canoe for the museum and is working on a full-scale three-person traditional birch bark family unit.

Paquin worked on his autobiography with author Bob Doherty, who also wrote "Troubled Waters," a 1992 book about Native Americans' battles to keep fishing rights.

"I recorded the book," said Paquin. "It took about a decade to do it. Bob transcribed it and helped get it into print."

The book also includes a memorial to Paquin's first wife, who passed away in 1989.

A copy of the book can be obtained for \$13.95 by writing to Ron Paquin, 301 Lake St., St. Ignace, MI 49781.

## Ruling

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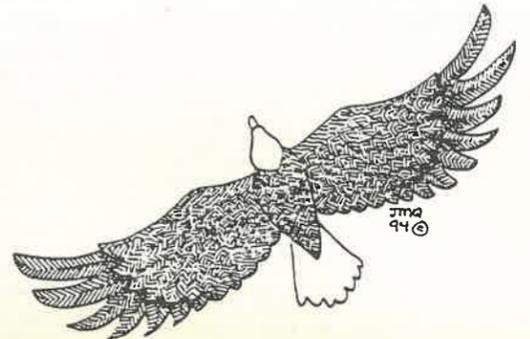
In summary, Havens commended the interim government, Tribal administrative officials, Tribal attorneys and the Tribal

membership for their hard work and patience in putting the issue to rest.



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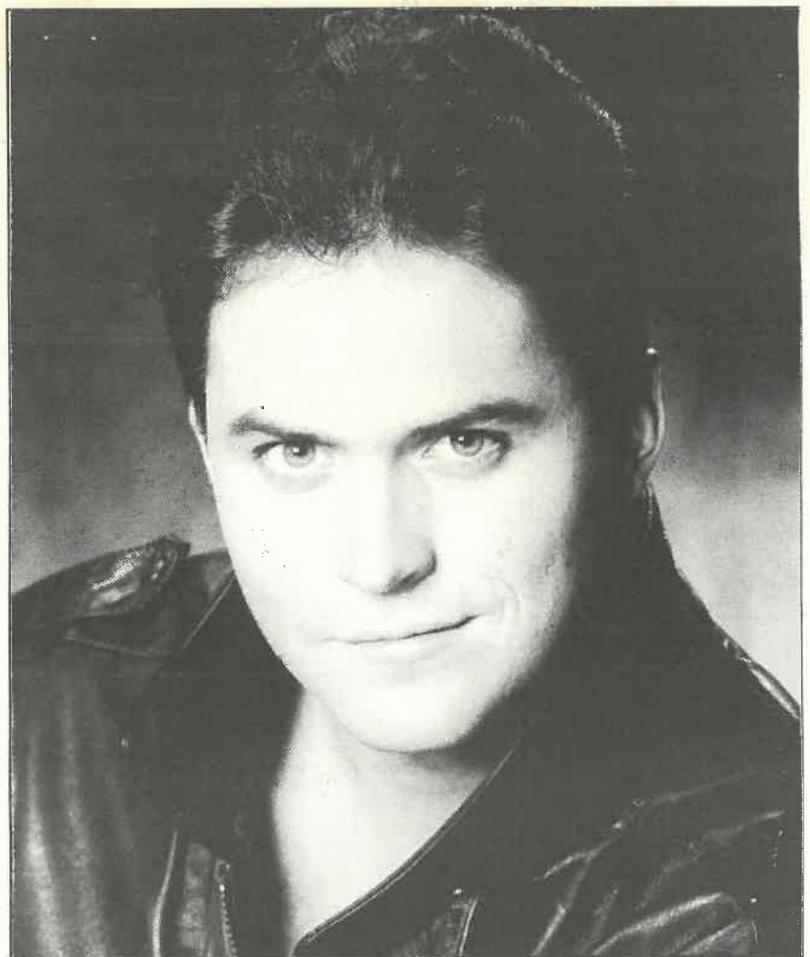


## OSA director departs

As the new year gets started, a sad, silent change hits home. The program director for Ojibwe Substance Abuse Service, Charmaine Benz, has resigned. Her last day on the job was Jan. 3.

True to her nature as a writer, she implied a "See ya later" attitude in a letter to her saddened staff. With a hint of sadness, a little strength, and hope for the future, she let us all know the caring and importance the mission was to her. How we all struggled against the odds and came together to be a family, a family for sobriety.

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# Tribal artwork accents Soaring

Although approximately 120 art works have been purchased for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, the door is still open to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal members and descendants who would like to have their work included in the new facility.

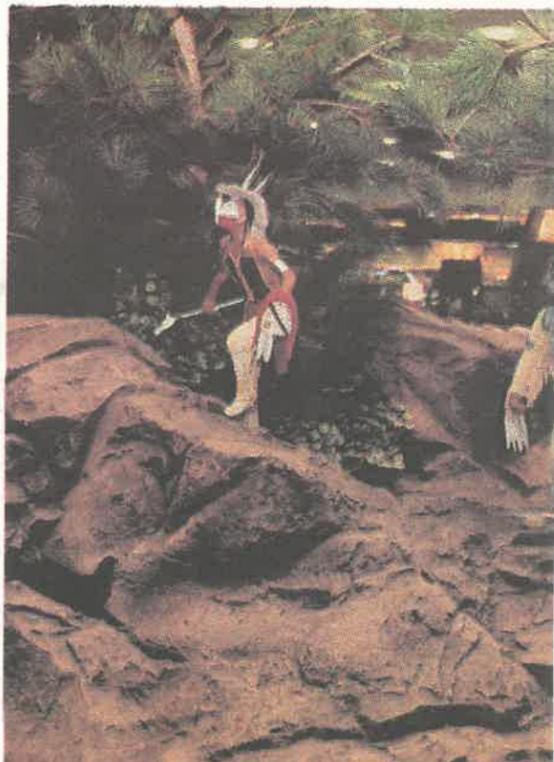
Ziibiwing Cultural Society art consultant Daniel Ramirez said the Tribe plans to acquire about 50 more works to embellish the casino and hotel.

Ramirez, who recently visited the Connecticut Mashantucket Pequot's Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos, was proud to report the Soaring Eagle rivals the other nationally-known casinos in its inclusion of authentic Native American art.

"We have more art that's actually from Tribal members than those two together," he said.

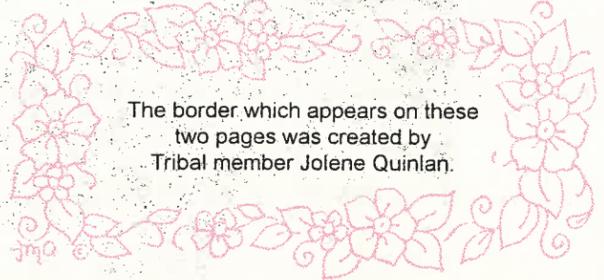
Paintings, sculpture and stained glass designs by Tribal members currently grace the Soaring Eagle's interior and restaurants. Saginaw Chippewa art works will also be featured in the casino's gift shop slated to open in the future.

Tribal artists interested in making their works available for inclusion in the resort are encouraged to contact Ramirez at (517) 773-3810.



Tribal descendant Byron Bird made these regalia made from leather, feathers and felt. "Indians," a mythical story involving little misc

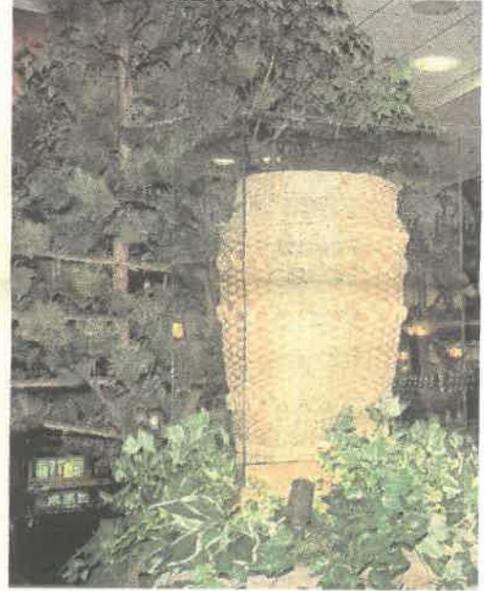
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The border which appears on these two pages was created by Tribal member Jolene Quinlan.



Allen Pego created "Amelia Pontiac" out of Utah redstone and placed it on a mahogany base.



This black ash hamper was made by Be time ago by Bob Squanda, who donate Society officials presented the item on who entrusted it to the cultural preserv

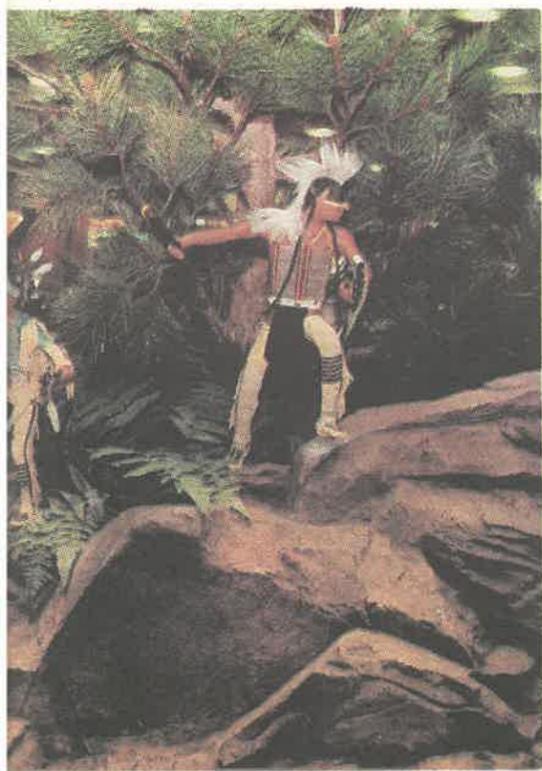


"Mystic Runner" is the title of Jolene Quinlan's acrylic painting is displayed near the casino's main entrance.

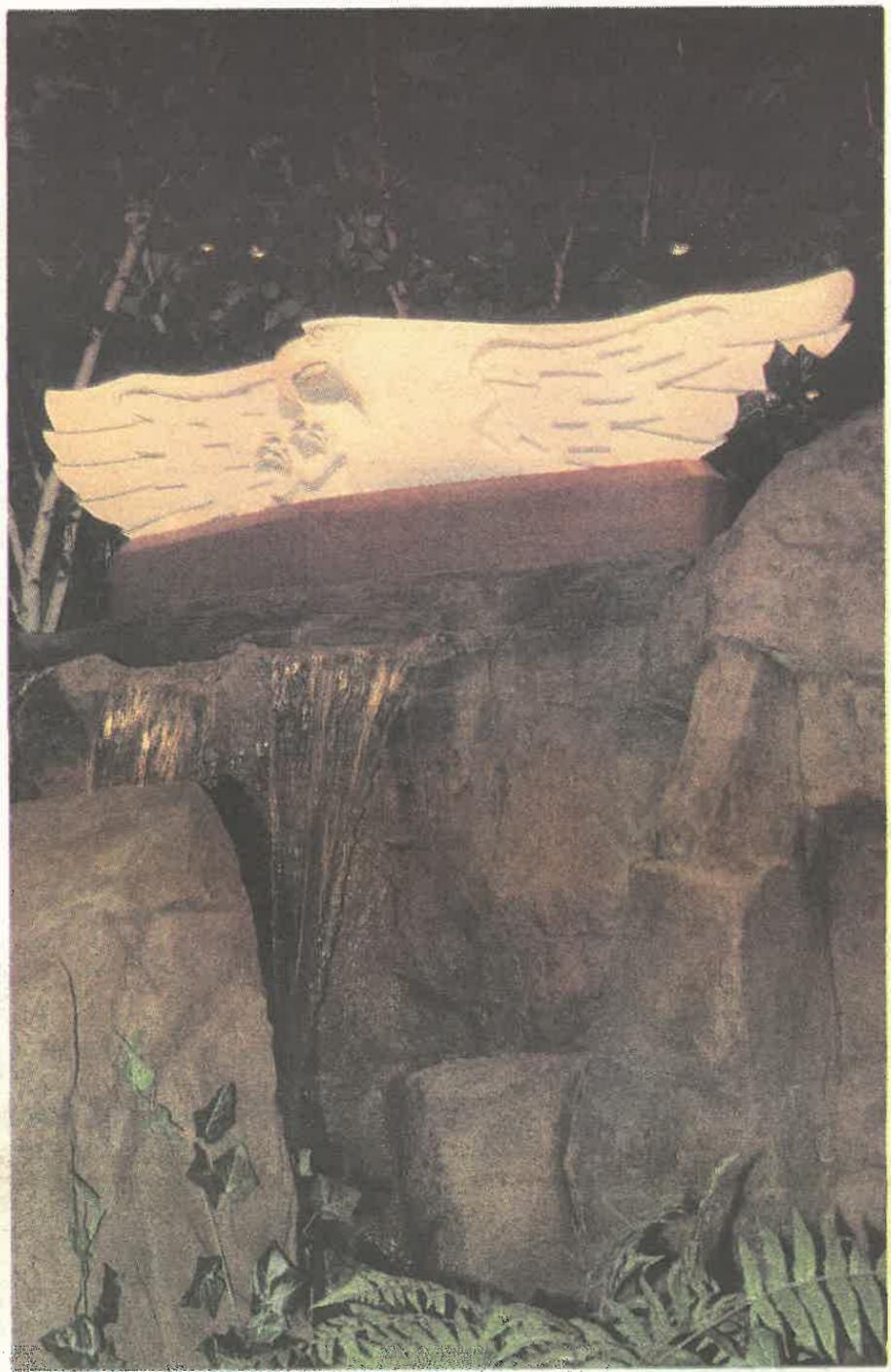




# ing Eagle Casino & Resort interior



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Dennis Christy's "Entrance Guardian" is made of Indian limestone and rests  
on a Honduras mahogany base. The piece is about 6 feet long and weighs  
580 pounds.



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Delores Laban designed "Manifest Destiny." The stained glass work graces the casino entrance.



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Observer photos/Judy Whitman

### Senior celebration

The Sowmick Senior Center was the setting for Tribal Elders' Dec. 18 Christmas celebration. Above, volunteer Barb Sprague displays a holiday fruit basket donated to the center by Jean Pego's Emergency Relief Program. Left, mealsite coordinator Marge Cruz thanks Elder Jim Pego after reading a poem he wrote for the occasion.

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## Tribe's deputy court clerks certified

Two deputy court clerks recently graduated and received certification from the National Association of Indian Court Clerks, announced Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Judge Bruce K. Havens.

The measure helps the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court continue to make progress toward its goal of professional service to the Tribe and public it serves. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court is the first Tribal Court in Michigan to achieve full certification.

Lynette Becker, the court's assignment clerk, and Cheryl Hall, desk/financial clerk, completed all phases of the training and certification examination process. The certification examination lasted one week and was conducted in Nevada. The pair also attended the Michigan Judicial

Institute's training program for new court reporters in Lansing.

Havens said he was very pleased by the progress which has been made by the court employees in their efforts to increase professionalism.

"We have the best of both worlds," he stated. "Through our contacts in the legal community and in Lansing, we have been able to obtain the best training available in the nation for our staff."

Havens also indicated the Tribal Court presently has an opening for another deputy clerk who will act as the courtroom clerk/recorder. That person will be afforded the same training opportunities. He encouraged qualified Tribal members and Native Americans to apply.

### In the Winter

In the winter  
three miles deep in the woods  
the air cool and brisk  
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shadows of her breath.

He peered from the trailer window  
his breath  
frosting the glass  
as he silently watched  
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Written by Bethel Merrill

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# First quarter gatherings wrapping up

The final first quarter community gatherings for the At-large Program will take place in upcoming weeks.

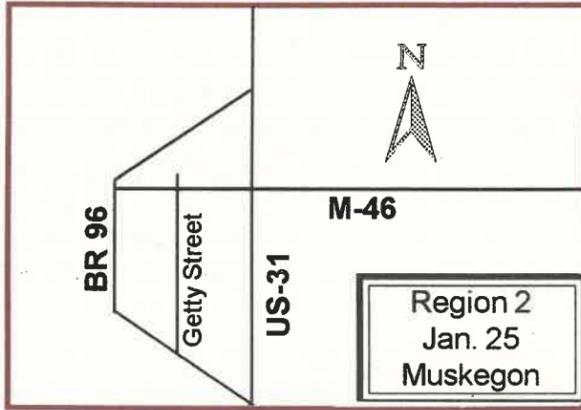
The Region 2 gathering will take place on Jan. 25 at Pot Bellies Diner, 50 Broadway Street, Muskegon. (Take west I-96 to Getty Street exit, go north on Getty, then west on Broadway.)

The Region 3 gathering on Jan. 26 will be at the

North American Indian Association of Detroit, Inc., 22720 Plymouth Rd., Detroit.

Updates from the Ziibiwing Cultural Society as well as the Tribal Health and Education departments will be featured during the meetings. There will also be a giveaway of authentic Indian arts and crafts.

Sign-in will begin at 12:15 p.m. for both regions. All Tribal members and their families are welcome to attend.



# Native group hosts inaugural event

The American Indian Society of Washington, D.C., is proud to announce the 1997 American Indian Inaugural Ball will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at National Airport on Jan. 20.

The theme for the event is "A Red Road Journey: Creating a Path for the Seventh Generation." Native Americans from throughout Indian country will unite to celebrate the inauguration of William Jefferson Clinton, 43rd President of the United States.

The honorary chairperson for the event is Hattie Kauffman (Nez Perce), four-time Emmy Award-winning report and consumer correspondent for "CBS This Morning." Live entertainment will be provided by three outstanding Native American bands, Burning Sky from Flagstaff, Ariz.; Indigenous from Marty, S.D. and The Westwind Band from Isleta Pueblo, N.M. Presentations by special guests will be made throughout the evening.

The sponsoring organization, the American Indian Society, is a 30-year-old social and cultural organization dedicated to serving and

promoting the American Indian community through its many activities throughout the year. Every four years its in-

augural ball coincides with the presidential inaugural activities, a tradition begun in 1969.

about the event, call (703) 524-9451.

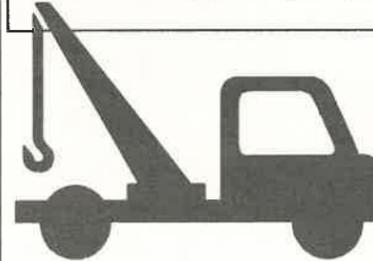
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# Election rules and procedures established

(Editor's note: The Tribal Clerk's Office on Jan. 8 established the following rules and procedures governing future elections.)

## Responsibilities:

**CHAIRPERSON:** The Chairperson shall be responsible for the certification of the election, and reporting the election results.

**CLERKS:** In conducting the election, the Clerk shall make a record of each eligible voter presenting himself/herself at the polls. The Clerk shall require each voter to sign in and shall be responsible for verifying that the person is in fact the eligible voter presented.

**TELLER:** The Teller shall act as secretary for the Caucus Committee. The Teller shall tally all votes before three disinterested parties at the close of election day.

A candidates' list will be posted the day after the deadline for the nominating petitions. A list of eligible voters will be posted 30 days prior to an election.

One Caucus Committee member will be assigned to work 20 hours per week with the Clerk's Office to assist with the verification of background checks, drug tests, age, residency of candidates and all requirements as set forth in the Tribal Constitution. The election records will be checked for the past two years to update voter list. This member will receive monetary compensation.

Caucus committee members may NOT advise voters who to vote for.

## Election day:

The Caucus Committee and Tribal Clerk shall arrive between 7 and 7:30 a.m.

[At] 7:55 a.m. the Clerks shall open the ballot box in view of an impartial observer, turn it top down to show it is empty. **The box will then be locked for the entire voting day.** The Caucus Committee Chairperson will have possession of the key to the ballot box.

[At] 8 a.m. the polls are declared open. Ballot box locked.

[At] 8 p.m. the polls are declared closed, Tribal Police will lock the doors until 8:15 p.m. **Any eligible voter in line before 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote. Voters are encouraged to vote early!**

## Rules:

A voter may only receive a ballot after they have signed the Voter Verification Form which will be a statement signed by the voter that s/he meets the eligibility requirements to vote per Section 4, b, c. and Section 5 of the Election Ordinance which states:

**Section 4.B. CONTINUITY OF VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS.** Once a voter's name is placed on a list, that registration shall be of continuing validity and the voter shall not be required to reregister unless:

1. That voter has failed to vote in the last two years;
2. That voter has moved within the same voting district.
3. That voter has moved into another voting district; or
4. That voter has had a change of name.

**Must have valid I.D. that matches Voter registration list.**

**C. QUALIFICATION FOR REGISTRATION.** In order to register as a voter in any election held by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, an individual must meet the following standards:

1. Must be a member;
2. Must be 18 years of age on or before the date of

the election (a member may register not more than 30 days before his/her 18th birthday).

**Section 5. VOTING REQUIREMENTS.** In order to be qualified to vote, an individual must have registered to vote in person or in absentee for the district in which he/she resides at least 30 days prior to the date of election.

**Voter registration is verified by current residence on file in Clerk's Office.**

**Any voter found to be in violation of the Election Ordinance will be held accountable per Section 25, VIOLATION OF ELECTION LAWS, which states, "In the event that any individual should be in violation of this Ordinance, that person shall be disqualified from holding the office of Tribal Council. In addition to the foregoing, such violations may result in a fine of not more than \$500 dollars and/or a penalty of six months in jail and costs."**

## Voting:

**Ballots MUST be marked clearly WITHIN the box in front of the candidate's name. A voter MAY be issued a new ballot by turning in a spoiled ballot and having it stamped "VOID."**

The ballots will **not** be stamped "Official Ballot" (it already states it is an official ballot. The bottom of the ballot will state, "Authorized by the Caucus Committee for Elections for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.)

**MUST use RED pen.**

**If requested, a disinterested party or family member may assist those needing assistance with voting.**

**A SPOILED BALLOT is:**

**Not marked within the box beside the candidate's name.**

**Has voted for too many candidates.**

**Has torn the number off the ballot.**

**Has scribble mark in box by candidate name.**

**Has any unnecessary marks on ballot, including crossing off any candidate's name.**

**ANY QUESTIONABLE BALLOT WILL BE DECLARED VOID. IN CASE OF A SPOILED BALLOT, THE ENTIRE BALLOT WILL BE VOID.**

**Absentee Voting (Ordinance 4, Section 13, b):**

1. Cannot without another's assistance attend the polls on the day of the election.

2. Due to the tenets of religion, cannot attend the polls on the day of the election.

3. Is 55 years of age or more.

4. Is absent or expects to be absent from the district in which he or she resides during the entire period the polls are open for voting on election day.

5. Is serving in the United States Military Service, or is attending college at a site other than the district in which he or she resides.

6. All absentee ballots must have arrived by the close of voting for the General Election as set out in Section 16.

All absentee ballots **MUST BE REQUESTED PRIOR TO THE ELECTION DAY.**

**Exception: Medical emergency that requires hospital confinement on the day of election.**

Absentee ballots will be available at least one week prior to any election day.

All absentee ballots will be logged in by the day requested and the day sent or picked up. All voter names will be checked "absentee" and dated on the Voter Registration list.

Returned absentee ballots will be date stamped, logged in, and placed in a locked container.

If a person has picked up an absentee ballot but finds s/he is able to vote in person, that person must bring in the absentee ballot to vote. S/he will not receive another ballot.

## Tribal Police:

One or two officers will be assigned to be at the polling place beginning at 7:45 a.m. until the completion of the election day.

Any violations/irregularities noted by the Tribal Police will be reported to the Caucus Committee Chairperson or the Tribal Clerk.

After the completion of the election day, the Tribal Police shall take the locked and sealed ballot box to the Tribal Police Department until the end of the protest period. All ballots will be shredded after the protest period.



## May 4, 1997 Deadline Annual Report

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan "Annual Report, Voter Registration and Affidavit Form" is due no later than May 4, 1997 at 5 p.m. As it states in the Amended Constitution of Nov. 4, 1986 (Article III, Section 4)...

**"All members of the Tribe shall report...at least once each year in order to be entitled to any monetary benefits apportioned to the members of the Tribe."**

### Remember...

•All three pages of the form must be returned (a copy will be mailed back to the members date-stamped received for proof of receipt);

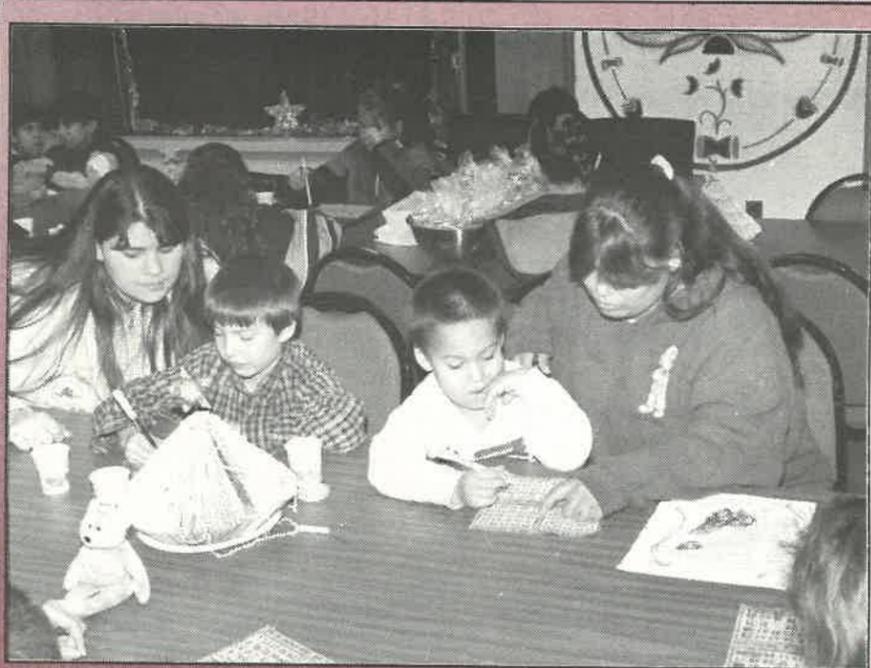
•All forms must be notarized;

•Members should keep their date-stamped received copies for safekeeping (in case of a discrepancy or that payment is not received);

•Complete, notarize and return the forms as soon as possible to avoid last minute rushing...the sooner the form is submitted, the sooner the member will receive their copy back as proof it was received; and

•If utilizing the notaries at the Tribal Clerk's Office for convenience and a shorter wait, fill out the form prior to your visit— but **DO NOT** sign the form until you are in front of the notary. **Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open also during the lunch hour).**

Forms can be mailed to:  
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### Bingo buddies

About 75 people attended a youth Christmas bingo activity on Dec. 19 at the Old Senior's Room in Tribal Operations. The event was conducted by the Saginaw Ojibwe Anishnabe Youth Leadership Council of Mt. Pleasant and the Anishnabe Youth Council of Shepherd High School. Having fun calling numbers are, from left to right, Maia Montoya, Guadalupe Gonzalez and Amber Scott.



## Deadline: Feb. 14, 1997

The Tribal Children's Welfare Program Affidavits/Applications

are due no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 14, 1997!!!

Faxes and late applications ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!!

Applications for the period of Dec. 1, 1996-Feb. 28, 1997 were mailed on Jan. 10, 1997. If you have not received one yet, please call the Tribal Clerk's Office at 1-800-566-6090.

REMEMBER...Your child must be an enrolled member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; all applications must be notarized; list all and only Tribal children members on one form; and custodial court papers must be submitted if not already on file.

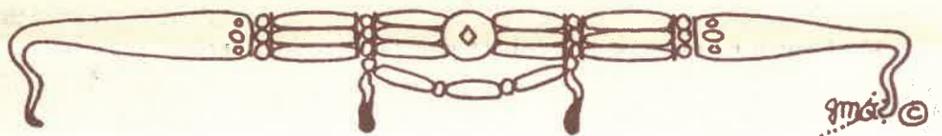
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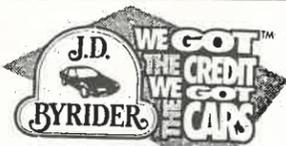
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## Baby

(Continued from page 6) portion of the settlement funds.

However, the state Community Public Health Agency recently announced that in Michigan the settlement requires manufacturers to supply infant formula to needy families through food banks instead of providing very small cash refunds.

People in other states who purchased formula made by Abbott Laboratories, Bristol-Myers, Squibb or Mead Johnson may call (800) 585-1151 to find out if they are eligible to receive cash payments ranging from \$5 to \$45. Claims must be filed by Jan. 31.

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## International group helps better the lives of Filipino children

By Steve Hartzler  
Contributing Writer

Volunteering with Little Children of the World (LCW) has been the most interesting and rewarding experience in my life. I have just returned home after a year working in Dumaguete City, Philippines. I am going back for at least another year and I'm looking for other volunteers to join me.

LCW works with underprivileged children. Our mission is to give them the opportunities that all children should have. There are many aspects to our program. Members benefit from our preschools, our non-formal alternative school and our health program, which includes clinics in each community which provide free first aid treatment and supplies given by paramedics; regular free doctor consultations; family planning and vitamin distribution. LCW runs two residential homes for

youth at risk and is setting up a crisis center for those who have suffered abuse in the home.

LCW also has a sponsorship program which entails finding people in the United States to give support for specific Filipino children. Many children in the Philippines are not in school because the family needs the money the child can earn. The pressure to earn can keep the child at work late into the night. The sponsorship program was originally begun as a preventative measure aimed at saving young women at risk of prostitution. The objective of the program has since expanded to include younger girls and boys as well. The sponsorship enables children to complete high school, which is the first step toward breaking the cycle of poverty their families are trapped by.

Our most recent volunteer chose as part of

her focus to work in Smoky Mountain, which is Dumaguete's dump. About 20 families live in squatter shacks inside the dump, earning their living scavenging through the trash. We have worked on getting tetanus shots for the children, as well as better footwear. Much remains to be done.

My job is coordinating the sponsorship office and handling correspondence. One of my goals within the program is to secure college scholarships for some non-sponsored youth. Colleges in the Philippines cost only \$300 to \$500 per year for everything, but that sum is out of reach to many without outside support.

Volunteers are vital to LCW's goals. As a volunteer, you can choose your own focus. There are many areas of the program that need assistance: our finance office; computer room;



Courtesy photo

Children make paper in a project sponsored by volunteers in the Philippines.

farm; income-generating craft project; sponsorship office, and so on. You can also initiate new projects where you see the need. LCW offers volunteers complete flexibility. Length of stay can be from a day to a year or more. Volunteers work at their own pace, often taking time to enjoy the natural beauty of the Philippines. Filipinos are very friendly and hospitable.

They handle hardship by celebrating life every chance they get. They are always laughing and singing. Anyone who likes people would enjoy volunteering for LCW. There are no required skills, just the sincere desire to help children in need. LCW is a nondenominational Christian organization, but does not require volunteers to be Christian.

There is no budget for

volunteers, who need to be self-supporting.

If you are interested in volunteering, or helping in other ways, please contact Betty Elwood at Little Children of the World, 361 County Road #475, Etowah, TN 37331, or call (423) 263-2303.

You are also welcome to call Lois Hartzler at (517) 644-2261 for more information.

## Benefits slashed for some

Under legislation that was effective last March, payment of benefits under Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs to people whose disability is based on drug addiction or alcoholism was stopped on Jan. 1.

In order to be eligible for benefits under the new law, an individual must have a disabling impairment other than drug addiction or alcoholism.

All beneficiaries who were receiving disability benefits when the law became effective were notified last June about the change in the law and informed that they must appeal the decision to terminate their benefits within 60 days.

Appeals that were filed by July 29 were reviewed by Social Security by Jan. 1.

If Social Security found that drug addiction or alcoholism was the basis for the

individual's disability, benefits were slated to have been terminated by Jan. 1.

SSI beneficiaries who appealed within 10 days of the notice may choose to receive benefits until the review is complete.

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- 140 Misc. Sale
- 145 Garage/Yard Sales
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- 160 Real Estate Sales
- 165 Real Estate Rentals

## 120 Employment

### Deputy Court Clerk

**Location:** Isabella Reservation, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
**Wage:** \$10 per hour  
**Supervisor:** Court Clerk/Chief Judge

**Preference:** In accordance with Indian Preference Laws

**Posting date:** Dec. 2 (open until filled)

**Preference:** In accordance with Indian Preference Laws. Tribal members and Native Americans encouraged to apply.

**Qualifications:** At least 21 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent; at least one year previous court clerk experience preferred or equivalent education.

Demonstrated computer proficiency and experience. Familiarity with Word Perfect preferred, with capacity to type letters and reports with a minimum of errors. Ability to maintain financial records and other book-keeping records of the court. Demonstrated knowledge of correct English grammar, spelling, punctuation, and ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing. Ability to understand the Tribal Code and court procedure. Ability to maintain composure during stressful situations and treat all persons with dignity and respect. Must be of good character and integrity. Must not have been convicted of a felony, or have been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years.

Capable of being bonded in the amount of \$5,000. See Personnel Dept. posting for more information about this position.

**Submit application/resume to:**

Tribal Personnel Office  
Saginaw Chippewa  
Indian Tribe of Michigan  
7070 East Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Families First Specialist

(Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc.)

**Location:** Isabella Reservation, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
**Wage:** Negotiable depending on experience  
**Supervisor:** Families First Supervisor at Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

**Preference:** In accordance with Indian Preference Laws

**Posting date:** Jan. 7

(open until filled)

**Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree in Social Work/Human Services or related field, or a minimum of three years experience in direct client services. Ability to engage with and relate to dysfunctional multi-problem families. Skill 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 schedules; on-call 24 hours a day allowing for extensive client access. Must be able to provide ethnic-sensitive, culturally-appropriate treatment.

See Personnel posting for more information about this position.

Submit resume and three

letters of reference to:  
Tribal Personnel Office  
Saginaw Chippewa  
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7070 East Broadway  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Human Resources Benefits Representative

**Location:** Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort  
**Wage:** \$9 per hour  
**Supervisor:** Personnel Manager

**Qualifications:** Must be at least 18 years of age; must have good typing/computer skills; good telephone technique and manner; must be able to

maintain confidentiality on personnel matters; some knowledge of insurance benefits helpful; good attendance and sick time record.

**Preference:** In accordance with Indian Preference Laws

**Posting date:** Dec. 12 (open until filled)

See Human Resources posting for more information about this position.

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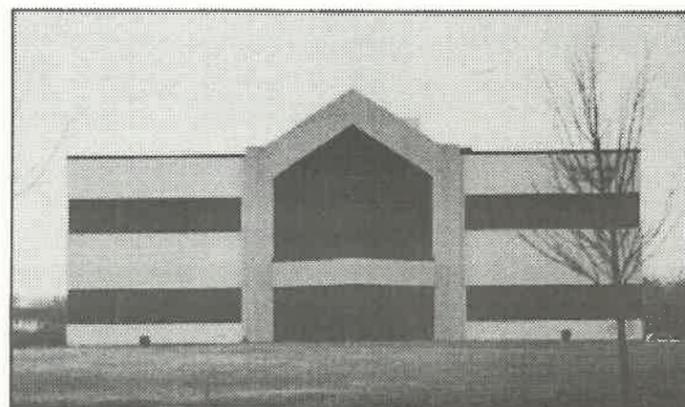
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