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# “...THE NEXT UP AND COMING GENERATION...”

July is a big month...it is the beginning of the last half of the year. The Fourth of July is celebrated, with many communities and families having special events. It is a time for the Annual Red Cliff Pow Wow. In fact, there are a lot of Pow Wow's held during the Fourth of July...Oneida, Leech Lake, and Red Lake to name a few.

July is a birthday month for me! Also, Antie (or Gramma) Jenny Goslin, my niece's Shirely Galazen Cieluch and Diane Livingston Kangas, and my mother's (Elma's) birthday...all in July.

Last month my grandson, Johnny Mac, came to visit for a couple of days. Even with him being a little over two years old...he is very perceptive of his surroundings. Almost, since the day he was born, he has been fascinated with the drum. He has one hand drum at his house and two here. One hand drum was given to me, but I made another one for Johnny Mac when he comes to visit.

During his last visit,

we were going to stop at the LCO Contest Pow Wow, but it was raining, so we came right to Red Cliff. For three days, he kept saying Pow Wow...Pow Wow... Pow Wow...finally, I found some Pow Wow's on You Tube and that really

with his drum stick and he took my hand and led me to the center Drum Arbor and wanted to be by the drums, watching, and drumming a little. He is still learning to talk, but, his communication skills were very clear on what

**Johnny Mac and Pa PA Jim Drumming Together**



helped! The cover picture of him and I are that the Red Cliff Pow Wow Grounds where we went one evening and just drummed, sang, and had fun.

At the Annual Red Cliff Pow Wow, my cousin Carolyn Gouge' and I were head dancers for the Friday night session. Johnny Mac was there

he wanted to do. He and I sat at one of the Drums and as they sang, one of the singer's even gave Johnny Mac a drum stick to use, while they sang.

My time with my grandson, Johnny Mac, is always special. He teaches me things while I hope I teach him things. It is sometimes beyond words...but priceless!





# POW WOW TIME IS ALSO FAMILY TIME

For many Red Cliff people, the Annual Pow Wow has become a time when family gets together. Various people plan their vacations, camp at the Red Cliff Campgrounds, have family reunions or gatherings, etc. This year at the Pete/Rosiere residence, we had many visitors. My granddaughter Alexis visited at this time. She will be 11 years old on August 10th, lives in the St. Cloud MN area, and is so grown-up! Her and I have always had a special relationship and have a good time together.

Although she didn't dance this time, she has danced at Pow Wow's and has (some being too small now) dance regalia. I would assume, we will need to make her a new

jingle dress...soon!

Along with her visiting, granddaughters Rokell, Shainah and Kiera, grandson Johnny Mac, their parents, grandmother Sharon Bennett (aka Cue Ball) also visited. At times it was very tiring and stressful, but one of those things you really appreciate!

Shainah's birthday is August 11th and will be 10 years old! Wow...I mentioned to her about the pictures I have when she turned 1 year old and how she has chocolate frosting all over her face and hair! Of course, she was embarrassed!

While they were here...this is a little story I posted on my Facebook site.....

**"The other night my granddaughters, Alexis 10 years old, Shainah 9 years old, and Rokell 16 months were swimming in the little pool by the house. Rokell still being "a baby" and in diapers had to be watched closely. They would twirl her around, lift her up, and then her diaper was soaked to about 10 pounds! I took Rokell out of the pool and took her diaper off, only to find she had pooped. A little later, Alexis and Shainah were screaming..."Rokell pooped in the pool..." Needless to say, I had to dump the old water out, clean the pool, and refill it. Oh previous memories which are always being created!"**



# THE TRIBAL ELECTION

On July 6th I turned 54 years old and which by coincidence this year was our annual Tribal Election in Red Cliff. I am so honored to have been elected, as an At-Large member for a two year term. I want to mention a few things about this later, however, I want to share the following about GUYAUSHK'S NEWS and intent from previous issues:

"I am making the following promise. While I have my own perceptions of Tribal Politics, (especially about the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, where I am enrolled), I will not utilize "GUYAUSHK'S NEWS" as a way in which to express those, either positive or negative. If I did, it would completely and totally defeat my purpose of trying to help people understand and look at the enormous opportunities out there, for designing the best Tribal Organization that serves our people, in a culturally appropriate and sensitive manner."

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*Red Cliff Bingo Hall. Newly-elected Tribal Council members with two-year terms are, from left, Marvin DeFoe, vice-chairman; Laura Gordon, tribal*

I hope to be able to utilize and remember the concept of being in balance with the heart, mind, body, and soul, including the teachings of my parents, grandparents, elders, grandkids, other family and friends in functioning in this very important role in our Community.

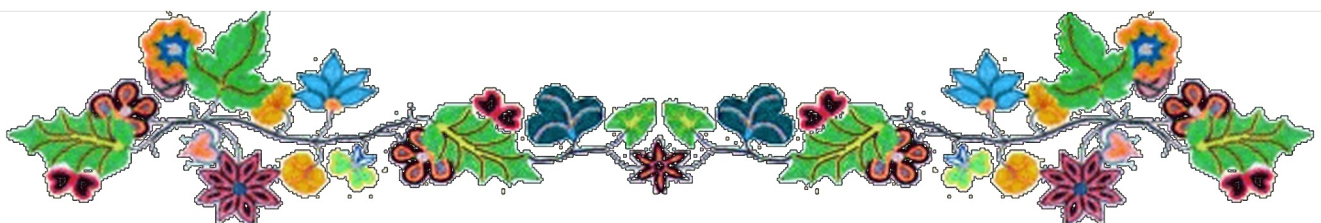
Here is some additional Election information to share, as included in the On-line version of the Ashland Daily Press:

*"Newly-elected Red Cliff Tribal Council members took the oath of office at an inauguration ceremony held on July 16 at the*

*secretary; Jeanne Gordon, at-large tribal council member; and James E. Pete, at-large tribal council member. They join Rose Gurnoe-Soulier, tribal chairwoman; Dennis Soulier, tribal treasurer; Mike Gurnoe, Larry Deragon, and Raymond DePerry, at-large tribal council members, for the 2010-11 term."*

Here is a link to the video from the Red Cliff Tribal Council Swearing-In Ceremony held on July 16, 2010. This is my "acceptance" speech"!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26Jsi6cV5F8>





# SYNERGY

In previous issues, I mentioned the book entitled "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," by Steven R. Covey. One of the habits is Synergy. This was a word I was not familiar with and had to look in the dictionary. I still didn't understand the meaning!

There was an example in the book which explained it in very easy and logical terms.

Synergy is like....when two different species of plants are growing next to each other and yet very independent. Beautiful! Strong! Vibrant!

However, if you would look under the earth, their roots might be tangled together and giving each

other strength and support.

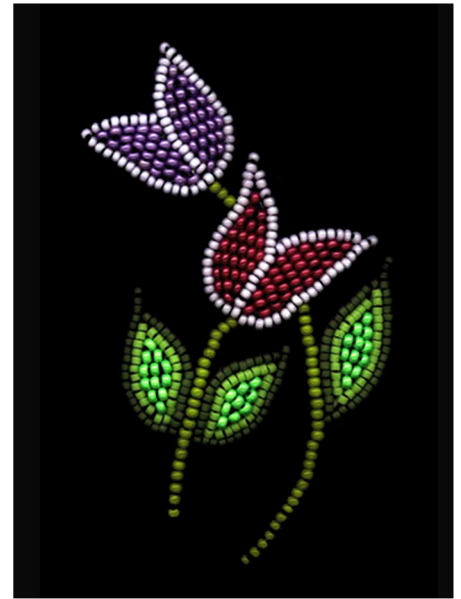
And that is how we are as individuals...where we can be independent, beautiful, strong, and vibrant.

However, we need others to help us be that way!



I had this picture of a Sweat Lodge and realized the significance of synergy in the picture. There are the plants and trees being independent and yet

depending on each other. There is the Sweat Lodge, itself, that gives us a cultural and spiritual synergy we can use to help gain strength. Another powerful teaching!



## REALIZING HOW IT ALL RELATES....AGAIN!

When an Anishinaabe follows the traditions, there is a certain way in which we are suppose to conduct ourselves. In past issues, I mentioned about the Anishinaabe Values (labeled in the last issue as the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Anishinaabe) of love, humility, truth, courage, honesty, respect, and wisdom.

I thought of my friend and respected Elder, Delores Bainbridge, who shared a story from Red Cliff that happened many years ago. A certain family caused

harm to another family, whose family member passed away.

One of the Elders said Mah no, Mah no, da-nugish-kawnahwah Gay ween-i-wah." Meaning, "Let them, let them, for they will meet themselves." Then sometime later, the family who was "acting smart" experienced a tragedy, and the Elder said, "Na menom-gom, da-nugish-kawnah-wah Gay ween-i-wah." Meaning, "See, today they have met themselves."

From what I can remember, this was one of the beginnings of a journey into understanding how we as Anishinaabe people, function in a modern day society, while continuing to be influenced by our culture, traditions, and beliefs.

**Here are some additional "teachings" for consideration to utilize. Some were provided by Helma Erle, Red Lake member. I hope she can to contribute more stories**

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**in next month's edition of Guyaushk's News:**

**Gidaa aabijitoomin Anishinaabemowin ji bimaadiziimagak Anishinaabe**

**Izhitwaawin!** We are here to keep the Anishinaabemowin and traditions alive!

**Abajitoon jibway wanitooyun** – In reference to the Anishinaabemowin, to use

the language, before we lose it.

**Aashkwanendaagozi** - He is too smart for his own good.

**Azhenamaageda gaa miinigoyang** - Give back that which is given to us.

The teachings and lessons of Wenaboozhoo are there to help us live in a certain way. By living our lives in this certain way, whether

positive or negative, the Creator will reward or punish us. The traditional teachings tell us things like "don't be acting too smart," "don't brag about what you have (as in material things)" or "don't make fun of people." There is a lot that we can learn from those stories, legends, quips, etc., that will help us....if we accept it! And how all of these is tied and connected to the bigger picture in life.

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## THE GEE-GA WA-BA-MIN SECTION

Last month, I was asked by the Red Cliff Church group to make a "stole" for the Red Cliff/Bayfield priest who was leaving. They wanted to present him with a gift from Red Cliff. The stole represents the integration of the Anishinaabe floral designs with the cross of the Catholic Church. This was for Father Mike with the Franciscan Order. I am estimating I put about 50 hours into the making of this stole.



On Sunday July 11th, family, friends, and others gathered to help celebrate the 90th birthday of Jenny Goslin. Antie Jenny's birthday was actually July 12th. To compliment and honor her, the Red Cliff Tribal Council declared her as July's Citizen of the Month and passed a Tribal Resolution designating July 12th at Jenny Goslin Day in Red Cliff. Throughout all this hoopala....she was just very humbled, honored, and heard to say "Oh Freights" (an old time Red Cliff saying)!

Happy Birthday to my granddaughters Alexis Peterson turning 11 on August 10th and Shainah Peterson turning 10 on August 11th. And my grandson, Leondre Adams turning (oh man..I think it is....) 20 years old on August 17th.

And in closing, a final bit of advice and another old time Indian teaching that Helen Basina use to say.... "If at first you don't succeed, suck another seed..."

Our elders teachings aren't always so multi-layered, magical, and mystical... sometimes they are just funny, silly, and crazy!

Gee ga wa ba min, na-gutch! (I will see you later!)

