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## ISABELLA COUNTY

# CFO's racist words denounced

## Racial slurs heard on voice mail message

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief Steve Pego on Wednesday denounced the chief financial officer of a telecommunications firm after the man left a Tribal employee

a voice mail filled with racial slurs and a veiled threat that is under investigation by the Department of Homeland Security.

Pego also asked all Natives and minority groups to stand with the Tribe in denouncing Kirk Shewchuck of Lansing-based ACD.net, a telecommunications firm that of-

fers fiber optic service, metro ethernet, telephone, hosted phone service, DSL, Datacenter and web hosting services.

Shewchuck left a voice mail May 20 for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Planning Engineer Donald Seal regarding an easement in which

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**"In today's society, tolerance and mutual respect are still goals to be obtained and not what we assume we should have. That in itself is a sad reality. I would ask that all Native Americans and other minority groups stand with us in denouncing Mr. Kirk Shewchuck and ACD.net."**

— Steve Pego, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Chief

## ITHACA

# BEATING HUNGER



LINDA GITTLEMAN — THE MORNING SUN

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Ithaca's North Elementary pack 10,000 meals for the Kids Against Hunger Coalition on Wednesday.

## Fundraiser: Elementary students participate in 'Kids Against Hunger Coalition'

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First, Ithaca's North Elementary student council oversaw the fundraising of \$1,600.

Then, the council members applied for a grant from the Gratiot Community Foundation and received \$1,400.

And what did they do with the money? Why, feed the hungry.

The \$3,000 qualified them to participate in the "Kids Against Hunger Coalition" and on Wednesday, each one of North's 390 third- through sixth-graders assembled and packaged more than 10,000 meals.

Half of those meals will stay in Gratiot County and its Hunger Network and the other half will be sent to whatever third world country asks for it, said David

Foster, one of the organizers of the coalition in Mt. Pleasant.

With the kids' money, the coalition was able to buy bulk foods such as rice, soy and dried vegetables. The students, in hair nets and plastic gloves, measured each of the food items to be packaged.

Each package, mixed with water and boiled, can "feed six adults and up to 12 kids," Foster said. "The soy is equal to the protein in an 8 ounce steak. And there are 37 different vegetables and minerals."

The package is popular because everyone knows what to do with rice, he said.

"It tastes just like chicken flavored rice," said Doni Schumacker, a counselor at North and the overseer of the project.

When the earthquake struck in Haiti, the coalition had 1 mil-

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### FYI

- **1975:** Kids Against Hunger is one of several food programs founded by Richard Proudfit who was affected by the starvation he saw among children in the Honduras in 1975.
- **1998:** The coalition was started by Dr. Donald Burwell in 1998 who joined Proudfit and his efforts.
- **Working together:** The organization partners with many different service groups, churches, businesses and volunteers.

## CLARE COUNTY

# Girl, 3, killed in tragic accident

Morning Sun staff

A 3-year-old Clare County girl died earlier this week after she was accidentally hit by a truck driven by her father.



Ackerman

Funeral services for Sydney Alexandria Ackerman will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Clare, 302 Wilcox Parkway, with burial at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare.

Visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the church Friday.

Sydney died at about 4 p.m.

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## ISABELLA COUNTY

# 65-year sentence upheld by appeals court

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A federal court of appeals has upheld the 65-year sentence handed down to an Isabella County man for assaulting a romantic partner and witness tampering.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit judges Ralph B. Guy Jr., Julia Smith Gibbons and Richard Allen Griffin upheld Samuel John Pego's sentence in an unpublished opinion Wednesday in Cincinnati.

Pego, 48, was convicted by a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court in Bay City in February 2013 and was sentenced by Judge Thomas L.

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### LIONS

#### Lions conclude second OTA of the offseason

The Detroit Lions concluded their second organized team activity of the offseason on Wednesday. **PAGE B1**



### LOCAL VOICES

#### Laws and other things that don't change

Local columnist Rob Kantner writes his last regular column for the Morning Sun, check it out on **PAGE A4**

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