

TRIBAL **NOVEMBER** 2022 OBSERVER

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Orange Shirt Day inaugural event lights up the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On Sept. 30, the world took notice as communities across the U.S. and Canada paused in remembrance for residential boarding school survivors. Orange Shirt Day, an opportunity to discuss the effects of residential schools and their legacy. The inaugural event "lit up the night" with cell phones and battery-operated candles and packed the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym to capacity.

Cathy Matthews, prevention manager for Behavioral Health, marveled at how the community came together in nine days to build a memorable event that is bound to be repeated.

"In recognition to Sept. 30th as the national day

Tribal Council members and staff pose for a photo on Orange Shirt Day Sept. 30. The day is held in recognition of the Indian boarding school children in United States and Canada.

for Indian boarding school children in United States and Canada, many departments and sponsors came together to honor the 227 children lost at the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS)," Matthews said. "We found many departments wanted to do something special for these children and it all

came together from a loving community."

Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig opened the evening with the spirit of prayer and Tribal Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans delivered opening remarks.

"All across this nation and Canada, people are coming together to honor and remember our boarding



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal Operations employees pose for a group photo during Orange Shirt Day.

school survivors and the intergenerational trauma their tribes and families experienced. This day is also used to pledge and honor the commitment given from the teachings of our ancestors so we all can continue to heal," Wemigwans said. "Residential boarding schools can be found all across Turtle Island and in other countries. Sept. 30

was chosen because this was a date many students were removed from their homes and families to a life that took them away from their traditions."

Tribal youth Gnaajwi Pego created the logo for the event T-shirt and offered an explanation and meaning behind the artwork.

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Central Michigan University unveils mural highlighting Native peoples, culture

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Indigenous Peoples' Day Oct. 10, Central Michigan University unveiled a mural showcasing Native culture and peoples to highlight its partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.



The mural is located in the Bovee University Center and increases indigenous representation and education on campus.

Artist Alan Compo, member of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, designed the mural.

Next to the mural, a

Central Michigan University unveils a mural showcasing Native culture, on Indigenous Peoples Day on Oct. 10, located in the Bovee University Center.

tribal nations and Native American peoples.

The opening ceremony to showcase the mural was

screen displays facts about held at 3 p.m. and included speakers from the Tribe and CMU community.

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(Left to right) Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, CMU President Robert Davies, Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson and Councilman Luke Sprague pose for a photo after the unveiling ceremony.

Attention Tribal Members: Information regarding health benefits, effective Jan. 1, 2023

SCIT BENEFITS TEAM

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe is pleased to be able to continue to offer a very comprehensive benefits package to all eligible Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members.

Every year we evaluate the insurance coverage under our Benefits Program to ensure they meet the needs of our valued members, as well as the corporate objectives of the organizations.

Effective on Jan. 1, 2023, SCIT will switch health care administrators from Meritain to UMR, a United Health Care company. Your Tribal Member medical plan will now be administered by UMR.

Dental coverage will remain with Delta Dental of Michigan at current levels and vision coverage will remain with EyeMed at current levels.

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Public Notices



April Marie Compo

January 18, 1977 - October 19, 2022

April Marie Compo, age 45, of Lansing, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Oct, 19, 2022, in Lansing.

April was born in Lansing, Michigan on Jan. 18, 1977, the daughter of Joseph and Elsie (Jackson) Compo. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

April loved being a mom and grandma. She was a good cook; she also enjoyed painting, drawing, and beading. April liked to go dancing and joke around.

April is survived by her husband, Alvin Calhoun of Lansing; daughters Samantha (Anthony) Bonilla of Lansing, Justine Compo (Deshone Embry) of Lansing; son Alvin Compo of Lansing; grandchildren Xaviah, Delyan, Juan Jr., As'Aleigha, Onyx, Eszahlynn; sister Kimberly Stowell (Angel Alvarez) of Mt. Pleasant; brothers Howard Compo (Ashley Alexander) of Wilson, Harold (Kari) Compo of Wisconsin; nephews Matthew Epps, Christopher Epps, Tom Epps, Zheesheeb Compo, Stone Compo, and niece Veronica Epps.

April was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers Joey and Jamie Compo.

A celebration of life was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel, 114 S. Bradley Street, Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at 1 p.m. The family received friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.





Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:

Betsey M. Alonzo

Tribal Development Coordinator

Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org | Phone: 989-775-5643

- Creating and updating your resume can take some time, so be sure to have all of your work experience and educational accomplishments written down for reference.
- If you would like to include work references on your resume, be sure to reach out to those individuals, request their permission and get their most up-to-date contact information to include on your resume.
- We will be using the Google Docs application to create individual resumes, a personal Google email is needed for this process. Please have your personal Google email created, with your password on hand to accesses your account before and at your scheduled appointment.
- Approximate time needed to create a new resume will be one hour minimum.

Carl Roy Sanford-Pelcher

February 2, 1954 - October 23, 2022

Carl Roy Sanford-Pelcher walked and played here with us

for 68 years spreading joy and kindness. His bright light and thunderous sense of humor will continue to shape the many lives he touched and influence future generations.

He made beautiful art and loved to garden and travel. He will be particularly remembered by his fourlegged companion Pam.

on before him and now hold him and smile.

His mother Mildred (Pamp)
Pelcher, his father Clinton Pelcher Sr.,
sister Phoebe Pamptopee Sickal-Desmet, brother John
Pelcher, father-in-law Robert Sanford, sister-in-law Linda
Joy Sanford and several nieces and nephews have walked

He is survived by his husband Mark Sanford-Pelcher, brothers Clinton (Honey) Pelcher Jr., Steven (Susan) Pelcher, Milton "Beaver" (Marcia) Pelcher, Earl (Mary) Pelcher, mother-in-law Elizabeth Sanford, sister-in-law Gwendolyn Sanford, brother-in-law Bob (Nancy) Sanford and many much-loved nieces and nephews.

The family is grateful to Carl's Tribe (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan) for their support as well as to the NHBP and Gun Lake Tribal clinics for their services. Spectrum Health Palliative Care, Hospice and Neurology did much to ease his loss and pain from Multiple System Atrophy.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at 3 p.m. A luncheon immediately followed at Elijah Elk Seventh Generation, 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mount Pleasant, Mich. The family greeted friends and family on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to CurePSP, c/o Mary Jo Meagher Legacy Fund, 1216 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10001, or to the Multiple System Atrophy Coalition at: https://www.multiplesystematrophy.org.

COVID-19 & Flu Vaccination Clinics

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022

Nimkee Public Health | For 6 months and older

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022

Nimkee Public Health | For 5 years and older

By appointment only To schedule an appointment of

To schedule an appointment call: 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

Vaccines available:

- Bivalent Booster
- Moderna for ages 12 and up: First, second, third (for immunocompromised)
- Pfizer for ages 12 and up: First, second, third (for immunocompromised)
- Pfizer for 5 and up: First, second and third (for immunocompromised)
- Pfizer for 6 months to 4 years:
 First, second, third dose series
- Influenza Vaccine





in the Black Elk Building
*Passes are for Tribal Members only at this time.

For more information, please contact:

Business Regulations at 989-775-4109 or 989-775-4175



Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Set up begins at 8 a.m.

SECR Black River Ballroom

6800 E. Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI

- Vendors: 8'x8' space is available for \$50 and includes two 8-foot tables and two chairs, if needed.
- All proceeds benefit ACFS Foster Care Program



ATTENTION HUNTERS

Display your deer in the January 2023

Tribal Observer Buck Pole

Submit photos to: Observer@sagchip.org

Open to the Tribal Community and employees

Deadline: Dec. 15, 2022



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

39th Annual Powwow

LOGO CONTEST

The committee is asking for community assistance in creating this year's logo for the 39th Annual Powwow.

Theme: "Honoring our Future" Mnadendamadaa Waanezhiwebak

- The logo should collate with the theme.
- The entries can be in color (four color max).
- Design can be hand-drawn or created electronically.

All entries must be submitted by:

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022

 Please include your contact information along with your entry.

Please mail to:

Attn: Powwow Committee 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

Or drop off:

- Ziibiwing Cultural Center c/o Noelle Wells
- Black Elk Building, Mail Room c/o Carla Bennett

Electronic version can be emailed to: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

For more information, please contact:

Noelle Wells at 989.775.4750 or

Carla Bennett at 989.775.0114



Public Notices

TRIBAL OPERATIONS

Holiday & Administrative Closures

Tribal Operations will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 through Monday, Jan. 2, 2023

*Excluding 24/7 departments

- •ACFS: Closed. On-call help, contact Dispatch: 989-775-4700
- Andahwod: Open with administration staff on-call.
- Behavioral Health Outpatient: Closed, except on-call crisis therapists. *On-call help:* 989-775-4850
- Behavioral Health RTC: Open (fully staffed)
- Gaming Commission: Closed with a Commissioner on call daily. The Compliance office will stay 24/7 at the casino, will pass out licenses and do renewals.
- **Housing:** Closed with 24/7 emergency line: **989-621-2669.**
- Human Resources: The Black Elk and SELCH offices will be closed. The SECR Satellite Office will be open Dec. 27-29 for four hours. MRLA's will be updated in office on Dec. 27.
- Nimkee Clinic: Nimkee Medical, Dental, Public Health, & Administrative Offices will be closed. Provider on-call at *989-317-2088*. Nimkee Pharmacy & Nimkee Covid Testing Center will be open Dec. 27-29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Payroll: Closed (manager teleworking/in office)
- Per Cap: Closed (payment will be processed, but front window closed)
- Planning: Closed with monitoring for licensing, EAHRP and EAAP requests. Contact: KMcCoy@ sagchip.org or 989-775-4014
- Recreation: Open gym Dec 27-29 from noon to 5 p.m.
- Saganing Fresh & Waste Water Plant: On-call help: 989-329-2080
- •Saganing Outreach: Closed. Medication pick-up and deliveries on Dec. 28. Maintenance on call for snow removal. *Call 989-775-5810*
- Tribal Business Regulations: Closed with monitoring for tag renews/tax exemptions. Contact: cdsineway@sagchip.org or 989-775-4105
- Tribal Clerk/Enrollment: Closed with monitoring for burial assistance. Contact: enrollment@sagchip. org or 989-775-4054
- Tribal Court: Judicial Officer on-call to process cases/ hold hearings when required.
- Water Treatment Plant: On-call help: 989-317-6028
- Waste Water Treatment Plant: On-call help: 256-599-5518

Most closed departments will be monitoring their emails and voicemails to provide services throughout the closure, be sure to leave a message.

At the Tribal PD and Tribal Court

Drop off new, wrapped toy donations

For more information, please contact:

Part of the Law

Collection ends:

Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

Enforcement Challenge

Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700

▶ Collection boxes will be located in the Tribal

Police Department and Tribal Court lobbies

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.

Attention Tribal Members

Tribal Council Regular

Session Meetings

are held at 9 a.m.

- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004

Regular Council Session Dates

• Nov. 1 • Dec. 6 • Jan. 3

Active Native Youth









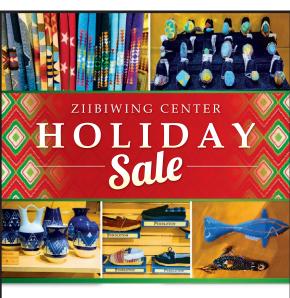
Deadline: Dec. 15, 2022

Send in a photo of your Tribal Member, descendant students to be featured in the January 2023 issue of the Tribal Observer.

Email your photo and information to Observer@sagchip.org

Please include the following:

• Name • School • Grade • Sports/activities



Nov. 1-30, 2022

Ziibiwing Gift Shop hours:

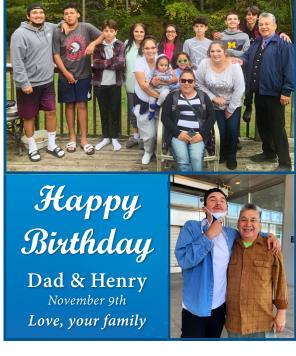
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





Happy 20th Birthday Dev!

November 23
Love Mom & Clint



December Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 by 5 p.m.

Forms accepted beginning Monday, Oct. 3, 2022

Tribal Clerk's Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Notarization is required
- Forms are available by mail, email and online at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form

For more information, please contact: The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4051



Save the Date: Feb. 17, 2023 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nimkee Clinic

- Children under the age of 18 who are eligible to be seen at the Nimkee Dental Clinic are invited to join us for our second annual "Give Kids a Smile Day" on Friday, Feb. 17
- Kids may receive a dental exam, X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment and/or fillings based on individual need and time available.
- A goodie bag will be provided to all participants.
- COVID-19 protocols will be observed.
- This year, appointments must be made by calling 989-775-4657 any time up to, and including, the day of the event (8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.)
- The Nimkee Dental Clinic is located at 2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858







Tribal Council

Chief

Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One

Sub-Chief

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Gayle Ruhl | District One

Secretary

Martha Wemigwans | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms

David Merrill Jr. | District One

Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member

Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One

Council Member

Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member

Luke Sprague | District One

Council Member Mary Quigno | District One

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member

Samantha Chippeway | District One



your door. NEXTDISTRO.ORG/ITCMI

NEXT Distro is an online resource for Free Naloxone Access.

Confidential mail-based distribution for low & no access communities.

How it works

- Visit nextdistro.org/itcmi
- Watch a brief video training on how to identify & reverse an opioid overdose
- Take a four question quiz
- Input your mailing info and answer a few questions
- Receive naloxone in the mail in less than a week
- You're now prepared to reverse an opioid overdose
- Report naloxone use at nextdistro.org/reverse

to have more naloxone mailed to you

The Seven Grandfather **TEACHINGS**

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

Zaagidowin – Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

Minaadendamoowing – Respect

To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

Debwewin – Truth

To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as the world around us even when the right way is not the easiest way.

FOSTER CARE Packets Available

For anyone interested in becoming a foster care family or needing more information about fostering.

For questions and inquiries, please email:

ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org



Nimkee Fitness

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Yoga Class Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

Youth Council Election

- Youth Council election packets available now and are due by Nov. 4 by 5 p.m.
- Elections will take place Nov. 17-18
- Newly-elected Youth Council will be sworn in Dec. 5
- **Dates subject to change



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www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

For more information: YouthCouncil@sagchip.org

Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Chippeway, Ryan Douglas Coleman, Lisa Renee Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph Davis, Tony Craig Holbrook, Tammie Carlene Hoon, Virginia Mae Jackson, Clara Elizabeth Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	01/13/2022 07/05/2021 01/30/2022 10/26/2021 04/25/2022 12/24/2021 11/07/2021 02/01/2022 03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022 11/26/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph Davis, Tony Craig Holbrook, Tammie Carlene Hoon, Virginia Mae Jackson, Clara Elizabeth Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	01/30/2022 10/26/2021 04/25/2022 12/24/2021 11/07/2021 02/01/2022 03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022
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Davis, Tony Craig Holbrook, Tammie Carlene Hoon, Virginia Mae Jackson, Clara Elizabeth Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	04/25/2022 12/24/2021 11/07/2021 02/01/2022 03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene Hoon, Virginia Mae Jackson, Clara Elizabeth Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	12/24/2021 11/07/2021 02/01/2022 03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022
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Jackson, Clara Elizabeth Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	02/01/2022 03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	03/06/2022 03/17/2021 02/23/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe Maki, Terry Lee	03/17/2021 02/23/2022
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
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Moses Jr, Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahgwon Jr, Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Crooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr, Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domonic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr, Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver,Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020

TRIBAL OBSERVER

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month.

- To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email observer@saqchip.org.
- To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055.
- Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe c/o Tribal Observer 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

Story ideas, articles and photographs from the community are always welcome. The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and is subject to an editorial review process.

The views expressed within the Tribal Observer do not necessarily reflect the views of the Tribal Observer, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort or its employees or any other enterprise of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Tribal Observer works to uphold the highest integrity in news reporting and supports the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968.

Tribal Observer Advertising

To place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or Observer@sagchip.org for more information.

Announcements - Including birthday, wedding, engagement, congratulations, etc., costs \$10 and is open to Tribal Members, community members and employees. Double-sized announcements are \$20.

Political ads - All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is \$250. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any Letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. Make checks out to SCIT.	
Name:	
Address	

______ State: _____ Zip: ___

Please mail form to:

Tribal Observer 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

- Phone: 989-775-4096
- Email: Observer@Sagchip.org

www. Sagchip.org/Tribal Observer

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Human Resources

Public Notices

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is your college, help it grow!

Mt. Pleasant High School

Perfect Attendance September 2022

SCTC is looking to expand its programs and would like your input.

Please take a few minutes to share your voice.

Scan the QR code start the survey.





Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12 - 1 p.m.

Satellite Office Hours

Location: Directly next door to Legends Diner on the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort gaming floor.

For more information, please contact:

- Frances Mena: 989.775.5648 or fmena@sagchip.org
- Humanresources@sagchip.org



Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

The Ziibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

The Ziibiwing Center is a distinctive treasure created to provide an enriched, diversified and culturally relevant educational experience. This promotes the society's belief that the culture, diversity and spirit of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and other Great Lakes Anishinabek must be recognized, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

Interested members need to:

- Meet every second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m.
- Implement the ZCS' purpose to enlighten and educate tribal and community members and all other people of the world to the culture, heritage, history and goals of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

For more information, contact and send letters of interest to:

William Johnson

Curator/Operations Manager

- Email: WJohnson@sagchip.org
- **Phone:** 989.775.4730
- Mail: ZC Collections Committee c/o William Johnson 6650 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

SOARING EAGLE

Tribal Membership

Rotation Positions

around the following departments:

▶ EVS Facilities

▶ Guest Experience

▶ Inventory Control

These positions will be rotated

▶ Hotel

• Must be 18 years of age or older • Four spots available for this pilot program.

· Discover which department is the best fit.

▶ Security

▶ Marketing

▶ Table Games

Open to SCIT Tribal Members:

• Applications available at: www.sagchip.org/careers

▶ Bingo

▶ Slots

▶ F & B

▶ Finance

• Miikawadizi Prout

• Atreyu Sineway

• Tayla Sizemore

• Nixie Snyder

• Tyler Snyder

• Landon Rowlett

- Logan Bird
- Bailey Burger
- Nikodin Davis
- Tayden Davis • Aviana Gomez
- Josiah Green
- Alex Grice
- Frederick Highley
- Cooper Kampf
- Isaiah Otto-Powers
- Ellie Patterson

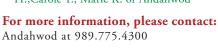


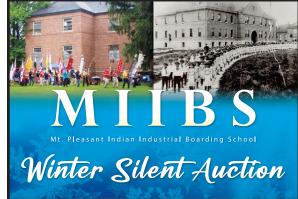


Drawing: Nov. 16, 2022

- Tickets: 3 for \$10 or 1 for \$5
- Prizes: \$250 VISA gift cards • All proceeds benefit Elders' activities
- Can purchase from Barb S., Gilbert







SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday & Friday, Dec. 8 & 9 **Ziibiwing Center Lobby**

- Bids will be finalized on Friday at 6 p.m.
- Many Ribbon Skirts available
- Funds will be used for securing MIIBS from vandals and weekend night security

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

If you would like to donate an item, please contact:

Marcella Hadden

- mLhadden@sagchip.org • 989.775.4751
- **Glenna Jenkins**
- gjenkins@sagchip.org • 989.775.4744







For more information, please contact: Human Resources 989.775.5600

• Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

LOGO CONTEST

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- Black Elk Building, Mail Room c/o Carla Bennett

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Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom

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City of Mt. Pleasant declares second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples' Day

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Theresa Chief Peters-Jackson was joined by Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts and Tribal Member Frances Mena, human resources assistant, to witness the Mt. Pleasant City Commission declare Oct. 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day and the signing of the document by City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Amy Perschbacher.

Mayor Perschbacher read the Indigenous Peoples' Day proclamation aloud.

The City of Mt. Pleasant has recognized Indigenous' Peoples Day, on a yearby-year basis, since 2014. However, this year's occasion determined Indigenous' Peoples Day will now be recognized each year on the second Monday in October.

"We appreciate the support shown by the Mt. Pleasant City Commission regarding the Oct. 10 Indigenous People's Day proclamation and making it an every year remembrance," Chief Peters-Jackson said. "If it affects Native families in our community, many of the issues we face do affect others. It is encouraging to see the City Commission and our Tribal Council walking together toward building a healthy community and to give support toward issues that impact all of us."

Mayor Perschbacher read the proclamation shown in the box to the right.



(Left to right) Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson holds the City of Mt. Pleasant's Indigenous People's Day proclamation as Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts and City of Mt. Pleasant Mayor Amy Perschbacher support.



Mayor Perschbacher reads the proclamation on Oct. 10 as Chief Peters-Jackson, Chaplain Ricketts and City Commission officials listen.



Onion Creek Singers perform an honor song.

Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 2010 the State of Michigan, the County of Isabella and the City of Mt. Pleasant recognized the official boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation through a historic set of agreements; and

WHEREAS, These historic agreements amicably settled long-standing Indian Country jurisdictional issues and are now considered model agreements; and WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant desires to demonstrate and celebrate its strong and productive relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council based on mutual respect and trust; and

WHEREAS, The idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, The City has proclaimed and recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day every year since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is an opportunity to educate about pre-existing Indian cultures that have survived an often-violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Perschbacher, Mayor of the City of Mt. Pleasant do hereby proclaim the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples' Day every year henceforth; and FURTHER, The City supports that Indigenous Peoples' Day be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Saginaw Chippewa and other Indigenous peoples add to our city and community.

AND FURTHER, The City of Mt. Pleasant City Commission recognizes the value of working collaboratively together with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and looks forward to addressing areas of mutual concern in our community.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, this 10th day of October 2022.



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Mural

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"This is a happy day for community, Robert Davies. "It's been To see it come to fruition is something that's very Central Michigan."

Peters-Jackson spoke at the podium and thanked the CMU us," said CMU President Davies and Colleen Green, in the works for some time. Native American Programs at CMU.

"I thank you for honorimportant to all of us here at ing our culture, our traditions, our Native people,"

Chief Theresa people are beautiful."

mentioning director of the Office of



Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson provides a speech during CMU's mural unveiling ceremony.



CMU President Robert Davies speaks on the university's great relationship with the Tribe.



Tribal Community

Onion Creek Singers perform an honor song.

In Fall 2017, CMU's resolution replacing Columbus Student Association passed

Government Day with Indigenous Peoples' day on campus.

Davies (left) and Colleen Green (right), director of the Office of Native American Programs for CMU, view the original artwork of the mural design, created by artist Alan Compo.

Benefits

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Alice Jo Ricketts.

made by Tribal Chaplain

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ple, the beautiful ancestral lands we gather upon today," Davies said. "It is important to understand the long-standing history that brought us to this moment where our university now stands on lands ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw. We strive to understand our place in history and we express our deep grati-

"We wish to honor and

• UMR will still provide the same coverage plan options as well as offer Teladoc services.

As we switch to this new health care administrator, we would like to be fully transparent with our Tribal Membership and let you know that total healthcare costs are projected to rise. This was true with our previous administrator and one of the several reasons that we took the opportunity to look at the best care, coverage and price within the market.

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our community. This is the first Tribal Council and

community building. It was built as a WPA project,

it is now the Chippewa Indian Methodist Church at

the Hill. Do you have any stories or memories of this

Miigwetch for your anticipated time sharing your stories.

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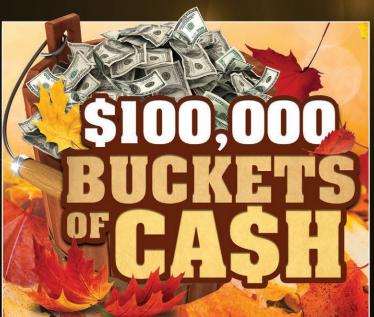
Bailey sworn in to SCTC Board of Regents



On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Jennifer Bailey was sworn in by Chief Peters-Jackson Theresa begin serving on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Board of Regents. The swearing-in oath reading was held in the Council chambers with Tribal Council members surrounding Bailey and Chief Peters-Jackson in support.

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Tribal Community

Orange Shirt

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residential school and the two heads surfacing are just that. With the residential school systems finally cracking, missing kids are still continuing to surface," Pego said. "Even those with no names, no identity; those lives matter, **EVERY CHILD MATTERS."**

Council Youth Co-Chairperson Mgizi Wemigwans was on hand with fellow members.

"It is important to remember and honor the lives lost during the boarding school era because those who we lost were our relatives and ancestors who were not able to share our culture and history," Mgizi Wemigwans said. "We continue to remember this day and the horrific past of the residential boarding school era because it was a time when our government was trying to eradicate our people but they failed. It is important to remember the stories and time because it shows our resilience and strength. It makes me so proud to come from such a strong ancestry."

Youth Council Co-Chairperson Tara Hunt said she wasn't able to attend, but she shared the following remarks.

"Today and every day is important to remember the beautiful babies who lost their lives and the ones who made it home," Hunt said. "It has affected all of our families in one way or another."

Hunt shared a heartfelt example of how her family was deeply affected by boarding schools.

"My papa, Harold Peters, was taken at only 5 years old to Shingwauk Residential School and didn't return until he was 16," Hunt said. "I am so thankful he was here

long enough to share his stories with me and my siblings. We are so proud of him and his

"The idea of the broken strength and having events like this is important so that we will never forget and always honor those beautiful babies. I am here because my papa survived."

As the tribal historic preservation officer working for the Ziibiwing Center, Marcella Hadden shared her insights on the deep roots behind Orange Shirt Day.

"The event serves as a means of remembrance, teaching and healing," Hadden said. "It also honors the legacy of our residential boarding school survivors."

Waabanoqua (Judy Pamp), Saginaw Chippewa community member, said the event is "to honor and uphold survivors and intergenerational survivors of the Indian residential school system, and to commemorate those who didn't return home."

"One of the first things

that happened as Tribal youth attended the boarding schools, they would take those memories and clothing that reminded the students of home away from them," Pamp said. "Phyllis Webstad from First Nations Canada had her grandmother give her a bright orange shirt to wear for her first day at the residential school and they took it away from her. The longer students were at the school, it wasn't just the clothing that was taken from them. They took away their language, they took away their culture and they took away their identity of being a part of an indigenous family."

Pamp highlighted how that first orange shirt being taken away led to the stripping away that was common among residential schools.

"On a yearly basis, we can use Orange Shirt Day to honor those students who didn't



Pego created the artwork featured on the event T-shirt.

make it back from the boarding schools, especially those ones who gave that most precious gift: their life," Pamp said. "I say miigwetch to our Anishinaabe Bimaadiwin Team at (the Saginaw Chippewa Academy) for planning the ceremony we held for the students at the Mt. Pleasant Industrial Boarding School grounds today. We had a pipe ceremony there with 70 SCA students in attendance and we sang our Ojibwe songs to be heard by those ancestors once more.

"Every child matters" became the motto of what soon became Orange Shirt Day; honoring even the wounded inner child within adult survivors of Indian residential schools in Canada. It is an expression of the belief that all children are important, including the ones left behind at residential schools and adults who are still healing from the trauma they endured there."

Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe language outreach specialist, spoke of how 49 years ago a nokomis (grandmother) sent her granddaughter to a boarding school with a gift of a bright orange shirt.

"All the orange shirts that you see at this gathering today is a demonstration of support of what (the granddaughter) had to go through as a survivor of the residential school," Osawamick said at the event. "There are other Native people who have endured and suffered through another part of the residential experience known as day school. The reason I didn't go to the boarding school is my dad stood up and said, 'You are not taking her'."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal youth Gnaajwi

students had to walk miles to attend the day school. "They didn't want me speaking my language at the school and they would clean it by cleaning my tongue with a bar of soap," Osawamick said. "I remember when they would wash language out of my mouth. And then I learned that other people who went to residential school had things happen

Osawamick said many

Cathy Matthews offered a special thank you to

to them too. My great-great-

uncle told me about how

some of the family didn't

come back from the school."



Nimkee Clinic employees pose for a group photo during Orange Shirt Day.

the following: Tribal Council, Behavioral Health Prevention, Ziibiwing Center, Tribal Historic Preservation Office, Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Recreation Department, Tribal Court, Council, Youth Project Venture, Tribal Police, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

A special thank you was given to keynote speakers Isabelle Osawamick, Marcella Hadden, Judy Pamp and the Onion Creek Singers for an honor song and a traveling song.



The Onion Creek Singers perform an Honor Song.



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A dinner proceeds the Orange Shirt Day event, held in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.



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Midaaswi 10

Mid Michigan College hosts "Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day 2022"

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On Oct. 10, Mid Michigan College faculty and students welcomed Tribal Council members, the Tribal community and keynote speakers to the "Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day 2022" ceremony held on campus in Mount Pleasant.

Onion Creek Singers provided a welcome song and Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts opened the ceremony in prayer.

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson offered opening remarks in Anishinaabemowin and introduced fellow Council members in attendance (Ricketts, Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig and Council member Luke Sprague).

"It is quite an honor to have our Indigenous people recognized here at Mid Michigan College and I thank the United Nations Declaration of 1977 that began to recognize the importance of this special day across the world," Peters-Jackson said. "We respect all those other nations who came to Turtle Island and we hope one day we can all live unified and in harmony. We need to end racism and discrimination in all forms and as a part of humanity we realize in everything there is a good



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson provides opening remarks during the Oct. 10 "Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day 2022" at Mid Michigan College (left to right: Councilman Luke Sprague, Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, Jackson and Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig).

side and a bad side."

The chief commended Mid Michigan College President Tim Hood, and the faculty and student-led effort that made the celebration possible.

"I was so moved in so many ways during the Indigenous Peoples Day celebration. Participating with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in dialogue and learning from the stories, research, music, and other creative expression, brought us new layers of insight and appreciation that must be transcended more widely," Hood said. "As neighbors and educators, we are committed to further sharing the significance of this important history."

Mid Michigan College Provost Scott Mertes served as master of ceremonies for the event and introduced the three keynote speakers: Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer; Shannon Bischoff of Purdue University; and Isabelle Osawamick, Anishinaabe language outreach specialist.

"Indigenous Peoples Day is not only a celebration of Native American peoples, but is a day to honor their cultures and histories," Mertes said. "It is of particular relevance to Mid Michigan College as our campus is located on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe people, including our neighbors, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan."

Mertes continued, "Those in attendance learned so much from the distinguished speakers. It was particularly impactful to hear from local Tribal members on how the events of the past still have a lingering effect to this day."

Mertes brought several black ash baskets that are a part of his private Native art collection and said he has always found an affinity with Native people through art and ceremonies.



Mid Michigan College
President Tim Hood
provides welcoming
remarks.

"This is particularly important as we strive to help our students develop global perspectives that understand and appreciate the thoughts and experiences of other cultures," he said. "We are honored to serve as host of this celebration and are particularly thankful for our friends at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for their participation and support."

Alumna Frances Mena, human resources assistant, thanked the college for hosting the event.

"It's an honor to serve as co-chair on the college's Indigenous Peoples Committee," Mena "It's important we continue to build these connections with our neighbors at Mid for a strong and healthy relationship. It's also a great opportunity for Mid students to see that we are still here and we are thriving, despite the generational traumas we have been through. The best way we can do that is by educating them."

Donna Sinclair also served as a co-chair for the event.

"A very special chimiigwetch to Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson and Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, as well



Tribal Historic Preservation
Officer Marcella Hadden
delivers an informative
presentation about the Mt.
Pleasant Indian Industrial
Boarding School.

as the Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig, and the many Council members that attended and shared their experiences with us. It was truly an honor to share such an important and meaningful day together," Sinclair said. "I believe that Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson's, as well as Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts' and Council member Luke Sprague's moving and impactful truths will forever resonate in the hearts and minds of everyone present and viewing."

Sinclair said the students and faculty appreciated presentations by Hadden and Osawamick.

"Besides being so kind and giving of spirit, both speakers shared knowledge that is essential for non-Native Americans to be educated on, especially the very real and lasting traumas inflicted on all Native Americans," Sinclair said. "The forced assimilation policies and practices, including the generational trauma of the Boarding Schools era continues to leave the trauma that needs to be remembered to let the healing process begin."



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Onion Creek Singers perform a welcome song.

November 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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- 14) Raymond Pelcher Sr.

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- **21)** Allen Pego Gena Qualls Viola Nahgahgwon

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- 30) Darlene Chippewa Daisy Kendall Chris Pego William Cross Barbara Garcia





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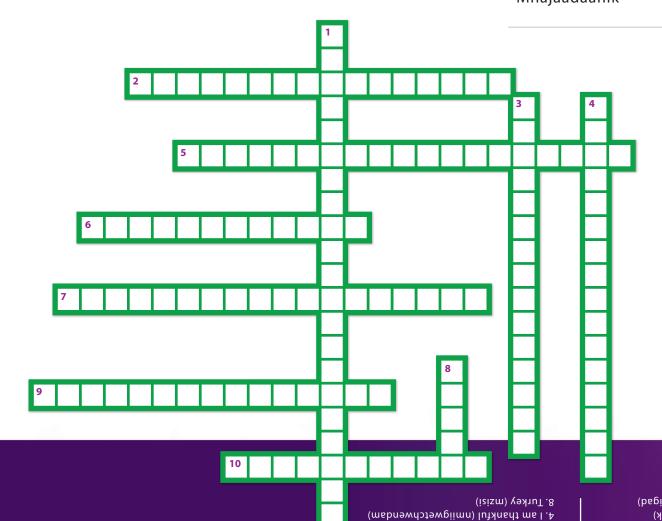
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- Gmi-ji-men-min
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- Maamwi-wiisinidaa
- Baashkaakodin-giizis
- Maamwi-wiisining
- Miigwetch-giizhigad
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- Nmiigwetchwendam



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- 5: Frost moon (November)
- **6:** Let's celebrate them
- 7: Thanksgiving Day
- 9: Feast
- 10: I remember you

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- 3: Be thankful
- 4: I am thankful
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Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band share peace, love and classic songs at Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Spreading peace and love wherever he goes, musical legend Ringo Starr held a Friday, Sept. 30 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort with His All Starr Band.

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band played for more than two hours, in a concert that included hits from The Beatles, songs from Ringo's solo career and several songs from his current bandmates; all of which are phenomenal, professional musicians.

The current All Starr Band lineup includes: Steve Lukather (Toto), guitarist; Colin Hay (Men at Work), vocalist and guitarist; Warren

Ham (Toto, Kansas), saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist; Greg Bissonette (The David Lee Roth Band), drummer; Hamish Stuart (Average White Band), bassist and guitarist; and Edgar Winter Group), Winter (Edger multi-instrumentalist.

Throughout the evening, each musician expressed they were grateful to be on stage, playing in the All Starr Band.

At age 82, Starr is still rocking, touring and spreading inspirational messages. It was an honor to just be in his presence, and it was apparent the audience felt that way too.

Starr and the band performed some of his solo songs including: "It Don't Come Easy," "I'm the Greatest,"

"Back Off Boogaloo" and "Photograph."

Hearing Starr sing Beatles classics in 2022 was an unforgettable feeling. The Beatles songs performed included "What Goes On," "Yellow Submarine." "Octopus's Garden," "I Wanna Be Your Man" and "With a Little Help From My Friends."

Toto covers "Rosanna," "Africa" and "Hold the Line" were performed. Along with Men at Work hits "Down Under," "Overkill" and "Who Can It Be Now?"

The Edgar Winter Group covers performed included "Free Ride" and "Frankenstein." Average White Band songs featured were "Pick Up the Pieces" and "Cut the Cake."

The audience was also



Ringo Starr throws peace signs in the air during his sold-out concert with His All Starr Band on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

treated to covers of classics from Carl Perkins, The Isley Brothers, Chuck Berry, The Shirelles and Johnny Russell.

The show ended with the perfect feel-good song, "With a Little Help From My Friends" that featured a snippet of "Give Peace a Chance."

Starr canceled his show the following Sunday. By that Tuesday, it was announced he had tested positive for COVID. He was back to touring on Oct. 11. Unfortunately, the remaining North American tour dates were canceled for good as Starr ended up with COVID again.

Throughout his career, Ringo Starr has received nine GRAMMY® Awards and has twice been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame — first as a Beatle and then as solo artist (ringostarr. com). Between 1970 and 2020, Starr has released 20 solo studio records and two EP's in 2020 and 2021.



Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band perform a collection of hits from the bands each of them has been a member of.





Entertainment

Alice in Chains, Breaking Benjamin bring electric end to summer outdoor concerts

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The outdoor summer concert series came to an electric end at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Held on Friday, Sept. 23, the final outdoor concert featured a quartet of hard-rocking acts in Alice in Chains, Breaking Benjamin, Bush and Plush.

Headlining the night was Seattle-based rock band Alice in Chains. The group rose to prominence in the '90s with their unique blend of grunge, acoustic and heavy metal styles. They have charted 18 songs within the top 10 of Billboard's Mainstream Rock Chart, including five songs which earned the top spot.

Alice in Chains came out strong with the driving baselines of "Again," followed by the heavy guitar riffs of "Check My Brain" and "Grind."

Backed by a colorful stage and dynamic lighting, the band continued their crisp and electric performance with "Them Bones," "Dam That River" and "Hollow."

Next up was the No. 1 hit single "Your Decision," followed by "Angry Chair" and "Man in the Box."

The haunting, emotive song "Nutshell" was performed as a special dedication. The song honored the memory of former original members of the band who had passed on, with original vocalist Layne Staley and bassist Mike Starr.

The hits continued with "The One You Know," "No Excuses" and "Down in a Hole."

For the final encore, the band played "Would?" followed by "Rooster," the evocative and dreamy ode to lead guitarist Jerry Cantrell's father.

Taking to the stage prior to Alice in Chains was formed that night included



Alice in Chains bassist Mike Inez (left) and lead singer William DuVall (right) perform during the Sept. 23 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Benjamin Burnley, founding member of Breaking Benjamin,



performs "Blow Me Away."



Alice in Chains founder and

lead guitarist Jerry Cantrell.

Bush frontman Gavin Rossdale performs "Machinehead."

"Red Cold River," "Until the End," "Torn in Two," "Breath" and "Failure."

Opening with "Blow Me Away," the band instantly ener-The band performed a gized the crowd before jumpcover of the Queen hit "Who ing in to "Sooner or Later," Wants to Live Forever" followed by "Polyamorous" and "Give Me a Sign." The audience members sang

To close out their night, Breaking Benjamin performed the hits "I Will Not Bow" and "The Diary of Jane."

Gavin Rossdale and Bush took to the stage prior to Breaking Benjamin's set.

The English rock band jumped straight in to their hits with "The Kingdom," "Machinehead" "Quicksand."

Though it was a quick set, the band still filled it with many memorable tunes including "Bullet Holes."

"Everything Zen," "Blood River," "Flowers on a Grave" and "More Than Machines."

Bush finished with the heartfelt ballad "Glycerine" and catchy lyrics of "Comedown."

Opening the night was the all-female rock band Plush. The group performed many songs off their selftitled debut album including "Athena," "Champion," "Hate" and "Will Not Win."

Comedy legend Ron White makes final appearance at Soaring Eagle

MATT WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the comedy legend that is Ron trious career are set to end White during a sold-out with a final Dec. 31 show show Oct. 14.

White, likely for the last time, filled the Entertainment Hall with

he announced his retire- Collar Comedy Tour along- me on stage.' She said, 'Tell ment, with the final shows side fellow comedians Jeff them I said hello'." of his career coming as part of the "Final Tour." The tour, and White's illusin Tulsa, Okla.

Keith Wallen of Breaking

Benjamin provides rhythm

guitar and vocals.

American hard rock band

Breaking Benjamin.

"Firefly" and "Follow."

and "Angels Fall."

the emotive lyrics of "So Cold"

Other fan favorites per-

The Grammy-nominated stand-up comedian, actor and author rose to fame

Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy.

A true master of his craft, White had the audience captivated from the moment he stepped on stage. His jokes may by crude at times, but it always makes for a fun, rollicking good time.

He kept the audience members rolling in their seats while covering a variety of hilarious observations and quips. From his hijinks traveling during his touring career, trying to "recover" a dental crown he swallowed and interactions with his elderly mother.

"I was talking to my mother right before they brought me out," White said. "I told her 'Mom, I

laughter. Earlier in the year after appearing on the Blue got to go, they're bringing

Opening the night for White was comedian Chris Voth.



Ron White laughs along with the audience during his sold out Oct. 14 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



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Entertainment



Country music artist Lee Brice returns to Soaring Eagle for one dynamic show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Country music artist Lee Brice made his return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for a Saturday, Oct. 8 show inside the Entertainment Hall.

For backstage meet and greet fans, this show held the first Tribal meet and greet since March 2020.

Lee Brice and his band launched right into the catchy songs, "More Beer," "Hard to Love," "Soul" and "Memory I Don't Mess With."

Add his energy, personality and showmanship to his solid voice that can belt out song after song, how has Brice not been honored with Entertainer of the Year?

"We're going to give you all that we've got and I hope you have a good time," Brice said to the audience referring to the musicians on stage with him.

With attention-grabbing lighting, flashes of lights and a true stage presence, Brice brought the big-time outdoor concert feel to the intimate indoor show.

Brice and his band continued on with "Little Things," "If You" and "Love Like Crazy."

The band then left the stage and Brice was solo with his acoustic guitar to perform "Boy" and the Eli Young Band hit song he wrote, "Crazy Girl," which he referred to as the song that "changed his life" from its great success.

Referring to his solo acoustic time on stage, Brice said, "This is my favorite part of the show. So I hope you don't mind if I take a little bit of my selfish time with you here."

The band returned on stage and Brice's drummer, Donnie Marple, ripped into a blaring drum solo which featured a snippet of "Funk Soul Brother."

Prior to "I Drive Your Truck," Brice honored fallen heroes. He asked the audience to light up the Entertainment Hall for the three and a half minutes during the song to honor those who have sacrificed so much.

The show also featured hits "Drinking Class" and "Parking Lot Party."

The slowed-down encore included "I Don't Dance," "Rumor" and "One of them Girls."



Country music artist Lee Brice makes his return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for an Oct. 8 show inside the Entertainment Hall.

After the hour and a half reeling and fulfilled from the

concert, Brice left the audience talent they just witnessed.

Clay Walker, Billy Dean showcase classic country hits at Soaring Eagle show

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted country musicians Clay Walker and Billy Dean on Saturday Oct. 15.

All of the best attributes of country music, from the memorable lyrics and vocal harmonies to the catchy choruses were on full display.

Headlining the night was country music artist Clay Walker.

No stranger to topping the charts, Walker has released six No. 1 singles on the Billboard U.S. Country chart.

Walker took to the stage with an infectious grin, as the opening melody of "Rumor Has It" brought a cheer from the audience.

Keeping the mood going, he next performed "Live Until I Die," "Dreaming With My Eyes Wide Open" and "You're Beginning to Get to Me."

Walker paid homage to country music legend George Strait, with a cover of Strait's "Amarillo by Morning."

Audience members sang along to the slow, sentimental ballad "Hypnotize the Moon."

Walker picked the pace back up with the upbeat "If I Could Make a Living," followed by "'Fore She Was Mama," "You Look Good" and "Fall."

The country hits continued with "She Won't Be Lonely Long," "Before the Next Teardrop Falls," "Live, Laugh, Love" and "Then What?"

To close out the night, Walker performed back to back No. 1 hits with "This



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Country music artist Clay Walker performs "Rumor Has It" during the Oct. 15 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Woman and This Man" and "What's It to You."

Opening for Walker that night was fellow country musician Billy Dean.

Dean started off in style with the hit single "Only Here for a Little While," followed by "If There Hadn't Been You" and "Billy the Kid."

Other songs performed included "Somewhere in My Broken Heart," "I'm Not Built That Way," "Only the Wind," "Once In A While" and "Let Them Be Little."

A cover of Jim Krueger's "We Just Disagree" was followed by the playful lyrics of "Men Will Be Boys."

Dean ended his set with the upbeat "The Rest Of It's Mine" and the sweet, sentimental "If There Hadn't Been You."



Billy Dean performs "Only Here for a Little While."



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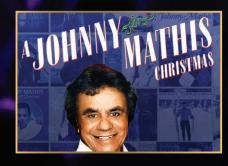
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Tribal Community



plant fruit tree Project Venture, **Environmental Team** orchard

DOLORES WINN

Youth Program Coordinator

Project Venture Tribal youth program collaborated with the Environmental Team this summer to plant a fruit tree orchard located on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's agricultural field near the food sovereignty gardens.

We had discussed earlier in the year what kind of community service ethics projects the youth wanted to be involved in. Thinking of the future and the next seven generations, we decided that planting a fruit tree orchard would be a great start to giving back to the community.

Our plan is to come back each year and plant at least 10-15 more fruit bearing trees in the orchard.

On Sept. 21, we worked with the Environmental Team (Troy Techlin, Katie Hager, Breanna Knudson, Dustin Hager and Phil Jackson) to plant 73 fruit trees.

We chose to work with Alwoods Nursery. Alwoods helped us with purchasing the correct kind of dairy doo, tree protectors and all of the beautiful fruit trees.

The fruit tree orchard is located on the Tribal College's agricultural field, where we planted a variety of fruit bearing trees. We have apple, apricot, cherry, peach, and pear trees.



Project Venture youth and the Environmental Team collaborated to plant trees on Sept. 21 near the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's agricultural field.

Troy and Katie of the Environmental Team were able to show our youth how to dig the holes and how to plant the fruit trees in the ground. Our youth were also able to drive a tractor around and help drop the trees where they needed to be placed.

Miguel Sanchez, a parent of one of our Tribal youth, volunteered his time to help us plant the fruit trees. It was amazing to see all the youth working together to plant our fruit tree orchard. They learned about the importance of planting trees such as providing a habitat for wildlife, enhancing our community's sense of pride, ownership and involvement in environmental responsibility and ethics.

Project Venture will continue to come back to this orchard to help take care of it, maintain it, and make sure the trees are always protected. Our goal is to have each youth choose their own tree, (adopt a tree) and they will be responsible for monitoring the growth of that tree and start a little tree journal to keep notes and track data.

We are so thankful to have worked with the amazing team in the Environmental department to help us educate, facilitate and carry out planting 73 fruit bearing trees.

Angelica Hinmon, 16, Wabi Shawnoo, 15, Jorge Martinez, 13, Sereniti Cole, 12, and Dolores Winn, youth program coordinator, planted the trees.

Project Venture will also be working with the Tribal



Project Venture Youth and personnel and the Environmental Team pose for a photo after the tree planting.

College to put up fencing around the orchard so the trees are protected. Lupe Gonzalez and Dolores Winn placed tree shelters around all the trees. Tree seedlings need protection mainly from: lawn mowers, weeds, wind, drought, trampling and/or wildlife such as rabbits and deer.

We look forward to coming back to the orchard every month to monitor the growth of our trees and invite our families to join us. Our hope is that this orchard is a place where our community can come together and help be a part of maintaining and caring for these fruit trees for years to come.



The planting involved 73 fruit trees, including apple, apricot, cherry, peach and pear trees.

Rental Assistance for Housing for Client Hardship

Behavioral Health wishes to provide assistance to persons who are at risk of losing their housing and who are considered low income according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-HUD guidelines.

Behavioral Health's rental/mortgage assistance may be used to help individual households afford housing costs in the form of rent or mortgage. The maximum number of months allowed is three months in a 12 month span. Help with security deposits are not permitted under this assistance.

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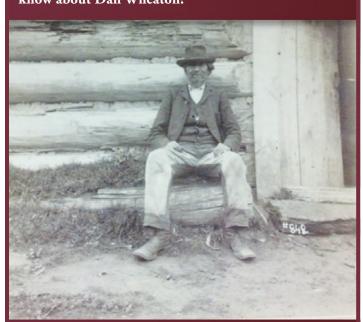
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Interior Department takes next steps to update Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON — Following extensive Tribal consultation and review, the Department of the Interior last month announced that proposed revisions to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act's (NAGPRA) regulations are now available for public comment.

NAGPRA regulations provide a systematic process for returning human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony to Native American and Alaska Native Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. The proposed changes would streamline requirements for museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify human remains and cultural items in their collections.

"The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is an important law that helps us heal from some of the more painful times in our past by empowering Tribes to protect what is sacred to them. These changes to the Department's NAGPRA regulations are long overdue and will strengthen our ability to enforce the law and help Tribes in the return of ancestors and sacred cultural objects," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

"Repatriation is a sacred responsibility for many Indigenous communities. After consulting with Tribal Nations across the United States, the National Park Service welcomes additional input on improvements to the NAGPRA regulations," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. "We hope these changes will make it easier for proper repatriation and reburial of Indigenous ancestors and cultural items."

The Department of the Interior consulted with 71 Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations on the draft proposal and received more than 700 specific comments. Key feedback from these consultations is now reflected in the updated proposed revisions, including:

• Strengthening the authority and role of Tribes and Native

Hawaiian organizations in the repatriation process

- Addressing barriers to timely and successful disposition and repatriation
- Documenting and addressing requests of Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations when human remains or cultural items are discovered on federal or Tribal lands before

items are further disturbed, and
• Increasing transparency

and reporting of holdings or collections
Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to identify Native American human

remains, funerary items, and

objects of cultural signifi-

cance in their collections and

collaborate with Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations to repatriate them.

The public can comment on the proposed rule until Jan. 12, 2023, at www.regulations.gov.

Visit the National Park Service's NAGPRA website for more information.

Kiwanis Club delivers dictionaries to SCA

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

The 17 students in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy's third grade class and teacher Chris Farrier welcomed a visit from the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club on Oct. 18.

The Kiwanis Club has delivered dictionaries to more than 525 students from nine Isabella County schools.

"It is so wonderful that the 3rd grade students at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy have joined the list of 3rd grade classes in Isabella County to receive dictionaries," said Kiwanis President Mercia Foster.

Foster was joined by her husband and fellow Kiwanian David Foster and Tribal Elder/



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club delivered dictionaries to 3rd graders at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy on Oct. 18

Kiwanis Vice President Joseph Sowmick.

"Kiwanis supports kids in the community with many projects that benefit students on an individual basis," Foster said. "Kiwanis members love kids and we offer these gifts in service."

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Considerations & Interventions for School Administrators when Working with Native Students and Families

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 | 6-7:30 p.m. EST via WebEx
• Presenter: Heather Syrette, BSW

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(Let's Support/Help One Another)

Building Rapport and Reducing Bias & Prejudice While Working with Native Clients

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 6-8 p.m. EST via WebEx

- Presenter: Alexis Syrette, M.A. in Indigenous Education from Arizona State University, B.S. in Family Studies from Central Michigan University.
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Nov. 11 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

- Grand Entry at 6 p.m.
- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort ballrooms
- 989-450-9737
- · All veterans welcome

"Celebrating Our Heritage" luncheon to go

Nov. 16 | 12-2 p.m.

- Andahwod CCC & ES
- 989-775-4300
- · Menu includes: turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, corn dinner roll and pumpkin pie
- Free for all SCIT Elders
- All other guests: \$10
- · Open to public
- Masks required in building
- Come inside and choose your meal to go

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

Nov. 16, 17 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- · Behavioral Health
- Schedule an appoinment: 989-775-4850 or DePeterson@sagchip.org
- Traditional services include: teachings, spiritual guidance, traditional healing, Anishinaabe names, colors and clans.

Make and Take Ribbon Skirt

Nov. 19 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- To reserve spot: 989-775-4744
- Lunch provided, must know how to sew
- Make a ribbon skirt, take a ribbon skirt
- Skirts will be used for MIIBS Silent Auction on Dec. 8 & 9

ACFS Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

Nov. 19 | Doors open: 10 a.m., games start: 12 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom
- 989-775-4991 or ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org
- Cost: \$60 for a team of two
- Payment due at Tribal Operations Accounting window by Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. Must bring receipt.

Traditional Cooking with Sam Anglin

Nov. 19 | 1 - 5 p.m.

- · Seventh Generation
- · 89-775-4780
- · No cost, all are welcome

ACFS Christmas Bazaar

Nov. 26 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- SECR Black River Ballroom
- · 989-775-4991
- All proceeds benefit ACFS Foster Care Program

NOVEMBER 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar Sat./Sun. Monday **Tuesday** Wednesday **Thursday Friday** 1 2 4 5 **Sacred Fire Lunch** 12-1 p.m. | 7th Gen Fireside On The Rez SECR Payroll **December Tribal** 6 p.m. | B. Health **Eagle Feather Teaching** SCIT Per Capita **Auricular Acupuncture Child Welfare Affidavits** 4-6 p.m. | B. Health 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health Recovery On The Rez SCIT Payroll Due by 5 p.m. 2-3 p.m. | Zoom 6 Recovery on the Rez Curbside Recycling **Drop In Basketball** Fireside On The Rez 6-7 p.m. | B. Health 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym Waste Collection* 11:30 a.m. | B. Health *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m. STEAM Meeting 12-1 p.m. | SCTC East 6 7 9 **10 12** Fireside On The Rez Elders Breakfast To Go Auricular Acupuncture 6 p.m. | B. Health 9-10 a.m. | Andahwod 4-6 p.m. | B. Health **Tribal Ops Closed** Recovery On The Rez **Veterans Day Recovery Group** Recovery on the Rez **Eagle Feather Teaching** 1-2 p.m. | B. Health 2-3 p.m. | Zoom 6 p.m. | B. Health 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health Fireside On The Rez **Snowshoe Workshop** 11:30 a.m. | B. Health **Drop In Basketball** 5:30 - 8 p.m. | 7th Gen 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym 14 17 Sacred Fire Lunch 19 15 **Tribal** 16 18 Fireside On The Rez. Ohse 12-1 p.m. | 7th Ger Fireside On The Rez 6 p.m. | B. Health **Eagle Feather Teaching Auricular Acupuncture Recovery On The Rez** 11:30 a.m. | B. Health **Recovery Group** 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health 4-6 p.m. | B. Health 2 - 3 p.m. | Zoom Fundraiser for 1-2 p.m. | B. Health Recovery on the Rez 20 Anishinabemowin Class Drop In Basketball **Peoples Powwow** 6 p.m. | B. Health 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Saganing 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym 11:30 a.m. | B. Health **Saganing Feast STEAM Meeting** 6-8 p.m. | Saganing 12-1 p.m. | SCTC East 6 **24** 21 22 25 26 23 Fireside On The Rez **Tribal Ops Closed** 6 p.m. | B. Health **Tribal Ops Closed Eagle Feather Teaching** Thanksgiving Day Peer 360 Online Recovery 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health Day After Thanksgiving **Recovery Group Auricular Acupuncture** On The Rez 1-2 p.m. | B. Health 27 4-6 p.m. | B. Health **Drop In Basketball** Fireside On The Rez 2-3 p.m. | Zoom 11:30 a.m. | B. Health Recovery on the Rez 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym 6 p.m. | B. Health 28 29 30 Check out the Peer 360 Online Recovery **Eagle Feather Teaching** Tribal Observer On The Rez 1:30-3 p.m. | B. Health **Recovery Group** 2-3 p.m. | Zoom 1-2 p.m. | B. Health Drop In Basketball **STEAM Meeting** 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Tribal Gym 12-1 p.m. | SCTC East 6 www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



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Tribal Operations

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Full licensure required. Five years social services experience. Three years experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities or other diverse, minority or disenfranchised groups. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development.

Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Waste Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Five years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement. Experience with current assessment requirements and state standards. Master's degree preferred. Special education teaching experience preferred. Proficiency in speaking Ojibwe language preferred.

Tribal School Principal

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education field. Master's degree in education, administration, educational leadership or related field preferred. Five years teaching experience. Two years in a supervisory capacity preferred. Experience with development and implementation of cultural based educational programming. Experience with budget administration and grant writing. Experience with current assessment requirements and state standards.

Cook

Open to the public. One year cooking experience. Experience with quality food preparation and service in a large service kitchen preferred.

Licensed Practical Nurse - Interim

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Licensed Practical Nurse. One year long term care experience preferred.

Victims Advocate

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services related field, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation preferred.

Clinical Therapist - ITC

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire. Two years demonstrated mental health and co-occurring therapy experience with adults preferred.

Technical Services Technician II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Or three years IT support desk experience with one of the following certifications: Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician Certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification, and Comp TIA N+ Certification.

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator-Grant

Open to the public. Grant funded. Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in health education, nursing, environmental health, public health or a related field. Communicates and works effectively with all levels of staff, administration, clients and community partners. Program planning and coordination of prevention program experience.

SCTC Tutor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

SCTC Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

Medical Clinic Specialist

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Must have one year experience working in an office environment.

Victim Services Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field or have a limited license in the State of Michigan and gain full licensure within two years from the date of hire. Two years' experience in counseling. One year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Early Childhood Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred. Fluent Anishinaabe speaker preferred. Two years experience and training with early childhood programs. One year in a supervisory capacity.

Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Clerical experience is a plus. Applicants must have a telephone contact number and be available on short notice for short-term employment.

General Labor Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Soaring Eagle

Journeyman Plumber

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Seven years of experience working as a plumber.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

Front Desk Agent PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

F&B Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience.

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

Concierge FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One-year customer service and cash handling experience.

Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

Waitstaff

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

F&B Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of food and beverage experience.

Function Service Person

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

F&B Cashier

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Night Auditor

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED.

Slot Project Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of work experience as a slot technician or work experience in an electronic, electrical, mechanical, or computer maintenance field.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

Massage Therapist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Michigan massage certification with 600 total hours required for massage certification.

Guest Room Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

Laundry Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience preferred.

Saganing

Central Plant Operator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

Count Team Associate

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling experience preferred.

Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related experience.

Beverage Waitstaff

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience.

Waitstaff PTOpen to the public. Must be at least

18 years of age. Serving experience. **Guestroom Attendant**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

F&B AttendantOpen to the public. Cash handling,

banking, or accounting experience. Sous Chef

Open to the public. Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school preferred.

Line Cook

Open to the public. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

Slot Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY LYNN DAVIS

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Terry Lynn Davis: The decedent, Terry Lynn Davis, Date of Death: Oct. 9, 2021. Personal representative: Carrie Marie Carabell 206 Oak Street, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALEXIS D. PELCHER

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. The estate of Alexis D. Pelcher: The decedent, Alexis Doris Mae Pelcher, Date of Death: Sept. 6, 2020. Personal representative: Miranda Pelcher-Miley, 3270 Aagimaak, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Notice to Creditors: Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

SUMMONS TO APPEAR IN THE MATTER OF AUDREY SHIPMAN & DENNIS CHRISTY JR.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Case No. 19-JCW-0010. To: Audrey Shipman and Dennis Christy Jr. In the Matter of: One Minor Child. Date of Birth 8-25-2013. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Termination Petition to Parental Rights will be conducted by the court on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 45585 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Audrey Shipman and Dennis Christy Jr. personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor and the eventual termination of parental rights.



Halloween Haunt on the Hill features Trunk or Treat, costume contests and more

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

More than 1,000 community members were treated to a spooky, treat-filled good time on Friday, Oct. 14. The night's festivities included the Halloween Haunt on the Hill, Trunk or Treat and Fear Factor events.

Hosted by the Recreation Department, the annual event was held at the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Grounds.

Other contributors to the event included Consuelo Gonzalez (Soaring Eagle Marketing), Shawn Sawmick and Larry Kimewan running the hayride, and donations from the Housing Department.

A costume contest was held at 6 p.m. The contest featured three age groups, and family costume categories. Winners were awarded movie passes for Celebration Cinema.

The 6:45 p.m. Trunk or Treat event allowed guests to

get treats from a gathering of decorated vehicles.

Tribal Community

Winners of the best decorated vehicle were Gidget Rowland and Beaver Pelcher.

A Fear Factor event was held at 8:30 p.m.

Niibing Giizis Photography provided photo opportunities for families dressed in their costumes. The photos are available online at www.marcellahadden.com with the client access code Halloween2022.

A variety of food trucks from across the Reservation were on-site for the Taste for the Souls competition. Guests were able to vote for their favorite vendor at the event.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright















































