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TRIBAL OBSERVER

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA INDIAN TRIBE... "Working Together for Our Future"

David Charles assumes role as chief operations officer for Tribal gaming properties

FRANK CLOUTIER

Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, along with CEO Mike Bean, would like to welcome David Charles as he has accepted the position of chief operations officer for the Tribal gaming properties.

Charles started with the Tribe in 2005 as a leadership intern. He advanced to director of the Purchasing Department in 2007. Charles brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of the Tribal government, community and operations to the table.

Charles' credentials include, Bachelor of Science in engineering in computer engineering, Master of Science in engineering-computer science and engineering; specializing in artificial intelligence.

In 2011, he received his master's in business administration (MBA) - with a concentration in finance. These credentials were earned at institutions such as the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and Central Michigan University.

Under the supervision of the chief executive officer, the COO will contribute to the leadership, management

and vision necessary to ensure proper operational controls, administrative and reporting procedures, and people systems in place to effectively grow the organization and ensure operational efficiencies at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel.

Charles was born in Flint, Mich. He enjoys his two beautiful daughters Sophia (5) and Victoria (1). David is engaged to their mother Elena. His hobbies include traveling, reading books, and visiting book stores and cafes. He enjoys cooking when he has time and gardening.



Courtesy photo

David Charles

Tribal Libraries receive grant to determine a system of organization for cataloging, classifying library materials that best reflect Anishinaabe ways

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

"Library organizational systems have largely been created from a distinctly settler colonialist perspective that actively treats anyone who is not a 'white able cis American male' as 'The Other,'" said Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann.

"Tribal libraries should serve the community, in a good way, that is free from these prejudices," Heidemann said.

The Tribal Libraries received a three-year grant for a project that will bring together a group of community members to assess the cataloging and classification systems currently used in the Saginaw

Chippewa Tribal Libraries through a decolonizing lens, and to determine a system of organization for cataloging and classifying library materials according to Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being, according to Heidemann.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded \$238,420 to the Saginaw

Chippewa Indian Tribe for the National Leadership Grants for Libraries.

"This project will give the community the opportunity to determine what system of organization best reflects Anishinaabe ways of being, and to be leaders in efforts

Library grant | 4

Tribal elder Marcella Hadden assumes role as tribal historic preservation officer

SHANNON MARTIN

Ziibiwing Center Director

Marcella Hadden officially assumed the position of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's tribal historic preservation officer (THPO) last month.

Hadden's office is located within the Ziibiwing Center with office hours of Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. She can be reached directly by phone at (989) 775-4751 or email mlhadden@sagchip.org

Hadden has worked for the Tribe for more than

23 years within the Public Relations department, Andahwod, and Gaming when the Soaring Eagle first opened in the late '90s.

In her spare time, Hadden has become an award-winning photographer and business owner of Niibing Giizis Photography (Summer Moon). She has been married more than 20 years and has raised two grandchildren. Her granddaughter Tina is a senior at Shepherd High School and her grandson Christopher (FerFer) is serving our country in the Marine Corps.

Hadden's feather, fin, and fur family includes two pugs



Courtesy photo

Marcella Hadden

and a chaweenie, four chickens and numerous tropical fish.

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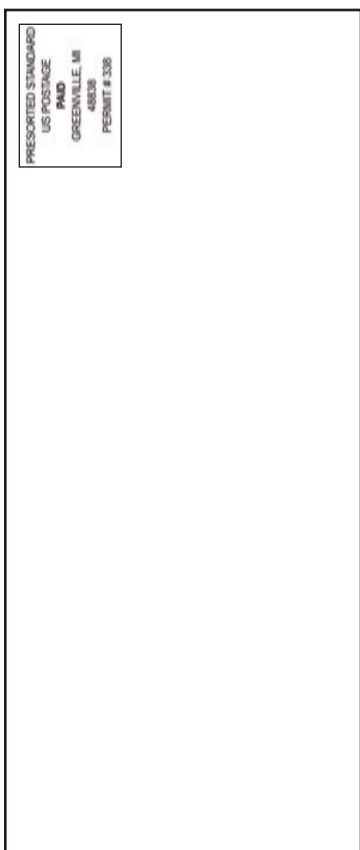
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CMU Powwow Guide

Information for upcoming powwow at Central Michigan University on March 21-20

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Lester Chippeway Sr.

Sept. 21, 1936 – Feb. 7, 2020

Lester “Woody” Donald Chippeway Sr., age 83, of Mount Pleasant passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at the Woodland Hospice House.

Lester was born on Sept. 21, 1936, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Walter and Delia (Bennett) Chippeway. He was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and proudly served his country in the United States Army.



Lester married Mary Lynn Quigno on Dec. 29, 1962, in Mt. Pleasant. He retired from Dow Corning after 35 years. Lester was a member of the American Legion and enjoyed bowling, playing horseshoes, going to the casino, and making origami and other crafts.

Lester is survived by his children, Brian (Julie) Chippeway, Lester Donald “Goober” Chippeway Jr., and Melissa “Zulu” Chippeway; grandchildren, Karmen (Tony) Fox, Samantha (Brandon Koons) Chippeway, Felicia (Edward) Bross Jr., David (Kara) Bennett Jr., Gary “Cho” Chippeway, Brian Wesley (Cassandra) Chippeway, and Preston (Shane) Chippeway; great-grandchildren, Jacquelyn Vasquez, Jayden Bross, Aiyana Bross, Brooklynn Bennett, Kaden Fair, Kadenn Rose, Jessie Bennett, Rayleigh Bennett, Dayton Bross, Mya Chippeway, Kaya Rose, Trey Bross, CJ Chippeway, Kyven Rose, Ella B. Fox, David Bennett III, Miguel Chippeway, Emerson Fox, Sondra Bennett, Haiden Chippeway, Cristiano Chippeway, Kyliegh Koons, and Kooper Koons; and great-great-granddaughter Adahlia Marylynn McNeil.

Lester was preceded in death by his wife, Mary in 2016; children, Anthony “Quick” Chippeway, Allen “Sparky” Chippeway, Sean “Buddah” Chippeway; grandson, Lyle Bennett; parents; and siblings Howard Chippewa and Jenny Neyome.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020, at 2 p.m. with Carla Sineway officiating. Interment followed in Woodland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Ryan Christopher Miller

Sept. 1, 1998 – Feb. 3, 2020

Ryan C. Miller, age 21, of Mount Pleasant passed away suddenly on Feb. 3, 2020 at his home. Ryan was born Sept. 1, 1998, the son of Dawn Miller.

Ryan enjoyed playing video games and his beloved cat, “Fat Cat.”

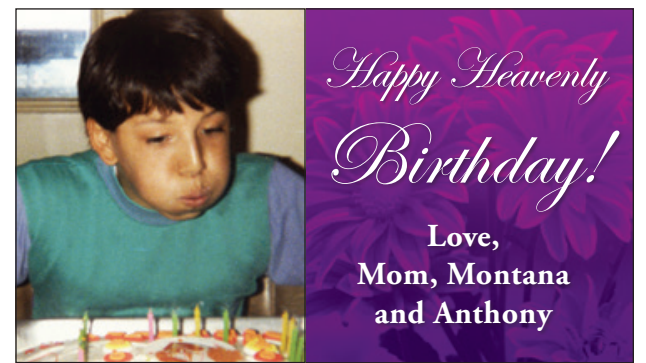
He is survived by his mother Dawn of Mt. Pleasant, brother Dylan Miller of Mt. Pleasant; Grandma Sharon (Jose Aranda) Miller of Lake Isabella; his very close cousin Mason Miller of Mt. Pleasant; Uncle Allen Miller of Weidman; and several other extended family.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen with Jean Thrush officiating.

Donna Joel Trapp

Donna Joel Trapp, 60, went to soar with the eagles Jan. 30, 2020. A proud Native American, Donna was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, and moved to Virginia Beach in 1985.

She is survived by her boyfriend, John Butler of Virginia Beach; her beloved cats, Boo-Boo and Sammy; her sister Elizabeth Kolsa; and brothers Charles Bennett and Robert Rogers, all from Michigan. She was preceded in death by her mother Barbara Rogers and brother Sam Bennett.



Check out the
Tribal Observer
ONLINE

www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver



Well & Septic PROGRAM

- ▶ **Free to Tribal Members who reside within the IHS service area:** Isabella, Clare, Midland, Arenac Missaukee counties
- ▶ **If you are experiencing problems with your well or septic, please contact the Planning Department.**
*You must own your home.
- ▶ **Call 989-775-4014 or stop in to the Planning Department office**
(2451 Nish-na-be-anong)

Public Notice

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 2 years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey Sr., Fredrick	12/8/2019
Bills Jr., John	10/8/2018
Bordeau, Tina	7/10/2018
Cantu, Bonnie	1/22/2019
Chippewa Jr., Donald	4/7/2019
Collins, Larry	11/25/2018
David, Paul	8/26/2019
Falsetta, Stella	3/23/2019
Fender, Mary	1/12/2019
Garlick, Joseph	10/16/2019
Henry, Philip	1/6/2019
Hodges, Janet	7/31/2019
Jackson, Earlene	8/22/2018
Jackson, Ronald	9/20/2019
Martinez, Lou Ella	2/24/2019
Marshall, Gloria	7/22/2019
Mcdonald, Eva	6/9/2018
Moore, Steven	10/8/2019
Peters Sr., Phillip	12/8/2018
Quayle, Dennis	7/21/2018
Sandell, Joyce	4/5/2019
Stempek, Lena	9/17/2019
Stewart, Lynne	11/6/2019
Stigger, Mark	5/29/2019
Ziehmer, Ida	7/24/2018



Earn Cash for the Saginaw Chippewa Academy!

- ▶ SCA will be collecting box tops throughout the school year
- ▶ Money raised will go towards schools supplies
- ▶ Download the FREE Box Tops App to your phone and start earning for SCA

To turn in box tops: Bring in to SCA or inter-office to Tasha Jeffrey



Do you want to be trained and certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid?

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens, how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Must be 18+ to sign up for training.

Training option 1:

• Session 1: March 4 • Session 2: March 11
5:15 - 8:15 p.m. | Mt. Pleasant Middle School Library

Must attend both nights to receive certificate and incentive

Training option 2: March 13

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Kinney School Conference Room
(Break for lunch on your own from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

Must attend full day to receive certificate and incentive

Sign-up required for either session, as space is limited.

To sign up, please contact: Alexis Syrette at 989-775-4140 or alsyrette@sagchip.org

Light refreshments will be available at both trainings, as well as \$25 gift card incentives for those who complete the training.



This event is fully funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Notice: Tribal Members residing within Tribal Trust Land

The Tribal Fire Department offers, to Tribal Members, the opportunity to request pool fills by the utilization of Fire Department apparatus and equipment. The request must be a Tribal Member that resides within the Tribal Trust Land of the Fire Department jurisdiction. Once the request is made, the requester will be instructed to complete the necessary application process and payment for such services.



All payments will be submitted to the Tribe's Accounting Department where a receipt will be generated and must accompany the application. All requests for pool fills will be scheduled and will be based on availability of that piece of Apparatus and Equipment.

The Fire Department will not be responsible for any damage caused by the pool fill request and is not responsible for any damage that caused due to the Apparatus driving on the lawn; this is the responsibility of the Tribal Member.

The following rate applies to the Apparatus that will be used for this request and does not reflect the cost of any additional equipment that may be needed for each request.

Water Tender (Tender 1) - \$85 per hour from the time the resource begins with travel to the request and ends at the estimated time of return.



Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings

The Regular Tribal Council Sessions occur at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers in the Black Elk Government Complex, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution.

Meetings are open to Tribal Members.

Administration will announce ahead of time if meeting date or time changes for possible weather or emergencies. However, it is rare the times change.

Administration's administrative assistant III compiles and prepares the agenda.

Approximately two weeks prior to the meeting, an email is sent to Tribal Operations employees to remind them of the meeting and request any submissions for the agenda.

Any SCIT Tribal Member or other individual/department must submit a written request if they wish to be placed on the Regular Council Session agenda. Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4003.

Regular Council Session Dates

- March 3 • April 7 • May 5



Happy Birthday:

Hau'oli
La Hanau



Happy 1st Birthday
Brinley

Grandma loves you!

March 29th



Youth Council Vacancies

One Advisor (male or female)

- If interested, please submit a letter of interest to: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org

One Youth Council Seat

- If interested, please attend a Youth Council meeting.
- Meetings are held on Tuesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Lounge.

For more information:

- Email: YouthCouncil2@sagchip.org
- www.sagchip.org/youthcouncil

PLEASE REPORT ALL WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department



Dispatch: 989.775.4700
Tip Line: 989.775.4775



TRIBAL MEMBERS

Receive important Tribal announcements via text messaging. Text the letters **SCIT** to the number **32363** to subscribe.

Rez Pets

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs!"



Attention Tribal Members and employees, please submit a photo of your pet(s) to show them off in the April Tribal Observer. Households with two or more pets, please submit one group photo!

Email your photos to Observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Black Elk Government Complex.

Please include:

Owner's name, and pet's name, age and breed

Deadline: Tuesday, March 17

Indian Child Welfare Committee Vacancy

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWC) has been established to provide community input on the welfare of children of the Tribe. They make recommendations to the Tribal Court regarding termination of parental rights, guardianships, and/or adoptions, and the appropriate disposition of any minor in need of care. The ICWC also license foster homes and child care centers. The ICWC meets twice a month with special and/or emergency meetings occurring on occasion.

Deadline: March 20, 2020

There is currently 1 Interim Vacancy

Letters of interest must be submitted to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services.

Please include your contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be on the ICWC in your letter.

Please feel free to contact Felicia Bross at 989.775.4906 for more information.

Send letter of interest to:

Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services
7500 E. Broadway Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Attention Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elders

The Saginaw Chippewa Elder parking sticker will expire Dec. 31, 2019. In order to serve our elders better, we have placards available.

Placards essentially work the same way the stickers have been, however, you will be able to take the placard with you from one vehicle to another. The placard is simply placed on the windshield of the vehicle in use for Tribal Security to identify your authority to park in the designated areas. The designated areas are, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal property with a designated "Reserved for Saginaw Chippewa Elders" parking sign.

ELDER PARKING PERMIT

EXP **JAN. 1, 2021**



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Saginaw Chippewa Elder parking placards are green and are issued for two years. There is no fee.

To obtain an Elder placard, you must fill out an application with the Business Regulations office at 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 (Black Elk Building, Office #237)

JOB FAIR

Summer Concert Series
SEASONAL STAFF

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. & 6 - 8 p.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall

6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Seasonal Staff Needed

Staff are needed for approximately 10 concerts throughout the summer, starting in May.

Over 200 open positions

Available positions:

- Seasonal Entertainment Ushers
- Seasonal Waitstaff
- Seasonal Crowd Control
- Seasonal Bartenders

Day-of offers and hires

No pre-employment cost, besides Gaming License requirements.

18 years of age or older

Candidates should bring:

- Two pieces of ID (one being a picture ID)



For additional information, please call: 989.775.5600



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Council Member

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Attention SCIT Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.

This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Marc Forrest, Director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General Liquor License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover all indoor and outdoor Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's premises, Main Casino Floor including Main Floor Bar #1, 2, 3, 4, Isabella's, Water Lily, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Aurora Buffet,

Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Mijim C-Store, Casino Retail Gift Shop, Slot Palace Retail Gift Shop, Quick Service Cart Services, Casino Beverage Cart Services, The Native Grind, Slice Pizza, Central Deli (FKA The Sub Shop), SECR Room Service Operations, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR.

This License, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2020 to May 24, 2021, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of August 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.

Library grant

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across Turtle Island to decolonize and indigenize library services," Heidemann said.

A facilitator will be hired for the project and is currently posted on the Tribe's website, as of Tribal Observer press time.

This grant will address the following questions: How can tribal libraries use traditional ways of knowing and being to break free of the colonialist epistemology of existing library organizational systems that reinforce a damaging worldview?

According to a media release from Public Relations Director Frank Cloutier, "this project aligns directly to the IMLS agency-level goal to build capacity by making the Tribal Libraries a community catalyst to improve the wellbeing of the

community. The projected outcomes of this project are that community members are more invested in the libraries, library materials are easier to find, the systems are easier to learn and navigate, the libraries are used more and are known as trusted, respectful source for quality resources, and community members are satisfied with the system of organization."

Once completed, the new system will be implemented in the Tribal Libraries.

"After that, we will share documentation that outlines how this project was conducted, providing a framework that other libraries could use as a template for decolonizing the knowledge organization of their collections," Heidemann said.

Once the facilitator is hired, they will be looking for a small group of community members who are willing to meet precisely once a month to work on the project.

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.

Minaadendamooing – 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.

THPO

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Park Service-recognized THPOs. Tribes that have assumed the responsibilities of state historic preservation officers for their respective tribal lands and for their sovereign tribal governments have a land base exceeding 50 million acres spanning 30 states.

Hadden will be responsible for asserting the Saginaw Chippewa's sovereignty for all Section 106 federal undertakings under the National

Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for lands aboriginal to the Tribe.

The NHPA as amended in 1992 directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish a National Tribal Preservation Program. Administered by the National Park Service, the program is dedicated to working with Indian tribes, Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians, and national organizations, to preserve and protect resources and traditions that are of importance to Native Americans by strengthening their capabilities for operating sustainable preservation programs.

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4010 or email observer@sagchip.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

If you would like to advertise your business, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010 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 \$500. 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. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Introductions from Project AWARE staff members

(Editor's note: The following is an introduction of the Project AWARE staff members. Project AWARE is 100 percent funded by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration with the primary goal of implanting a trauma-informed school model to serve youth and their families. The Tribe partners with the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and Shepherd Public Schools to administer services provided by this five-year grant.)



Alexis Syrette: Alexis is the Project AWARE community project manager for Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. She is a member of Batchewana First Nations in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, but has been in the community for the past four years as she worked on her degree at Central Michigan University. She graduated last spring with her bachelor's degree in family studies, and prior to working with Project AWARE, Alexis interned at Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services. She is also currently pursuing her master's degree in indigenous education through Arizona State University online.

Judy Pamp: Waabanoqua (Dawn Comes the Morning) is also known by her English name Judy Pamp. Judy is the Project AWARE community project manager for Shepherd Public Schools. She is a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She has been a teacher, principal, school board member and recently the assistant director of the Ziiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways.

Kehli Henry: Kehli is the Project AWARE coordinator/SCIT community project manager, and a descendant of the White Earth Nation. She started working for SCIT as a summer youth crew leader in 2001, and has also worked as a teaching assistant at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, a tutor and advocate with SCIT's K-12 Education Program, and as a

grant intern at the Ziiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways. Most recently, Kehli worked with the Office of Grants and Contracts as a grant analyst. Kehli received her Ph.D. in anthropology from Michigan State University in fall 2019, and currently serves as a member of the SCIT Data Governance Board.

Trisha Bassett: Trisha Bassett is the Project AWARE co-coordinator. Trisha grew up in Mount Pleasant and returned to the area to complete her graduate work. Trisha earned a master's degree in professional and school counseling. She has a background in education but has also worked as an addictions counselor as well as a home-based therapist. She is currently pursuing her Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor certification.



Alexis Syrette
MPPS Community Project Manager



Judy Pamp
SPS Community Project Manager



Kehli Henry
Project AWARE Coordinator/
SCIT Project Manager



Trisha Bassett
Project AWARE
Co-Coordinator

March 13 & 14, 2020

SAGINAW CHIPPEWA ROUND DANCE

Sponsors:

- Hal Eagletail** Alberta
- James "Bud" Day** Minnesota
- Joe Syrette** Ontario
- Harvey Dreaver** Saskatchewan
- Marlon Deschamps** Alberta
- Jermaine Bell** Wyoming
- Will Davenport** Iowa
- Nathan "Ribishi" Pelly** Turtle Island
- Jason Kingbird** Minnesota
- Jordan Mowat** Ontario
- Kino Pyawasit** Wisconsin

Female Singers: Lauren Merrick (South Dakota), Jennifer Fragua (Nevada)

Male Singers: Twisted Singers

Location: Sag. Chip. Tribal Gym, 7070 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

More Information: Saginaw Chippewa Academy, (989)775-4453, Call Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

Agenda:

- Friday:** 6:30pm- Pipe Ceremony, 7:00pm- Round Dance, 8:30pm- Student Honoring, 12:00am- Closing
- Saturday:** 4:30pm- Doors Open, 5:00pm- Prayer & Feast, 7:00pm- Round Dance, 11:30pm- Memorial, Mid Night- Lunch & Teachings, 1:30am- Giveaway

Saturday Night LIVE Webcast: www.sagchip.org/rounddance/

Everyone Welcome FREE Admission All Singers Acknowledged Craft Vendors call ahead: (989)775-4453

All youth must be signed in & accompanied by an adult

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Unsupervised children will be reported to the proper authorities. No drugs or alcohol. No politics.

Not responsible for injury, lost/damaged items or short funded travelers.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
"Working Together for Our Future"

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SCIT GOLF Membership

Memberships go on sale: Monday, Feb. 10 at 8 a.m.

- 100 memberships available
- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families
- Includes Green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses

Memberships cost \$250 each

- 10 percent discount for first 20 memberships purchased and paid in full. (Only 1 early membership can be purchased per person per ID)
- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase at the Accounting Department in the Black Elk Complex.
- Payment plans available (Discounts do not apply to payment plans)

Participating courses: Pleasant Hills Golf Club, The Pines Golf Course, Maple Creek Golf Club, Waabooz Run Golf Course and Pohlcat Golf Course.

Cart Membership Raffle (optional) Drawing on Friday, April 10 in the Black Elk HR Lounge at 3 p.m.

- Win a cart at your favorite course (Limit may only win once)
- One cart membership available at each course
- Tickets: one for \$5 or five for \$20

YOUR CHILD deserves the BEST Education



Help Our
Children
Get The
Best Education
And Complete
The 2020
Census.

To make sure your school gets money for school lunches and education programs, you must complete the 2020 CENSUS this spring.

The **2020 CENSUS** is quick and **EASY** to fill out. Use it to count **EVERYONE** in your home. And by law, it is **100% CONFIDENTIAL**



What is the Census 2020: An introduction

HAYG OSHAGAN

Wayne State University,
Director of New
Michigan Media

What is the census? The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government count every person living in the U.S. The U.S. Census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.

Why is the Census important? Every year, the federal government gives money it has collected from taxes back to the states. How much money a state gets depends on how many people live in that state. The count of how many people live in a state is determined every 10 years by the Census.

So, if a state has a low Census count, it will get less money from the federal government, every year, for the 10 years after the Census count. Recently, Michigan has gotten about \$30 billion a year based on the 2010 Census.

In addition to federal funds, how many representatives a state has in the U.S. Congress also depends on a state's population, which is determined by the Census. Because of a low Census count, Michigan lost a Congressional seat in 2010,

going from 15 Congressmen and Congresswomen in the U.S. House of Representatives, to the current 14.

What is the money used for? The \$30 billion Michigan gets every year is used by the state, used by counties, used by Native American tribes, and used by cities for programs that serve our communities.

This is money that funds our kids' education (student loans, Pell grants, school lunches and breakfasts, Headstart, school funding), helps with health care (Medicare, Medicaid, Urgent Care, children's health insurance/MI Child), is used for food assistance (Supplemental Nutrition, Bridge Cards, Meals on Wheels), housing loans, road construction, transit, and any program that helps our communities grow and prosper.

What happens if the count is low? Michigan, and every county and city in Michigan, gets a lot less money for all the programs the Census pays for. As an example, for Detroit, every person not counted would cost the city \$5,500 every year for 10 years. If 3 percent of Detroiters don't get counted (about 20,000 people), Detroit would lose \$1 billion over the next 10 years.

Who should be counted? Everyone. The Census counts everyone who is living in America. It doesn't matter if you are a citizen or not a citizen, if you have a Green Card, or a visitor visa, or an expired visa, a student with an F1 visa or an employee with an H-1b visa, if you live in the U.S., you count for the Census.

The only people not counted are those who are here as tourists, and are planning to return to their home country. Everyone else counts.

Make sure to count everyone in your household, including children and newborns. And if you sublet to anyone, you need to count them too.

What is a household? For the Census, a household is an address. The Census does not have names, it only has addresses. There are about 140 million addresses in the U.S., and the Census is sent to each of those addresses. People who live in groups with a single address (jails, hospitals, nursing homes, school dormitories, etc.) are also counted.

Is the Census confidential? The United States has a law specifically for the Census, to make sure it is 100 percent confidential. The Census Act, Title 13, of the United States Code, has the

strictest confidentiality laws on the federal books.

The information collected by the Census CANNOT be shared with ANY other agency. It cannot be given to ICE, to the FBI, to Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, the IRS, local police, the sheriff, social service agencies, insurance companies, businesses or anyone. For any reason. And over the last 50+ years, this law has never been broken, not even once.

How many questions are on the Census? The Census is nine questions. That's it. And there is no question about your citizenship or visa status. The Census only cares to know if you live in the U.S.

What comes in the mail? In the past, the Census was a paper questionnaire. This year, most people will get a card in the mail with a unique ID that you use to fill out the Census online. Where the internet is slow, people will get the paper version to fill out and send back. People can also

call in and complete the Census on the phone.

The Census is mailed on March 12. If you don't respond, you will get reminders on March 16, March 23, April 8, and April 20.

Will someone knock on my door? If you don't send the Census back by the end of April, Census workers will come to your door. They have badges and identification from the Census Bureau, and they will ask you to complete the Census. It is much better to fill it out on your own, and not wait for the Census workers to come by. We get a much better count that way.

We only have one chance to get counted. There is a lot of funding tied to the U.S. Census that helps everyone in our communities, from our children to the elderly. Make sure to fill it out when you get it. The 10 minutes we spend filling out the Census now will affect our communities for the next 10 years.

Higher Education Summer Deadline: June 15

If you have any questions or need to know what documents you need to have turned in please contact:

Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough

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Soaring Eagle PROPERTIES



Red dresses hang outside Tribal departments to bring awareness to MMIWG

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In an effort to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), the Redrum Motorcycle Club hung nearly 20 red dresses throughout the Tribal community on Feb. 24.

The dresses, to be on display until June 1, are located outdoors at the following Tribal locations:

- Behavioral Health (one dress)
- Black Elk building (two dresses, one at each main entrance)
- The Ziibiwing Center (one dress)
- Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services (one dress)
- Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services (one)
- Tribal Education Department (one)
- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (two dresses, one at each entrance – East and West)
- Nimkee Clinic (two dresses – one at the Clinic entrance, one at Nimkee Fitness)
- The Recreation Department (one)
- The Housing department (one)
- Tribal Court (one)

- Tribal Police Department (one)
- Utilities/Wastewater Treatment (one)
- Saganing Outreach office (one)
- Sasiwaans Immersion School (one)
- Seventh Generation (one)

“Each department has given their approval and the dresses will be hung until June 1,” said Marcella Hadden, a photographer of several portraits in the MMIWG exhibit to be opened soon. “The dresses will be checked periodically to make sure they are in good condition.”

This is one of the MMIWG components regarding the community curated exhibit slated to open on April 23, 2020 at the Ziibiwing Center.

According to the National Crime Information Center, more than 5,700 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing as of 2016, but only 116 of those cases were logged with the Department of Justice.

Eighty-four percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. A 2008 study found that women in some tribal communities are 10 times more likely to be murdered than the national average.



Courtesy photos

Members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club hung nearly 20 red dresses throughout the Reservation to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

Submitting articles to the Tribal Observer always welcome

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Tribal Members, employees, departments, community members are always welcome to submit articles or letters to the Tribal Observer.

The Tribal Observer staff suggests any submissions remain 600 words or less and must be appropriate for the publication and its audience.

The managing editor bears the right to refuse the publishing of any articles or

letters that are irrelevant or inappropriate.

Feel free to send any submissions to Observer@sagchip.org. Any questions may also be answered by calling (989) 775-4010.

Along with departmental and Members' articles, the Tribal Observer also accepts letters to the editor and guest columns.

What is a letter to the editor? Letters to the editor must be relevant to our coverage. They should be in response to an article that has already been published

in a recent Tribal Observer. They must address subject matters that in some way affect the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, its members or local community. Letters can be authored by more than one person but must have a name attributed to them. They are subjected to be edited into proper Associated Press (AP) Style of writing for newspaper print.

What is a guest column? Guest columns can be a topic of the author's choosing. They should be relevant to the Tribal Observer's audience. They are also subject to a thorough editing process. If the guest column is approved for publishing, authors are welcome to submit a headshot or stop in the Tribal Observer offices for a photograph.

How long can article submissions be? Articles submitted should be a maximum of 600 words. The editor has the right to shorten submissions. Articles that are longer than 600 words are dealt with on a case-by-case basis and published at the discretion of the editor.

Does the Tribal Observer edit the submissions? We reserve the right to

edit all submissions for clarity and AP Style, as well as to fact-check or shorten them to fit available space for print.

How does the Tribal Observer choose which submissions to publish? We make our best effort to publish all submissions that come through before the deadline, sometimes even making arrangements to print those that have been received past the deadline. Any submission received does not guarantee its immediate publication.

How do I make a submission to the Tribal Observer? Again, any submissions may be sent to Observer@sagchip.org and the staff is available to answer any questions at (989) 775-4010.

The deadline is typically around the 15th of each month, so please turn in submissions around that day each month by 5 p.m.

If you are requesting a photo to be ran with your submission, please include a suggested caption for the photo which provides enough detail of what is occurring in the photo. (Names, job titles if applicable, location, the date the photo was taken, etc.)

Throwback

PHOTO of the MONTH

Introducing Throwback photos! The Tribal Observer will be featuring 'throwback' photos to showcase Tribal History.

This photo was published in the March 2007 Tribal Observer.

This photo includes the Tribal employees who put together the Tribal Observer at the time. Photographed (left to right) are the

following employees and their job titles at the time: Frank Cloutier, public relations manager; Sonja Sowmick, administrative assistant for the Tribal Observer; Marty Curry, photographer/web development; Elise Bennett, graphic layout; Joseph Sowmick, public relations director; and Marcella Hadden, public relations administrative assistant II.

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT

MARCH



MARCH INTO THE MONEY

SATURDAYS IN MARCH
• 6PM-11PM •

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HOT SEAT FRENZY

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15 & 29 | 12PM – 4PM
Hourly hot seat drawings for a chance to win \$500 in Premium Play!



PICK YOUR PRIZE

Tuesdays, March 10 & 17 | 8AM – 8PM
ACCESS card holders can earn 1 entry for every 1,000 points (max of 5 entries) for a chance to win a prize of their choice.



EARN SOME, WIN SOME

Wednesdays in March | 10AM – 10PM
Get \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned with your ACCESS card for a maximum of \$50 in Premium Play!



CLASSIC SWIPE & WIN

Thursdays in March | 12PM – 10PM
ACCESS Classic card holders can swipe and win Premium Play, dining discounts and bonus points.

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MARCH

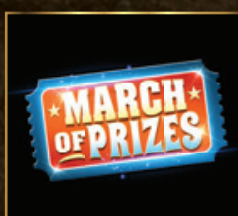


HOOPS FOR CASH

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN MARCH
HOURLY DRAWINGS | 6PM – 11PM

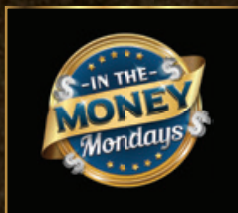
EVERY HOUR, TWO LUCKY GUESTS WILL BE DRAWN TO PLAY HOOPS FOR CASH AND SHOOT 5 BASKETBALLS FOR THEIR CHANCE TO WIN

\$100,000 IN CASH!



MARCH OF PRIZES

Sundays in March | 8AM – 8PM
Players who earn 1,000 points can swipe at a promotional kiosk and drop their voucher into a drawing drum of choice from 7PM to 7:55PM. Five lucky guests will win 1 of 5 amazing prizes!



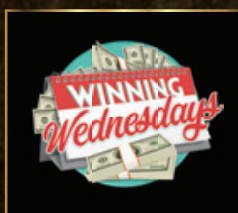
IN THE MONEY MONDAYS

Mondays in March | 9AM – 9PM
Every half hour, one lucky hot seat winner will receive \$50 in cash! Plus, guests will receive \$5 in Premium Play for every 100 points earned, up to \$25.



LUCKY LEPRECHAUN SLOT TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, March 17 | 10AM – 8PM
Feeling Lucky? ACCESS Club members who earn 600 points can play in the St. Patrick's Day Slot Tournament and win up to \$1,000 Cash.



WINNING WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays in March | 9AM – 11:59PM
Receive \$5 in Premium Play for every 100 points earned, up to \$25. Plus, become eligible for your chance to win up to \$1,800 from 9AM – 9PM!



Editorial: Winter Baby Celebration sees 17 newborns at Seventh Generation

LEE ANN RUFFINO

Seventh Generation
Cultural Manager

Have you ever been in a room with 17 newborn babies? It is a beautiful and heart-warming experience. This is what happens at 7th Generation, when we hold the bi-annual Mnaajaadaa gda binoojiinhsminaanik (Let's Celebrate Our Babies), in collaboration with Nimkee Healthy Start, Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services (ACFS) and Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department (ALRD).

The winter Baby Celebration took place on Jan. 30, and there were 17 babies and 69 friends and family with them.

This year in the planning meetings, Nokomis Bonnie Ekdahl reminded us of the very beginnings (27 years ago) from where the Baby Celebration was born. The intention was to introduce all the newly-born binoojiinhsak (babies) to the community, to welcome them, to honor them, in a good way.

With this in mind, all parents and guardians were handed a card when they arrived to the celebration.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

The winter Baby Celebration, held at Seventh Generation, honored the following newborn babies: Emilee Rose Youmans, Janessa Franco, Madiana Alaniz, Jezreel Cantu, Abel Collins, Nizhoni Starkey, Niigaanii Rueckert, Makogonzh Wemigwans-Hart, Asher Jackson, Gabriel Navejar, Waasebiya, Estella Tree, Winona Sky Wemigwans, Ella Pelcher, Asa Alvarez and Eleanor Meshkaowzii.

They filled out the card with the baby's name, spirit name (if known yet), birth and other details, and then were asked to come up in front of the crowd and read their card. This way, everyone at the celebration could be formally introduced to that new community member. Important family members in the baby's life were asked to come up and speak for the baby as well.

Also this year at the celebration, nokomisak (grandmothers) from the community personally selected a poem from Anishinaabe poetry books, lent to us by the Tribal

Library, to read aloud for the families! The subject matter in the poems selected, were about the good life, family, babies and love.

Nokomis Charmaine Shawana shared a poem that she wrote herself. Chi-miigwetch Charmaine!

Sandy Smith, who has been a huge supporter in the Baby Celebration since it began, donated her beautiful handmade blankets, and again, everyone loved them. Miigwetch Sandy!

What a truly beautiful and moving night it was for everyone, I feel honored to be a part



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Babies and families are gifted buttons with their photo and Anishinaabemowin "Naak do wen mi shin" (take care of me).



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

(Left to right) Cheyenne, Gerald and Winona Sky Wemigwans pose for a photo button at the Jan. 30 celebration.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts shares inspiring words while accepting a blanket, made by Sandy Smith.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

(Left to right) Dave Merrill, Eleanor Meshkowzii and Olivia attend the Baby Celebration.



Courtesy of Lee Ann Ruffino

Nokomis Kathy Hart (center) introduces her new family member to the crowd.

of this momentous occasion, and always look forward to it.

As always, the Baby Celebration is a big hit,

because of all of the helping hands involved.

Miigwetch to all of our sponsoring departments.

Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCY

Requirements:

- 1) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2) Must be at least 18 years old
- 3) Must not be employed by the Education Department

Send letters/email of interest to:

- **Mail:** Tribal Education Administration
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Email:** MIsaac@sagchip.org

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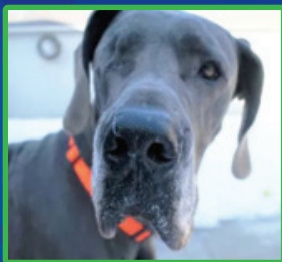
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K-12 Services

Programming for students who attend:

- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools
- Shepherd Public Schools
- Beal City Public Schools
- Renaissance Public School Academy

Adopt a Pet



Leota

Leota is a 5-year-old Great Dane. Upon coming to HATS, Leota had to have eye surgery, so she will need a patient owner willing to work with her. She is a smart, gentle giant and is looking to be the only animal in the home to take up all the room in your heart.



Norm

Norm is a 4-year-old male Domestic Shorthair mix. Norm is a handsome black and white medium-sized cat. Norm has been with HATS since November 2019. He has been neutered and is ready to go to his loving, 'furr-er' home.

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Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

namesin	signs
ziigwan	spring
ningide	thaw (melt)
wiishkobaaboo	maple sap
naadoobii	gather sap
biskitenaagan	birch bark sap bucket
bineshiinh	bird
zhaawan	south
giiwedin	north
inwewin	language
gikinaawaabi	learn (by observation)
dibaajimowin	story
aadizookaan	legend
agindaasoowigamig	library
anwebi	rest
gwayakochige	(do things) right
nibwaakaa	intelligent
anishinaabewaki	Indian country
ozhaawashko	green
mandaminaaboo	corn soup

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Word Bank

- tkaa-mde
- kik
- nzaan
- ni-naa-ti-gook
- ni-naa-ti-go-kan
- ziis-baak-da-boo
- daa-jii-ge
- boo-dwe
- ne-gwa-gwak-nan
- bza-gwaa-gi-me

Down

1. Maple trees
2. Pail/kettle
4. It is thick
6. It is simmering
8. He/she is making a fire.

Across

1. Spikes (where sap pours out of)
3. I am boiling it.
5. Maple sugar bush
7. Maple sap
9. He/she is stirring (the sap)

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Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

<p>1. Ni-naa-ti-gook (Maple trees)</p> <p>2. Kik (Pail/kettle)</p> <p>3. Nzaan (I am boiling it)</p> <p>4. Bza-gwaa-gi-me (It is thick)</p> <p>5. Ni-naa-ti-go-kan (Maple sugar bush)</p> <p>6. Tkaa-mde (It is simmering)</p> <p>7. Ziis-baak-da-boo (Maple sap)</p> <p>8. Boo-dwe (He/she is making a fire)</p> <p>9. Daa-jii-ge (He/she is stirring [the sap])</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Down</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Across</p>
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American Indian Youth Literature awards recognized at national media event, SCIT librarian in attendance

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

American Indian Youth Literature Award winning titles were highlighted during the American Library Association Youth Media Awards, the premier announcement of the ‘best of the best’ in children’s and young adult literature.

The awards were held on Jan. 27 in Philadelphia. Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann was in attendance; she also serves on the committee for the American Indian Youth Literature Awards.

“The AIYLAs have been awarded for several years, but this was the first time they were announced at the big press conference where the other, more widely known, youth literature awards such as the Caldecott and Newbery are announced,” Heidemann said.

Awarded biennially, the American Indian Youth Literature Awards honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about Native Americans and Indigenous peoples of North America.

“Books selected to receive the award present Indigenous North American peoples in the fullness of their humanity,” stated a media release from the American Indian Library Association.

“Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi’idim,” written by Brenda J. Child

(Red Lake Ojibwe) received the 2020 award for Best Picture Book. The book was translated into Ojibwe by Gordon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation) and illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe).

In “Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi’idim,” Windy goes to a powwow with her uncle and her dog Itchy Boy, and afterwards, she falls asleep under the northern lights. She has a “weird and wonderful” dream about a Bowwow Powwow, where all the dancers are dogs. Windy sees veterans in a grand entry, a drum group, and traditional dancers, grass dancers, jingle-dress dancers, and fancy dancers – all with telltale ears and paws and tails. The brightly-colored pictures evoke the sights, sounds, and tastes of a powwow – “always in motion, part old and part new, glittering and plain, but still wonderful, almost like a dream.”

The Best Middle School Grade Book award went to “Indian No More,” written by Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee). The cover art was by Marlena Myles (Spirit Lake Dakota, Mohegan, Muscogee Creek).

In “Indian No More,” it is 1957, and as part of the Indian termination policy, the United States government has passed the Indian Relocation Act to assimilate Native Americans from

reservations into urban areas. Ten-year-old Regina and her family have to leave the Grand Ronde Reservation after the federal government tells them the Umpqua Tribe no longer exists. Regina becomes “Indian no more” overnight – even though her ancestors were Indian for countless generations. Her family moves to Los Angeles, where for the first time, Regina faces the viciousness of racism. This story will resonate with modern Native American families, over 70 percent of whom now live in urban areas.

The Best Young Adult Book award went to “Hearts Unbroken,” written by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee).

In “Hearts Unbroken,” Louise is a high school journalist with a major story to cover: the school musical director’s ethnically-inclusive approach to casting “The Wizard of Oz,” which has provoked backlash in their mostly white, middle-class Kansas town. Long-held prejudices are laid bare and hostilities spread against teachers, parents, and students – especially the cast members at the center of the controversy, including Lou’s little brother, who’s playing the Tin Man. As tensions heighten at school, so does Lou’s romantic life – but as she’s learned, “dating while Native” can be difficult. Will she protect her own heart, or break someone else’s?

The committee also chose an assortment of honor books that were recognized (up to five honor awards may be selected in each category.)

All books are available at the Tribal Libraries, according to Heidemann.

According to a media release, Lara Aase, 2020 AIYLA chair, said about this round of awards, “there were more excellent books submitted than ever before, including some from major U.S. publishers.”



Courtesy of Anne Heidemann

American Indian Youth Literature Awards committee members (left to right) Anne Heidemann, SCIT librarian; Janice Kowemy, Laguna, director at the Laguna Public Library; and Vanessa “Chacha” Centeno, enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, youth services librarian at Sacramento Public Library; attend the Jan. 27 American Library Association Youth Media Awards in Philadelphia on Jan. 27.

“We chose books that appealed to the young readers we know, and we were thrilled to see writers address contemporary as well as historic and traditional topics, including everything from fry bread to forced adoption to finger weaving, Native women military heroes to missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, traditional tattooing to high school romance to grizzly bears,” Aase said, according to a media release. “Many of us grapple with issues of identity; we are grateful to see authors and illustrators represent the myriad identities of young Indigenous readers.”

Heidemann is donating all of the books she received from being on the committee to the Tribal Libraries for the collections for patrons’ enjoyment.

SCA celebrates 100th school day



Courtesy of Niki Henry

Saginaw Chippewa Academy students and staff celebrate the 100th day of school on Friday, Feb. 2, 2020. Students celebrate by wearing or bringing 100 of the same item to school. Kindergarteners wear the hats they created to celebrate the occasion.

Vowles

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Miguel Chippeway and William Ingram.

Shepherd

The following elementary students earned perfect attendance for January: Naomi Farrell, Saria Farrell, Sherry Gonzalez-Hawkins, Ellery Lawson, Carter Leauteaux, Jared Myers, Lyric Owl, Braylee Trepanier and Levi Wakemup. **Middle school:** Johnathan Bailey, Talan Bailey, Angelica Hinmon, Paul Rueckert, Sandra Slater, Bree Sprague, T’annah Trepanier and Kerra Whitepigeon. **High school:** Olivia Lawson, Adam Saboo, Brandon Seegraves and Emma VanHorn. **Odyssey:** Akevio Gonzalez-Hawkins and Chelsea White. **Morey:** Nellie Howard.

Renaissance

The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Alyssa Flores, Jaxon Rodriguez, Michael Ekdahl, Eli Harris, Richard McClain, Laila Pope, Alaina Starkey-Alaniz, Gracie Flores, Bryson Roth, Jacob Wilson, Novaly Hinmon, David McClain, Troy Richardson, Emma Henry, Erica Hinmon, Isaiah Otto-Powers, Nixie Snyder, Jayne Starkey, Kyla Henry, Landen Rowlett, Tyler Snyder and Wenonah Jackson.

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The following students earned perfect attendance for January: Kolsom Anselm, Maddison Darnell, McKenzie Darnell, Noriyah Massey, Evan Patterson, Ayannah Bennett, Danielle Hernandez, Ashlynn Merrill, Addison Begay, Ngwis Isham-Wells, Nishomii Perry, Aakodewin Prout, Alexis Rodriguez and Kyle Quigno-Ready.



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The Ziibiwing Center and Oscar Award-related occasions

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Oscar speaker Sacheen Littlefeather

Nowadays, politics and controversy are commonplace at the Oscars – famous actors and actresses oftentimes make heated statements.

Long before politics were ever discussed at the Oscars, there was a speech presented by Sacheen Littlefeather in 1973. Littlefeather was the first Indigenous person to use the Oscars as a platform to protest the mistreatment of her people.

On March 27, 1973, Littlefeather accepted the “Best Actor in a Leading Role” Academy Award on behalf of Marlon Brando for his performance in “The Godfather.”

Brando asked Littlefeather to go as his proxy and refuse the Oscar, as Brando was boycotting the Academy Awards in protest of Hollywood’s portrayal of Native Americans. Brando was drawing attention to the standoff at Wounded Knee occurring at the time.

Littlefeather’s speech was met with both applause and jeers from the audience members.

As a pre-celebration for the Oscars 2020, the 92nd Academy Awards, which aired on Sunday, Feb. 9, the Ziibiwing Center hosted a Feb. 7 lunch and learn film screening of the documentary “Sacheen.”

After 45 years of silence, Littlefeather tells her side of the story in the 2018 documentary. Littlefeather, 26 years old at the time of her Oscars speech, is an Apache



Courtesy of Brittany Ballard

Filmmaker, actor and recent Oscar award winner Taika Waititi (far right) is photographed during his 2011 visit to the Ziibiwing Center during a Sundance Institute film workshop (left to right: Shannon Martin, Owl Johnson, George Martin, Peter Bratt, Bird Runningwater and Taika Waititi).

and Yaqui Indigenous actress and activist.

Shannon Martin, director of the Ziibiwing Center, provided a welcome to those in attendance and introduced the film.

“Hope you enjoy this much... (Sacheen Littlefeather) is just a force,” Martin said.

Oscar winner Taika Waititi

The Ziibiwing Center also has a direct correlation to the 2020 Oscars. New Zealand filmmaker and actor Taika Waititi (Māori) visited the Ziibiwing Center in May 2011 during a Sundance Institute workshop.

Waititi, director of “Jojo Rabbit,” won the 2020 Oscar for “Best Adapted Screenplay.”

He wrote, directed and starred in the film.

He accepted the award during the televised ceremony held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. on that Sunday evening.

“I dedicate this to all the Indigenous kids in the world who want to do art and dance and write stories,” Waititi said in his acceptance speech. “We are the original storytellers and we can make it here as well.”

Martin met with Taika during his past visit at the Ziibiwing Center.

“Reflecting on Taika’s visit in 2011, I can honestly say that he inspired all of the Tribal youth filmmaking workshop participants with his quick wit,

love for all that is Indigenous, and passion for storytelling,” Martin said. “It’s been exciting to watch his career grow since then and to enjoy his many films. Watching Taika receive an Oscar brought tears to my eyes knowing that he truly ‘walks his talk’ – he loves to empower and encourage Indigenous youth.”

Smiling, Martin also mentioned Taika is an “awesome blackjack player.”

“We played for hours at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort,” Martin said.

Waititi’s 2011 blog about his visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Reservation can be found here: www.sundance.org/blogs/the-brain-is-our-greatest-archive

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Editorial: Councilman Ronald F. Ekdahl visits SCTC speech class

AMEE SCHMIDT

SCTC English Faculty

As the semester gets on a roll, the students in the ENG 130: Public Speaking course at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College are moving on to delivering their second speech. Their task has been to research an influential person of Anishinaabe descent, and then present on that person's life, achievements, and influence.

The class has focused on how to represent oneself ethically, responsibly, and credibly.

On Feb. 3, after a short discussion about the history



Courtesy of Ameer Schmidt

Tribal Councilman Ronald F. Ekdahl pays a visit to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's public speaking class on Feb. 3 to share his personal experience on the topic.

of free speech and the various ethical considerations of public speaking, the

class welcomed Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Councilman Ronald F. Ekdahl.

Ekdahl has been elected to Tribal Council for three consecutive terms, and served as chief from 2017-2019.

Ekdahl visited the class to discuss his approaches to public speaking. He first talked about his struggles with speaking in front of crowds, admitting that he sometimes gets nervous. He gave examples of some of his hardest tasks, such as the State of the Tribe address.

In order to be successful, Ekdahl said, a public speaker needs to be able to change his/her approach for different audiences, s/he must level



Courtesy of Ameer Schmidt

Ekdahl gives public speaking advice to SCTC students in one of the Tribal College classrooms.

with the audience, do research for preparedness, and dress for the part.

Most importantly, to establish credibility, Ekdahl stressed that you have to, "walk the walk."

After his compelling talk, Ekdahl offered his support to SCTC students, even inviting them to practice their speeches with him. Miigwetch Ron, you are truly a role model for SCTC students!

SCTC student Mikayla Steele-Cyphert to become national presenter

MARY PELCHER

Curriculum Design Specialist

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is very proud of Mikayla Steele-Cyphert, SCIT member, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College student, mom and national presenter! Mikayla is a mom of two young children, is carrying a full load of credits at SCTC, and still finds time to be a national presenter.

Mikayla will present at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. on March 26-28, 2020.

Mikayla's topic – Critical Issues Surrounding Missing

and Murdered Indigenous Women – was selected from more than 4,000 submissions. Mikayla will present to her peers, faculty and staff from across the nation.

In fact, this is the second time Mikayla was selected: her first presentation was at the 2019 NCUR conference, Kennesaw, Ga. Her topic, at that time, was Traditional Anishinaabe Teachings in Modern Day Classrooms.

NCUR's purpose for this conference is to create a unique environment for the celebration and promotion of undergraduate student achievement; provide models of exemplary research, scholarship, and creative activity; and help to improve the state

of undergraduate education.

Mikayla attends to represent her Tribe, school, and family. She proves that persistence is the greatest asset a student can possess.

She received her GED from SCTC in the fall of 2017; she then transitioned right into SCTC courses. She will graduate from SCTC in spring of 2020 with an associate in Native American Studies.

Her plan is to continue her education at a university level, to achieve a degree in Tribal and Indigenous Law.

Mikayla said, "Quitting is not an option!"

She knows she has to go outside of her comfort zone in order to grow. Mikayla is a role model for her children,

and encourages her siblings to continue with their education.

Mikayla is a role model for all of us! Miigwetch Mikayla!

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The Blues Brothers live: A memorable Soaring Eagle show

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

What started as a “Saturday Night Live” skit turned into an overnight sensation to be remembered for many generations to come. In 1980 after the “SNL” success, “The Blues Brothers” was turned into a movie starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd.

Set in Chicago, Belushi stars as “Joliet” Jake and Aykroyd’s character is Elwood Blues.

After the movie’s great success, a live tour eventually came to fruition. After

Belushi’s death in 1982, Aykroyd and Belushi’s brother, Jim Belushi (Zee), now tour the nation as The Blues Brothers, live on stage with a full band.

The Blues Brothers performed at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Feb. 21.

Elwood and his brother, Zee, were joined by the band, The Sacred Hearts, to perform an evening of classic blues and R&B cover songs.

The Sacred Hearts first appeared on stage shortly after 8 p.m. to perform a medley of instrumental covers. Elwood

and Zee soon joined the stage (as the audience went wild) to perform Robert Johnson’s “Sweet Home Chicago,” Otis Redding’s “Hard to Handle” and Muddy Waters’ “I’m Ready,” where Zee (Jim Belushi) danced off stage and in the audience.

Elwood and Zee traded off on the lead vocals.

The band then performed a cover of Howlin’ Wolf’s “Three Hundred Pounds of Joy” during which Zee exposed his bare-skinned belly to the audience, and Big Joe Turner & His Blues Kings’ “Flip Flop and Fly.”

“The title of this next song sums up all of that relationship commitment stuff,” Zee (Jim Belushi) said of the song “36-22-36.”

With her beer in hand, a front row audience member was brought on stage to slow dance with Zee. “Now that is really a girl from Michigan, ‘I’ll come on stage and dance but I’m bringing my beer with me!’” said one of The Sacred Hearts, laughing with the audience member, when the song ended.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Blues Brothers, Zee (Jim Belushi, left) and Elwood (Dan Aykroyd, right) perform at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Feb. 21.



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(Left to right) Guitarist J.J. “Taboo” Holiday, Zee and Elwood are photographed during the Friday evening show.

During “Land of 1,000 Dances,” a few female audience members joined on stage to show off their dance moves, including Brooke Kequom, who was all smiles.

Elwood and Zee let a few of their band members take the lead vocals and showcase instrumental solos on the next few songs.

What a beautiful Tribal casino, Elwood (Aykroyd) said, “It’s our third time being here at Soaring Eagle.”

“We dedicate this next song to the late, great Jake Blues,” Zee said, triggering audience roars, prior to performing

“She Caught the Katy.”

To close the main set, the two stars performed Sam & Dave’s “Soul Man,” then exited the stage the same way they entered — with a slow, synchronized march, one foot at a time.

After an extremely brief break, the band, Elwood and Zee reemerged on stage to perform an encore featuring Solomon Burke’s “Everybody Needs Somebody to Love” and Barrett Strong’s “Money (That’s What I Want),” as more than 20 female audience members joined on stage for a last dance.

Patrons fill Soaring Eagle’s Entertainment Hall to sample vodka, pasta dishes

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, again, served as host venue for another delicious sampling event. Vodka Pasta was held Saturday, Feb. 22 in the Entertainment Hall.

Guests tried tastes of Italian and pasta-themed dishes from the area’s top restaurants along with 5 oz. specialty Tito’s Handmade Vodka drinks including: a chocolate martini, Bloody Mary, Vodka Gimlet, Sex on the Beach, and Limoncello Mule. Pear martinis were also offered for VIP guests.

As the sampling fest occurred, live entertainment was provided by Your Generation in Concert™ at 7:15 p.m. and Starship featuring Mickey Thomas at 9:15 p.m.

Your Generation in Concert™ is an eight-piece tribute band that performs upbeat covers, which kept



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Mickey Thomas, lead singer of American rock band Starship, performs during the Feb. 22 Vodka Pasta sampling event, held in Soaring Eagle’s Entertainment Hall.

the audience entertained and dancing in their seats.

The American rock band Starship is a continuation of Jefferson Starship. The band’s famous rock hits include: “We Built this City on Rock



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The Siniikaung Steak & Chop House provides a pearl orange vodka ice cream dessert for sampling.

and Roll,” “Jane,” “Sara,” “Nothing’s Gonna Stop Us Now” and “It’s Not Enough.”

Keeping the taste testers satisfied, Soaring Eagle’s own Isabella’s restaurant offered Fried Argentinian Red Shrimp wrapped in squid ink pasta and the Siniikaung Steak & Chop House provided a pearl orange vodka ice cream dessert.

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The next Soaring Eagle-hosted sampling fest is Tacos and Tequila, to be held on Saturday, May 30. Tickets are available now through soaringeaglecasino.com



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Starship vocalists Stephanie Calvert (left) and Thomas (right) perform after 9:15 p.m. that Saturday evening.

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America with special guest Christopher Cross celebrate 50 years of music

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle hosted classic rock band America and special guest Christopher Cross on Friday, Feb. 7. The Entertainment Hall stage marked the latest stop on their 50th Anniversary Tour.

Founding members of America, Dewey Bunnell and Gerry Beckley, were joined on stage by a supporting cast of musicians.

Even after five decades of touring, the duos harmonies and musicianship proved to be as sharp as ever. This was evident throughout the night, with their performances of hits songs, spanning across more than 20 albums.

America began with the laidback grooves of “Tin Man,” followed by “You Can Do Magic” and “Don’t Cross the River.”

Lead singer Dewey Bunnell then stopped to recognize fellow musician Christopher Cross, who opened the show.

“You know between these two acts, we have six Grammys,” he said. “We (America) have one of those.”

Next up was the soft rock love song “Daisy Jane,” followed by “Riverside,” “I Need You,” “Here” and “Ventura Highway.”

The band also played covers of the timeless hits



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of the classic rock band America perform during their Friday, Feb. 7 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“Eleanor Rigby” by The Beatles and “California Dreamin’” by The Mamas & Papas.

The music continued with “Cornwall Blank,” “Hollywood,” “The Border,” and “Woman Tonight,” “Only in Your Heart,” “Lonely People” and “Sandman.”

The show ended with America’s two biggest hits with “Sister Golden Hair” and an encore of “A Horse With No Name.” Both singles achieved No. 1 status on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Opening the night for America was singer-songwriter Christopher Cross.

Joined by three backup singers, Cross began with the hit songs “All Right” and “Never Be the Same.”

Next up, Cross performed the No. 1 hit single “Sailing.” After its release in 1980, the song and its album would go on to win three Grammy awards for Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Arrangement of the Year.

Next up were a trio of hits with “Baby It’s All You,” “I Really Don’t Know Anymore” and “Poor Shirley.”

The Oscar winning song “Arthur’s Theme (Best That You Can Do)” was followed by “Words of Wisdom,” “Spinning” and “Say You’ll Be Mine.”

He also performed the songs “The Light Is On,” “Minstrel Gigolo,” “No Time for Talk” and “Ride Like the Wind.”

Cross ended on a high note with the No. 1 single “Think of Laura.”



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Christopher Cross performs his Grammy-winning hit song “Sailing.”



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Founding members of America, Dewey Bunnell (left) and Gerry Beckley (right) perform their hit song “Tin Man” on the Entertainment Hall stage.

The outrageous angry rants of comedian Lewis Black brings lots of laughs

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Critically-acclaimed comedian Lewis Black and his “It Gets Better Everyday Tour” visited the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, Jan. 31.

Black is best known for his appearances on the hit Comedy Central program “The Daily Show,” as well hosting his own show on the channel “Lewis Black’s Root of All Evil.” His career also includes 13 comedy albums, numerous television specials and two Grammy Awards.

He is commonly known as the ‘king of rant’ with his jokes starting as calm, collected observations that build up into an explosion of frustrated, angry tirades. Black’s appearance as a ticking time bomb of comedic energy has always been a part of his act, and it’s also incredibly funny.

The transition from calm to irate also kept the audience on their toes, constantly engaged in the monologue and laughing at the climax and punch lines of his jokes.

Black offered his angry, finger pointing rants on a variety of subjects including politics,



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Comedian Lewis Black brought his signature rantings and ravings to the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall stage on Jan. 31.

social issues, growing old and his love/hate relationship with two-day free shipping.

Black’s performance ended on a unique note, with a 15-minute Q-and-A session. Audience members were able to submit questions via text,

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Tribal elder's shawl collection displayed at Heard Museum in Phoenix

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

A shawl collection created by Tribal elder Suzanne Cross was displayed at the Heard Museum in Phoenix last month.

Cross' "Healing Through Culture and Art Shawl Collection" was created in support of American Indian women's heart health awareness.

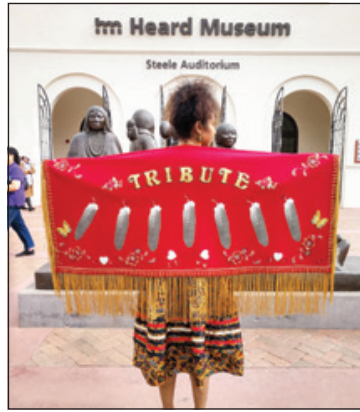
On Feb. 10, Cross' shawls were honored during a noon "Dance In" program during the 30th annual World Championship Hoop Dance

Contest, also held at the Heard Museum.

"(It was) a humbling and heartwarming experience," Cross said. "My soul is filled with gratitude and love for the women who participated in the 'Dance In.' I could feel the power of the circle. Thank you Creator, for the blessings bestowed upon us."

According to Cross, Rosetta Walker, Cheyenne Walker, Vicki Baldwin, Dorothy Goeman and Angelique Day also participated in the occasion.

Cross said she also participated in the First Friday Heard



Photos courtesy of Suzanne Cross

The shawl collection created by Tribal elder Suzanne Cross is displayed at the Feb. 10 "Dance In" during a hoop dance competition at the Heard Museum in Phoenix.

Museum Event with a 'Meet the Artist' opportunity, and on

Saturday, Cross and Day exhibited bead work, demonstrated

the process, and provided an activity for children.

Tribal Operations employees honored for years of service at annual banquet

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Congratulations to Tribal Operations employees who were honored at the 2020 Employee Banquet for their dedicated years of service with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The banquet was held on Saturday, Jan. 18 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's ballrooms from 7 to 11 p.m.

Genevieve Chippeway and Angel Jackson were both honored for **30 years of service**.

The employees honored with **25 years of service** included: Wendi Bovear, Fabian Cantu, Troy Chamberlain, Leigh Chippewa, Jean Flamand, Kimberly Howe, Richard Hubble, Joseph Hudson, Marshall Jackson, Mary LaFountain, Patrick Nahgahgwon, Mary Pelcher, Steven Pelcher, Jacqueline Reger and Alice Jo Ricketts.

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Adam Aldrich, Willie Bailey III, Deborah Campbell, David Chatfield, Robert Chesebrough, Steven Fare, Jodi Friend, Jason George, Elizabeth Holbrook, Anna Levesque, Danita Mandamin, Stacy Mandoka, Brandy Pelcher, Paula Quigno, Rhonda Quigno, Jolene Quinlan, Angela Recker, Shawn Sawmick, Sarah Silas, Kelly Smith, Eric Sowmick, Brian Sprague and Steven Urbani.

The **10 years of service** recipients: Willie Bailey Jr., Gina Borushko, Beverly Foster, Kehli Henry, Brenda Lehmkuhle, Mike Luplow, Michael McCreery, Marilyn Means, Frances Mena, John Pattison, Misty Pelcher,

Annette Plarske, Elizabeth Simon, Amanda Thomas, Jennifer Wassegijig, Marjorie Wehner and Carrie Wemigwans.

Employees receiving **five years of service** awards included: Haley Calverly, Kimberly Condon, Timothy Davis, Cathy DeLeon, Matthew Gibson, Leonard Hector, Quana Hoffman, Montana Hunt, Lori Jarrett, Kevin Ketchum, Fredrick Kuhlman, Kenneth Maloney, Gregory McFarland, David Merrill Jr., Jillian Miller, Christina Osawabine, Benjamin Paul, James Reou, Shannon Smith, Jennifer Strait, Nancy Trepanier-Miller, Shane Tucker, Trent Vatter and Margaret Wilson.

NALOXONE - Can Save a Life!

ITC provides Naloxone/Harm Reduction Training

Contact Lisa Moran, Education Manager

• Phone: 906-632-6896 Ext. 126 • Email: l Moran@itcml.org

As the number of fatal opioid overdoses continue to increase dramatically across America, it is IMPORTANT to have naloxone in the hands of first responders, health professionals, family members, roommates and friends who can save someone's life before it's too late!

Who is at risk for an opioid overdose?

- People who take prescription opioids, especially in high doses.
- People who use alcohol, anti-depressants, or benzodiazepines in addition to opioids.
- People who are addicted to prescription or illicit opioids.
- People who have recently detoxed from opioids, or who are recently in recovery from opioid addiction.

What is naloxone?

- Also known by brand names Narcan or Evzio—Safe, FDA-approved medication that has been proven to reverse opioid overdoses in minutes. It comes in forms of a nasal spray and an injection.
- It can reverse an opioid overdose in minutes.

How does naloxone work?

- When you take an opioid, it binds to specific receptors in the brain, spinal cord & gastrointestinal tract.
- During an overdose, the drugs depress the user's respiratory system so much that the user stops breathing completely.
- Naloxone is an opioid antagonist used to temporarily reverse the effects of an overdose.
- It binds to the same receptor as the opioid, displacing the opioid in the process & temporarily undoing its harmful effects.
- After naloxone has been administered to an overdose victim, they can begin breathing again within a matter of a minute.

What is the need?

- There is a small time period of opportunity to reverse overdose & ensure the person stays alive when they over-dose.
- Must be introduced to the body relatively quickly.
- It's only meant to be a first line of defense during overdose, because its antidote effect will wear off in 20-90 minutes.
- It buys time for the victim until they can be treated more thoroughly by licensed medical professionals.

How do you get naloxone?

- You may be able to access free or low-cost naloxone kits through community organizations.
- Local Pharmacy—these medications are available in most states without a prescription. (Cost varies)

ROW RAISER
March 3 - 5, 2020
Help Fundraise for the Inaugural Native American Functional Fitness Competition!

Create your own team or sign-up on a team with 1 of 6 team captains

▶ 1 Captain and up to 5 team members

Goal to row a marathon per team (42,195 meters)

- ▶ Each team member can row a maximum of 30 minute per day
- ▶ A leaderboard will be posted at Nimkee Fitness
- ▶ Travelling trophy given to the most meters rowed and most money raised
- ▶ Proceeds will go towards help raise money equipment and gear for event

Goal: \$1500 (extra will be donated to Family Olympics)

Pledges:

- 10,000 Meters = \$5
- 20,000 Meters = \$10
- 30,000 Meters = \$15
- 40,000 Meters = \$20

- ▶ OR donate a flat rate of \$20 or whatever you're able
- ▶ Donors will be placed in a drawing for SECR Summer Concert tickets of their choice!





Early colorectal cancer screening essential to prevention and increasing cure rate

CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States with a lifetime risk of about one in 23 (4.4 percent) for men and one in 25 (4.1 percent) for women.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 104,610 new cases of colon cancer diagnosed in the United States in 2020 and 43,340 cases of rectal cancer.

It is estimated that colorectal cancers will cause about 53,200 deaths during 2020. Central Michigan District Health Department wants to ensure the public knows that colorectal cancer is preventable with early detection.

The death rate from colorectal cancer has been dropping in both men and women for several decades likely due to many reasons. The percentage of U.S. adults aged 50 to 75 years who were up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening increased by 1.4 percentage points, from 67.4 percent in 2016 to 68.8 percent in 2018. This represents an additional 3.5 million adults screened for colorectal cancer.

Colorectal polyps are being found earlier by screening and removed before they can develop into cancers or are being found when the disease is easier to treat.

Treatment for colorectal cancer has improved over the last few decades. As a result, there are now more than one million survivors of colorectal cancer in the United States.

There are often no symptoms when colorectal cancer is

first developing which means it can only be detected through regular early screening.

Being over age 50, having a family history of colorectal cancer, having a history of colon polyps or inflammatory bowel disease, and having a history of certain cancers are all factors that create a higher risk for colorectal cancer.

All men and women of average risk for colorectal cancer should have regular colorectal cancer screening starting at the age of 50. Your doctor may recommend earlier screening if you have one or more risk factors. Call your medical care provider and ask about his/her recommendations for screening.

Other factors, such as obesity, long-time eating of red meat or processed meat, tobacco use and moderate alcohol use can increase risks of colorectal cancer.

Lifestyle modifications, such as eating fruits, vegetables and high fiber foods, exercising regularly, not smoking, limiting your alcohol consumption and maintaining a healthy body weight, have been reported to decrease the risks of colorectal cancer.

If you have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer, your cancer care team will discuss your treatment options with you. There are several options for treating colorectal cancer but the most successful option starts with catching it early by participating in prevention screenings.



33rd Annual

Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 17, 2020

Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field
Registration opens: May 4 | www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, please contact: Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694

Nimkee Clinic hosts Give Kids A Smile event



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck



Courtesy of Misty Davis



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Courtesy of Misty Davis

The Nimkee Clinic hosted Give Kids A Smile, an American Dental Association affiliated event, on Feb. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children under the age of 18 who are eligible to be seen at Nimkee Clinic were invited to join for a teeth cleaning, kids games and fun activities with Nimkee's Tooth Fairy.

One Member Needed

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

- 1.) Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- 2.) Must be at least 18 years of age
- 3.) Must have strong interest in the health services provided and the health problems within the Saginaw Chippewa community

Meetings are held once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (if eligible). Requires Tribal Council approval.

Deadline: May 31, 2020

If you have any questions, please call Michelle at 989.775.4602

If interested:

Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.

Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:

Attention: Michelle George
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

*When the letters are received at the end of the time period, they are given to Tribal Council to make the final decision.

NF Nimkee Fitness

February Group March Class Schedule



Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now

BEGIN: Beginner Exercisers Getting It Now!

Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 6:30 a.m.

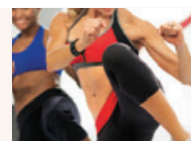


LIFE: Strength & Conditioning

L.I.F.E. Strength & Conditioning

Monday - Wednesday, Friday

• Attend class or drop in for the Workout of the Day



Turbo Kick

Monday | 1:10 p.m.

• Upbeat class utilizing punching, kicking and plyometrics



Butt, Gut and Guns

Tuesday | 4:10 p.m.



Yoga

Tuesday & Thursday | 5:20 p.m.

• A welcoming class for beginners



Suspension Training

Thursday | 12:10 p.m.

• A class utilizing the suspension trainer



M.E.L.T

Thursday | 1:10 p.m.

• Interval based fitness class • Melt away the calories

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

MARCH BINGO PROMOTIONS



Saturday, March 7

12PM Warm-ups
1:30PM Early Bird
3PM Main Session
7PM Late Owl

King & Queen Drawings, Free Popcorn and multiple new ways to win!

Main session pays out over
\$30,000!



Plus, with our Bingo Millions add-on you could win
\$1,000,000!



Paper Only Warm-Ups Session | 12PM | 1:30PM

If you love paper then join us at noon for our paper only warm-up session!



Mega Early Bird Session 1:30PM

Join us for our MEGA Early Bird session for your chance to win **\$10,000!**

Saturday, March 21 | 3:00pm Main Session

Main Session paying out \$30,000 with a \$10,000 Coverall!

You could win a share of over \$10,000 in cash!

Purchase the main session and receive a drawing entry for a chance to win one of 25 cash drawings. 5 winners will be drawn for each of the following cash amounts:

\$100, \$200, \$300, \$500 and \$1,000 cash!



- Earn 20 points per \$1 spent in Bingo play
- Points may be used for Bingo play - 1000 pts. = \$1
- Points earned playing Bingo will count toward Player's Club tier level

*ACCESS Club tier discounts do not apply. Cash & credit sales only.

Bingo Schedule

Sunrise Session

Wed - Sun at 11am
\$10 paper | \$20 power

Early Birds (Afternoon)

Wed - Sun at 12:45pm
\$5 paper or power

Matinee Session

Wed - Sun at 1:30pm
\$10 paper | \$40 power

Sat. \$70 power, Sun. \$40, \$60, & \$100 power

Twilight Session

Wed - Sat at 4:30pm
\$10 paper | \$20 power

Early Birds (Evening)

Wed - Sat at 6:15pm
\$5 paper or power

Evening Session

Wed - Sat at 7pm
\$10 paper | \$40/\$70 power

Sat. \$100 power

*Select Saturdays the game schedule is subject to change



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Andahwod receives \$1,375 donation from Waterpark's Festival of Trees

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

During the Christmas season, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel hosted the fourth annual Festival of Trees, a charity event benefitting Andahwod Continuing Care and Elder Services.



Participants returned their decorated trees to the Waterpark where the trees were on display throughout the lobby – beginning during the Dec. 7 Lighting of the Trees ceremony – until Dec. 16 when the auction ended.

Festival of Trees 2019 raised \$1,375 and Andahwod received the check on Jan. 31, 2020.

The donation from the Festival of Trees is a generous gesture from the SEWPH and community who supported this event," said Shellig Jackson,

interim senior assisted living administrator for Andahwod. "The funds will be used for Tribal elder activities and/or daytrips. Some of the activities that are in the planning stages are: a meal at Yoder's Countryside Dinners, Mother's and Father's Day celebration and a casino daytrip."

Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick serves as chair of the Elders Advisory Board, and said he "appreciates the efforts of Tribal departments who help with donations."

"The generosity of our friends from Migizi and our Tribal departments make many of our programs possible," Sowmick said. "The sense of community and the intergenerational nature of events held at Andahwod provides a warm place that brings families together."

Sowmick continued, "We want everyone to experience what we do at Andahwod, and a great number of our activities are open to the community."

Blankets donated to Andahwod



Courtesy of Shellig Jackson

On Feb. 24, Skip Steere (right), operations manager for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, donates 20 afghans/blankets he made for the female residents of Andahwod. Steere is photographed with Bonnie Sprague (left), general manager for the Waterpark.



Courtesy of Stacie Budek

Andahwod Continuing Care and Elders Services receives a \$1,375 donation from the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel and its Festival of Trees charity event, which was held in December 2019.

March 2020 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|---|---|
| 1 Edith Murdoch
James Schneider | 13 Bernadine Gross
Sherry Bame |
| 2 Randall Jackson
Janice Hill
Arthur Miller Jr. | 14 Ronald Judson Jr.
Linda Davis
Barbara Roy |
| 3 Angela Bennett
Winona Hancock
David Joseph
Susan Pretzer
Terri Verga-Nassif
Barbara Walraven
William Walraven | 15 Alice Jo Ricketts
Coy McCollum
Michael Watson |
| 4 Elizabeth Cabay
Judith Bennett
James Gingerich
Phillip Nelson | 17 Merton Flory
Joseph Kowalski
Patrick Smith |
| 5 Wanda Brodie
Gerald Slater
Kenneth Vasquez
Teresa Bailey
Terri Cummings
Herbert Robinson Sr.
Clifford Saboo Jr.
Sandra Tabako
Nancy Chippewa | 18 Marion Williams
Thomas Bates
Rhonda Dutton
Wanda Wallace |
| 6 Jessie Glover
J. D. Snowden
Diane Morley
William Burnham
Roland Jackson Jr. | 19 Rita Redman
Janice Roach |
| 7 Daniel Cloutier
Danny Stevens | 20 Etta Ayling
Lawrence Verga Sr. |
| 8 Michelle Eddy
Timothy Stevens
Lorraine Walker | 21 Marlene Jackson
Elaine Kraska |
| 9 Marsha Gibson
Theodore Kowalski
Robert Stanton
Russell Stevens | 22 Kim Aasved
Kim Ambs
Paige Vanderlooven |
| 10 Maynard Sharp | 23 Rickie Burnham
Harry Jackson
Lisa Zangara |
| 11 Michael Jackson
Jolene Quinlan
Clifton Chippewa II
Bernadette Reyes
Steven Walraven
Darwin Ziehmer | 24 Kevin Jenkins
Larry Bearden
Karen Mills |
| 12 Lorna Kahgegab Call
Julia Wixson | 25 Naomi Staggs
Joseph Chamberlain
Carolyn Crawford
Constance Pallett |
| | 26 Timothy Bennett
Paul Bird
Clifford Chamberlain |
| | 27 John Miller Sr. |
| | 28 Thelma Henry-Shipman
Dawn Hunt
Kelly Huyser |
| | 29 Brian Wray
Craig Wayne |
| | 30 Janet Barnhart
Esther Chatfield |
| | 31 John Rhodes |

Fridays in March

4:30 - 6 p.m.

Andahwod CCC&ES

• 13 & older: \$13 • 12 & under: \$6

For more information, contact:
Noelle at 989.775.4307

March Andahwod events

<p>Euchre & Potluck Mondays 6 p.m.</p> <p>Language Bingo March 5 1 p.m.</p> <p>Fish Fry March 6, 13, 20, 28 4:30 - 6 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo with Friends March 9 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Elders Breakfast March 11 & 25 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>Name that Tune March 12 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Birthday Bingo March 28 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Party Details TBD</p>
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For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change.



MARCH 2020 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Youth Council Meetings

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 5 - 6 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Youth Lounge
 • youthcouncil2@sagchip.org

Free Auricular (Ear) Acupuncture

March 4, 19 | 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 • Saganing Tribal Center
 • 989.775.4895 or 989.775.5850

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 4 - 6 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • 989.775.4895

Drums Out: Singing for Fun

March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation Blue House
 • To order: 989.775.4780
 • Come together, for sharing of knowledge around the drum.

SCTC Beading Circle

March 4, 11, 18, 25 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • SCTC East Building, Room 6
 • To order: 989.317.4826

Menopause & Beyond

March 6 | 12 - 3 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • 989.775.4649, 989.775.4654 or 989.775.4604
 • Topic: Colon Cancer

SCIT Basketball Banquet

March 9 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • recreation@sagchip.org
 • Potluck-style banquet, bring a dish to pass to be entered for prizes
 • All basketball teams: 8th grade and under boys, 6th grade and under girls, and 8th grade and under girls
 • Players are asked to return their jerseys

Instant Pot Cooking Class

March 10 | Lunch: 12 - 1 p.m., Dinner: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 • Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
 • 989.775.4604

Anishinaabemowin Sacred Fire Lunch

March 12 | 12 - 1 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • 989.775.4780

Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

March 13, 14
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
 • 989.775.4453

Pi Day Celebration

March 16 | 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
 • SCTC East Building, Room 6
 • 989.317.4760 ext. 228
 • Presentation topic: "What is Pi Day?"
 • Presenter: Dr. Wesley Rich, SCTC Math Faculty
 • PI(E) Making Contest (people's choice)
 • Gift cards will be given to the top three choices.

Natural Soap Making Workshop

March 17 | 12 - 1:30 p.m.
 • SCTC East Building, Room 6
 • 989.317.4760 ext. 228
 • Featuring green dye for St. Patrick's Day

Naming Ceremony Teachings

March 18 | Feast at 6 p.m., with discussion following
 • Ziibiwing Center
 • To order: 989.775.4825
 • Gift for first 100 attendees
 • Join us to hear about the variety of teachings on Spirit Names/Indian Names, naming ceremonies and the ways people have received their traditional names.

ACFS 'Spring into Breakfast' Fundraiser

March 19 | 8 - 10 a.m.
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym Kitchen
 • 989.775.4901
 • Scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, biscuits and gravy
 • Cost: \$8
 • Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Program

Spring Equinox Day of Healing

March 19 | 12 - 5 p.m.
 • Behavioral Health
 • Registration: 989.774.4850
 • Featuring: traditional healing, energy healing, acupuncture, medicine salves, therapy services information, community businesses and healthy food ideas

Equinox and Self-Care Community Sharing Circle and Dinner

March 19 | 6 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • Registration: 989.774.4850

SCA Popcorn Fridays

March 20
 • To order: 989.775.4506 or 989.775.4453
 • Cost: .50¢ per bag
 • Delivery is available, money due at time of delivery

Mkwataakziwinan (Reminder)

April 9 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 • Seventh Generation
 • To order: 989.775.4162 or 989.775.4786
 • The focus of this event will be native gardening!
 • We will be learning about native species and making seed paper for the Native Farmers Market to use for marketing this coming season.
 • Dinner will be provided

MARCH 2020 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
2 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Saganing Blood Drive Saganing 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	3 Energy Healing B. Health 4 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Ogitchedaw Meeting Ziibiwing 6 p.m. STEAM Meeting SCTC 12 p.m. Performance Circle Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m.	4 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m. Family Night SCA 5 - 6 p.m.	5 Sewing Night 7th Generation 5 - 8 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Language Bingo Andahwod 1 p.m.	6 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Friday Fish Fry Andahwod 4:30-6 p.m.	7 International Women's Day Ziibiwing 1/8 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
9 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Bingo with Friends Andahwod 1 - 3 p.m.	10 Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Immersion Instruction Blue House 6-8 p.m. Performance Circle Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m.	11 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.	12 Sewing Night 7th Generation 5 - 8 p.m. 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Medicine Pouch Workshop Saganing 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Name That Tune Andahwod 2:30 p.m.	13 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Friday Fish Fry Andahwod 4:30-6 p.m. Round Dance Tribal Gym 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.	14 Round Dance Tribal Gym 4:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. 15 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
16 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m. Birdhouse Workshop 7th Generation 5-8 p.m. ALRC Meeting 9 - 11 a.m. Breakfast & Walking Benefits Saganing 10:30 a.m.	17 Tribal Observer April Deadline Energy Healing B. Health 4 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Performance Circle Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m. Family Night SCA 5 p.m.	18 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Talking Circle Saganing 5 - 6 p.m.	19 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m.	20 Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Teen Dance 7th Generation 7 p.m. Friday Fish Fry Andahwod 4:30-6 p.m.	21 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m. 22 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
23 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	24 Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Bingo with Friends Saganing 10:30 a.m. Performance Circle Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m. Immersion Instruction Blue House 6-8 p.m.	25 Open Gym Tribal Gym 6 - 9 p.m. Elders Breakfast Andahwod 9 - 10 a.m.	26 12-Step Meditation Group B. Health 7 - 9 p.m. Spring Feast 7th Generation 5:30 p.m. Member Services Spring Craft Saganing 11 a.m.	27 Active Parenting Now ACFS 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Group B. Health 11:30 a.m. Friday Fish Fry Andahwod 4:30-6 p.m.	28 Birthday Bingo Andahwod 12 p.m. 29 New Spirit AA Meeting B. Health 4 - 5 p.m.
30 Drop-in Group B. Health 5:30 p.m. Euchre and Potluck Andahwod 6 - 8 p.m.	31 Energy Healing B. Health 4 p.m. Spring Feast Saganing 1 p.m. Maple Syrup Making 7th Generation 5 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous B. Health 7 p.m. Performance Circle Ziibiwing 4:30 p.m.	● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* *Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.			Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society NOW RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS MEETINGS: First Tuesday of the Month 6 p.m. Contact: 989.775.4175



Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4010, email observer@sagchip.org, visit the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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Tribal Operations

Clerical Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is preferred.

General Labor Pool

Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Must be physically fit and able to perform manual labor.

ACFS Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Five years' social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal communities and outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker preferred. Obtain HIPAA certification within five business days of hire.

Dean of Academics

Open to the public. Master's degree, from an accredited institution, in administration, education, planning, or one of the disciplines taught at the

Tribal College is required. Minimum of five years administration experience in a higher educator setting in a leadership position. Successful experience working with Native Americans or a willingness to learn about Native American culture and educational issues. Experience and demonstrated budget management skills, supervisory skills, proficiency in written and oral communication. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Dental Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Under the supervision of Chief Dental Officer and in accordance with rules defined by the State of Michigan, obtain patient from waiting room and perform chairside assisting, dental charting, dental laboratory procedures, equipment sterilization, maintenance, cleaning, and exposing radiographs for dental clinic.

Residential Support Technician

Open to the public. Knowledge of the Recipient

Rights Advisor process. Knowledge of applicable federal, state, county, and local laws, regulations, and requirements. Knowledge of patient observation and plan of care procedures. Knowledge of accreditation and certification requirements and standards. Knowledge of crisis intervention techniques. Knowledge of resident charts.

Soaring Eagle

Database Marketing Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, journalism or related field. Three years of experience in database marketing. Two years in a managerial role of people and processes. Experience with Direct Mail specifications, print production and postal regulations. Experience with managing multiple campaigns, channels and timelines in high-pace environment. Under the supervision of executive director of marketing, entertainment & Sales, maintain all of direct mail efforts.

Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Knowledge of restaurant operations and food service principles. Knowledge of basic math and arithmetic.

Knowledge of all menu items including entrees, side dishes, beverages, non-alcoholic, alcoholic, wine and desserts. Skill in providing excellent guest service.

Cashier PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to operate a POS. Knowledge of cash handling, banking, or accounting. Knowledge of restaurant operations and food service principles.

Saganing

Guestroom Attendant FT

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

Line Cook FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training. Must be able to pass ServSafe certification.

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 Cer-

tified Desktop Support Technician Certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification, Comp TIA N+ Certification. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Line Cook PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training. Must be able to pass ServSafe certification.

F&B Attendant PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking or accounting experience preferred.

F&B Attendant FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

Beverage Waitstaff FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

Front Desk Manager

Open to the public. Associate degree in hospitality, business administration or related field. Two years front office experience including one year supervisory experi-

ence or four years hotel front office supervisory experience. Must be able to obtain and maintain a gaming license to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Bartender FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bartending experience preferred. Must be able to work all shifts.

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