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There’s a new school in town: Wii Maajikwad ribbon cutting and open house held Oct. 17

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

After decades of ideas, plans, anticipation and excitement, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe made it official: The new school and recreation facility, Wii Maajikwad, held its ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Thursday, Oct. 17.

The occasion kicked off at 4 p.m. in the school’s gymnasium with an introduction from Public Relations Manager Joseph Sowmick and welcome song performed by Onion Creek Singers.

Tribal Council’s Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto joined Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts for a beautiful prayer in Anishinabemowin. Ricketts followed with a blessing for the new facility and its staff and students.

Chief Tim J. Davis provided remarks and introduced the Tribal Council members present. He thanked the former Tribal chiefs and councils that assisted in making this project possible.

Chief Davis expressed he is “so happy” this project has been completed as this school has been talked about for three decades.

Throughout many Tribal administrations, the school has

been on the Tribe’s mind for many years, Davis said.

Sub-Chief Luke Sprague said the project’s completion has been a “long time coming.”

Sprague showed respect for the employees that worked in the old school buildings and former Tribal Operations in conditions that weren’t always the greatest.

“They were working in some older buildings for decades,” Sprague said. “Sometimes it was too hot; it felt like an oven. Sometimes it was too cold; it felt like a freezer.”

As head of the project, Bonnie Ekdahl thanked a list-worth of people including, but not limited to: Courtney Kahgegab and Patricia Alonzo for working on the project with her, the Konwinski construction team (including Site Supervisor Nick Sponseller and Konwinski’s Andy Theisen), and Tribal Administrator Dustin Davis who would “always come in with big ideas.”

“There’s so many details you have to think about in a project like this,” Ekdahl said, highlighting those that were instrumental in making the process a success.

“As I reflected on this project, I thought of it in terms of the medicine wheel,” Ekdahl said. “The medicine wheel is a circle, and in the very center is the Anishinaabe community, and in the very, very center



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal Council members and Wii Maajikwad personnel participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Tribal school and recreation facility on Thursday, Oct. 17.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Tribal Council members and Central Michigan University delegates and athletes pose for a photo in front of the school’s new maple trees gifted by CMU.

are the youth. That’s what this was about: Years and years of visions from our community, from our children that are now adults. This is their idea.”

Ekdahl mentioned the architect for the building’s design, Neale Bauman out of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Neale put all of our big

ideas onto paper with contextual drawings, Ekdahl said.

Tribal Education Director Christina Sharp shared her excitement for the new building and mentioned she is looking forward to expanding the department’s services.

Simeon Blackbird, principal for the Saginaw Chippewa

Academy, said he is honored to be the first principal in the new school.

Blackbird said he is looking forward to “building programming that will match the beauty of this school” and is “so glad to be a part of it.”

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Apology opens doors to healing and restoration

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

(Editor’s note: On Oct. 25, President Joseph Biden became the first president to apologize to Native Americans for the “sin” of the government-run boarding school policy. President Biden’s public apology was broadcasted from tribal land on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona.)

(EAGAN, Minn., Oct. 25, 2024) – “We acknowledge President Joseph Biden as the first to formally apologize to

Native Americans for the mistreatment of our children in Indian Boarding Schools. His eloquent speech recounted Native children forcibly taken from their parents to boarding schools - some as young as toddlers - who grew up in a world of trauma and forced assimilation. Deprived of love, family, and community, many did not survive and if they did, they returned to their communities as strangers,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline.

Native Americans experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence across the nation.

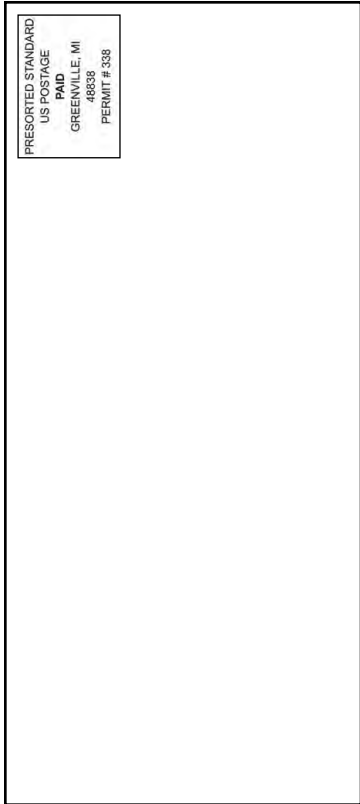
Our experience of violence is related and connected to the historical trauma experienced by our relatives, which has been passed down from generation to generation due to the lack of resources dedicated to healing.

The majority of American Indian and Alaska Native victims have experienced violence at the hands of at least one interracial perpetrator in their lifetime — 97 percent of female victims and 90 percent of male victims.

Now in its seventh year of operation, StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally appropriate helpline for American

Indian and Alaska Native survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Advocates have answered over 60,000 calls, texts, and chats and made over 27,000 referrals to resources.

“This apology comes from a leader with more than half a century serving the United States government. A president who understands that truth and reconciliation is required for healing to occur,” Jump said. “It is our deepest hope that the apology opens the doors to restoration of those things lost due to boarding school era policies - our culture, traditions, and most importantly our languages.”





Gladys Mae Hall

April 26, 1942 - September 21, 2024

Gladys Hall passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. She died at home, beautifully, on her own terms. She stayed independent and knew exactly what she wanted – just like she did in life.

Gladys was born on April 26, 1942. When she was a child, she was separated from her birth parents and adopted. The details of the separation follow the story of Indigenous peoples throughout this land and putting together the pieces of that story was something Gladys was always working on.



Gladys loved her adoptive family. Her parents, Margaret and George Henson, watched her win Homecoming Queen in Michigan and were present when she married the father of her two boys. She worked to expand the definition of family by trying to reconnect with the Saginaw Chippewa heritage of her birth parents and finding her siblings who didn't come with her in adoption.

She took Ojibwe lessons, loved basketry, and became an avid reader of Indigenous stories and works on ways of being. She shared this love with her grandchildren and filled her home with artifacts that connected her to her history.

She was lucky to have known many loves in her life and enjoyed giving romantic "advice" to her grandchildren. Gladys had two boys with her then-husband, Charles Lail.

Gladys later married Gary Hall and, with him, discovered a love of the desert and led an interesting life on the road while Gary trained horses. She tended her desert home by feeding the critters, painting the landscape, and practicing strict conservation.

She loved traveling internationally vicariously through travel shows and European mystery novels – and for some reason, she was really into the Royal Family gossip. When she wasn't learning about other countries, she was watching baseball. She loved watching her grandchildren and great-grandchildren go after their baseball dreams and she was an MLB superfan. Gladys loved learning about herbs, food, and health but that didn't stop her from enjoying just a little bit of your dessert or taco.

Gladys is survived by Richard and Debbie Lail, Morgan Lail, Danielle Lail and Ally Nabouh, Benjamin and Jody Lail, Benjamin and Chelsy Lail, Laurie Jo and John Rentmeister, Brady and Kate Lail, Taylor and Matt Everton, and her nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by friends and neighbors who lunched with her and cared for her.

The family will be honoring her wishes by not having a big, public service. We ask that you share a memory of Gladys with those you love and take your oregano oil this cold and flu season. The family recommends taking Gladys' advice by taking the money you would have spent on a memorial donation and burying it in your backyard.

Gladys, "may your moccasin feet take you to the encampment of the guardians who have known you before time." You were divinely beautiful and dazzlingly clever – a kindred spirit to many.

Scott Anthony Pego

February 7, 1963 - October 3, 2024

Scott Anthony Pego, age 61, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital.

Scott was born Feb. 7, 1963, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of James and Grace (Rapp) Pego. Scott was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and attended Saginaw Chippewa Community Church. He had a local lawn care business for many years.



Scott will be remembered as giving and always ready to help in any way he could. He thought of his nieces and nephews as his own; there isn't anything he wouldn't do for them. Scott was an amazing cook and loved to share his cooking and baking with his family and friends. He was an avid golfer, sculpture artist, loved traveling, and U of M sports.

Scott is survived by his furry companions, Presley Junior and Penny; siblings Steve (Yvonne "Mae") Pego, Allen (Diane) Pego, Faith (Tony) Carmona-Pego, Samuel Pego, sister-in-law June Pego, all of Mt. Pleasant; nieces and nephews N'Daunis Bird, Gizhep Pego, Lynette Bennett, Tonya Thomas, Waylon Pego, Candice Pego, Shawana Lunham, Jacqueline Haught, Robert Pego Jr., Olivia Otter Robe, Melissa Isaac, Maia Montoya-Pego, Juan Montoya-Pego, Iliana Montoya, Maykiss Pego, Jon Pego, Lyle Pego, Rochelle Wolf, Shyanne Pego; many great nieces and great nephews; best friend Terry Vasquez; close friend Michael Hunt; Anita's family; and significant other Tina Lopez.

Scott was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life, Anita Pelcher; sister Elaine Shawnoo; brother Robert "Bo" Pego Sr.; nephews Allen "Mushie" Pego, Isaac Pego, Chebon Chupco, and Bruce Bennett; nieces Segwen Traver, Mary Waboose Claudio, Sunshine "Rose" Shawnoo, Paula Bouley, and Terri Paul.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at 1 p.m. with Sam McClellan officiating. Interment took place at Woodland Cemetery. A luncheon immediately followed the burial at 7th Generation. The family greeted friends on Monday beginning at 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Animal Treatment Society.

Payton Sprague

October 13, 2024

Kenneth Payton Sprague "Gaagegiizhig – Forever Lasting," a member of Walpole Island First Nation, passed away in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at the age of 26.

Payton is the beloved father of Kenneth Keelo Sprague; loving son of Tania Aquash and Kenneth Gordon Sprague (Tammy); brother of Olivia Sprague, Tyson Sprague and Brian Wemigwans Jr.; dear grandson of Linda Riley, Kenneth Sprague Sr., Verlene Aquash and Robert Aquash.



Family and friends were invited for visitation at Linda's home in Walpole Island, on Thursday, Oct. 17. The funeral was held at the Walpole Island Sports Complex at 11 A.M. on Saturday, Oct. 19. Interment followed at Highbanks Cemetery.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca

GHOST SUPPER

Friday, Nov. 8, 2024

When: 5-9 p.m.

Location: 3754 Digwaagi Ln., Mt. Pleasant

A sacred fire will be lit and our young Anishinaabe kwe-ag will start serving dinner at 5 p.m. Meal service will conclude at 9 p.m. Please come and share a story about your loved ones and enjoy a traditional meal, prepared with love for our community.

For more information, please contact:

Courtney Kahgegab at 989-854-3599

Sponsored by:

Kahgegab/Wemigwans/Trepanier/Compo Families

December 2024 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits or Child Mino Shkiziwin Applications

Forms are available now.

*You must fill out ONE form completely.

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 by 5 p.m

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form
- For questions regarding the TCWP call the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051

Parents/guardians have the option to participate in the Mno-Shkiziwin program

- For questions regarding the Mno-Shkiziwin Program call 989-775-4175



Collections Committee Vacancies

Attention Tribal Members

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

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

• Email: WJohnson@sagchip.org

• Mail: ZC Collections Committee
c/o William Johnson
6650 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

• Phone: 989.775.4730

TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE

Part of the Law Enforcement Challenge, help us bring home the win again this year!

Drop off your new, unwrapped toy donations

Collection box locations:

- ▶ Tribal Police and Tribal Court lobbies
- ▶ Sagamok Express Mobil
- ▶ Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel beginning Nov. 4

Collection ends the second week of December

For more information, please contact:
Tribal Dispatch at 989.775.4700



Monday, Nov. 11, 2024

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Saginaw Ballroom

Registration and doors open: 5:30 p.m.

Grand Entry: 6 p.m.

- With the Blue House Singers followed by a flag song and posting of colors
- Opening prayer by Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts
- Door prizes and silent auction items available for bids

Program and dinner following Grand Entry

- Opening remarks by Chief Tim J. Davis
- Remarks by Tribal Council members
- Recognizing special guests and dignitaries
- Swearing in of AOVWS officers
- Remarks by Okima I Tony Carmona
- Keynote Speaker: Paul Walker
- Honor song for those veterans we have lost
- Door prize drawings, 50/50 raffle and silent auction items awarded
- Traveling song by Blue House Singers

For more information, please contact:

989-506-4913 or TCarmona@sagchip.org

ALL VETERANS WELCOME

PHOTOS REQUESTED
Please bring in photos of veterans who have walked on.



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

Attention Tribal Members
Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings
 are held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members
- Anyone wanting to be added can call 989-775-4004

Regular Council Session Dates

- Nov. 5 • Dec. 3 • Jan. 7



Add special cheer to an elders
 Holiday this season!

Begins: Nov. 4, 2024

Drop gifts off by: Dec. 19, 2024 at 5 p.m.

- Gifts will go to Andahwod residents.
- All gifts must be wrapped and properly labeled, with code given when signing up.
- Gifts may be dropped off at Andahwod front desk.



To sign up for a resident, please contact:
 SaPelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4300

Active Native Youth



Deadline: Dec. 16, 2024

Send in one photo of your Tribal Member, descendant students to be featured in the January 2025 issue of the Tribal Observer.

Email your photo and information to
 Observer@sagchip.org

Please include the following:

- Name • School • Grade • Sports/activities

2025 Annual Reports

Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2025 Annual Report MUST be filed before/ with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

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



Community Photo Submissions Needed

Nimkee Clinic is requesting family-friendly photos to display within the clinic.

Requested photo subjects include:

- ▶ Powwow dancers
- ▶ Drummers
- ▶ Sports
- ▶ Community events
- ▶ Active/healthy lifestyles
- ▶ Generational photos

Please email photo submissions to:

KAFox@sagchip.org



*A photo release form will need to be completed if your submission is used by Nimkee Clinic.

Maawi Noojimang Gamik "A Place of Healing Together" SCIT Supportive Housing

Housing First Harm Reduction

Sixteen total apartments:

- 2x3 bedroom • 8x2 bedroom • 6x1 bedroom

Amenities include:

Dog run, community kitchen, peer support meeting room, laundry, outdoor courtyard with fire pit and smoking shelter.

Policies include:

- Tenants must apply
- Tenants pay rent
- There is a pet policy
- Premises are monitored 24/7
- Lease violations can lead to eviction
- Tenants sign a lease
- There are house rules
- There is a visitor policy

Supportive housing is NOT:

- A treatment center
- Group home
- Sober living
- Licensed community care
- A ZERO tolerance program
- Emergency/transitional housing

Coordinated Services Offered:

- Flexible and voluntary case management
- Counseling
- Health and mental health services
- Alcohol and substance use services
- Independent living skills
- Traditional healing and teachings
- Community building activities



Supportive Housing is a Harm Reduction and Housing First Model:

Harm Reduction: The Tribal leadership recognizes that drug and alcohol use and abuse have always been part of modern society. The lasting effects of trauma and poor mental health will always be a part of humanity. Sadly we can't eliminate these from our society. Therefore, it's better to work toward minimizing the harm done.

Supportive Housing First Model: This program is for people who have persistent, chronic substance use disorders and or mental health challenges. In supportive housing we don't wait for people to get clean and sober before housing them. We offer a home and then offer support services to help them manage their symptoms, reduce their symptoms and hopefully enhance their lives. Many studies show that "Housing First" reduces hospital visits, the duration of hospital stays, and overall reduces the costs for these services. Maintaining stable housing is essential to creating a balanced life.

For more information, please contact:
 989-775-4466 | sanglin@sagchip.org

UMR UPDATE

Important changes to your UMR health coverage that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025:

Dialysis Coverage

- ▶ No longer covering Out-of-Network Providers for inpatient/outpatient services.
- ▶ Patients currently effected will be notified to begin transition to an In-Network provider of choice.



Ziibiwing Center will be open on
Monday, Nov. 11, 2024

*Free admission for Veterans and their families

Gift Shop, Permanent Exhibit & Research Center: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Business Office: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Broadway Park restrooms and concession stand will close: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024

The Broadway Park's restrooms and concessions stands will be closing on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 for the fall season.

The SCIT Housing Department is glad to have had everyone enjoy the parks. We love seeing people in the community enjoying family time together. It takes a lot to keep the parks cleaned up, mowed, and have the trash picked up daily. Chi-miigwetch for all the families that helped. We are looking forward to seeing you all again in summer 2025.



Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

Elder Parking Permits

Elder Parking Permits are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing and Regulations. Please visit the office to complete an application and pick up new or replacement permits.

License Plates

Friendly reminder for any Tribal Member who carries a SCIT License Plate on their vehicle:

Please stop by the office any time there is a change in your personal information since your last renewal, including: name, contact information, physical/ mailing address, or Driver's License renewal.

Sagamok Loyalty Cards

Sagamok Loyalty Cards for eligible Tribal Members are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Pick yours up ASAP to continue receiving fuel and tobacco tax discounts at Sagamok!





Tribal Council

Chief

Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief

Luke Sprague | District One

Treasurer

Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms

Christina Otto | District One

Chaplain

Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member

Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member

David Merrill Jr. | District One

Council Member

Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member

Samantha Chippeway | District One

Council Member

Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

Orchard Lab Services

Open for walk-ins, or skip the line and schedule an appointment 989-775-4687

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please remember to bring all outside lab orders with you or fax directly to Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4680.
Lab will remain closed for all Federal Holidays

For more information, please call: 989-775-4600

Pharmacy Services

Nimkee Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meijer Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cardinal Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4608

Same-day appointments

We want to ensure that all patients have a positive experience at Nimkee Clinic. If you have a same-day appointment, we kindly ask that you focus on addressing any urgent issues during your visit. To give your non-urgent concerns the attention they deserve, we may schedule a follow-up visit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Same-day appointments are scheduled for 15-30 minutes

To schedule your appointment, please call: 989.775.4600

New reminder system

Nimkee Medical, Dental and Public Health is excited to introduce our new user-friendly reminder system platform!

Here's what you need to know about the platform:

- 1. Initial reminder:** You will receive your first reminder at the time of scheduling your appointment.
- 2. Second reminder:** Five days before your appointment, you will receive a reminder.
- 3. Final reminder:** A day before your appointment, you will receive the final reminder.

It is important to respond, respond and respond!

If you do not confirm your appointment, our automated system will continue to contact you. Rest assured, this is done with your best interest in mind. To avoid continual calls/texts, simple reply "yes or no" with your appointment intentions!

To learn more about our reminder system platform, check out the links below:

- <https://caremessage.docsend.com/view/f7vxyxw3mz9hgj>
- <https://caremessage.docsend.com/view/4xr8cwum29fz7838>

ACFS - Foster Care Program

Christmas BAZAAR

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Set up begins at 8 a.m.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballroom



▶ **Vendors:** 8'x8' space is available for \$50 and includes two 6-foot tables and two chairs, if needed.

▶ All proceeds benefit ACFS Foster Care Program

For more information, or to purchase a vendor space, please contact: ACFS at 989.775.4991



ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

The Ziibiwing Center will be open to the public during the following holidays:

- ▶ **Veterans Day** — Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
- ▶ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — Monday, Jan. 20, 2025
- ▶ **Presidents Day** — Monday, Feb. 17, 2025
- ▶ **Easter** — Monday, April 21, 2025
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Friday, Sept. 26, 2025

Elders Assistance Home Repair Program (EAHRP) and Elders ADA Accessibility Program (EAAP)

Tribal Member Elders, age 55 and older, or Tribal Members with a documented long-term disability

EAHRP guidelines, D. 3. and EAAP guidelines, D. 3 homeowners insurance requirement has changed. Homeowners insurance is no longer needed to qualify for:

- ▶ EAHRP once in a lifetime grant of \$5,000
- ▶ Or EAAP grant of \$5,000 every 10 years

Contact information:

Kim Otto McCoy

• Phone: 989-775-4014

• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

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.

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

- To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email observer@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

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to:

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

Contact Information:

• Phone: 989-775-4096

• Email: Observer@sagchip.org

www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Tribal elder honored by CMU's Social Work Program

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

Central Michigan University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences celebrated 20 years of its bachelor of social work program on Oct. 16. Tribal Member Suzanne Cross received a high honor for her role in the program.

Cross served as the CMU program director from 1996-2000 when she laid the groundwork for the initial candidacy and subsequent accreditation of the bachelor of social work program in 2004.

The event was held in the CMU Bovee University Rotunda with Program Director and Professor Susan Grettenberger presiding as emcee.

Thomas Greitens, professor and chair of the School of Politics, Society, Justice and Public Service was joined by Marcy Taylor, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences as they offered their congratulatory remarks.

While in retirement, Cross has conducted continuing research and given lectures on U.S. boarding school historical trauma and other child welfare research projects.

In addition to her scholarly pursuits, Cross is nationally known for her Native American artwork.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Tribal Elder Suzanne Cross (right), Ph.D., is photographed with Susan Grettenberger, Ph.D., professor and program director for the Social Work Program, after Cross received an award for her role in the program.

GreenTree Co-op Market features "Indigenous Food Ways"

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, GreenTree Co-op Market in Mount Pleasant, Mich. made a post on social media to honor and recognize Native people in the area, both past and present.

On the second and fourth Friday of each month, GreenTree features "Indigenous Food Ways" with the help from Chef Sam Anglin.

"Indigenous peoples have always played an essential role in safeguarding our planet's biodiversity

and continue to do so today despite having been forcibly removed from ancestral lands around the world," the social media post stated.

Signs in Anishinaabemowin are also scattered throughout the store in an effort to highlight the living language.



Courtesy photo

Chef Sam Anglin holds up books about Anishinaabemowin and wild rice at GreenTree Co-op Market in Mount Pleasant, where his creations will be featured twice a month.

Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Survey

The Native Connections program at SCIT Behavioral Health is conducting a mental health survey for Tribal members/descendants between the ages of 9 to 24.

Behavioral Health has incentives available for anyone who completes the surveys. Please call Sarah Jones, data analyst, at 989-775-4898 for the incentives or for more information.

The survey will assist in gathering information about our community to help prevent substance misuse and suicide among our Tribal Youth.

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Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services

Star Tree Program

Applications accepted: Nov. 1-15, 2024

Community members are invited to help make the upcoming holiday better for those less fortunate children by participating in the Star Tee Program to make a child's Christmas happier. 'Tis the Season for gift-giving!

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Select a Star from the ACFS Star Tree in the lobby of ACFS between Nov. 18 through Dec. 12

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Wrap the gift(s) and bag/bundle the gift(s) together

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Christina Otto receives alumni award from Central Michigan University

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Central Michigan University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences held its annual CLASS Awards on Oct. 24. The ceremony was held in the Bioscience Hall and recognized the accomplishments of students, faculty and alumni.

Richard Rothaus, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, presented the awards.

"It's my honor to serve a college that produces the best students and alumni in the world. In CLASS, we are very aware that none of us stand alone," Rothaus said. "Tonight is a night to celebrate the individuals that represent the ideals and achievements we are striving for together."

Tribal Council Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto was presented with the CLASS Alumni Award of Distinction for Public Service. Otto earned her bachelor's degree in social work and psychology from CMU in 2014.

"The Award of Distinction for Public Service is awarded

to alumni who broadly serve the public good. Their involvement at the local, state or national level shapes public practices and they are effective change agents," Rothaus said. "These alumni value diverse perspectives and aim for a more fair and just society."

Otto was recognized for her efforts working for Behavioral Health Programs, her current term on Tribal Council, and her service on the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Board of Regents.

Rothaus shared the following to highlight Otto's accomplishments:

"As clinical therapist at the Residential Treatment Center, Christina is a critical part of a community-based program providing for the needs of those who want to begin their journey



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Christina Otto (left) is presented with the CMU CLASS Alumni Award of Distinction for Public Service by Richard Rothaus (right), dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

to recovery. Treatment at the Center consists of individual and group therapy, case management, mindfulness, auricular acupuncture, energy healing, traditional healing, life skills and a variety of other services.

"These programs support both the community and individuals as they work towards personal goals related to their spiritual, physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. More particularly, Christina's



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Otto is joined by family and friends after the awards ceremony.

professional social work practice provides her with avenues to support healing in the face of generational trauma.

"But her service to the community extends beyond interpersonal work. In 2023 she was elected to the Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for a two-year term. As the Council's sergeant-at-arms, she plays an important role in ensuring the Council is effective as it governs and advocates for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as a whole..."

Otto said she was "truly honored" to have received the award.

"It was quite the unexpected surprise," Otto said. "Chi-miiigwetch CMU for the nomination and selection of this award. Thank you to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Mid-Michigan Community College and Michigan State University in assisting with my future goals. I would also like to express gratitude to my friends, family, ancestors, Tribal community, professors, and mentors."

October events raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

To raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout October, events were held by Behavioral Health and supporting Tribal programs.

The "Paint the Rez Purple" office decorating competition began as early as the first day of October. Tribal entities that participated decorated their offices or departments in as much purple as possible!

The judging occurred Oct. 28-30 by the Victim Services Department.

A Glow Party was held on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym. The party involved fluorescent lighting, glow sticks, dancing and games.

Music was provided by DJ Lupe Gonzalez and the event was funded by The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act

De'bwen-dis'an! "Believe in Yourself" yoga was held on Tuesday, Oct. 22 for one hour, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Behavioral Health. The class – promoting self-love and positivity – was instructed by Felicia Otto.



Courtesy of Jalene Lewis



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Kchitwa Miigwan "Sacred Feather" rain garden now located at Sowmick Plaza

TONIA KEQUOM

Property Manager
Migizi EDC

The Sowmick Plaza now has a rain garden, located next to Cardinal Pharmacy, to help clean and heal the water as it runs off from the gas station before it reaches the Chippewa River.

In February 2024, Migizi EDC submitted a proposal to the Bemidji Area Indian Health Services' Division of Environmental Health for funding through an Environmental Sustainability Initiative grant that funds projects to reduce

environmental degradation, resource depletion and create resiliency to climate change.

Migizi EDC chose to propose a rain garden, a shallow depression in the ground that collects and filters runoff from hard surfaces such as roofs, driveways, and sidewalks.

As the water flows through this rain garden, it is captured, cleaned, and absorbed by the plants and ground instead of running into the storm drain. The plants will filter out pollutants and recharge groundwater.

The EPA reported in 2012, as a part of the Great Lakes Program Report, that "the biggest water quality problem is polluted

runoff that carries the pollutants from many diverse sources into our streams, lakes, and rivers." Those sources include suburban lawns, parking lots, golf courses, and farm fields.

The area chosen at Sowmick Plaza is high in nonpoint source pollutants, including herbicides, pet waste, grass clippings, and hydrocarbons that run off into this location from the parking lot during heavy rainfalls.

The grass on the south side of the feather was dying from the winter salt and other substances from vehicles. We couldn't imagine what was going into the storm water drain. Our goal was to build a bioretention area that

would manage and mitigate the storm water runoff while providing biodiversity enhancement.

The proposal was accepted, and Migizi sought the help of Mike McCreery, who has experience with building rain gardens and teaching others its importance and how to create one of their own, whether at their home or in the community. Migizi, with Mike's support, held classes in May and June.

The Clean Water Act is a federal law that regulates water pollution and quality in the U.S., with the goal to restore and maintain the biological integrity of the nation's waters.

This particular rain garden



Courtesy of Tonia Kequom

Migizi EDC's rain garden, located next to Cardinal Pharmacy, is photographed.

is filled with native plants that will absorb the water and control erosion, attract pollinators and birds, and provide food for other wildlife.



Wii Maajiikwad

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Recreation Manager Ronnie Ekdahl said the building represents looking forward to the future.

“We have all of the possibilities and all of the opportunities for our community and for our Tribal youth to grow and to be better,” Ronnie Ekdahl said.



Observer photo by Kyla Henry

A portion of the tribal school and recreation center building is photographed.



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The new gymnasium

“That’s something that we have to remember is that this is an investment into our whole community. This is an investment to the future.”

ALRD Director Howard Webkamigad got emotional when thinking about the boarding school era when the students were forbidden to speak their own language. Anishinaabemowin will continue to flourish within this school, and will be spoken and heard on a regular basis.

Central Michigan University’s President Robert Davies and Athletic Director Amy Folan were onsite showing support.

A gift of maple trees was given to the Tribe and its new school on behalf of Central Michigan University and CMU athletics. A special tree planting ceremony will be held at a later day with SCIT and CMU representatives and athletes.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony was held to make it official, Onion Creek Singers performed an honor song.

The ceremony concluded at 6 p.m. as visitors toured the new facility and joined together for a dinner of Indian and walking tacos.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Onion Creek Singers perform a welcome song during the Wii Maajiikwad ribbon cutting ceremony and open house.



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The new school library

Orange Shirt Day honors Indigenous children lost at residential and boarding schools



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On Sept. 30, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community recognizes Orange Shirt Day, which honors and remembers Indigenous children who were taken from their families and put into residential schools. Orange Shirt Day also symbolizes “Every Child Matters” and wearing orange raises awareness for those children that were taken and never made it back home to their families.

Tribal departments and businesses also decorated their offices in solidarity to honor and uphold survivors and intergenerational survivors of the Indian residential school system, and to commemorate those who didn’t return home.

November 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Maurice DeMeyere | 17) Phillip Peters Jr.
Laurie Pease
Penny Raap
Lillian Bennett |
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Robert Henry
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Minnie Periard | 20) Jo James
Kathryn Moran |
| 5) David Detzler
Karen Sanford | 21) Allen Pego
Gena Qualls
Viola Nahgagwgon
Deanna Jenkins
Chip Neyome
Stacey Mays |
| 6) Kathleen Hart
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Kenneth Watson III
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Clayton Nedwash Sr. |
| 7) Donald Bordeau
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| 9) Lisa Elamin
Marshall Jackson
Wilson Ferrio Jr.
Pamela Kropp
Lawrence Mena
Frank Snyder | 25) Marcel Guess
Laura Meffert
Cammy Cummins |
| 10) Glen Coffin | 26) Valorie Semmens
Sidney Stone |
| 11) Brent Jackson | 27) William Snowden
Amanda Nahgagwgon
Stephen Randall |
| 12) Marclay Crampton
Michael Cyr
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Kenneth Maloney | 28) Wayne Watson Sr.
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Norman Cyr Jr.
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| 14) Raymond Pelcher Sr. | 30) Darlene Chippewa
Daisy Kendall
Chris Pego
William Cross
Barbara Garcia |
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Robert Bates | |
| 16) Sherry Jackson
Kathy Barber
Randy Dutton
Michael Finney
Davina Key
Jody Wojcik | |



Recreation Department hosts Trunk or Treat at The Hill Campground

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Approximately 600 community members were treated to a spooky, treat-filled good time on Friday, Oct. 18.

Hosted by the Recreation Department, the annual event was held at The Hill Campground.

Music was provided by DJ Joe Sowmick.

Trunk or Treat began at 6

p.m. and allowed guests to get treats from a gathering of decorated vehicles.

A contest for best decorated trunk was also held.

Taking first place was Redrum Motorcycle Club (Martha Wemigwans, Jonny Wemigwans, Darcy Pilar and Brian Pilar). Second place went to Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services with their Toy Story theme. Christina Otto's Carnival themed trunk took third place.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Adopt a Pet



Iago

Iago is a large male Domestic Shorthair mix. Iago is a big sweetie with a heart as big as his big head. This beefy boy is all about love and attention and loves pets. He is FIV positive, so his future family will need to keep him strictly indoors (just like all pets should be). FIV doesn't stop this guy from living a full, happy life; he's more interested in cuddling with humans than anything else.



Sampson

Sampson is a medium-sized male Pit Bull Terrier mix. If you're looking for a dog who is all about having a good time, Sampson is your guy! This active and energetic pup loves playing, hiking and running – he's always up for an adventure. He is fun-loving, smart and loves learning new tricks to impress people. His loyalty knows no bounds and he will be by your side every step of the way.

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Ice Cube
 Friday, December 13
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$75, \$85, \$95, \$101



Collective Soul
 WSG Hinder
 Friday, November 15
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$39, \$51, \$65, \$71



The Rockin' Holiday Bash
 Saturday, December 14
 6:45PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$50



Girls Night Out
 Saturday, November 16
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$25
 Must be 18+



Rodney Carrington
 Friday, December 28
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$39, \$51, \$65, \$71



The Oak Ridge Boys
 American Made Farewell Tour
 Saturday, November 23
 8PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$32, \$44, \$55, \$61



Stephen Percy of RATT & Ace Frehley
 Sunday, December 29
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 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$36, \$48, \$59, \$65

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Female-led rock bands Evanescence, Halestorm, In This Moment, Eva Under Fire entertain

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Women who rock: It was a night featuring powerful female leads of modern rock. Evanescence, Halestorm, In This Moment and Eva Under Fire teamed up for a powerhouse bill at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Each band's explosive power shook the entire venue during the final outdoor show of the season.

Amy Lee of Evanescence and Halestorm's Lzzy Hale both showcased their vocal prowess throughout their entire – and separate – performances.

Headlining band, Evanescence, came out in full force with their set beginning at precisely 9:40 p.m. and ending at 11:10 p.m.

Evanescence started with "Broken Pieces Shine," "Made of Stone," "Sweet Sacrifice," "Yeah Right" and the anthemic "Going Under."

The queen of goth rock performs with such emotion



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Amy Lee, lead singer of Evanescence, belts during the band's performance on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Soaring Eagle's outdoor concert.

all while frequently whipping her long, black hair.

Evanescence continued on with "The Game Is Over," "My Heart Is Broken," a dynamite live version of "Wasted on You," "The Change," "Take Cover," "End of the Dream" and "Better Without You."

A continuous momentum – the songs were back to back, with minimal conversation between the band mates or to the audience. Lee did take a pause to sit down at the piano and address the crowd.

"I just play the piano these days so I can take a breath," Lee said, taking a break from heavy-hitting songs during which she continually moves from one end of the stage to the other.

"Call Me When You're Sober," "Imaginary," "Use My Voice," and "Blind Belief" were then performed.

Evanescence ended the evening with their smash hits: The piano power ballad and vocal masterpiece, "My Immortal," and "Bring Me to Life" (2003), the nu metal-rap rock song that topped the charts.

Hard rock and alternative metal band Halestorm, from

Red Lion, Penn., performed a 50-minute set from about 8:20 p.m. until 9:10 p.m.

Led by vocalist and guitarist Lzzy Hale, Halestorm also consists of Hale's brother and drummer Arejay Hale, guitarist Joe Hottinger and bassist Josh Smith.

It's a tough act to follow Halestorm, Lzzy Hale's voice and stage presence is something you can't be fully prepared for. She gave it her all and poured her heart into the performance.

Halestorm's set began with a "Raise Your Horns" intro launching right into "I Miss the Misery."

The screaming, heavy hits continued with "Love Bites (So Do I)," "I Get Off" with a "Crazy On You" (Heart) snippet, "Freak Like Me" and the I Prevail cover "can u see me in the dark?"

The audience was piercing; yelling and on their feet in disbelief at the band's talent. Halestorm closed their mind-boggling set with "Familiar Taste of Poison," "Takes My Life" with a skilled drum solo and "The Steeple."

Mixing heavy metal, horror and theatrics, In This Moment's preceding 60-minute

set wasted no time to entertain as the curtain dropped and the band began with "The Purge."

During the second song, "The In-Between," pyro blasted on stage.

In This Moment's set, led by metal queen Maria Brink, was loud and made up of pyro, fog, choreography and bewitching costumes.

Rock band Eva Under Fire from Detroit opened the show with a 20-minute performance.

Lzzy Hale joined on stage to help them perform Journey's "Separate Ways (Worlds Apart)."

Eva Under Fire ended their set with "Blow," which was ranked No. 11 on Mainstream Rock Airplay.



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Joined by dancers, Maria Brink (center), lead vocalist for In This Moment, portrays a theatrical performance.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Halestorm's Lzzy Hale performs with raw emotion during Soaring Eagle's last outdoor show of the season.

Rock bands Little River Band, Atlanta Rhythm Section both display musical craftsmanship

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Little River Band and Atlanta Rhythm Section delivered a double dose of classic rock to fans in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Atlanta Rhythm Section started the evening strong as the seasoned musicians showcased perfected riffs and smooth, crisp, and polished playing.

Hailed from Georgia, Atlanta Rhythm Section formed in 1970. The band performed a 60-minute set that began at 8 p.m. that evening.

The set began with "Homesick," which featured an allusion to Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze" vocally and "Foxy Lady" musically towards the ending.

ARS kept the audience captivated with their dynamic performances of "Champagne Jam," "Spooky," "Doraville," "Large Time," "Boogie Smoogie," "I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight,"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Atlanta Rhythm Section bandmates share a moment center stage during the Saturday, Oct. 5 Soaring Eagle concert.

the soulful "So Into You" and "Imaginary Lover."

Each song helped verify the band's musical craftsmanship and prove why they have topped the charts.

Up next, classic rockers Little River Band performed a 90-minute set that began about 9:30 p.m.

Little River Band formed in Melbourne, Australia in 1975. The members had reached success in other Australian acts and then focused on their goal of

achieving airplay on American radio. Several of their singles topped the American charts between 1976 and 1983.

Little River Band's worldwide album and CD sales now top 30 million.

LRB began their portion of the show with "Man on Your Mind," "Happy Anniversary" and "Take It Easy on Me."

Several of the band members took turns on lead vocals and each did a superb job.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Little River Band members Colin Whinnery (left), vocalist and guitarist, and Wayne Nelson (right), vocalist and bassist, put on a show for the crowd.

The harmonies and flawless sounds continued with "The Other Guy," "Window to the World," "First Time" and "Reminiscing," which has garnered more than five million air plays on American radio.

LRB dedicated "Help Is on Its Way" to veterans.

In 1982, LRB set a record for having had Top 10 hits for six consecutive years; they were the first band to achieve this.

Having no shortage of tunes to select to perform, the band carried on with "The Night Owls," "Cool Change" and "Lady" with a "Kashmir" outro. The band then gave away an autographed set list to a lucky fan.

A "Mama Told Me Not to Come" intro launched into "Lonesome Loser" to serve as the encore to end the evening on a high note.



Matchbox Twenty headlines concert featuring Gavin DeGraw and Smash Mouth

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted Matchbox Twenty, Gavin DeGraw and Smash Mouth for an unforgettable outdoor show on Sept. 20.

Matchbox Twenty began the night with the catchy, feel-good chorus of “Friends,” followed by “How Far We’ve Come” and “Real World.”

Lead singer Rob Thomas showed off the range of his vocals with the moody hit “Disease,” followed by “She’s So Mean” and “Don’t Get Me Wrong.”

Next, Matchbox Twenty played a trio of hits off their 2000 album “Mad Season.” This began with the soft, sentimental ballad “If You’re Gone,” followed by the title track “Mad Season” and then “Bent.”

The hits continued with “Back 2 Good,” “Long Day” and “Rebels.”

A highlight of the night featured acoustic guitar riffs of the popular hit song “3 AM.” This was followed by “Unwell” and “Push.”

To close out the night, Matchbox Twenty performed “Bright Lights” followed by a cover of Simple Minds’ “Don’t You (Forget About Me).”

American singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw performed prior to Matchbox Twenty.

DeGraw began with the R&B-infused hit “Sweeter” followed by “Chariot” and “Best I Ever Had.”

The good vibes continued with “Summertime,” followed by “Soldier” and “Freedom (Johnny’s Song).”

DeGraw played many of his biggest hits including



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Matchbox Twenty lead singer Rob Thomas (center) and fellow bandmates play “Real World” during their Sept. 20 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

“Chemical Party,” “You Make My Heart Sing Louder,” “She Sets the City on Fire,” and “Not Over You.”

The best was saved for last, with a performance of “I Don’t Want to Be.” The song launched DeGraw into the spotlight after

releasing on his debut 2003 album “Chariot.”

Taking to the outdoor concert stage first that night was American rock band, Smash Mouth.

The band treated fans to spirited performances of their No. 1

hit singles “Walkin’ on the Sun” and “All Star.”

Other smash hits played that night included “Can’t Get Enough of You Baby,” “Then the Morning Comes,” “Why Can’t We be Friends” and “I’m a Believer.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Gavin DeGraw points out the the crowd.



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Members of Smash Mouth perform “Can’t Get Enough of You Baby.”

The Temptations and The Spinners bring classic Motown hits to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted the classic Motown doubleheader of The Temptations and The Spinners on Friday, Oct. 11.

For over six decades, The Temptations have been synonymous with the Motown sound, which was birthed in Detroit during the 1960s. The current lineup is led by Otis Williams, the sole surviving, original member of the group.

The Temptations began with “Papa Was a Rollin’ Stone” and “Get Ready.”

The hits continued with “The Way You Do the Things You Do,” “Ain’t Too Proud to Beg” and “Ball of Confusion (That’s What the World Is Today).”

Fans were treated to a huge dose of nostalgia, with the group

performing a range of songs from their library. This included “I Wish It Would Rain,” “Just My Imagination (Running Away With Me),” “I Can’t Get Next to You” and “Please Return Your Love to Me.”

Next up were a trio of popular sings with “Since I Lost My Baby,” “Is it Gonna Be Yes or No” and “Treat Her Like a Lady.”

To end the night, The Temptations performed the smooth, soulful harmonies of “My Girl.”

Opening for The Temptations were fellow Motown legends The Spinners.

The Spinners wasted no time, delving directly in to their hit songs “Could It Be I’m Falling in Love” and “It’s a Shame.”

Next up were spirited performances of “One of a Kind (Love Affair),” “I’ll Be Around”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The Temptations perform “Get Ready” during the Oct. 11 show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

and “Working My Way Back to You (Forgive Me Girl).”

The song “Sadie” was dedicated to mothers, followed by “Mighty Love” and “Love

Don’t Love Nobody.”

A highlight of the night featured covers of Dionne Warwick’s “Then Came You” and Willie Nelson’s “Funny

How Time Slips Away.”

The Spinners finished their set with “Games People Play” followed by the upbeat hit “The Rubberband Man.”



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Members of The Spinners sing “Could It Be I’m Falling in Love.”

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COVID-19, flu vaccination clinic makes a return visit to Saganing Outreach Center

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Public Relations Manager

During Indigenous People's Day on Oct. 14, COVID-19 and flu vaccinations were made available to the Saganing community.

The vaccination clinic was made possible by a partnership between the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan District Health department to protect the community against communicable disease and keep them safe.

All ages were welcome but the primary focus was on elders; keeping them safe and healthy, protecting them when they are out in the community by strengthening their immune systems and educating them as well to stay safe in their homes.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Young visitors and a Region VII Area Agency on Aging rep are photographed during the Oct. 14 vaccination clinic held at the Saganing Outreach Center.

Saganing Outreach Services Manager Tim Nelson welcomed Sue Sowmick, Nimkee Public Health nurse, and health care professionals from the CMDHD and Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

"Sue is a close friend of Saganing and having her offer... vaccinations to our community and providing a health information was much appreciated," Nelson said. "I love seeing the Saganing Tribal membership come together with... the local community."

Tribal Council member Frank Cloutier said he believes the medical education done at the Saganing Outreach Center is important to connect community with services.

"The ease of convenient mental, health, and community services provided in Saganing gives the Tribe more opportunity to provide much needed programming and member services," Cloutier said. "From our flu clinics to language outreach, our Tribal leadership is committed to providing our community what they need and want."

Sue Sowmick thanked Nimkee and CMDHD for sponsoring the clinic, and said Nelson organized and promoted the event.

"Region VII Agency on Aging supplemented our effort by bringing their educational

materials," Sowmick said. "Saganing Eagles Landing Casino administration and marketing department promoted it to patrons and staff along with adding some fun incentive with premium play."

Anggie Shank, advocacy and outreach coordinator for Region VII Area Agency on Aging, said it was her first visit to the Saganing Tribal Center.

"... Region VII Area Agency on Aging was able to provide visitors with information on services that may be available to seniors or the disabled in their communities while they were visiting the Center..." Shank said.

Shank said the agency is based in Bay City but provide services to their seven-county areas. The agency provided educational material regarding

fall safety, managing medications and other information to keep elders safe.

Samantha LaPan of CMDHD said this was the department's third year partnering with Saganing.

"Our staff look forward to these clinics each year and (the Saganing) facility is beautiful and spacious, enabling a smooth workflow for both clients and staff from start to finish," LaPan said. "We can vaccinate significantly more people in a single day than our office can allow due to space, which positively impacts our community."

Upcoming vaccination clinics include: In Saganing on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center in Mount Pleasant, and Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services District One Elders' November 2024 Newsletter

Boozhoo! We hope you enjoyed the summer months and are preparing for Michigan's winter months. Andahwod started hosting a free Elders Lunch on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Elders Breakfast is the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. These free meal programs are to help support elders with nutritious meals.

Elders Advisory Board members and Andahwod will be selling Christmas Gift Cards raffle tickets. The raffle will take place until Nov. 27 and the drawing will be during Elders Breakfast. The flyer will be released soon.

Don't forget to turn clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 (after 2 a.m.)



Andahwod Phone Numbers

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Andahwod CCC & ES business hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. After business hours, or if it is an urgent matter please call the Security Desk at 989-775-4317 or the Nurses Station at 989-775-4319.

Snowplowing for elders

Applications open now

- Limited spots available.
- Priority will be given to our Elders 70 years and older.
- Everyone must fill out an application for the service and have a medically documented disability if between 50-61 years old.
- \$50 seasonal fee must be paid when submitting application.
- Must reside in District One.

Applications can be picked up at Andahwod.
For more info call 989-775-4307

Fires and carbon monoxide poisoning

During the winter months, it is common to use the fireplace or other heating sources, such as natural gas, kerosene, and other fuels. Unless fireplaces, wood and gas stoves and gas appliances are properly vented, cleaned, and used, they can leak dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide — a deadly gas that you cannot see or smell. These and other appliances, such as space heaters, can also be fire hazards.

Warning Signs

- Headache
- Weakness
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Confusion
- Blurred vision
- Loss of consciousness

How does cold weather affect elders?

If you've ever wondered how you could play outside for hours in the snow as a child without shivering, it turns out your age has a lot to do with it. Your feet and hands may get colder faster as you grow older. Too much cold sensitivity may indicate an underlying medical condition such as diabetes or hypertension.

An elder may also sleep more often, or try to, because of the increased darkness in the cold season. If they have arthritis or other conditions that cause chronic pain, then their pain may be higher in the winter seasons compared to warmer times of the year. Also, with less body heat, a senior's blood vessels

become more constricted, which could prevent oxygenation to their body. This means there is a greater risk that a preexisting heart condition could worsen.

Although you typically only associate hypothermia with freezing cold, outdoor weather, it's possible for elders to experience this condition without a trek through arctic temps.

If you or someone is experiencing symptoms like confusion, slowed speech, word slurring, exhaustion, and much slower movements, these are signs of hypothermia. Get medical attention right away.

November 2024 Andahwod events

Daily Coffee Break 2:30 p.m.	Flu/COVID-19 Vaccinations & Mini Health Fair Nov. 8 / 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Bingo with Friends Nov. 22 / 1-3 p.m.
Euchre Thursdays / 5:30 p.m.	Closed for Veterans Day Nov. 11	Birthday Bingo & Potluck Nov. 23 / 12-3 p.m.
Bavarian Inn Holiday Luncheon Nov. 1 / Leaving at 10 a.m.	Language Bingo Nov. 12 / 1-3 p.m.	Name that Tune Nov. 25 / 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Elders Lunch Nov. 4, 20 / 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Elders Breakfast Nov. 13, 27 / 9-10 a.m.	Elders Outing to Breckenridge Nov. 26 / Leaving at 10 a.m.
Elders Outing to Clare Nov. 7 / Leaving at 10 a.m.	<i>**Activities and events are subject to change.</i>	Closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 28 & 29

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339

Grant Assistance for Tribal Elders

There are grants available for Tribal Elders in the community. Depending on the grant qualifications, the Tribal Elder may need to gather documentation pertaining to grant eligibility. For example: Repair quotes, shut-off notice, etc. The following grants are available to Tribal Elders if funding is available and eligibility is met.

- **Emergency Minor Assistance Program (EMAP)**
 - **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**
- Sheligh Jackson, Andahwod: 989-775-4307

Wellness Lodge & Sauna

Open daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Elders only



NOVEMBER 2024 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

Lunch: 11:30 a.m - 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sugar free available upon request <small>*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Borne Illness *Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you</small>			*Menu subject to change* <small>Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314.</small>		1 Roast Beef w/Red Potatoes Chicken Alfredo	2 Chef's Choice
3 Chef's Choice	4 Tuna Noodle Casserole Blanket Dog	5 Egg Salad Sandwich Beef Stir Fry	6 Soup & Salad Lunch Cheeseburger Elders Lunch	7 Indian Taco Pulled Pork Sandwich	8 Chicken Quesadilla Spaghetti w/ Sauce	9 Chef's Choice
10 Chef's Choice	11 Beef Tips w/Noodles Shrimp Basket	12 Hamburger Gravy Polish Sausage	13 Elders Breakfast Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Club Sandwich	14 Taco Salad Chicken Wings	15 Chili w/ Corn Bread Cabbage Soup	16 Chef's Choice
17 Chef's Choice	18 Goulash Sloppy Joe	19 Pancakes w/Sausage Tuna Fish Sandwich	20 To Go Turkey Lunch Chef's Choice Elders Lunch	21 Fried Bologna Sandwich Ham Dinner	22 Chicken Salad Wrap Burrito	23 Chef's Choice
24 Chef's Choice	25 Lasagna BLT Sandwich	26 Nachos Bean Soup w/Fry Bread	27 Elders Breakfast Crispy Chicken Sandwich Chef Salad	28 Turkey Dinner Chefs Choice	29 Veggie Beef Soup Ham Salad Sandwich	30 Chef's Choice



NOVEMBER 2024 | Tribal Community Event Planner

DK-12 Education Services Homework Lab

Monday - Thursday | 3-5 p.m.

- Wii Maajikwad
- 989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org

SCIT Recreation Open Gym

Mondays - Fridays | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- New Recreation Center (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- 989-775-4780 or Recreation@sagchip.org

"Nooners" Adult Basketball Open Gym

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 | 12 - 2 p.m.

- New Recreation Center (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- 989-775-4780 or Recreation@sagchip.org
- Five-on-five basketball
- Must sign in to participate

Digital Services Drop-in Program

Nov. 5, 19 & Dec. 3 | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries (7070 E. Broadway Rd.)
- 989-775-4519 or LDisel@Sagchip.org
- See the digital services we provide.
- Get help with all your technology questions.

Youth Basketball Open Gym

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- New Recreation Center (2875 Gikendasso Way)
- 989-775-4780 or Recreation@sagchip.org

Drop In Beading Circle

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- SCTC Community Classroom
- TahsFoley@sagchip.org or 989-775-5804
- Beads, supplies and snacks provided

Spirit Feast

Nov. 7 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- 989-775-4750

Make One, Take One Ribbon Skirt

Nov. 9 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center
- **Registration:** mLhadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751
- Skirts will be used for MIIBS Silent Auction on Dec. 5-6, 2024
- Must have sewing skills to complete a ribbon skirt independently

Veterans Feast

Nov. 11 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m., grand entry at 6 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Saginaw Ballroom
- 989-506-4913 or TCarmona@sagchip.org
- Honoring those who have walked on
- All veterans welcome

Diabetes Class: Taking Charge of Tomorrow

Nov. 13 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Nimkee Public Health Kitchen
- **Registration:** 989-775-4612
- Registration deadline: Nov. 6, 2024
- Learn about diabetes prevention and management.

ACFS Foster Care: Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 8 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms
- 989-775-4991
- All proceeds benefit ACFS Foster Care Program
- Vendors: 8'x6' space is available for \$50

Native American Month

"Celebrating Resilience"

Roc Your Mocs and Your Ribbon Skirts & Shirts for Native American Month!

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College | 5805 E. Pickard Rd.

Land Grant Office Harvest Feast
Nov. 7 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | LGO Community Room

Spiritual Health with Joe Syrette
Nov. 14 | 12-1 p.m. | LGO Community Room

Wear Red Week: "Remembering Missing & Murdered Native Americans"
Nov. 19 - Friday, Nov. 22

Family Movie Night
Nov. 21 | 6-8 p.m. | Broadway Theatre
• Showing the Ojibwe version of "Star Wars: A New Hope"

Indigenizing Education with Melissa Issac
Nov. 26 | 12-1 p.m. | LGO Community Room

For more information, contact:
989.317.4827 | khart@sagchip.org

*If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, please contact Mary Pelcher, 1-989-317-4967, mpelcher@sagchip.org or mpelcher@sagchip.edu. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals. As part of this commitment, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations. **Non Discrimination Statement: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) and its Board of Regents is committed to providing a non-discriminatory and harassment-free educational and working environment for all members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College community, including students, faculty, administrators, staff, and visitors. It is the policy of SCTC that no person shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, including harassment, in employment and admissions, in education, or in any program or activity for which the College is responsible, on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, medical condition, veteran status, marital status or any other characteristic protected by institutional policy or tribal or federal law.**

NOVEMBER 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	<h3>YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTIONS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packets available: Friday, Nov. 1, 2024 • Packets due: Friday, Nov. 15, 2024 by 5 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS! • Elections will take place: Nov. 25-26, 2024 			<p>1 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>2 Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p>	<p>2 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>
<p>4 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Recreation Cornhole League 6-9 p.m. Tribal Gym</p>	<p>5 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. Council Chambers</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p>	<p>6 Vaccination Clinic 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nimkee Public Health</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Ghost Supper 6 p.m. Saganing</p>	<p>7 Auricular Acupuncture 4-6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>8 Vaccination Clinic 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Andahwod</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p>	<p>9 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>
<p>11 Tribal Ops Closed Veterans Day</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>12 SCTC STEAM^{AG} Meeting 12-1 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p>	<p>13 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>14 Soup Day 12 p.m. Saganing</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>15 Tribal Observer deadline</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p>	<p>16 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>
<p>18 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Recreation Cornhole League 6-9 p.m. Tribal Gym</p>	<p>19 Vaccination Clinic 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saganing</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p>	<p>20 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>21 Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>22 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> <p>Traditional Food Workshop 5 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>23 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>
<p>25 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Two Spirit Talking Circle 6-8 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Recreation Cornhole League 6-9 p.m. Tribal Gym</p>	<p>26 Saganing Elders Breakfast 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Saganing</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p>	<p>27 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>SCTC STEAM^{AG} Meeting 12-1 p.m. SCTC</p>	<p>28 Tribal Ops Closed Thanksgiving</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>29 Tribal Ops Closed Day After Thanksgiving</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p>	<p>30 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p>



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Water Operator III
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for public student loan forgiveness as a nonprofit. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience.

Waste Water Operator II
Open to the public. Sign on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$1,500 upon one year anniversary. Eligible employer for public student loan forgiveness as a nonprofit. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Water Quality Specialist
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in environmental science, biology, fisheries and wildlife, or a related field. Three years of independent or program management work experience. Three-years of experience in environmental monitoring including the use of GPS equipment, environmental sampling methods, and data collection.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator
Open to the public. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Master's degree in counseling, social work, humanservices or related field.

One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Resident Care CNA PT
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years' experience in governmental fund accounting and grants and contracts management.

Registered Medical Assistant - Nimkee
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

General Labor Pool
Open to Tribal Members and community members. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Clerical Pool
Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus.

Physician
Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Medical license for MD or DO in the State of Michigan. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

Dentist
Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

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

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services, human services or related field. Desired qualifications: Two years social services, families first worker, or family preservation experience. Certified social worker and/or licensed clinical social worker.

Native American Language Coordinator
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Two years' experience in project management, communications, and working with school systems.

Dental Hygienist PT
Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. IHS & NHSC Loan repayment eligible clinic.

Elementary Teacher
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field or currently enrolled in a teacher certification program, including alternative route programs, and able to obtain teaching certificate within six months of hire.

Natural Resources Specialist II
Open to the public. Grant funded position. Must have a bachelor's degree in the science field such as environmental science, environmental studies, biology, or related field with

four years of relevant environmental experience.

Student Support Advisor
Open to the public. Experience working with youth. Experience with local school programming, requirements and policies. Experience working with Native communities.

Case Manager
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Dec. 31, 2024. Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, or human services related field. One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. Experience with federal grant reporting, tracking, and evaluation.

Paraprofessional
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. Basic Skills Test of Michigan for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment); or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours).

Community Project Manager - AWARE
Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field.

Elementary Counselor Family Outreach
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Clinical Therapist - RTC
Open to the public. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire.

Interim Clinical Therapist - RTC
Open to the public. Interim position. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.

Special Education Teacher
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement. Experience with current assessment requirements and state standards.

Strategic Grants Specialist
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration.

Victims of Crime Advocate
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field.

Pharmacy Manager
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree. Pharmacist License. Two years' experience working as a pharmacist in an outpatient pharmacy.

Interim Probation Officer
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social sciences or related field. Two years court or court related experience.

Soaring Eagle Security Director
Open to the public. Associates degree in business administration, criminal justice, or related field. Seven years security, gaming regulatory or surveillance experience. Five years in a supervisory capacity level.

Central Plant Operator
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

Culinary Supervisor
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

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

Kitchen Equipment Technician
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and be able to maintain a current universal refrigerant certification.

F&B Cashier PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to operate a POS.

Line Server PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to pass annual ServSafe Food handling classes.

Master Plumber
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at

least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a licensed plumber which includes a combination of apprentice, journeyman and master plumber.

F&B Chef
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Master Plumber
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber.

Maintenance Worker PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience.

Standish Police Officer
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be a US citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

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 experience or four years hotel front office supervisory experience.

Program Manager - Outreach Services
Open to the public. Associate degree in social work, human services, business administration or related field. Three years' experience in program coordination. One year experience in a supervisory capacity.

Security Officer
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or surveillance experience desired.

Summons and Complaint Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEO ALLEN BENNETT SR.:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Leo Allen Bennett Sr. Date of Birth: May 1, 1955. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Leo Allen Bennett Sr., who lived at 7360 E. Broadway, Lot #4, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858, died Aug. 26, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Leo A. Bennett Jr., personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Leo A. Bennett Jr., 717 Russell St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, 616-260-4492.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY PETER BENNETT:
The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Timothy Peter Bennett. Date of Birth: March 26, 1961. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Timothy Peter Bennett, who lived at 7535 Ogemaw Dr., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858, died March 1, 2024. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jacqueline M. Graveratte, personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 East Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Jacqueline M. Graveratte., 5594 E. Battle Rd., Clare, MI 48617, 989-313-5125.

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Guests who earn 1,000 points can swipe at the kiosk to earn premium play or bonus entries into the Cash Drawings! Every hour from 12PM to 4PM, two winners will each walk away with \$250 Cash! From 5PM to 9PM, the Cash doubles with two winners taking home \$500 Cash every hour. Then at 10PM, one lucky winner will score a whopping \$5,000 Cash!

ACCESS Club Members will start earning entries each Saturday from 4AM-9:50PM and will receive (1) entry for every 1,000 points earned. Each guest will receive one free entry every Saturday. Entries earned each Saturday are only valid for that days drawings and will reset the following Saturday. Guests can participate in the Swipe & Win 3 times each Saturday. Prize drawing at 10PM.



**FRIDAYS
4PM-9PM**

Each hour one ACCESS Club Member will be drawn to roll the dice up to 3X to win Premium Play, Cash and Bonus Entries. Then, on November 22 at 10PM, one lucky winner will take home the grand prize drawing of \$10,000 Cash!



**NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30
& DECEMBER 1
8AM-11:59PM**

Earn 1,000 same-day points to swipe at a Kiosk to take home a gift!



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7AM-11:59PM**

In honor of Veterans Day, all Hero cardholders will receive \$20 in Premium Play and a \$25 Dining offer on their ACCESS Card. Hero Members can also stop at the Club to pick up a hat while supplies last.



**MONDAYS
11AM-9PM**

Every hour one lucky winners gets to play Spin Pong! Drop the ball, spin the wheel and score cash if it lands in a prize spot. Earned 1,500 points? You get a bonus ball for even more chances to win. Collect all your prizes as you play!

Must be 18 to game. Must be an ACCESS Loyalty Club Member to participate in promotions.
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