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## Soaring Eagle continues as host for local COVID-19 vaccination clinic

**FRANK CLOUTIER**

Public Relations Director

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, in collaboration with the Central Michigan District Health Department, have come together to ensure everyone who wants their COVID-19 vaccination can receive one as the organizations follow the guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort has been playing host to the health department each

Tuesday and Thursday since late-January as CMDHD holds vaccination clinics.

As of last month, there have been 10 vaccination clinics with more than 2,823 vaccines being administered.

“We are so appreciative of our partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe,” said Steve Hall, R.S., M.S., health officer for Central Michigan District Health Department. “The ability to hold community COVID-19 vaccine clinics at the Soaring Eagle Casino is helping us get our population vaccinated quicker. This is just the latest example of the strong partnership between CMDHD and the Tribe as we work together to improve the health of our community.”



The plan moving forward is to continue providing vaccinations at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall every Tuesday and Thursday indefinitely with the capacity of 330 vaccinations each day.

“We are pleased to partner with the Central Michigan District Health Department to provide a COVID-19 vaccination location as we emerge from this global pandemic,” said Mike Bean, CEO for the Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises. “We very much appreciate our healthcare workers and all others who are on the frontlines through these challenging times.”

### I chose to get the COVID-19 Vaccine...

Because I wanted my family and the community to know how important this vaccine is to the world, that we must do our part to save lives, and that we must take in all the information from all the sources then decide on what direction to take. For myself, I decided early that I was taking the vaccine and wanted the community to see myself get the vaccine. To the community, please get both sides of the information — then make your decision. Be safe, love your families.



**Chief Tim J. Davis**



## SCIT COVID-19 Vaccination Report

March 26, 2021

### Total Vaccinations:

- First Dose: 1,358
- Second Dose: 307
- Total Doses: 1,665
- SCIT/Nimkee Patients: 1,022
- Employees: 643



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## 37th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

July 23 - 25, 2021

### Grand Entry

Friday: 7 p.m. | Saturday: 1 p.m. | Sunday: 12 p.m.

### Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Hotel Information:

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
- The Retreat at Soaring Eagle | 1.877.232.4532

### Vendor Application:

- Accepting applications until June 7 with approval from committee.
- Limited spaces available
- All vendors will be required to donate for the giveaway or donate water.

**Masters of Ceremonies:** Joe Syrette & Jason Whitehouse  
**Host Drum:** Meskwaki Nation  
**Head Veteran:** George Martin  
**Head Dancers:** Alexis Syrette & Marcus Winchester  
**Head Dance Judges:** Darryl & Grace Hill  
**Head Drum Judge:** Jason Kingbird  
**Arena Directors:** Paul Raphael & Lil Man Quintero

### Special Request:

- All specials will be approved by committee prior to event.
- Donation of giveaway gift or water

### Dance Contests: Prizes TBA

Platinum Age, Golden Age, Senior Adults, Junior Adults, Teen and Juniors

### Drum Contest: Prizes TBA

### Committee Specials

**Due to COVID-19, potential restrictions and safety precautions will be followed, including:**

- Limited arena seating
- Vendor booth distancing
- Agenda driven competition events

**Spectators will be expected to follow CDC guidelines, such as:**

- Social distancing
- Mask wearing
- Hand washing

[www.sagchip.org/pow-wow](http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow)

\*Free Admission \*\*Drug and Alcohol Free Event

For more information, please contact: SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



## Randall Allen Jackson

March 2, 1965 - March 4, 2021

Randall Jackson, 56, of Weidman, Mich., passed away Thursday, March 4, 2021, at Cookville Regional Medical Center in Cookville, Tenn.



Randall was born on March 2, 1965, in Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Lorne and Charlene (Bennett) Jackson. He graduated from Chippewa Hills High School and on Feb. 14, 2006, married Ronda Bryant at the Soaring Eagle Casino where he was employed as a blackjack dealer for six years. He also worked at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark in the maintenance department for four years.

Some of Randy's favorite pastimes were playing euchre, horseshoes, bingo, cornhole, and slot machines. He also enjoyed nature walks, kayaking, traveling with Ronda, and hanging out with his family and friends, especially with his brother, Jeff.

Randy was the kind of person that would help anyone out, even if that meant playing Santa Claus during Christmastime.

Beyond anything, Randy loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Ronda; children, Brandy Jackson of Weidman, Mandy (Adam) Jackson-Flachs of Mount Pleasant, Wendy Cody Jackson-Smith of Weidman, and Brett Jackson of Weidman; step-children, Scott (Cheyenne) Gardner of Beaverton, Josh (Carolyn) Gardner of Mount Pleasant, Sam (Suzie) Gardner of Clare, and Jed (Savannah) Gardner of Clare; his father, Lorne Jackson of Weidman; siblings, Lillian Jackson-Olson of Weidman, Jeffrey Jackson (Mike Miller) of Weidman, and Lorna Jackson of Weidman; 38 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Charlene Jackson; children, Brandon Jackson and Kelli Jackson; granddaughter, Kaylee Flachs and siblings, Lorne Jackson Jr., Laurie Jackson, and Lisa Jackson.

Randy's funeral was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Cremation followed. The family received friends at the funeral home on both Tuesday and Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

## Donna Jean Proper

October 29, 1963 - March 4, 2021

Donna Jean Proper of Akron, Mich., age 57, passed away at her home on Thursday, March 4, 2021 with her loving family by her side.



Donna was born Oct. 29, 1963 at the Naval base hospital in Pensacola, Fla., the daughter of the late Donald James Jackson and Jenny Jane (Spencer) Vargo. Donna grew up in Caro, Mich., graduated from Caro High School, and went on to complete two years of college.

She met her lifelong love, Dwain Allen Proper, at the age of 15 and they were united in marriage on Dec. 13, 1984, and he survives. Donna was a devoted wife and mother who made her family and loved ones her main accomplishment in life.

Among her many interests in life were cooking, her garden, and being able to use her fresh vegetables.

Donna was a classy lady and a true Scorpio; stubborn, always truthful and generous. She was a free spirit who loved to celebrate life, her family and friends, never discriminating or judging others.

Donna was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Dwain Proper of Akron; three children, Dwain Allen Proper Jr., Brandon Lee Proper, and Brandy Ann Proper; four grandsons, Brayden Proper, Theo Inches, Maxx Proper and Leon Proper; two sisters, Sherry Jackson, Rebecca (Jackson) Neuville; one step-brother, Mark Wilcox; Donna's special friend, Michelle Ozbat; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, Ronald Jackson, Arnold Jackson and Penny Jackson; two nephews, Rocky Clark and Jason Proper; and many aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Ransford Collon Funeral Home in Caro, Mich. with Pastor Joe Atchinson officiating. The family received friends at the funeral home on March 10 from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be at Demorest Cemetery in Akron at a later date

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Family Discretionary Fund, c/o Dwain Proper, 205 West Sherman Street, Caro, MI 48723.

## Input needed for Veterans Memorial Site

Tribal Council has recently approved for a Veterans Memorial Site. Input needed from Tribal Members, Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society and veterans on suggestions for location and memorial ideas. The space will need to be large enough to hold events and several event attendees.

**For input, please contact the Public Relations Department at:**

- **Email:** PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- **Phone:** 989-775-4096

## Ashlee Nicole Keshick

November 14, 1996 - March 1, 2021

Ashlee Nicole Keshick, age 24, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, March 1, 2021, at McLaren Greater Lansing.



Ashlee was born in Mount Pleasant on Nov. 14, 1996, the daughter of Elizabeth Shomin and Elmer Keshick Jr.

She loved listening to music, traveling, visiting family, and spending time with her friends. Ashlee adored her children and loved them dearly. Her favorite things to eat were chili, frybread, and pepperoni pizza.

She was proud of her Anishinabe background and was Rez through and through. She was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and liked attending powwows.

Ashlee loved taking selfies and took pride in her appearance.

Ashlee is survived by her children: Aubriana Shomin-Dezler and Linda Shomin both of Mt. Pleasant, Juan Gomez of Lansing; her mother Elizabeth Shomin (Roger Tackett); sisters Christina Keshick, Aaliyah and Natalee Tackett; special friend Jake Dezler; father of her son Jose Gomez; stepsister Keeley Shea McCann; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ashlee was preceded in death by her father Elmer; paternal grandparents Elmer and Patricia Keshick; maternal grandparents Paul and Linda Shomin; aunts Sarah and Christina Shomin; and cousins Kara Franco and Steven Waboose.

A private funeral service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Friends were invited to attend the services via a live broadcast on Friday, March 5, 2021 at 1 p.m. The family greeted friends on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at a public visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Spring burial will take place at Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family for a fund to be set up for Ashlee's children.

## Jonathan Joel "Jhawkk" Hawkins

February 12, 1991 - March 6, 2021

Jonathan Joel "Jhawkk" Hawkins, age 30, of Mount Pleasant, Mich., passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021, at his home.



Jonathan was born Feb. 12, 1991, in Lansing, Mich., the son of Andrew Mejia Sr. and Sherry Hawkins. Jonathan worked as a card dealer at Soaring Eagle Casino. He was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Jonathan was an accomplished chess player, winning many awards even at the state competition. He liked fishing, going to concerts, and playing poker and slots at the casino. Most of all, Jonathan loved his kids.

Jonathan is survived by his mother Sherry Hawkins of Mt. Pleasant; father Andrew (Julie) Mejia Sr. of Lansing; his children Raynah Perez, Waaseyaa Hawkins, Netayo Hartzog-Hawkins, all of Mt. Pleasant; X'aelee Sloan of Indiana; maternal grandfather Arnold Hawkins of Anchorage, Ark.; brothers Andrew "Dewey" Mejia Jr. ("Lupe" Valasquez) of Mt. Pleasant, Alex Mejia of Lansing; sisters Jessica Hawkins (Thomas Perrin) of Mt. Pleasant, Cheyenne Mejia of Lansing, Leticia Hawkins of Mt. Pleasant; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his grandma Lucille Jackson; brother Steven Hawkins; and infant daughter Miracle Hawkins.

Private services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Friends and family were invited to attend the services via a live broadcast on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 1 p.m. The family greeted friends at a public visitation on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel.

Interment took place in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

**Attention Tribal Members**

## INPUT NEEDED

for the repurposing of the former  
**Tribal Operations Building**  
*(7070 E Broadway, intersection of Leaton and Broadway)*

Tribal Council needs your input, ideas and/or suggestions such as: should it include a place for sacred fires, veterans memorial, meeting space and amphitheater.

**Please send any suggestions, options and/or questions to Public Relations at:**

- ▶ **Email:** PublicRelations@sagchip.org
- ▶ **Phone:** 989-775-4096

## WHAT to EXPECT

when you receive your

## COVID-19 Vaccine

- ▶ You should plan at least 45 minutes when you're coming in for your first dose.
- ▶ You will be screened at the door.
- ▶ There will be health forms, a consent form and a vaccine card that must be filled out.

**You will be monitored on site**

- People who have had severe allergic reactions or who have had any type of immediate allergic reaction to a vaccine or injectable therapy should be monitored for at least 30 minutes after getting the vaccine.
- All other people should be monitored for at least 15 minutes after getting the vaccine.

## Toby Joe Lautner

February 20, 1978 - March 17, 2021

Toby Joe Lautner, 43, born Feb. 20, 1978, passed away March 17, 2021.

Toby is survived by his daughter Kira Lautner; mother Wanda Lautner and sisters Laura and Tonya Lautner.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Lee Lautner.

Toby enjoyed listening to music, gaming, bonfires and spending time with his daughter Kira. Toby will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Per Toby's wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral home is caring for Toby and his family.



**Call for Submissions**

## Big Water Creates Big Impact Exhibition

People of all ages may submit works of art or research that depicts the impact of recent big water events on the people who live in Mid-Michigan. This virtual exhibition will launch in September, 2021.

This exhibition is co-sponsored by Central Michigan University Libraries and the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries and is made possible by a grant from the American Library Association.

Learn more and submit an application at [library.cmich.edu/BigWaterExhibition](http://library.cmich.edu/BigWaterExhibition)



## Attention SCIT Tribal Members of all ages:

Tribal Council would like your assistance with naming the New Tribal Academy slated for construction early spring of 2021. The road connecting the school to Broadway and East Remus had been constructed in 2020 and remains unnamed. Any suggestions you have for the road would be appreciated as well.

Please send any recommendations and/or questions to Public Relations at:

- ▶ Email: [PublicRelations@sagchip.org](mailto:PublicRelations@sagchip.org)
- ▶ Phone: 989-775-4096

## 2021 Annual Reports are now being accepted

**Deadline: May 4, 2021 by 5 p.m.**

**Tribal Clerk's Office is open by appointment only: Monday- Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**COVID-19 Care Forms from the stimulus payments DO NOT qualify as a submitted Annual Report for 2021.** All SCIT Members are still required to turn in an Annual Report by 5 p.m. on May, 4 2021.

**\*\*Notarization of Clerk's Forms is NOT required at this time\*\***

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted

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

## Tribal Employee Access Perks

The Human Resources Department is launching a new employee discount program starting March 5. For Employee Appreciation Day, we are kicking off by providing our employees with a discount program, Access Perks, that has over 700,000 discounts available to use in-person and online. To get signed up:

**Web browser: [sagchip.accessperks.com](http://sagchip.accessperks.com)**

- Click on "Sign up" in the righthand corner
- Provide your first name, last name, membership number (which is your employee ID number), an email address, and a password

**App for iPhone and Android: Access Perks**

- Click on "Create account" at the bottom of your screen
- Provide an email address, the name of the organization (which is Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe), membership number (which is your employee ID number), your first name, last name, and a password

After getting signed up, you are all set! You can save on dining, entertainment, theme parks, hotels, shopping, and so much more.

Please contact Human Resources at the Satellite office or at 989-775-5600 if you have any questions.



## Attention Tribal Members Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings are now held at 6 p.m.

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex

- 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.
- 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

- April 6
- May 4
- June 1

## Tribal Clerk's Office Update

The Clerk's Office now has Annual Report, Address Change and Child Welfare forms, including envelopes and pens available outside at the Drop Box located at the Black Elk Building main doors.

### Office hours:

- Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Closed: 12 - 1 p.m. (by appointment only)

**For more information, please call: 989.775.4051**



2021

## SCIT GOLF Membership

### Memberships on sale now:

- 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

- Must make an appointment to purchase, please call (989) 775-4040 to schedule an appointment.
- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase at the Tribal Operations Accounting window in the Black Elk Complex.
- Payment Plans available.

### Participating courses:

- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
- Maple Creek Golf Club
- PohlCat Golf Course
- Firefly Golf Links
- Eagle Glen Golf Club

### Cart Membership Raffle (optional)

**Drawing: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 10 a.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

## Election Timeline 2021 Primary & General Elections

**Aug. 6 - Sept. 3** | Candidate Packets available at the Tribal Clerk's Office

**Sept. 3** | Petition Deadline for Candidates to turn in Petitions

**Sept. 10** | Last day to register to vote for the Primary Election

**Sept. 10** | Deadline for Candidates to meet all aspects of the qualifications to be placed on the final list of Candidates

**Sept. 14** | Final Candidate List Posted

**Sept. 21** | Absentee Ballots for Primary Election available in the office and mailed

**Oct. 1** | Last day to register to vote for the General Election

**Oct. 11** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Oct. 12** | Primary Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Oct. 20** | Absentee Ballots for General Election available in the office and mailed

**Nov. 1** | Certification of voting machines (5:15 p.m.)

**Nov. 2** | General Election Day  
Polls will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

**Nov. 3** | General Election Results Posted

**For more information, please contact:**  
Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4054

## Attention Tribal Members and Registered Nimkee Patients (18 years and older)

If you would like to receive the

# COVID-19 Vaccine

**Please call: 989.775.4959**

**Leave the following information:**

- ▶ Name
- ▶ DOB
- ▶ Phone number



# COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

**Open to SCIT Members and Registered Nimkee Patients (18 years and older)**

**Tuesday - Friday**

**Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center**  
(2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

**Please call 989.775.4695 to schedule your appointment**





## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Tim J. Davis** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Joe Kequom** | District Three

### Treasurer

**Maia Spotted Tail** | District One

### Secretary

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Martha Wemigwans** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Ronald F. Ekdahl** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Jackson** | District One

### Council Member

**Chip Neyome** | District One

### Council Member

**Carmen Otto** | District One

### Council Member

**Gayle Ruhl** | District One

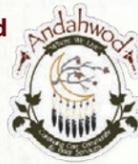
### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

## Interim Guidelines for Indoor Andahwod Resident Visits

### 1: Visitors must have received both vaccinations

- Two weeks must have passed since receiving second dose
- Must show vaccination card



### 2: Scheduled visits

- Visitation hours must be planned/scheduled with Andahwod. Visitor must call the Front office to schedule the visit.
- Visiting hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Sunday 1 - 4 p.m.
- Two visitors per resident
- Visits will be held in the common area living room (Birch, Maple or Cedar) of the resident's apartment.
- Visitors must enter the Andahwod front entrance only.

### 3: Visitors must have health screenings

- All visitors must have a Binax rapid test immediately before scheduled visit at Andahwod.
- All visitors must fill out current symptom disclosure.
- All visitors and resident must sign disclaimer to not hold SCIT liable if either visitor or resident contracts COVID-19.

### 4: Safety Protocols

- Visitor and resident must wear mask over mouth and nose during entire visit.
- Must remain 6 feet away from each other during entire visit.
- Wash and/or sanitize hands before entering and upon leaving the building.

To schedule a visit, you must call the Andahwod front desk at (989) 775-4300.  
• Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. only

- Failure to comply with these interim guidelines will result in no visit and/or visitor removal from building.
- In order to continue safety measures Andahwod reserves the right to deny entry in the building.
- Guidelines of visits are subject to change and/or discontinue.



### Attention SCIT Tribal Members:

The Ziibiwing Cultural Society's  
**Collection Committee  
needs Committee Members**

### For more information, please contact:

William Johnson at 989-775-4730 or wjohnson@sagchip.org



## PATHWAY PROGRAM

For Juniors & Seniors



Explore career options, gain experience, and enhance your educational journey through the pathway program.

### Apply for SCTC Pathway!

## SCTC Pathway Program

### For Juniors & Seniors

(TBD virtual, in person, or both options)

- ▶ Starting: Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021
- ▶ Ending: Monday, July 26, 2022
- ▶ Every 4th Tuesday, from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ Two 40-minute sessions, each session is different, with a 10-minute break between sessions
- ▶ Limited to 15 students
- ▶ Student/parent information night: Aug. 3, 2021

### Requirements:

- ▶ Underrepresented, first-generation or low-income
- ▶ Currently enrolled in school
- ▶ Junior or Senior
- ▶ Must attend and participate in all sessions

### Registration:

- ▶ Opens: May 10, 2021
- ▶ Closes: July 2, 2021

### For more information, please contact:

**Kathleen J. Hart** | SCTC Equity Program Coordinator  
• Phone: 989.317.4827 • Email: khart@sagchip.edu

## Andahwod Prescription Pick-up

Andahwod Elder Services would like to assist local Tribal elders with prescription pick-up from Nimkee Pharmacy.

Elders Services can deliver prescriptions Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Elders must call in own prescription/refills. Elder Services will not pick up any controlled substances and/or narcotic medications.

### If you need your prescriptions picked up, please call:

- Andahwod Front Office: 989-775-4300
- Elders Advocate: 989-775-4307
- For more information, please call: 989-775-4300



## 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](mailto: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 place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto: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 \$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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form to:  
Tribal Observer  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### Contact Information:

Phone: 989-775-4096

Email: [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)

[www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## SECR Hotel construction update

Work continues to progress on the hotel renovation project. With the completion of the two public restrooms in the hotel lobby and by the grand staircase, we have now shut down the restrooms by Native Grind for renovation.

Last week we have started the punchlisting of the next sequence of rooms that will return to inventory sometime in April. This will be approximately another 100 rooms that will be put back into inventory.

The hotel lobby and hotel front desk are now fully open but patron access is still limited to the south elevators.

We have relocated contractor parking from the outdoor concert site back into the hotel overflow lot in front of the building. This will keep that site from being damaged as the winter's frost leaves the ground and as we prepare for the spring assembly for this summer's outdoor concert events.

## June Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Available starting April 5, 2021**

**Deadline: May 7, 2021 by 5 p.m.**

**The Tribal Clerk's Office hours by appointment only:**

► Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**\*Notarization of Clerk's Forms is NOT required at this time**

• Post marked forms, mail or faxes will not be accepted

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

## Active Native Youth



**Deadline: April 16, 2021**

Send in a photo of your Tribal Member, or descendant student athletes to be featured in the May 2021 issue of the Tribal Observer.

**Email your photo and information to**  
Observer@sagchip.org

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# HEY!

Helping Empower Youth

**Crew Leaders and Summer Youth Workers Needed**

**Applications:** Available online in April 2021 at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)

**Crew Leaders:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 18-24 years old
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2021

**Youth Workers:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 14-18 years old
- **Deadline:** May 29, 2021

**For more information, contact:**  
Lou Bruner at 989.775.0053

## Tribal Observer Graduate Photos

**Please submit information to**  
Observer@sagchip.org

<b>College</b>	<b>High School</b>
• Graduate's name	• Graduate's name
• School	• School
• Field of Study	

Deadline: May 17, 2021

# JOB FAIR

Summer Concert Series

SEASONAL STAFF

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms**

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

**Seasonal positions available:**

• Crowd Control	• Usher
• Bartender*	• Waitstaff

\* Requires Gaming License

**Same Day Hiring**

No pre-employment cost, besides Gaming License requirements.

**Must be 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

## SECR Summer Outdoor Concert Series Food Vendors

**Limited space available for food vendors during Soaring Eagle's Summer Outdoor Concert Series!**

- Must have ServSafe training/certificate.
- Tribal Members, for complete details, please contact Consuelo Gonzalez at 989-775-0096 or email [cgonzalez@sagchip.org](mailto:cgonzalez@sagchip.org)

## Publication on notice of hearing: Attention all Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Members

**Take notice:** There will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 8:30 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, VIP Lounge Bar, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1 through #13, Aurora Buffet, Legends Diner, Siniikaung, Entertainment Hall, Prime Rib Cart, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Miijim 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, 2021 to May 24, 2022, with hours of alcohol service consistent with section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for Sunday alcohol sales.



## Meet the Artist: “Boontak!: Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island” exhibit

*(Editor’s note: Diane Leksche is the artist for the stained-glass artwork entitled “Kaleidoscope, Facets; Standing Tall, Breeze” featured in the exhibition “Boontak! (Stop It!): Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island.” The exhibit is featured in the Ziibiwing Center to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls [MMIWG]. Diane answers questions provided by the Tribal Observer below.)*

**Artist:** Diane Leksche

**Piece:** Stained-glass artwork

**The title of your artwork featured in the Boontak! exhibit:** Kaleidoscope, Facets; Standing Tall, Breeze

**What tribe/community are you from?** Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

**Where do you currently reside?** Mount Pleasant, Mich.

**How did you hear about the exhibit/request for artists’ work?** Willie Johnson, curator for Ziibiwing Museum and Lifeways

**What inspired you to create your art and relate it to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls?** My inspiration was I became aware of M&MIW&G (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls)

**Is there a personal story behind it?** I went to the Tribal College, available here at SCIT Reservation, and learned a lot about our history. When MMIWG came up, I knew I had to contribute in helping spread awareness to this atrocity. In my eyes, I see this issue as another way genocide



Courtesy photo

**Diane Leksche**

is being committed upon our Native people.

Why did you feel it was important to create art that helps raise awareness for MMIWG? Most everyone loves art. It can hit your heart in ways that can cause action to occur. I feel it’s important because people around the world can see and, maybe, do something about it — like treat Native Americans better and/or get the police to do the right thing. It’s as if today our society



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis

**“Kaleidoscope, Facets; Standing Tall, Breeze” stained-glass art mandala by Diane Leksche**

is back in the 1800s, where they treated Natives the same way they treated animals — as a sport and that they got paid for it.

**Have you made any changes in your own life to**

**help prevent MMIWG?** The changes I have made in my life concerning MMIWG is daunting, but I have chosen not to engage in uncertain situations due there is no respect for Native Americans at this time.

## Higher Education Student Spotlight: Hailey Ritter

### OLIVIA MANITOWABI-MCCULLOUGH

Post-Secondary Education Specialist

Hailey Ritter is a student in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship Program and is an

exceptional student. She graduated from high school in 2018 from Mt. Pleasant High School.

In 2020, she completed the dental assistant training through Mid-Michigan College at LifeSmiles located in Gladwin, Mich. Hailey also holds a radiography certificate.

Currently, Hailey is taking classes at Mid-Michigan College and Ferris State University in order to complete prerequisites for the Dental Hygiene program offered at Ferris. There, she hopes to earn a bachelor’s degree in applied science.

Upon graduation from Ferris State University, she would like to work her way up towards a dental hygienist position.

Hailey is currently working at Nimkee Dental as the receptionist. Her certificates helped her in this position by being able to provide answers to common questions and concerns from patients.

If there was one thing she would say to young Tribal Members about Higher Ed, more specifically trade/certificate programs, it would be to, “Never limit yourself, consider all education. The Tribe offers funding, which we are very fortunate to have as members of the SCIT.”



Courtesy photo

**Hailey Ritter**

If you are interested in the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship Program, please contact the post-secondary support specialist at 989-775-4505 or [omanitowabi@sagchip.org](mailto:omanitowabi@sagchip.org).

**MIIBS SURVEY**  
Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

**Your input is being sought. Decisions need to be made about the use of the buildings associated with the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) near Pickard Road.**

Your views are critical so that these decisions reflect the wishes and needs of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and community members. All responses are anonymous. An edited summary of findings, with no information that could identify you, will be shared with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and Isabella County community.

**Please complete the survey, by following one of the links below:**

▶ **Tribal Members:**  
<http://www.sagchip.org/miibs-tm>

▶ **Non-Tribal Members:**  
<http://www.sagchip.org/miibssurvey>

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Marcella Hadden** | Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

• **Email:** [MHadden@sagchip.org](mailto:MHadden@sagchip.org) • **Phone:** 989.775.4751



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**ZIIBIWING CENTER**  
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*This survey is being funded by a grant from the National Park Service.*



## Committee Vacancies

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

### MIIBS Committee Meetings

10 - 11 a.m. | Ziibiwing Center

*Meetings are held once a month, on a Wednesday*

**Deadline: Friday, April 23, 2021**

**Send Letters of Interest to:**

**Marcella Hadden, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**

**Email:**  
[MHadden@sagchip.org](mailto:MHadden@sagchip.org)

**Phone:**  
989.775.4751

**Mail:**  
**MIIBS Committee**  
c/o Marcella Hadden  
6650 E Broadway Rd  
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

**Interested committee members need to:**

- Meet every other week on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Implement strategic plan and vision of Tribal Council
- Ensure properties are managed safely and effectively
- Share information with community and partners



## History made: Interior Secretary Deb Haaland sworn in by Vice President Harris

**JENNA KUNZE**

Native News Online

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Wearing a traditional ribbon skirt embroidered with corn and butterflies, Madam Secretary Deb Haaland of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico was ceremonially sworn in as the 54th Secretary of the Department of the Interior with an oath administered by Vice President Kamala Harris.

On one side of Haaland were her two sisters, Zoe and Denise. On her other side, holding the Bible, was Haaland's daughter, Somáh Haaland.

Harris and Haaland, along with Haaland's family, clapped when the oath was completed. Harris said "History is being made yet again."

Haaland responded, "Thank you."

"I am proud and humbled to lead the dedicated team at Interior as we seek to leave a livable planet for future generations," Haaland said in a statement released by the Interior Department. "Together, we will work to advance President Biden's vision to honor our nation-to-nation relationship with tribes, address the climate and nature crises, advance environmental justice, and build a clean energy future that creates good-paying jobs and powers our nation."

The short ceremony was live streamed on Somáh Haaland's Instagram account at 11 a.m. on March 18.

Haaland was officially sworn in as Interior Secretary on Tuesday, March 16 in a small ceremony with family. The oath



Courtesy of Tami Heilemann

Deb Haaland was sworn in by Vice President Kamala Harris as the 54th Secretary of the Interior



Courtesy of Tami Heilemann

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland with her daughter, Somáh Haaland.

was administered by Chief of Staff Jennifer Van der Heide.

Haaland was confirmed by a 51-40 Senate vote on Monday, March 15.

She resigned her role as congresswoman representing

New Mexico on March 16, according to officials.

Her new role as Secretary of the Interior — tasked with managing and conserving most federal land and natural resources, leading the Bureau of Land

Management, the United States Geological Survey, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, and managing tribal relations — makes her the first Native American cabinet secretary in U.S. history.

## Tribal Council receives \$5,000 donation, selects RTC to receive the funds

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

In January, Tribal Council received a \$5,000 donation from Green Peak Industries LLC, and selected Behavioral Health's Residential Treatment Center to receive the funds.

At this time, RTC plans to create a healing garden with the funds.

"We currently have a small orchard from the fruit trees donated by (a Tribal) department a few years ago," said Sarah Winchell, interim RTC coordinator. "It is surrounded by a snow

fence to keep the deer away from chewing on them. We plan to put a nice vinyl fence around the orchard and include a new row of cedar bushes in the back that we can utilize at (Behavioral Health) for ceremonies, etc."

According to Winchell, RTC is also purchasing a small

green house and supplies to grow fresh vegetables.

"RTC residents and staff would primarily maintain the garden and crops, but it would also be open to the outpatient side," Winchell said. "Whatever vegetables we do not consume could be frozen

for winter consumption. We plan to grow some white sage and sweetgrass as well."

The donor, Green Peak Industries LLC, recently changed its name to Skymint Brands, is based in Dimondale, Mich., and is a cannabis-growing company.

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## MOTHER EARTH WEEK

Virtual Wild Rice Teachings

**April 20-23, 2021 • 9:30am-1:30pm**

**\$50 PER CLASSROOM**

- Water ceremony (copper cup included)
- History of wild rice
- Wild rice sampling
- Craft activity included

**Pre-registration required**

Contact Glenna at 989.775.4744 or [gjenkins@sagchip.org](mailto:gjenkins@sagchip.org)

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Tuesdays - Saturdays • 10am-3pm  
No appointment needed  
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**ZIIBIWING WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY**  
APRIL 5, 2021

**ZIIBIWING CENTER STAFF CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE OR EMAIL**



# Rez Pets: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!



**Owner:** Akiveo Gonzalez-Hawkins  
**Name:** Mukwa  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** German Shepherd



**Owner:** Dawn Chippewa  
**Name:** Buddy  
**Age:** 7  
**Breed:** Labradoodle



**Owner:** Debbie Peterson  
**Names:** Midge, Charlie, Eddie and Sadie  
**Age:** 6 months, 9, 9, 2  
**Breeds:** Boston Terrier and Domestic Cats



**Owner:** Karen Roy  
**Name:** Taz  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Tabby



**Owner:** Craig & Marlene Wayne  
**Name:** Lucy  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Tammy Salas  
**Name:** Ralo, Rosie, Gamora, Majin  
**Age:** 6, 6, 2, 3  
**Breed:** Bearded Dragon, Eclectus Parrot, Black Lab, Siberian Husky



**Owner:** Catherine Laquiere  
**Name:** Jewelz  
**Age:** 9  
**Breed:** Jack Russell



**Owners:** Mike & Mary Floyd  
**Name:** Mommas  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** German Shepherd mix



**Owner:** Nicole Aasved  
**Name:** Jagger  
**Age:** 3.5  
**Breed:** Chocolate Lab



**Owner:** Nettie White  
**Name:** Esther Vom Rotholtz  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** German Longhair Pointer



**Owner:** Barbara J. McEnhill  
**Name:** Murray, McCoy  
**Age:** 4, 3  
**Breed:** Beagles



**Owners:** Keyana, Juan, Taleah, Danielle Bennett and Ashawnii Chatfield  
**Name:** Shadow **Age:** 8 months  
**Breed:** Pomsky



**Owner:** Carolina Gonzalez and John Ledesma  
**Name:** Alpo  
**Age:** 6 months  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owners:** Marie & Vince Kequom  
**Name:** Sophie  
**Age:** Unknown, rescue  
**Breed:** Basset Hound



**Owner:** Shirley Houle  
**Name:** Florence, Priscilla  
**Age:** 4, 4  
**Breed:** Buff Orpington, Wyandotte



**Owner:** Cassidy & Devin Sprague  
**Name:** Yoda  
**Age:** 5 months  
**Breed:** Chihuahua/Dachshund



**Owner:** Elijah and Isaiah Otto-Powers  
**Name:** Petey Powers  
**Age:** Unknown, rescue  
**Breed:** Unknown, rescue



**Owner:** Shawn Gordon  
**Name:** Pierre  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owner:** Lori Nahdee  
**Name:** Daisy  
**Age:** 9 months  
**Breed:** Chihuahua/mini Aussie



**Owner:** Debra DeFrens  
**Name:** Sunnie  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Mixed Breed



**Owner:** Saginaw Chippewa Academy's Support Dogs  
**Names:** Joy, Noojimoo  
**Ages:** 1, 1  
**Breed:** Labrador Retrievers



**Owner:** Madison Nahgahgwon  
**Name:** Sadie  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Great Pyrenees



**Owner:** Teri Anglin  
**Name:** Smudge  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Domestic Longhair



**Owner:** Amy Lesniak  
**Names:** Mousse, Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
**Ages:** 13, 3  
**Breeds:** Chocolate Lab, Yellow Lab



**Owner:** Sarah Deaton  
**Name:** Calliope, Lucy, Rosie, Minnie, Charlie  
**Age:** 5 months, 5 months, 5 months, 7, 2  
**Breed:** Boston Terriers



**Owners:** Lenny Shomin & Mary Perez  
**Name:** Griffin  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Domestic Black Cat



**Owner:** Sue Tater  
**Name:** Holly  
**Age:** 6 months  
**Breed:** Jack Russell/Chihuahua mix



**Owners:** Cynthia & Vanessa Cisneros  
**Name:** Shorty  
**Age:** 12



**Owner:** Pennyann LeQuia  
**Name:** Elsa  
**Age:** Maine Coon mix  
**Breed:** 5



**Owner:** Justene Pelcher-Sawmick  
**Name:** Apollo Rey Sawmick  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** German Shepherd



**Owner:** John Stevens  
**Name:** Doug  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Domestic Shorthair



**Owner:** Minie & Andrea Stevens  
**Name:** Charlie, Bernie  
**Age:** 3, 3.5  
**Breed:** Corgi, Corgi



**Owner:** Darlene Chippewa  
**Names:** Murray, Sparkle, Whitey  
**Age:** 12, 14, 4 months  
**Breeds:** Terrier, Boxer mix, Golden Doodle



**Owner:** Alicia Whitt  
**Name:** Gizz  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Persian cat



**Owners:** Tammy Allbee & Family  
**Names:** Thor, Jim  
**Age:** 3, 2  
**Breed:** Aquarius Terrier mix, Taurus Yorkie mix



**Owners:** Mike and Itsy Basel  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Dachshund



**Owner:** The Stevens Family  
**Name:** Copper  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Dareth Johnson  
**Name:** Loki  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Great Dane



**Owners:** Bear and Velia Benz  
**Name:** Ralphie  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Bombay



**Owner:** Taylor Zywica  
**Name:** Zari  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Breed:** Cane Corso



**Owner:** Tonia Jewell Household  
**Name:** Violet, Rowen, Daisy, Fluffy  
**Age:** 3, 2, 1, 6  
**Breed:** Mixed Breed dogs and Domestic cat



**Owner:** Cypriano J. Escamilla  
**Name:** Seleen  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** German Shepherd



**Owner:** Lupe & Cheryl Gonzalez  
**Name:** Hank  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Rat Terrier



**Owner:** Louanna Bruner  
**Name:** Milo  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Domestic Cat



**Owner:** Frances Mena  
**Name:** HannahMontana  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Mini Poodle mix



**Owner:** Trina Kerchen  
**Name:** Makwa, Lynx, Rio  
**Age:** 5, 3, 2  
**Breed:** Shorthair Domestic, Norwegian forest cat, Norwegian forest cat



**Owner:** Melinda Coffin  
**Name:** Bailey  
**Age:** 15  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owner:** Natalie Shattuck  
**Name:** Hendrix  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Treeing Walker Coonhound mix



**Owner:** Hannah Nobis  
**Name:** Hank  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Saint Bernard



**Owner:** Vicki Munro  
**Name:** Zeus  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Rat Terrier



**Owners:** Nick & Wendi Bovear  
**Names:** Cabby, Maggz  
**Age:** 11, 12  
**Breed:** Shihtzu, Shihtzu



**Owners:** Joseph & Sue Sowmick  
**Name:** Roxie  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Wheaton Terrier



**Owner:** Julie Phelps  
**Name:** Hope  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Black Lab



**Owner:** Thad Sherwood  
**Name:** Ash  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Siberian Forest



**Owner:** Jeremy Anderson  
**Name:** River  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Lab/Shepherd mix



# Rez Pets Continued: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!



**Owner:** Lisa & Shannon Martin  
**Name:** Rhona Bologna  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Pit Bull mix



**Owner:** Pamela & David James  
**Name:** Dinky Doolittle  
**Age:** 5.5  
**Breed:** Cheweenie/Yorki mix



**Owner:** Nickole Neary  
**Name:** Hip  
**Age:** 1  
**Breed:** Rabbit



**Owner:** Ella & Emerson Fox  
**Name:** Oliver A. Fox  
**Age:** 4 months  
**Breed:** Mini Bernadoodle



**Owners:** Kelli & Mark Wisneski  
**Name:** Murphy  
**Age:** 8 weeks  
**Breed:** Miniature Dachshund



**Owner:** Michael McCreery  
**Name:** Cooper  
**Age:** 14  
**Breed:** Maine Coon mix



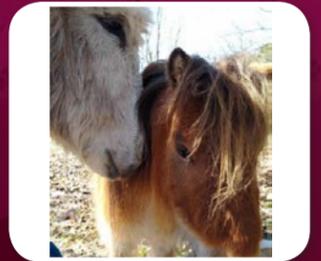
**Owner:** Niki Henry  
**Name:** Fyglia (AKA Piggy)  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Chihuahua/Rat Terrier mix



**Owner:** Hayden Sineway  
**Name:** Carl, Gus  
**Age:** 8, 13 weeks  
**Breed:** Yorkie, Shorkie



**Owner:** Raven Wemigwans  
**Name:** Miggy Mouse  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Czechoslovakian Vlcak



**Owner:** Tammy Baker  
**Names:** Captain, Rocket  
**Ages:** 19, 10  
**Breeds:** Donkey, Miniature Horse



**Owner:** Kehli Henry & C.J. Eno  
**Name:** Isabel "Dizzy" Flores  
**Ages:** 1  
**Breed:** Lab mix



**Owners:** Angel Jackson & Violet Jackson Green  
**Name:** Chico  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Breed:** Chihuahua mix



**Owner:** Jessica Gelvin  
**Name:** Daisy  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever



**Owner:** Pamela Murphy  
**Name:** Brownie  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Lab/Terrier mix



**Owner:** Alicia Starkey  
**Names:** Ash, Ryker, Ruger  
**Age:** 2, 1, 4  
**Breeds:** Black Australian Shepherd, Siberian Husky, Australian Shepherd



**Owner:** Michelle Turpin  
**Name:** Klinger  
**Age:** Domestic  
**Breed:** 14



**Owners:** Arthur & Lindsey Slavik  
**Name:** Akela  
**Age:** 8  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** MiKayla Howard  
**Name:** RiRi  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Spaniel/Maltese/Shih Tzu



**Owner:** Darius Johnson  
**Name:** King  
**Age:** 1.5  
**Breed:** Pit Bull



**Owner:** The Ekdahl Family  
**Name:** Lady  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** German Shepherd



**Owner:** Sandra Barron  
**Names:** Rina, Kahlo  
**Age:** 10 weeks, 10  
**Breed:** Pomeranian, Puggle



**Owners:** Rob & Lisa Passinault  
**Name:** Benny  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Cotton de Tulear



**Owner:** Itsy Baesl  
**Name:** Monte  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Pomeranian



**Owner:** Aimee Lehmkuhle  
**Names:** Milez, Harley  
**Ages:** 6, 1  
**Breed:** Pit Bulls



**Owner:** Twila Schrot  
**Names:** Gracie, Papi  
**Ages:** 13, 12  
**Breeds:** Chihuahua, Jack Russell Terrier



## Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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agawaate'on	umbrella
mashkosiw	grass
goshkozi	wake up
bagida'waa	fish with a net
waabigwan	flower
gimiwan	rain
baashkaabigwanii	bloom
zaagakii	sprout
omakakii	frog
minwaanimad	good breeze
zaagibagaa	leaves bud
oshkayi'ii	something new
giigoonhwaaboo	fish soup
azhashki	mud
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ajidamoo	red squirrel
ozhaawashko	green
nitaawigi	grow

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*A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm*

## Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

### Word Bank

- Tki-bii-saa
- Waab-go-nii
- Ngwaa-gan
- Zii-gbii-saa
- Ngwan-kwad
- Mnook-mi
- Gmi-wan
- Baash-kaab-go-nii
- Bi-zaa-gaa-te
- Tke-yaam-gad

### Across

- 3:** It's pouring rain
- 6:** The sun is starting to shine
- 9:** Rainbow
- 10:** It's blossoming

### Down

- 1:** It's cloudy
- 2:** It's blooming
- 4:** It's a cold rain
- 5:** It's a cool day
- 7:** Maple syrup
- 8:** Spring/It's spring

*Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan*

### Down

- 1. It's cloudy (ngwankwad)
- 2. It's blooming (baashkaabgonii)
- 7. Maple syrup (gmiwan)
- 8. Spring/It's spring (mnookmi)
- 4. It's a cold rain (tkiisaa)
- 5. It's a cool day (tkeyaamgad)

### Across

- 3. It's pouring rain (ziigbiisaa)
- 6. The sun is starting to shine (bizaagaa-te)
- 9. Rainbow (ngwaagan)
- 10. It's blossoming (waabgoniii)



## Author M. Carmen Lane presents poetry to SCTC classes via Zoom

**AMEE FISHER**

SCTC English Faculty

The Walk in My Mocs Writers' Series kicked off the Spring 2021 semester with a visit from M. Carmen Lane, a two-spirit African-American and Haudenosaunee writer and artist.

Lane started the day in ENG 150: Introduction to Literature, in which Lane read two of her poems and the course discussed the themes presented. Specifically, the class looked more closely at the mislabeling of the influence of Native American women on women's suffrage.

Later that afternoon, Lane joined a virtual conversation with both ENG 242:

Creative Writing and NAS 270: Globalization. The discussion was lively and focused on a range of topics: poetic and prose forms; understanding two-spirit identities; the negative effects of colonization.

Perhaps most resonant with students was Lane's video poem, "Some Notes on Racism During a Global Pandemic, 2020." The poem was composed as a response to the murder of George Floyd and the racism experienced by Native Americans, and Lane collaborated with Jennifer Elizabeth Kreisberg (Tuscarora) who provided the vocals and Katherine Freer who illustrated and animated the piece.

Walk in My Mocs Writers' series ended with a public

reading at 7 P.M. Lane began with an introduction and explanation of the development of ATNSC: Center for Healing & Creative Leadership, a retreat, collaborative space, and artistic residency for Indigenous artists, writers, and healers. Lane explained that their first writer-in-residence will move in to the home this spring.

Lane read many poems, moving some audience members to tears (including me). Lane's themes focus on Indigenous and two-spirit identity, racism and sexism, the body and elder care.

Lane's work is frank and edgy, intense and raw, with carefully placed profanity.

The poem that stood out to many listeners was the poem

"Body Parts," which is based on a real experience. Lane's great-grandmother's body was neglected and misidentified as "the body of a white woman" by a funeral home. The poem expounds on the theme of neglect and identity erasure, condemning "white people turning our remains into ancient artifacts."

Students and community members alike commented on the pertinence and impact of Lane's work, some sending her messages after the visit to continue the conversation.

Next in the Walk in My Mocs Writers' Series, SCTC is excited to bring Mark Turcotte (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) to campus and for another public reading



Courtesy photo

**M. Carmen Lane**

on April 22. The entire community is encouraged to join us on Zoom. The details can be found on the SCTC Facebook page or by contacting Amee Fisher at [afisher@sagchip.edu](mailto:afisher@sagchip.edu) or calling 989-317-4793.

## Miino Pelcher is the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Student of the Year

**SAGINAW CHIPPEWA  
TRIBAL COLLEGE**

SCTC would like to congratulate Miino Pelcher for being selected as Student of the Year!

Miino was nominated by Jonathon Miller, science faculty member for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Miller states: "I am nominating Miino Pelcher for SCTC Student of the Year because I believe she embodies the qualities that make

for a great student. Her maturity stands out in that she understands how to conduct herself to be an active learner every day. She is punctual in her attendance and assignments. She offers a nicely balanced perspective during class discussions that demonstrate solid critical thinking skills. Her ability to multitask between her schoolwork and raising her daughter is a positive influence on our college community. I have seen her step up when compassion is needed

**The criterion for Student of the Year includes:**

- American Indian or Alaska Native Spring 2021 student
- Demonstrated community service and volunteer work
- Commitment to serve community after graduation
- At least a 3.0 GPA

by others as well as taken personal accountability when she did not meet her standards. It is these qualities, among others, that allow me to confidently state Miino Pelcher is deserving of the SCTC

Student of the Year award." Miino will receive a scholarship and will be honored by AIHEC at their annual meeting. Please take a moment to say congratulations to Miino!



Courtesy photo

**Miino Pelcher,  
SCTC Student of the Year**

# WALK IN MY MOCS

## Writers' Series

Presents

# MARK TURCOTTE

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Public Reading via Zoom at 7 p.m.

- Go to <https://zoom.us/j/94510412417>

Mark Turcotte

(Turtle Mountain Chippewa) lived his earliest years at Turtle Mountain Reservation, North Dakota, and later grew up in and around Lansing, Michigan. He has been actively publishing and speaking for more than 30 years, and is author of four poetry collections, including *The Feathered Heart* and *Exploding Chippewas*.

His poetry and fiction work has appeared in many journals, magazines and anthologies, including the new and first ever Norton Anthology of Native Nations Poetry. Turcotte has been the recipient of a Lannan Literary Grant, two Literary Fellowships from the Wisconsin Arts Board, and a Josephine Gates Kelly Memorial Fellowship from Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers.

He was the 2008/09 Visiting Native Writer at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, and served as Visiting Writer-In-Residence for Spring 2014 at the Center For The Writing Arts at Northwestern University. He has also been a faculty member of several low-residency Writing Programs. Since 2009 he has been a Senior Lecturer in the English Dept. at DePaul University.

For more information, please contact:

Amee Fisher at [afisher@sagchip.edu](mailto:afisher@sagchip.edu) or 989.317.4793

# Baamaa pii niijiis

(See you another time, friends)

Shannon Martin receives 2018 Guardian of Culture & Lifeways Leadership Award from the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums. Pictured with her parents, George and Sydney Martin and uncle Clyde Bellecourt.

It is with sadness I share with you my employment with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has ended after nearly 20 years of dedicated service. I will continue in my commitment to work toward the vision I have held for so long — to preserve and protect our culture and lifeways.

I am excited to begin my next journey and will always be grateful to the people of the Saginaw Chippewa and pray for this community which I hold in such high regard. I will carry our traditional teachings, knowledge and love for our Ancestors with me in my future work throughout Indian Country.

I am honored to have been a founding member of the Ziibiwing team of incredibly talented, spiritual people who assisted in the creation and establishment of a beautiful and world-renowned American Indian museum and cultural center. Our work and commitment at Ziibiwing provided pathways for thousands of our Ancestors and their funerary belongings to be recommitted to the earth; sacred and ceremonial items to be placed back in the hands of our Anishinaabek people; and for archival materials to be made available to our people to ensure proper documentation of our shared heritage.

I know the love and trust of our archives, precious sacred belongings and responsibility to the community and the public will remain in the capable hands and hearts of the Ziibiwing team.

The Ancestors see all. I will continue to honor us all as a descendant, and... "Be a good Ancestor, every day." A'yungwahmahzin.

Paid ad from the family and friends of Shannon Martin.



## Wolf preservation town hall: Trophy hunting is not wolf management

### ANISHINAABEK CAUCUS OF MICHIGAN

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Anishinaabek Caucus of Michigan invited Aaron Payment, chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, to host a panel of experts to discuss the reality of wolves in Michigan weighed against the pressure to hunt them for sport.

Payment framed the discussion with a talk on Indigenous understanding and knowledge of living in balance.

Beatrice Menase Kwe Jackson (Tsimphean/Nicola Anishinabe) from Yakima, Wash. and grandmother of the Three Fires Midewewin Lodge, opened the town hall with a song honoring wolves.

John A. Vucetich, Ph.D., from the College of Forest

Resources and Environmental Science at the Michigan Technological University, brought insight with a few points clarifying how hunting poses as a solution for a problem that does not exist.

“There is not an abundance of wolves. The percentage of livestock loss to wolves is a fractional slice of one-percent. The deer population is not adversely affected by wolves. Wolves are not a safety hazard. Wolves are not hunted for sustenance.”

Molly Tamulevich, Michigan director, and Jill Fritz, senior wildlife protection director from the Humane Society of the United States, outlined the history of wolf hunting legislation that was at odds with voter ballot initiatives, including a former State Senator fabricating a story.

It is also important to acknowledge that sport hunters do not have more

authority than animal welfare advocates.

Thomas Gilpin, an environmental advocate, illustrated the watershed event that triggered the push for trophy hunting within some state legislatures. In Michigan, when the previous White House administration delisted wolves as an endangered species, effective January 2021, a resolution was passed in the Senate Natural Resource Committee in support of a wolf hunt.

Nancy Warren, executive director of the National Wolf Watcher Coalition, provided several ways to advocate on

behalf of wolves.

She showed how participating in Natural Resource Commission meetings and contacting our State legislators was important.

We must have the will of the voters and the rights of the tribes honored in Michigan.

Additionally, Pearl Waaseyaa Biber and Moses Biber, tribal citizens of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, gave youth testimony. They spoke to commitment for family structure in all animal families, which



echoed the science and policy points of the panel. Pearl and Moses were clear that hunting for sustenance is different than killing for sport.

Anishinaabek Caucus of MDP is a political caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party advocating for the issues and concerns of the 12 tribes in Michigan.

## Elders Advisory Board Vacancies

### Accepting submissions from interested SCIT elders

#### Must meet the following requirements:

- ▶ 50 years or older
- ▶ SCIT elder from any district
- ▶ Advocate for SCIT elders
- ▶ Attend meetings regularly

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a part of the EAB, please mail a letter of interest with your name, address and phone number to the address below:

Andahwod CCC & ES  
2910 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Or email:  
shjackson@sagchip.org

**Deadline: May 21, 2021**

For more information, please call the Andahwod front office at: 989.775.4300

## April 2021 Tribal Elder Birthdays

- |   |   |
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| 1) Willard Chapoton III<br>David James<br>Carla Sineway<br>Joseph Smith Jr.   | Paula Howlett<br>Marietta Stanley   |
| 2) Mike Frank   |   |
| 3) Peggy Harris<br>Sharon Matthews<br>Robert Sharon<br>Christine Bird<br>William Bouck<br>Mary North<br>Laura Yoder | 16) Leslie Bennett<br>Debra House<br>Russell Stevens                                    |
| 4) Judy Jackson<br>Crystal Whitner  | 17) Jon Bennett Jr.<br>Wanda Lautner  |
| 5) Kimi Alani<br>Barbara Poulos<br>Westbrook Shawboose<br>Domonic Stone   | 19) Valerie Moore<br>Kermit Paul Jr.<br>Craig Perez                                     |
| 6) Jesse Helms<br>Gerry Leareaux<br>Shelly Rickert<br>Mary Russell  | 20) Terry Davis<br>Joseph Collins<br>Kari Ellis   |
| 8) Cathleen Matthews<br>Eleanore VanHorn<br>Mark Cyr  | 21) Annette Buckner<br>Raymond Cloutier<br>Theron Fisher                                |
| 9) Edward Matthews<br>Lisa Snyder<br>Janice Wilcox  | 22) David Bennett<br>Charles Benz<br>Ethel Lingford                                     |
| 10) Sena Hutcheson<br>Paul Moses<br>Wendy Chapman   | 23) Lawrence Nahgahgwon Jr.<br>Diana Trepanier  |
| 11) Barbara Sprague<br>Maury Francis  | 24) Monica McQuarter  |
| 12) Randolph Holy-Day   | 25) Brenda Franco   |
| 13) Lawrence Collins  | 26) Darlene Wilson<br>Gladys Hall<br>Carolyn O'Neal<br>Teresa Reyes                     |
| 14) Rena Bird<br>William Quayle Jr.<br>Michael Salgat   | 27) Catherine Jackson<br>Marie Kequom<br>Alta Arroyo<br>Jovain Shawboose<br>Linda Smith |
| 15) Raymond Fisher II<br>Laurie Jackson   | 28) Stephen Bonnau<br>Glen Tolfree Jr.  |
|   | 29) Robin Dutton  |
|   | 30) Lou Loiselle<br>Lawrence Zacher   |

## Mental Health Services for SCIT Employees

### Employee Assistance Program

The employee assistance program is available to employees and their families. The EAP works with Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates to provide individual outpatient counseling to employees and children of employees under the age of 18.

#### Central Michigan Professional Counseling Associates:

Address: 307 E. Michigan St., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 | Phone: 989-772-5833

Employees are able to receive 10 FREE sessions.

#### For more information go to:

- <https://www.cm-pca.com/fees/#eap>
- <http://www.sagchip.org/hr/newsletters/2016/CMU%20EAP.pdf>

### CIGNA

As an employee of the SCIT, an EAP is also available through CIGNA insurance. They offer counseling on a variety of different issues. They also offer a referral service for pet care, elder care, child care, adoption or even home repairs. ANYONE living in your household at your address can access these services with CIGNA.

#### To register:

- Go to: <https://www.cigna.com/individuals-families/>
- Click on 'Register' under "Using Your Benefits"
- Choose 'EAP Benefits Only'
- Enter Employer ID: sagchip
- Once you are registered, look at all the services and providers that are free to you

### Meritain Health

Counseling is also available to employees through the primary health insurance Meritain. To find a local mental health care provider, go to <https://www.meritain.com/> and after logging in click 'find care.'

#### In-Network Providers:

- A \$30 co-pay until you reach your out-of-pocket deductible
- Covered at 100 percent after deductible is met
- No limit on visits but based on medical need

#### Out-of-Network Providers:

- 60 percent of Maximum allowable expense after your deductible is met
- If you choose to use a non-participating provider, you may be balance-billed by the provider and any amounts you pay in excess of the maximum allowable expense are not eligible under this plan and will not count towards your out-of-pocket maximum. Please reference your plan document for further details.



## Saginaw Chippewa Academy gains two social-emotional learning dogs

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Academy gained two four-legged companions this year. Labrador retrievers Joy and Noojimoo are therapy/social-emotional learning dogs and began their introductions to the Academy in January.

As social-emotional learning dogs, Joy and Noojimoo provide a safe, comforting presence for SCA students. The perceptive dogs respond to student's emotions with empathy.

The littermates were two of 10 puppies born on June 12, 2019 at Green Acres Labradors in Highland, Mich. The intelligent sisters were chosen by their breeder, Kristy Green, to begin training to be service dogs.

Joy and Noojimoo were trained for a year and a half with Green, longer than the typical training length due to delays from the pandemic.

The dogs were adopted into their host homes with their handlers – SCA employees Niki Henry, curriculum instructional coordinator, and Christina Sharp, assistant education director – earlier this year. Joy and Noojimoo took the first week to acquaint themselves with their new handlers and homes before beginning training at SCA for short periods of time.

Both dogs currently spend about four hours each day as a working dog, though they do not interact with the SCA students the entire duration as

they continue to develop stamina and autonomy, according to Henry. The day-to-day schedule for the dogs is a bit atypical at this time compared to a therapy dog's regular working schedule, due to COVID-19.

"The girls are currently finishing their training with their handlers with Kristy's continued guidance and input," said Niki Henry, Noojimoo's handler. "Kristy said it takes about three months for them to fully bond with their handlers and host families, and at least three months to acclimate to their duties at school. Joy and Noojimoo are gaining skills and confidence, working with students nearly every day, and both girls will continue to gain independence as they become more familiar with the school, students, staff and schedule."

Each time Joy and Noojimoo enter the school, they wear vests and are enthusiastic to work.

"Joy starts her morning off at the Education Administration offices so I can take care of any responsibilities I need to handle before going to the school," said Christina Sharp, Joy's handler. "Once at SCA, Joy goes into the classrooms to work with students. Joy visits each classroom twice a week right now and goes to classrooms to assist student(s) when requested. Joy just loves being around the kids; she is so excited when we pull up to the school. When we leave the office, Joy gets to come home, take off her in-training vest and just be a dog."



Courtesy of Niki Henry

Therapy/social-emotional learning dogs Noojimoo (left) and Joy (right) visit an office in the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

The students experience positive emotions when they see the dogs in school.

"The students adore the girls and treat them with the utmost respect when they visit classrooms and see them in the hallways and on the playground," Henry said. "(Students) are learning the appearance and personality differences between Joy and Noojimoo and work really hard to tell them apart. The girls bring a lot of joy and peace into the school, and their positive presence will only continue to grow as they develop into themselves and their role as therapy dogs."

During one of Joy's first days in school, she encountered a student who was struggling with strong emotions and quickly responded to the student in ways that helped the student regulate and reset, Henry said.

"Noojimoo had a similar experience with a first grade girl who was taking some time in the comfort lodge after an upset at recess. She was taking a time out when we entered the classroom, and Noojimoo sat with her quietly for more than 10 minutes as the student looked at a 'feelings' book and talked about what emotions she was experiencing and those she thought Noojimoo might be experiencing," Henry said.

Henry continued, "(The dogs') interactions with students are quietly powerful, almost magical. They also play fetch with students who need a happy distraction on difficult days, companionably explore the playground with them during recess, sit with them during culture and language lessons, and lend their ears to students during independent reading times."

Originally, the therapy dogs were to be funded through Project Aware, but the confines of the grant would not allow the purchase of service animals, Henry said. As a result, Kehli Henry, coordinator for Project Aware, collaborated with Shepherd Public Schools and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, who requested and gained SCIT's 2 percent grant funding for the dogs and their supplies, on behalf of SCA.



Courtesy of Niki Henry

SCA kindergartener Payton Sopha enjoys a visit from Noojimoo.

"It has been wonderful getting to know Joy and watching her acclimate to working in the school," Sharp said. "It is so rewarding when I see Joy helping a student who is upset, to calm down, and be able to return to learning. Just like any pet, there are many responsibilities to take care of Joy."

To determine which SCA staff members would host and handle the therapy dogs, there was an application process through Project Aware. Being a handler is voluntary and a huge responsibility. The breeder, Kristy Green, helped determine who would serve as host after interviewing each of the volunteers.



Courtesy of Niki Henry

Noojimoo reads in Mrs. Hawk's second grade classroom.



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**Arley**  
Arley is a 9-month-old male Domestic Shorthair mix. He is very sweet and loves to play but also enjoys relaxation and head scratches. He would do best in a calm home and/or with another cat. He gets a little nervous in new situations so children and dogs would take some time for him to get familiar with.



**Stella**  
Stella is a 3-year-old female brindle Boxer mix. She has been with HATS since Feb. 26, 2021. To fill out an application to adopt Stella, visit the link at hatsweb.org/dogs.

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## April Promotions

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**You could win a share of \$1,000,000 in Premium Play prizes!**

Saturdays in April | 4PM - 11:30PM

Every half hour from 4pm to 11:30pm, 5 lucky Access Loyalty Club members will each win \$1,200 in Premium Play! That's \$96,000 in Premium Play every Saturday in April!

**ACCESS Card holders will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned playing (slots, tables, & bingo) on their ACCESS Card from 12am March 28th, 2021 - April 24th, 2021 at 11:25pm.**



**APRIL 26-29**  
**5PM-10PM**

ACCESS Club members can win \$1,000 in Premium Play from 5pm-9pm and one lucky winner will take home \$10,000 each night at 10pm! Free Cupcake on April 30th at 3pm.



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**9AM-11:59PM**

HERO card holders can earn \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned. Up to \$50 Premium Play total. Exclusively for HERO card holders.



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Hourly drawings for \$500 in Premium Play and 500 bonus entries into the Grand Prize Drawing. 2021 JEEP Wrangler Grand Prize drawing Friday, April 30th at 10pm



**TUESDAYS | 3PM-11:59PM**

Play your favorite slots for a chance to win \$25 in Premium Play! Ricochet Rewards will randomly award 50 players \$25 in Premium Play. These random rewards can ricochet multiple times between the hours of 3PM and midnight every Tuesday!

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**ACCESS Club members will receive one entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS club card and then 5X the entries on Mondays in April.**



**APRIL 5 & 6**  
**7AM - 11:59PM**

Earn 1,000 points from 7am-11:59pm, and swipe your ACCESS card at any promotional kiosk to play a game, for a chance to win up to \$50 in Premium Play!



**SUNDAYS**  
**12PM-10PM**

One lucky ACCESS Club member every hour will have 60 seconds in our April Showers Cash Cube for a chance to win over \$6,000. Grab the umbrella inside for an additional \$500 in Premium Play!



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Points Earned	Reward Amount
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800	= \$10
1800	= \$25

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**6AM-11:59PM**

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## Our race matters: Addressing data genocide

### INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN, INC.

The COVID-19 pandemic is presenting health challenges to all populations across the country, with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) carrying the heaviest burden. We are witnessing the impact of COVID-19 on Indian Country.

However, the lack of reporting on race and ethnicity in COVID-19 public health surveillance data, is not telling the whole story for American Indian and Alaskan Native (AI/AN) communities.

A COVID-19 Data Report Card, published by the Urban

Indian Health Institute (UIHI), addresses the effectiveness in collecting and reporting racial data in the United States. The UIHI, one of 12 Tribal Epidemiology Centers in the U.S., gave each state a grade based on the quality of collection and reporting of AI/AN COVID-19 racial data. Michigan was given a C-.

The report states, "This lack of data directly impacts the ability of local, state, federal and tribal public health authorities to address the COVID-19 virus and limits policy makers' ability to make data-driven decisions for equitable policy and resource allocation."

To address the absence or gap in data, the Inter-Tribal Council

of Michigan has launched a media campaign on their social media platforms, encouraging Michigan's AI/ANs to "Claim Your Race" and "Represent Your Tribe" on all health forms rather than marking "other," something else or nothing when asked for race information.

Race data can help determine our Native communities' needs for schools, housing, health care facilities and roads.

AI/AN race information speaks for the generations of Native people before you and for those yet to come, you do not need to be enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe to identify as American Indian or Alaska Native.

Courtesy photo

**Selecting race on health forms allows local, state, federal, and tribal public health authorities to understand the impact of COVID-19 in American Indian and Alaska Native communities in order to make data-driven decisions.**

## Editorial: Nimkee Dental sees 17 children during successful Give Kids A Smile! day

### LISA WAKEFIELD

Dental Assistant

Give Kids A Smile! day was a huge success and it's all because of your hard work.

Thank you to all those that

made Give Kids A Smile! on Feb. 19, 2021 a success, whether it was behind the scenes, spreading the word or providing care; you were all a big part of the team.

Nimkee Dental team saw a total of 17 children

between the ages of 5 and 16 years old.

We were able to provide exams, X-rays, cleanings, sealants, fluoride and fillings. Each child also received a wonderful stuffed goodie bag to take home.

Even though this year was a challenge with COVID restrictions, everyone did a great job getting the children dental care.

Each year keeps getting better and better, and with your help, next year will be just as amazing.



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## Alcohol and abuse: Domestic violence is never OK

### STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

**TRIGGER WARNING:** This blog includes graphic content that some readers may find distressing.

**Disclaimer:** The names, characters, events and incidents are fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, or actual events is purely coincidental.

We know domestic violence is never okay. At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we hear many callers try to explain or make excuses for abuse.

A common excuse for abuse is alcohol; victim-survivors and abusive partners blame the abuse on using alcohol.

While we know using alcohol can strain a relationship,

it is not the cause of domestic violence. It is also not an excuse for abusive behavior.

The example below walks through such a scenario.

#### Our favorite bar

*Yesterday Colin and I went out for dinner and drinks. We were having a great time talking about our upcoming anniversary. Colin was about two drinks ahead of me and he started getting obnoxious and annoying. I was kind of mean to him, but I was just trying to explain to him how bad it looks for both of us when he acts like that. While we were walking home, he had his arm wrapped around my shoulders, he tripped and almost pulled me down. I angrily threw off his arm and he fell and scraped his hands.*

*When we got home he*

*started crying and said the way I treat him isn't okay. I feel bad about being mean to him and pushing him off me, but I wouldn't have to do those things if he didn't drink so much. Plus I was drunk and I would never push him if I was sober.*

*Tonight we decided to stay in and not drink. Colin brought up last night. He said he knows he can drink too much, but he still doesn't think it is fair that I "berate" him and push him. I tried to stay calm but he can be so needy.*

*I told him I'd never do that if we weren't drinking and I wouldn't have to do those things if he didn't drink so much. Colin said I act like that sober too, but the only times he pointed out were when he had upset me.*

*He brought up the time that I broke his phone. We got into a fight because he was texting someone nonstop. I asked him who it was and he said work. When he went to the bathroom, I looked at his phone and I saw that the person he was texting was "Amanda." I know all of his co-workers and none of them are named Amanda.*

*After he came back, I confronted him. He says I hit him, but if I did, I honestly don't remember. I was in such a blind rage. I was so hurt. I threw his phone, but I wasn't trying to break it.*

*He kept saying it wasn't what I thought. He said Amanda just started working at his office last week and showed me the emails to prove it. If he just told me about all the women in his life, that wouldn't have been*

*an issue. I know I can overreact and hurt Colin, but if he could just see the things he does that cause me to act that way, things would improve.*

#### Alcohol does not cause abuse

In this story, the narrator uses alcohol as an excuse for their abusive behavior. They insist the reason for their abusive behavior - particularly the physical abuse, is because they are drunk. The narrator also implies they have to abuse Colin because he drinks too much. Neither of these excuses is valid.

While abusive behaviors may escalate when drinking, drinking does not cause abuse, nor do anyone else's actions.

The narrator abuses Colin when they are sober. When Colin confronts them the day after drinking they blame their actions on Colin. Denying the impact or severity of past actions is a common tactic of abuse.

Blaming abuse on uncontrollable emotions is equally false. Abuse is not a loss of control, it is an active choice. Abusers feel entitled to power and control over their victims.

Additionally, when the narrator broke Colin's phone, there were multiple abuse tactics present: checking his phone without permission, hitting him, throwing the phone, and blaming their actions on Colin. Regardless of substance use, the abusive partner is responsible for the abuse.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate and anonymous helpline for Native Americans impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence. Advocates offer peer support and advocacy, personal safety planning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native-centered domestic violence service providers. Visit [strongheartshelpline.org](http://strongheartshelpline.org) for chat advocacy or call **1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) 24/7**.

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**Nimkee Fitness**

**Current Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Capacity is limited to 13 fitness members at a time**

**Appointment not needed**

- Showers are now available, locker rooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- Mask or face shields must be worn when exercising.
- Temperature check will be performed prior to check-in.

**For more information, please contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690**



## Editorial: New and exciting outdoor recreation and fitness opportunities at Nimkee

**JADEN HARMAN**

Fitness Coordinator

As we see warmer weather in our forecast, the Nimkee Fitness Center wanted to share with you some new opportunities that you have available for some outdoor fitness and recreation.

One exciting opportunity is the addition of an outdoor basketball to Nimkee's grounds. We purchased the outdoor court through the company Dunk Star last December and had a base layer of concrete placed in November.

With the help of the Public Works department, the basketball court was installed last month. The court's dimensions are the size of a high school regulation court (84' x 50') and the surface is similar to



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**The new basketball court outside Nimkee Fitness features a high school regulation-sized court and extra large backboards.**

what you see being played on at a Gus Macker tournament. The backboards of the hoops are extra-large with dimensions of 72" wide.

We're also looking into placing bleachers and benches onto the court.

While collaborating with the Recreation Department, I know they are excited to offer organized games at this new court. In planning this, we felt having such a popular sport within our community would help connect, specifically, our



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**A newly-purchased outdoor box for storage of fitness equipment and gear is now outside Nimkee.**

youth along and other members to our wellness center and the fitness opportunities it has to offer.

We also purchased an outdoor box that stores fitness equipment and gear that

members can use for outdoor workouts.

We're excited to share these opportunities with the community and hope to see you soon outside, getting healthier, this spring.

## CDC: Key things to know about COVID-19 vaccines

*(Editor's note: The following article comes from the CDC – Centers for Disease, Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov.)*

### Help stop the pandemic by getting vaccinated.

#### What we know

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine will also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.

COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help us get back to normal.

COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19.

It typically takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. That means it is possible a person could still get COVID-19 before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to provide protection.

People are considered fully protected two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

You should keep using all the tools available to protect yourself and others until you are fully vaccinated. After you are fully vaccinated, you may be able to start doing some things you had stopped doing because of the pandemic. Learn more about what you can do when you have been fully vaccinated.

#### What we do not know

Although COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting sick, scientists are still learning how well vaccines prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to others, even if you do not have symptoms. Early data show the vaccines do help keep people with no symptoms from spreading COVID-19, but we are learning more as more people get vaccinated.

We're also still learning how long COVID-19 vaccines protect people.

For these reasons, people who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 should keep taking precautions in public places, until we know more, like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, and washing your hands often.

#### COVID-19 vaccines are safe

Millions of people in the United States have received COVID-19 vaccines, and these vaccines have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history. This monitoring includes using both established

and new safety monitoring systems to make sure that COVID-19 vaccines are safe. These vaccines cannot give you COVID-19.

CDC has developed a new tool, v-safe, to help us quickly find any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe is a smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines. Learn how the federal government is working to ensure the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

You may have side effects after vaccination, but these are normal

After COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects. These are normal signs that your body is building protection. The side effects from COVID-19 vaccination, such as chills or tiredness, may affect your ability to do daily activities, and they should go away in a few days.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

We're still learning how vaccines will affect the spread of COVID-19. After you've been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should keep taking precautions in public places like wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces until we know more.

#### People are considered fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

If it has been less than two weeks since your shot, or if you still need to get your second dose, you are NOT fully protected. Keep taking all prevention steps until you are fully vaccinated.

#### What's changed

##### If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.
- You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.
  - However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

#### What hasn't changed

##### For now, if you've been fully vaccinated:

- You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Take these precautions whenever you are:
  - In public
  - Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
  - Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.
- You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

#### What we know and what we're still learning

- We know that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death.
  - We're still learning how effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that causes COVID-19.
  - Early data show the vaccines may work against some variants but could be less effective against others.
- We know that other prevention steps help stop the spread of COVID-19, and that these steps are still important, even as vaccines are being distributed.
  - We're still learning how well COVID-19 vaccines keep people from spreading the disease.
  - Early data show that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19, but we are learning more as more people get vaccinated.
- We're still learning how long COVID-19 vaccines can protect people.
- As we know more, CDC will continue to update our recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

Until we know more about those questions, everyone — even people who've had their vaccines — should continue taking basic prevention steps when recommended.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>



## APRIL 2021 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### K'chi-twaa-Mshkod'e (Sacred Fire)

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Social distancing/masks required
- Tobacco offering for those who need a safe place to offer prayers

### Drive-thru Sacred Fire lunch with Anishinabemowin packets

April 1, 15, 29 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- 4/1: Goulash, garlic bread, salad and fruit
- 4/15: Meatloaf, potatoes, corn and salad
- 4/29: Bean soup, fry bread and salad

### Recovery on Rez

April 6, 13, 20, 27 | 2 p.m.

- Online via Zoom
- Nonjudgmental mutual aid support group that welcomes all styles of recovery
- Meeting ID: 829 1218 8791
- Passcode: 123456

### Self Management, Self Direction: Back to Basics

April 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3 - 4:30 p.m.

- Online via Zoom
- 10-week program
- A flexible course designed for adults or older youth who want to begin to build, or rebuild, the fundamental building block skills inherent in self-management and self-direction.
- Sessions can be done independently and do not rely on the previous session for content. Join us as you can.
- Registration: [Prevention@sagchip.org](mailto:Prevention@sagchip.org) or 989.775.4818 or 989.775.4880

### Composting at Home

April 12 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Online via Zoom, link will be sent prior to the event
- Attendees will need an email to receive the invite
- Presenter: Shelby Cain, environmental outreach coordinator of the Environment Team
- Sign up opens April 6, 2021 at 9 a.m. by emailing [khart@sagchip.org](mailto:khart@sagchip.org)
- First 20 who sign-up, will receive a counter top composting bucket that will need to be picked up at SCTC.

### Project Venture Pottery Class

April 17 | 1 - 4 p.m.

- At Space Studios (Midland, Mich.)
- **Registration: 989.775.5804 or [DWinn@sagchip.org](mailto:DWinn@sagchip.org)**
- Instructed pottery class where students will create a special clay piece by hand
- Parents will be responsible for drop off and pick up of their student.

### Walk in My Mocs Artists Series

April 22 | 7 p.m.

- Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/94510412417>
- Public reading featuring Mark Turcotte
- 989-317-4793

### Earth Day Rez Clean Up

April 22 | 10 a.m.

- Alternative date: April 27, 2021
- Volunteers needed
- **989.775.4093 or [kshomin@sagchip.org](mailto:kshomin@sagchip.org)**
- A luncheon will follow the clean up
- Volunteers under 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- COVID-19 safety procedures and guidelines will be followed
- Social distancing and masks required

### Project Venture After School Sessions

Tuesdays | 4 - 5 p.m.

- Main ACFS Building - Project Venture Office
- **989.775.5804 or [DWinn@sagchip.org](mailto:DWinn@sagchip.org)**
- April 6: Attitude and healthy relationships
- April 13: Healthy relationships in action
- April 20: Engaging in healthy relationships
- April 27: Help and strength

## ALRD Update

**Due to COVID-19 and for the safety of our community, the Immersion House and ALRD building are open by appointment only.**

Please contact Outreach Language Specialist Isabelle Osawamick at (989) 775-4110 or by email at [iosawamick@sagchip.org](mailto:iosawamick@sagchip.org).

**Language Sessions are also available on ZOOM by appointment.** (Open to Tribal Members and their families).

## Tribal Court New Hours

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

(with the exception of weekly staff meetings on Wednesday 8-9 a.m., windows closed)

No appointment is required, but must pass all health screenings in order to be allowed entry.

## APRIL 2021 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
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			Sacred Fire 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Generation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> <li>● Waste Collection*</li> </ul> <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org), call to make an appointment in 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](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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### 100 Employment Tribal Operations

**Maintenance Worker PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping. Certification in skilled trade preferred.

**Case Manager - ITC**  
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, human services, or related field. One year case management experience. Must have CADC or demonstrated experience working with substance abuse and co-occurring treatment protocols. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple disciplines, organizations, community systems, and a diverse population. Knowledge of Native American traditions and culture preferred. This is a grant-funded position.

**Purchased Referred Care Technician**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED.

Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have previous medical office experience.

**Court Cultural Liaison**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Demonstrate knowledge of Anishinaabek culture, traditions, and history. Experience working within Tribal operations

**Licensed Practical Nurse**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Successful completion of an accredited program for licensed practical nurses. State of Michigan Licensed Practical Nurse license.

**Administrative Assistant II**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years administrative support experience. Must be able to complete and pass a typing test at 30 words per minute, with 70 percent accuracy.

**Technical Services Technician I**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience

or Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science or related field.

**Registered Medical Assistant Covid**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

**Paraprofessional**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours) or associate degree.

**General Labor Pool Worker**  
Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Clerical Pool**  
Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**SCTC Tutor**  
Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a College degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above. Strong mathematics and/or English background ability to demonstrate competence in SCTC MTH 230, MTH 120, ENG 101, ENG 102, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

**Natural Resources Mentee PT Seasonal**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be currently enrolled at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, in accordance with grant requirements.

**Natural Resources Technician PT Seasonal**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Water Quality Assistant PT Seasonal**  
Open to the public. Associate degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental, biology, chemistry, geology and or natural science. One year experience working with technical, biological, natural science, or other related field with practical experience preferred.

**Residential Treatment Coordinator**  
Open to the public. Master's degree level in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Four years' experience in residential treatment. One year in a supervisory capacity.

**ACFS Director**  
Open to the public. Master's degree in social services, human services or related field. Must have and maintain a full Master's Social Worker License (LMSW). Five years social services experience. Two years' experience in a supervisory capacity. Experi-

ence working with tribal communities and outside social services. Experience with budget administration, operation, reports, contract management and development.

### Soaring Eagle

**Call Center Agent PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED.

**Line Server FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Line Server PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal Culinary training.

**Steward PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

**Guestroom Attendant FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

**Guestroom Attendant PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

**Laundry Attendant**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Accountant**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Bachelor's degree in accounting. Proficient with Microsoft Office and accounting software.

**Marketing Analyst**  
Open to the public. Bachelor degree in finance, accounting, business or related field. Three years of marketing analytics experience with a preference for casino marketing experience.

**Guest Relations Representative PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, emergency shifts, and rotating schedules.

### Saganing

**F&B Custodial Worker**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

**Finance Cashier PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cash handling or cashiering experience.

**Guestroom Attendant FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

**Guestroom Attendant PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeeping experience preferred.

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

**Transit Driver FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffer's License.

**Transit Driver PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid CDL with passenger endorsements or a Chauffer's License.

**Casino Ambassador**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of heavy cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast-paced, high-pressure environment. Must pass a math proficiency test.

**Inventory Control Driver Warehouse**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be 18 years of age. One year receiving or warehouse experience. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a Chauffeur's License.

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

**Waitstaff FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

**Waitstaff PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Restaurant server experience preferred.

**Count Team Associate**  
Open to the public. Six months cash handling experience. Gaming, banking, or customer service experience preferred.

**Players Club Representative FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience desired.

**Players Club Representative PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience desired.

**Cashier FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

**Cashier PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months cashiering and/or hosting experience.

**F&B Attendant FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

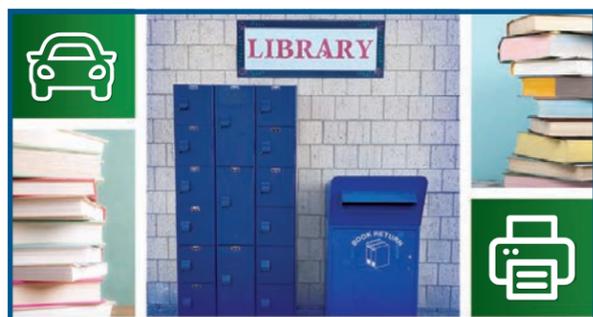
**F&B Attendant PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

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

**Beverage Waitstaff FT**  
Sign on bonus. \$250 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

**Beverage Waitstaff PT**  
Sign on bonus. \$125 after successful completion of 90 day probation. Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serving experience preferred.

**Line Cook**  
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.



### Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries Curbside Pickup

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#### How to use the curbside services

- To place a hold on items, please call 989.775.4508 or visit [www.youseemore.com/saginaw](http://www.youseemore.com/saginaw)
- Once available, they are placed in a locker, and you will be given a PIN to open the locker.
- Pick up your items, close the locker and re-lock the lock to secure it.

#### Curbside printing also available

- Email your documents to: [LibraryPrint@sagchip.org](mailto:LibraryPrint@sagchip.org)
- We will print them, and place them in the lockers using the above instructions.

#### For more information, please email:

- [AHeidemann@sagchip.org](mailto:AHeidemann@sagchip.org)
- [KCondon@sagchip.org](mailto:KCondon@sagchip.org)
- [LDisel@sagchip.org](mailto:LDisel@sagchip.org)



### SECR Access Club Hours

#### SECR Access Club hours of operation

- Sunday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Friday & Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4 a.m.

#### Slot Palace & Bingo Hall Access Club hours of operation

- All days: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.

# ENTERTAINMENT



**LUKE BRYAN**  
with MORGAN EVANS  
Saturday, May 29 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$49, \$132, \$164, \$195  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**MEGADETH and LAMB OF GOD**  
with TRIVIUM & IN FLAMES  
Saturday, July 10 | 6:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$24, \$40, \$69, \$72  
**ONSALE NOW!**



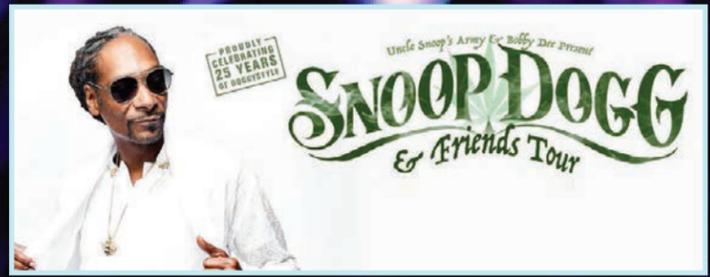
**MIRANDA LAMBERT**  
with LEE BRICE  
Saturday, July 24 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$35, \$75, \$92, \$109  
**ONSALE NOW!**



**SHINEDOWN with THEORY OF A DEADMAN and POP EVIL**  
Friday, August 6 | 7:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$24, \$40, \$50, \$62  
**SOLD OUT SHOW!**



**SNOOP DOGG**  
with special guest WIZ KHALIFA  
Thursday, July 15 | 8:00PM

**Tribal Member Presale**  
April 2nd, 2021

**Public Onsale**  
April 10th, 2021

**Ticket Prices:** \$26, \$65, \$82, \$94



**KEITH URBAN**  
with LINDSAY ELL  
Saturday, August 28 | 8:00PM

**Ticket Prices:**  
\$42, \$116, \$137, \$149  
**ONSALE NOW!**

Tickets can be purchased at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Box Offices from 9AM-10PM. Tribal Members must present Member ID at the Box Office upon purchase.

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is played Wednesday - Sunday  
during our Matinee Session at 1:30PM  
and Wednesday - Saturday during our Evening Session at 7PM.

Ball Calls	SPIN & WIN
<b>Soaring Star in 17 or less</b>	<b>\$5,000 - \$50,000</b>
Soaring Star in 18 exactly	\$2,500 - \$25,000
Soaring Star in 19 exactly	\$1,500 - \$15,000
Soaring Star in 20 exactly	\$1,000 - \$10,000
Soaring Star in 21 exactly	\$750 - \$10,000
Soaring Star in 22 exactly	\$500 - \$5,000
Soaring Star in 23 exactly	\$450 - \$4,500
Soaring Star in 24 exactly	\$400 - \$4,000
Soaring Star in 25 exactly	\$350 - \$3,500
Soaring Star in 26 exactly	\$300 - \$3,000
Soaring Star in 27 exactly	\$275 - \$2,750
Soaring Star in 28 exactly	\$250 - \$2,500
Soaring Star in 29 exactly	\$225 - \$2,250
Soaring Star in 30 exactly	\$200 - \$2,000



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