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“At Ruth’s Chris, we are dedicated to providing a comfortable, inviting and memorable experience to all of our guests,” said Cheryl Henry, president and CEO of Ruth’s Hospitality Group, Inc. “We look forward to serving those enjoying a visit to the Soaring Eagle Resort & Casino.”

Ruth’s Chris specializes in custom-aged USDA Prime steaks expertly prepared and served on 500-degree sizzling hot plates. Made-from-scratch sides are prepared from Ruth’s original recipes and are perfectly portioned to share. Guests can also choose from a variety of seafood options, soups, salads and decadent desserts all sourced from the freshest ingredients available.

“I am thrilled that Ruth’s Chris is going to bring this outstanding brand to Soaring Eagle. We look forward to offering the great Ruth’s Chris experience to our valued guests,” said Sam Casterline, president and CEO of the Saginaw Chippewa Gaming Enterprises, said: “We are pleased to partner with Ruth’s Chris to bring this outstanding brand to Soaring Eagle. We look forward to offering the great Ruth’s Chris experience to our valued guests.”

In addition to its indulgent menu, Ruth’s Chris offers an award-winning spirits program with more than 200 labels, premium wines by the glass and hand-crafted cocktails.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort currently features five dining options, such as Siniikaung Steak & Chop House, Legends Diner, ASCEND Sports Bar & Lounge, Central Deli & Slice Pizza, and Little Eagle Café.

“Ruth’s Hospitality Group, Inc., headquartered in Winter Park, Fla., is the largest fine dining steakhouse company in the U.S. as measured by the total number of company-owned and franchise-owned restaurants, with more than 140 Ruth’s Chris Steak House locations worldwide specializing in USDA Prime grade steaks served in Ruth’s Chris’ signature fashion – “sizzling.”

Natalie Shattuck
Editor

Unused or expired medications and sharps were collected as part of the Aug. 4 Drug Take Back event, held at the Native Farmers Market Pavilion from 12 to 4 p.m.

The medications and sharps were properly disposed of by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department.

“Tribal Police weighed the medications that were turned in at the Drug Take Back Event and it totaled 31.6 pounds of just medications,” said Shuma Stevens, prevention coordinator for Behavioral Health.

“There were also large quantities of packaging from the medications that will go to recycling. This was a great job getting a lot of drugs out of the home, medicine cabinet, etc. and ultimately destroyed in a safe manner by the Tribal Police Department.”

Those who dropped off unused or expired meds received a voucher for $5 in premium play at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and were entered into a raffle prize drawing.

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Deer Season 2021

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Community Engineer Donald L. Seal, Planning Department

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2021 Deer Season shall begin Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, and will close on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022 unless ordered otherwise.

Further restrictions shall be as follows:

• Sept. 7, 2021 - Oct. 31, 2021 shall be bow only on all Tribal Trust and Tribal Fee Lands.
• Nov. 1, 2021 - Feb. 1, 2022 shall be gun only per the official map located on the Tribal website or the Tribal Planning Department.

The 2021 Deer Season will allow for the harvest of deer as follows:
• Three antlerless* Antlerless gives the ability to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length by the first week in October (Ordinance 11, Section 103 subdivision 5).
• One restricted (restricted to four or more inch minimum points on one side)
• One antlered (any size antlered)

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Sept. 5, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office at $10 per harvest tag. Only five tags are allowed.

• "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5.

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B), Animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take by phone, email, or online.
• Please Refer to the Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.
• Hunter-orange is in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5 and harvest reporting is to be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B).
• Tribal lands designating for hunting are approved by the map located at the Tribal’s Planning Department.

Tree stands/blinds are only permitted on Tribal property one week before the start of deer season as stated above and must be removed two weeks after deer season close date as stated above; remaining limits will be confiscated. No screw-in tree steps, spikes, etc. are permitted except bow/gun books. Tree stands/blinds must have name and address affixed in a visible area, or they will be subject to confiscation.

Attention Tribal Members:
Find the latest information by creating an account and logging into sagchip.org in the Tribal Members only section.

To create an account, go to:
www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx

Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt 2021

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Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B) the 2021 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Deer Hunt shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Sunday, June 30, 2022, unless ordered otherwise.

Further restrictions shall be as follows:

• Tribal Member Youth for the purpose of this hunt are defined as ages 10 years to 17 years of age.
• Youth Participants ages 14-17 must be accompanied by a Tribal Licensed Parent or Guardian.
• Youth Participants ages 10-13 must be accompanied by a Tribal Licensed Agent or Guardian.
• The mentor is not allowed to carry any hunting device (firearm, bow or crossbow) in the field while accompanying the tribal youth.
• Ages 10 years to under 14 years are eligible to use a bow or firearm for this hunt.
• Ages 14 years to under 17 years are eligible to use a bow or firearm for this hunt.

The 2021 Special Elder and Mentored Youth Hunt will allow for the harvest of the following:

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office or Tribal website at harvest tag. Only one tag is allowed for this special hunt.

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• All other portions of Tribal Ordinance 11 must be followed.
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Small Game Season 2021

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Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 106 subdivision 3 the 2021 Small Game Season shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Thursday, March 31, 2022, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021 Small Game Season will allow for the bag limits as stated:

• Pheasants shall be limited to male pheasants only with a limit of five per day.
• Deer, beaver, muskrat, pine, mink, martin, fisher and otter are all closed to small game hunting.
• "Other Indians" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land. Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 5.

Licenses will be available starting Sept. 24, 2021, at the Tribal Planning Department office.

Special Elders and Mentors will be available within 72 hours of take by phone, email, or online.

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Migratory Bird Season 2021/2022

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Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 109 Subdivision 3 the 2021/2022 Migratory Bird Season shall begin Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will close on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2022, unless ordered otherwise.

The 2021/2022 Migratory Bird Season will allow for the bag limits as stated:

Non Toxic Shot Only. Migratory bird season daily bag limit:

• Ducks: 20* • Canada Geese: 20**
• Mergansers: 10*** • Woodcock: 10
• Common Snipe: 16 • Mourning Dove: 25
• Coots & Gallinules: 20 • Sandhill Cranes: 1
• Sora and Virginia Rails: 20
• Ducks 20 per day, including no more than five each of the following species: hen mallard, wood duck, redhead, scaup, black duck, pintail and canvasback. Possession limit is not to exceed two times the bag limit.

** 20 per day Canada Goose aggregate. Coot, gallinules, sora and Virginia rail is 20 in the aggregate.
***No more than 5 hooded mergansers in the aggregate.

Reporting within 72 hours of harvest is mandatory per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105, Subdivision 5(B).

A small game license is also required as per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105.

Licenses and harvest tags will be available starting Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2021, based on the USFWS Final Rule Publication date of Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at the Tribal Planning Department office. Fee is $10 per license.

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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

Meritain Connect
Did you know that you can manage your own Health care program, you can create your own personalized member website, it’s called Meritain Connect. When you log in, you will find everything you need to know about your benefits, from eligibility to enrollment, to what’s covered. Registration for Meritain Connect is an easy three-step process.


2. Next, select Member under I am an and enter your group ID. You can find your group ID on the front of your member ID Card. Then, click Continue. Please note: you may set up a login for yourself, as well as any children under age 18 who are covered by your plan. For privacy purposes, you spouse and dependents over the age of 18, covered by the plan, must each establish logins to access their individual information.

3. You will need to fill in your:
   - Group ID (located in your member ID Card)
   - Member ID (located in your member ID Card)
   - Date of Birth, Name, Zip Code and Email address

A username will be provided to you. After you create a password and confirm your email address – you’re done! You’ll automatically be logged into your new Meritain Connect account. The next time you log in go to www.meritain.com, just use the same username and password from step 3.

*Note: Please protect your insurance information.

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Community Input Needed
SCIT Housing requests community input to help us plan future projects. You are invited to participate in a Tribal Census Survey. One gift card will be allotted for each completed survey.

If you would like to participate please go to: https://glic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4NOqDQaKp48u
- The survey is now open.
- Closes Sept. 30 at midnight.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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From, his loving family

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Tribal Observer

Bozovich! 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.

Submissions from the Tribal community are encouraged and can be sent to: Saginaw Chipewa Indian Tribe 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Public Notices

The overall objective for the Victims of Crime program is to promote long-term safety and emotional healing of victims of crime. The Victim of Crime promotes the program by following federal guidelines for allowable activities only, including but not limited to: crisis intervention, safety planning, information on victims’ rights and the criminal justice process, personal advocacy, assistance with filing crime victim compensation, restitution requests, victim impact statements and personal protection orders.

Hours
- Monday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Tribal Court and 1-5 p.m. at Behavioral Health
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Office Phone Number: 989-775-4814
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2800 S. Shepherd Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Victims of Crime Program update

Submissions are accepted only from Tribal residents, Tribal organizations and Tribal agencies. All submissions should be sent to: Tribal Observer Office, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

The Tribal Observer encourages the submission of articles, stories, and photos on a variety of topics, including but not limited to:
- Community events
- Tribal news
- Personal success stories
- Poems
- Artwork

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The Tribal Observer reserves the right to edit or reject any submissions or advertisements for publication. The Tribal Observer is published by the Saginaw Chipewa Indian Tribe of Michigan in accordance with the Amendments and Additions to the Treaty of 1855.

Community Wi-Fi now available

At the Native Farmers Market Pavilion, SCA parking lot and Housing Pavilion.

- Network name: SCITCommunity
- Password: community

Tribal Observer Advertising

If you would like to place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or Observer@sagchip.org for more information.

- Announcements: including birthdays, weddings, engagements, promotions, etc. costs $10 and is open to Tribal Members, community members and employees. Display-sized announcements are $20.
- Political ads: All political ads will be 1/4 page and have a red border stating as such. The cost is $250. Political ads may include, but are not limited to, any opinion or advertisement that is political in nature and/or any letter to the Editor that does not conform to guidelines.

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send $30 for the annual subscription. Checks may be made out to SCIT.

Name: ________________________________
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Saginaw Powwow Online

Fall Wild Turkey Season 2021

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Martha Wemigwans | District One

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Intertribal Open Golf Tournament held during powwow weekend

Migizi launching Bakinaw Federal Contracting, provides career opportunities for Tribal Members

Migizi Economic Development Company is progressing quickly with the launch of Bakinaw Federal Contracting, an exciting new Tribal business with the potential for very high and long-lasting returns. Bakinaw Federal Contracting will provide career opportunities to Tribal Members in science, technology, engineering and math, and has the potential to generate substantial revenue for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through contract fulfillment for the Federal Government.

Bakinaw has recently been awarded the status of an 8(a) company. A designation reserved for small, disadvantaged businesses that provide access to the highly-profitable arena of government service and production contracts. This accreditation is an important step as the Bakinaw leadership team and the Tribe's legal certification process is lengthy and challenging.

In addition to Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess, Bakinaw Federal Contracting will be helmed by Martin Toomajian, a business executive with a long and successful career forming and leading organizations active in the government contracting arena.

Due to the vast size of the government contracting business, there is an opportunity to serve many sectors. Initially, Bakinaw Federal contracting will focus on providing technical and professional support for federal agencies.

The organization's current target markets exist in agriculture, interior, defense, education, environment and health. However, Bakinaw was structured to provide a great deal of flexibility in its operation, thus allowing the company to work with almost any federal client. The future may see Bakinaw Federal Contracting engaged in projects such as providing select staff to research and development laboratories, assuming managerial roles for existing projects, or developing and implementing training programs for clients.

With the scale and scope of available government contracts, achieving 8(a) certification offers a substantial advantage for entry into this lucrative business world. This designation will provide lasting and significant benefits to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe leading to many new and exciting roads.

The development of Bakinaw Federal Contracting fulfills Migizi’s role as a seventh generation project by providing for the economic wellbeing of the generations yet to come.

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribe uses energy as key economic development tool

ANDY BALASKOVITZ
(Editors’ note: The following article is a reprint from Tribal Business News, published on July 26, 2021, and is written by Andy Balaskovitz. Balaskovitz works as the managing editor of MiBiz, a regional business publication based in Grand Rapids, Mich. He also compiles the daily Midwest Energy News digest and previously served as a journalism fellow for Midwest Energy News from 2014-2020.)

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich. — The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan is taking energy sovereignty to new levels after establishing its own utility to purchase power at wholesale prices to attract commercial and industrial developments onto Tribal-owned land.

Over the past few years, the Tribe has built a power substation on Tribal property in Saganing in the eastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The substation is connected to the nearby bulk power transmission system, allowing the Tribe to service certain facilities through cheaper wholesale power purchases.

The Tribe’s power substation on Tribal property in Saganing is photographed. The substation is connected to the nearby bulk power transmission system, allowing the Tribe to service certain facilities through cheaper wholesale power purchases.

“Obviously, what happens when you do something like this for the first time is there might be some inefficiencies,” Poprave said, adding that ITC worked closely with the Tribe on operational safety.

The DOE’s Pierce said financing, access to capital and tribal leadership turnover are also key barriers as tribes seek to operate in the energy space.

Poprave noted that, like most construction projects, tribal energy installations are “all about location, location, location,” and being near energy infrastructure can help reduce costs.

“Tribes are really the will — the want to see you can own your energy future,” Poprave said.

As one of the few tribes in the U.S. to create its own electric utilities, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe officials hope to offer a blueprint for others.

“With the gaming, we’re not trying to compete for the same gaming patron,” Blaser said of the Tribe’s energy enterprise. “It’s less of a zero-sum game. … Those parallel structures are ripe for collaboration.”

The challenge now is articulating the economic benefits to potential customers given the relatively unique structure of the enterprise.

“We’re operating with a white sheet of paper,” Blaser said.


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This year, 49 Tribal Member youth completed the Summer Youth Worker program. The program allows youth between 14-18 years of age to gain work experience during the summer.

The youth are placed in various departments in all of the Tribe’s entities including Tribal Operations, Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and the Hiawatha RV Park. Nineteen of the summer youth workers maintained perfect attendance for the entire program.

Our youth not only excelled in their work environment, but many of them participated with other summer opportunities to provide services at the Isabella County Soup Kitchen and the Lansing Food Bank with the Saturday morning distribution. This makes me feel confident that our Tribe will have a long and prosperous future.

Zari, who worked previously as a youth worker, shared, “It was a great experience to see our youth work very hard in their departments. It made me very proud because they are so young and yet willing to spend their summer working for our Tribe.”

This year we had two youth workers who were able to participate even though they did not reside in the surrounding area - Rayleigh Bennett from Lansing, Mich. and Jasmine Kopke came the furthest distance for her first job, all the way from Las Vegas! We would like to thank all of the host departments that took the time to host and mentor a youth in their departments with special thanks Tribal Council for their continuous support of this program. Most importantly, wish them to all of the youth that participated in the 2021 Summer Youth Program. We look forward to seeing you next year!

2021 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results

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SHELBY CAIN
Environmental Outreach Coordinator

On July 21, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Environmental Team collaborated with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to organize a cleanup of the Chippewa River. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the outdoors while also helping the environment.

We were honored to start the day with Tribal Elder Judy Pamp and Christa Gomez doing the water ceremony. Blessing and giving thanks to nibi (water) and asking for protection while being carried down the river by nibi.

The water ceremony is done by women. Anishinabek women have a special relationship with the waters and have a responsibility to respect wildlife. Cleaning the river a cleaner and safer place for the wildlife to be. Not much garbage was found at the very beginning of the trip. However, as the group paddled, more and more trash was noticed. Some of the litter removed from the river included cans, bottles, pieces of plastic, inflatable tubes, a shoe, a rug, plastic lawn chairs and much more.

The cleanup was a very successful event. In just a few hours, volunteers were able to remove multiple bags of trash and filled canoes with debris. Trash was not the only thing observed by the volunteers throughout the event. There was plenty of wildlife to be seen – turtles, fish, birds, crayfish, insects, a beaver, and a deer.

By removing the garbage from the river we were making the river a cleaner and safer place for the wildlife to be.

Trash has a negative impact on the environment – harming habitats, releasing chemicals, and creating unsafe conditions for animals and humans. Even small pieces of plastic (also known as microplastics) can cause issues. These microplastics can be eaten by small animals that are low on the food chain. Those animals are then eaten by larger animals that are higher up on the food chain, causing it to accumulate in their bodies which can result in health problems or death.

We can help by practicing the “leave no trace” principles when engaging in outdoor activities – such as disposing of trash and respecting wildlife. Cleaning up after ourselves and others is one simple thing that we can do that has a positive impact on the Mother Earth.

We wanted to say chi-miigwetch to all of the volunteers who came out to help us clean the river, to Isabella County Parks and Recreation for disposing the collected trash, and to the Environmental Team and Tribal College staff who organized the event and helped load and unload vessels. This would not have been possible without all of your help. Chi-miigwetch!
Eleven young Tribal community members complete 2021 Youth Police Academy

Eleven young Tribal community members completed the 2021 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Youth Police Academy, held throughout one full day on Tuesday, July 20 at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department.

From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day, the youth cadets partook in a driving course with golf carts, shooting courses with non-lethal ammunition, K-9 demos and police equipment/tool displays.

The event concluded with a cookout and kickball game.

The academy was open to Tribal community youth 12 to 18 years old. Lyllyan Barton, Samuel Cloud, Nani Dudek, Wayne Jackson, Wenonah Jackson, Angelita Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Justin Perez, Biiaaadge Sprague, Sereniti Cole and Jaylah Kequom completed the academy.

“Cadets learned the importance of physical fitness and completed a mock police academy entrance exam,” said Chief of Tribal Police Harry Ambs. “Cadets learned driving skills and safe firearm handling that were able training guns.”

Ambs said the cadets seemed the most surprised to learn “the real life lessons of safe vehicle/ORV operations and safe firearm handling that were able be taught in a fun and exciting way.”

When Ambs was asked what he personally enjoyed most about this year’s academy, he said, “the officers and youth connecting and building relationships. We were blessed this year with a great group of kids and wonderful, dedicated officers.”

Ambs said challenges with planning were mostly caused by the pandemic.

“The uncertainty of knowing the status of COVID in the community delayed the announcement of this year’s academy making the planning phase very short,” he said. “There was also a need to provide the safest environment for community children to participate. This made the majority of this year’s academy occur outside.”

The demos were held in the Tribal Police parking lot or in the lawn area near the department.

Eleven young Tribal community members attend the Youth Police Academy with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department on Tuesday, July 20.

ROLAND JACKSON

Roland Jackson proudly said, “I am here to help out the tenants and the Tribal community any way that I can. I can’t wait to meet everyone.”

Please welcome Roland the next time you see him. Roland can be reached at 989-775-4534 or RJackson@sagchip.org.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure the Housing Department welcomes Lacey Mandoka as the new emergency rental assistance program administrative assistant.

Lacey brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Lacey has worked at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in the Food & Beverage Department and Seventh Generation in Tribal Operations.

She is currently working on her associate degree at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.

Lacey enjoys a good scary movie and traveling. Lacey said she likes going to Tribal community events like powwows, sober celebrations, and family fun events. She is a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member and strongly believes in the important of learning your traditions.

She wants the Tribal community to know, “I am here to help everyone out who needs rental and utility assistance. Please let your family and friends know.”

Lacey Mandoka can be reached 989-775-4588 or LMandoka@sagchip.org.

Housing Department welcomes Roland Jackson as maintenance worker

It is with great pleasure to welcome Roland Jackson as the Housing Department’s new maintenance worker. Roland brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Housing team. Roland has worked at the Zibiwing Center as a grounds keeper and at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort as a laundry attendant.

Roland is a hardcore video gamer and his favorites include “Call of Duty” and “Halo.” Roland also enjoys rap and hip-hop. He believes he “can rap with the best of them like Royale Blood and G-Eazy.” Roland is a proud Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member.

He enjoys attending powwows “to see the community come together, laugh with family, and enjoy the food.” Roland also strongly believes in the “power of fry bread.”

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Applications are available: 

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• Email: You must e-mail an application to HousingOffice@sagchip.com
• In person: You may obtain a hard copy of the Housing Office located at 2451 Nishnabewanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Applicants are processed on a first come first serve basis and will continue until all funds are exhausted. Funds will be distributed directly to landlords and or vendors providing utility services. Completed applications must have all the supporting documentation attached and should be returned to SCHD, 2451 Nishnabewanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

Funding for this COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program is provided by the U.S. Treasury as established under Section 204 of Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260 (Dec. 27, 2020).

Applications will be accepted until all funds are exhausted. Applications are available at the Housing Office, located at 2451 Nishnabewanong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Applications can be mailed to you by calling (989) 775-4595, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Students perform plays for family on last day of Niibing Program

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Fall preparation: Yard waste and/or brush and hazardous tree removal

There is a nominal charge for yard waste and/or brush can be found at isabelcounty.org/departments/recycling-center/resources/acceptable-materials/. The Planning Department has a new program for Tribal Elders (age 55 and above) that live on Tribal Trust Property or Allotted Land for Hazardous Tree Removal. It is a program that will provide up to $500 to have a hazardous tree removed by an insured tree removal contractor.

Hazardous tree removal needs to be left on-site, provided to Tribal Members for personal use only, and may not be sold for profit. This is a grant-funded program and is subject to change. If you have any questions regarding the information in this article, you may call (888) 775-4014 or email kmccoy@ isabelcounty.org.
Simon Quigno: Signed to play lacrosse and football at Trine University in Indiana

Simon Quigno, 18, is photographed during a lacrosse game for Swartz Creek High School. Quigno paints a red hand print on his face to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

“Football was supposed to be a sport to keep me in shape for lacrosse but I fell in love with the sport allowing me to get my anger, depression, sadness, and my fear of failing and compact that into one hit and I loved that feeling so much, to be free,” said Simon.

“Throughout the recruiting process he has been a great communicator, an ambassador for his high school team, and he has high expectations for himself,” added Karl Zimmerman.

“At Trine we want our student-athletes to be prepared to succeed, lead, and serve,” said Zimmerman. “I have no doubt he will be a great addition to the university and lacrosse program.

“His is a very passionate person,” said Jacob Kingsley, Trine University head football coach. “I could tell throughout the conversations throughout the recruiting process. You can see that he plays with that same passion on the field. He has good quickness off the edge and plays with a high motor. We’re excited to see what he’s going to bring to the team the next four years.”

Simon Quigno knows where he is going in his college career. “I’m taking it to the next level,” he said.

The Recreation Department hosted RezBall 2021, a three-on-three basketball tournament, on Wednesday, Aug. 11. The annual event was held in the parking lot of the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Players received a free lunch and event T-shirt. Teams from four different divisions vied for the first-place trophies. Second-place finishers were also awarded medals for their efforts.

The winners of the divisions were as follows:

- **Middle school boys:** Pop Tarts (Kannen Quezada, Zhaawan Martell and Trevor Isham Jr. Managed by Isaiah Rodriguez)
- **High school boys:** Native Soldiers (Jaden Ouawabine, Oscar Smith, Glendon Bennet and Joc Keshick)
- **Adult men:** GR’s Finest (Jaleil Holt, Jacario Holt, Jonny Day and Jesse Pablo)
- **Middle School Girls:** Tom and Jerrys (Jayla Trepanier, Braylee Trepanier and Natalie Donley)
- **High school girls:** Rez Gurlz (Asalia Quigno, Alberta Trepanier, Alexis Trepanier, Bird Hendrickson)
- **Adult women:** The Legends (Aleigha Owl, Rosemary Saboo, Tay Smith and Tamara Ortiz)
- **5th and under (co-ed):** The Bears (Aiden Raphael, Joseph and Tommy Andreas)

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Kid Rock performs two evenings at Soaring Eagle with special guest Grand Funk Railroad

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort held two nights of concerts from Kid Rock with special guest Grand Funk Railroad. The first show on Saturday, Aug. 14 sold out so quickly that a second one was added Sunday, Aug. 15 to the outdoor summer concerts. kidrock.com

Kid Rock’s two-hour set began with Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believin’” after the lyrics “born and raised and south Detroit” blasted. A video montage was then played on the large screens and ended with Kid Rock’s silhouette. Then, he appeared on stage.

Kid Rock and his band launched into “Greatest Show on Earth” with a lot of pyrotechnics, flames and streamers.

The band also ran through The Band’s home-words of Grand Trunk Western Railroad, a line that runs through the band’s hometown, Flint.

The band also played a range of music from their six studio albums including the hit singles “How Did You Love,” “Get Up,” “Bully,” “Monsters” and “Second Chance.”

To close out the night, Shinedown performed a cover of the classic Lynyrd Skynyrd song “Simple Man” followed by the powerful vocals of “Sound of Madness.”

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Their set kicked off with a bang, playing their hit songs “Lowlife,” “Blow” and “World Keeps Spinning.”

The acoustic-infused ballad “Santa Monica” was followed by “The Loco-Motion” and “Shinin’ On,” Carole King’s “Some Kind of Wonderful,” “I’m Your Captain (Closer to Home)” and “We’re an American Band” during their one-hour opening set.

Kid Rock performs during his first of two outdoor shows at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, July 14.

Soaring Eagle hosts Shinedown, Theory of a Deadman and Pop Evil on Aug. 6

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Live rock ‘n’ roll was back, and out in full force on Friday, Aug. 6 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The trio of Shinedown, Theory of a Deadman and Pop Evil all took to the outdoor concert stage for memorable performances.

The members of Shinedown electrified the atmosphere in the crowd right away, as they jumped into the hit songs “Cut the Cord,” “Unity” and “Fly From the Inside.”

Next up was the catchy chorus of “State of My Head,” followed by “If You Only Knew,” “45” and “Save Me.”

Lead singer Brent Smith’s larger-than-life vocals impressed during the hit song “Diamond Eyes (Boom-Lay Boom-Lay)”.

The catchy, pop/rock love song “I’ll Follow You” was followed by the hard hitting “Enemies” and “Devil.”

Kid Rock’s performance

“American Bad Ass” and “First Kiss” followed.

Both shows featured plenty of rock, pyro, patriotism, attitude and energy.

The singer-songwriter and rapper alternates between rock, hip hop, country and heavy metal. Other songs performed included “Rock Bottom Blues,” “Devil Without a Cause,” “Wasting Time,” “Cocky,” “All Summer Long,” “Johnny Cash,” “Cowboy,” “Po-Dunk” and “Picture.”

The 50-year-old performer ended his concert with “Rock n Roll Jesus,” “Only God Knows Why,” “Born Free,” “Bawitdaba” and “Shake, Rattle and Roll,” a Big Joe Turner and His Blues Kings cover.

The opening band for both evenings, Grand Funk Railroad, is an American rock band. The band was popular during the 1970s, but clearly still has a large following.

The band’s name is a play-on-words of Grand Trunk Western Railroad, a line that runs through the band’s hometown, Flint.

Grand Funk performed “Shinin’ On,” Carole King cover “The Loco-Motion” and “Walk Like A Man,” followed by a long drum solo during which band members left the stage and let the drummer, Don Brewer, get to it. Brewer is the only continuous band member.

Along with Brewer, current members are Mel Schacher (bass), Max Carl (vocalist/guitarist), Tim Cashion (keyboardist) and Bruce Kulick (guitarist).

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Mainstream Rock Chart.

The homegrown talent of Muskegon, Mich.-based rock band Pop Evil opened the concert. The band played several of their most popular songs, including “Deal with the Devil,” “Footsteps,” “Breathe Again,” “Frenches” and “Waking Lions.” All five songs reached No. 1 on Billboard’s Mainstream Rock Chart.

For more information on upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.

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The first annual Wewebanaabiiwin Youth Fishing Tournament is held at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park on Aug. 13.

Young anglers took to the shores, with some using canoes to fish the deeper water of Grewen Lake at the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

The event was held as part of American Indian Sobriety Month.

Many Tribal Departments collaborated to make the event a success, including the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, Behavioral Health, Seventh Generation, Recreation, Youth Council, Tribal Police, Tribal Fire, Tribal College and the Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park.

E-cigarette use and the effects it has on kids and young adults

**INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN**

With the back to school season here, it’s time to talk about e-cigarette use and the effects on students.

From the Food and Drug Administration, from 2017 to 2018, current e-cigarette use defined by use on at least one day in the past 30 days by high school students increased 78 percent, from 11.7 to 20.8 percent, accounting for a troubling 3.05 million American high school students using e-cigarettes in 2018.

In addition, the proportion of current e-cigarette users in high school who reported use on 20 days or more in the past 30-day period increased from 20 percent to 27.7 percent between 2017 and 2018.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the most e-cigarettes contain nicotine, the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products. A recent CDC study found that 99 percent of the e-cigarettes sold in assessed venues in the United States contained nicotine. Some e-cigarette labels do not disclose that they contain nicotine, and some e-cigarettes marked as containing 0 percent nicotine have been found to contain nicotine.

Nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain. The brain keeps developing until about age 25. Using nicotine in adolescence can harm the parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control.

The CDC notes the use of e-cigarettes is unsafe for kids, teens and young adults. Most e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development, which continues into the early to mid-20s. E-cigarettes can contain other harmful substances besides nicotine. Young people who use e-cigarettes may be more likely to smoke cigarettes in the future.

The CDC describes e-cigarettes as electronic devices that heat a liquid and produce an aerosol, or mix of small particles in the air. E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes. Most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid.

Some e-cigarettes look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. Some look like USB flash drives, pens, and other everyday items. Larger devices such as tank systems, or “mods,” do not look like other tobacco products. E-cigarettes are known by many different names. They are sometimes called “e-cigs,” “e-hookahs,” “mods,” “vape pens,” “vapes,” “tank systems,” and “electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS).”

Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called “vaping.”

If you or your teen would like free help to quit using e-cigarettes, Native Americans in Michigan may call 1-855-541-QUIT (1-855-524-7848) or visit aiquitline.com for free culturally tailored quit coaching. You may also call 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) for free help.

**STEPS TO Health August 30 – Sept. 26, 2021**

Choose from the 3 categories to make “steps” to a healthier you:

1. **Exercise:** 20 minutes of quality exercise, 10K Steps for five days, 2x at Nimkee Fitness, and more!
2. **Nutrition:** Two servings of vegetables, 60 ounces of water, utilize the plate method at two meals, and more!
3. **Self-Care:** 7-8 hours of sleep, 10 minutes of meditation, make a message appointment, and more!

*See log sheet for more options*

**Rules:**

- First choose two healthy “Foundation” Steps that you want to maintain for the next four weeks. A minimum of one step must be picked from each category by the end of week four. Pick habits that you’re not currently doing.
- **Week 1:** Accomplish your Foundation Steps this week
- **Week 2:** Choose another step along with your Foundation Steps
- **Week 3:** Choose a NEW step along with your Foundation Steps
- **Week 4:** Choose a NEW step along with your Foundation Steps

**Incentives:** Consomi Air Fryer, Nimkee Strong Consori Air Fryer, Nimkee Strong Consori Air Fryer, Nimkee Strong

**Log Sheet:**

Step in to Nimkee Fitness to sign up and pick up a log sheet OR email Jaden at jharman@sagchip.org to sign-up or return log sheet by Sept. 28

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

**Important Benefits Update:**

**TRIBAL MEMBER INSURANCE**

Saginaw Chippewa is excited to announce an additional plan offering for all TRIBAL MEMBERS that takes effect on January 1, 2022. Compare the current medical plan to the new offering below. To elect or waive this new coverage, please take action during Open Enrollment, which will take place during the month of October into mid-November.

![Image][1]
Joint statement from HHS Public Health and medical experts on COVID-19 booster shots

(Editors’ note: The following news release comes from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, website at cdc.gov and was released on Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2021.)

On Aug. 18, public health and medical experts from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the following statement on the Administration’s plan for COVID-19 booster shots for the American people.

The statement is attributable to Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Dr. Janet Woodcock, acting commissioner, Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. surgeon general; Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH); Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical advisor to the President; Joe Biden and director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID); Dr. Rochelle Walensky, assistant secretary for health; Dr. David Kessler, chief science officer for the COVID-19 Response; and Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith, chair of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force:

“The COVID-19 vaccines authorized in the United States continue to be remarkably effective in reducing risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death, even against the widely circulating Delta variant. Recognizing that many vaccines are associated with a reduction in ongoing risk and that additional vaccine doses could be needed to provide long-lasting protection, we have been analyzing the scientific data closely from the United States and around the world to understand how long this protection will last and how we might maximize this protection. The available data make very clear that protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection begins to decrease over time following the earlier phases of the vaccination and, in association with the dominance of the Delta variant, we are starting to see evidence of reduced protection against mild and moderate disease. Based on our latest assessment, the current protection against severe disease, hospitalization, and death would diminish in the months ahead, especially among those who are at higher risk or were vaccinated during the earlier phases of the vaccination rollout. For that reason, we conclude that a booster shot will be needed to maximize vaccine-induced protection and prolong its durability.

“We have developed a plan to begin offering these booster shots this fall subject to FDA conduct of a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna mRNA vaccines and CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issuing booster vaccine dose recommendations based on a thorough review of the evidence. We are prepared to offer booster shots for Americans beginning the week of Sept. 20 and starting 8 months after an individual’s second dose. At that time, the individuals who were fully vaccinated earliest in the vaccination rollout, including many health care providers, nursing home residents, and other high-risk individuals, will likely be eligible for a booster. We would also begin efforts to deliver booster shots directly to residents of long-term care facilities and home health workers at that time, given the distribution of vaccines to this population early in the vaccination rollout and the continued discussions to ensure that COVID-19 vaccine doses are provided.

“We also anticipate booster shots will likely be needed for children who received the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. Administration of the J&J vaccine did not begin in the U.S. until March 2021, and we expect more data on J&J in the next few weeks. With those data in hand, we will keep the public informed with a timely plan for J&J booster shots as well.

“Our top priority remains staying ahead of the virus and protecting the American people from COVID-19 with safe, effective, and long-lasting vaccine strategies. We are prepared to modify this plan should new data emerge that require it.

“We also want to emphasize the ongoing urgency of vaccinating the unvaccinated in the U.S. and around the world. Nearly all the cases of severe disease, hospitalization, and death continue to occur among those not yet vaccinated at all. We will continue to ramp up efforts to increase vaccinations here at home and to ensure people have accurate information about vaccines from trusted sources. We will also continue to expand our efforts to increase the supply of vaccines for other countries, building further on the more than 600 million doses we have already committed to donate globally.”


Wearing purple in September brings awareness to gynecological cancers

JENNA WINCHEL
Women's Health Nurse

All month long in September, by wearing purple, you are helping bring educational awareness to the community on cervical, uterine/endometrial, ovarian, and vulvar cancers. Here are a few facts to consider:

• Most cases of cervical cancer are now preventable with human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination.
• Endometrial cancer, also known as uterine cancer, is the most common gynecological cancer and usually occurs around the time of menopause.
• Only 15 percent of all ovarian cancers are caught at an early stage.
• Ninety percent of gynecologic cancers are preventable with informed screening.
• The most common gynecologic cancer of the female reproductive system is cervical cancer and usually occurs at or around the time of menopause.
• Only 15 percent of all ovarian cancers are caught at an early stage.
• More than 90 percent of women diagnosed with endometrial cancer are diagnosed with a stage that could have been more effectively treated if pathology changes were made.
• Eighty percent of ovarian cancer are not limited to abnormalities in the tubal and extra-tubal areas.
• Thirty percent of patients diagnosed with cervical cancer are not limited to abnormal vaginal bleeding prior to diagnosis.
• Symptoms may include but are not limited to abnormal vaginal bleeding after intercourse, excessive discharge and abnormal bleeding between periods, vaginal odor and pain.
• You can reduce your risk by getting the HPV vaccine before you become sexually active, have your children vaccinated starting at ages 11 or 12, and receive regular Pap test with HPV testing as recommended by your health care provider.

The probability of detecting cervical cancer may include but not limited to:
• Abnormal bleeding after intercourse.
• Watery discharge, especially after intercourse.
• Changes in vaginal bleeding and discharge.
• Pain or pressure in the pelvic area.
• Unusual vaginal bleeding.
• A change in the size or shape of your womb.

For more information, please call Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631

For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

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

Three Members Needed
For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

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

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

If interested:
Write a short letter stating why you feel you would make a good Health Board Member.
Mail or bring to the Nimkee Clinic:
Attention: Karmen Fox
2591 S. Leaton Rd.
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Nimkee Clinic:
Mail or bring to the

Phone: 989.775.4631
Email: kFox@sagchip.org

Post event activities
• Lunch for all
• Talogas games and bounce house
• Friendly corn hole tournament beginning at 12:30 p.m.
• Door prizes

To register a team, contact:
Jaden Harman, Fitness Coordinator
Ph: 989.775.4631
Email: JHarman@sagchip.org

For more information please call Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631

Deadline: Oct. 31, 2021

More information can be found at cdc.gov/vaccines

Vulvar cancer symptoms may include but not limited to: chronic itching, abnormal bleeding and discharge, skin color changes, bump or lump with wart-like or raw surfaces, or an open sore.

It is important for a woman to see her doctor if she is having any symptoms; however, some women will have no symptoms, so getting vaccinations and regular Pap test plus HPV test when recommended is key to preventing cervical cancers.

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Lacrosse Wednesdays
Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 p.m.
• Box on Broadway (behind Public Safety building)
• 989-775-4780 or 989-480-6444
• Beginner to all levels welcome, no equipment needed

Birria Taco People’s Powwow Fundraiser
Sept. 1 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until gone)
• Seventh Generation
• Tacos, beans and rice: $10

Labor Day Family Picnic
Sept. 6 | 12 - 5 p.m., food served at 12:30 p.m.
• Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
• Recreation@sagchip.org
• Family bingo (1 p.m.), door prizes, bag and sack race, egg toss, side attractions and musical chairs
• Bean bag tournament at 1 p.m, 16 team limit, single elimination, players must be at least 13 years fo age.
• Two players per team, prizes for the final four teams
• Contact Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5399

SafeTALK: Suicide Alertness for Everyone
Sept. 9 | 1 - 4:30 p.m.
• Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
• Registration: https://p2p.onecause.com/wc2
• Registration code: safeT2021
• info@srrn.net or 989-781-5260

Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser
Sept. 10 | 10 a.m. shotgun start
• Pine River Golf Club (Standish, Mich.)
• 989-775-4141 or DaPilar@sagchip.org
• info@srrn.net or 989-781-5260

Project Venture After School Schedule
Every Wednesday | 3:30-5 p.m.
• ACFS
• DWave@sagchip.org or 989-775-5804
• Sept. 8: Getting to Know You/Project Venture
• Sept. 15: Contributing Confidently
• Sept. 22: What does it mean to be a young Native American Youth today?
• Sept. 29: Project Venture Outside of School

Recovery on the Rez
Thursdays | 6 p.m.
• Fridays | 11:30 a.m.
• Behavioral Health
• Join us in person for a non judgmental mutual aide support group that welcomes all styles of recovery
• Tuesday Zoom Meetings at 2 p.m.
• Zoom ID: 82912188791 | Password:123456

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow
Sept. 11, 12 | Grand entry at 1 p.m. both days
• Powwow Grounds (2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI)
• 989-775-4000 or powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
• Admission: $3 daily, $5 weekend, $1 for children
• Hand drum contest on Sunday

Grandparents Day Celebration
featuring the Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo
Sept. 11 | 12 - 4 p.m., lunch served at noon
• Andahwow CCC & ES
• 989-775-4300
• Food, games and prizes
• Please do not attend if you have been exposed to COVID-19 or if you are sick.
• Masks available, not required outside.
• Entry to building for restroom only, mask required.

State Planning Presentation
Sept. 16 | 12 - 1 p.m.
• View online at: https://tinyurl.com/mils-presentation
• Registration: https://tinyurl.com/Estate-Planning-Signup
• A comprehensive free presentation
• Protect your loved ones with proper planning
• Brought to you by Michigan Indian Legal Services & Pro Bono attorney Dian Kuhn Huff

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
Sept. 16, 17 | 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
• Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
• Registration: https://p2p.onecause.com/sagchip2
• Registration code: SagChip25
• 989-781-5260 or info@srrn.net

People’s Traditional Powwow
Sept. 17 | Lacrosse and bonfire at 6 p.m.
• Sept. 18 | Grand entries at 1 & 7 p.m.
• Sept. 19 | Grand entry at 12 p.m.
• Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
• Feast at Saturday 5 p.m. (for participants)
• Hand Drum Contest on Sunday (Jackson Family)

Walk in my Mocs Writers’ Series
Sept. 21 | Workshop 12-2 p.m., public reading 7 p.m.
• Location: TBD
• archmidt@sagchip.edu
• Featured writers: Kim Blaeser, Heidi Erdrich, Gordon Henry and Gwen Westerman Griffin.

Obstacles to Recovery
Sept. 25 | Starts at 10 a.m., check in at 9:30 a.m.
• Broadway Park
• Registration: JHarman@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694
• Overcome an obstacle course around the Reservation
• Long sleeve shirts for the first 150 registrants

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Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email 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 payment ready before this deadline. Classifieds with photo are $10 for 15 words, and $15 per additional word. Minimum image cost is an additional $15. Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. *Job postings are subject to change daily.

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SCTC Adjunct Faculty
Open to the public. Master’s degree required in identified discipline. Previous teaching experience preferred. The time for Full 2021: biology, business, Native American studies, forestry, computer arts.

Dental Assistant
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate of a dental assisting program or two years of dental assisting experience. Applicant must have education and directly related experience may be considered.

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

ACFS Director - Social Services
Open to the public. Master’s degree in human services or related field. Full license required. Five years of social services experience. Two years’ experience in a supervisory capacity. Experience working with tribal families or other diverse, minoritv or disadvantaged groups.

Associate General Counsel
Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practitioner, attorney, familiar with federal Indian law preferred. Member of the Michigan State Bar Association and in good standing.

Occupational Health RN
Open to the public. Associate of Nursing License. Registered Nurse. Three years’ experience in nursing administration with OSHA regulations and retooling.

Dental Hygienist
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Graduate from a dental assistance program or two years of dental assisting experience. Certification to expand dental responsibilities.

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, and ENG 130 or equivalent is higher preferred.

Certified Nursing Assistant
High school diploma or GED. Current Nursing Assistant. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred.

Technical Services Technician II
Bachelor’s degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Three years IT support desk experience with one of the following certifications: Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician certification, Comp TIA A+ Certification, Comp TIA+ Certification. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Resident Service Manager
Open to the public. Registered Nurse or Nursing Assistant. Three years long term care experience. One year supervisory experience. Knowledge and experience of services to assisted living homes and care homes for the elderly.

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

Culinary Supervisor
High school diploma or GED. At least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

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

F&B Shift Supervisor
Open to Public. High school diploma or GED. At least 18 years of age. One year of housekeeping or laundry experience.

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

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

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

Appointments not needed
- Showers are now available, locker rooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- Temperature check will be performed prior to check-in.
- All unvaccinated visitors are still required to wear a mask before entering.

NEW HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

Beverage Waitstaff PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Serv- ice experience preferred.

Waitstaff PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three months of housekeep- ing experience preferred.

Groomsmen Attendant PT
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Kitchen cleaning experience preferred.

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Secondary Language Instruction
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree preferred. Bilingual Anishinaabemowin speaker. Two years teaching Anishina- bemowin. Early childhood teaching experience preferred.

IT Support Tech
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years help desk experience or bach- elor’s degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Experience with Windows Server and Desktop OS and Microsoft Office Suite.

Central Plant Operator
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in utility, maintenance or related field. Minimum two years of mechanical equipment envi- ronment, or licensed HVAC.

Elementary Teacher
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in education related field. Master’s degree preferred. Experience with current as- sessment requirements, fed- eral and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred. Preference will be given to those with proficiency in speaking the Ojibwe language.

Strategic Grant Specialist
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in business administra- tion, community development, his- torics, or related field. Three years’ experience in grant writ- ing and/or project management. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience considered.

Elementary Counselor - AWARE
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in social work or counseling or related field. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with se- vere emotional disturbances.

Physician
Open to the public. Medical degree or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Current board certi- fication in specialty. Two years’ experience as a practitioner or tenant or clinic setting preferred. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employ- ment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

Chief Financial Officer
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in accounting or related field. Ten years in depth experience in general mana- gement with increasing re- sponsibilities for multi-faceted direction and planning required. Five years’ experience as a CFO or controller/comptol- ter, preferably in a govern- ment or nonprofit organization.

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TIM MCGRAW
with LAUREN ALAINA
Saturday, September 18 | 8:00PM
Outdoor Concert
Ticket Prices: $41, $51, $61, $75
ON SALE NOW!

MEGADETH and
LAMB OF GOD
with TRIVIUM & HATEBREED
Friday, September 24 | 8:00PM
Ticket Prices: $24, $40, $60, $72
ON SALE NOW!

ICE CUBE
Saturday, October 9 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall
Ticket Prices: $59, $72, $85, $92
ON SALE NOW!

REO SPEEDWAGON
Saturday, October 16 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall
Ticket Prices: $44, $54, $72, $78
SOLD OUT SHOW!

SNOOP DOGG
with WIZ KHALIFA
Sunday, Sept. 25 | 6:00PM
Ticket Prices: $24, $40, $60, $94
SOLD OUT SHOW!

GOO GOO DOLLS
Friday, October 22 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall
Ticket Prices: $49, $69, $102 & $109
ON SALE NOW!

BARENACKED LADIES
Friday, October 1 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall
Ticket Prices: $44, $54, $72, $78
ON SALE NOW!

KUMBIA KINGS
Saturday, October 23 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall
Ticket Prices: $25 General Admission
ON SALE NOW!

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

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
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First 300 guests to pre-purchase the main session will receive a FREE T-shirt!

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