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Recap of Jan. 22 State of the Tribe annual meeting

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

The State of the Tribe annual meeting was held Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding about 1 p.m.

Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, provided the welcome as the grand entry began with Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society flag carriers and Onion Creek drum.

Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts provided the invocation and requested a moment of silence for those who have walked on this past year.

Brunch began at 10:15 a.m., during which community images were displayed on the large screens in the Entertainment Hall.

Following brunch, Chief Theresa Jackson provided a welcome that was followed by introductions of each Tribal Council member. Those Tribal Council members who wished to provide words of welcome spoke at this time.

Chief Jackson then continued with the State of the Tribe Address. Jackson mentioned the Owen's property closing (Migizi housing), and the Mid Michigan College closing with

a predicted Fall 2023 opening for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College in that space.

She also mentioned the planning of an elders' four plex and a 16 plex for permanent support housing.

Chief Jackson provided the Tribal Member demographics through December 2021: 1585 in District One, 47 in District Two, 1845 in District Three and 31 out of the country (29 in Canada, one in Puerto Rico and one in Japan).

Jackson mentioned Article 4, Section 3 of the Constitution "provides the Tribal Council may modify the boundaries of any voting district."

The chief also addressed on Dec. 1, 2021, a motion passed Resolution #22-024 "expanding District One to the entirety of Isabella County. Tax exempt status not included per State agreement." Jackson mentioned this began effective Jan. 1, 2022 and 158 Tribal Members are possibly affected.

Following Chief Jackson, Youth Council members then introduced themselves and provided a presentation for the community to get to know them a bit better.

General Counsel Sean Reed discussed the Constitutional Amendment proposal on four-year staggered terms.

Several updates followed,



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Chief Theresa Jackson smiles at the podium before providing the State of the Tribe Address during the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

including information from: Benefits Manager Craig Graveratte on SCIT Tribal Member healthcare; an update on Migizi EDC given by CEO Bob Juckniess; and a review of Soaring Eagle gaming properties, courtesy of CEO Melinda Coffin.

Tribal Council Treasurer Gayle Ruhl then provided the treasurer's report to Tribal Members.

The annual meeting concluded with a 50/50 and raffle drawings, and a travel song provided by Onion Creek drum.



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Grand entry begins with Onion Creek drum as the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society carry the flags.

The State of the Tribe meeting is available to view in its entirety on sagchip.org in the SCIT Tribal Members only section of the website. Please log in to the SCIT Tribal Members only area of the website at <http://www.sagchip.org/user/login.aspx?ReturnURL=>.

All presentations and materials that were presented at the meeting are also posted for review.

If you do not have a SCIT Tribal Members account, we encourage you to register for one to ensure that you are receiving all future alerts and updated information. All SCIT Tribal Members can register for an account by going to the following link: <http://www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx>

For questions or for more information, please contact



Courtesy of Joseph Sowmick

Youth Council members Co-President Mgizi Wemigwans (right) and Social Director Kylie Wemigwans (left) provide an introduction at the State of the Tribe annual meeting.

Public Relations at (989) 775-4059 or by email at publicrelations@sagchip.org

Erik Rodriguez, interim public relations director, contributed to this article.

Getting to know Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig: A Q&A with the Tribal Observer

Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig answered questions provided by Natalie Shattuck, managing editor for the Tribal Observer, as part of a special Q&A session. The questions and answers are copied below.

Tribal Observer: Congratulations on making it another term on Tribal Council and, of course, huge congratulations on being elected as Sub-Chief. How does it feel to be serving your Tribe as the Sub-Chief?

Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig: I feel very blessed and honored to serve this term as the Tribal Council

Sub-Chief. I feel my previous Council experience has prepared me to step into this role.

TO: As I discussed with Chief Theresa Jackson during her Q&A session, this Administration made Tribal history when it became the first all-female Executive Council. What are your thoughts on that?

Sub-Chief: I didn't realize it until Chief Jackson mentioned it. It's an honor to be a part of this historical moment for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe; something that my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can

look back on. I hope this will inspire other young women in our community and show them that we can be leaders.

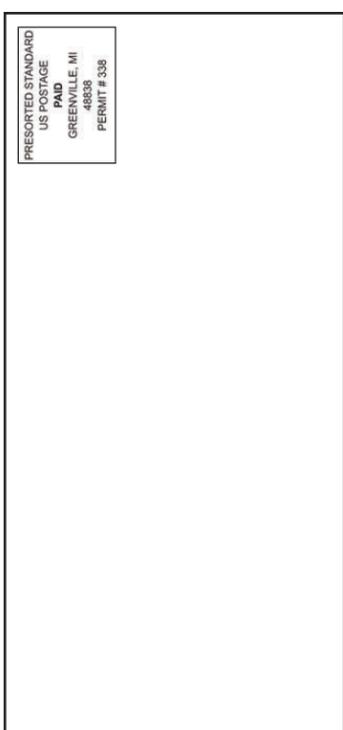
TO: What do you hope this Administration accomplishes?

Sub-Chief: We have ongoing projects from the Ekdahl/Davis administrations. I would like to see our administration keep the momentum going and also finalize some of the projects. It takes a lot of time, energy and effort. I would like to see the groundbreaking of the new school. One of our top



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis Photography

Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig is photographed after the Tribal Council swearing in ceremony on Dec. 7.





Tammie C. Holbrook

February 2, 1969 – December 24, 2021

Tammie C. Holbrook of Clio, age 52, passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, at McLaren Flint.

Tammie was born on Feb. 2, 1969, in Flint, Mich., to the late Lila Smith. She married Charles Holbrook II on Sept. 4, 1999.

Tammie enjoyed camping, kayaking, horseback riding, her geese and crocheting blankets. Above all, she loved her grandchildren and spending time with her family.

Surviving are: children: Nicholas Davis, Charles (Sheryl) Holbrook III, Jennifer (Brandon) Fisher and Bridget Culey; grandchildren: Karsyn, Barrett and Brennan.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Diana Davis and mother, Lila Smith.

Honoring her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held at 3 P.M. on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at the O'Guinn Family Funeral Home in Clio. The family received visitors at the funeral home on Thursday from 12 P.M. until the service



Domonic A. Stone

April 5, 1958 – January 4, 2022

Domonic A. Stone, age 63, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon, Mich.

Domonic worked at Port City Die Cast in Muskegon and was also a security guard for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mount Pleasant, Mich., of which he was a proud member.

He loved to collect sports memorabilia with baseball being his favorite. He enjoyed exercising at the Nimkee Memorial Fitness Center as well as participating in the senior aquatic classes. He also dearly loved his dog, Ginger, who was a faithful companion to the end.

Domonic is survived by his children, LouAnna (Stone) Spoelhof, Peter Stone, Desiman Stone; grandchildren Roger Spoelhof, Lillian Spoelhof, Dylan Spoelhof, Andrew Stone, Desiman Stone Jr.; brothers Warren Stone and Sydney Stone both of Muskegon and two sisters.

He was preceded by his parents, Peter and Lillian Stone; sister, Gloria Stone; and brother, Michael Stone.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Faith Baptist Church (3593 Whitehall Rd.) at 11 a.m. Inurnment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to The Lee Chapel of The Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St. Norton Shores, MI 49444.



Zachary Paul "Zman" Sawmick

January 14, 1959 – January 8, 2022

Zachary "Zman" Paul Sawmick, age 62, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022, at Mid-Michigan Medical Center in Alma.

Zach was born Jan. 14, 1959, in Northport, Mich., the son of George and Elsie (Wasquam) Sawmick. He was a proud member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Zach worked for many years in construction.

He loved listening to blues music, chasing women, and was known for his red Corvette. His favorite pastime was hanging with his granddaughter, Alexandria.

Zach is survived by his son, Adam Sawmick of Mt. Pleasant; grandchildren Alexandria and Gaaskiza; brothers Jeremy Sawmick of Mt. Pleasant, Danny (Margo) Sawmick of Canada; sisters Yvonne (Bruce) Dyer of Grand Rapids, Michelle Sawmick of Holland; and nieces and nephews.

Zach was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Alexandria; brothers Ralph and Jonas; and sisters Mona and Gladys.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at 3 p.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment will take place at a later date in the spring at Denver Township Cemetery.



Shane Tucker

January 30, 1978 – January 8, 2022

Shane Robert Tucker, age 43, of Falmouth, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022.

Shane was born on Jan. 30, 1978 in Cadillac to Robert "Bob" and Carol Tucker. Shane graduated from McBain Agricultural School and had obtain his journeyman's license in electrical contracting. On May 17, 2016 Shane married Crystal Burgher in Missaukee County.

He was most recently working as an electrical maintenance man for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in Mount Pleasant.

Spending time with family and his friends was his favorite pass time. Shane could be found not sitting still but rather outdoors doing things he loved, such as, hunting, fishing camping, woodworking, trail riding with side by sides, and the Jeep. He also rode motocross and loved cruising on his Harley. Another enjoyment of Shane's was making Christmas wreaths.

Shane is survived by his wife; Crystal, children; Kennedi, Quinn, Harli, Mark, and Taylor, mother Carol Tucker (Bob Miller), sister; Christine (Justin) Ogg, grandfather; Bill Hart, sister-in-law, Amanda (Chris) Baker, brother-in-law, Mark (Michelle) Burgher, as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, and nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his dad; Bob Tucker, grandparents; Donna Hart, Edward and Elizabeth Tucker, and in-laws; Mark and Sue Burgher.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14 at the Burkholder Family Funeral Home in McBain. Pastor Dirk Koetje officiated. Burial took place in the Aetna Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made out in honor of the Tucker family.



Johnathan Steven Springer

July 27, 1992 – December 16, 2021

Johnathan Steven Springer, age 29, of Ontario, Canada, formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021, in Ontario, Canada.

Johnathan was born July 27, 1992, in St. Paul, Minn., the son of Steve Morrow and Glenna Springer. He enjoyed drumming, fishing and being a firekeeper.

Johnathan loved being a dad and spending time with his girls.

Johnathan is survived by his daughters Payton, Ember, and Isabella Springer; mother Glenna Sehl; brothers James Springer, Samuel Springer, Floyd Sehl; sisters Sarah Sehl and Cassandra Thompson; grandmother Kathleen (Ron) Koenig; aunt Liz (Jeff) Bennett; aunt Meredith; cousins Courtney Swink and Joey Swink; extended Bennett and Morrow families; many other cousins; and his father Steve Morrow.

Johnathan was preceded in death by his dad William "Boo" Sehl; uncle Peter; aunt Lois; grandpa Bennett; great-grandma and great-grandpa Bennett; grandma and grandpa Springer; great-grandma and great-grandpa Springer; grandma and grandpa Morrow.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Doyle Perry officiating. Interment immediately followed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. A luncheon took place at Reflections Reception Center following burial. The family received friends beginning at 12 p.m. until the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Jennifer Cook

December 10, 1972 – December 27, 2021

Jennifer Cook, age 49, of Shepherd, Mich., passed away Monday, Dec. 27, 2021, at MidMich Hospital Gratiot.

Jennifer was born Dec. 10, 1972, in Lansing, Mich., daughter of William Harry Davis and LuAnn Phillips.

Jennifer married Jerry Cook on Aug. 13, 2013. She was a loving wife who loved to take care of others. She was known for her arts and crafts, her frequent trips to Walmart, and her many, many candles.

Jennifer will be remembered as the "best" grandmother. Jennifer had a special place in her heart for her fur baby dogs; Monkey, Ty, and Bella, who will miss her deeply.

Jennifer is survived by her husband; Jerry Cook; children: Jessica (Andy) Taylor, Maranda (Chris) Griffiths, Marc (Amanda) Ellison and Eric Cook; grandchildren: Daron, Logan, Payton, Raegan, "Jennifer's favorite 3 year old" Anniston, Jamie, Donna, Angel, Kenneth, Henry and Harper; parents: William Davis, and LuAnn Phillips; brothers: Tony (April McMullen) Davis, Craig (Kacie) Davis, Jacob Davis and Aaron Davis; sisters: Kristine (Matt) Depeel, Sandra Davis, Nicole Davis, Mandy (Blaine) Linville; special aunt: Karen Davis; and many nieces and nephews.

Jennifer was preceded in death by her grandparents, and her dog Chloe.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, Dec. 31, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Terry Phillips and Benjamin Evers officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Gardens Cemetery. A luncheon followed the Committal Service at the Eight to Eight Hall (221 West Wright Avenue Shepherd Michigan 48883). The family received friends on Thursday, Dec. 30 at the funeral chapel from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family.



Robert Harold Bailey

June 14, 1937 – January 13, 2022

Robert Harold Bailey, age 84, of Farwell Mich., passed away at The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022.

Robert (Bob) was born to parents Lahy and Gladys E. (Strong) Bailey in Mount Pleasant, Mich. on June 14, 1937. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Bob joined the U.S. Air Force and proudly served his country.

He married the love of his life, Norma Jean Robison, at the Justice of the Peace in Farwell, Mich., on leap year, Feb. 29, 1968. They moved to Farwell from the Flint (Montrose) area 21 years ago.

Bob was a member of the Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid outdoorsman. He also played guitar in a country music band called Southwind for many years.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Norma Jean Bailey, his stepson, Tom W. Bailey Jr., grandchildren Gage and Damon, and great grandchildren Gage, McKala, and Jaydon, as well as siblings Bud Robison of Farwell, Dusty Robison of Clare, Judy Bannister of Mt. Pleasant, Janet Kerns of Kent, Wa., Romana Walker of Flushing, Elli VanHorn of Mt. Pleasant, Lynn (Lynden) Arnold of Coleman, Sandra Wilson of Farwell, and Marcia (Dewey) Dickinson of Clare, a sister in law, Arlene Robison of Farwell, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lahy and Gladys Bailey, and brothers Michael Robison, Frederick Bailey and Buddy Bailey, and sister Terri Huntoon.

A funeral service was held at Campbell Stocking Funeral Home in Farwell, Mich. on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at 1 p.m. Pastor Ray Francis of the United Methodist Church of Farwell officiated. Bob was laid to rest at Surrey Township Cemetery.

Memorial considerations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Bob's name.



Richard Lee Rodriguez

November 6, 1945 – January 21, 2022

Richard Lee Rodriguez, age 76, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at Woodland Hospice House.

Richard was born Nov. 6, 1945, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Robert and Luella (Salano) Rodriguez. He worked for many years in skilled labor.

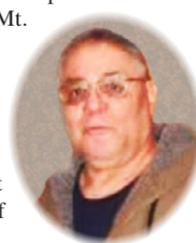
Richard was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He was known to enjoy spending time at the casino and was a fan of all kinds of sports.

Richard is survived by two children, Carmen Rodriguez of Lansing and William "Billy" Fox of Grand Rapids; 10 grandchildren, Carmen Rodriguez, Briana Owens, Sage Owens, William L. Fox, Andrea May Fox, Emmanuel L. Fox, Elijah L. Fox, Yesenia Fox, Gitchinoodin L. Fox, Wadaase L. McSanby, Aakidewin L. Fox, Armando Fox; five great-grandchildren, Carson Fox, Khloe Fox, Amelia Fox, Baby Emmanuel L. Fox, Aiden L. Fox; three siblings, Robert Rodriguez of Mt. Pleasant, Mike (Belle) Zygmunt of Mt. Pleasant, Vicki Brown of Florida; many nieces and nephews.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents; Robert and Luella (Salano) Rodriguez and brother, Ron Rodriguez in 2006.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 12 p.m. with Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. Interment immediately followed at Woodland Cemetery. The family received friends from 11 a.m. until the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.



DANCERS REQUESTED

for a powwow dance demonstration at the CMU Men's and Women's Basketball halftime show

March 1 & 2, 2022

7 p.m. (arrival time: 6 p.m.)

McGuirk Arena

If interested, sign-up at:

<https://bit.ly/CMUBasketball2022>

COVID-19 information:

- Masks are REQUIRED in all CMU buildings. All visitors to campus must follow CMU's mask guidelines.
- DO NOT visit campus if you are experiencing any cold symptoms or any symptoms suggestive of COVID. You are not allowed on campus in case you have been identified as a close contact and you are within your isolation period.
- Please review all information on the Health & Wellness page before visiting CMU's campus. <https://www.cmich.edu/about/covid-19-information-and-resources>





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

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

- Feb. 1
- March 1
- April 5

March Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

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

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

▶ Notarization is required

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

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



2022

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

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

Cart Membership Raffle (optional) Drawing on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 12 p.m.

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

Wii Maagiikwad a place to grow

This is the name of the new tribal school and recreation center facility. It will be located at 2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

The project is planned for actual construction in Spring 2022. In preparation for this, a position will be added to the project. The Tribal Council has approved a Request for Proposal from individuals who would like to be considered for the project coordinator assistant position. This is a contractual position.

Please address the following categories when submitting proposals as it pertains to personal education, experience and special skills.

Scope of Work

Categories:

- **Administration:** Set-up and maintain work space, check emails, organize incoming and outgoing information, schedule meetings, activities, coordinate with various departments and agencies activities and information.
- **Research Information:** Gather information regarding various aspects of the new facility. For example; FF&E, Technology, Security- coordination and organization of items, lists, incoming equipment, scheduling, appropriate changes, upgrades, and cancellations.
- **Operations Plan:** Assist to gather, document and organize current operational practices by facilitating information between the three departments. Key areas will be the shared policy and procedure for transportation, food service, central scheduling, application registration, maintenance and central receiving.
- **Community Input:** Assist with preparing presentation materials and organizing information and drawings to be shared with community members.
- **Construction Documents:** Acquire most up to date drawings and maintain records on decisions and change orders including financial implications and costs.
- **Construction of Facility:** Assist with information gathering and record keeping about construction schedules and tracking changes as well as critical decisions in the construction process.
- **Move In Preparation and Planning:** Assist with the planning process of moving into the new facility. Coordinate/record information from contractors and vendors regarding warranty information. Create shared digital files with important timelines and schedules for warranty service. Establish a central process for disseminating important scheduling information so the departments can plan accordingly.
- **Final Inspection and Record Keeping:** Assist with record keeping regarding; final inspections, corrective measures, timeframes and follow-up actions. Ensure information is provided to critical departments for future planning and decisions regarding upkeep and maintenance.

The deadline for submissions is Feb. 28, 2022.

Please submit proposals to:

Dustin Davis
Tribal Administrator
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



Events and services provided by the Recreation Department

- Youth basketball
- Men's basketball league
- RezBall tournament (all ages)
- Afterschool Program
- Open gyms (youth/adult)
- Friday fun challenges (youth)
- Indoor events
- Golf tournaments
- Golf league
- Outdoor events
- Professional sports games



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Happy
Valentine's
Day!



Happy 1st
Valentines
Day



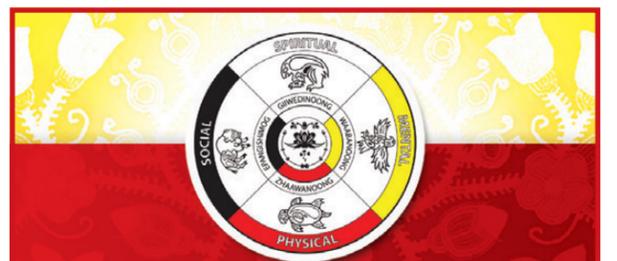
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Zaagidiwin, Grampa & Grama Riley

Happy 16th
Heavenly
Anniversary



to my loving hubby
Randy Jackson
Your loving wife
Ronda Jackson

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Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCIES

Send letters/email of interest to:

- **Mail:** Tribal Education Administration
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Email:** csharp@sagchip.org

Letters/emails of interest deadline:
Friday, Feb. 18, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Requirements:

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



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

- ▶ **Presidents Day** — Feb. 21, 2022
- ▶ **Easter** — April 18, 2022
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Sept. 23, 2022
- ▶ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — Jan. 16, 2023



Tribal Council

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Council Member

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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

Attention all Tribal Members

The program dedicated toll free (1-800 884-6271) number for At-Large/Member Services has been eliminated.

The Tribe's main toll free (1-800-225-8172) may be used instead to reach the Tribal Government switchboard and any department or program you need.

You may also find the Tribal Government telephone Directory on the Tribal website at www.sagchip.org.



38th Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

Save the Date!

July 29, 30 & 31, 2022

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

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

For more information, please contact:

SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

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.



Crisis Lines

SCIT Behavioral Health

989-775-4850 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Central Michigan Community Mental Health

800-317-0708 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Listening Ear

989-772-2918 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Suicide Prevention Hotline

800-273-8255 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Runaway Teens Hotline

800-786-2929 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

National Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

COVID-19 Hotline

888-535-6136 Available 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 7 days a week

Certified Peer Support Specialist Warmline

888-733-7753 Available 10 a.m. - 2 a.m., 7 days a week

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 25 & 26, 2022

Powwow Grounds - 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI
Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel, and the Saganing Tribal Center

Please direct all questions to Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee
989.775.4000 | powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Community Wi-Fi now available

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

- **Network name:** SCITCommunity
- **Password:** community

Tribal Observer

Boozhu! The Tribal Observer, a monthly newspaper, is published on the first of each month. To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email observer@sagchip.org. To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055. Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.



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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. 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:

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www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Editorial: How the Round Dance was healing for me

CHARMAINE M. SHAWANA

Contributing Writer

It was November 2007. I was in Canada. It seems like I was back and forth a lot that year, between Mount Pleasant and Wikwemikong, Canada. My sister Merc called me and asked me to come home to help take care of her and her son because she was sick. When I got home to Mt. Pleasant, I saw that she was very sick – turning yellow, in fact. Her skin and her eyes were yellow. Her liver was failing her. I told her to stay at my house to rest and I would take care of her and her son.

I'm told that the winter months are a time of reflection and healing, a special time for introspection, and for settling down and thinking about your life, and where you are going with it. Many elders talk of the Northern Lights and the Waas No Dek, which literally means bright, shiny, lights.

I've heard some elders say, the Northern Lights are our ancestors dancing. They are rejoicing about life and dancing in the sky. Traditionally we don't dance in the winter, because when its winter here, its summer there, and they are dancing these winter months. So it's pretty special to see.

So back to my sister Mercedes... she was my best friend. We always shared everything about each other. We would go shopping together and take "popcorn rides." A popcorn ride is when you go for a ride after dinner; sometimes we would stop by the movie theatre and get some popcorn. Everyone looked forward to the popcorn ride, even the kids. The threat was always there, "If you don't behave you're not going on the popcorn ride." Various acquaintances went on the popcorn ride, whoever was there at the house after supper.

After I came home to take care of her, she didn't last long. She eventually went to the big hospital in Ann Arbor. It was Thanksgiving, and she died just before Christmas. It was the saddest time of my life.

She left a legacy that will never be forgotten with four children and three grandchildren at the time.

I was not working at that time in my life; in fact, I was on my "Linguistic Sabbatical," in Canada learning our Anishinabe language. I sequestered myself at home to grieve. Staying home alone seemed like the right thing to do at the time. So I stayed home, got caught up on my reading, did a little writing, and a little sewing, some TV, and lots of introspection. Family members would come over now and then to check on me, as we were all grieving, and shared a few tears here and there.

I heard about the Round Dance in our community and was eager to learn what it was all about. That year, the Round Dance helped me tremendously. It was in February and it was the first time I had been out and about. It hit me with particular significance, especially since I had been alone and grieving on my own.

For the first time in a long time I got to see real people and spoke to others, other than my family. Part of my grief left me that day. It felt so good to be among the people. Listening to the drum and seeing the kids really lifted my spirit.

I got hugs from lots of people, and really felt good about being there. It was a special time I will never forget. I got to talk to so many friends about my sister and I could feel the hurt and pain just lifting from me. It was pretty spectacular.

A short time later, the snow slowly melted and life returned to the glorious spring, and then summer.

I will never forget the significance of the Round Dance and how it made me feel that night. The drums, the people dancing, the children laughing, and all my friends and acquaintances were there to make me feel better.

Lots of native communities are doing round dances these days. This is my story and how it has helped me.

Mii'ew.

That's all.

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New Tribal Police officers sworn in on Jan. 4



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, Chief Theresa Jackson swore in two new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers to begin their duties to serve and protect the Tribal community. Anthony Genia (left photo) and Jacquob Littlejohn (right photo) were both sworn in after 8:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council chambers.

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Sub-Chief Q&A

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priorities is making a decision on what to do with the old Tribal Operations building; it's a part of Tribal history. I believe from the Tribal Membership survey and Tribal Council's ideas, we can hopefully make a decision soon. We are also looking to finalize the mental health code. Currently, our Council is receiving input from many key departments and this will ensure we have the input that is needed to get it finalized.

TO: What are some upcoming occasions you are looking forward to?

Sub-Chief: I always look forward to community meetings. I feel when our community comes together it makes us stronger and brings unity. It also gives us an opportunity to let the Membership know what has been accomplished and what we continue to work towards.

TO: What made you want to run for Tribal Council?

Sub-Chief: It's an opportunity to help my community, to give back as a leader and be a voice for them. My late husband Allan encouraged me to run for Council in 2011-2012, and unfortunately, I did not make it that time. He told me not to give up and

try again next time, that's what I did and I'm here today.

TO: What motivates you at work?

Sub-Chief: Knowing that I can get up in the morning, go to work and make a positive impact on my community. They voted me into this position, so I always try my best to help when I can.

TO: Who were some of your inspirations in Tribal leadership?

Sub-Chief: I looked up to and learned a lot from many women in leadership roles within our community. I gained more experience from serving on the past administrations especially from our elder leaders.

TO: What was your first paying job?

Sub-Chief: My first paying job was as a summer youth worker, cleaning the cemeteries. Eventually I began working for social services and also worked at the group home with Carole Tally. I then moved to Behavioral Health where I gained a lot of experience.

TO: You've been involved with the Healing to Wellness Program and sobriety events. What message do you have for community members who are on the road to recovery?

Sub-Chief: Recovery can be challenging and it takes a lot of patience. If you fall, get back up and keep moving forward. Your journey is not over! Reach out if you can and ask for help, that doesn't make you less of a person, it shows your strength. We have many resources in our community to help you along the way.

TO: Do you feel it's important that Tribal Members work for their Tribe?

Sub-Chief: Yes, this is our Tribe and I believe that it's important to help our Tribe succeed.

TO: What are your words of advice for Tribal youth who would like to succeed in leadership positions?

Sub-Chief: Take the opportunity of Summer Youth to explore and find what you are passionate about. We have several opportunities right here in our community, start thinking about your future. SCIT is blessed with many opportunities and resources.

TO: What would you like the Tribal Membership to know?

Sub-Chief: My position is a title, I am no better than you. We are all the same and all go through things in life. I will always do my best for the Tribe as a whole. When someone comes to me for help, I put my family in their position, "What if it was my child, sister, brother, auntie, uncle, cousin." If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me, my door is always open. I will continue to pray for my community. May God bless us all!

TO: What would you like Tribal employees to know?

Sub-Chief: Thank you for your patience during the last two years during the internal changes due to the pandemic. We always have your health and safety in our best interest. I'm very thankful, and I appreciate your hard work and dedication to the Tribe. I would also like to thank all of our frontline/essential workers who continually work hard to keep our community safe and businesses operating.

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Businesses and individuals may sponsor the Festival of Banners starting at \$2,500. Sponsors at this level will have their logo included on the back of all 300 banners and

recognition on our website (www.ArtReachCenter.org).

Artists 18 and under or 65 and older are invited to participate free of charge.

This year, 300 banners will be painted by community members who submit designs. Entry deadline for banner submissions is Feb. 18, 2022. Banners are available to artists of all ages and skill levels.

Complete kits will be made available for all participants. Space is available at Art Reach during normal business hours by request.

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Editorial: Keeping bald eagles and other wildlife safe from drones

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Unified Region 3 – Great Lakes

We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that eagles are fascinating and fun to watch. Sometimes eager wildlife enthusiasts take their observations a bit too far. One emerging threat to eagles and other wildlife is an increase in harassment from unmanned aircraft systems, commonly referred to as drones.

We need your help to keep eagles safe as they nest and raise young. Take a few moments to learn what special protections eagles have under federal law, how you can view them safely and what to do if you see someone harassing eagles or other wildlife.

Bald eagles are more than conceptual symbols of freedom and strength. As a population, they have rebounded from the brink of extinction. In the early 1960s, there were estimated to be as few as 417 nesting pairs in the lower 48 states. By comparison, there are almost 72,000 nesting pairs today.

While eagle success is partly due to strong environmental laws, it's also due to their tenacity and adaptability as a species.

Today, they can be found in almost every state and thriving in all sorts of habitats.

Eagle protections

Even though eagles are no longer an endangered species, they are still protected by several federal laws, including the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Lacey Act, as well as other state and municipal protections. Eagles, including feathers and parts, nests, nest trees, as well their winter or nighttime roosts, are all protected by federal laws.

Even with all these protections, eagles suffer from harassment, especially during the stressful time of nesting. Drone use and other invasive human activities can cause breeding pairs to abandon nests for the season. This is an actionable offense that can result in heavy fines and even prison time.

Winter is prime nesting time

While you might think of eagles as independent and solitary by nature, they can be incredibly vulnerable, especially while nesting. You also might not realize that courtship and nesting starts much earlier than many other resident or migratory birds.

While the breeding season varies regionally and from year to year, it can begin as early as November and December in southern areas. Eagles in colder climates typically begin building or improving nests in January and may lay eggs as early as mid-February.

Males and females share parental duties – from incubating eggs and feeding young, to protecting the nest and teaching fledglings to find their own food. It's essential that we give eagles a respectful distance during this time and that we're thoughtful about how our actions may impact them.

Eagles and many other raptors are territorial when nesting and may perceive drones and other loud equipment as a threat, resulting in serious consequences – from lost energy defending their nest and egg failure, to eaglet death and potential injury to the adult birds.

How close is too close?

Under federal law, it is illegal to pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest or disturb eagles – including getting too close. During breeding season, we recommend that any activities that could disturb a breeding pair be kept at least 660 feet away from

an active eagle nest. This extends to waterways as well.

Motorized boats and other vehicles should follow the same distancing recommendations and be mindful of nesting pairs.

Please note that it is also illegal to trail or pace an eagle with a drone while the eagle is in flight.

Legal penalties

Not only can people potentially cause an eagle pair to abandon an active nest for the breeding season, they can lose expensive equipment to a defensive eagle attack. These actions can result in expensive penalties under multiple federal, state and tribal laws. Under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, the first criminal offense is a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine for an individual or a \$200,000 fine for an organization.

The second offense becomes a felony, with a maximum penalty of two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for an individual or a \$500,000 fine for an organization. The act also provides for maximum civil penalties of \$5,000 for each violation.

Help protect wildlife

We encourage you to get outdoors and get to know your local wildlife from a safe distance. If you see someone who may be harassing wildlife, contact your local game warden. Many of our law enforcement investigations are solved because people who see unlawful activities reach out to law enforcement.

Wildlife crime is far more domestic than you may realize, and it can happen in your local parks, national wildlife refuges and even on your own land. You can help make a difference.

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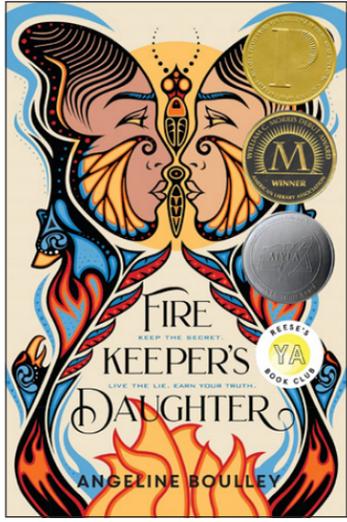
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Editorial: Reflection of event with author Angeline Bouley

TAMARA LAWSON

(Editor's note: On Nov. 23, Angeline Bouley, author of "Firekeeper's Daughter," visited Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's campus for a workshop and Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Culture Center for the Lunch & Learn event. Below is a student reflection excerpt, submitted by Tamara Lawson for Composition I course, taught by Lindsay Drumm.)



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Originally, I remember hearing "Firekeeper's Daughter" was like an indigenous Nancy Drew, so I was instantly intrigued by the book because I read the series as a kid. After reading it, I was excited to register for the workshops because it was a great book with much more emotion than a Nancy Drew book.

I wanted to learn about what the author was thinking when she was writing this.

I learned so much, for example, the Native language does not go in italics when writing because it is not a foreign language.

Bouley expressed that she did not like the way Natives were written about; she did not feel like she fit into the white narrative and believes there should to

be more Native representation in Young Adult literature.

Bouley explained new authors do not have much leverage when they debut; however, she was able to name the book, pick the Ojibway narrator to record the audio book, and find the Native illustrator for the cover. She said the original art for the book had a bullet at the bottom of the butterfly's body, but she did not like the message it sent.

Bouley also said although the book references chemistry and mixing natural medicines to make something, she has not said (and will not say) what those ingredients are because she feels she has a sense of

responsibility to the community not to include those details.

She said Native writers have an added responsibility that might include discussing difficult topics. Bouley told us that, by fictionalizing the tribe, it was easier to talk about the hurt that tribes experience when they lose loved ones to addiction and murder.

She said she thought about this book many years ago; it took about 10 years to write and rewrite. She said the story has been ever-changing, almost like a choose-your-own-adventure. She knew the beginning and the ending, but the middle part had many drafts.

Bouley had two questions for the Lunch & Learn participants: How is story-telling relevant, and do healing and justice cancel each other out?

She mentioned that she received an offer about selling the story to have it made into film. In the contracts, she had very specific wording to show representation by hiring Native peoples for staffing the production crew,

casting, and the centers of the film, including the producer.

The first production company said they did not know of any Native producers; she declined working with them. Bouley chose a film company that allowed her to find the people she wanted involved in the project.

Higher Ground Productions allowed Bouley to retain many of the rights in the sale of "Firekeeper's Daughter," which will be available on Netflix. The production company is owned and operated by former First Lady Michelle Obama and former President Barack Obama.

Our World

by Lucinda Wentworth, SCTC Student

Little Ojibwe boy
 Only fit in on the Rez
 Family had lost tradition
 Some live too far away
 Come from two worlds (biracial)

Their world, shallow culture
 They say *You are only as good as your partner*
 If you have none, *you are only as good as your career*
 Or *You're only as good as your child*
 Naïve, I thought you would make their world better (fairytale)

You, victim of family dynamics
 Co-dependent mother
 Bad men, terrible men
 Iron fists and con artists
 I had to leave you? (abandoned)

In their world, post-colony
 You were a victim of the system
Fit in our culture
Submit to our culture
Civilize this wild child (savage)

A farm for troubled boys
 Color-coded shirts
 Show how good you were
Work for your freedom

Cracked ribs (restrained)

They said *two years*
 You couldn't come home
 My back to God
 My heart to stone
 Back to the bottle (relapse)

But their world lies
 You, the "brave" conquered
 Forever defiant
 You came home
 Only two months later (miracle)

From then to now we have both grown
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Rick Springfield still rocking 40 years after release of "Working Class Dog"

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted '80s pop rock sensation Rick Springfield for a sold-out performance on Dec. 28.

Although his mainstream musical career kicked off nearly 50 years ago, you would never guess it based on his performance that night. Springfield brought his music to life on the Entertainment Hall stage, with all of his energy, enthusiasm and skill on full display.

Springfield began with the heavy techno beats of "Affair of the Heart," followed by "Light This Party Up" and "I Get Excited."

Up next were the driving riffs of the pop rock hits "Living in Oz" and "Alyson."

After a performance of "Party at the Beach Bar," Springfield took a moment



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rick Springfield performs "Light This Party Up" during the Dec. 28 concert at Soaring Eagle.

to share the significance of the night's set list.

"It's the 40th anniversary of 'Working Class Dog,'" he said about his 1981 album.

To honor the anniversary, he performed many of the most popular songs off the Platinum-rated album. This included "I've Done Everything

for You," "The Light of Love," "Everybody's Girl" and "Love Is Alright Tonight."

Audience members were also treated to a number of other hits, spanning his career including "World Start Turning," "Souls" "My Father's Chair" "The Voodoo House" and "Jesus Saves."

Other highlights of the night included spirited covers of Mondo Rock's "State of the Heart" and the Romantics' "What I Like About You."

The ballad "Don't Talk to Strangers" was followed by the techno vibes of "Human Touch" and the catchy lyrics of "Love Somebody."

To close out the night, Springfield played "Kristina," followed by the number one single "Jessie's Girl." The latter of which had audience members singing along during the chorus of the perennial fan favorite.

Due to unforeseen Covid-related circumstances, special guest Men At Work were unable to perform as opening act.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Rick Springfield sings the lyrics to his hit song "Affair of the Heart" on the Entertainment Hall stage.

Sawyer Brown, Lonestar see sold-out show in Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Fans of '80s and '90s country music fied to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for a sold-out concert featuring Sawyer Brown and Lonestar on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.

Music listeners may remember Sawyer Brown from the band's number one hits including: "Step That Step" (1985), "Some Girls Do" (1992) and "Thank God for You" (1993).

Sawyer Brown returned to Soaring Eagle exactly seven years since the band has been in town. The group's last Soaring Eagle performance was Dec. 30, 2014.

Sawyer Brown has played more than 4500 shows, toured more than a million miles between them, recorded 23 albums, had more than 50 charted singles, and earned CMA, ACM and CMT awards.

Current band members include: Shayne Hill (lead guitar), Joe Smyth (drums), Gregg Hubbard (keys) and Mark Miller (lead vocals).

Other memorable Sawyer Brown songs include: "Hard to Say," "They Don't Understand," "Treat Her Right," "The Race is On," "The Walk," "All These Years," "Used to Blue," "This Night Won't Last Forever" and much more.

American Country group Lonestar made their Soaring Eagle return exactly five years to the date – the group last performed at Soaring Eagle on Dec. 30, 2016.

Lonestar has charted more than 20 singles on the Hot Country Songs chart, including the number one hits: "No News," "Come Cryin' to Me," "Amazed," "Smile," "What About Now," "Tell Her," "I'm Already There," "My Front Porch Looking In" and "Mr. Mom."

"Amazed" also charted at No. 1 on

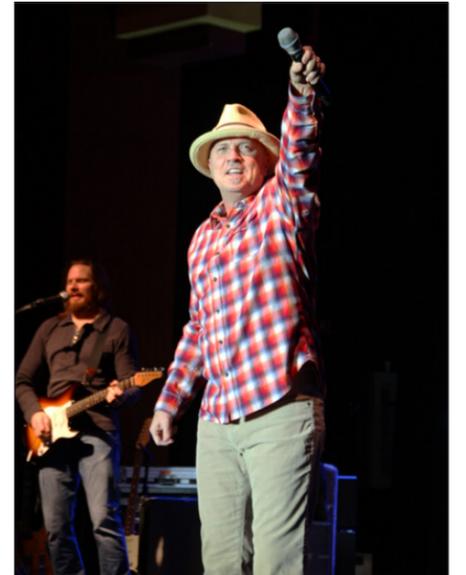


Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Lonestar members Michael Britt (left) and Dean Sams (right) are photographed during a past Soaring Eagle show on Dec. 30, 2016.

the Billboard Hot 100, become the first country song to do so since "Islands in the Stream" (1983), recorded by the late Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton.

Current Lonestar members include Dean Sams (keys, acoustic guitar, background vocals), Michael Britt (lead guitar, background vocals), Keech Rainwater (drums) and Drew Womack (lead vocals, guitar).



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Sawyer Brown's lead vocalist Mark Miller is photographed during a past Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort concert on Dec. 30, 2014.

Lonestar has sold more than 10.5 million records since their formation (lonestarnow.com).

Rodney Carrington brings the laughs to sold-out Soaring Eagle show

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed Rodney Carrington on Dec. 27. The multi-talented comedian, actor, singer-songwriter brought the latest stop on his "Let Me In!" Tour to the Entertainment Hall stage.

Carrington has proven to be quite the force in the comedy world, while remaining one of the top 10 highest-grossing touring comedians for the past two decades.

He has released eight major record label albums including his Greatest Hits album, which was certified Platinum after its release in 2004.

Carrington also starred in his own sitcom "Rodney," which aired on ABC for two seasons, as well as appearing alongside Toby Keith in the feature film "Beer for My Horses."

During his routine, Carrington held back no punches. He routinely pushed the envelope with his hilarious and

unapologetically crude humor. The audience members were often left balancing between laughing out loud and gasping

in surprise from the unabashed way the comedian approached his subject matter.

For more information on upcoming

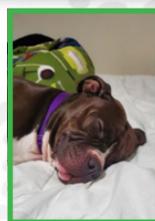
shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at www.soaringeaglecasino.com.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Comedian Rodney Carrington smiles at the audience during the Dec. 27 show at Soaring Eagle.

Adopt a Pet



Berty

Berty is just the perfect chunk of pure love - she is laid back and loves everyone she meets! Berty is happiest when she is with her people and she loves to snooze and cuddle. She is also very playful and loves to go for walks. She rides well in the car with our volunteers and has gone on several sleepovers and came back with a stellar report card. She could possibly live with other dogs pending a meet and greet. She should be fine living with older, respectful kids.



Zaragoza

Zaragoza or "Zara" for short is an 8-month-old Domestic Shorthair mix. Zara is a bit shy at first but once she gets to know you, she will want all of your attention. She would love another kitty friend to snuggle with while the humans are away at work. She is a very dainty girl and full of love. She has been with HATS since June 2021.

Humane Animal Treatment Society

1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant Hatsweb.org
Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

*Building is currently closed to walk-in visitors. Adoption visits must be scheduled ahead.





Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

gaagige	forever
ode'imin	strawberry
waabigwan	flower
izhidooneni	point with lips
zaagi	love
zenibaanh	ribbon
biiwaabikokaan	mine
oginii-waabigwan	rose
namebini-giizis	February
niiiii	friend
ojiim	kiss
misko	red
wiishkobi	sweet
minwaabamewizi	be admired
inde	my heart
maamawi	together
giimoodad	be secret
awan	foggy
wiidige	be married
bikwak	arrow

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

Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

Word Bank

- Gma-kwen-min
- Gba-shi-gen-a-min
- Gba-shi-gen-a-mi-go
- Gma-kwen-mi-go
- Gzaa-gi-go
- Gme-si-nin
- Gme-si-ni-go
- Gzaa-gin

Across

- 2: We love you
- 5: We like you
- 6: I'm thinking of you
- 7: I love you
- 8: We miss you

Down

- 1: I miss you
- 3: I like you
- 4: We are thinking of you

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

- Answers**
- Across**
- 2. We love you (gzaagigo)
 - 5. We like you (gbashtigenamin)
 - 6. I'm thinking of you (gmaakwenmigo)
 - 7. I like you (gbashtigenamin)
 - 8. We miss you (gmesinigo)
- Down**
- 1. I miss you (gmesin)
 - 3. I like you (gbashtigenamin)
 - 4. We are thinking of you (gmaakwenmigo)



Nimkee Fitness Center spotlight: Christa Gomez

Each month this year, Nimkee Fitness would like to recognize a member who has been a shining example for us all.

Next up for the Nimkee Fitness spotlight is Christa Gomez. Christa started her health journey in 2020 when the pandemic started.

Christa said, “Our Native culture teaches us that you can never have a positive without a negative. So the pandemic

has had a lot of negatives, but a couple positives did come out of it. I regained my health and we bought our restaurant, instead of renting the building.”

When Christa couldn’t attend her normal ceremonies, powwows or cultural events, she would normally turn for self-care, she said that she turned to exercise. When exercise started to become a habit,

she said that eating healthier came too.

Since 2020, Christa has gotten off both of her blood pressure medications, went down 8 pant sizes, her autoimmune disease feels almost cured, and she now feels like she has the energy of a 20-year-old who can be active with her family.

She loves the physical and mental benefits she has received since making these lifestyle changes.

When Christa started to lose more weight, she added a new goal of building muscle for lose skin. This led her to come to Nimkee and we worked together to get her on a full body strength and conditioning program.

A barrier for Christa on her fitness journey has been hitting

plateaus of the scale not moving as she got closer to her goal weight. To help her stay motivated, she has been utilizing the Body Scan Machine to see results in a different lens. Despite only losing a couple pounds in a few months, the scan continues to show muscle gain.

The Nimkee Staff has been so encouraged watching Christa stay committed to her weight loss and strength gain goals. We asked Christa how she would motivate someone else based off

of her own experience and success. She said, “Most importantly, remember it takes time and patience, but



Courtesy photo

Christa Gomez

it will happen. Sometimes even it is just a little by little, STAY THE COURSE and don’t give up.”

Nimkee Fitness

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Yoga Class
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

For more information, contact: Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

How to get your immunization and vaccine information

Nimkee Clinic is receiving several calls from members requesting us to print the incentive form and or proof of their COVID-19 vaccine/make a new card. Nimkee Clinic cannot print the incentive form or proof of the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. For Michigan residents please follow the steps below to print your vaccine information, the registry has all of your immunizations/vaccine information listed if you received them in the state of Michigan:

<https://mdhhsmiimmportal.state.mi.us/>

Steps to get your Immunization Record

1. You must be 18 years of age or older
2. Create or Sign-in to your MiLogin account
3. Upload your valid government issued Photo ID (Driver’s license, State ID, or Passport)

UPDATED CDC GUIDELINES

Effective beginning Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022

If You Test Positive for COVID-19 (isolate) everyone, regardless of vaccination status:

- Isolate for five days
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are mostly resolved after five days, you may return to work with approval from Occupational Health — all positive cases with symptoms past five days will isolate for the full 10 days.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days — must wear a blue surgical mask, worn over the nose and mouth — no cloth masks during this time
- If you have a fever, you may not return to work until your fever resolves

If You Were Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine) and you...

- ▶ Have been boosted
OR
- ▶ Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last six months
OR
- ▶ Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last two months...
 - Wear a mask around others for 10 days
 - Test on day five — all staff will be tested either at Nimkee or on their own—if testing on their own, results are required to be sent to the cvdnotify group within five days of the test and RTW slip is also required per current HR policy prior to returning to work
 - If you develop symptoms get a test and do not report to work — staff are required to notify management immediately and are not allowed to report to work with symptoms —management will send staff for testing
- ▶ Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over six months ago and are not boosted
OR
- ▶ Completed the primary series of J&J over two months ago and are not boosted
OR
- ▶ Are unvaccinated...
 - Stay home (quarantine) for five days. After that, continue to wear a mask around others for five additional days.
 - All staff will be required to quarantine a minimum of five days
 - Test on day five — all staff will be tested either at Nimkee or on their own — if testing on their own, results are required to be sent to the cvdnotify group within five days of the test and RTW slip is also required per current HR policy prior to returning to work
 - If you develop symptoms get a test and do not report to work — staff are required to notify management immediately and are not allowed to report to work with symptoms — management will send staff for testing

** Contact tracing remains at 72 hours from onset of symptoms or test date if no symptoms for positives.

** Proof of vaccine required at Nimkee or considered unvaccinated

** Home tests are not accepted.

** If COVID positive within 90 days, no need to test or quarantine unless symptoms are present.

** Healthcare workers will follow specific guidelines for essential workers.

** Schools/educational areas will follow specific guidelines outlined by the CDC.



Free tax preparation available for elders

The Isabella County Commission on Aging is again working with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program to assist area citizens by providing free income tax preparation with free e-filing using a low contact model. This service is provided to low-and middle-income taxpayers with emphasis on seniors.

Tax clients will be asked to leave their documents (copies of the documents preferred) at the preparation site with their AARP tax preparer. These documents as well as the Intake and Interview booklet will be reviewed with the client before the client leaves the

tax preparation area. All client documents will be handled with maximum security.

Clients may remain in the building or leave to return when the tax return is completed. If the client leaves the building, access to a phone or email is required for follow up questions and to schedule a time for pick-up of the completed return.

Volunteers at these tax clinics will be handling Federal and Michigan tax returns that are within the scope of their training, as well as Homestead Property Tax and Home Heating credits.

Volunteers are required to pass an IRS test before they can

prepare returns. Individuals who are self-employed, have rental property, large numbers of stock transactions or have sold property (other than their main home) should consult a paid professional tax preparer.

AARP Tax Aide Foundation is also offering a Virtual Tax Preparation free service. The taxpayer will prepare their own return with assistance from a certified AARP tax volunteer using reputable online service.

A computer with internet access, an email address and a printer are required for this service. Go to Taxaideqa.aarp.org to request an appointment.

The Commission on Aging is now taking appointments for the following sites:

- **Commission on Aging - Activity Center:**
Most Wednesdays & Thursdays, Feb. 2 thru April 7
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., call to check schedule
- **Weidman Food with Friends Site - Weidman Library:**
Feb. 1, March 8 & 22, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Coe Township Library, Shepherd:**
Feb. 1 & March 15, 12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Call 989-772-0748 for all appointments.

Free tax preparation is BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Taxpayers MUST bring picture ID, Social Security cards (NOT Medicare cards) and a paper listing bank routing number and bank account number if direct deposit is desired.

Upcoming MMCC certified nursing assistant training sessions

Andahwod CCC & ES has job openings for certified nursing assistants and registered medical assistants.

Be a part of our Tribal elders' lives; help make an impact on their care.

Andahwod Mission Statement: Andahwod preserves our people's legacy by cherishing our elders through honor, care, and respect while encouraging family and community involvement.

MMCC offers trainings for both programs. Below is the CNA training info. More information on both programs can found at www.mmcc.org.

CNA - Harrison Campus

Harrison | Room 272

Training Start Dates:

- Feb. 21 - March 31, 2022: Training Schedule
- May 16 - June 23, 2022: Training Schedule
- July 11 - Aug. 18, 2022: Training Schedule
- Oct. 10 - Nov. 17, 2022: Training Schedule

* Clinical days and times may be altered based on availability provided by the clinical facility.

CNA - Mount Pleasant Campus

Doan Center | Room 120

Training Start Dates:

- March 21 - May 11, 2022: Training Schedule
- May 23 - July 5, 2022: Training Schedule
- July 18 - Aug. 29, 2022: Training Schedule
- Sept. 26 - Nov. 16, 2022: Training Schedule

Trainings qualify for SCIT tribal scholarships!

These six-to-eight-week trainings are divided into two

parts: Classroom activities/skill practice time in the laboratory & supervised clinical practice at an area health care agency.

• **Part One (80 Hours):** Classroom education and lab skills at the Harrison or Mount Pleasant Campus of Mid

Michigan College

• **Part Two (40 Hours):** Clinical training at a local health care facility

February 2022 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Todd Bergevin
Eliza Owl
John Kampf Jr.
Bonnie Sprague
Cathy Floyd
Gail Smith | 5) Mary Graveratte
Marcia Kelsall |
| 2) Deborah Meskill
Angela Jenkins
Carl Sanford Pelcher
Robert Shawboose | 6) Barbara Brodie
Timothy Davis
Mark Grischke
Esther Bailey
Virgil Munson
Kirk Walraven |
| 3) Kelly Hartwell
Mark Martin
Robin Martin
Martha Pudvay
Tom Waynee | 7) Patrick Nahgahgwon
Scott Pego |
| 4) Wayne Ritter
Roland Jackson | 8) Linda Craig
Debra Marler
Linda Martin |
| | 9) Raymond Davis
James Burnham |

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| Linda Powell
Jackie Donovan | Greggory Dutton
Savannah Star-Rice | Bernard Wright |
| 10) Paul Rueckert Sr. | 22) Tracy Mays
Chester Cabay III
Rebecca Rittmaier | 25) Cynthia Quigno
Shirley Robertson
Deborah Guillen
Nathan Ritter
Frederick Harris |
| 11) Mark Schafer
Karen Cantlin
Kyle Garlick
Michael Pashenee
Sharrie Moses | 23) Susan Bettistea
Betty Brief
Dorothy Brown
Kevin Fallis
Kelly Kendall
Kathie Kozuch
Ralph Mays
Bunny Roth | 26) Willie Bailey Jr.
Lorna McDonald
Edward Phelps
Leon Reed |
| 12) Bonnie Ekdahl | 24) Dianna Chamberlain
David McConnell
Sabrina Paulo | 27) Dawn Chippewa
Jeremy Sawmick
Alvin Jackson |
| 13) Paul Bailey
Evelyn Castaneda
Sheri Lairson | | 28) Julie Chamberlain |
| 15) Rachel Walker
Frances McGraw
Terry Vasquez
Mark Steele | | 29) Evelyn Sharon |
| 16) Kathy Dintaman
Darryl Jackson
Florence Sprague | | |
| 17) De Anna Baker
Lori Mazur | | |
| 18) Timothy Jackson
Richard Byce | | |
| 19) Milton Pelcher
Walter Slavik | | |
| 20) Ronald Bonnau
Peggy Goebel
Nancy Miller | | |
| 21) Steven Sowmick | | |



Positions Now Available!

Apply today at www.migiziedc.com

Andahwod Elder Services

Candy Grams

On sale Jan. 24 - Feb. 9, 2022

- ▶ \$5 each
- ▶ Delivery to local SCIT and SECR departments on Valentine's Day!
- ▶ Orders can be placed at Andahwod





FEBRUARY 2022 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Open Wood/Stone Shop

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

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org
- Open to community members
- Waiver must be signed before usage.

Bi Zhoosh Kwadwek (Skating Place)

Open daily | 12 - 10 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org
- Open skating: 12-7 p.m.
- Drop in hockey: 7-10 p.m.
- Rink closes at 10pm for maintenance, anyone wanting to assist is welcome.
- Waivers (in shed) need to be signed before getting on ice.
- Bring your own skates/equipment.

Project Venture Afterschool Meetings

Every Wednesday in February | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

- ACFS - Project Venture Kids' Office
- 989-775-5804 or DWinn@sagchip.org
- Feb. 2: Positive life skills
- Feb. 9: Encouraging positive choices
- Feb. 12: Weekend adventure day at CMU
- Feb. 16: Encourage to help
- Feb. 23: Pack so you don't lack

Annual Recreation Luau

March 14 | 6 - 8 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Banquet Room
- Recreation@sagchip.org
- Food, games and prizes: limbo contest, musical chairs, hula hoop contest, luau-themed dinner

ADA American Dental Association®

Save the Date: Feb. 18, 2022
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nimkee Clinic

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

Join Michigan Indian Legal Services and attorneys Jacquelyn Babinski and Elizabeth L. McCree for a discussion on current EDUCATION LAW, including:

How education law ties into other areas of the law (family law, child protection cases and criminal/delinquency)

When: February 9th @12pm
Where: <https://bit.ly/MichiganIndianLegalServices>
Preregister: <https://bit.ly/EDULAWpreregistration>

Jacquelyn Babinski, MI AECRES Executive Director and Lead Attorney
Elizabeth L. McCree, Esq.

We will help you to understand key provisions of special education law, how to identify potential special education issues or violations, and how to help clients enforce their special education rights

Got Education Law issues (particularly rights during disciplinary proceedings and IEPs)? Bring your questions!

Hockey Weekends

February 6 & 12 | 5 - 10 p.m.

- Seventh Generation Ice Rink
- 989.775.4780
- Bring your own equipment

Library Programs

February 7, 9, 15, 23 | 12 - 1 p.m.

- Virtual via Zoom
- AHeidemann@sagchip.org or 989-775-4519
- Feb. 7: Rep. Sharice Davids
- Feb. 9: Author Daniel Vandever visits SCTC
- Feb. 15: Winona LaDuke
- Feb. 23: Dawn Quigley

Drive Thru Baby Celebration

February 16 | Drive thru between 12 - 2 p.m.

- Seventh Generation (enter west drive for registration)
- 989.775.4780 or 989.775.4786
- Babies do not need to be present (age 0-6 months) to receive a bag with gifts inside.
- Gift bag includes: Baby Pendleton blanket donated by Ziibiwing, traditional shaker provided by 7th Generation, cloth book and T-shirt provided by ALRD and giveaway item and baby food.
- Tribal Members and Descendants only
- Beef stew, corn bread, and dessert (*while supplies last*)
- Baby, parents, grandparents will be eligible for raffle

FEBRUARY 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling ● Waste Collection* <p><small>*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.</small></p>	<p>1</p> <p>Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sacred Fire only 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits Due Feb. 4 at 5 p.m.</p> <p>Virtual Storytelling 5 - 7 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>Hockey at 7th Generation Ice Rink 5-10 p.m.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SCTC Pathway Program 3:30- 5 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Drive Thru Soup Day 12 - 1 p.m. Saganing</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Hockey at 7th Generation Ice Rink 5-10 p.m.</p> <p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Tribal Observer Deadline</p> <p>Drums Out 6-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Sacred Fire only 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>19</p> <p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Tribal Center closed Presidents Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Drums Out 6 - 8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12 - 1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Drive Thru Soup Day 12 - 1 p.m. Saganing</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 6 - 7:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Peer 360 Recovery Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. B. Health</p>	<p>26</p> <p>27</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>SCIT Powwow Committee</p> <p>Valentine's Day RAFFLE</p> <p>Valentine's Day package includes: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort overnight stay, with dinner for two at the steakhouse (\$100 value) and a \$200 Visa gift card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Tickets: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10 ▶ Drawing: Friday, Feb. 11, 2022 at 2 p.m. in the Black Elk Building Front Lobby <p><i>*All proceeds will benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows</i></p> <p>For more information, please email: powwowcommitte@sagchip.org</p>				



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 all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. **Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.**

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Tribal Operations

Chief Financial Officer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years in depth an experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for multi-faceted direction and planning required. Five years' experience as a CFO or controller/controller, preferably in a government or nonprofit organization. Five years' experience with casino accounting and financial reporting in a tribal organization preferred. Certified Public Accountant. Masters of Business Administration preferred.

ACFS Director

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

Prevention Coordinator

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. Master's degree preferred. Two years' experience prevention programming. One year in a supervisory capacity. Experience with Native American communities preferred. Substance abuse prevention 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. Experience with substance

abuse treatment protocols, the judicial and legal system. Experience with co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, and families preferred.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Sign on bonus. Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience preferred. Experience with older adults preferred.

Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Full licensure is preferred. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Excellent computer and communication skills.

Waste Water Operator III

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

Waste Water Operator II

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

Organized Sports Specialist - Interim

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years' experience working with youth and recreational related activities. Experience with planning and implementation of youth programming and sporting events.

SCTC Instructional Designer

Open to the public. Master's degree in computer science, educational technology, edu-

cation or related field. One to three years of experience in the area of instructional design/technology or related field. Demonstrate ability in two or more of the following specific production areas: multimedia development, software analysis and design, programming for web based environments, technology support or comprehensive instructional design.

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Master's degree preferred. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards. Two years teaching experience preferred.

Registered Medical Assistant

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. Successful completion of an accredited Medical Assistant program with certification as a Registered/Certified Medical Assistant.

Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services or related field. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field preferred. One year experience in program planning and presenting prevention education preferred.

Medical Clinic Director

Open to the public. Master's degree in a health or administrative field. Five years' experience in an outpatient or clinic setting. Three years in a supervisor capacity. Must be able to promote the vision of the tribal community as directed by Tribal Council and Tribal Health Board.

Anishinabe Language Apprentice

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Excellent communication and group leadership skills.

Substance Abuse Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Two years' experience working with substance abuse treatment protocols, the judicial and legal system.

Journeyman Lineman

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan Journeyman Electrician License. Proficient computer skills required.

Accreditation Quality Assurance Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in administration, health and human services, or related field. Two years' quality initiatives, accreditation and policy formulation experience. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

Effective organizational, quality assurance, team-building, and problem solving skills.

HRIS Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in computer science, human resources, business, or related field. Five years HRIS experience. Two years in a supervisory capacity.

HR Compensation Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in human resources, accounting, or related field. Five years compensation experience specifically in job evaluation, market salary analysis and salary survey participation and interpretation. One year in a supervisory capacity. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Experience using HR Management system such as Kronos/PeopleSoft required.

Clerical Pool

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

Case Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or related field. One year case management experience. Experience with substance abuse treatment protocols, the judicial/legal system, and co-occurring therapy experience with adults, youth, children and families preferred.

Intake Counselor

Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services, or related field. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems. Excellent computer and communication skills.

Soaring Eagle

Bartender PT

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

Host/Hostess PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months food or hosting experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

Inventory Control Warehouse Driver

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year receiving or warehouse experience working with warehouse equipment. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in com-

mercial food equipment repair.

Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Cosmetologist PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. State of Michigan license in cosmetology.

Director iGaming Sports Betting OPS

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or business administration. Ten years progressive gaming experience to include three years of sports betting experience. Five years in a supervisory capacity. An equivalent combination of education and/or experience may be considered. Knowledge of sports wagering and online casino gaming.

Culinary Supervisor

High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Department Chef

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

Alterations Clerk

Open to the public. One year sewing experience. Experience with regular sewing machines. Experience with sewing functions such as zippers, button holes and some understanding of hemming pants.

Inventory Control Warehouse FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in driving box trucks rated 26,000 pounds or higher. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Massage Therapist

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

Steward PT

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

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Waitstaff FT

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Security Officer PT

In house only. Only SCIT Members and SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least

18 years of age. Security or surveillance 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.

Inventory Control Driver/Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

Guest Room Attendant FT

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

F&B Custodial Worker FT

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

F&B Attendant FT

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

Bartender FT

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

Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred.

Laundry Attendant FT

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

Finance Cashier

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

F&B Cashier

Open to the public. Must be 18 years of age. One year cash handling or cashiering experience.

Culinary Supervisor

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Human Resources Satellite Office Hours

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

*Closed for lunch: 12 - 1 p.m.

Saturday: 6 - 10 p.m.

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

For more information, please call:

989-775-5648 | 989-775-5654 | 989-775-5778

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ENTERTAINMENT



STILL IN LOVE WITH THE 90's

Friday, February 4 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

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\$43, \$53, \$69 & \$76

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COLLECTIVE SOUL & EVERCLEAR

Saturday, February 19 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$35, \$49, \$63 & \$69

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JOEL MCHALE

Friday, March 11 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$30, \$42, \$53 & \$59

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STYX

Saturday, March 19 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$44, \$54, \$72 & \$78

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CHICAGO

Saturday, April 9 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$59, \$72, \$85 & \$92

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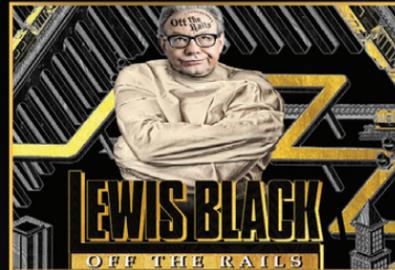


SANTANA

Saturday, April 16 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$66.50, \$98.50,
\$125.50 & \$145.50

ON SALE NOW!



LEWIS BLACK

Saturday, April 23 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$32, \$44, \$55 & \$61

ON SALE NOW!



THERESA CAPUTO

Friday, April 29 | 8:00PM
Entertainment Hall

Ticket Prices:
\$54, \$72, \$85 & \$92

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