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(Moon of the Grain)

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**Attention Tribal Members:** Tribal Operations will uniformly be closed on Mondays from Aug. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2022

## Tribal Council, Environmental Team attend restoration project ribbon cutting ceremony

### JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On July 19, 2022, Tribal Council, along with the Environmental Team, participated in the first completed restoration project ribbon cutting ceremony held at Eagle Ridge in Stratford Woods Park in Midland, Mich.

The Environmental Team's Manager Troy Techlin and Specialist Sally Kniffen serve on the Tittabawassee River Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Trustee Council.

Kniffen said as part of this project, a team of dedicated and creative SCIT employees began working on an entrance sign for Eagle Ridge.

"We started this sign in November 2021 with three goals in mind: We wanted to focus on the language of



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

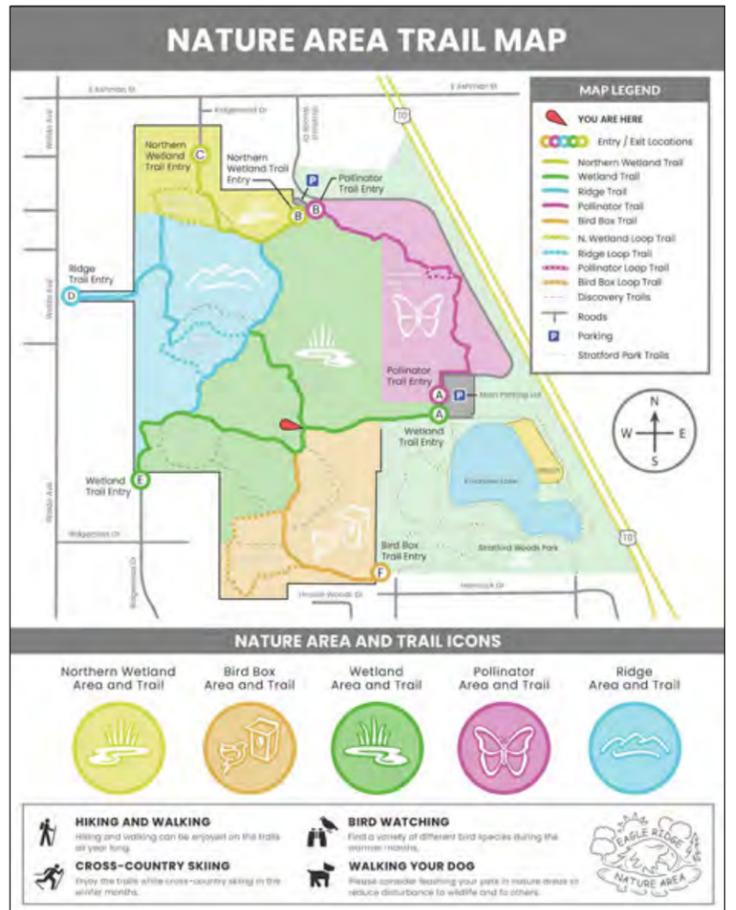
### Tribal Council, along with the Environmental Team, participates in a July 19 ribbon cutting ceremony for a completed restoration project held at Stratford Woods Park in Midland, Mich.

Pictured left to right: Michael Fisher, legal associate general counsel; Councilman Frank Cloutier; Council Secretary Martha Wemigwans; Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig; Environmental Manager Troy Techlin; Environmental Specialist Sally Kniffen; Councilwoman Samantha Chippeway; Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts; GIS Analyst Kelly Pilarski and Councilwoman Mary Quigno.

the Anishinaabe peoples, we wanted to show the history of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and we wanted to show the contributions of the tribal peoples from this area," Kniffen said.

Kniffen continued, "The design team provided rough drafts to other trustees and printed and framed at the beginning of the trail system at

Ribbon cutting | 7



## New Associate Judge Kevin Hesselink sworn in by Chief Jackson and Tribal Council

### JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On July 5, Chief Theresa Jackson administered the oath of office for the new Tribal

Court associate judge, Kevin Hesselink.

The swearing in took place in Council chambers in the Black Elk Government Complex with Council members Diana Quigno-Grundahl, David Merrill Jr., Gayle Ruhl, Alice Jo Ricketts, Mary Quigno, Samantha Chippeway and Ron Nelson in attendance.

Chief Judge Michelle Horn said she believes filling the associate judge position will assist the court in dispensing judicial services.

"Having an associate judge on board will assist the court in processing cases more efficiently," Horn said. "Judge

Hesselink has previously served as the prosecutor for the Tribe and I look forward to working with him in his new capacity. The familiarity he has with our staff and with the codes, ordinances and the community will allow him to immediately handle court cases."

Horn also acknowledges there are the benefits in hiring someone who has served as both an attorney, prosecutor and judge in other tribal communities (Little Traverse Bay Band).

"His varied experience will provide a good base to hear and rule on all case types filed with the Court,"



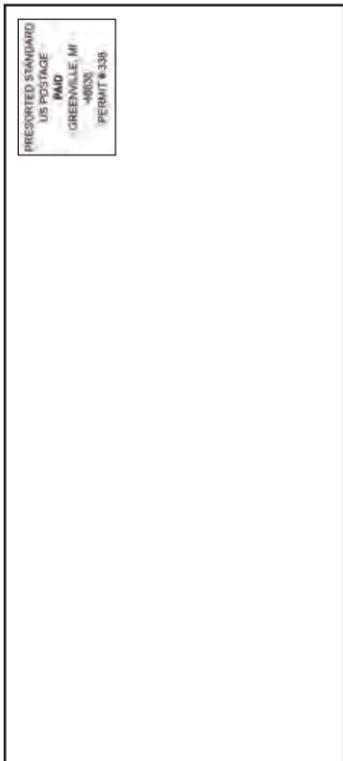
Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

### Kevin Hesselink (left), new associate judge at the Tribal Court, is sworn in on July 5 by Chief Theresa Jackson (right) in Council chambers.

Judge Horn said. Hesselink informs he previously worked for SCIT as an interim prosecutor for approximately eight months

in 2020-2021 when Tribal Council was searching for a full-time prosecutor.

New judge | 7



## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

Mnadenmaadaa Gdo-demnaanik (Let's Honor Our Clans)

### Powwow Week Coverage

The August Tribal Observer was sent to press before the events leading up to the 38th annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwow. Look for coverage in the upcoming September issue.



## In loving memory of Eric Lee Hunt



March 1, 1976 - July 18, 2013

With love,  
Mom, Montana and Anthony

## Susan Marie Leksche

August 18, 1958 – June 22, 2022

The Spirit of Susan (Sue) Marie Leksche was set free on June 22, 2022.

Sue was born on Aug. 18, 1958 in the Irish Hills Area.

Always a lover of animals and nature, Sue was an At-Large member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan. A truly single mom, Sue opened her own pet grooming shop "Wash-n-Wags" in Plymouth where she worked until she retired in 2007. She was then able to fulfill her lifelong dream of owning some "country" land and chickens. She adored horses and creating art, especially stained glass. Her smile was infectious and her love was boundless.



Sue joins in eternal rest her parents, Marie Gatti (nee Griffin) and Louis Leksche, her brother, Louis Leksche III, and her beloved grandchild, Joshua Cook.

She leaves behind her siblings, Lou Ann Loiselle, Diane Leksche, William Leksche, and Frederick Leksche, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and friends both old and new. She is missed beyond what words can convey by her beloved daughter Angelique (Angel) Leksche, her grandchildren, Shelby Leksche, Brandon Cook, and Jamey Eatmon along with Angel's lifelong friends Eric Blade and Nicolle Brown.

Our mother, Grammy, sister, auntie and friend is gone too soon. All she wanted was for everyone to know how much she loved them no matter what, forever and always. May we all gather our memories close to our hearts and spread love and kindness every chance we can. May light perpetual shine upon her.

A celebration of her life was held at Burden & Patience-Montgomery Funeral Home on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 3 P.M. The family received friends at 2 P.M. until time of service.

## New Tribal Operations Hours

In an effort to reduce employee and tribal costs, it is consensus of Tribal Council to conduct a trial period of a four 10-hour work day schedule.

Tribal Operations will uniformly be closed on Mondays from Aug. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2022. Business hours will now be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday - Friday.

## Nimkee Clinic hours

With the announcement of the Tribal Operations closure on Mondays until Sept. 30, the Nimkee Clinic after hours or on-call doctor may be reached at 989-317-2088.



## Human Resources Satellite Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
\*Beginning Aug. 1, 2022

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

**For more information, please call:**

Frances Mena: 989.775.5648 | Nicole Chippewa: 989.775.5654

## Save the Date Open Enrollment is Approaching for Tribal Members Health Plan

October 1 – October 31, 2022

Open Enrollment is your once-a-year chance to adjust your health plan coverages. Upon electing benefits, you will not be able to make changes until the next open enrollment period, unless you experience a qualifying life event. **Please note: ALL Members must complete an enrollment form to have benefits.**

Review benefit choices

Share options with family

Mark your calendar

### Your Enrollment Timeline



**For additional information, contact:**

**Lisa Ayling**  
989-775-4943  
layling@sagchip.org

**Craig Graveratte**  
989-775-4942  
cgraveratte@sagchip.org



Be on the lookout for more information about your benefit offerings and how to enroll. Please reach out to Lisa and Craig with any questions you have at this time.

## SCTC GED Program OPEN HOUSE

Friday, Aug. 5, 2022

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | SCTC, East Building  
(2274 Enterprise Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI)

### GED Program Participation:

SCTC's GED program is a program that is open to the public. Priority will be given to current students enrolled at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. Once the availability is at maximum capacity, of 40 students, students will be put on a waiting list. Students will be placed on a waiting list and contacted via phone and/or email when an opening is available.



**For more information, please contact:**  
studentservices@sagchip.edu

## Two Members Needed For the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Health Board

### Requirements:

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

- ▶ Meetings are held in person or virtual once a month and a stipend is given for each meeting attended (If eligible).
- ▶ Will need 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: Jennifer Birchmeier  
2591 S. Leaton Rd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

\*Please include your phone number or a contact person.

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

**For more information, please contact:**  
Karmen Fox at 989.775.4631 or KAfox@sagchip.org



## Public Service Announcement: Motor Fuel Tax

On Wednesday, July 7, 2022 it was moved to approve raising the discount of motor fuel tax from \$0.15 a gallon to \$0.25 a gallon at the Sagamok Gas Station for Residential Tribal Members. This change only affects the Residential Tribal members who currently have, or who are eligible to obtain a Blue Resident Tribal Member Card, under the tax agreement guidelines set by the Business Regulations Office.

This change is effective immediately and can be redeemed at the Sagamok Gas Station for those Residential Tribal Members that reside in the Tax Agreement Area and have a registered Blue Resident Tribal Member Card from the Business Regulation Office.

If you feel that you are eligible and reside within the Tax Agreement Area please reach out to the Business Regulations Office to register for a Blue Resident Tribal Member Card. You can stop in to the Business Regulations Office located inside the Black Elk building or call 989-775-4105 for more information. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact the Public Relations department at publicrelations@sagchip.org or call 989-775-4059.

## Spirit Bear Meeting AA Talking Circle

**Every Saturday at 1 p.m.**  
Andahwod CCC & ES  
South (Birch Lodge) fire pit

**For more information, please contact:**  
Roger High at 989-944-1937



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

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

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

### Regular Council Session Dates

- Aug. 2 • Sept. 6 • Oct. 4

## September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, Aug. 5, 2022 by 5 p.m.**

Available now

**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](http://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



**Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022**

**Games: 4 p.m. | Check-in: 2 p.m.**

**Nimkee Fitness Parking Lot**  
(2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858)

**Registration deadline:** Aug. 8 at 5 p.m.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place trophies and 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals
- Free lunch and T-shirt for players (while supplies last)
- Open to the public
- Parent lightning game



### Categories:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade & Under (co-ed)
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (co-ed)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Adult



**To pre-register, please contact:**  
KShomin@sagchip.org or Recreation@sagchip.org

## COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

**Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022**

Nimkee Public Health | For 6 months and older

**Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022**

Nimkee Public Health | For 5 years and older

**By appointment only**

To schedule appointment call:  
989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

### Vaccines available:

- **Moderna for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and boosters
- **Pfizer for ages 12 and up:** First, second, third (for immunocompromised) and boosters
- **Pfizer 5 and up:** First and second doses and boosters
- **Pfizer 6 months to 4 years:** First, second, third doses

- **Please protect our community:** If you currently have COVID-19 (under quarantine) or are feeling ill please wait for your immunization until recovered.
- Please bring your vaccination and insurance cards.
- Bring reading glasses if needed for forms.

▶ **To look up your vaccine history or download vaccination proof, please visit the Michigan Immunization registry at:** <https://mdhhs.mimmsportal.state.mi.us/>

▶ **For updated information about vaccines, please see:** [www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)



## Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Bailey, Robert Harold	01/13/2022
Chippeway, Ryan Douglas	07/05/2021
Coleman, Lisa Renee	01/30/2022
Conway, Mariah	10/10/2020
Cyr Sr, Norman Joseph	10/26/2021
Davis, Adelaide Darlene	10/17/2020
Davis, Tony Craig	04/25/2022
Holbrook, Tammie Carlene	12/24/2021
Hoon, Virginia Mae	11/07/2021
Jackson, Clara Elizabeth	02/01/2022
Kellogg, Laura Levone	03/06/2022
Lautner, Toby Joe	03/17/2021
Maki, Terry Lee	02/23/2022
McDonald, James Allan	10/08/2020
Moses Jr, Garland Roy	11/26/2021
Nahgahgwon Jr, Lawrence	06/12/2021
Nelson, Phillip Louis	01/27/2022
Pamp, Matthew John	10/15/2021
Pamp, Shane Leonard	10/10/2021
Pamp Crooker, Betsy Lynn	11/24/2021
Perez, Nicki	01/10/2021
Rubin, Ann Margaret	12/07/2021
Rubin, Theresa Ann	01/09/2021
Rueckert Sr, Dolly Ann	12/02/2020
Seger, Beatrice	11/11/2020
Shambo, Jeannette Marie	04/21/2021
Smith, Jesse Davis	02/25/2022
Sprague, Jeffrey Charles	10/04/2020
Stevens, Paul Leroy	11/20/2020
Stone, Domic Ambrose	01/04/2022
Verga Sr, Lawrence David	12/17/2021
Weaver, Laura Beth	12/13/2021
Witting, Anikka	12/09/2020



*Congrats*  
**GRAD!**

**Goldie River  
Stanton**

Amador High School  
Sutter Creek, Calif.



*Happy  
Birthday  
Dad!*

**I love you**  
(August 28th)



*Happy  
Heavenly Birthday  
Grandma,*

*not a day goes by that we  
don't think of you. Xoxo*  
(August 10th)



**Happy  
Birthday**

**to my sister  
Gnaajwi, we  
love you!"**

(August 3rd).



**Wewebanaabiiwin**  
Youth Fishing Tournament

**Friday, Aug. 19, 2022**

**Time: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
Registration start at 8 a.m.

**Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park**  
5514 E. Airport Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons
- Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17
- Canoes are limited to a first-come, first-serve basis (must wear life vest)
- Adult must be in the canoe with any youth 13 & under
- Hot dogs
- Trophies will be awarded for the first three places
- Many raffle giveaways (must be a participant to enter)

**For more information, please contact:**  
989.944.0495 or KeRicketts@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 Council

**Chief**  
Theresa Jackson | District One

**Sub-Chief**  
Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

**Treasurer**  
Gayle Ruhl | District One

**Secretary**  
Martha Wemigwans | District One

**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
David Merrill Jr. | District One

**Chaplain**  
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

**Council Member**  
Diana Quigno-Grundahl | District One

**Council Member**  
Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

**Council Member**  
Luke Sprague | District One

**Council Member**  
Mary Quigno | District One

**Council Member**  
Ron Nelson | District Two

**Council Member**  
Samantha Chippeway | District One

Michigan Department of Education Office of School Support Services Food Service Program

## MEET UP and EAT UP

**Through Aug. 12, 2022**  
**Monday - Friday**

- Breakfast served: 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
- Lunch served: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Saginaw Chippewa Academy**  
7498 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under or persons up to age 26 who are enrolled in an educational program for the mentally or physically disabled that is recognized by a State or local public educational agency. The meals will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

*\*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

**Call 211 or Text Food to 877-877 to find a safe site.**



## Tribal Membership Rotation Positions

**These positions will be rotated around the following departments:**

- ▶ Bingo
- ▶ Finance
- ▶ Slots
- ▶ F & B
- ▶ Hotel
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Table Games
- ▶ EVS Facilities
- ▶ Guest Experience
- ▶ Inventory Control

**Open to SCIT Tribal Members:**

- Applications available at: [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Four spots available for this pilot program.
- Learn line level skills in order to be a successful employee.
- Discover which department is the best fit.

**For more information, please contact:**  
Human Resources 989.775.5600

## 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.

## CRUISE IN



### CAR & BIKE SHOW

**Friday, Aug. 12**  
5-7 p.m. | Andahwod CCC & ES  
(2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

- Music
- Hot dogs, chips and bottled water: \$5
- You must wear a mask to use the inside bathroom
- Event will be cancelled if raining
- Free and open to the public, no registration required

**For more information, please contact:**  
Denise Pelcher at 989-775-4339 or [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org)



**Attention Tribal Members:**  
Find the latest information by creating an account and logging into [sagchip.org](http://sagchip.org) in the Tribal Members only section.

**To create an account, go to:**  
[www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx](http://www.sagchip.org/user/signup.aspx)

## NF Nimkee Fitness

**Monday – Friday**  
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Yoga Class**  
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

**For more information:** Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

# TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

- To contact Tribal Observer staff, please call 989-775-4096 or email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org).
- To change your mailing address, please contact the Tribal Clerk's office at 989-775-4055.
- Community advertisements will not be accepted over the phone.

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

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



**Subscription rates are \$30 per year.**

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

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

### Tribal Observer Advertising

To place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org) for more information.

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

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

### Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Contact Information:**

- Phone: 989-775-4096
- Email: [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)
- [www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## Rental Assistance for Housing for Client Hardship

Behavioral Health wishes to provide assistance to persons who are at risk of losing their housing. Behavioral Health's rental/mortgage assistance may be used to help individual households afford housing costs in the form of rent or mortgage. The maximum number of months allowed is three months in a 12 month span. Help with security deposits are not permitted under this assistance. With that in mind, the policy of Behavioral Health is to help all prospective applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, age, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, and status with regard to public assistance. In addition, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan complies with local fair housing and civil rights laws and will help with reasonable rent/mortgage payment for applicants if they or any family member has a disability or handicap.

### Property Priorities/Eligibility Screening Process

- Clients must be a SCIT member or direct descendant in order to be eligible for assistance with housing. Clients are also eligible if they are members of a federally recognized tribe and are residing in the defined service areas of Isabella, Midland, Clare, Missaukee, or Arenac counties.
- SCIT Behavioral Health will determine the individual's housing status, tribal affiliation and whether or not the tenant is able to abide by the terms of this agreement and could benefit from rental assistance for housing or from assistance with paying their mortgage payment.
- When rental/mortgage assistance funds are used to pay rent on units, the lease/mortgage must be between the program participant/applicant and the landowner.
- The participants must use the rental/mortgage assisted unit as their primary and only residence.

- Rent will be paid month to month and will not be paid in advance for future months.
- If approved, assistance is permitted for a maximum of three months out of a 12 month time span.
- Individuals who are deemed eligible to receive assistance must have a means to pay for a portion of their monthly rent. The portion one must pay will be 40 percent of the monthly rent/mortgage fee. The funding source through Behavioral Health pays for 60 percent of the rental/mortgage monthly fee.
- Assistance for furniture, security deposits, utilities such as electric, water, and heat are not permitted through this funding source.
- Participants must meet with Behavioral Health on a monthly basis to determine steps taken by the applicant to secure other financial means to pay for their rent/mortgage. If the participant misses these required appointment(s) for any reason, any further assistance toward rental payments may be terminated/ended.
- Behavioral Health is not responsible for locating or securing housing. Each participant is responsible for finding housing for themselves.

### Application Procedure

- An applicant must submit a completed application to be considered for rental/mortgage assistance. Applications can be located at Behavioral Health by calling 989-775-4850 or by stopping by the front office. Staff from Behavioral Health will assist potential applicants with filling out the application if needed.
- The completed application should be submitted to Behavioral Health for initial screening and eligibility determination.
- Rental/Mortgage Assistance from Behavioral Health does not automatically guarantee continued placement in an apartment or house beyond the 3 months rental assistance that's provided.



**Tuesdays • June 7 - Oct. 4**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Farmers Market Pavilion**

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

### Items include:

Seasonal produce, baked goods, beaded/sculpted/natural art and Indigenous foods.

### Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors:

Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

- You do **NOT** have to be Native American to sell produce/plants/other.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

### Like us on Facebook!

### For more information:

Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master

- Phone: 989.775.4629
- Email: [JaGonzalez@sagchip.org](mailto:JaGonzalez@sagchip.org)

## FOSTER CARE Packets Available

For anyone interested in becoming a foster care family or needing more information about fostering.

For questions and inquiries, please email:

[ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org](mailto:ACFSPrevention@sagchip.org)



## ZIIBIWING CENTER of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

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

**Michigan Indian Day — Sept. 23, 2022**

### New Research Center Hours:

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



## Community Elder Representative VACANCY

Seeking letters of interest from SCIT Members who are interested in helping the Data Governance Board (DGB) serve its mission.

The mission of the Data Governance Board is to protect the Tribal community and assert data sovereignty. The Board will respect, preserve, develop, and share Tribal information, knowledge, and practices in alignment with the overall vision of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

### Preferred qualities include:

- Interest in data and research
- Knowledge of Tribal programming (governmental and/or gaming sides)
- Ability to occasionally facilitate DGB meetings and take minutes

- ▶ Must commit to attendance at regular meetings, currently DGB meets virtually every other week.
- ▶ This is a Tribal Council appointed Board and there is one current vacancy for Community Elder Representative.

Letters of Interest can be sent to:  
[DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org](mailto:DataGovernanceBoard@sagchip.org)

Attention Tribal Members and Associates:

## Have you compared your insurance services lately?

We are working with the Doehring Schultz Agency and General Agency as preferred partners in ensuring all our members and associates have access to the best insurance coverage's at the best rates. Please feel free to reach out to either or our partners and for a simple quote today!

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## Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel to begin room renovations

**FREDRICK KUHLMAN**

Migizi Marketing Manager



After 10 years of welcoming visitors from throughout the Midwest, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has begun renovations to all 243 guest rooms.

With a customer base consisting of families with children, the guest rooms at the waterpark and hotel are subjected to usage beyond that seen by a traditional hotel. The case goods, such as beds and dressers, need repair

and replacement, and the rooms themselves need repair, paint, and carpet.

The renovation will be performed in stages while the park and hotel remain open. The staged approach will limit the number of rooms out of service at any given time and allow for the continued operation of the property.

Migizi CEO Robert Juckniess and Bonnie Sprague, general manager of the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, have collaborated with the Migizi Board of Directors to ensure that the renovation is completed in a timely manner, with special attention being given to reducing the cost of the work.

To assist with cost-saving, case goods, when possible, will be repaired and refinished instead of replaced. Repair and refinishing will significantly reduce the costs of the work being done as those pieces can

be returned to service while looking fresh and new.

The work began on July 30 and is scheduled to wrap up in late spring.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has already benefitted from several projects to update and refresh the property.

The common areas, such as lobbies and hallways, have received paint, carpet, and new brighter and more efficient lighting. An all-new, larger retail space and new arcade have been added, and more improvements are planned.

A new vending area and autism sensory room are slated to be opened in the near future. Adding the autism sensory room will make Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel the only waterpark in Michigan with that amenity. The staff at the property have all received specialized training in working with guests with autism.

Migizi leadership continues to work with the Board of Directors in developing plans for the waterpark expansion. One proposal has already been submitted, and a revised plan is currently under development.

## Tribal Libraries host first mziniganan nda-daandim (book sale)

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Tribal Libraries hosted its first mziniganan nda-daandim (book sale) from 1 to 6 p.m. July 25-27 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

Books were \$1 for hard cover and .50 cents for paperback. Audiobooks, DVDs and children's picture books were also for sale.

According to Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann, the idea of the book sale had

been in the works for years.

In past years, the Tribal Libraries didn't collect enough books to have a sale. As of late, the Tribal Libraries are awarded grants that replace outdated collections.

"We have to live within our means in terms of space in the libraries, of course," Heidemann said. "So when we bring in new items, older items must move on."

The libraries were able to use some storage space in the mostly-vacant old Tribal Operations building.

"The libraries have a frugal budget, so selling the books is a way to take in a little bit of fundraising revenue to use to support library services," Heidemann said. "When we know for sure what our Tribal and grant budgets look like for the coming year, we will determine the precise use of the funds in the area that is most needed."

Prior to the sale, donations of books in good condition were accepted July 18-22.



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## New judge

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“Once the PA position was filled, I continued on as a part-time assistant prosecutor for SCIT until early 2022,” Hesselink said. “I have previous experience working in the tribal justice system as

both a part-time assistant prosecutor (approximately four years) and as a full-time prosecutor (a year and a half) for the LTBB Tribe in Petoskey. One of the main strengths I bring to the bench is the length and depth of my experience.”

Hesselink said he has five (part-time) years judicial experience as a family court referee, and has been a prosecutor in state and tribal courts for more than 18 years.

“I have 15 years of experience as a private attorney

working in criminal, family, probate, and business law, I have taught criminal law and procedure for 28 years at Kirtland Community College’s Regional Police Academy, and I have participated in more than 200 jury trials in my 35 years

as a lawyer,” Hesselink said. “I also hope that my many years of life experience as a husband, father, grandfather and athletic coach will also help me on the bench to exhibit wisdom, discernment, mercy, grace and, ultimately, justice.”

## Ribbon cutting

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Eagle Ridge. Eagle Ridge has over five miles of trails and the trail system has multiple ecosystems including a Wetland Trail and a Pollinator Trail.”

Techlin said the Dow/Tittabawassee River Natural Resource Damage Assessment

and Restoration (NRDAR) case began in 2006 and this development is one of many that will be happening in the upcoming years.

“The purpose of NERDA, is to unite the Trustees for natural resources injured by contaminants and provide them with a mechanism to first assess

damage, and then, with the help of the community, decide how to restore them,” Techlin said. “This project preserves and enhances 140 acres of forest and marsh habitat in Midland, providing a unique urban nature preserve adjacent to the existing Stratford Woods Park. We work together

with states, tribes, and federal agencies to identify the losses and to obtain funding to bring those resources back, and, as importantly, restore to users the benefits they lost.”

Speakers at the ceremony included Lisa Williams with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dan Eichinger from Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, District Three Tribal Councilman Frank Cloutier, Diane Brown Wilhelm with the City of Midland, and Elizabeth Browne with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, with several Tribal Council members in attendance.

Cloutier addressed the media and nearly 80 people in attendance and highlighted the spirit of cooperation. Cloutier expressed how much the Tribe values those qualities of governmental cooperation on

environmental projects.

“Great work takes time, dedication and commitment and you have all demonstrated the importance of that today with your presence,” Cloutier said. “Today, our Tribal Council stands with you as we celebrate all of that and look forward to more opportunities for collaboration and partnership.”

The Environmental Team offered their special thanks and appreciation to the following:

GIS Analyst Kelly Pilarski who created the maps and provided creative input, Ziibiwing Center Research Analyst Anita Heard who assisted with procuring the old photos and history and Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Outreach Specialist Isabelle Osawamick who provided the language and the phonics translation of Anishinabemowin.

## Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort holds grand re-opening of the poker room



Observer photos by Joseph Sowmick

On Wednesday, July 27, Tribal Council and Soaring Eagle Casino management held the grand re-opening of the poker room at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. Christopher Cain (left photo), poker manager, and CEO Melinda Coffin (center photo) both provided words at the occasion.

## BABY Celebration

Mnaajaadaa gda binoojiinhsminaanik! (Let’s celebrate our babies!) Seventh Generation once again hosted its Baby Celebration for the summer season on Thursday, July 21 in the Elijah Elk Cultural Center. Tribal Member and descendant babies from 0 to 6 months old were celebrated.

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## Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort employees awarded for years of service

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort recognized its employees for achieving years of service on June 29. Held on the outdoor concert stage, the event honored employees who have achieved five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. This year celebrated the past two years as no celebrations were held in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic.

Bernard Sprague, director of hotel operations, was honored for reaching 35 years of service.

### Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner shared the following about Sprague and his time serving the Tribe:

“Here’s a little trivia fact for you: Bernie started his employment with the Tribe three days before the United States Bicentennial celebration July 1, 1976. Bernie worked for the Indian Action Team, Inter-Tribal Council and, in the late ‘80s, he worked for the (Saginaw Chippewa) Construction team.

In the early ‘90s, he started working in various gaming departments: bingo, hard count, and vault cashier. He was the director of Maintenance and Housekeeping in 1993 but when the new casino opened, the Maintenance and Housekeeping department became two separate departments.

In 1998, he pivoted his career and became the Parks and Recreation coordinator. That must have been where he

found his love for organized sports. Bernie coached basketball, scheduled golf outings and got to do what he loved!

In 2003, he became our sub-chief and served three terms on Tribal Council. He championed the exposure of Jack Abramoff, who was once one of the most powerful lobbyist in Washington who conspired to defraud several tribes including the SCIT. Bernie’s testimony in the senate hearing was key to Abramoff being convicted of fraud. Hollywood even made a movie about it: “Casino Jack.” Why they had Graham Greene play Bernie Sprague is beyond me! Bernie held his own in the senate hearing, he could have handle his own in the movie! We already know he has dance moves like Elvis.

Bernie eventually returned to gaming and in 2011 became the director of hotel operations. Today Bernie is always creating employee incentives which include Bernie Bucks and even fun employee events like golf outings and corn hole tournaments. You can also catch Bernie volunteering as the caller for our annual Car Bingo.”

Four employees were recognized for 30 years of service: Ella Hunt, Daniel Davis, Kathleen Morrison and Brent Jackson.

### Bruner shared the following about Ella Hunt:

“When Ella turned 18, she knew she was going to work for the Tribe. She had thoughts of working (in) Food and Beverage or maybe in Finance until Frank Davis called her and asked her if she wanted to



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Bernard Sprague (fourth from left) is recognized for 35 years of service and poses for a photo alongside members of Tribal Council.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Twenty-five years of service award recipients**

deal blackjack like her brother, Jay. She thought to herself, “I guess I can do that?”

Well not only could she do that, she excelled in that. Ella’s career would continue to grow as fast as the casino grew. In 1993 she was promoted to pit boss and became a pit manager in 1998. Less than a year later she became a shift manager.

Although her career brought her much success her greatest joy was the birth of her son, Brandon. Ella continues to develop her and enhance her knowledge. In 2020, she graduated from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.”

### Bruner shared the following about Daniel Davis:

“Daniel started in 1990 as a blackjack dealer. He transferred to the Finance department for almost 10 years holding positions such as cage and vault cashier, supervisor and finance manager. In 2001 he returned to table games and with his acquired management experience he quickly became a floor person, and today he is a table games supervisor.”

### Bruner shared the following about Kathleen Morrison:

“Kathleen started her

career in 1988 as a part-time table games dealer. Kathleen has spent all of her career in the table games department. In 1995, she became a pit boss and then a floor person. Today she is a table games supervisor and we celebrate her continued dedication to the table games department, Soaring Eagle and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.”

### Bruner shared the following about Brent Jackson:

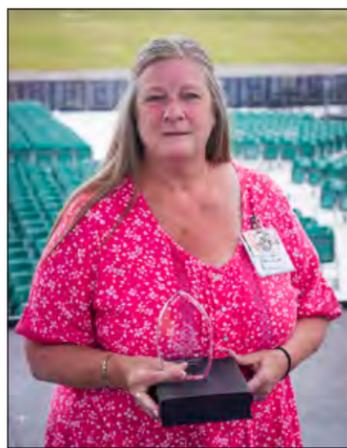
“Brent started as a blackjack dealer in 1989. He has held every position in table games. Pit boss, supervisor,

poker pit manager, and shift manager and has been the table games director since 2009. Brent has left the table games department to serve on the Gaming Commission and as the chairperson. His experience in regulations was a good Segway into Tribal politics. In 2003 he was elected to Tribal Council and has served three terms and served as our sub-chief in 2015. As the table games director, Brent has weathered us through the COVID closure and has been a vital part of our poker room reopening next month!”



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**Brent Jackson**  
30 years of service



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**Kathleen Morrison**  
30 years of service



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**Daniel Davis**  
30 years of service



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**Elarine Hunt**  
30 years of service



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**Erin Houghton-St. John**  
25 years of service



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**Larry Voorheis**  
25 years of service



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**David Smith**  
20 years of service



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Twenty years of service award recipients



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William Kozitzki (left) and Barbara Kozitzki (right) pose with their 25 years of service awards.



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**Eleanor Lester**  
25 years of service



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**Darrell Chippeway**  
25 years of service



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### 10 YEARS

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### 15 YEARS

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| Walter Bunker     | Andy Lee           |
| Autumn Burgess    | Henry Mazivanhanga |
| Jenny Cain        | Tara Mondell       |
| James Leo Daniels | Matthew Outinen    |
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### 20 YEARS

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| Timothy Biernacki      | Samuel Ellison      | Calvin Knapp         | Bernardino Perez Jr  | Brandi Todd         |
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### 25 YEARS

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| Patricia Cardinal  | Karl Johnson      | Juanita Sanchez  | Linda Wyman       |
| Darrell Chippeway  | Barbara Kozitzki  | Kurt Sell        |                   |
| Anthony Clark      | William Kozitzki  |                  |                   |

### 30 YEARS

- Daniel Davis
- Elarine Hunt
- Brent Jackson
- Kathleen Morrison

### 35 YEARS

- Bernard Sprague



## Mardi Gras theme at Soaring Eagle's Family Fun Day for personnel

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a Family Fun Day for its team members, along with Tribal Operations employees on Wednesday, June 29 in the outdoor concert area.

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., the Mardi Gras-themed event offered food, games, inflatables, prizes, caricaturists, balloon artists, face painting, karaoke, photo booths and more.

Mardi Gras masks and beads were available for those looking to get a little festive.

"Family Fun Day is just one way we show our appreciation to our team," said Casino CEO Melinda Coffin. "We work hard and it's great to give our team a day to have some fun with their families and create some great memories."

This year also kicked off a new Soaring Eagle years of service program with a ceremony from 3 to 5 p.m. on the main stage. Employees were recognized for achieving five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service.

A team member car and bike show was also held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the back portion of the hotel parking lot; attendees voted on their favorite car and motorcycle of the day.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

## Editorial: Twenty-four teams participate in 2022 Hospitality Challenge

**BERNIE SPRAGUE**

Contributing Writer

We would like to say miigwetch to the 24 teams who participated in the 2022 Hospitality Challenge at the Maple Creek Golf Course in Shepherd, Mich. on Wednesday, June 22.

Participating departments included: Soaring Eagle Resort: Front Desk, Bellmen, Valet, Housekeeping, Guest Services, Spa/Salon; Tribal Operations: Tribal Council, Legal, Surveillance, Compliance, Mailroom, Andahwod, Education, Tribal College, I.T.; Migizi: Administration, Waterpark; Casino: Table Games, Slots and Facilities: Grounds and Hotel Maintenance.

It was a fun day to get out and have some fun on the course. Did you know

we had a rookie win a par 3 prize? Sam Cornell – first time on a golf course hit the winning shot!

We would like to say miigwetch to our sponsors (Saganing, SEWPH, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR Spa/Salon, SECR Rooms, SECR Marketing) and the staff at Maple Creek golf course. We need your support to make this event a success and you came through for us again. We appreciate you and hope to continue our relationship in 2023.

It also takes volunteers to make a big event like this happen and we have some of the best, here are the all-stars we had for this event: Misti Houle, Stephanie Szymanski, Jenny Cain, Christel Ruhl, Jalyn Burhans, Olivia Blackburn, Sarah Ferrell, Bethany Hinmon, Bear Benz, Cindeyia Alexander, Jill Spindler and Tamara Lawson.



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### Hospitality Challenge 2022 Results

- Best dressed team:** Lucas Sprague/Kristy Navarro
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- Worst dressed player:** Molly Burhans
- Par 3 winners:** Samantha Corneil, Mike McCreery, Jake Wilson, Gayle Ruhl, Scott McMillan
- Longest drive winners:** Mike McCreery, Gayle Ruhl
- Best putter:** Mike McCreery, Samantha Alexander
- Bean bag toss:** Tony Clark, James Munsell, Kristy Navarro
- Most sevens on a scorecard:** Laila Kaufman/Kalista Schuster
- Worst score:** Laila Kaufman/Kalista Schuster
- Best score:** Mike McCreery/Kevin O'Brien - 8/64
- Top score for the event:** Laila Kaufman 155 points

**Total department points:**

- Soaring Eagle Hotel 1015
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark 370
- Tribal Operations 785
- Soaring Eagle Casino 610
- Hotel MN 235



## Anishinaabemowin WORD SEARCH

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babaamaadizi	travel about
agaamakiing	overseas
gikinoo'amaagozi	go to school
babaamishkaa	paddle about
wajiw	mountain
niimi'idiwin	dance for people
manoominike-giizis	August
babiichii	put on moccasins
ditibiwebishkigan	bicycle
aazhawaadagaa	swim across
mazinaakizige	take pictures
makade-mashkikiwaaboo	coffee
mangitigweyaa	wide river
nibi	water
anokaajigan	craft
wiingashk	sweet grass
ashkikomaan	lead
ishkode-jiimaan	steamboat
bimoomigo	ride on horseback

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

## Anishinaabemowin CROSSWORD

**Ngo do-dew-zi-win**  
(Family)

### Word Bank

- Bi-noo-jiinhs
- Bi-noo-jiinh
- Kwe-zenhs
- Gwiiw-zenhs
- Kwe
- Nini
- Ga-zhi
- Noos
- Nokomis
- Ndan-senh
- Ngwis
- Mi-sho-mis

### Across

- 2: Man
- 5: Mom/Mother
- 7: Baby
- 9: Girl
- 10: Grandmother
- 11: Dad/Father

### Down

- 1: Boy
- 2: Daughter
- 3: Child
- 6: Grandfather
- 8: Woman/Lady
- 10: Son

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

- Down**
- 1. Boy (ngwiinhs)
  - 2. Daughter (ndansenh)
  - 3. Child (binoojiinh)
  - 6. Grandfather (mishomhs)
  - 8. Woman/Lady (kwe)
  - 10. Son (ngwis)

- Across**
- 4. Man (nini)
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  - 7. Baby (binoojiinhs)
  - 9. Girl (kwezenhs)
  - 10. Grandmother (nokomis)
  - 11. Dad/Father (noos)

Answers



## Michigan Indian Family Olympics return in person: SCIT takes home the gold

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Game on! The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe once again hosted the Michigan Indian Family Olympics. This year's event was the 34th annual and again held at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field on Friday, July 22.

This year's participating and winning tribes are listed below.

With 518 total points, SCIT took home the gold.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the ceremony began with a grand entry; a half lap around the track. Tribal flags were carried and Onion Creek Drum provided a welcome song.

A flag song followed the opening walk.

"So great to be back in person," said event emcee Erik Rodriguez, public relations director. "Great crowd this morning, we're happy to see all of you here."

MIFO was canceled in 2020 for the first time in 33 years due to the pandemic. Last year held the first remote competition.

This year's blessing was provided by Chief Theresa Jackson and the National Anthem was performed by Kiara Ekdahl.



Central Michigan University's Athletic Director Amy Folan provided welcoming remarks.

"We are so happy to be having this event again... I am super excited, it's my first one," Folan said. "One of the things that I was so excited about with this job is our affiliation with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. It is a great honor to partner and be CMU family. We are so happy to celebrate this. To see you compete, to see you continue to have great memories and for us to celebrate and honor the heritage, tradition and your legacies."

An incredible amount of activities were available to compete in throughout the day including: archery, softball throws, long jumps, fitness circuit and jump roping, bean bag tosses, kids' obstacle course, free throw and three-point

basketball shots, lacrosse speed shots, baby crawl and tot trot.

Track events included: 10-meter dash, 20-meter dash, 400-meter walk, 400-meter run, one-mile run, 50-meter run, 100-meter run.

The MIFO Golf Tournament was held one day prior on Thursday, July 21 at Pleasant Hills Golf Course in Mount Pleasant, Mich. It was in 2012 that the golf competition was added.

Concluding the games for the past several years is the tug-o-war competitions with different age groups and tribes.

Everyone must have had a score card and bib number to participate in each competition. All morning events were listed on one side of the card, afternoon events listed on the other. Scoring included: five points for first place (gold medal), three points for second place (silver) and one point for third place (bronze).

"We had a fun, safe and healthy day in the sun," said Jaden Harman, MIFO head coordinator. "It was great to see an impressive turnout from our SCIT community and to be joined again with the tribal communities around the state!"

With the exception of last year's virtual event where Gun Lake was declared champions, SCIT has been the champions for seven years in a row, from 2013 to 2019.

MIFO began in 1987 by Sue Siller, former health educator for SCIT. She was assisted and supported by the Parks and Recreation Committee, which volunteered its time and resources to the community.

MIFO was started to promote health and wellness through a family fun day of



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Community members walk the track during the opening ceremonies of the 34th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics held at Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field on Friday, July 22.



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Amy Folan (left), athletic director for Central Michigan University, alongside Chief Theresa Jackson (center) and Sub-Chief Jennifer Wassegijig (right), shares a message prior to the commencement of events.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Onion Creek drummers perform a welcome song.

physical activity with mainly track and field events, along with swimming events, for SCIT Members and their families. This expanded to include other tribes and tribal organizations throughout Michigan.

Committee members included: Jaden Harman, head coordinator and Nimkee Fitness coordinator; Walt Kennedy, head of track events and public health director; Erik Rodriguez, announcer and public relations director; Joseph Sownick, public relations manager; and Brandon Schultz, strategic grant specialist.

The Committee stated feedback is welcome. The Committee is always looking to "sharpen and make the event better each year."

"I would like to express my gratitude to all the volunteers that came out to make this event happen," Harman said. "This event takes a true community effort and we wouldn't be able to do it without you."

For anyone who has yet to pick up their medal, the medals may be picked up at Nimkee Fitness Center.

Niibin Giizis Photography took professional photos at MIFO. To download and/or get printed photos go to [www.marcellahadden.com](http://www.marcellahadden.com) and use client access code MIFO2022.

The full list of results are posted at [www.sagchip.org/mifo](http://www.sagchip.org/mifo)



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Kiara Ekdahl performs the National Anthem.



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Participants proudly display their tribe's flags and banners during the opening ceremonies.

## 2022 Team Results

### First Place:

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 518 points**

**2nd:** Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians **444 points**

**3rd:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians **379 points**

**4th:** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians **136 points**

**5th:** Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi **107 points**

**6th:** Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi **101 points**

**7th:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians **71 points**

**8th:** American Indian Health and Family Services **10 points**

**Other tribes:** Walpole Island, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, Chickhane, Hannahville Indian Community, Grand River, Muscogee and American Indian Services.





## 2022 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results

### 20 Meter Tot Trot

- **3-4, Male:** Ace Schocko (Gold), Rushaun Redstar Jr (Bronze)
- **3-4, Female:** Lana Ekdahl (Gold)

### Baby Crawl

- **Male:** Kash Leareaux (Gold)
- **Female:** Venus Perez (Silver)

### 50 Meter Run

- **5-6, Male:** Paxton Owl (Gold), Marcell Schocko Jr. (Silver)
- **7-9, Male:** Gage Sprague (Silver)
- **10-12, Male:** Ezekiel Haught (Bronze)
- **5-6, Female:** Amaria Haught (Gold), Ivy Flamand (Silver)
- **7-9, Female:** Abigail Cummings (Gold)
- **10-12, Female:** Isabella Saboo (Silver), Taleah Bennett (Bronze)

### 100 Meter Run

- **13-15, Male:** Samuel Cummings (Gold), Jackson Cummings (Silver)
- **16-18, Male:** Benjamin Cummings (Gold)
- **19-24, Male:** Kentae Flory (Bronze)
- **33-40, Male:** Markus Chamberlain (Gold), Clayton Nedwash (Bronze)
- **41-54, Male:** Michael McCreery (Bronze)
- **13-15, Female:** Keija Booker (Bronze)
- **16-18, Female:** Makayla Stevens (Gold)
- **25-32, Female:** Aleigha Reinsberg (Bronze)
- **33-40, Female:** Mary Quigno (Gold), Christina Otto (Bronze)
- **41-54, Female:** Sarah Cummings (Silver)

### 400 Meter Run

- **13-15, Male:** Samuel Cummings (Gold), Jackson Cummings (Silver), James Robinson (Bronze)
- **16-18, Male:** Benjamin Cummings (Gold), Brysen Chamberlain (Silver)
- **33-40, Male:** Markus Chamberlain (Silver)
- **16-18, Female:** Makayla Stevens (Gold)
- **33-40, Female:** Christina Otto (Silver)

### 1 Mile Run

- **7-9, Male:** Kruz Chamberlain (Silver)
- **10-12, Male:** Aakeeya Holt (Gold), Jacoby Trepanier (Silver), Lucas Cummings (Bronze)
- **13-15, Male:** Jackson Cummings (Gold)
- **16-18, Male:** Brysen Chamberlain (Gold)
- **33-40, Male:** Markus Chamberlain (Gold)
- **7-9, Female:** Abigail Cummings (Gold)
- **10-12, Female:** Isabella Saboo (Gold)
- **13-15, Female:** Miah Perez (Bronze)
- **16-18, Female:** Makayla Stevens (Gold)

### Basketball Shot

- **10-12, Male:** Jacoby Trepanier (Silver), Sean-Jacob Flory (Bronze, tied)
- **13-15, Male:** Omari Booker (Bronze, tied), Jackson Cummings (Bronze, tied)
- **16-18, Male:** Benjamin Cummings (Gold)
- **19-24, Male:** Cameron Pelcher (Gold), Julian Flory (Silver), Milan Quigno-Grundahl (Bronze)
- **25-32, Male:** Niibin Sprague (Silver, tied)
- **33-40, Male:** Markus Chamberlain (Gold), Chase Owl (Bronze)

- **41-54, Male:** Rolondo Pollard (Silver)

- **55-64, Male:** Joseph Sowmick (Silver)

- **65+, Male:** Merton Flory (Silver, tied)

- **10-12, Female:** Isabella Saboo (Silver), Makayla Underwood (Bronze, tied), Ani'jah Pollard (Bronze, tied)

- **16-18, Female:** Nevaeh Flory (Gold), Binayshee Hendrickson (Bronze)

- **25-32, Female:** Ashley Bennett (Gold), Morgan Trepanier (Silver)

- **33-40, Female:** Leah Denhof (Silver, tied), Jacqueline Wemigwans (Silver, tied), Jessica Flory (Silver, tied), Melissa Pollard (Silver, tied), Jacqueline Haught (Silver, tied), Carrie Johnson (Bronze, tied), Melita Trepanier (Bronze, tied), Amanda Mandoka (Bronze, tied)

- **41-54, Female:** Sheila Leareaux (Silver)

- **55-64, Female:** Susan Kequom (Gold), Marilyn Johnson (Silver), Evelyn Flory (Bronze)

### Archery

- **16-18, Male:** Jimaganish Martell (Silver)

- **33-40, Male:** Luke Sprague (Gold), Cody Mena (Silver), Robert Hittle (Bronze)

- **16-18, Female:** Makayla Stevens (Silver), Binayshee Hendrickson (Bronze)

- **25-32, Female:** Aleigha Reinsberg (Gold), Lydia Judson (Silver), Cheyanna Palacios (Bronze)

- **33-40, Female:** Tiffany Bennett (Bronze)

### Bean Bag Toss

- **1-2, Male:** Bentley Redstar (Bronze)

- **3-4, Male:** Rushaun Redstar Jr (Gold), Alex Saboo (Silver), Niigaanii Quigno-Ready (Bronze)

- **41-54, Male:** Kelly Chamberlain (Gold), Rolondo Pollard (Silver)

- **55-64, Male:** John Henry (Silver)

- **65+, Male:** Kenneth Sprague (Gold)

- **3-4, Female:** Lana Ekdahl (Gold), Alvia Ekdahl (Silver)

- **41-54, Female:** Barb Henry (Silver), Gayle Ruhl (Bronze, tied)

### Lacrosse Speed Shot

- **7-9, Male:** Isaiah Haught (Gold), Kruz Chamberlain (Silver)

- **10-12, Male:** Ezekiel Haught (Bronze)

- **13-15, Male:** Zhaawan Martell (Gold)

- **16-18, Male:** Benjamin Cummings (Gold)

- **19-24, Male:** Milan Quigno-Grundahl (Gold)

- **33-40, Male:** Chase Owl (Silver)

- **41-54, Male:** Michael McCreery (Silver)

- **7-9, Female:** Danielle Bennett (Silver, tied), Faye Wemigwans (Bronze)

- **10-12, Female:** Ani'jah Pollard (Bronze)

- **13-15, Female:** Riana Chippewa (Bronze)

- **16-18, Female:** Binayshee Hendrickson (Gold), Kyrah Bennett (Silver), Nevaeh Flory, (Bronze)

- **25-32, Female:** Ashley Bennett (Gold)

### Long Jump

- **5-6, Male:** Paxton Owl (Gold)

- **7-9, Male:** Jeremiah Haught (Gold), Gage Sprague (Silver)

- **10-12, Male:** Jacoby Trepanier (Bronze)

- **13-15, Male:** Samuel Cummings (Gold), Jackson Cummings (Silver)

- **16-18, Male:** Benjamin Cummings (Gold)

- **19-24, Male:** Kentae Flory (Bronze, tied)

- **33-40, Male:** Clayton Nedwash (Silver), Markus Chamberlain (Bronze, tied), Keenan Davis (Bronze, tied)

- **41-54, Male:** Michael McCreery (Silver)

- **65+, Male:** Merton Flory (Bronze)

- **5-6, Female:** Amaria Haught (Gold)

- **13-15, Female:** Keija Booker (Gold)

- **16-18, Female:** Makayla Stevens (Gold), Binayshee Hendrickson (Bronze)

- **33-40, Female:** Christina Otto (Silver)

### Fitness Circuit

- **5-6, Male:** Marcell Schocko Jr. (Gold), Thomas Saboo (Silver)

- **7-9, Male:** Kruz Chamberlain (Silver), Jeremiah Haught (Bronze)

- **10-12, Male:** Ezekiel Haught (Silver)

- **13-15, Male:** Samuel Cummings (Gold), Jackson Cummings (Silver)

- **7-9, Female:** Kingsley Davis (Silver)

- **10-12, Female:** Ava Mena (Gold)

- **13-15, Female:** Keija Booker (Gold)

### Softball Throws

- **5-6, Male:** Paxton Owl (Gold), Marcell Schocko Jr. (Silver)

- **7-9, Male:** Isaiah Haught (Silver)

- **13-15, Male:** Samuel Cummings (Bronze)

- **16-18, Male:** Christian Quigno-Grundahl (Silver)

- **33-40, Male:** Chase Owl (Gold), Markus Chamberlain (Bronze)

- **41-54, Male:** Michael McCreery (Silver)

- **65+, Male:** Sprague Kenneth (Bronze)

- **7-9, Female:** Faye Wemigwans (Silver), Kaya Owl (Bronze)

- **16-18, Female:** Izabella Benzinger (Gold), Andee Raphael (Silver), Nevaeh Flory (Bronze)

- **33-40, Female:** Monica Gonzalez (Silver)

### Obstacle Course

- **5-6, Male:** Paxton Owl (Gold), Marcell Schocko Jr (Silver)

- **7-9, Male:** Isaiah Haught (Gold), Jeremiah Haught (Bronze)

- **10-12, Male:** Jacoby Trepanier (Gold), Kevin Jordan (Bronze)

- **5-6, Female:** Amaria Haught (Gold)

- **7-9, Female:** Abigail Cummings (Bronze)

### Golf

- **Youth:** Aiden Raphael & Andreas Perez (Gold)

- **Ladies:** Valerie Wassegijig & Tamara Ortiz (Gold), Gayle Ruhl & Samantha Chippeway (Silver), Rosemary Ekdahl & Jacqueline Haught (Bronze)

- **Coed:** Lucas Sprague & Kristy Navarro (Gold), Sheila Leareaux & Brad Bennett (Silver, tied), Nathan Lambertson & Darcy Crampton (Silver, tied), Kenneth Sprague & Marilyn Johnson (Bronze)

- **Seniors:** Bernard Sprague & Bean Sprague (Gold), Amos Pond & Randy Pond (Silver)

- **Open:** Larry Faber & Foster Faber (Gold), Kelly Chamberlin & Vinnie Kequom (Silver), Chase Owl & Erik Rodriguez (Bronze)



In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the lead federal agency, in partnership with the Federal Communications Commission and the Department of Veterans Affairs, working to make the promise of 988 a reality for America. Moving to a 3-digit dialing code is a **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** to strengthen and expand the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (the Lifeline).

Of course, 988 is more than just an easy-to-remember number—it is a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health related distress—whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Preparing for full 988 implementation requires a bold vision for a **crisis care system that provides direct, life-saving services to all in need.**

SAMHSA sees 988 as a first step towards a transformed crisis care system in much the same way as emergency medical services have expanded in the US.

Developed in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



In pursuit of this bold yet achievable vision, SAMHSA is first focused on strengthening and expanding the existing Lifeline network, providing life-saving service to all who call, text or chat via 988. Longer term, SAMHSA recognizes that linking those in crisis to community-based providers—who can deliver a full range of crisis care services—is **essential to meeting crisis needs across the nation.**



**SAMHSA**  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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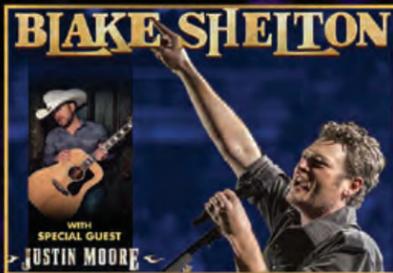


## WIZ KHALIFA & G-EAZY

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## Bigger than a 'block party:' Mix Tape Tour features New Kids on the Block, Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue, Rick Astley

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

What do you get when you mix New Kids on the Block with Salt-N-Pepa, En Vogue and Rick Astley? One fast-paced, entertaining show.

As part of the Mixtape Tour 2022, the performers hit the road together and stopped at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for a June 23 outdoor concert.

The evening was presented as a variety show; instead of one group taking turns with their own set, the artists inter-mixed throughout the nearly three-hour show. New Kids on the Block opened and closed the show.

Full of choreographed moves, matching wardrobes, confetti, streamers and pyro, NKOTB brought the energy, and fans were screaming in every direction.

NKOTB members – Donnie Wahlberg, Joey McIntyre, Danny Wood and brothers Jordan and Johnathan Knight – began the show with “Block Party,” “My Favorite



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**New Kids on the Block members (left to right: Joey McIntyre, Johnathan Knight, Jordan Knight, Donnie Wahlberg and Danny Wood) interact with the June 23 audience during the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort outdoor show.**

Girl,” “Dirty Dancing,” “Summertime,” “Cover Girl,” “You Got It (The Right Stuff)” and “The Whisper/Shout.”

Jordan Knight and Donnie Wahlberg both lifted their shirts several times, causing squeals from the audience. Wahlberg has taken on the role as the unofficial frontman of the group; hamming it up and speaking to the audience with his natural stage presence.

“It is hot, it is humid and it’s not fair we’re up here (on stage) with a nice breeze while you’re all hot and squished together, so we’re coming to you,” Wahlberg said to the screaming fans as the band-mates went into the audience to perform a song.

In matching silver dresses, En Vogue, one of the world’s best-selling girl groups of all time, proved their vocals and harmonies still flawlessly mesh. Rhona Bennett joins original members Terry Ellis and Cindy Herron in the group.

Herron had one of her legs in a walking cast and sat on

a stool downstage but didn’t miss a beat with the choreographed hand and head movements.

En Vogue performed “My Lovin’ (You’re Never Gonna Get It)” and “Free Your Mind.” You may remember Rick Astley – maybe from 2007 when he and his video for “Never Gonna Give You Up” went viral and became part of a meme. Astley, looking dapper in a suit, came out on stage for a couple of tunes, “Together Forever” and “It Would Take a Strong Strong Man.”

NKOTB returned to the stage, this time sporting matching sweatshirts and shiny black pants, performing a mesh up of “House Party,” “Hold On,” “Return of the Mack” followed by “Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)” and “Twisted.”

The vibe was right and the concert was in full swing when Salt-N-Pepa finally made their appearance. Cheryl Renee James, aka Salt, and Sandra Jacqueline Denton, aka Pepa,



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**R&B group En Vogue performs “My Lovin’ (You’re Never Gonna Get It).”**



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**Salt-N-Pepa have the crowd roaring (left to right: Sandra Denton, aka Pepa, and Cheryl James, aka Salt).**

make up the female hip-hop group which formed in New York City in 1985.

Salt-N-Pepa began with “None of Your Business,” followed by “Expression,” “Let’s Talk About Sex,” “Shake Your Thing” and “Whatta Man.”

En Vogue joined Salt-N-Pepa to perform “Don’t Let Go.”

The concert didn’t stop there. Each act came out for more and more.

NKOTB was up again. Joey McIntyre came out solo to perform a belt-out-loud rendition of “Please Don’t Go Girl.” The boys joined for “Games,”

“Tonight” and a mesh up of hits from artists including Whitney Houston, Cyndi Lauper, Bon Jovi and more.

Each act performed their most well-known hits towards the end of the evening including “Never Gonna Give You Up” for Astley, “Hold On” for En Vogue, “Step by Step” for NKOTB and “Push It” for Salt-N-Pepa.

All groups returned to the stage together to close the show with “Bring Back the Time” and once more, Astley’s “Never Gonna Give You Up.” The fans were reeling in the nostalgia.



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**Rick Astley performs during his Mixtape Tour performance.**

## Monster Truck Madness, fireworks at SECR create roaring start to holiday weekend

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The speed, power and destruction of monster truck racing was on full display during Monster Truck Madness at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The event – held on Saturday, July 2 – thrilled

audience members of all ages.

A pit party took place prior to the event. Fans were able to see the trucks up close, and even take a ride in a specially built monster truck. The drivers were also available for photos and autographs.

The gargantuan trucks truly are a spectacle, and a loud one, at that. Their 1,800 horsepower

engines allowed the trucks to tear across the arena at speeds of up to 70 mph, while launching upwards of 30 feet into the air.

The truck lineup featured 10 fan favorites including: Dirt Crew, Dozer, Jurassic Attack, Kamikaze, Crushstation, Lumberjack, Reckless Drivin, Bad Habit and Tailgator.

The event also saw the debut of the Eagle Sports and Casino truck, piloted by Elliot Miller.

Taking first place in the

racing competition was Bad Habit, with Dirt Crew winning the freestyle event.

A free fireworks show followed the event.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Tailgator accelerates off the starting line.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Dirt Crew launches into the air.**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**The Eagle Sports and Casino truck, piloted by Elliot Miller, made its debut during the July 2 Monster Truck Madness at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**



Concert review: Chris Stapleton stuns, Elle King impresses Soaring Eagle audience

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

He could sing the ABCs and I would still be mesmerized and listen intently. It's rare for an artist today to sound even better than the recording but somehow Chris Stapleton makes it happen.

When I tell people I like Chris Stapleton, they say, "Oh, so you're a country music fan." Not quite. I'm an outlaw country, soul, Southern rock, gospel, shreddin' guitar and growling vocals fan, and Chris Stapleton delivers all of the above.

During his second return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's outdoor stage, Stapleton performed a two-hour set from 9:15 to 11:15 p.m. on Thursday, July 21.

Stapleton packed the venue (sold-out) and the performance was just as much Southern rock and blues as it was country.

Stapleton and the six-piece ensemble launched right into their version of storytelling: told with their wailing instruments. The set began with "Nobody to Blame," "Parachute" and "Second One to Know."

"Sure is a wonderful feeling to stand up here tonight and have people show up," Stapleton said. "Ya'll have it made in Michigan in the summer, it's hotter than hell in Nashville right now."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton performs during his sold-out July 21 outdoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

Better-than-the-record renditions continued on stage with "Starting Over," "Millionaire," "Hard Livin'" and "Worry Be Gone."

"This next song is the first song we ever had on the radio; it shot all the way up to No. 46," Stapleton said, stirring audience laughter, mentioning "What Are You Listening To?"

With only Stapleton on stage, the song was performed as a solo acoustic; same for "Traveler," which he said the lyrics came to him during a road trip with his wife.

"This song's been with me a long time, since I was playing bars full of nobody," he said about "Whiskey And You."

Stapleton and the band then performed a bit of outlaw country mixed with soul in "Arkansas," "You Should Probably Leave," "Midnight Train to Memphis" and "Might

As Well Get Stoned." Stapleton sampled Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Free Bird" before jumping into "Devil Named Music."

"I Was Wrong," "Them Stems," "Fire Away" and "Broken Halos" were also performed.

The band played the groove to "Tennessee Whiskey" as Stapleton ad-libbed introductions for each one of his band members, including his wife, Morgane, who provides backing vocals.

Even ad-libbing, Stapleton displayed his growling, soulful vocals without missing a beat. His bandmates included world-renowned harmonica player Mickey Raphael, known for his work with Willie Nelson.

After each band member was introduced, the band performed "Tennessee Whiskey."



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**Morgane Stapleton, Chris' wife, provides backing vocals and tambourine during the Thursday evening show.**

The encore included "Outlaw State of Mind."

As a guitarist, as a vocalist, and as a songwriter, Stapleton really is 'as smooth as Tennessee Whiskey.'

American singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Elle King opened the show at 8 p.m. with a 45-minute set.

Elle King stunned the crowd with her versatile talent and great sense of humor. Her musical style encompasses country, blues, rock and soul.

King, the daughter of comedian Rob Schneider, released catchy hits "Ex's & Oh's" and "Drunk (And I Don't Wanna Go Home)," a collaboration with country music superstar



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**Chris Stapleton displays his powerful vocals and impeccable guitar skills while performing "Parachute."**

Miranda Lambert.

King certainly showcased her talent and comfort being on stage.

After her set, concertgoers could be heard discussing how great she was. Morgane Stapleton must be a fan too, as she rocked King's merchandise on stage.

Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band leaves Saganing, community 'hypnotized'

**NATALIE NICHOLS**

Saganing Slot Shift Supervisor  
Guest Contributor

You've heard it here first 'cause this ain't no "Secondhand News!" On Thursday, June 30, Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel paid tribute to the vocal stylings and incredible musicianship of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame members, Fleetwood Mac, by welcoming Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band.

Performing a full lineup of tracks from their namesake's monumental and emotionally-charged 1977 album, "Rumours," as well as subsequent albums, the group covered the span of two decades of hits.

Rumours was formed in Los Angeles during summer 2012. Though a group of contemporary young people, their website states that their goal is to "take their audiences back to a time when music was still an unbridled cultural experience and bands weren't afraid to put on a show."

After Rumours finished their residency at the legendary Roxy



Courtesy of Natalie Nichols

**Rumours: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band performs during Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel's Tribute to Summer free concert series outdoors in the parking lot on Thursday, June 30.**

in Los Angeles, they were asked to be on AXS TV's "World Greatest Tribute Bands."

As Saganing's second-ever Tribute to Summer Concert Series show, the venue area was packed full of young and old who were singing and dancing along in the simmering heat to the sights and sounds of the '70s and '80s.

As loyal to the material as they are to era and people they are portraying, Rumours has "put together a show that spares no attention to detail."

"Recreating the band's legendary persona, in all its youthful glory from 1975-1987", they play equipment from the

period, wear costumes accurate to the time, and embody the artists themselves – their characteristics, their vocals, and their famed chemistry. Speaking with the crowd, the British and American band members' distinct accents were on full display.

Arriving on the stage at about 7:30 P.M., the group comprised of members Jesika Miller (Stevie Nicks), Tuzy Ellis (Christine McVie), Ned Brower (Mick Fleetwood), Taylor Locke (Lindsey Buckingham), and Nic Johns (John McVie), opened the show with "The Chain." They then went right into the Christine McVie-penned, "You Make Loving Fun," followed in quick succession by Mac's greatest hit, the ethereal Stevie Nicks-fronted "Dreams."

"Say You Love Me," "I Don't Wanna Know" and "Over My Head" kept the tempo up, energy which stayed

high through the performance of "Don't Stop."

"Songbird" created a slower, more intimate moment for the crowd, while "Tusk" brought to the stage the much more experimental sound of its eponymous "Rumours" follow-up album. The aforementioned "Rumours" and "Tusk" weren't the only Mac albums covered: 1982's "Mirage" and 1987's "Tango in the Night" were represented by "Gypsy" and "Little Lies," respectively. While on the topic of dancing, there may not have been anyone tangoing, but several folks took the opportunity to demonstrate their line dancing skills.

As the daylight started to wane, the group continued playing. Every gamut was covered, from the catchy, upbeat "Little Lies" and "Everywhere," to the moody "Edge of Seventeen" from Nicks' 1981 solo venture, and the philosophical classic "Landslide." The group closed the show with "Rhiannon" and "Go Your Own Way" – Lindsey Buckingham's rebuttal to the aforementioned "Dreams."

Per reports from Saganing Eagles Landing Manager Bob VanWert and Security

Department Director Michael Peruski, it is estimated that up to 1400 people attended the free event.

Peruski stated that he and his family were approached by members of the public who complimented him on the "wonderful time" and "great show." He added that he is pleased Saganing can provide a place for family and friends to get together who "haven't seen each other for years".

It seems a good time was had by all, including the group itself. When asked, the group said, "We had such a great time performing at the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel. We can't wait to come back!"

Guest and Saganing employee Cheri Cousins, from Pinconning, Mich., stated that this was her "first concert ever" but it wouldn't be her last.

The next show, The Purple Experience, a Prince tribute artist, took place Thursday, July 14.

Upcoming tribute band shows include: Back to Black, an AC/DC tribute band on Aug. 11 and Terry Lee Goffee: World's Greatest Johnny Cash Experience on Aug. 25.



## A whole lotta shakin' going on with The Black Crowes and Stone Temple Pilots

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

The Black Crowes stopped at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on their massive summer tour entitled Shake Your Money Maker Tour, in celebration of their historic 1990 breakthrough album of the same title.

The Black Crowes shared the evening of rock hits with Stone Temple Pilots and Mac Saturn on Saturday, July 9 on the outdoor concert stage.

“At a time when journalists were mourning the death of rock as cheesy pop and hair metal dominated the charts, The Black Crowes emerged from Atlanta to resuscitate it,” reads the band’s website theblackcrowes.com. “The authentically gritty blues-rock album, whose title is an homage to blues legend Elmore James, went double platinum in its first year.”

The Black Crowes’ portion of the show began with one of the back-up singers putting money into a jukebox placed on stage. The jukebox then begins playing “Shake Your Money Maker” as the band members walk



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The Black Crowes lead vocalist Chris Robinson performs “Jealous Again” during the Saturday, July 9 outdoor show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

out to the full bar set up at the back corner of the stage.

The band members then walk to their spots on stage, grab or sit at their instruments and launch into “Twice as Hard,” “Jealous Again,” “Sister Luck,” “Could I’ve Been So Blind” and “Seeing Things.”

“Well, I told you it was a rock and roll show!” said lead vocalist Chris Robinson after the band performed “Hard to Handle,” an Otis Redding cover the band also recorded.

Robinson strutted around on stage – he first entered the stage whirling and twirling a colorful umbrella – in between passionately belting his soulful, gospel-like vocals.

Either you have swagger or you don’t. If you have to ask what swagger is, then you certainly don’t have it. The Black Crowes have swagger.

The band flawlessly performed “Thick N’ Thin,” “She Talks to Angels,” “Struttin’ Blues,” “Stare It Cold,” “No Speak No Slave,” “Been a Long Time (Waiting on Love),” “Sometimes Salvation,” “Wiser Time” and “Remedy.”

Their encore after an hour and a half set included The Rolling Stones’ cover “Rocks Off.”

Stone Temple Pilots, American rock band from San Diego, performed prior



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**Jeff Gutt, lead singer of Stone Temple Pilots, performs “Vaseline” during the band’s one-hour set.**

to The Black Crowes from 8 to 9 p.m.

Stone Temple Pilots began their portion of the show with “Wicked Garden,” “Vaseline,” “Big Bang Baby,” “Down” and “Meadow.”

“It’s a pleasure to be with you all here tonight,” said STP lead vocalist Jeff Gutt, “and I want to thank The Black Crowes for playing with them. Thank you boys.”

Gutt has been the lead vocalist for STP since November 2017. STP’s original lead vocalist Scott Weiland died of a drug overdose in December 2015. Gutt is the former lead singer of Dry Cell and he was on the reality TV series “X Factor.”

Band members also include brothers Dean DeLeo (guitar), Robert

DeLeo (bass, backing vocals), and Eric Kretz (drums).

STP took the stage when it was still daylight outside.

“I love that we have the sun and spotlights both on,” Gutt said. “When we are wearing sunglasses on stage, we aren’t trying to be cool, we just can’t see (expletive).”

STP kept rocking with “Big Empty,” “Plush,” “Interstate Love Song,” “Crackerman,” “Dead & Bloated,” “Trippin’ on a Hole in a Paper Heart” and “Sex Type Thing.”

Detroit rock band Mac Saturn opened the show with a 45-minute set. Mac Saturn is a five-piece ensemble that delivers elements of pop-rock, Motown, funk and R&B music.



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**The highly-animated showman, Robinson, performs while holding an umbrella sporting The Black Crowes name and logo.**

## Chris Rock’s Ego Death World Tour makes June 25 stop at SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

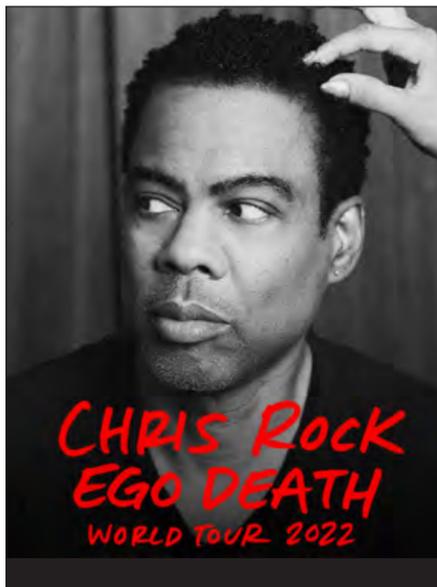
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted acclaimed comedian Chris Rock on Saturday, June 25. The performance was part of his Ego Death World Tour. The 38-date schedule marked Rock’s return to touring, after a five-year hiatus.

Rock has had a storied career spanning over three decades. The comedian, actor, writer, producer and director has won four Emmy Awards, three Grammy awards and is a New York Times bestselling author.

Rock didn’t ignore the elephant in the room, but didn’t dwell on it either. He quickly addressed the controversial Oscar slap by Will Smith, letting the audience members know he was “OK.”

Rock lent his strong comedic voice to a variety of topics including hot button issues such as the current political climate, COVID-19 pandemic,



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race relations in the U.S., and the war in Ukraine.

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## Lacrosse event at Seventh Generation field sticks to traditional teachings

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

On July 6, the community came together once more at Seventh Generation where the traditional game of lacrosse gave an opportunity to intertwine culture and fitness.

Daniel Jackson, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, said that in making traditional lacrosse sticks, there are cultural teachings associated with it.

“So there are two types of sticks I have learned how to make,” Jackson said. “I also have heard Creation stories for each of the Great Lakes style, or Iroquois style, and there are many other tribes who have their sticks with their own teachings also. Starting with offering asemma to the type of tree you want to use for your stick, hickory and ash are the two types of wood I have been working with. The Great Lakes style will use a five-foot ash log and the Iroquois style uses a seven-foot ash or hickory.”

Jackson said it is a process they do right at Seventh Generation with the carving, steaming, bending, sanding, and stringing of the lacrosse sticks.

“Cultural significances are in the spirit in the Creation stories and the spirit of the materials used to make game pieces,” Jackson said. “The biggest difference is found in the materials you use and the spiritual connection that comes from creating your own game pieces.”

Jackson shared there is a cultural connection between tribes of the Three Fires when it came to hosting the regional lacrosse games.

“The Great Lakes style or the Three Fires Nation of the game is also known as Bagadowe. It is historically significant although not as popular. I would say recently though, there has been a surge in Bagadowe events (like the one last week) among a few other tribes in Michigan hosting this particular game,” Jackson said. “It’s one of my lacrosse favorites due to the fact it was used as a distraction to take over the fort in Mackinaw (or Miichkawanik), the place of the snapping turtle!”

Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation, said sponsors and collaborations with others make many events like lacrosse possible.

“SCTC (Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College) Extension Program helped in funding some of the glow lacrosse sticks and Guadalupe Gonzalez helped secure funding through a grant to purchase the band saw used in the wood shop to make the sticks,” Antoine said. “SCIT Recreation purchased the box for the equipment that is now housed and stored here at Seventh Generation.”

Guadalupe Gonzalez, project coordinator for the SCTC Extension office, said the grant goals include fitness and culture among others.

“The traditional lacrosse sticks that are made at Seventh Generation are a perfect fit for

those grant goals,” Gonzalez said. “Our continued partnerships with the Seventh Generation program affords us the opportunity to put both of our resources to good use and this is a great example of that.”

Antoine believes many of Seventh Generation’s event are successful because they offer families an opportunity to get together where the cooking and preparing of meals is done for them.

“Food has always brought people together,” Antoine said. “No matter the celebration or gathering, food is an important component, especially for something as strenuous as lacrosse it takes a lot of energy to play the game. Being a parent of athletes, it is important to stay hydrated for any type of sport. Water being the key element to replenish the body.”

Like many family friendly events held at Seventh Generation, Cultural Manager Lee Ann Ruffino encourages community participation at every gathering.

“Everyone is welcome to participate in Seventh Generation cultural workshops, feasts, and all other events. There are no requirements for these offerings at Seventh Generation,” Ruffino said. “There are cultural reps that can assist the community and any specific traditional teaching they are looking for, all you have to do is come over, offer some semaa (tobacco) and they will help you the best that they can. The staff at Seventh Generation are here for our Tribal community, many people come to our department to receive guidance



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**Traditional teachings and traditional games of lacrosse are held during Seventh Generation’s July 6 event.**

on sacred medicines, regalia, drum, traditional lacrosse, traditional healing, food sovereignty and much more.”

Ruffino said when we practice traditional activities, such as hunting, gathering, dancing, drum, sweat lodge, traditional games, etc., that is in a true sense “fitness.”

“I consider it not only physical fitness, but it keeps our body, mind and spirit fit as well,” Ruffino said. “In today’s world, we often separate fitness and daily life, like they are two different things, when we learn how our ancestors lived, we then realize that these were not separate, but the same.”

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## Gardening Workshop held at Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center

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Public Relations Manager

With the support of several Tribal departments, the USDA Rural development grant and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), a May 23 Gardening Workshop featuring speaker Tina Frankenberger was offered at the Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center.

Frankenberger is Anishinaabe kwe and a practitioner of traditional manoomin (wild rice) harvesting who resides in the M-22 Peninsula near Peshawbetown. She serves on the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and is an advocate for Native American food sovereignty.

Frankenberger shared with a capacity crowd that “gardening should begin with a good spirit and not let emotions like anger affect the process of indigenous farming.”

“It is very important that you always go into your garden with a positive attitude. Our emotions and state of mind is a vibration we are emitting to the world,” Frankenberger said. “Feelings of anger, sadness and jealousy are all lower vibrations. Feelings of happiness, joy, love and peace are much higher vibrations. The emotions that we feel effect not only people around us, but also the plants and seeds.”

Frankenberger believes just as your 'bad day attitude' transmits and brings those around you down into the dumps with you, it does the same thing to your plants.

“Your plants will thrive and produce so much more if you are sure to put good positive thoughts and intentions into your work,” she said. “The same is true when you prepare or cook your produce that you have grown (or with any food you prepare) you must always use good energy. Bad energy or negativity when preparing food can make the people who consume it sick.”

Frankenberger shared a teaching she learned is the power of having children help you in the garden.

“It is not only important to help instill the lessons of where our food comes from and how to care for it, but also allows children to add their beautiful, innocent happiness to the garden,” she said. “Children, especially the youngest children, have such a pure spirit that hasn't been tainted with



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**Tina Frankenberger**

'rules' and 'guidelines.' The pure positive energy and happiness they exude brings a thriving energy to your garden and produces a greater production.”

Frankenberger continued, “The hard programming our adult minds have been brain washed by colonizing society to believe that your rows need to be straight and everything needs happen in a certain way or time is false... Seeds planted in what you think is the wrong spot or the wrong order is just your mind trying to overpower the natural flow of energy. Children stepping on plants that you want to grow or pulling out the plants you planted can be a gentle positive learning opportunity versus a drastic reaction of anger and frustration. The benefits of a child's happiness and joy in our gardens far outweighs the few extra moments to be a thoughtful and patient teacher.”

Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation, asserts the connection the Anishinaabek once had to the land was strong and said she believes that this connection to the lands is extremely important today, for our well-being, especially for the next generations.

“This year, Seventh Generation gave out semaa (tobacco) seeds and mandaamin (corn) seeds for the Garden Workshop,” Ruffino said. “The semaa seeds are a traditional variety and have been passed down from many years ago, from Milton ‘Beaver’ Pelcher. The mandaamin seeds that were gifted to the community, were from friends



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**Frankenberger presents a May 23 gardening workshop at Seventh Generation's Elijah Elk Cultural Center.**

from the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. I encourage all of the community to come out and visit the Kina gwaya do'gtigan (Everyone's Garden) at 7th Generation, to learn, volunteer and take some homegrown veggies to enjoy.”

Frankenberger shared how the teachings of the four sacred medicines (tobacco, sweetgrass, sage and cedar) are being honored at the Seventh Generation greenhouse.

“I believe it our duty to have a good reciprocal relationship with our sacred medicines,” Frankenberger said. “These medicines were/are gifts from our Creator that were plentiful and readily available to us help our ancestors and Creator hear our prayers clearly, to help heal us physically and emotionally, to help protect and stabilize our spirit and physical body in this dimension. The medicines are there to help purify and cleanse us to be seen and heard clearly. It helps to guide us on our path in this physical world.”

Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation, works in collaboration with SCTC Extension office and hosts the gardening workshop every year. The SCTC Extension program assists in the garden box give away as Seventh Generation provides seeds to the community.

“Every year the event grows larger and larger due to the interests of those wanting to grow their own food,” Antoine said. “There is a spiritual connection there with our people and we used to live off the land as Creator intended us to do so, not wasting and sharing goods. It is important to teach these things as they are getting lost with our teachings and we are the holders to our future generations. As a child, my father aided in our garden and we would be excited to see things grow, as well as enjoy the fruits of our labor.”

Frankenberger said “sacred medicines are critical to our wellbeing as

Native people” and believes it “is critical that we take steps to propagate, reintroduce and share our medicines.”

“Expanding the greenhouses at Seventh Gen would allow more work space to propagate seedlings to give to the community so they can once again have all of our sacred medicines available,” Frankenberger said. “I also believe education and support are vital to assist the community on how to care for our sacred medicines: preparing of the soil and water needed to support each one. There is large variation between what tobacco and sage need and what cedar and sweetgrass need to grow.”

Frankenberger said for the past few years, obtaining tobacco seeds is getting easier than it once was.

“And our native tobacco isn't exactly the same as commercial tobacco so this work is very important,” Frankenberger said. “The same is true of our native cedar; you can go get other varieties of cedar at the local greenhouses and nurseries, but most of it is not our native cedars. I myself had search to find a nursery that had our native cedar and they only supplied bare root saplings not potted trees.”

Frankenberger said sweetgrass is very difficult to find in its natural setting.

It is frowned upon by the community when the few patches of existing sweetgrass are uprooted to transplant in gardens, yards and boxes, she said.

“It would be amazing to have cultivated sweetgrass available for Tribal Members through restoration work and the medicine is needed by neighboring tribes and communities,” she said. “I believe the same to be true of our native sage because they're not many patches and they are hard to find and access sometimes. There is sage available commercially, but it too tends to not be our native sage.”

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## Michigan State University scholar program students learn Tribal culture during tour

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

On July 15, Michigan State University students from the Hal and Jean Glassen Scholars Program took a field trip to Tribal cultural and environmental facilities.

Stratton Lee III, assistant director for undergraduate programs and the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), led the delegation of six as they toured the Tribal Water Treatment facilities, the Seventh Generation greenhouses and maple syrup processing facilities and the Ziibiwing museum.

SCIT employees who assisted with the tours included Shannon Peters, director of Utilities; Alden Andy, water operator; Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation; Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation; Troy Techlin, manager of SCIT Environmental; and William Johnson, interim director of the Ziibiwing Center.

“I think it’s important and necessary that our future employees, influencers, and leaders be aware of the



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**Michigan State University students from the Hal and Jean Glassen Scholars Program, the program director and driver, pose for a photo during their trip to Tribal cultural and environmental facilities on July 15.**

interconnectedness of nations, resources, and people,” said Stratton Lee III. “I hope that this introduction to the Tribe and all the great things you’re doing will remain with the students and that they will, in their ways, build meaningful relationships, partnerships, and opportunities in their future. I know that this trip and our time together have helped me to learn about the career opportunities available. I will encourage students and my peers to consider the options offered through the Tribe.”

Scholar Casey Frump was

impressed at the wealth of services the Tribe has to offer.

“The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with its water treatment facilities and the Seventh Generation cultural activities is certainly one of the most welcoming and immersive places I have ever been,” Frump said. “From the greenhouse and gardens to the people working, volunteering, or visiting the property, it was a beautiful cultural experience and one I would not have had anywhere else...”

MSU student Zosha Kuiper is studying for a bachelor’s in



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**Water operator Alden Andy (right) provides a demonstration at the Tribal Water Treatment facilities. The field trip also included tours of the Seventh Generation greenhouses and maple syrup processing facilities and the Ziibiwing museum.**

environmental studies and sustainability.

“It’s quite impressive and inspiring how self-sufficient you all are with the clean and waste water facilities, etc., and how traditions have been slightly modernized, as with the sacred medicines,” Kuiper said. “The pure kindness exuding from, for example, the community garden, where everyone is allowed to take what they need, is exactly what we need in this world. I am so grateful for the opportunity to have seen the work you all are doing firsthand for the community.”

Scholar Clement Eboigbodin enjoyed the cultural aspects of the Tribe.

“It was indeed an eye-opening experience. Learning about the plight of the Anishinaabe, the effects of colonization and the role of boarding schools on the Tribe was profound,” Eboigbodin said. “The favorite part of the trip for me was listening to your teaching on the cultural heritage of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Those teachings are still very applicable to all humanity today.”

## Anishinaabe Kwe Shannon Martin shares teachings on summer feast at Seventh Generation

**JOSEPH SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake) Potawatomi Tribal Member and Founder of Cultural Pathways LLC, Shannon Martin, spoke at the summer feast celebration at the Seventh Generation’s Elijah Elk Conference Center on June 22.

Martin is also a Lynx Clan member and descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. Since birth, she has been an active participant in Midewiwin ceremonies, powwows, treaty demonstrations and other cultural events.

“The niibing (summer) feast time is culturally and historically for Anishinaabe to really shine,” Martin said. “This is our opportunity to plant, sing, dance, garden, fish and our time to put our hands and moccasin feet in the heart of Mother Earth and doing good work.”

Martin continued, “I heard an elder auntie from Manitoba refer to this time as the Anishinaabe New Year, the solstice time of the summer. During this time, we are with our semaa (tobacco) and we place that on the ground with our prayers and intentions for the future.”

Martin also shared with the large crowd in attendance that there is a responsibility that comes from a “blood memory



Courtesy photo

**Shannon Martin**

connection when we plant our medicine in the spring not to forget to take care of those gardens in the summer.”

“Just like our children and teachings, once you plant, we must continue to nurture and keep watch over all those things you put in Mother Earth with good intentions to provide sustenance and healing for the community,” Martin said. “We need to make sure those plant spirits have enough water and space with room to grow and it’s our time to demonstrate as Anishinaabe that the work the of spring season continues in the summer.”

Martin said she was appreciative of all the families in attendance and was reminded of a time where Anishinaabe got together like this more frequently.

“This is our time to extend our circles to include families and friends outside our own region and making those opportunities happen to visit and learn from each other,” she said. “Summer is also the

time to travel and it’s the time to make new connection and to strengthen the depth of friendships already made.”

She continued, “During this time, we embrace new experiences and encourage each other and as Anishinaabe, we encourage families to spend much time together. This is why many communities in Indian Country offer their ceremonies and powwows in the summer to bring our people home.”

Martin encouraged the families in attendance to “enjoy the gifts that the Creator has given us” and reminded everyone that the “heart of the Anishinaabe can be found in nature.”

“Whether it’s spending time in your garden, going hiking and canoeing with friends, camping, getting on the lake to go swimming and fishing, taking your family to the beaches on the Great Lakes... these are the activities that connect our people to nature,” she said. “It’s also a good time to visit those sacred sites like the Sanilac Petroglyphs, Pictured Rocks lakeshore or Tahquamenon Falls. It’s also a time where families can visit the repatriation grounds of their ancestors and those passed away from your family and honor them with good medicine and keep their teachings alive.”

According to Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant II for Seventh Generation,

the event’s meal included: buffalo roast, perch, wild rice casserole, strawberries, mashed potatoes and strawberry shortcake – made with strawberries from Seventh Generation’s community garden.

“We enjoy cooking for these feasts to celebrate the new season,” Antoine said. “Creator has blessed us with these ways of life and it is awesome to embrace and teach these ways for our future generations.”

### Interim Guidelines for Indoor Andahwod Resident Visits

As of June 10, 2022

#### Scheduled visits

- a. Visits should be planned/scheduled with Andahwod. Please call Andahwod 989-775-4300 to schedule.
- b. Visiting hours will be daily 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- c. Visits will be in resident’s apartment.

#### Visitors must have health screenings

- a. All visitors must have a Binax-Covid test immediately before visit. Visitors must test at the Andahwod front lobby entrance.
- b. A Binax-Covid test form must be completed.

#### Safety Protocols

- a. Masks are required in the building.
- b. Wash and/or sanitize hands upon entering building.

**To schedule a visit please call the Andahwod front desk (989) 775-4300.**

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





## AUGUST 2022 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### Sewing Club at Andahwod

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 3:30 - 6 p.m.  
 • Andahwod Craft Room  
 • [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4339

### The Native Way of Life Camp

Aug. 2, 9  
 • **Registration required:** [prevention@sagchip.org](mailto:prevention@sagchip.org)  
 • Open to 5th to 8th graders

### Multiple Pathways for Wellbriety Training

Aug. 2 | 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 • SCTC  
 • **Register:** 989-423-8053 or [awinterz2012@gmail.com](mailto:awinterz2012@gmail.com)  
 • Lunch and snacks provided

### Eagle Feather Teachings

Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 1:30 - 3 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health Lodge  
 • [SWinchell@sagchip.org](mailto:SWinchell@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4887  
 • With Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick

### Wednesday Warriors

Aug. 3, 10, 17  
 • Registration required  
 • [KShomin@sagchip.org](mailto:KShomin@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4093  
 • Open to all Native youth, grades 6 and up

### Euchre Nights at Andahwod

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
 • Andahwod CCC & ES  
 • [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4339

### Community Sewing Nights

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5 - 8 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation  
 • [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780

### Acupuncture

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 4 - 6 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health  
 • 989-775-4850

### Spirit Bear Meeting: AA Talking Circle

Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 1 p.m.  
 • Andahwod, south Birch Lodge fire pit  
 • 989-944-1937

### Drum & Dance Socials

Aug. 9 | 6 - 8 p.m.  
 • Andahwod  
 • 989-775-4780  
 • Calling all dancers and drummers for cash drawings  
 • Sponsored by Bead and Powwow Supply

### Back to School Drive-Thru Event

Aug. 9 | 12 - 3 p.m.  
 • Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • 989-775-4071  
 • Open to DK-12 Services/SCIT Tribal Members  
 • School supply giveaway

### Saganing Back to School Event

Aug. 10 | 12 - 2 p.m.  
 • Saganing Tribal Center  
 • 989-775-4071  
 • Open to DK-12 Services/SCIT Tribal Members  
 • School supply giveaway

### Rez Ball: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Aug. 10 | Games start at 4 p.m., check-in at 2 p.m.  
 • Nimkee Fitness Parking Lot  
 • [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)  
 • Registration deadline: Aug. 8 by 5 p.m.  
 • \$15 per players, four players per team

### Cruise In Car & Bike Show

Aug. 12 | 5 - 7 p.m.  
 • Andahwod CCC & ES  
 • [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4339

### Michigan's Adventure Trip

Aug. 17 | Depart at 8:30 a.m., return at 5:30 p.m.  
 • Limited transportation available  
 • Drop off at Eagles Nest Tribal Gym  
 • [Recreation@sagchip.org](mailto:Recreation@sagchip.org)  
 • Ticket: \$20 deposit  
 • Open to grades 6-12

### COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Aug. 17 | For 6 months and older  
 Aug. 31 | For 5 years and older  
 • Nimkee Public Health  
 • By appointment only  
 • 989-775-4695 or 989-775-4629

### Youth Fishing Tournament

Aug. 19 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., registration starts at 8 a.m.  
 • Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park  
 • 989-944-0495 or [KeRicketts@sagchip.org](mailto:KeRicketts@sagchip.org)  
 • Open to the Tribal community and RV Park patrons

### 16th annual People's Traditional Powwow

Aug. 27 | Grand Entries at 1 & 7 p.m., feast at 5 p.m.  
 Aug. 28 | Grand Entry at 1 p.m.  
 • Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds  
 • [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780  
 • Friday, Aug. 26: Lacrosse night and bonfire

### Traditional Services with Joseph Syrette

Aug. 30, 31 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 • Behavioral Health  
 • 989.775.4850 or [DePeterson@sagchip.org](mailto:DePeterson@sagchip.org)

## AUGUST 2022 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 Recovery Drop In 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	2 Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym or Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	3 Recovery Group 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym Traditional Game Night 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen	4 Sacred Fire Only 7-4 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health Ask Auntie 12-1 p.m.   SCTC	5 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	6 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 7
8 Recovery Drop In 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	9 Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym or Foraging for Traditional Medicines and Food 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.   SCTC	10 Recovery Group 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym Lacrosse 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen	11 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.   Saganing	12 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health Mahnomon Scouting Workshop 3-6 p.m.   Tawas Property	13 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 14
15 Recovery Drop In 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	16 Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym or Box Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Ge	17 Recovery Group 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	18 Tribal Observer Deadline Sacred Fire Only 7-4 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	19 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	20 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 21
22 Recovery Drop In 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	23 Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym or Box Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	24 Recovery Group 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	25 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health Medicinal Tea Workshop 12-1 p.m.   Saganing	26 Peer 360 Recovery on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	27 Peer 360 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 28
29 Recovery Drop In 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	30 Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen Drop In Lacrosse 5:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym or Box	31 Recovery Group 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym	 Check out the <b>Tribal Observer</b> <b>ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a>		

- SECR Payroll
  - SCIT Per Capita
  - SCIT Payroll
  - Curbside Recycling
  - Waste Collection\*
- \*Bins must be curbside by 6:30 a.m.



## Tribal Observer Classifieds

To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email [observer@sagchip.org](mailto:observer@sagchip.org), call to make an appointment in the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15. Apply to job postings online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.

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### 100 Employment

#### Tribal Operations

##### 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.

##### Interim Prosecutor

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Minimum of three years experience as a practicing attorney. Minimum of one year experience as a prosecuting attorney. Member of a State Bar Association and in good standing.

##### Portfolio Manager

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, finance, business administration or related field. Seven years investment analysis, investment management, investment strategy and investment research.

##### Tribal Member Rotation

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Under the supervision of the training & development manager, work in a supportive environment to gain experience and learn skills required to perform SECR line-level positions.

##### Leadership Apprentice

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must have satisfactorily completed 12 credit hours. Must be a full-time college student.

##### Water Operator Intern

Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Education and experience in advance mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills preferred.

##### Water Resource Technician

Open to the public. Associate degree, or actively pursuing a BS/BA in environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, or natural science. Seasonal or internship experience in an environmental/conservation field, GPS equipment, water sampling methods, and/or data analysis. Must have reliable transportation.

##### 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.

##### Police Officer - Isabella

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

##### Medical Clinic Specialist

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

##### Registered Medical Assistant (Grant)

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.

##### Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field.

##### 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.

##### Victim Services Coordinator

Open to the public. Master's Degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field. Four years of program related experience, two

years experience in domestic violence. One year of supervisory experience.

##### Victim Services Counselor

Open to the public. Master's Degree in social work, counseling, or human services related field or have a Limited License in the State of Michigan and gain full licensure within two years from the date of hire.

##### Certified Nursing Assistant

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

##### Registered Medical Assistant

Open to the public. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant License. One year experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

##### 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.

##### Associate General Counsel

Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney, familiarity with federal Indian law preferred. Member of the Michigan State Bar Association and in good standing.

##### SCTC Student Success Coach

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education, human services, leadership or related field from an accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the US Department of Education. SCTC Supplemental Instructor Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall 3.0 GPA or above. Knowledge of the principles and practices of higher education.

##### SCTC Academic Skills

###### Specialist - English

Open to the public. Master's degree in reading, writing, literacy, English or related field with an emphasis in reading and writing. Two years' experience teaching college courses in a multicultural higher education environment.

##### Clinical Therapist - ITC

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 for date of hire.

##### Clinical Therapist - RTC

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 for date of hire.

##### Clerical Pool

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

##### General Labor Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age.

##### Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

##### 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.

##### Full Stack Developer

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field. Two years web development experience.

##### Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience.

### Soaring Eagle

#### Casino Host

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Two years of casino or guest relations experience.

#### F&B Host/Hostess

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

#### Guest Relations Rep FT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience in guest service, special events, promotions, and or cash handling.

#### Guest Relations Rep PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Experience in guest service, special events, promotions, and or cash handling.

#### Call Center Agent PT

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

#### Finance Cashier FT

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

#### Finance Cashier PT

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

#### Transit Driver PT

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

#### Concierge PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One-year customer service and cash handling experience.

#### Inventory Control Warehouse

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Experience with operating warehouse equipment including forklifts and riding cleaning machines.

#### Guest Room Attendant FT

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

#### Guest Room Attendant PT

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

#### Front Desk Agent PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

#### Front Desk Agent FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One-year customer service experience and cash handling experience.

#### Function Service Person FT

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

#### Function Service Person PT

Open to the public. One year customer service experience and/or the ability to successfully pass in-house training.

#### Sous Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Culinary degree from an ACF accredited school preferred. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production.

#### Building Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

#### Painter

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience as a commercial painter or five years of experience in a building maintenance environment with a heavy focus on building finish or substrate repairs.

#### Stewarding Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Associates degree in hospitality or related field preferred.

#### Journeyman Plumber

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Seven years of experience working as a plumber.

#### Line Server FT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

#### Line Server PT

Open to the public. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and graveyard shifts.

#### Waitstaff PT

Open to the public. Restaurant server experience preferred.

#### Laundry Mechanic Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have at least five years' experience in a building maintenance position.

#### F&B Supervisor

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

#### Culinary Supervisor

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

#### F&B Cashier

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

#### Spa Attendant PT

Open to the public. One year of retail and cash handling experience. Must be at least 18 years of age.

#### Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience. Must be at least 18 years of age.

#### Table Games Dealer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to obtain certification from the SECR Table Games Department for each game associate deals.

#### Carpenter Apprentice

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must complete the departmental apprentice program.

#### Line Cook

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of internal culinary training.

#### Night Auditor

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

#### Server Assistant

Open to the public. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements.

### Saganing

#### Players Club Representative

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Customer service experience.

#### Transit Driver PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age. Must have good hearing and at least 20/40 vision in each eye with or without corrective lenses.

#### Police Officer - Saganing

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

#### Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must pass a typing test.

#### Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of restaurant or banquet cooking experience.

#### Count Team Associate

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED.

#### F&B Attendant

Open to the public. Cash handling, banking, or accounting experience preferred.

#### Guestroom Attendant FT

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

#### Line Cook

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

#### Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

#### Beverage Waitstaff PT

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

#### Waitstaff FT

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

#### Waitstaff PT

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

#### Technical Services Tech II

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in information technology, computer science, or related field or three years IT support desk experience.

#### Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in water operations or related.

#### Finance Cashier PT

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

#### Food & Beverage Supervisor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years food and beverage experience.

### 110 For Rent

#### For Rent

Two bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished, everything included except for utilities. Off M-20, close to 127 freeway, 1990 Airway Dr., Mt. Pleasant, \$600 a month, 989-289-0739.

#### For Rent

Two bedroom apartment, furnished or unfurnished, everything included except for utilities. Off M-20, close to 127 freeway, 1990 Airway Dr., Mt. Pleasant, \$750 a month, 989-289-0739.

### 115 For Sale

#### For Sale

2 or 7 acre single wide with add on brought up to stick built standards two car barn with stall for large animal. 500 N. Leaton Rd. Mt. Pleasant 989-289-0739.

#### For Sale

10 acres. Good building site also farmable. 8220 River Rd. 2 miles northeast of Casino. 989-289-0739.

#### For Sale

Home 1,000 sq. feet. Barn fenced for livestock. 2 or 7 acres. 1 mile of the Casino on Leaton Road. 989-289-0739.



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CASINO & RESORT®

# August Promotions



**Win a share of \$1,000,000 in Premium Play prizes!**

**Saturdays in August thru September!**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.  
Seven \$500 Premium Play drawings every half-hour from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. July 31st, 2022 until 10:55 p.m. on August 27th, 2022.



**FRIDAYS**  
7:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

Hourly drawings on Fridays, August 5, 12 & 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to win up to \$1,800 in Premium Play! On August 26, we're giving away \$10,000 cash each hour from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.



**TUESDAYS, AUGUST 2, 16 & 23**  
8:00 A.M. – 11:59 P.M.

Qualifying ACCESS Club members could receive up to \$70 in Premium Play from 8:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. on select Tuesdays.



**THURSDAYS**  
7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Swipe at a promotional kiosk for special discounts and offers from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exclusively for ACCESS card holders age 55+.



**SUNDAYS**  
9:00 A.M. – 11:59 P.M.

HERO card holders can earn \$10 in Premium Play for every 800 points earned on slots from 9:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. Earn up to \$50 in Premium Play total.



**You could win \$100,000 in cash!**

**Fridays & Saturdays in August**

Hourly drawings at Saganing Eagles Landing from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a chance to play our "Fishin' For A Fortune" game. Catch fish for cash prizes but watch out for that shark! Catch the Grand Prize fish and you'll win \$100,000!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. July 29, 2022 until August 27, 2022 at 9:55 p.m. ACCESS Club members may win once on Friday and once on Saturday each week.



**MONDAYS, AUGUST 1, 8 & 15**  
10:00 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Hot seat drawings every half-hour from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. for \$250 in Premium Play! Then, at 9:30 p.m. one winner will win \$500 in cash!



**EVERY SUNDAY**  
12:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Hourly drawings from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for your chance to win Premium Play prizes! At 9:00 p.m. you could win a Ultraskiff 72" boat and motor package!



**WEDNESDAYS**  
9:30 A.M. – 9:30 P.M.

Earn 1 entry for every 100 points earned and you could win up to \$1,000 cash in our hourly drawings from 9:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.



**WEDNESDAYS | 4:00AM - 11:59PM**  
Earn points and get Premium Play!

Points Earned	Reward Amount
300	= \$5
800	= \$10
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