SARAH WINCHELL
RTC Coordinator

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Behavioral Health staff is currently working diligently on placing more than 20 emergency overdose boxes throughout the Reservation with free Naloxone (narcan) available, day or night.

Naloxone (brand name nar-can) is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications. It will NOT harm someone who does not have opioids in their system.

Behavioral Health is a sub-awardee for a two-year Statewide Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The granting agency is SAMHSA and MDHHS is the awardee who is granting Behavioral Health the sub-award for a two-year Statewide Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The granting agency is SAMHSA and MDHHS is the awardee who is granting Behavioral Health the award to utilize in the Tribal community.

Each emergency box placed around the community holds eight doses of naloxone and are refilled as necessary by SOR staff. The boxes are not locked and can be accessed by anyone who is in need. Naloxone and fentanyl test strips are available at Behavioral Health, free of charge, as well.

Currently the boxes are located at Behavioral Health, Black Elk building, and Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services (ACFS).

More boxes will be placed at Nimkee Clinic, Tribal Police and Migizi properties including: Soaring Eagle Waterpark, Soaring Eagle Hideaway and RV Park, The Retreat, The Hill, Isabella Sagamok, Standish Sagamok, Cardinal Pharmacy, Migizi main office, and Migizi HR office.

Natalie Shattuck
Editor

Per the Notice of Award: “The purpose of this program is to address the opioid overdose crisis by providing resources to states and territories for increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder and for supporting the continuum of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for opioid use disorder and other concurrent substance abuse disorders. The SOR program also supports the continuum of care for stimulant misuse and use disorders including cocaine and methamphetamine. The SOR program aims to help reduce unmet treatment needs and opioid-related overdose deaths across America.” According to SAMHSA, the granting agency, “Harm reduction is an evidence-based approach that is critical to the award of the Tribal Operations and related departments will be closed on Fridays
Effective May 22, 2023 - Sept. 3, 2023

Behavioral Health grant helps place emergency overdose boxes throughout the Reservation

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College now offering liberal arts degree in education concentration

Natalie Shattuck
Editor

Beginning this fall, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will offer a new degree concentration – an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts with an education concentration.

According to Amanda Flaugher, Ph.D., dean of students for the Tribal College, this degree track is “designed to prepare students for a 2+6 Central Michigan University Partnership Program for teacher education.”

The SCTC courses plus the Central Michigan University off-campus program offers an opportunity to earn pre-K to 6th grade teacher certification, Flaugher said.

SCTC graduates who have earned an associate degree in Liberal Arts-Education from the Tribal College may transfer all credits specified in the CMU Teacher Education Transfer Credit Guide towards a Bachelor of Science in education, standard certificate (early childhood and elementary education), and major in teaching grades pre-K through 6th at CMU without duplicative study.

According to SCTC, “the mission of the Liberal Arts Program is to prepare students in demonstrating competency in coursework across disciplines and ready them to transfer to a four-year degree program, acquire the necessary skills to enter the 21st century workforce and/or assist him or her in becoming socially responsible citizens.”

The Associate of Arts: Liberal Arts in education concentration requires 63 to 65 credit hours – 31 credits in liberal arts education concentration and 32-34 credit hours in general education requirements.
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**Christopher Wade Albers-Smith**
May 29, 1946 – July 5, 2023

Christopher Wade Albers-Smith went to Heaven July 5, 2023. Christopher was born May 29, 1946, and graduated from Traverse City High School. He worked for Meijer and was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. He lived in Traverse City, Michigan and enjoyed fishing, hunting, sailing, and spending time with his family and friends. By sharing his home to help anyone get back on their feet. His family and friends will remember him as a loving, caring, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

**Cindia Nicole Compo**
August 4, 2000 – July 15, 2023

Naomi Irene Compo was born August 22, of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, passed away Sunday, July 15, 2023. Naomi was born Aug. 4, 2000, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, the daughter of Patricia Peters and Joe Compo Sr. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Naomi loved doing many things including swimming, cooking, road trips, Torch circuits, playing Xbox, and being with her friends. She had the best sense of humor, always telling jokes and making people laugh. She was the best big sister, she showered her with love and affection. She loved her family and friends, especially her nieces and nephews. She is survived by her father, Joe Compo Sr.; mother Nina Francis; siblings Isaac Compo, Jeni Compo, Zhesheek Compo, Anthony, Monica Compo, nephew Calvin; nieces Anavey, Aubrey, Nevaeh, Nevaeh, Navejan, Nevaeh; best friend Joseph “Joe” Shank; and several other aunts, uncles, and cousins. The family received friends on Thursday, July 20, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

**Cammi Rita Lynn Salazar**
May 14, 1984 – July 12, 2023

Cammi graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School with the Class of 2002, where she played basketball and softball. She attended Lake Michigan Community College. She was married to the love of her life, Randy Bridgewater.

**Cindia Nicole Pelcher-Gomez**
January 29, 1976 – July 2, 2023

Cindia Nicole Pelcher-Gomez, age 47, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Sunday, July 2, 2023, at her home. Cindia was born Jan. 29, 1976, the daughter of Clinton and Anita (Attitam) Pelcher. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 1994. She worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College for the past few years. She loved spending time with her family, playing games on her phone, and going to bingo. Cindia was preceded in death by her son Samuel “Nico” Gomez; her other Clinton (Honu) Pelcher; brothers, Raymond (Teri) Pelcher, Warren Pelcher, Clinton (Herminia) Pelcher; sister, Jeni Compo; Ken (Greg) Pelcher, Valerie (Ben Himmon Jr) Pelcher-Moore, (Ranee (Rick) Campi, Theresa (Billy) Marshall, Christina (John Miesgahad) Pelcher; special at her kids, Snooki and Merci, all of the Isabella Indian Reservation; many beloved and cher. friends and beloved munchkin kittens, Merci and Smokey. She was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

**Cindy Peters, Patricia, Anne “Piidaabin”, age 77, of the Isabella Indian**

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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College’s inaugural

collections committee vacancies

Attention Tribal Members:
The Zibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

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

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager
Email: WilliamJohnson@sagchip.org
Phone: 989.775.4730

Public Notices

Attention all Tribal Members:

To be eligible to vote in the upcoming 2023 Tribal elections, you must register to vote 30 days prior to the election date.

- Voter registration forms are available at the Tribal Clerk’s Office and on the Tribe’s website.
- Due to the change in Ordinance 4, those living in Isabella County are now District 1 eligible voters and must fill out a voter registration form.
- If you’ve had a recent address or name change after Jan. 1, 2022 you must also register to vote if you have not already.

For more information, contact:
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September Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

Deadline: Friday, Aug. 4, 2023 by 5 p.m.

Tribal Clerk’s Office hours:
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Homeowners Assistance Funds program (HAF)

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Housing Department is now accepting applications for the 2023 Homeowners Assistance Funds program. This application is for hardships occurring from 1/2/2022 to present.

Need assistance keeping your home?
- If the total household income is below 150 percent of the Area Median Income.
- If the household has experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19.
- If the household has increased costs due to COVID-19.
- If the household is experiencing mortgage delinquency, foreclosure, eviction or quit notice, or property tax arrearages.
- If the household is experiencing utility shut off or arrearages.
- If the household is experiencing lack of utilities for 30 days or more.

Applications are available:
- Online: Application is available at

https://sagchip.egovapps.com/Race/MI/MountPleasant/2847257
- By sending the QR code to the right.
- In person: Call (989) 775-4558 to make appointment.

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The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Nbookaawin – Wisdom
To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experience as guides for making equitable and moral decisions.

Zaagidowin – Love
To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, understand, and resolve the needs of others.

Minaadendamoowing – Respect
To live with respect is to give mutual consideration for shared and differing ideas as well as for the world around us.

Zaagidowin – Bravery
To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

Gwekwadziwin – Honesty
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendziwin – 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.

Debewwin – Truth
To live in truth is to recognize the difference between right and wrong and to be faithful to ourselves as well as to the world around us, even when the right way is not the easiest way.

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

Meet up and Eat up
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Saginaw Chippewa Academy
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Zibibiwing Center
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ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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2024 Annual Reports are now being accepted

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Notarization is required
• Forms available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
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Your 2024 Annual Report MUST be filed before/with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

For more information, please contact: The Tribal Clerk’s Office at 989.773.4051

College Rental Assistance

The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is offering rental assistance to Native American college students that meet the following criteria:

• 18 years old or older and financially independent of their parents
• Must be a duly enrolled member of any Native Tribe that has been identified on the most current Federal Register listing of “Indians Entities Recognized by and Eligible to Receive Services from the U.S. BIA” (86 FR 7554 (Jan. 29, 2021))
• Household is low-income as determined by HUD’s definition: https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/il.html
• Enrolled in an accredited post-secondary college or university pursuing a 2 year (or higher) degree or certificate
• The university or college and the rental unit must be located within the Lower Peninsula of the state of Michigan
• All rental assistance is paid directly to the landlord
• Applications and more information can be found at: http://www.sagchip.org/housing/

For more information, please contact: Housing at 989-775-4538

Family Picnic

Friday, Sept. 1, 2023
4-7 p.m. | The Hill Campground

Games and prizes
• Family bongos
• Door prizes
• Side attractions
• Bag & sack race
• Egg toss
• Musical chairs

Food served at 4 p.m.

Prize for the best dessert/treats
*Judged competition.

For more information, please contact:
Recreation staff at Recreation@sagchip.org
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Tribal Community

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engaging with people who use drugs and equipping them with life-saving tools and information to create positive change in their lives and potentially save their lives. Harm reduction is a key pillar in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Overdose Prevention Strategy.”

Behavioral Health has been able to hire Case Manager Stacy Johnson, and Administrative Assistant II Millie Thomas, to complete the activities of this grant. In year two, there will be approximately 20 more boxes placed throughout the community.

As fentanyl use and overdoses have increased dramatically, fentanyl test strips are also being provided to the public as part of this program. Staff will be present at various community activities and events to provide the naloxone and fentanyl test strips as well as educating the public on opioid use disorder and harm reduction.

Other activities/events that are being provided by funding from the SOR grant include: monthly traditional healer lodge teaching and sweat lodge, community education and support via Dr. Cara Poland (Medicated Assisted Treatment consultant), assistance with transportation to and from medical and behavioral health appointments (including treatment), strategic messaging campaign, bus wrap on iRide, and ongoing expansion of substance use services.

SOR staff have done a presentation with the summer youth workers, had a booth at the Honoring, Healing and Remembering event, Safety Fair, the Community Meeting and Saginaw Chippewa Powwow to provide resources and free naloxone and fentanyl test strips.

SCIT Woodshop creates Freedom Walk 2023 red cedar feather honoring Roger High

A special ceremony was slated to take place where Saginaw Chippewa Elder Roger High was recognized posthumously at the July 29, 2023 Freedom Walk.

Woodshop Carpenter Ernest “Ernie” Fletcher has worked for the Tribe for almost 21 years, and designed the project with coordination of Carpenter Supervisor Dan Ryckman and Carpenter David Salisbury. Fletcher has done numerous laser engraving specialty items for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and enjoys doing SCIT projects in the Woodshop involving red cedar.

The cedar feather reads: “On behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Freedom Walk Committee, we honor the memory of Elder Roger High for his lifelong dedication and contribution to recovery on the reservation.”

New Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Officer Kahl Smith (center) is sworn in by Chief Theresa Peters-Jackson (right) with support from Sub-Chief Jennifer L. Wassegijig (left) on Tuesday, July 11 in the Tribal Council chambers.

17TH ANNUAL
People’s Traditional
POWWOW

Aug. 26 & 27, 2023
Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Grand Entries
Saturday 8/26: 1 & 7 p.m.
• Feast Saturday for all participants
• Cake celebrating the 50th logo of the Tribe

Sunday 8/27: 1 p.m.
Vendors: First come, first serve basis. Set up Friday, Aug. 25 at 12 p.m.
Hand Drum Contest: Sponsored by the Jackson Family
Bike giveaways: Sponsored by Chief Peters-Jackson and family

Dignitaries
• Head Veteran: Ray Cadotte
• Emcee: RJ Smith
• Arena Director: Joe Syrette
• Host Drums: Crazy Boy
• Co-Host Drum: Mission Hill
• Invited Drums: Brave Scout, Southern Straight & Onion Creek

Open to the Public • Free Admission
For more information, please contact: Tonya Jackson at 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org
In September 1993, when I started working at only 25 years old, I was a newbie to the politics and issues facing Indian Country. My political experience and exposure were limited to voting in the 1988 and 1992 presidential elections and the recession’s effects on my life. I quickly and steadily learned from my tribal work exposure, conversations with co-workers, and sitting through too-many-to-count Council meetings.

The tribal atmosphere was so different back then. Many employees were Native; whether members or descendants of this Tribe or elsewhere. The Council members had other jobs and attended meetings at night for only stipends. The Tribe had a small casino (now known as the Slot Palace) and a much smaller government but all of that was about to grow in leaps and bounds. The Tribe was negotiating our gaming compact with the State of Michigan, and I was one of the employees that would assist me in endeavoring and helping this not-so-crazy idea, really wasn’t crazy at all. I was still relatively young in today’s standards and while scanning old documents at work, I found a Tribal resolution dating back to the early 1980s. It was a resolution passed by the seated Council for support for an elderly couple to place their acquired marital land into Trust status. And because of their advanced ages, it also asked that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) place priority on their application. I thought if they could do it back then, why can’t I?

I started a long adventure of asking, researching, and learning as I went. Taking notes and thinking of more questions than I had ever had plans answered for an assigned employee. I spoke with representatives at the BIA. I learned and completed title searches of my own. I learned how to read a property description in order to find its location within a county and how to trace its evolution through time. I had to practically learn everything in order to prove my property was part of the original 80 acres allotted/issued to Jacob Wain Daw Be Tung on May 27, 1871.

As stated originally, my plan was to pay off my mortgage, reach junior elder status (40), and apply since my husband and I were living in the land by Indian Country definitions: we didn’t have ownership in trust property. It didn’t quite work out the way it was planned.

First was the death of my mother-in-law, meaning my husband would no longer be landless as he would inherit a percent of his fractionalized ownership share of two trust parcels which he inherited through his mother, again through the Federal Probate Court process. Then a couple years later, my father died and I thought I would inherit a percentage of his fractionalized ownership share but I didn’t.

Prior to any Probate Court hearing, I had to find out the process of inheritance to find out that because my father passed away without a will and because his fractionalized ownership share was too small to divide in accordance with the Indian Land Consolidation Act amendments passed into Federal law, my older sibling would be the sole inheritor.

So I remained landless at 51 years old, and I decided it was time to pursue Fee-To-Trust status before I get any older to protect my family homestead where my children were raised, we celebrated their milestones and grieved the losses of their father and grandmother.

So on March 4, 2022, I gathered my letter of application, the supporting documentation, and went to the post office to send it off by certified mail. After all, I had to do was wait.

Today is July 20, 2023. There has been a pretty steady exchange of correspondence between the BIA Office in Sault Ste. Marie and myself but I’m nearing the finish line.

In simple terms, the BIA describes it as a 16-step process, because some steps overlap or occur concurrently, I’m at about Step 9 “Clearance of PTO Objections before Notice of Decision (NOD)”. In comparison and as I understand it, Step 15 is the “Final Title Opinion and Country-Registeration” and this is when the approved trust status would be recorded within the County and Step 16 is the finish line of “Completed Application Package”. I have to admit, it’s been a huge learning experience. I am certainly not an attorney, nor do I have a legal background and believe me, I have had my fill of years and I did expect it to be more difficult, yet it’s been relatively easy albeit at times confusing but at moments of discouragement I have the support of those around me both professionally and personally. Reading what I call “legal-speak” but I expected that going into this. I did expect it to be more difficult, yet it’s been relatively easy albeit at times confusing but at moments of discouragement I have the support of those around me both professionally and personally. Reading what I call “legal-speak” but I expected that going into this.

So what happens now? I continue to wait for my application to proceed through Federal process. Finish my two remaining “tasks” and wait for notification of the completion of Steps 15 & 16. So keep your fingers crossed... I may be the first successful individual Indian applicant in the past 40 years, but hopefully I won’t be the last and it won’t take another 40 years for the next one!

To be continued...
Migizi update: Job positions available, renovations and upgrades

Each year, the businesses of Migizi offer Tribal youth workers the opportunity to explore different career paths. Many of the youth workers continue employment at the conclusion of the summer program and return to Tribal work once completing their education at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Higher Education Center, Central Michigan University, Mid-Michigan College, or other area schools. Everyone has worked towards the goal of making finding a job with Migizi as easy and convenient as possible. All available jobs are posted in the employment section at MigiziEDC.com, or Tribal Members can stop by the Migizi Human Resource office in the Sowmnick Plaza.

With renovations and upgrades nearing completion at The Hill Campground, the Tribal Council and Powwow Committee directed Migizi to upgrade the 25,000-square-foot dance ring and existing structures at the powwow grounds. Below the arrival of members and guests to this year’s homecoming, the grass of the dance ring was removed, and new sod was installed to improve the arena’s safety for dancers. In past years, the uneven surface of the dance arena caused hazards for dancers. Tribal Council and the Powwow Committee wanted to provide an improved experience for everyone who participated and attended this year’s homecoming event. The structures around the arena were treated with new stain and paint and given other attention as needed. Migizi EDC worked closely with Tribal Council, the Migizi Board of Directors, and the Powwow Committee to ensure the Hill and the Powwow grounds were in outstanding condition as this year’s guests and dancers visited from around the country.

On Monday, Aug. 21, Member Monday will return to both Mount Pleasant and Saginaw. Whether you are fueling up or stopping by for your favorite snacks and drinks, Saginaw Chippewa members can come into either store for a free fountain pop or a bag of popcorn. This promotion has served the members since June and continues this month as an exclusive benefit for those in Mount Pleasant or Saginaw.

Members and applicants to the Migizi Human Resource department to match Tribal needs.

Annual HUD income limits for affordable housing programs in Arenac and Isabella counties

FY 2023 Income Limits Summary

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Very Low (50%) Income Limits: Persons in Family

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The SCIT Housing Program's households whose income falls within these limits, are eligible for HUD assisted rental units.
SCIT elders enjoy three-day trip in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photojournalist

There’s nothing that beats going on vacation with friends and a group of our SCIT elders are working with Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel of Mount Pleasant on some upcoming trips.

Recently, one of the elders to go on the trip – Sue Durfee, Alfreda Jenkins, Ruth Moses and Barb Sprague – met with the Tribal Observer to inform how much they enjoyed their recent trip to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

The group is not tribally sponsored but wanted to inform other elders if they would like to join them.

“One June 7-9, a group of us SCIT elders came together and enjoyed a three-day trip to Island Resort & Casino in Harris, Mich.,” Durfee said. “The trip in included a visit to the Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace and Manistique before arriving at the Island Resort & Casino for a two-night stay. The more that we thought about it, we would like to invite other SCIT elders to join us for additional trips that have been preplanned.”

The group provided a list of things that elders should know if they would like to take part of the upcoming trips.

• Elders only, plus one guest
• You are responsible for all trip costs.
• Arrangements are made through a local motorcoach tour and travel company.

Beyond Horizons Tour & Travel of Mt. Pleasant is located at 588 West Pickard Street and can be reached at 989-770-7077.

Word Bank

- Mskominikaa
- Dehminkaa
- Miinkaa
- Miinkaa
- Wiingaashkaa
- Giigoonhkaa
- Nbiikaa
- Goonkaa
- Mtigwaakaa
- Mkoomiikaa

Across
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SCIT brings home the gold at 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

**2023 Team Results**

**First Place:**
**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 636 points**

**2nd:** Gun Lake Tribe of Pottawatomi Indians 526 points

**3rd:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa 351 points

**4th:** Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi 223 points

**5th:** Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians 123 points

**6th:** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians 82 points

**7th:** Pokagon Potawatomi 62 points

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

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

The competitions kicked off at 9:30 a.m. Participants competed in their age group brackets. Several competitions were held including: track events, long jump, basketball shots, fitness circuits, archery, lacrosse, softball throws, bean bag toss, baby crawl, tug-of-war, and much more. As the results came in, Erik Rodriguez and Joseph Sowmick of the Public Relations Department made announcements heard throughout the track. The Information Technology Department updated the scores online on the sagchip.org website. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the top three finishers in different age classifications in various competitions.

The MIFO golf scramble was held on Thursday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at Pleasant Hills in Mount Pleasant. Thursday afternoon pickle ball, cornhole and traditional lacrosse tournaments were held at Island Park in Mount Pleasant. “Last month’s Michigan Indian Family Olympics was simply amazing,” said Jadan Harman, MIFO head coordinator. “I would personally mark it down as the best year yet! The healthy competition shared by all the tribes is always a beautiful scene. And seeing the laughter, joy, and each participant giving their best efforts tops it off. Not to mention this year’s weather was perfect. “Chi-miigwetch to all the volunteers. This grand event couldn’t be done without you. It truly takes an army of a community to put this on. The Family Olympics Committee greatly appreciates all your efforts in making this event run smooth.”

Individual and team results are posted on www.sagchip.org/info For more information on the event, the 2023 booklet is also available online at www.sagchip.org/info

**Veterns and flag carriers lead the Friday, July 21 grand entry to begin the 35th annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics held at the Shepherd High School track.**

**Onion Creek drummers perform a welcome song during the grand entry.**

**Members of the Team SCIT tug-of-war team.**
### 2023 Michigan Indian Family Olympics SCIT results

#### 10 Mile Tot Trot
- **1-2, Male:** Shumim-Hall, Jessiah (Silver)
- **1-2, Female:** Gibbs, Merci (Silver)

#### 20 Meter Tot Trot
- **3-4, Male:** Schocks, Ace (Gold)
- **55-64, Male:** Kingbird, Kelton (Silver)
- **Redstar Jr., Rashaun (Bronze)**

#### Baby Crawl
- **Female:** Garcia-Peltcher, Lina (Gold)

#### 50 Meter Run
- **7-9, Male:** Chamberlain, Kruz (Gold)
- **10-12, Male:** Chamberlain, Brysen (Bronze)
- **13-15, Male:** Kingbird, Kolton (Gold)
- **16-18, Male:** Skahane, Robert (Bronze)
- **19-24, Male:** Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Bronze)

#### Archery
- **16-18, Male:** Rose, Kaiya (Gold)
- **19-24, Male:** Flory, Julian (Silver)
- **33-40, Male:** Flory, Loreen (Bronze)

#### Bean Bag Toss
- **1-2, Male:** Redstar, Benley (Bronze)
- **3-4, Male:** Kingbird, Kelton (Gold)
- **41-54, Male:** Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- **55-64, Male:** Flory, Mentor (Bronze)

#### 100 Meter Walk
- **13-15, Male:** Robinison, James (Silver)
- **16-18, Male:** Underwood, John (Silver)
- **19-24, Male:** Chamberlain, Brysen (Silver)
- **25-32, Male:** Redstar, Kyle (Silver)
- **33-40, Male:** Koons, Brandon (Silver)
- **33-40, Female:** Stevens, Makayla (Gold)
- **34-40, Female:** Otto, Christina (Gold)

#### Lacrosse Speed Shot
- **7-9, Male:** Haught, Isaiah (Gold)
- **10-12, Male:** Prout, Askadewin (Gold)
- **16-18, Male:** Duval, Jaidyn (Gold)

#### Basketball Shot
- **19-24, Male:** Maseskowazi, Shad (Gold)
- **25-32, Male:** Ready, Kyle (Silver)
- **33-40, Male:** Sprague, Luke (Silver)

#### Golf
- **19-24, Female:** Flory, Nevaeh (Bronze)
- **25-32, Female:** Ready, Kyle (Bronze)
- **33-40, Female:** Butter, Leonard (Bronze)
- **34-40, Female:** Otto, Christina (Gold)

#### Fitness Circuit
- **5-6, Male:** Jorden, Mekhi (Bronze)
- **7-9, Male:** Haught, Isaiah (Silver)
- **10-12, Male:** Haught, Ezekiel (Gold)
- **5-6, Female:** Chamberlain, Kyda (Silver)
- **7-9, Female:** Wemigwans, Aja (Silver)
- **10-12, Female:** Quigno-Vaughn Tru (Silver)

#### Softball Throws
- **5-6, Male:** Jorden, Mekhi (Silver)
- **10-12, Male:** Prout, Askadewin (Bronze)
- **13-15, Female:** Enadewin, Angela (Gold)
- **16-18, Male:** Highley, Frederick (Gold)
- **25-32, Male:** Ready, Kyle (Silver)
- **33-40, Female:** Owl, Chase (Bronze)
- **41-54, Female:** Chamberlain, Nikcoma (Gold)
- **55-64, Male:** Flory, Mentor (Bronze)

#### Obstacle Course
- **5-6, Female:** Bennett, Daymien (Silver)
- **7-9, Male:** Chamberlain, Kyda (Silver)
- **10-12, Male:** Haught, Ezekiel (Silver)
- **7-9, Female:** Roth, Lily (Gold)
- **10-12, Female:** Saboo, Isabella (Gold)

* Denotes a tied medal
Holiday weekend kicks off at SECR with Monster Truck Madness 9, fireworks

NATALIE SHATTUCK  
Editor

While the evening definitely didn’t turn out as planned, one thing’s for certain – rapper Lil Jon gave it his all to entertain the audience after he was informed he was no longer the opening act, the night’s headline for the Sunday, July 9 outdoor show at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

A DJ had been spinning tracks and getting the audience pumped up for the show. While the concert was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., Lil Jon didn’t appear on stage until almost 9 p.m.

Jonathan H. Smith, aka Lil Jon, is a rapper, producer, and former front man of the rap group Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz. He also proved to the audience that evening that he is one heck of a DJ.

Lil Jon was also a radio personality and a DJ on an Atlanta radio station, and he previously had a DJ residency for more than five years in Las Vegas.

Lil Jon kept the audience on their feet and dancing by performing a huge DJ set; intermingling his hits with other well-known songs by numerous artists.

He would DJ at the tables on stage then when it was time to perform his own songs, he began center stage and worked the crowd. His songs he performed that evening included “Snap Yo Fingers,” “Shake That Monkey,” “Salt Shaker,” “Get Low,” “Yeah!,” “Lovers and Friends,” “Turn Down for What,” “Shooters” and much more.

Lil Jon mixed a variety of well-known hits in all different genres including: DMX’s “Party Up,” Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer,” Trick Daddy’s “Let’s Go,” Queen’s “We Will Rock You,” Shop Boyz’s “Party Like a Rockstar,” The Killers’ “Mr. Brightside,” Blink 182’s “All the Small Things,” DJ Khalid’s “All I Do is Win,” and even some Taylor Swift.

After Lil Jon performed for over an hour, the Soaring Eagle team announced Pitbull would not be making it to the show due to his plane malfunctioning.

“We were notified at 6:45 p.m., one hour and 15 minutes prior to the start of the show, that Pitbull’s private jet was grounded in Minneapolis, Minnesota on a scheduled stop,” wrote Tanya Bardy, advertising/public relations manager for Soaring Eagle, in a statement. “Immediately one hour prior to the start of the show, Pitbull’s production team sent him out with no break after the DJ’s performance.”

Pitbull’s show has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19.

All guests’ tickets are good for the rescheduled date. Guests that are unable to make the rescheduled date were able to get a refund beginning that following day through 10 p.m. on Monday, July 17.

Pitbull sent the Soaring Eagle team a video to be shared on the large screens at the show explaining his issues and apologizing. Lil Jon recorded a video one hour prior to the show, and it was posted on his social media accounts a couple days after.

“At the last minute he called me because he gave me a flight and we got him out with no break after the DJ’s performance. He created a party. So that’s what I’m going to give them, a great party, they going to have a great time,” Lil Jon said in the video. “But, it’s also like yeah, do I play some Pitbull records? I’m like no, cause I don’t want them looking at me like, ‘Why is he playing Pitbull?’ and then they get mad at me, and they wanna, you know, get mad at me for him not being here. So I’m just going to get out here, do my set, rock my set. I might go a little over, cause I can, and try to give them a good time. Cause I create experiences, I create moments where they can be like, ‘Man, I remember that time Lil Jon came and it was, it was just such a party; and I didn’t know what to expect but he created a party.’ So that’s what I’m going to give them, a great party, they going to have a good time. They going to be mad that Pitbull ain’t here, but they’re not going to be as mad because they did have a good time with me.”

As of Tribal Observer press time, there will be no opening act for Pitbull during his rescheduled Aug. 19 show and it will begin at 8 p.m.
ENTERTAINMENT

Kane Brown with Chris Lane & Restless Road
Thursday, August 3
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
SOLD OUT!

Disturbed with Staind
Monday, September 4
7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $34, $77, $95, $105

Pitbull
Saturday, August 19
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $37, $89, $105, $130

Bourbon & Bacon Dine & Drink Series Event
Saturday, September 23
7:30 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: $50 General Admission

Carrie Underwood with Colbie Caillat
Thursday, August 24
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $54, $141, $173, $204

Patti LaBelle & Gladys Knight
Friday, October 13
8:00 p.m.
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: $69, $89, $102, $109

An Evening with James Taylor
Saturday, August 26
8:00 p.m.
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: $36, $81, $98, $114

TruTV Impractical Jokers
Friday, October 27
7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. shows
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: $59, $72, $85, $92 per show time

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

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 | 3:00PM
WE’RE GIVING AWAY BIG BACK TO SCHOOL PRIZES!
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The aggression, energy and spectacle of modern heavy metal was on full display at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, July 23. Five Finger Death Punch and I Prevail brought all the hits to the outdoor concert stage.

The band began with the hit songs “Lift Me Up,” “Trouble” and “Wash It All Away.”

Next up were the heavy, driving riffs of “Jekyll and Hyde” followed by the memorable chorus of “Shame Pain.”

The band performed a heavy metal-infused cover of Bad Company’s classic hit “Bad Company.” This was followed by “Never Enough” and “IOU.”

Five Finger performed the slow, melodic hit “Wrong Side of Heaven” before changing up the pace with the raucous hits “Burn MF,” “Welcome to the Circus” and “Inside Out.”

Opening for Five Finger Death Punch was the Southfield, Mich.-based rock band, I Prevail.

The Grammy nominated group has released three studio albums, including their most recent “True Power” which was released in 2022.

I Prevail began with a trio of fan favorites in “Bow Down,” “Body Bag” and “Self-Destruction.” The hits continued with “Bad Things,” “Come and Get It” and “FWYTYK.”

Mental illness was at the forefront of the next song “Breaking Down.” The song gave audience members an inside look into depression. This was followed by the lively choruses of the hits “Hurricane,” “There’s Fear in Letting Go” and “Deep End.”

I Prevail upped the pace, and came back swinging with the fast, brutal songs “Judgment Day” and “Choke.”

The set ended with the catchy chorus hook of “Scars” and the frenzied tempo of “Gasoline.”
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries welcome community to Touch-a-Truck summer event

JOSEPH V. SOWMICK
Photjojournalist

First responders and heavy equipment operators converged at the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym parking lot as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries welcomed the community to the Touch-a-Truck summer event. Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann said the Tribal Libraries are grateful for the partnership with the Public Works Department, Fire Department, and Tribal Operations Maintenance Department, it wouldn’t be possible, “It’s also wonderful to see such a great turnout from the community. Tribal Libraries are here to serve you all and we hope to see everyone sign up for Summer Reading Program!”

“We had such a great turn out for our first Touch-a-Truck event, back in 2019, that we thought we’d do it again to celebrate the return of our Summer Reading Program which we’ve not been able to do since COVID,” Dusk said. “Our goal is to bring more people to the Tribal Library and be able to interact with the community.”

Tribal Library Assistant Kimberly Condon estimates the event saw more than 140 students and families come through during the two-hour event. “I think this event was important because, while emergency vehicles and heavy equipment are usually observed from a distance, it’s nice for kids (and adults) to get up close and personal with them at events like this,” Condon said. “Everyone enjoyed having the interaction with all our first responders. It’s great to see the kids are fascinated to see how the vehicles work and that this event gives them opportunity to touch them.”

Chief of Police Harry Abms said the following police vehicles were on site: Ford E450 transport bus, Ford F-150 police responder, Ford Police interceptor utility and Can-Am police utility vehicle. Tribal Fire Chief Fred Cantu Jr. said this event gives the community the opportunity to see the department’s equipment up close.

The Tribal Fire Department had our Aerial Truck and Rescue 4, set up on display with two of our paid, on-call staff Bob Evan and Dale Haney. We also had our two summer youth workers Brandon Chippewa and Sam Cloud on hand, assisting with handouts and equipment,” Cantu said. “These events allow the community to see the function and operation of the various equipment that is used with in our Tribal community.”

Tribal Police’s Joe Maxey, school resource officer, said his department welcomes opportunities like this event where education and fun comes together.

“It was a great time visiting with the kids and their families,” Maxey said. “Loved seeing the kids’ faces when they were interacting with us and climbing in the vehicles. Looking forward to school starting so I can visit with them daily.”

Public Works’ Omero Vasquez said having the opportunity for youth to experience heavy equipment in a safe manner is important.

“Safety is the key when working with heavy equipment and I’m glad to hear it was a great turn out,” Vasquez said. “We are happy we could help with getting our tractor and backhoe out there for the kids to explore.”

Maintenance worker Dave Anderson worked the grill and cooked the hot dogs for the event as library staff served and shared refreshments.

Purpose: To help you be intentional about implementing some key foundations to your health in your daily life.

Outlook: For the next seven months you will have the opportunity to plug into “Build to Health.” Each month you will get a fresh start to purview key foundations in your health.

Program Details:
• Choose as many foundations as you want per month. Obtain one or all even of the foundation in the month! Make your own goal! We encourage you to try to pick habits that that you aren’t already doing.
• Fullfill the requirements of your chosen goal for three out four weeks in the month. Inquire with Jaden about personalizing your goal for any of the “health foundations.”
• If you participate two months or more. You must pick at least one new “health foundation.”
• Log sheets – Each month a new log sheet will be sent out. Turn your log sheet into Ninkine Fitness prior to the Wednesday of the next calendar.

“Build to Health” 7 Foundations

• Sleep
• Steps/Cardio
• Strength Training
• Protein
• Fiber
• Water
• Relax/Self Care

Prizes
• Each month two $50 gift will be drawn from the finishers. Choose from Dick’s, Amazon or Mobile
• Complete two months and win a “Build to Health” T-Shirt

For more information, contact: Jaden Harman at 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

Environmental Team hosts plant giveaway

The SCIT Environmental Team hosts summer solstice plant giveaways on June 21 at the Broadway Park and in Saganing on June 20 at the Tribal Center.

Mental Wellness Services For SCIT Employees

Employee Assistance & Wellness Support

NY Life Employee Assistance & Wellness 24/7 Support

Phone: 800-344-9752
Website: guidanceresources.com
Web ID: NYLGS

In-Network Providers:
• $10 copay until you reach out of pocket deductible. 
• Covered 100 percent after deductible is met
• No limit on visits, but based on medical need.

Out-Of-Network Providers:
• 60 percent maximum allowable expense after deductible is met.
• If you choose to use non-participating provider, you may be balance-billed and pay in excess of the maximum allowable expense and will not count towards your out-of-pocket maximum. Please reference your plan documents for further details and can be found on your online account with UMR.

UMR

Counseling is also available through the primary health insurance UMR.

To find a local mental health care provider go to www.umr.com and click on “Find A Provider” search under the “UnitedHealthCare Choice Plus Network” and search behavioral health directory.

Teladoc

• Must register with Teladoc under UMR.
• Download the Teladoc Mobile App, set up account or log in.
• Complete a brief mental health questionnaire.
• Schedule an appointment with the therapist or psychiatrist of your choosing.
• Talk to a therapist or psychiatrist seven days a week (7 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time) from wherever you are.
• Services offered: Anxiety, depression, not feeling like yourself, marital issues, stress and more.
• In most cases the cost is waived, resulting in a $0 charge for the covered person.
• For more information visit: teladoc.com/therapy
Tribal Community Event Planner

### Native Farmers Market
- **Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
- **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- Farmers Market Pavilion
- **989.775.4629** or **JaGonzalez@sagchip.org**

### Elders’ Aquatics Exercise Class
- **Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 12 p.m.**
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel pool
- **989.775.4694** or **JHarman@sagchip.org**

### Wednesday Warriors
- **Aug. 2, 9, 16**
- Registration: **Recreation@sagchip.org**
- Registration required for each event
- Open to all Native youth, grades 6 and up

### Auricular Acupuncture
- **Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
- **4 - 6 p.m.**
- Behavioral Health
- **989.775.4850**

### Eagles Basketball Camp
- **Aug. 4, 5, 6**
- Registration: **Recreation@sagchip.org**
- Age groups: 5 and under, 8-12, 13-15
- Open to all tribal youth boys and girls, including youth from other tribes
- Basketball fundamentals, strength training and nutrition will be covered
- Film study and guest speakers
- Registration required

### Isabella Back to School Event
- **Aug. 8**
- **5:30-7:30 p.m.**
- The Hill Campground
- **989.775.4071** or **dsmith@sagchip.org**
- School supplies
- Open to OK-12 Services/Tribal Members

### Saganing Back to School Event
- **Aug. 10**
- **12 - 2 p.m.**
- Saganing Tribal Center
- **989.775.4071** or **dsmith@sagchip.org**
- School supplies

### Elders Breakfast
- **Aug. 9, 23**
- **9 - 10 a.m.**
- Andahwod

### Andahwod Community Garage Sale
- **Aug. 10**
- **9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
- Andahwod CGA
- **989.775.4359** or depucker@sagchip.org
- **$10 for first table, $5 for each additional table**
- Open to all community members
- Tables are limited, please come to Andahwod to reserve yours

### SCTX Mishiikenh 5K Run/Walk
- **Aug. 12**
- **Race starts at 9 a.m.**
- **5805 Pickark St., Mt. Pleasant, MI**
- **989-317-4760 ext. 241 or jagreen@sagchip.org**
- Registration/packet pick-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Free event

### SCA Back to School Open House
- **Aug. 16**
- **4 - 6 p.m.**
- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- **989.775.4453** or **Elmalkowski@sagchip.org**
- Raffle prizes, meet the staff and visit classrooms

### Wewebanaabiwin Youth Fishing Tournament
- **Aug. 18**
- **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park
- **989-944-0495** or **KeRicketts@sagchip.org**
- **5805 Pickark St., Mt. Pleasant, MI**
- Free event
- Open to all Tribal youth boys and girls, Age groups: 5 to 9, 10-13, and 14 to 17

### Tribal Community Event Planner

#### August 2023

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- **SECR Payroll**
- **SCIT Payroll**
- **SCIT Per Capita**
- **Curbside Recycling**

**Upcoming Events:**
- **Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette**
- **Shepherd 5th Annual Bluejay Bash**
- **Soaring Eagle Hospitality Challenge**
- **People’s Traditional Powwow**
- **Teachings & Sweat Lodge**
- **Labor Day Picnic**

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**Event Planner**

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**Observer Classifieds:** To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email observer@sagchip.org, or call to make an appointment in the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn: Classifieds, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. All submissions must be received by deadline. Classified rates are $10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional $15. Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. *Job postings are subject to change daily.*

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**Water Operator II**
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water plant operator or related experience. Must test will be required and administered prior to interviews. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automated, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment. Must possess good communication and diagnostic skills. Desired qualifications: Education and experience in advance in mathematics, basic chemistry, laboratory and computer skills.

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**Water Operator III**
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water plant operator or related experience. A math test will be required and administered prior to interviews. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automated, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

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**Waste Water Operator III**
Open to the public. Must meet high school diploma or GED. Five years’ experience in wastewater/water field or directly related work. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess experience in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses. Must have an aptitude for operating and maintaining water treatment and waste water treatment mechanical equipment and be able to complete required maintenance of mechanical, lab equipment and electrical equipment.

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**Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator**
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years’ experience in government fund accounting and grants and contracts management, including financial management and assistance to, at least 10 grants from beginning through closing review.

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**Social Services Specialist**
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in social services or human services. Must have good oral and written communication and have good computer skills. Desired qualifications:

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**Clinical Therapist - ITC**
Open to the public. Master’s degree in counseling or related field. Must have experience working with tribal communities and outside social services.

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**Psychiatrist**
Open to the public. Medical degree. Licensed Psychologist with a license in the State of Michigan and board certified. Three years’ experience as a director of psychiatric services. Experience in working with multiple organizations and community systems. Excellent communication and computer skills. Must be available on-call for emergencies.

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**Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant**
Open to the public. Grant funded. Has a JHS family nurse practitioner or physician assistant license. Master’s of Science degree in nursing or graduate of physician technician program of study and successful completion of physician assistant certification examination. Two years’ experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automated, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

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**Special Education Teacher**
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in special education, education or related field. Must have license and special education endorsement. Experience with curriculum and instruction in state standards. Desired qualifications: Master’s degree. Special education teaching experience and knowledge in computer science. Preference in speaking Ojibwe Language. Experience working with children and special education settings.

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**SCTC Supplemental Instructor**
Open to the public. At least 60 credits earned and a minimum of 3 credits earned in the field of education. Must possess the degree in the appropriate academic major. Must have the ability to work with adult learners. Up to two years experience in teaching.

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**Accountant**
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in accounting. One year of experience in general accounting. Desired qualifications: Complete and pass the government accounting class as part of the Associate of Science in governmental accounting. Must have experience in bookkeeping.

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**Registered Medical Assistant Andawdoh PT**
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certificited medical assistant license. Must be able to pass background check to meet all employment requirements and appear as required. Relevant experience in a medical or legal environment. Initial training for job.

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**Call Center Lead Agent**
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year residency experience with a hotel, casino, car rental, airline, cruise ships, or travel agency.

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**Chef Pastry**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

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**Nurse Training**
Open to the public. Bachelor’s degree in nursing or related field. Must have experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automated, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

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**Security Officer**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Security or police experience desired. Ability to work all shifts.

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**Food & Beverage Attendant**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Cash handling, bank, or accounting experience desired. Experience working with operating ware-house equipment including fork-lifts and riding cleaning machines.

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

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**Secretary**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Additional experience desired. Experience working with operating ware-house equipment including fork-lifts and riding cleaning machines.

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**Food & Beverage Attendant PT**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have high school diploma or GED. Desired qualifications: Must have experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automated, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment. Must be able to pass background check to meet all employment requirements and appear as required. Relevant experience in a medical or legal environment. Initial training for job.

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**Journeyman Electrician**
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Six years of experience working as an Electrician or completion of a formal electrical apprenticeship program.

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AUGUST PROMOTIONS

$1,000,000 SUMMER FREE PLAY GIVEAWAY

Win a share of over $1,000,000 in Premium Play!

Saturdays in August & September
Every half-hour from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., six lucky ACCESS Club members will be drawn to each win $500 in Premium Play!

We're giving away $75,000 in Premium Play every Saturday!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 300 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12:00 a.m. July 29th, 2023 until 11:59 p.m. on August 28th, 2023.

EVERY FRIDAY
7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Hourly drawings from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. where one lucky winner each hour will get the chance to win up to $5,000 in Premium Play!

TUESDAYS, AUGUST 8 & 22
12:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
One lucky winner each hour will each get 60 seconds in our “Up For Grabs Cash Cube” and the chance to grab up to $2,000 in cash!

EVERY FRIDAY
10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
ACCESS Cardholders who are actively playing slots with their card inserted could win $100 cash! Five winners every hour from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

EVERY SATURDAY
12:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.
Hourly drawings on the quarter hour to win a share of $5,500 in House Chips when playing Poker. One table will be randomly selected to play a “Dead Hand.” If your table is selected and you have the best hand, you will win $500 in house chips!

SAGANING EAGLES LANDING CASINO & HOTEL

You could win a $60,000 Voucher to Richardson Automotive!

Fridays & Saturdays in August
From 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the first 1,000 ACCESS Club members to earn 1,500 points and swipe at a promotional kiosk will receive a receipt redeemable for a toy duck and a scratch off ticket. You could win a raffle entry into the Grand Prize drawing or other amazing prizes! August 26 at 10:00 p.m. one lucky ACCESS Club member will win a voucher worth up to $60,000 at Richardson Automotive.

ACCESS Club members may participate once per promotional day. Additional rules and restrictions may apply.

EVERY MONDAY
12:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
One winner each hour will be drawn to dispense a prize capsule from our “Money Machine” which could be worth over $5,000 in cash!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
12:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Hot seat drawings every half hour for your chance to play This Or That and choose your prize of $50 cash or $100 in Premium Play!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 & 10
10:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.
Qualified ACCESS Club members may claim a VISA gift card on the dates above from 10:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 15, 22 & 29
8:00 A.M. - 11:59 P.M.
ACCESS Cardholders who qualify will receive bonus Premium Play on the dates above from 8:00 a.m. - 11:59 p.m.

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