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(Moon When Buds Come Out)

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## “Building Connected Communities” sexual assault awareness walk held at Island Park

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

To recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, Behavioral Health Victim Services, Victims of Crime Program and R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc. held the inaugural “Building Connected Communities;” a sexual assault awareness walk on Saturday, April 13.

The event, held at the south shelter of Island Park in Mount Pleasant, began at 2 p.m. Crafts, activities and informational booths were available prior to the walk.

Jalene Lewis, victim services coordinator for Behavioral Health, provided a welcome for the estimated 131 participants in attendance.

“Building Connected Communities’ helps us reduce the likelihood of sexual abuse, assault, and harassment in our communities,” Lewis said. “Any space where people come together is a community, whether in neighborhoods, workplaces, campuses, organizations, or even online spaces. We are all a part of a community, often many, even when we may feel disconnected or apart from them.”

Beth Nesbitt, McLaren Central Michigan SANE program coordinator, also provided a welcome, shared statistics



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Attendees of the “Building Connected Communities” sexual assault awareness walk pose for a group photo on Saturday, April 13 at Island Park.**

and discussed why this event is important for the community.

The event was blessed – as Nesbitt was speaking, an eagle was spotted soaring over the crowd.

The walk entailed a one-mile trek throughout Island Park. Along the route, booths were set up, as well as signs containing statistics.

Some of the stats or information along the route read: “85% of sexual assault crimes are committed by someone the survivor knows” (Campus Sexual Assault State of Michigan).

“Sexual assault is never the victim’s fault. Sexual assault is caused by a perpetrator who chooses to harm another person.”

“On average, American Indians ages 12 and older experience 5,900 sexual assaults per year (Sexual Violence and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/RAINN).



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Jalene Lewis, victim services coordinator for Behavioral Health, provides a welcome to the estimated 131 attendees.**

At the north side of the park along the walk route, Tribal Police officers were present to offer stickers and swag, and to demonstrate self-defense tactics.

“Community is powerful,” Lewis said. “Community creates a sense of belonging and reminds us of how our beliefs,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers Benjamin Weiss (left) Drew Stanick (right) provide a self-defense demonstration along the walk route.**

choices, and actions impact one another.”

Lewis continued, “At the center of ‘Building Connected Communities’ is ensuring our communities are safe, inclusive, and equitable. Racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, ageism, ableism, and other forms of oppression contribute to higher rates of sexual harassment,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Beth Nesbitt, McLaren Central Michigan SANE program coordinator, discusses the importance of sexual assault awareness events.**

assault, and abuse. We must address all abuses of power to prevent sexual violence – in our relationships, communities, and society.”

Lewis shared she hopes the walk becomes an annual event.

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## Substance Abuse Counselor Robert Storrer retires after 16 years of service



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Robert Storrer (center), substance abuse counselor for Behavioral Health, is honored with a Pendleton blanket from Tribal Council for his retirement after 16 years of service (left to right: Tribal Council Member Samantha Chippeway, Secretary Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Storrer, Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto and Sub-Chief Luke Sprague).**



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Public Relations Manager Joseph Sowmick (left) presents Storrer (right) with a Red Cedar Eagle Feather. Storrer was honored during a special retirement celebration, held at Seventh Generation on April 19.**

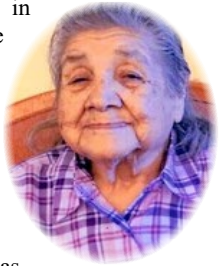


## Dorothy (Sawmick) Netmop

October 11, 1925 - April 8, 2024

Dorothy Netmop, 98, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Monday, April 8, 2024, at Woodland Hospice House.

Dorothy was born Oct. 11, 1925, in Pinconning, Mich., daughter of the late Aaron and Gladys (Shawbush) Sawmick. Her marriage was blessed with six children: William, Sharon, Rita, Rodney, Robert and Mary.



Dorothy was a member and employee of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She enjoyed attending Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene. Some of her favorite pastimes included sewing, quilting, puzzles, watching game shows, eating out with friends, and traveling with seniors on various trips.

Dorothy is survived by two daughters, Sharon (Ron) Sasse of Gladwin and Mary (Mike) Floyd of Mount Pleasant; daughters-in-law, Cindy Netmop of Gladwin and Sue Netmop of Lake Isabella; son-in-law, John Bills of Gladwin; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and best friend, Cindy Floyd.

She was preceded in death by her parents; children, William, Rita, Rodney, and Robert; and brothers, Ralph and George Sawmick.

Dorothy's funeral was held Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m. at Charles R. Lux Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Doyle Perry officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. Following the service, all were invited to a luncheon in Lincoln Reception Center (attached to the funeral home). Dorothy will be laid to rest in McClure Cemetery in Gladwin.

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

## Levi Daniel Francis

January 12, 1994 - March 24, 2024

Levi Daniel Francis, age 30, walked on March 24, 2024.

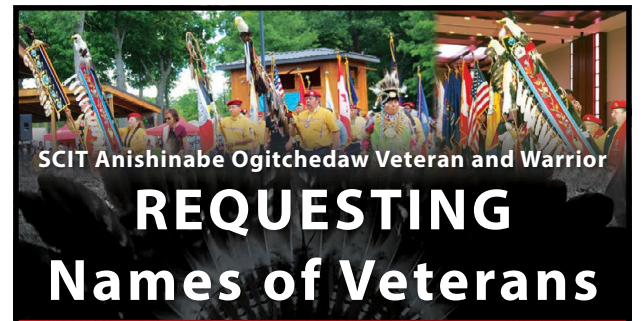
Levi was preceded in death by his parents Darla Corlew and Martin Francis; his sister Maria Christine Espinoza; his grandparents Shirley and Simon Francis; other relatives and friends.

Levi is survived by his sister Sadee Francis (Brandon Wagner); his nephews and niece Brandon Francis Wagner, Tyler Wagner and Amelia Wagner; his uncles George Francis, Maury Francis and Ross Francis; his aunt Kelly Corlew; Kristina McBride and Gloria McBride; other relatives and friends.



Levi was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

The graveside service was held Friday, April 12 at 1 p.m. at Resurrection Cemetery at the Francis family lots at 4100 Clyde Park SW in Wyoming, Mich.



## REQUESTING Names of Veterans

### Attention Tribal community:

We are requesting names of Veterans past or present, to be recognized and honored during the Memorial Day Parade in Saginaw, Mich.



► **Date of Parade:**  
Monday, May 27, 2024

► **Please have names submitted by:**  
Friday, May 10, 2024

### To submit names, please contact:

Tony Carmona | 989-506-4913 | TCarmona@sagchip.org

## 2024 Annual Reports are now being accepted

**Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024 by 5 p.m.**

### Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

**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 989.775.4051

## June 2024 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024 by 5 p.m.**

Forms accepted beginning Tuesday, April 2, 2024

### 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)
- Postmarked, emailed or faxed forms 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



## Maple Creek Golf Course

8400 S Genuine Rd., Shepherd, MI 48883

Check-in opens at 8 a.m. | Shotgun tee off at 9 a.m.

### Age groups:

- Men 64 and under
- Women all ages
- Coed - all ages invited
- Senior 65 and over
- Youth 17 and under

**Format:** Two person scramble

**Registration:** [www.sagchip.org/mifo/](http://www.sagchip.org/mifo/)

**Cost:** \$29 per player

- **Light lunch provided**
- **Optional skins entry:** \$20 per team
- **50/50 tickets:** One for \$1 or six for \$5



### For more information, please contact:

Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org

## 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 |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Acuna, Alyssa Lynn     | 02/08/2023    |
| Bills, Rita V          | 02/13/2024    |
| Bird, Kevin Lee        | 07/11/2023    |
| Campbell, Tiffany Ann  | 04/08/2023    |
| Carpenter, Vivian      | 08/08/2023    |
| Davis Sr, Marvin Lee   | 12/05/2022    |
| Funnell, Nancy Caroll  | 02/11/2024    |
| Glavas, Cree Summer    | 10/18/2023    |
| Glover, Jessie B       | 05/06/2023    |
| High, Roger Wayne      | 04/16/2023    |
| Jackson, Douglas Field | 08/22/2022    |
| Meredith, Vivian June  | 07/19/2023    |
| Peters, Patricia Anne  | 07/24/2023    |
| Phillips, Lu Ann       | 03/09/2023    |
| Poulos, Barbara Jean   | 01/28/2024    |
| Quayle Jr, William H.  | 07/29/2023    |
| Roy, Barbara Ann       | 08/08/2022    |
| Smielewski, Susan      | 07/11/2023    |
| Underwood, Aloma       | 03/08/2023    |



**Kina bi maad ziim gak Kchi pii tend da kwad**  
"All life is sacred"

## No More Stolen Sisters

A Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Event

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

► 4:30-6 p.m.

► **Broadway Park**

2451 Nish Na Be Among Dr.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



- Spread awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Movement
- Guest speakers and light refreshments

**Red dress exhibits will be featured all through the community starting the end of April, until the middle of May to bring recognition to this powerful movement.**

### Locations in Mount Pleasant will include:

- **Ziibiwing Center:** 6650 E. Broadway Rd.
- **Clarke Historical Library:** 250 E. Preston
- **Veterans Memorial Library:** 301 S. University Ave.
- **McLaren Central Michigan Hospital:** 1221 South Dr.
- **Central Michigan University Libraries:** 250 E. Preston
- **Mid Michigan College:** 2600 S. Summerton Rd.
- **Art Reach Mid Michigan:** 111 E. Broadway St.

The Red Dress exhibit will run from April 29 until May 7, with a gallery reception and speaker on May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m.

### For more information, contact:

989.775.4400 | BHvictimservices@sagchip.org



## Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways' Research Center needs your assistance. Would you be willing to assist once a month by virtual meeting and through additional email correspondence? Your support is needed to review draft processes and materials intended for use on the Saginaw Chippewa Mukurtu website currently under development and titled: Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive.



**You can view the current development at this temporary web address:**

<https://cdsc-wsu.org/ziibiwing-center/home>

### For more information, please contact:

- **Email:** ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org
- **Phone:** 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748



**May 18-19, 2024**

**SCIT Tawas Property (1 Kunze Rd.)**

- Open to women only, ages 18 and older
- The Women's Retreat will be a cultural retreat of healing, reconnecting with nature, cultural teachings and empowering Anishinaabeg Ikwewag.
- This is an overnight stay

**For more information, please contact:**  
989-775-4400 | BHvictimservices@sagchip.org

**To register, please contact:**  
989-775-4400 | ASaboo-Rogers@sagchip.org



"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

- May 7 • June 4 • July 2

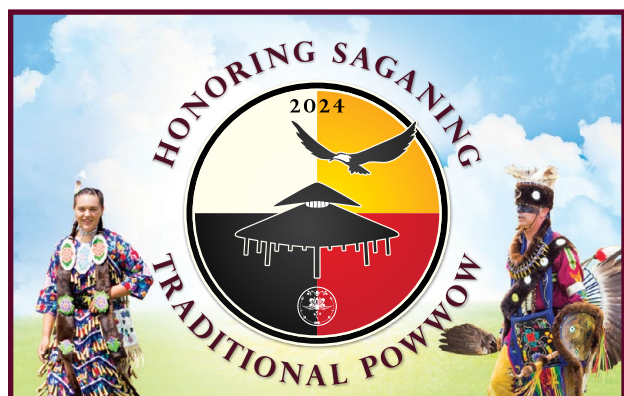
## NEED HELP?

**Need assistance in signing up for Medicaid?**

**Please contact:**  
Patient Registration at 989-775-4670 and they will schedule you an appointment.



**Nimkee**  
Memorial Wellness Center



## June 8 & 9, 2024

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

### Saturday, June 8

- Registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry: 1 p.m.
- Retiring of Flags

### Sunday, June 9

- Breakfast: 9 a.m. (Tribal Center)
- Registration: 12-12:45 p.m.
- Grand Entry: 1 p.m.
- Hand Drum Contest
- Retiring of Flags

### Admission:

- \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend • \$1 for Children\*

\*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

**Master of Ceremonies:** Mike Medawis

**Arena Director:** Paul Syrette

**Head Veteran:** David Merrill Jr.

**Head Dancers:** Chosen daily

**Host Drum:** Ribbon Town

**Co-Host Drum:** Kchi Mukwa

**Invited Drums:** Sturgeon Bay, Southern Straight

*Drug & Alcohol Free Event — No Pets Allowed (Service Pets Only)  
Volunteers Needed and Appreciated*

**Questions and special requests, please contact:  
Saginaw Chippewa Powwow Committee**

989.775.4000 | Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

## Tribal Observer Graduate Photos

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

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

**Deadline: May 17, 2024**

## Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 90th anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

### Thursday, June 6, 2024

7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School**  
1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Welcoming all Pipe Carriers, Tribal Flag Bearers and Jingle Dress Dancers

Keynote speakers: TBD

Silent Auction donations welcome

- Contact: NaLambertson@sagchip.org

### Sunrise Ceremony

7 a.m. | Mission Creek Cemetery

One mile north off of Pickard Road on Bamber Road

### Open to the public. Rain or shine.

- Breakfast and lunch provided
- Jingle Dress Healing Dance
- Celebratory Round Dance
- Giveaway and Traveling Song
- Student Roll Call
- "Remembering the Deceased"
- Prayer
- Grand Entry
- Flag Song
- Guest Speakers
- Pipe Ceremony
- Silent Auction

### For more information, please contact:

- **Marcella Hadden:** MLHadden@sagchip.org | 989.775.4751
- **Noelle Wells:** NWells@sagchip.org | 989.775.4750
- **Or email:** miibs@sagchip.org



### Saturday, May 18, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy parking lot

- **Accepting normal household items that do not pose a threat to Mother Earth.**
- **Items not accepted:** Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides.
- Tribal Members only, Tribal ID required
- Tribal Police will offer a drug take back for unwanted, expired or unused medication

### For more information, please contact:

Housing Department at 989.775.4595



### July 26, 27 & 28, 2024

### Grand Entry

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

### Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground

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

### Vendors: (Must be approved for set up)

- ▶ **Please email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- ▶ **Online application:** <http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

- **Host Drum:** Bear Creek
- **Head Veteran:** Raymond Cadotte
- **Masters of Ceremonies:** Joel Syrette & Brian Moore
- **Arena Directors:** Wayne Cleland & Mark Kingbird Sr.
- **Drum Judge:** Harvey Dreaver
- **Male Dance Judge:** Wayne Silas Jr.
- **Female Dance Judge:** Star Silas
- **Head Dancers:** Chosen daily

\*Committee specials, and dance and drum contests TBA

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

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

### For more information, please contact:

989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

## CORRECTION:

Several of last month's quotes in the "U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan speak about the visit" on page 12 were copied incorrectly. The correct quotes are below.\*

### Keith Stotts, U.S. probation officer Eastern District of Michigan

"...I was impressed with learning about how the Tribal Court has worked to incorporate evidence-based practices along with traditional teachings as a way to build members up. It was very powerful to see Tribal Court officials sitting in a circle with the participant to encourage positive change and connecting with their culture. I made a lot of great connections and I will definitely reach out in the future and offer the same if I can ever be of assistance."

### Jessica Laguerre, U.S. law clerk to Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris Eastern District of Michigan

"...Witnessing the healing ceremony afforded me the opportunity to see the Court's commitment to helping an individual in need and reminded me of the human element present in all the cases brought before the justice system. Attending the ceremony reminded me that it is important that we never lose sight of this, and always remember the ultimate purpose of our roles..."

### Tracey Klich, project administrator for Healing to Wellness Court

"Collaboration efforts are an important component between the Federal government and Tribal governments to help those who struggle with substance use disorders. Federal government officials witnessed our first court review hearing with our Adult Expansion grant today. Knowing the federal government officials were there watching how the Chief Judge Michelle Horn and the AHTW staff sat in a circle with the first participant was humbling. Sitting in a circle provides a sense of connectedness, compassion and empathy for all who are involved. It is imperative we are aware of the resources available to us and the relationships we have developed to acknowledge and help those who are in need."



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Tim J. Davis** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Luke Sprague** | District One

### Treasurer

**Maia Spotted Tail** | District One

### Secretary

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Christina Otto** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Brad Bennett** | District One

### Council Member

**David Merrill Jr.** | District One

### Council Member

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

### Council Member

**Samantha Chippeway** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Peters-Jackson** | District One



## New Youth Position: Co-op Youth Worker

The co-op youth worker position is designed to provide SCIT 11th and 12th graders with valuable work/school experience. This experience will introduce youth to the workplace, imparting them with valuable employment skills connected to their studies.

It is a unique opportunity for Tribal youth to earn income while earning real high school credits through actual workplace experiences within a Tribal Operations department. This opportunity will assist youth in identifying individual potential career paths and opportunities of interest within the Tribe, as well as gain self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and interpersonal competencies needed to succeed in high school, higher education, and workplace environments.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- 11th or 12th grader
- Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Must be eligible to earn high school credits
- Must provide a letter from high school advisor/counselor recommending participation and placement
- Must obtain work permit from high school, which is accredited by the State of Michigan

### If interested, apply for position at:

<http://www.sagchip.org/careers/>

### Or scan QR code ▶



### For more information:

**Betsey M. Alonzo, MSA, GCDF**

HR Tribal Development Coordinator

Phone: 989.775.5643 | Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org



2024

## SCIT GOLF

Membership

### Memberships on sale until: Friday, May 3, 2024

- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families.
- Includes green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses.

### Memberships cost \$250 each

- Memberships and cart raffle tickets available for purchase at the Tribal Operations Accounting window in the Black Elk Complex.
- Payment plans are also available.

### Participating courses:

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

## 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.

### District 1 SCIT Elders

## Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

### Maximum \$1,000 per District 1 SCIT Elder homeowner

### Requirements:

- ▶ 55 years and over
- ▶ Reside within District 1 jurisdictional boundaries
- ▶ Hazardous tree(s) must be evaluated by Planning Department staff

### Documentation needed:

1. Proof of homeownership
2. Provide at least one estimate from insured tree removal contractor

Wood is for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder homeowner, other Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder, or Tribal department use and may not be sold.

### Contact information:

**Kim Otto McCoy, Planning Department**

• Phone: 989-775-4014

• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

## Attention Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE:** There will be a public hearing held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2024 at 8 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.** This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Christopher Nadobny, director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Food & Beverage Department, or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Such license, if approved would cover casino beverage main floor bar #1,2,3,4, high stakes VIP lounge, SECR casino beverage cart services, room service, banquet spaces, portable bars #1-#13, Legends Diner, Siniikaung Bistro, Entertainment Hall, hotel pool and spa areas, Mijim C-Store, quick service cart services, SECR outdoor concert venue, SECR concession trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace gaming spaces in rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace pub, Slot Palace A-side bar, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR casino gift shop, SECR Slot Palace gift shop, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR. This license, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2024 to May 23, 2025, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for 7 a.m. Sunday alcohol sales and sales on Christmas Eve until 11:59 p.m., Christmas Day at 12 p.m. and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.

## 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)



## HUMAN RACE

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Seventh Generation 2024

**Wednesday, June 12**  
Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center  
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**5K Run & One Mile Fun Run/Walk**  
Registration: 5:30 p.m. | Race begins: 6:30 p.m.

**Registration forms available online:**  
[www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm](http://www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm)

**Full course post-race dinner served**

**Individual fees:**

- \$15 post marked by June 9
- \$20 after June 9

**Family rate:** (Three or more immediate family members)

- \$40 post marked by June 9
- \$45 after June 9

**Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards for:**

- Top three male and female finishers in 13 different age classifications in the 5K run.
- Top three one-mile fun run/walk finishers.

**Human Race T-shirts:**  
For first 125 registrants

**For more information, contact:**  
Jaden Harman | 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org

## CIRCLE OF Indigenous Arts

Market & Juried Competition

**May 18-19, 2024 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
**Deadline to register: May 10, 2024**

**Awards and Prizes**

- ▶ Best in Division Award
- ▶ Best in Show Award

**Come support local Anishinabek artists**

**For more information, please contact:**  
989-775-4744 | GHalliwill@sagchip.org

**ZIIBIWING CENTER**  
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## Community Health & Fitness Day

**Wednesday, May 22**  
At Nimke's Fit Park

**All activities: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6 p.m.**

**Take the opportunity to participate in these four themed health building opportunities:**

- **Health & Self Care:** (walk two Laps, energy healing, yoga at 5:15 p.m., enjoy healthy snacks!)
- **Strengthening for Every Day Living:** (step-ups, suspension trainer, grocery KB carry, sled push)
- **Have Fun through Hobbies and Adventure:** (basketball shot, corn hole Run, climb Mt. Nimkee, traditional lacrosse)
- **Strengthen and Stretch at your Desk:** (squats, wrist, lower back, and hip stretches)

**Employee Department Challenge:** Trophy for department champions (five person min per team/10 max per team)

**SCIT Community Family Challenge:** Trophy to the family with most points (three person min per team/eight max per team)

## Spring Fling Community Quilt Show

June 14 & 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Craft Fair

June 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Location: Andahwod**  
Attention community quilters, would you like the chance to show off your quilts? Sign up to show your quilts.

- Quilts will be on display from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 14 -15.
- There is no cost to display your quilts, and they will be handled with tender, loving care.

**We are also looking for crafters to fill tables.**

- The tables are \$10 each.
- Craft Fair set up will begin at 8:30 a.m. on June 15.

**To sign up, please contact:**  
989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org

## Happy BIRTHDAY

ZIIBIWING CENTER  
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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

**May 18-20, 2024**

**Saturday:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Monday:** 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- ▶ Featuring anniversary cupcakes
- ▶ Each vendor purchase qualifies you for door prize drawings
- ▶ SECR Premium Play available

**20% OFF Regular Price Merchandise**  
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**Choose what you could win!**  
Participate to earn raffle tickets.

- Fit Bit Versa
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- \$50 gas card
- SECR Spa package
- One night stay at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel

Participate in at least four activities and receive a Nimke Strong blender bottle.

**For more information, contact:**  
989.775.4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org

## Kina Gego E'dgomak Aking

Everything That Exists Naturally On Earth

**Indigenous Quilts**  
From the Michigan State University Museum

**April 22, 2024 to Aug. 4, 2024**  
At the Ziibiwing Center

## ZIIBIWING CENTER

of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

### Collections Committee Vacancies

### Attention Tribal Members

The Ziibiwing Center is seeking interested individuals to serve on its Collections Committee.

The Ziibiwing 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, perpetuated, communicated and supported.

**Interested members need to:**

- Meet every second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m.
- Implement the ZCS'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:** WJohnson@sagchip.org
- **Mail:** ZC Collections Committee c/o William Johnson 6650 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Phone:** 989.775.4730

## FREE Adult CPR/AED Training & Certification

For Nimke Fitness Members

**Two-part course**

- ▶ **First, online portion:**
  - Taken self-paced, anytime
- ▶ **Then, hands-on skills training:**
  - Available late April through June
  - Three-hour course at Nimke Fitness Center
  - Taught by Robyn Grinzinger, public health educator and American Red Cross authorized provider

**Free for the first 50 registrants!**

**To register, please contact:**  
Robyn Grinzinger  
989.775.4649 | RGrinzinger@sagchip.org

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

- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Friday, Sept. 27, 2024
- ▶ **Veterans Day** — Monday, Nov. 11, 2024
- ▶ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — Monday, Jan. 20, 2025
- ▶ **Presidents Day** — Monday, Feb. 17, 2025
- ▶ **Easter** — Monday, April 21, 2025



## People's Traditional POWWOW

### Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, May 31, 2024**  
**Maple Creek Golf Course** (Shepherd, Mich.)  
**Shotgun start:** 9 a.m.

**Two person scramble: \$100 per person**

- Lunch at the turn
- Proxies
- Other fun games
- 50/50
- Skins

*\*All proceeds will go towards the annual People's Powwow in August 2024*

**For more information, contact:**  
 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org



## 2024 Summer Youth WORKER PROGRAM



### Crew Leaders & Summer Youth Workers Needed

- **Six week summer program:** Starts the third week of June. Ends July 31. \*Summer Youth Worker employees adhere to Tribal Operations policies and holidays.
- **New Summer Youth Portal:** Summer youth calendar, interview scheduling, program policies, workshop sign-ups, call-in link, program news and reminders. Important documents will be posted and updated regularly on the Summer Youth Portal at [www.sagchip.org/summeryouth](http://www.sagchip.org/summeryouth)
- **Thursdays are workshop days:** Every Thursday – cultural, financial, career, community
- **Apply starting April 2024 at [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)**  
*\*Paper applications will also be available at the Black Elk Building Human Resources front window.*

**Crew Leaders:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 18-24 years old
- **Applications open:** April 1
- **Application deadline:** May 1

**Youth Workers:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 14-18 years old
- **Applications open:** April 15
- **Application deadline:** May 20

**TO APPLY:**  
 Scan QR Code Below



**For more information, please contact:**  
**Betsey Alonzo**, Tribal Development Coordinator  
 Phone: 989.775.5643 | Email: BAlonzo@sagchip.org

## Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, June 7, 2024**  
**Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start**  
**Pine River Golf Club** (2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, Mich.)

- Four player scramble
- \$80 per player \*Includes cart, green fee, skins, lunch and awards banquet
- Prizes: longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt
- Mulligans: \$5 each, limit two per player
- Raffles

**Cash prize with a gift**  
*\*All payouts are from donations and will determine the prize.*

**Sponsors:** Saganing Powwow Committee, Saganing Eagles Landing Marketing and Frank Cloutier Extraordinaire

**Pre-registration:** Please email your team name and players to [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

*\*All proceeds benefit the 2024 Saganing Powwow\**

## Attention Resident Tribal Members:

# Blue Card Use at Sagamok DISCONTINUED

as of June 3, 2024

As of June 3, 2024 resident Tribal Members will no longer be able to show their Blue Cards for exemption on fuel and cigarettes. All resident Tribal Members are encouraged to pick up their assigned Loyalty Cards from the Business Regulations office to replace the use of their Blue Cards at Sagamok.

- ▶ Confirm phone number when picking up cards at Business Regulations
- ▶ Download Sagamok Express Mobile App
- ▶ Sign in on app
- ▶ Use card at the pump or register before paying

*\*Fuel and Cigarette Tax Exemption discount applied automatically to transaction.*

**If you have any questions, please contact:**  
**Business Regulations:**

- Phone: 989.775.4175 or 989.775.4105
- Email: [BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org](mailto:BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org)

**The Tribal Clerk's Office will no longer be printing the BLUE RESIDENCY CARDS**

## Elders Assistance Home Repair Program (EAHRP) and Elders ADA Accessibility Program (EAAP)

**Tribal Member Elders, age 55 and older, or Tribal Members with a documented long-term disability**

**EAHRP guidelines, D. 3. and EAAP guidelines, D. 3 homeowners insurance requirement has changed. Homeowners insurance is no longer needed to qualify for:**

- ▶ EAHRP once in a lifetime grant of \$5,000
- ▶ Or EAAP grant of \$5,000 every 10 years

**Contact information:**  
**Kim Otto McCoy**  
 • Phone: 989-775-4014  
 • Email: [KMcCoy@sagchip.org](mailto:KMcCoy@sagchip.org)



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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship DEADLINES

Every semester, students must turn in a schedule and grade report for processing of funding. The deadlines are as follows:

**Summer - June 15, 2024**

- ▶ Winter/Spring grade report
- ▶ Summer schedules (If applicable)

**June 30, 2024**  
 For processing of yearly Academic Incentive Awards, official transcripts are due

**Very important:** Any and all deadlines issues must be resolved BEFORE the deadline

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Email:** [dsmith@sagchip.org](mailto:dsmith@sagchip.org) | **Phone:** 989-775-4071



## Tribal Member RÉSUMÉ Development

Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:  
**Betsey M. Alonzo** | [Balonzo@sagchip.org](mailto:Balonzo@sagchip.org) | 989-775-5643

## 2024 MICHIGAN POWWOW TRAIL

**Niiwin Noodin Powwow**  
 June 8, 2024 | Manistique, Mich.  
 • Grand entry: 1 p.m.  
 • 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854

**Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow**  
 June 8-9, 2024 | Standish, Mich.  
 • Grand entries: 1 p.m.  
 • 2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658

**Wishkpemishkos Gises Sweetgrass Moon**  
 July 13-14, 2024 | Hopkins, Mich.  
 • Grand entries: 1 p.m.  
 • 2558 20th St., Hopkins, MI 49328

**Saginaw Chippewa 40th Annual Powwow**  
 July 26-28, 2024 | Mount Pleasant, Mich.  
 • Grand entries: Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.  
 • 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**People's Traditional Powwow**  
 Aug. 24-25, 2024 | Mount Pleasant, Mich.  
 • 7597 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858


**GVAIL 63rd Annual Traditional Powwow**  
 Sept. 7-8, 2024 | Grand Rapids, Mich.  
 • 2001 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49505


**For more information, please visit:**  
<https://calendar.powwows.com/events/categories/pow-wows/pow-wows-in-michigan/>  
*\*Information courtesy of www.Powwows.com*

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL People's Traditional POWWOW

**Aug. 24 & 25, 2024**  
**Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds**  
 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Dignitaries:** TBD at a later date



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## FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
 (or until trees are gone)

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Parking Lot**  
 5805 E. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant Mich.

**For more information, contact:**

- Email: [KHager@sagchip.org](mailto:KHager@sagchip.org)
- Phone: 989.775.4585

*\*Program funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) & the Bureau of Indian Affairs*





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## Thomas Foster completes two-year SECR Facilities Heavy Equipment Apprentice Program

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

Tribal Member Thomas Foster has successfully completed the two-year Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities Apprentice Program as of March 28, 2024.

Foster, 28, is the third to ever complete the Heavy Equipment Operator Apprentice Program. The apprenticeships are open to Tribal Members only.

The heavy equipment program, consisting of 11 different modules, requires at least 3900 hours of documented training. Each module includes specific tasks identified with a matching amount of hours.

Required modules include: safety, equipment maintenance, general labor (moving/lifting, hand digging, jack hammer,

concrete saws), snow removal (plow trucks, wheel loaders, dump and salt trucks), using excavators and street sweepers, obtaining a State of Michigan Class A CDL license, bulldozer operation, wheel loader, backhoe/excavator, telehandler, dump trucks and street sweeper.

“Learning to operate each machine is such a skill on its own,” Foster said, mentioning each apparatus has several different controls to learn, along with the need to always be aware of your surroundings when operating.

To obtain the Class A CDL license, Thomas was enrolled in trucking school for three weeks through Mid Michigan College.

“He’s the first apprentice we’ve had that’s ever got a Class A CDL this quickly,” said John Curns, facilities manager.

“He’s excelled in everything he’s done.”

After completing the apprenticeship, Foster is required to stay with the Tribe for one year. Foster is currently serving as heavy equipment operator for SECR Facilities.

Steven Jablonski, director of facilities, said the apprenticeships aren’t necessarily focused on keeping the Tribal Members within the department. Instead, it’s about helping them develop career paths; wherever that may lead.

“The program is meant to provide opportunities, teach them, give them a career path,” Jablonski said.

Foster said he enjoys coming to work and “loves the job more each day.”

“It’s allowing me to not only give back to our community but to meet more people than I’ve met in my life that are a part of my community,” Foster said. “It’s given me absolutely, total gratification coming to work every day with my boots and hat on.”

His favorite part? Operating the excavator, which he also found the most challenging to learn.

“The most fun I had with the excavator was when you’re completely in the dirt,” he



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Tribal Member Thomas Foster is photographed with the excavator at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Facilities Department. Foster is the third to ever complete the Heavy Equipment Operator Apprentice Program.**

said. “You’re just in the dirt; moving it, digging it, stacking it, piling it up... It was a struggle learning the controls and certain skills when it comes to certain maneuvers.”

Brian Thomas, heavy equipment supervisor, said he could tell right away that Foster had “the drive” it takes to be in this program.

“He was excited to get in different pieces of equipment, and you could see him light up, in the excavator; getting the feel of the controls, rolling the bucket,” Thomas said. “You could see the minute that he got it (that it clicked)... he’s done an awesome job... he’s a fast learner,

he’s cautious, he’s safe, and that’s all we can ask for.”

In addition to heavy equipment, SECR Facilities apprenticeships are also available for carpentry, electricians and plumbers. Jablonski said the department “has no problem finding Members to fill those roles” and mentioned there is a lot of interest in working in trades within the Tribal community.

Curns said a big achievement for their department is that the apprentice graduates talk to other Tribal Members and tell them of the positive experience they had in the program, which helps pique the interest of other Members.

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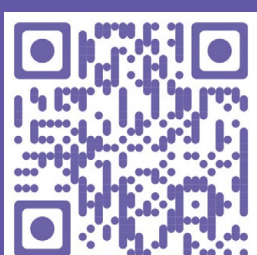
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## Learn about solar eclipses from the Anishinaabe perspective

### WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

(Miigwech to David O'Connor, DPI's American Indian Studies consultant, for his guidance and support in creating this article.)

Total solar eclipses are relatively rare, but partial solar eclipses are relatively common. People belonging to the Anishinaabe (also known as Chippewa or Ojibwe) nations of Wisconsin and Great Lakes region have various stories and

legends about eclipses. These stories are not just stories – they are representations of a worldview where celestial bodies (the planets, moon, sun, and stars) interact with the world, human lives, and even in concepts of afterlife and rebirth.

#### Transcript of the Anishinaabe solar eclipse story

The following story being shared and told comes from multiple communities in Canada from the east coast and central Canada including the Inu, the Ojibwe, and the Cree and others. It goes:

In the old days, people were not the chiefs and did not hunt animals. Animals were the chiefs and hunted people. They killed everyone except for one girl and her little brother. The boy learned to hunt snowbirds and squirrels with a bow and arrow. He became such a good hunter that he started catching bigger prey.

One day, he felt like something was following him. His skin became heated, and it felt like he was burned. His sister helped him fashion a snare and he set it along a melted path in the snow to catch whatever had

burned him. It was the sun's path. The next day, as the sun rose, it got caught in the snare and darkness followed.

The animals were afraid but amazed by the void. They sent the biggest and most fearsome animal to try to free the sun. The caribou and the moose went first, but it was too hot. The hunting birds flew, but the fire burned their feathers.

A tiny mouse (who in those days was as big as a mountain) was the one that chewed through the snare, freeing the sun. But meanwhile, the intense heat of the sun shrunk him down to his present day size we know today.

Since that time, the people have been hunting on the land and the sun and the moon follow their cycles. The little boy is Tcikabis, and he's known as the man on the moon.

This story is highly related to annular eclipses during which a line of light around the moon will be visible. So that is the snare and the moon is catching it.

Another story goes: For the Ojibwe people and nations of the Great Lakes, the onset

of total eclipse represented an extinguished sun. To prevent permanent darkness, they proceeded to fire flaming arrows at the darkened sun in an attempt to rekindle it.

Some stories say the sun was like a campfire that had gone out. Instead of hiding or banging drums (like in other Indigenous traditions), the Ojibwe fired arrows aimed at the sun.

Eventually, one of the arrows would launch high enough to reignite the sun. Human intervention was required to return the sun to its regular strength.

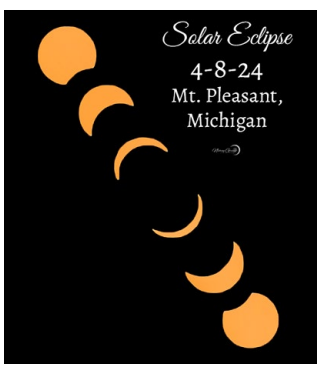
Another story: "A solar eclipse is happening today," wrote Dave Courchene, Anishinaabe Nation, Eagle Clan, known as Nii Gaani Aki Inini (Leading Earth Man) in a statement from Turtle Lodge. "The fire of the sun is eclipsed by the darkness of humanity. Darkness may arrive for a time, but the

light — the fire of the sun — will always return. The eclipse is an intimate union between sun and moon. The Grandfather Sun and Grandmother Moon are in a sacred union, giving birth to New Life on Earth."

#### Anishinaabe Vocabulary Related To Celestial Bodies and Eclipses

- **Ma'iingan Miikana** – The path of the sun, called Ecliptic(a) in Western astronomy, is called the 'Wolf Trail'
- **Aatenaagozi** – appear to be extinguished (as the sun or moon, in an eclipse).
- **Aateyaabikishin** – be darkened (as the moon or sun in an eclipse).
- **Makadewaabikizi** – there is an eclipse.
- **Makadewaabikizi a'aw giizis** – There is an eclipse of the sun.

Source: <https://dpi.wi.gov>



Photograph of the eclipse stages

### Ziibiwing shares spring break teachings at SEWPH

For spring break this year, the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel worked with the Ziibiwing Center to share the Tribe's culture and traditions with more than 11,500 guests.

Ziibiwing staff members taught the Waterpark Promotions Team how to make traditional crafts (natural fiber bracelets, megis shell necklaces, medicine pouches and clan medallion necklaces), and provided crafting materials.

Ziibiwing also organized storytellers, dancers and a hand drum for Waterpark guests to enjoy. The World's Largest Moccasins were on display in the lobby for guests to take pictures of.



(Left to right) drummer Cauy George, Jingle Dress Dancer Tanisha Harris and Traditional Dancer Judy Pamp and present cultural components to Soaring Eagle Waterpark guests.



Promotions Team assistants learn to make traditional crafts at the Ziibiwing Center (left to right: Carli Sprague, Annie Lada and Megan Green).

### Tribal employees, community members view the total solar eclipse



Tribal employees and community members put on their eclipse glasses to witness the total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. The eclipse began at 1:57 p.m. on the Isabella Reservation, with the peak time at 3:12 p.m. and ending at 4:25 p.m.



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#### MGT 449: Community Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities

**When:** June 18-19, 2024 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Where:** 2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858  
**Contact:** Breanna Knudsen | 989.775.4638 | [Brknudsen@sagchip.org](mailto:Brknudsen@sagchip.org)

MGT 449 is a 12-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, management level course. This course provides tribal nations with the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to effectively detect, respond to, manage, and mitigate all-hazards threats using a whole community approach. This course will include a practical exercise designed specifically to meet the needs of tribal communities. Participants will utilize the exercise to identify all-hazards emergency planning in tribal communities, and describe response and recovery considerations that should be included in tribal all-hazards emergency plans. Related Course: PER 333 Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations.

**Registration is required through the RDPC website. Register by visiting:**

<https://ruraltraining.org/course/MGT-449/?scheduled=true&id=11261>

- **Registration Deadline: June 4, 2024.**
- A minimum of 20 registrations must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.
- **FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED.** Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- This course runs sequentially with PER-333



Non-U.S. citizens are required to complete a DHS Foreign National Visitor Request form 30 days in advance. Contact RDPC at 877-855-RDPC (7372) for more info.

**For more information regarding this course, please contact the following:**

Jake Hancock Phone: 865.387.0198 Email: [jhanco24@utk.edu](mailto:jhanco24@utk.edu)

#### PER 333: Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies in the Event of a Biological Disease Outbreak in Tribal Nations

**When:** June 19-20, 2024 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Where:** 2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI 48858  
**Contact:** Breanna Knudsen | 989.775.4638 | [Brknudsen@sagchip.org](mailto:Brknudsen@sagchip.org)

PER 333 is a 16-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, performance-level course. The purpose of this course is to provide tribal nations with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to effectively detect, respond to, and mitigate a disease outbreak, using a whole community approach. This course will include a practical exercise designed specifically to meet the needs of tribal communities. Participants will apply the knowledge and skills learned through the exercise that will require them to describe zoonotic response plans, partners and distinctive aspects of emergency response in tribal communities. They will be able to apply lessons learned to implement isolation and quarantine strategies. Participants will select appropriate personal protective equipment and demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain responder safety when using personal protective equipment while responding to a biological disease outbreak. Related course: MGT 449: Community-Based Response to All-Hazards Threats in Tribal Communities.

**Registration is required through the RDPC website. Register by visiting:**

<https://ruraltraining.org/course/PER-333/?scheduled=true&id=10165>

- **Registration Deadline: June 4, 2024.**
- A minimum of 20 registrations must be received by this date to ensure the class will be held.
- **FEMA S.I.D. REQUIRED.** Register for your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting: <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>
- This course runs sequentially with MGT-449





## Awareness walk

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Summit Clubhouse, NAMI – National Alliance of Mental Illness, Great Lakes Bay Pride, EightCap Inc., McLaren Central Michigan, R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc., SCIT

Behavioral Health Victim Services, SCIT Victims of Crime, Central Michigan District Health Department, Isabella Co. Veterans Affairs, SAPA, and Tribal Police were the organizations present.

Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck



## U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Michigan and personnel tour Tribal Court

### NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

On Monday, April 22, the U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Michigan, Dawn N. Ison, and personnel from the U.S. Attorney's Office received a tour of the Tribal Court and met the staff.

Magistrate Carol Jackson led the tour for Ison and the following personnel from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan: Assistant U.S. Attorney Roy Krantz; Luttrell Levingston, executive assistant; Robert

Pokey, supervisory law enforcement specialist; Mitchell Kittle, outreach coordinator; Erin Gauthier, tribal victim assistance specialist; and Alexandra Wyatt, victim-witness coordinator.

Last year, Magistrate Jackson extended an invitation to the group to visit the Tribal Court when they crossed paths at the Great Lakes Native American Conference, sponsored by The Department of Justice, in New Buffalo, Mich. last year.

"I believe it's so important for our federal partners to see not only where we are located to understand the jurisdictional



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Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Michigan Dawn N. Ison (third from left) and personnel from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan meet Tribal Court staff and tour the facility on Monday, April 22.**

matters, but how we operate as a Tribal Court," Jackson said. "As well as provide a visual for future communications as we work together for the same issues that greatly impact and

effect our tribal communities. We cannot thank them enough for their time regarding the onsite visit with us and to meet with the Tribal Court staff."

U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison

leads one of the largest U.S. Attorney's Offices in the country. The office employees 221 personnel in three locations: Detroit, Flint and Bay City.

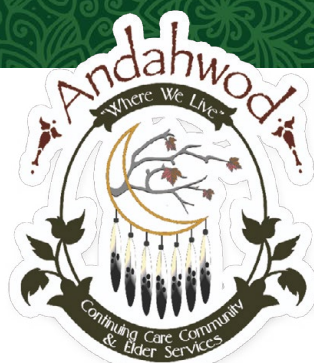
## May 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) Steven Pego        | 9) Steven Godbey      |
| 2) Robin Francis      | 10) Julie Allred      |
| 3) Federico Cantu Jr. | 11) Samuel DeFoy      |
| 4) Brian Chippeway    | 12) Craig Graveratte  |
| 5) Danny Wing Jr.     | 13) Duane Pelcher Sr. |
| 6) Tony Starkey       | 14) Leroy Hall II     |
| 7) Carol Shanks       | 15) Deborah Grills    |
| 8) Susan Brooks       | 16) Joseph Fisher     |
| Marjorie Wehner       | Orville Jackson       |
|                       | Bobby Starkey         |
|                       | Linda Cook            |
|                       | Carolyn Estill        |

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| 17) David Flamand      | 22) James Walker        |
| 18) Nathaniel George   | 23) Larry Pelcher       |
| 19) Judith Banister    | 24) David Rhodes        |
| 20) Robert Bennett Jr. | 25) Steven Martin       |
| 21) April Borton       | 26) Amy Braley          |
|                        | 27) Frank Davis         |
|                        | 28) James Smith         |
|                        | 29) Robert Fallis       |
|                        | 30) Paul Schramm Jr.    |
|                        | 31) Kristine Gonsorchik |
|                        | Karen Siminski          |

## May 2024 Andahwod events

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|---|--|
| <b>Elders Breakfast</b><br>May 8 & 22   9 - 10 a.m. | <b>Mother's Day Tea</b><br>May 10   2:30 p.m.            |
| <b>Name that Tune</b><br>May 13   2:30 p.m.         | • Elders are welcome to attend a Mother's Day tea party. |
| <b>Language Bingo</b><br>May 14   1-3 p.m.          | • Assorted teas and snacks                               |
| <b>Bingo with Friends</b><br>May 20   1-3 p.m.      | • Wear your tea or derby hat for a group photo!          |
|   | • Call 989-775-4300 to RSVP by May 6                     |



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## Headliner Jeffrey Osborne, opening act Freddie Jackson perform '70s, '80s soulful R&B

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It was an evening full of '70s and '80s soulful R&B hits as Jeffrey Osborne and Freddie Jackson graced the Soaring Eagle stage on Saturday, April 6.

Opening the show, Freddie Jackson, 67, performed a one-hour set. Jackson wore his best attire; sparkling from head-to-toe in a sequin jacket and sparkling shoes.

Jackson's emotive voice delivered his passionate lyrics.

His platinum-selling debut album introduced the no. 1 R&B hit "Rock Me Tonight (For Old Time's Sake)."

In 1988, Jackson released "Don't Let Love Slip Away," which featured the number one hits "Hey Lover," "Nice 'N' Slow" and "Crazy (For Me)."

His additional number one hits on the U.S. R&B charts included: "You Are My Lady," "A Little Bit More," "Tasty Love," "Have You Ever Loved Somebody," "Jam Tonight," "Love Me Down" and "Do Me Again."

Headliner Jeffrey Osborne, a singer-songwriter, musician and lyricist, turned the Entertainment Hall into a party. He made his grand entrance at



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Singer-songwriter Jeffrey Osborne gets the party started with an energetic performance on Saturday, April 6 in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.**

the back of the venue; walking through the crowd (and taking his time) to get to the stage. The audience was thrilled and on their feet in hopes to spot him in the crowd and to dance along to "We Party Hearty."

Osborne's 75-minute set portrayed his great showmanship. The 76-year-old has the energy of a 20-year-old. He can still belt out the tunes with his enduring, strong vocals.

Osborne shared with the audience it was his first time at Soaring Eagle. He thanked the

audience for coming out and promised to do as many hits as he could within his time frame.

"I Really Don't Need No Light," "We're Going All the Way" and "Crazy 'Bout Cha" were just some of his many hits performed.

From 1970 until 1981 he was the drummer and lead singer of the R&B/soul group L.T.D.

"Then I became a solo artist and the Lord placed me in the hands of this incredible human being by the name of Mr. George Duke," Osborne



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Opening act Freddie Jackson performs a one-hour set that Saturday evening.**

said, mentioning Duke was one of the "most incredible human beings, singers and producers he's ever met."

Duke produced all of Osborne's hit records as a solo artist.

"When he passed away a few years back, I vowed to never do another show without acknowledging the great George Duke," Osborne said before performing the hit song Duke produced, "On the Wings of Love," followed by "Reach For It," written by Duke.

Not yet having enough audience interaction, Osborne

again walked around in the audience while singing.

During "You Should Be Mine (The Woo Woo Song)," he took volunteers from the audience to sing solos or to "woo woo." A microphone was brought to them by one of Osborne's crew members. Three women were selected and two men, and to the audience's delight, each of them could carry a tune.

Judging by the audience applause at the end of the evening, Osborne brought the house down.

## Three Dog Night brings a little "Joy to the World" and to Soaring Eagle on March 23

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Bringing a little "Joy to the World" and to Soaring Eagle, American rock band Three Dog Night performed in the Entertainment Hall on Saturday, March 23.

Three Dog Night performed an 85-minute show beginning at 8 p.m. The band began the show with "The Family of Man," "Black and White," "Never Been to Spain" and "Shambala."

According to the band's website, in the years 1969 through 1974, no other group achieved more top 10 hits, moved more records or sold more concert tickets than Three Dog Night (threedognight.com).

Current Three Dog Night band members include: Michael Allsup (guitar), Pat Bautz (drums), Danny Hutton (founder/lead vocals/guitar), Paul Kingery (bass/vocals), David Morgan (vocals) and



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Three Dog Night's founder, lead vocalist and guitarist, Danny Hutton, performs in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall on Saturday, March 23.**

Howard Laravea (keyboards).

With his arm in a sling, Hutton said he "messed up his shoulder" but he'll "be fine in a couple weeks." As he normally plays guitar, the guitar tech filled in for him that evening.

Three Dog Night has had 21 consecutive Top 40 hits; including three no. 1 singles,

11 Top 10 singles, 18 straight Top 20 hits, seven million-selling singles and 12 straight RIAA Certified Gold LPs (threedognight.com).

"We're going to do a little song for all the nature lovers in the audience," Hutton said prior to the band performing "Out in the Country."

The band continued on with "Easy to Be Hard," "Play Something Sweet (Brickyard Blues)," "One" and "Let Me Serenade You."

Vocalist David Morgan took some time to address the audience. He discussed aging and said, "Life is short" but others would "trade their pain and ailments for his." And for that, he said, he can't complain.

Morgan caused laughter when he shared a while back, he had hit a strenuous high



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**David Morgan, vocalist/guitarist of Three Dog Night, is photographed.**

note and his "smart" watch called 911. He said laughing, "A 76-year-old shouldn't have an Apple watch."

"An Old Fashioned Love Song," "Sure as I'm Sittin' Here," "Liar" and "Mama Told Me Not to Come" were also performed that evening.

The song "Celebrate" was performed, followed by a keyboard solo and musical

backing into the next song, "Eli's Coming."

"This song goes out for children around the world," Hutton said before "Prayer of the Children." The a cappella performance earned a standing ovation.

The audience remained standing for the hit song "Joy to the World," which concluded the evening.



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## Grand Funk Railroad, Foghat treat Soaring Eagle to the magic of '70s rock

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted Grand Funk Railroad and Foghat on Saturday, April 13. The bands brought all of the sights, sounds, and excitement of '70s era rock and roll to the Entertainment Hall stage.

Grand Funk Railroad was formed in 1969 in Flint, Mich. The band's name is a play-on-words of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad, which runs through their hometown. Grand Funk gained a huge following during the '70s, while releasing six platinum and seven gold-certified albums during the decade.

Grand Funk began with "Rock 'n Roll Soul," followed by "Footstompin' Music," "Shinin' On" and "Heartbreaker."

Next up was the beloved party song, and No. 1 hit single, "The Loco-Motion." This was followed by "Walk Like a Man" and "Sky High."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Grand Funk Railroad members come together center stage during the April 13 concert at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort (Left to right: Mel Schacher, Max Carl and Mark Chatfield.)**

A highlight of the night saw the band giving a rock-infused rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The band also treated audience members to several cover songs including 38 Special's "Second Chance," The Animals' "Inside Looking Out" and Soul

Brothers Six's "Some Kind of Wonderful."

To close out the night, Grand Funk performed "I'm Your Captain (Closer to Home)" and their No. 1 hit single "We're an American Band."

Opening the night was English rock band Foghat.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Foghat members Rodney O'Quinn (left) and Scott Holt (right) perform "Road Fever" on the Entertainment Hall stage.**

Formed in London in 1971, the band's achievements include one platinum and eight gold-certified albums.

The music began with "Drivin' Wheel," followed by "Road Fever," "She's a Little Bit of Everything" and "Somebody's Been Sleeping (In My Bed)."

Next up was the bluesy,

rock hit "Black Days and Blue Nights," followed by "Stone Blue" and "It Hurts Me Too."

The band also performed "Drivin' On," "Home in My Hand" and "Fool for the City."

Foghat ended with a trio of hits: "I Just Want to Make Love to You," "Play That Funky Music" and "Slow Ride."

## Warrant, Lita Ford give fans their '80s rock fix at Soaring Eagle

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Rock legends Warrant and Lita Ford brought back the '80s during the Friday, March 29 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Formed in 1989 on the Sunset

Strip of Hollywood, Calif., the band Warrant quickly hit the spotlight with multi-platinum selling, chart topping success.

Warrant opened their set with "Sure Feels Good to Me," "Love in Stereo," "Bed of Roses" and "You're the Only Hell Your Mama Ever Raised."

Next up was the power ballad "I Saw Red," followed by "Big Talk" and "Mr. Rainmaker."

The hits continued with "Blind Faith," "The Hole in My Wall," "Down Boys," "D.R.F.S.R.," "Sometimes She Cries" and "Louder Harder Faster."

Warrant closed the night with the feel-good hit "Heaven," followed by "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the racy lyrics of "Cherry Pie."

Taking to the stage before Warrant was rock guitarist and vocalist Lita Ford.

Ford gained fame while playing with The Runaways in the late '70s. She began her solo career with her debut 1983 album "Out for Blood."

Ford began with her hit songs "Gotta Let Go," "Larger Than Life" and "Relentless."

Fans were treated to many classics that night, including "Hungry," "Cherry Bomb," "Playin' With Fire" and "Back to the Cave."



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**Warrant members Robert Mason (left) and Joey Allen (right) perform "Bed of Roses" at the March 29 Soaring Eagle concert.**



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**Rock guitarist and vocalist Lita Ford smiles out to the audience.**

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**Angus**  
Angus is a medium male, a black and white tuxedo cat. This lovable fur ball is all about spreading love to any human willing to shower him with affection. He is still undecided about how he feels about dogs, but he's made it very clear that he's the reigning king of the castle – no other cats are allowed in his kingdom! Angus will provide his human with endless head butts, purrs and snuggles.

**Moose**  
Moose is an extra-large male Mastiff and Bloodhound mix. In his previous home, Moose lived harmoniously with both a dog and cat. He is a bit selective with other dogs; he prefers a mellow companion who won't constantly pester him to play. Moose's heart is as warm as they come. This sweet boy loves cruising around in the car; taking in all the sights and smells. He loves walks and is a great leash walker; eager to explore the world.

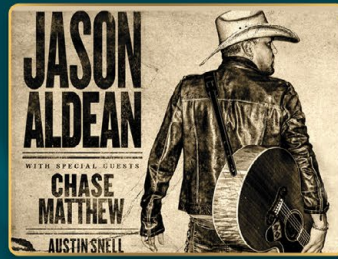
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## Jason Aldean

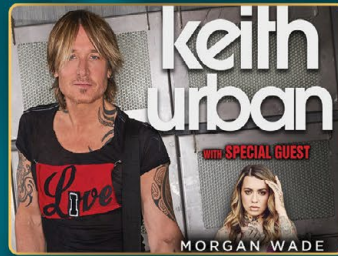
Highway Desperado Tour 2024

Friday, August 16  
7PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



## Tacos & Tequila

Saturday, May 11  
6:45PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$50



## Keith Urban

WSG Morgan Wade

Saturday, August 24  
8PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$42, \$124, \$146, \$163



## Mötley Crüe

Sunday, June 23  
7PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



## Blake Shelton

WSG Chayce Beckham

Saturday, September 7  
8PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$62, \$152, \$186, \$217



## The Offspring

WSG Simple Plan and Hoobastank

Friday, July 26  
7PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$26, \$49, \$75, \$86



## Tom Segura

Come Together Tour

Sunday, October 20  
7PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$72, \$94, \$107, \$114



## Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top

The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour

Friday, August 9  
7PM  
Outdoor Concert  
Tickets: \$38, \$99, \$117, \$147



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## Editorial: Sexual abuse survivors – We are wired differently and permanently

**KEVIN CHAMBERLAIN**

Contributing Writer

*(Author's note: Several months ago, I was inspired by another Tribal Member who spoke of Boarding School trauma. Her courage helped me find the courage to say something as well. This is not an easy topic, so please understand, this community may not be ready for this discussion. Personally, I feel the time is now. I challenge you to join me.)*

Having lived in and around this community, it became evident to me (by the mid '80s) that many in my community were victims of sexual abuse in one form or another. Incest, molestation, rape (or all of the above); they were commonplace. I learned quickly that this very unusual, high-level of sexual activity was simply normal here.

Sadly, many suffered much harsher traumas that included violence and brutality. Now add to this the emotional and spiritual scars that come with the abuse and you have a very broken, fragile community.

For many of us, it was more of a game that rarely had anything to do with actually having sex. And while still abuse, I do consider myself one of the lucky ones as I was never raped or sexually brutalized. Even if there's such a thing as "lucky" with abuse, it must be said that it did still scar me for life.

For me, this game of sexualizing nearly everything was just the way of life I was exposed to. But obviously, sex isn't supposed to be a game. Sex should

be about love for your partner/spouse but this, this had nothing to do with love. This "game" was just something you did with either immediate family, neighbors, extended cousins or all of the above. I know that may sound sick to many but it doesn't make it any less real for us.

But how and why? Well, through recent testimony and healing ceremonies, we now know that years of trauma within our Native community were a direct result of the brutal conditions that our grandparents' generation had to endure in central Michigan's boarding school (one of the largest in the North America). It is a very sad topic that is only now starting to come to the light across much of North America. Many were forever affected by several forms of abuse and that abuse trickled down to most everyone in our small community.

I couldn't possibly know the full extent of how the sexual trauma affected my friends, family and neighbors but I'm quite confident that the damage runs deep. I know this to be true from serious conversations I've had with multiple community members, as well as with my late father. He was a victim as a child himself, and no, I won't go into details or divulge names regarding but I do know that it severely scarred him. No, he did not sexually abuse me.

I do not want this message to be about outing individuals; I want it to be about healing because in many ways, the aftermath, the trauma, still plagues much of our community.

It is a dark source of deep shame for many and I have

witnessed and felt it firsthand. Shame so dark and deep that I believe it lies at the root of much of our generational substance abuse and possibly a strong factor in the current suicidal activity we now witness.

No, we'll never be sexually normal. For me, years of therapy and spiritual ceremony have helped me find my voice and I believe it is time to help others find theirs. That doesn't make me perfect nor will I ever be "normal," sexually. I can still act out in many ways and be sexually inappropriate. I'm not proud of that but it does need to be said.

But I am proud to say that I have not passed this demon to my children and their children. Still, historically, I sexualized much of my adult relationships. I've always struggled to keep sexual thoughts, activities and words out of those relationships. Add alcohol to this and "the game" only becomes magnified.

Those who are most like me (who have similar traumas) have the easiest time around me because they get it.

Those who are not like me? Well, some probably think I'm sick in the head and yes, that may be a fair assumption, but I don't think I am sick in the head. To me, that's not fair. I/we didn't ask for this. I didn't seek it out... It was slowly, quietly nurtured into my life as being "normal." Sadly, I have ruined many relationships because of this demon and that breaks my heart. Those not sexually abused may never understand this.

Pain, shame, regret... I live with it.

I'm quite sure there are many

### Resources for victims of sexual abuse:

- **SCIT Behavioral Health Programs** – 989-775-4850
- **Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan** – 989-775-4400
- **McLaren Central Michigan SANE Program (SANE – Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner)** – For an exam, contact or go to the Emergency Department – 989-772-6777
- **R.I.S.E Advocacy, Inc.** – Emergency shelter services, 24-hour crisis intervention hotline (844-349-6177), counseling services, support groups, legal and medical advocacy, sexual assault services, preventative youth education. Women and children only, no men.
- **SCIT Victims of Crime Advocates** – 989-775-4814
- **Central Michigan University's Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates (S.A.P.A)** – 989-774-CALL (2255)
- **Uniting Three Fires** – Tribal Resource
- **Listening Ear** – local resource – (support groups/housing)
- **MP Pride Center** – local resource (support groups)
- **Central Michigan District Health Department** – local resource (medical follow up for STI and testing)
- **Campus Health Services** – Local Resource (CMU student medical health)
- **LGBThotline.com** – LGBTQ National Help Center
- **tnlr.org** – The Network La Red
- **lin6.org** – National resource geared toward men
- **Non-local** – RAINN (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network) and Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline** – 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

reading this who can relate; that's why I'm writing it. Sadly, some reading it are likely victims of much more brutal traumas. But talking about it, that's how we heal. No, it is not easy to talk about but it is most definitely the key to breaking the cycle and finding inner peace.

Today, that little child being molested will have a much better chance of breaking the cycle too if he/she can talk about it. Doing nothing only creates and promotes further trauma. I came from the era of, "Hush, we don't talk about that" and undoubtedly, that is a foolish way to handle this because it simply does not deal with it, at all.

You are not alone. Your

normal may not be the accepted normal but it is your journey. I encourage you to seek healing and utilize traditional ceremony. Specifically, go to The Hill and fast. My two journeys "on The Hill" changed my life.

I believe in the power of God/Creator. Seek him out in whatever way you know to because you do not have to live alone and in shame.

It is our responsibility to make this community, this Earth better for future generations. Keeping quiet about generational trauma serves nobody and it certainly will not help our children. Isn't it time we start to talk?

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

**ROSALIE MALONEY**

SCIT Housing Manager

The Housing Department operates a total of 52 affordable rental units: 43 in Mount Pleasant and nine in Standish. Most are single-family detached homes, several are duplex units with garages.

There are five one-bedroom units, 17 two-bedroom units, 24 three-bedroom units, and six four-bedroom units currently in the inventory.

SCIT Housing is fully funded through an annual, recurring federal grant dispersed through the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Department does not receive any SCIT funding. Annually, around mid-April, HUD publishes income limits setting the top income threshold for eligibility.

Under this HUD-assisted program, the rents are based on a sliding scale according to household size and family income. For example, using the 2024 chart, a household of four with total annual income of \$63,700 or less would be eligible to participate in the program. A household of four earning more than \$63,700 would not be eligible.

By law, the rent may not be more than 30 percent of total household income.

The application process does take time and there is a wait list.

The target group for this federally-funded program is low-income Native American households. Applicants must be members of Native tribes recognized by the U.S. Government as such, and they must have a source of regular, recurring income to be eligible.

For more information on eligibility and the application process you may contact: Miranda Pelcher-Miley (989) 775-4588, MiPelcher@sagchip.org.

Native households whose income falls within these limits, are eligible for HUD assisted rental units.

For more information, please contact:

**Miranda Pelcher-Miley**  
Admissions & Occupancy Specialist  
• Phone: 989-775-4532  
• Email: MiPelcher@sagchip.org



| FY 2024 Income Limits Summary     |                   |        |        |               |        |        |        |         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| FY 2024 Income Limit Category     | Persons in Family |        |        |               |        |        |        |         |
|                                   | 1                 | 2      | 3      | 4             | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8       |
| Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) | 27,900            | 31,850 | 35,850 | <b>39,800</b> | 43,000 | 46,200 | 49,400 | 52,550  |
| Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* | 16,750            | 20,440 | 25,820 | <b>31,200</b> | 36,580 | 41,960 | 47,340 | 52,550* |
| Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)      | 44,600            | 51,000 | 57,350 | <b>63,700</b> | 68,800 | 73,900 | 79,000 | 84,100  |

| Median Family Income      |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Isabella County: \$77,100 | Arenac County: \$70,500 |

\*The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low-income to be the greater of 30/50ths (60 percent) of the Section 8 very low-income limit or the poverty guidelines as established by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit. Consequently, the extremely low income limits may equal the very low (50%) income limits. Income Limit areas are based on FY 2024 Fair Market Rent (FMR) areas. For information on FMRs, please see our associated FY 2024 Fair Market Rent documentation system.



## MAY 2024 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### ACFS Foster Care Lunch & Learn

May 1 | 12-1 p.m.

- Tribal Police Department, Multidisciplinary Room
- 989-775-4901

### Drop In Beading Circle

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- Project Venture youth space (Tribal Gym)
- 989-775-5804 or [TahsFoley@sagchip.org](mailto:TahsFoley@sagchip.org)

### Community Sewing Nights

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 5-8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780 or [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org)

### Graduation Cap Beading Workshop

May 2 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

- SCTC Community Room (5805 E. Pickard)
- **Registration:** [waawingetoon@sagchip.edu](mailto:waawingetoon@sagchip.edu)
- Open to first first 25 to register
- Black grad caps will be provided
- Beading supplies provided (limited bead colors)
- Feel free to bring your own grad cap
- A supper of soup, bread, and dessert will be provided
- Kera will be sharing her technique for basic edging

### Team SCIT Taco Fundraiser

May 3 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (until sold out)

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-775-4690
- Taco dinners: \$10 each
- Includes three tacos, rice, beans and water (pop \$1)
- Choice of chicken or ground beef

### Elders' Breakfast

May 8, 22 | 9-12 a.m.

- Andahwod

### ACFS Bingo Night

May 10 | 6-8 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-775-4991 of [CHeron@sagchip.org](mailto:CHeron@sagchip.org)
- Packets: \$10 each

### Mother's Day Tea

May 10 | 2:3--3:30 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300

### Baby Eagles Basketball

May 14 - June 11 | 5:30 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- **Registration:** [Kshomin@sagchip.org](mailto:Kshomin@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4093
- Open to 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders
- First 32 who register are guaranteed a spot
- \$40 cover charge

### SCA Kindergarten Registration

May 15 | 4-6 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- 989-775-4453
- Parents/guardians can register their incoming kindergartener for 2024-2025 school year.

### No More Stolen Sisters

May 16 | 4:30 - 6 p.m.

- Broadway Park (2451 Nish Na Be Among Dr.)
- 989-775-4400
- Missing and Murdered Indigenous People event

### Reservation Household Clean Up

May 18 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Academy parking lot
- 989-775-4595
- Accepting normal household items

### Ziigwan (Spring) Women's Retreat

May 18-19 | 5-7 p.m.

- SCIT Tawas Property (1 Kunze Rd., Tawas, Mich.)
- 989-775-4400 or [ASaboo-Rogers@sagchip.org](mailto:ASaboo-Rogers@sagchip.org)
- Open to ages 18 and older (women only)
- Overnight retreat of healing, reconnecting with nature, cultural teachings and empowerment

### ACFS Dessert Cook-off and Silent Auction

May 20 | 5-7 p.m.

- Broadway Park
- 989-775-4991 or [CHeron@sagchip.org](mailto:CHeron@sagchip.org)
- A prize will be awarded to winner of the cook-off
- Drop-in cornhole tournament: \$40 entry fee, cash prizes for first three places

### Free Tree Giveaway

May 22 | 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (until trees are gone)

- SCTC Parking Lot (5805 E. Pickard)
- [KHager@sagchip.org](mailto:KHager@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4585

### Community Health & Fitness Day

May 22 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.

- Nimkee Outdoor Fit Park
- [JHarman@sagchip.org](mailto:JHarman@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4694

### People's Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

May 31 | 9 a.m.


- Maple Creek Golf Course (Shepherd, Mich.)
- [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4780
- Two person scramble: \$100 per person

### Class of 2024 Graduation Banquet

June 12 | 12-1:30 p.m.

- SECR Entertainment Hall
- [DSmith@sagchip.org](mailto:DSmith@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4071
- Each graduate will be able to bring four guests.
- Please contact us by May 24, 2024 with names of guests

## MAY 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Sat./Sun.   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
|  <p>Check out the Tribal Observer <b>ONLINE</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p> |   | <b>1</b><br>Elders' Aquatics<br>2 p.m.   SEWPH<br>Eagle Feather Teachings<br>1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health<br>Drop In Basketball<br>5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym<br>Drums Out<br>7-9 p.m.   7th Gen  | <b>2</b><br>Sacred Fire Lunch<br>12-1 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Acupuncture<br>4-6 p.m.   B. Health   989-775-4850<br>Euchre<br>5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health   | <b>3</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   B. Health   | <b>4</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health   |
|  | <b>6</b><br>Recovery Group<br>1-2 p.m.   B. Health  | <b>7</b><br>Regular Council Session<br>9 a.m.   Council Chambers<br>Mother's Day Craft & Lunch<br>9 a.m.   Saganing<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>2-3 p.m.   Zoom<br>Lacrosse Stick Workshop<br>5 p.m.   7th Gen                            | <b>8</b><br>Mother's Day Bingo<br>10:30 a.m.   Saganing<br>Eagle Feather Teachings<br>1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health<br>Elders' Aquatics<br>2 p.m.   SEWPH<br>Drop In Basketball<br>5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym<br>Drums Out<br>7-9 p.m.   7th Gen | <b>9</b><br>Euchre<br>5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health   | <b>10</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   B. Health<br>Medallion Workshop<br>9 a.m. - 5 p.m.   7th Gen |
| <b>13</b><br>Tribal Observer deadline<br>Recovery Group<br>1-2 p.m.   B. Health<br>Name That Tune<br>2:30 p.m.   Andahwod  | <b>14</b><br>Language Bingo<br>1 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>2-3 p.m.   Zoom<br>Lacrosse Stick Workshop<br>5 p.m.   7th Gen | <b>15</b><br>Elders' Aquatics<br>2 p.m.   SEWPH<br>Eagle Feather Teachings<br>1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health<br>Cedar Box Workshop<br>5 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Drop In Basketball<br>5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym<br>Drums Out<br>7-9 p.m.   7th Gen | <b>16</b><br>Crafts with Friends<br>11 a.m.   Saganing<br>Sacred Fire Lunch<br>12-1 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Euchre<br>5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health   | <b>17</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   B. Health  | <b>18</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health  |
| <b>20</b><br>Recovery Group<br>1-2 p.m.   B. Health<br>Community Garden<br>Bed Sign-up<br>3 p.m.   7th Gen   | <b>21</b><br>Recovery on the Rez<br>2-3 p.m.   Zoom<br>Lacrosse Stick Workshop<br>5 p.m.   7th Gen  | <b>22</b><br>Eagle Feather Teachings<br>1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health<br>Elders' Aquatics<br>2 p.m.   SEWPH<br>Drop In Basketball<br>5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym<br>Drums Out<br>7-9 p.m.   7th Gen   | <b>23</b><br>Cemetery Cleanup<br>11 a.m.   Saganing<br>Wiigwaas Workshop<br>5-7 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Euchre<br>5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health   | <b>24</b><br>Tawas Property Walk<br>8 a.m.   Tawas<br>Chair Yoga<br>11 a.m.   Andahwod<br>Fireside on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   B. Health | <b>25</b><br>Birthday Bingo<br>12 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Fireside on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health                |
| <b>27</b><br>Tribal Ops Closed<br>Memorial Day<br>Recovery Group<br>1-2 p.m.   B. Health   | <b>28</b><br>Recovery on the Rez<br>2-3 p.m.   Zoom<br>Lacrosse Stick Workshop<br>5 p.m.   7th Gen  | <b>29</b><br>Eagle Feather Teachings<br>1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health<br>Elders' Aquatics<br>2 p.m.   SEWPH<br>Drop In Basketball<br>5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym<br>Drums Out<br>7-9 p.m.   7th Gen   | <b>30</b><br>Sacred Fire Lunch<br>12-1 p.m.   7th Gen<br>Movie & Popcorn<br>1 p.m.   Saganing<br>Euchre<br>5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod<br>Recovery on the Rez<br>6 p.m.   B. Health<br>Wiigwaas Workshop<br>5-7 p.m.   7th Gen                   | <b>31</b><br>Fireside on the Rez<br>11:30 a.m.   B. Health  | ● SECR Payroll<br>● SCIT Per Capita<br>● SCIT Payroll<br>● Curbside Recycling                                 |



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**Tribal Operations**

**Waste Water Operator II**

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

**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.

**Water Operator II**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of water operator or related experience. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

**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. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field.

**Chief Financial Officer**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for a multi-faceted role; direction, and planning required. Five years experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller.

**Early Childhood Manager**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Two years experience and training with early childhood programs. One year in a supervisory capacity.

**Maintenance Worker PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year experience with basic maintenance and grounds keeping.

**NA Language Coordinator**

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Two years' experience in project management, communications, and working with school systems. Grant administration experi-

ence, including work plan development and implementation. Demonstrated background and experience in program planning, development, evaluation and implementation, and experience working with professional staff.

**Summer Youth Worker**

Open to the public. Only SCIT Members may apply. Must be between 14 to 18 years of age at the time of application. Under the supervision of the youth crew leader/assigned department supervisor, work in areas of interest for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and its entities.

**Dentist**

Open to the public. Contract position. DS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan Licensed Dentist. Two years working Dentist experience desired.

**Dental Hygienist PT**

Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. Michigan Registered Dental Hygienist license. Certification to expose dental radiographs.

**Police Officer - Standish**

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. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

**Police Officer - Mt. Pleasant**

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. Must not have criminal history that would prevent applicant from acquiring any certification or qualification required.

**Project Coordinator Native Connections**

Open to the public. Grant funded position, grant funding through Sept. 29, 2028. Bachelor's degree in social sciences. Master's degree preferred. Two years' experience in clinical social work or behavioral health service delivery. Demonstrated experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations, community systems and cross-disciplines. Experience in managing grants preferred.

**Elementary Teacher**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field or currently enrolled in a teacher certi-

fication program, including alternative route programs, and able to obtain teaching certificate within six months of hire. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards.

**SCTC - Adjunct Faculty Academic Catch-up**

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Temporary position for two weeks July 8-19, 2024. Under the supervision of the dean of instruction, responsible for the preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related activities during the day, evening, or weekend.

**SCTC - Adjunct Faculty Academic Catch-up**

Open to the public. Master's degree required in identified discipline. Temporary position for two weeks July 8-19, 2024.

**Supplemental Instructor Summer Courses**

Open to the public. Temporary position: May 6 - June 28, 2024. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

**Supplemental Instructor Academic Catch-Up**

Open to the public. Temporary position: July 8 - Aug. 16, 2024. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

**Grants & Contracts Compliance Coordinator**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Five years' experience in governmental fund accounting and grants and contracts management.

**Certified Nursing Assistant PT**

Open to the public. \$500 bonus after successful completion of 90-day probation. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience desired.

**Youth Co-Op**

Open to the public. Youth enrolled in school in 11th or 12th grade. Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Must be eligible to earn high school credits.

**Registered Medical Assistant**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or certified medical assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

**Clinical Therapist - ICT**

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire.

**Clinical Therapist - RTC**

Open to the public. Grant funded position. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire.

**Clinical Therapist Family Resource**

Open to the public. Interim position. Licensed mas-

ter's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire.

**Clerical Pool**

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus.

**General Labor Pool**

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

**Strategic Grant Specialist**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in business administration, communications, economics, or related field. Three years' experience in grant writing and grant administration.

**Physician**

Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Medical license for MD or DO in the State of Michigan. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting.

**School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Coordinator PT**

Open to the public. Grant funded position, grant funding through Sept. 30, 2026. At least two years of study at an institution of higher education (equal to 60 semester hours) or an associate degree (or higher) and experience working with children in grades Pre-K to 5.

**Soaring Eagle**

**Crowd Control Summer Concerts - Seasonal**

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

**Usher Summer Concerts - Seasonal**

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

**Entertainment Chauffer PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a current and valid Chauffer's License. Must be able to work all shifts such as weekends, graveyard, and holidays.

**Sous Chef - Pastry**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity. Desired qualifications: Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school.

**Building Maintenance Worker FT**

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.

**Master Plumber**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Ten years of experience as a master plumber. Must have a current and maintain a State of Michigan Master Plumbers License.

**Guestroom Attendant FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Guestroom Attendant PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Grounds Maintenance Worker**

Open to the public. One year experience in grounds maintenance performing resort level job duties in either lawn care or landscaping similar to those listed in the essential duties section.

**Sportsbook Ticket Writer PT**

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

**Journeyman Electrician**

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

**F&B Chef**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Four years of upscale, high volume, hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Formal education in the form of a culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation (ACF) accredited school may be accepted to satisfy part of the work experience requirement.

**Line Cook**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of SECR internal culinary training.

**Central Plant Operator**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

**Line Server PT**

Open to the public. 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.

**Journeyman Plumber**

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

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**Guestroom Attendant**

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

**F&B Attendant**

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

**Players Club Representative PT**

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

**Line Cook FT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

**Line Cook PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of restaurant cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility, or six months of Saganing internal culinary training.

**Bartender FT**

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

**Bartender PT**

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

**Beverage Bartender**

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

**Waitstaff FT**

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

**Waitstaff PT**

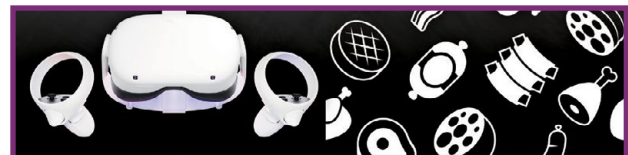
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**Beverage Waitstaff FT**

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

**Beverage Waitstaff PT**

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



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# RAFFLE

Tickets: One for \$5 or three for \$10

Two prize options: (First winner will get first pick)  
 ▶ Prize 1: Meat package (with small freezer)  
 ▶ Prize 2: Meta Quest

Drawing: Sunday, June 9, 2024  
 3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow

Contact Powwow Committee members for tickets:  
 Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Noelle Wells, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Christina Cross and Reba Navajar.

\*All proceeds will benefit the SCIT and Saganing powwows

Contact information: [Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

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From 5PM to 10PM, two lucky guests will win \$1,000 in Premium Play and 500 grand prize bonus entries every hour!

**On May 25 at 10PM, two lucky winners will hit the open road with a 2024 Harley Davidson Road Glide 3!**

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 900 points earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12 a.m. April 27, 2024 until 10:55 p.m. on May 25, 2024. Color may vary.



**EVERY FRIDAY  
3PM-11PM**

Every hour from 3PM -11PM, 2 winners will pick a flower for a chance to win up to \$2,000 in Premium Play!

### ENTERTAINMENT



**STYX  
LIVE IN CONCERT  
FRIDAY, MAY 3 | 8PM  
SATURDAY, MAY 4 | 8PM  
\$37, \$49, \$60, \$66**



**TACOS & TEQUILA  
SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 8PM  
\$50**



**MOTLEY CREW  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 | 7PM  
\$54, \$144, \$178, \$72**



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**SATURDAYS IN MAY**

From 5PM-10PM, ACCESS Club members will have the chance to win \$1,000 Cash and 1,000 bonus entries into the grand prize drawing.

**At 11PM on May 25, the grand prize winner will take home a Truck, a Toy Hauler, UTV Side by Slide, and Oberwerk High Powered Binocular!**

Access Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Club card. Guest may only win once per drawing day. 10x entries on Mondays through May 20, 2024.



**EVERY FRIDAY  
12PM-10PM**

Join the hourly drawings for a chance to take on the claw machine and capture the sasquatch to win a share of over \$23,000 in Cash & Premium Play!



**SUNDAY, MAY 5TH  
9AM-9PM**

ACCESS Club Members that earn 200 points will have the chance to play Pin the Tail on the Donkey! 2 guests every hour will be drawn to see who can get the closest to the correct placement of the tail. The guest who is closest will get to choose \$500 Cash or \$250 in Premium Play!



**SUNDAY, MAY 12, 19TH, & 26TH  
AND MONDAY, MAY 6TH & 27TH  
4AM-11:59PM**

ACCESS Club Members that earn 800 points can swipe at the kiosk to play a Money Honey themed game to win Premium Play!



**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
4AM-8:59PM**

Earn \$5 in Premium Play (up to \$50) for every 300 points earned using your ACCESS Card from 4AM-11:59PM. Plus, we will be doing hot seat drawings for \$50 in Premium Play from 7AM-11PM. Also, earn 2,500 points on your ACCESS card from 7AM-11:59PM to play a promotional kiosk game and win up to \$50 in Premium Play!

Must be 18 to game. Must be an ACCESS Loyalty Club Member to participate in promotions. Management reserves all rights.