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(Moon of the Strawberry)

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New casino CEO Joe Nayquonabe introduced, ready to lead with mission-driven approach

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On May 9, Director of Human Resources Louanna Bruner introduced new casino CEO Joe Nayquonabe via email sent to Tribal employees.

“As former CEO of Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, he successfully led a \$600 million portfolio: spanning gaming, hospitality, cannabis, entertainment, and government contracting businesses,” Bruner said. “Joseph brings deep expertise in strategic vision, economic development, and mission-driven leadership. With master’s degrees in tribal administration and business administration, Joseph is passionate about creating economic opportunities that empower communities and drive meaningful change.”

Nayquonabe said he believes there is a balance in a mission-driven approach that can

increase market share of SECR while taking in account community reinvestment.

“Both of those goals are interconnected. The mission is to continue the journey to self-sufficiency and higher quality of life for the community,” Nayquonabe said. “In order to advance that mission, we will need to ensure we’re capturing and then exceeding our fair share of the market.”

Nayquonabe said competitive markets and industries traverse “a very predictable path of phases that incorporate birth, growth, maturity, and decline.”

“The Michigan brick and mortar gaming market is very mature,” Nayquonabe said. “In this phase, organizations typically make a choice to accept the impending decline and adjust their expectations accordingly or they seek innovation to begin a new phase of growth. We have plenty of opportunities for innovation to fuel growth across our

portfolio, both in brick and mortar and online.”

Nayquonabe said the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe “enjoys an incredible brand recognition” with Soaring Eagle, not just here in Michigan but nationally.

“The brand stands for many things in the minds of our guests including our team delivering on the key pillars of being clean, safe, fun, and friendly.

“The two most important human needs are certainty and variety,” Nayquonabe said. “Guests want certainty – to know that their favorite game is going to be here, that the accommodations will be beautiful, that the food will be delicious. They also want variety – interesting new games to play, new team members to swap stories with, new musical talents to listen to, and much more.”

Nayquonabe assures all of these aspects, delivered with precision, will help SCIT continue to live up to its brand promise.

Collaborations and shared vision is a main part of the medicine wheel teachings as a Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe tribal member.

Nayquonabe said “embracing cultural teaching begins with authentic dialogue.”

“Nothing we do can be done alone, so ensuring that we’re listening to one another across the community, sharing new ideas, and building a vision of the future we all can see ourselves in is essential,” Nayquonabe said. “We wake up every day and we’re Anishinaabe. There’s nothing we need to do because it’s in our DNA. Building an internal culture that identifies with that and embraces that will be the most effective way to stay true to our teachings.”

Nayquonabe said he looks forward to building the culture



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

CEO Joe Nayquonabe (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) began his position last month.

that reflects past generations, engages the present generation, and inspires the next generation through shared Anishinaabe values.

With the continued progression of technology within the gaming industry, Nayquonabe said it is making the guest

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Day of Awareness event educates about Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan stood in solidarity with others across Indian Country in marking May 5th as a day of awareness for Missing

and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP).

For the “No More Stolen Sisters” MMIP event held at the Hill, the powwow grounds received a smudge blessing before the ceremony and Tribal Council’s Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto shared a traditional blessing in Anishinaabemowin.

“On a legislative level, there are several collaborations with this effort. On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 14053, which is aimed at improving public safety and criminal justice for Native Americans and addressing the issues of missing or murdered indigenous people,” Otto said. “President Biden’s order directs the Departments of Justice, Interior, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security to work together with tribes. The new Executive Order builds on and lifts up the work underway at the Department of Justice, including to implement Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act.”

The MMIP Task Force was introduced in November 2024.



Observer photo by Alicia Raphael

Event coordinators, staff volunteers and community members come together in solidarity for the “No More Stolen Sisters” day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People on May 5.

The interagency collaboration will bring together tribal, federal, and state and local prosecutors, law enforcement officers, victim advocates, and human services specialists to identify, develop, and implement solutions to the MMIP crisis.

Otto said in Michigan, State Rep. Carrie Rheingans has been actively involved in raising awareness and advocating for resources related to MMIP.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has also issued a proclamation declaring May 5

as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day in Michigan.

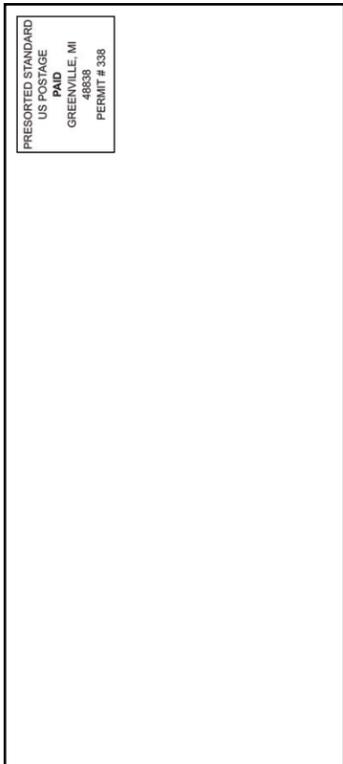
“It is important for tribal nations to work collaboratively with these departments/initiatives as we are the experts in this long and ongoing crisis,” Otto said. “SCIT has had a strong presence with these efforts thus far and we are appreciative of everyone’s involvement.”

Collaborations between SCIT, Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, McLaren Central Michigan, R.I.S.E Advocacy

Inc., Central Michigan University’s Office of Indigenous Affairs, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services came together in bringing awareness to this ongoing crisis and honor the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

A recent media release published on April 1 from the Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice, announced the FBI will surge

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Colleen "Coco" Ann Sisco

October 7, 1951 – April 29, 2025

Colleen Ann "Coco" Sisco, age 73, of Lake, Mich., passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at her home with her family by her side.

Colleen was born to George and Emma (Peters) Slater on Oct. 7, 1951 in Mount Pleasant, Mich. She married David Wayne Sisco on Nov. 14, 1969 in Mt. Pleasant and they were married for 47 years.

She enjoyed sewing and spending time at the Soaring Eagle Casino. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grand and great-grandbabies.

Colleen is survived by her children, David (Tammie) Sisco Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, Gena (Steven) Qualls and Christy (Jason) Barker, both of Lake; grandchildren, Orry Sisco, Ayla Sisco (RJ McDonald), Kathryn Qualls, Tristan Qualls, Michael (Kourtney) Barker, Aren (Toni) Barker, and Curtis Barker; great-grandchildren William Daniel Sisco and Olive Rose Barker; brother George Slater Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, and Sister Sharon Matthews of Mt. Pleasant.

Colleen was preceded in death by her parents George and Emma (Peter) Slater; husband David Wayne Sisco Sr.; granddaughter, Cora Lee Qualls, great-grandson Wayne Michael Sisco; brothers Allen Slater, Freeman Slater, and Gerald Slater; sisters Helen Reed, Lorraine Kennedy, Sandra Boyce, Bonnie Cantu, Kelly Slater, and Elizabeth Slater.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 11 A.M. with Fred Cantu officiating. The family received friends at the funeral chapel on Monday, May 5, 2025 from 2 to 4 P.M. and 6 to 8 P.M. and on May 6 from 10 A.M. until the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Residential Hospice.



Stanley Mitchell Sineway

March 8, 1979 – May 4, 2025

Stanley Mitchell "BushBoy" Sineway Jr., age 46, of Mount Pleasant, Mich. passed away Sunday, May 4 2025, at Beaumont of Royal Oak with his family by his side.

Stanley was born on March 8, 1979, in Mt. Pleasant, the son of Stanley Mitchell Sr. and Carla Jean (Alonzo) Sineway. He was a Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Member.

Stanley graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School with the Class of 1998 and from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 2003. He worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino and then for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for 25 years; six years as marketing manager and 19 as the gaming commissioner.

He enjoyed baking, spending time with friends, and exploring the world. His travels took him to France, London, Italy and Brazil. He especially cherished regular trips to see Broadway shows in Chicago and New York City.

His grandma, Betsey, called him the "best one." He was generous in life; inviting anyone to stay in his home or borrow his car with no expectations or desire for recognition or compensation.

Stanley is survived by his parents, Stanley Sr. and Carla Sineway; brother, Christopher (Stacey Dunklee) Sineway; aunts, Carol Whitepigeon, Roberta Starkey and Helen Paul; nephews, Atreyu and Hayden; and many cousins and good friends.

He was proud to be a godfather to Atreyu Sineway.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Albert Godoy Alonzo and Betsey Mae (Peters) Hall; paternal grandparents, Titus and Gladys (Paul) Sineway; uncles, Foster Hall Jr., Rev. Owen White-Pigeon and Robert Paul; aunts, Marylou (Philo) Garza, Lila Hoeskema, Connie (Lewis) Sprague and Valerie Esparza.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, May 9, 2025 at 11 a.m. with Carla Sineway officiating. A luncheon immediately followed in the Reflections Reception Center. The family received friends at the funeral chapel on Thursday, May 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service.



Leona Ashquab Castaneda

June 2, 1973 – May 11, 2025

Leona Ashquab Castaneda, age 51, of Grand Rapids, Mich., walked on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

Leona was preceded in death by her daughter Tabitha Kendall; her parents Harriet and Ben Castaneda; her brother Vincent Castaneda.

Leona will be dearly missed by her son Jeff Kendall; her granddaughters Savannah Hernandez and Anabella Kendall; her brother Chawn Castaneda; her sisters Loretta and Evelyn Castaneda; her nieces Camie, Cheyenne, Aanzhenii and Sunci; her nephews Ben, Cruz and Leehawk; her great-aunts Mary Brokup, Olga Castaneda, Virginia Garcia, Paula Lopez, Theresa Casas; and many close relatives and friends.

Leona was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She had a deep love for animals. Leona had a flair for fashion. She had an infectious laugh.

Leona will be remembered for her loving heart. Her greatest joy was her family.

The funeral service was held Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 1 p.m. at the Bradley Indian Mission, 695 128th Ave Shelbyville, MI 49344. Her family received visitors at the church on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial followed after the service at Bradley Indian Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



37th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 18, 2025

Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field

Registration opens in May
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, contact: 989.775.4694

SCIT Powwow Committee RAFFLE FUNDRAISERS

Raffle 1: Summer BBQ package
Winner takes all. Package includes: Nexgrill gas griddle, Coleman cooler, 13-foot screen tent, Lifetime picnic table, Ozark Trail folding wagon, two chairs, grill accessories, and Smith and Sons meat package.

Raffle 2: Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow 50/50
One winner will receive half of the raised funds.

Separate drawings for each raffle:
Sunday, June 15, 2025
2 p.m. | During the Saganing Powwow

Tickets: • One for \$5 • Three for \$10
*Tickets must be purchased for each raffle individually

Contact Powwow Committee for tickets:
Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Naomi McCormick or Brianna Yahbay.

*All proceeds will benefit the SCIT and Saganing Powwows

Contact: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Colleen Gloria Kirby

February 24, 2025

The family of Colleen Gloria Kirby has notified the Tribal Clerks Office of her passing on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Bueler Funeral Home in Camp Verde, Ariz.

Date and time of service are currently pending.

2026 Annual Reports Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 31, 2025

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
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2026 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

Chippewa River CLEANUP

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Deerfield Park
2425 W. Remus Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Launching at 11:30 a.m.

Registration required
Deadline: Friday, June 27, 2025

- Event registration is limited to 25 attendees.
- All attendees required to sign a photo and safety waiver.
- Limited number of kayaks and canoes available to reserve.
- Anyone is welcome to attend. Snack will be provided.
- Participants may also bring their own watercraft and join us on the river.

To register or reserve a watercraft, contact:
Email: KHager@sagchip.org | **Phone:** 989.775.4585

Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society is in need of VETERAN MEMBERS

Next meeting will be held at the Saganing Powwow immediately following the Saturday, June 14 grand entry at 1 p.m.

Meetings continue the second Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Ziibiwing Center.

For more information, please contact:
Paul Walker at PWalker@sagchip.org

HUMAN RACE

Wednesday, June 11
Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
7957 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

5K Run & One-Mile Fun Run/Walk
Registration: 5 p.m. | Race begins: 5:50 p.m.

Registration forms available online:
www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm

Post-race dinner served to all participants!

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:
Seth Pifer | 989.775.4694 | SPifer@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

- June 3
- July 1
- Aug. 5



19TH ANNUAL
People's Traditional POWWOW

Save the Date!

Aug. 23 & 24, 2025

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Dignitaries: TBD



Tuesdays • June 3 - Sept. 16

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Farmers Market Pavilion
 Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art Vendors: Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage foods, plants, organic protein and wild rice.

- You do NOT have to be Native American to be a seller.
- You must be Native American to be an art vendor.

Now featuring: Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

Mshkikiikaan
 (The Place of Medicine)



Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:

Jasmine Gonzalez: 989.775.4629 | JaGonzalez@sagchip.org
 Public Relations: PublicRelations@sagchip.org

Weweni Noodjimoomi

"We Heal in a Good Way"

SURVEY OPPORTUNITY

Survey objective: The purpose of this survey is to better understand the impact of historical, childhood, and inter-generational trauma on the health of your community. In order to participate, you must be a Tribal Member or descendant.

The results of the survey will assist in:

- Understanding if current services are meeting the needs of community members.
- Developing programs and interventions that address the effects of trauma on the health and well-being of community members.

Survey will on close on June 30, 2025

- A report summarizing the findings of the survey will be shared with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Office of Grants and Contracts.
- This survey is completely anonymous; you will not be asked to provide any of your personal contact information.
- It will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.
- You are free to skip any questions you do not feel comfortable answering.



To participate:

▶ **Visit:** https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d7ukVGWaidCUECi

▶ **Scan QR code above:**

For more information, contact:

PublicRelations@sagchip.org | 989-775-4059



Happy Birthday

Seneca!

My heart, my love, my daughter. So happy, proud and blessed to be your mom.

I love you so much ❤️



June 7, 2025
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Public Safety Building

Fire equipment and smoke house • Police dog and safety information
 Car seat inspections • Free fire & carbon monoxide detectors
 Sacred Bundle Project • Free helmets and bicycle giveaway
 Recovery information & meeting at noon • Free lunch and ice cream
 Police & rescue vehicles • Kids & adult activities • Slip 'n slide
 Picture opportunities • Bouncy house • Slip 'N Slide
 Door prizes • Dog & ORV registration • Rescue helicopter
 Environmental, fall, water, safety, health information and more!

Prizes include:

- One night stay and concert tickets at the SECR
- One night stay with waterpark passes at SEWPH

Contact: 989-775-4699 or SSowmick@sagchip.org

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 14 & 15, 2025

Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI

Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel and the Saganing Tribal Center

Saturday, June 14

- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 12-12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Retiring of Flags**

Admission:

- \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend
- \$1 for Children
**Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*

Sunday, June 15

- **Breakfast at Saganing Tribal Center:** 9 a.m.
- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 12-12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Hand Drum Contest**
- **Retiring of Flags**
** All subject to change*

Emcee: Jo Medicine

- Arena Director:** Gabe Cleveland
- Head Veteran:** Raymond Cadotte
- Head Dancers:** Selected daily
- Host Drum:** Ribbon Town
- Co-Host Drum:** Sturgeon Bay
- Invited Drum:** Woodland Stream



For camping reservations or for more information:

989.775.5600 | powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



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



Offering fun, hands-on, engaging activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics and Agriculture, incorporating traditional knowledge.

Wednesdays in July

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

▶ Registration open to the first 20 to sign up

▶ Open to middle school students (entering 6th grade or leaving 8th grade)

Schedule

- 7/2: Earth and environmental science
- 7/9: Technology and engineering with rockets and robotics
- 7/16: Understanding the world through math
- 7/23: Art and agriculture at Mshkikiikaan
- 7/30: STEAM^{AG} celebration

To register, please contact: 989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.org



Friday, June 13, 2025

Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

Pine River Golf Club

2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

- Format: Four player scramble
- Entry: \$80 per player *Includes cart, green fee, skins, lunch and awards banquet
- Prizes for: 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.

Pre-registration:

Email team name and players to: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

To live with wisdom is to acquire and use experiences as guides for making equitable and mature decisions.

Zaagidowin – Love

To live our lives with love is to understand our capacity to realize, empathize, and nurture the needs of others.

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

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

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

To live with humility is to recognize that we are all equal, we all make mistakes, we all like to have our success rewarded and to put others before ourselves.

Debwewin – Truth

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

NF Nimkee Fitness

DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES

To have access to the Fitness Center: Please have your Employee Badge or 24/7 black fob (for non-employees)

New members: If you would like to become a new Nimkee Fitness member, please use the Public Health entrance to gain access through the back of the Fitness Center.

- Staff are available: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Nimkee Clinic patients and non-employees (SCIT Members/descendants or tribal members/descendants of another Tribe) will need a fob.
- The first fob is free, with a \$10 fee for a replacement.
- Employees must bring Employee ID to be linked to the 24/7 access system.

Dance Yoga Class
Niimdaa "Let's Dance"
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

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

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

To place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or Observer@sagchip.org for more information.

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

Please send \$30 for the annual subscription. 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
www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver



Tribal Youth Surveys

The Native Connections program at SCIT Behavioral Health is conducting surveys for Tribal Members/descendants between the ages of 9 to 24.



Behavioral Health has incentives available for anyone who completes the surveys. Please call Sarah Jones at 989-775-4898 for the incentives or for more information.

The surveys will assist in gathering information about our community to help prevent substance misuse and suicide among our Tribal youth.

Mental Health Survey

Scan QR code to complete



Substance Abuse Prevention Survey

Scan QR code to complete



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

Balanzo@sagchip.org | 989-775-5643

Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

Mno Shkiziwin Open Enrollment Period is Aug. 1 - Nov. 1, 2025

- On the website, an informational video, program guide and all forms are available for review.
- You may also pick up a packet with all details at the Black Elk Building in Mount Pleasant.

For more information, please contact:

Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations

- **Latasha, licensing specialist:** (989) 775-4175
- **Chris, director:** (989) 775-4105
- **Email:** OTLR@sagchip.org
- **Tribal Member only section of:** www.sagchip.org

Elder Parking Permits

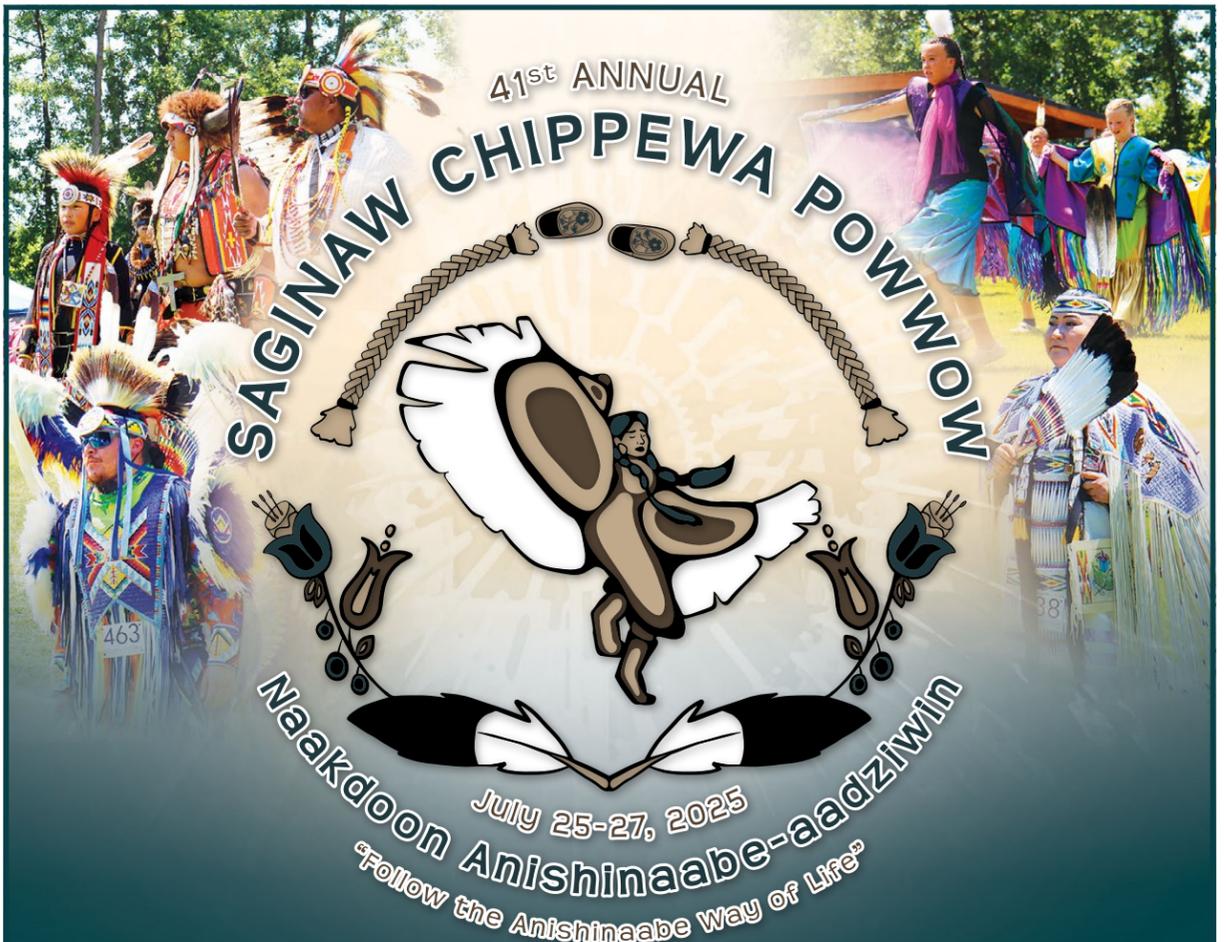
Elder Parking Permits are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing and Regulations. Please visit the office to complete an application and pick up new or replacement permits.

License Plates

Friendly reminder for any Tribal Member who carries a SCIT License Plate on their vehicle: Please stop by the office any time there is a change in your personal information since your last renewal, including: name, contact information or physical/ mailing address.

Sagamok Loyalty Cards

Sagamok Loyalty Cards for eligible Tribal Members are available at the Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations. Pick yours up ASAP to continue receiving fuel and tobacco tax discounts at Sagamok!



July 25, 26 & 27, 2025

Grand Entry

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

Sunday: 12 p.m.

The Hill Campground

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

For camping reservations, please email powwowcommittee@sagchip.org or contact Seryna Acuna at 989.775.5600.

Hotel Information:

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort | 1.888.732.4537
- Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel | 1.877.232.4532
- The Retreat at Soaring Eagle | 1.877.232.4532

- Emcees: Joel Syrette & Brian Moore
- Arena Directors: Wayne Silas & Joe Syrette
- Head Veteran: Raymond Cadotte
- Head Male Judge: Joe Bointy
- Head Female Judge: Shelley Bointy
- Head Drum Judge: Harvey Dreaver
- Host Drum: The Boyz
- Fire Keeper: Steven Oldman
- Head Dancers: Picked daily

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

*Free Admission **Drug and Alcohol Free Event

For more information, contact: PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org or 989.775.5600



36TH ANNUAL

Freedom Walk

Save the date!

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Location: TBD

- 7:00 a.m. – Doors Open and Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. – Honoring People in Recovery
- 9:00 a.m. – Walk Begins



For more information, please contact: Prevention@sagchip.org

HOSPITALITY CHALLENGE



Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Pleasant Hills Golf Course

(4452 E. Millbrook Rd. Mt. Pleasant)

Tee time: 10 a.m.

- **Divisions:** SECR Hospitality, SECR Casino and Migizi
- **Teams:** Will consist of players from their division, any mix. Must be on payroll of that division.
- **Format:** Two player teams, 18 holes.
- **Cost:** \$40 per player
- **Lunch at the turn:** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Skins:** \$40 per team (optional)
- **Trophy:** The team with the most points will win the Hospitality Challenge Trophy
- **Door prizes:** Available for top ten team scores

Games:

- **Games start:** 9 a.m. on the practice green
- **Points:** Earn points for each event
- **Games include:** Putting, chipping, driving and best dressed team

Registration:

- **Sign up by June 20 to receive a polo**
- **Payment:** Full cash payment due with registration, must pay at the Soaring Eagle Cage

Contact:

- 989-775-5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org
- 989-775-5418 or MBurhans@sagchip.org



Community Health & Fitness Day brings fun competition to Nimkee's Fit Park

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It was a fun competition to get active and make healthy choices at this year's Community Health & Fitness Day at Nimkee's Fit Park on Thursday, May 22.

The activities took place between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m.

Competitors partook in four themed opportunities in an effort to improve health.

The health and self-care category included: Walking four laps, light stretching, an evening yoga class and/or enjoying healthy snacks.

The "strengthening for everyday living" category included: Box step-ups, chair squats, TRX assisted chin-ups, push-ups and recline rows, farmer's carries and sled pushes.

The "have fun participating in hobbies and the outdoors" category included: Basketball shots, tire flips, climb Mt. Nimkee and rowing.

The strengthening and stretching category included: Bodyweight squats, planks, push-ups, dumbbell curls and hip stretchers.

Anishinaabeg Child and Family Services employees took first place as the Department Champions with 396 points. Tribal Court was in second place with 346 points and Behavioral Health came in third with 318 points.

Several prize drawings were won by competitors: Luciano Escamilla won a Soaring Eagle Spa package, Mgizi Wemigwans won a FitBit Alta, Markus Chamberlain won an overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, and Brad Bennett won a Nimkee Fitness T-shirt.

The event was sponsored by Nimkee Fitness and Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. The event was coordinated by Seth Pifer of Nimkee Fitness.



Observer photos by Alicia Raphael

Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene celebrates motherhood



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

On May 11, the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene congregation joined Pastor Doyle Perry as they celebrated motherhood on Mother's Day. Nineteen mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers were honored in the spirit of prayer and received a special gift bag prepared for them.

REQUEST FOR QUOTES: Furnaces & Air Conditioning

Project overview: The Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department is requesting quotes for the removal, disposition of natural gas furnaces and air conditioners, and for the installation of new appliances in seven of the Tribe's rental units. The Department is seeking a reputable firm to provide the following services and products only: New furnaces must be Energy Star Certified, efficient at 97 percent or above, single stage natural gas appliances. New central air conditioning appliances must be Energy Star Certified units. Work will include all pipefitting, sheet metal work, venting, electrical, condensate drain lines, and install and level AC pads. Start and test operation of all units installed. Service areas will include seven separate addresses as listed below. Contractor must provide owner with the warranty information for all appliances.

Project goals:

- Remove and dispose of old appliances and install new appliances in a safe, timely, and professional manner.
- Start and test appliances for proper functioning.
- Removal of debris and clean up at each of the seven sites.
- Communicate with the owner in a timely and professional manner.



Project scope of work: Scope of work will include all seven Mt. Pleasant locations as listed. Companies are encouraged to visit the locations to assess the areas. All required permits are the responsibility of the contractor. Permits can be obtained at the SCIT Planning Department 989-775-4014, www.sagchip.org/Planning/Services.aspx/. Please call Housing's front office reception at 989-775-4595 to inform us when you plan to be on site.

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| 1. 2825 S. Leaton | 3. 7087 E. Broadway | 5. 7490 E. Broadway | 7. 2424 Ojibway |
| 2. 2915 S. Leaton | 4. 7321 E. Broadway | 6. 2398 Ojibway | |

Submission procedures:

- Submit information on sheets no larger than an 8½-by-11, clear and legible lettering.
- Quotes should be legibly printed on company letterhead.
- Email information to: RoMaloney@sagchip.org and MiPelcher@sagchip.org
- Send via U.S. Mail or in-person delivery to the Saginaw Chippewa Housing Department, 2451 Nishnabeonong Dr., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Business hours: M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Submissions must be received by the deadline listed below.
- Submissions received later than the deadline will not be considered.

Provide the following information:

- The principal address of the firm
 - Contact information of key personnel, phone number(s), email
 - An itemized cost estimate for all services and materials requested in this RFQ (Labor and Materials quoted separate)
 - A copy of current business license
 - Copy of the firm's certificate of insurance (indicate level of professional and general liability coverage)
 - Signed statement indicating the firm is not on the federal government's debarred list of entities debarred from doing business with the federal government of the United States.
- For more information visit the official website of the U.S. Government - System for Award Management at <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- Must use prevailing wages and fringe as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor (www.SAM.gov). See General Decision Number: MI20250008 dated 3/14/2025

Submission deadline: June 23, 2025 by 5 p.m.

Proposals must be dropped off or mailed to:

SCHD
2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Or emailed to:
• RoMaloney@sagchip.org
• MiPelcher@sagchip.org

Rosalie Maloney
SCIT Housing Manager
• RoMaloney@sagchip.org
• 989.775.4581

Miranda Pelcher
Regulatory Compliance Specialist
• MiPelcher@sagchip.org
• 989.775.4586

Evaluation metrics: Evaluation metrics; a points system will be used to compile a total score for each submission based on the following:

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| • Total cost for services | • Small, woman, minority and service disabled veteran-owned business, if yes, provide documentation. |
| • Must be willing to enter into a service agreement with the SCIT | • Native Preference shall be a consideration |
| • Better Business Bureau Rating, if available | |

The SCHD will evaluate those companies that provides all the requested information listed above in this RFQ. The company with the highest rating will be notified via email.



Join us on the 91st anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

Friday, June 6, 2025

7 a.m. | Mission Creek Cemetery

One Mile North off of Pickard Rd. on Bamber Rd.

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

1111 S. Crawford Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

Speakers:

- **Readers Theater: "Stories Within the Walls of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School" — By Thomasine Ruby McShawboose, SCIT Tribal Elder**
- **Lacey Kinnart**, Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS)
- **Melissa Isaac & Shannon Martin**, Indigenous Education Initiative
- **THPO & MIIBS Update: Marcella Hadden**, SCIT Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Silent Auction donations welcome: Contact Charla Riley at ChRiley@sagchip.org or 989-775-4756

Open to the public. Rain or shine

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

Parking: Scan QR code to the right
918 W. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858

- Shuttle service
- Handicapped parking at site (as available)
- No parking on Crawford Road



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For more information, please contact:

MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751 | NWells@sagchip.org or 989.775.475 | miibs@sagchip.org



SCIT distributes \$3.1 million during Spring 2025 2 percent distribution

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted its semi-annual 2 percent distribution on Tuesday, May 20 in Isabella County, and on Friday, May 23 in Arenac County.

The SCIT dispersed funds, to qualifying local units of

government and public schools, derived from Class III gaming at its properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel.

Since 1994, the Tribe has shared in excess of \$292 million supporting many important projects throughout the region.

The SCIT distributed a combined \$3,104,365.50

during this spring's distribution ceremonies.

Local government officials in Isabella County accepted approved grants totaling \$1,281,328.51. The educational leaders in Isabella County received an additional \$871,132.96.

On May 23, \$666,332.82 was distributed in Arenac County to local units of government,

with the local school districts receiving \$285,571.21.

This distribution cycle saw more than 260 requests totaling over 10 million dollars.

The theme within approved grants for this cycle centered on the services which highlight the support of youth and elders programming, public safety needs, and local infrastructure projects.

Please see the breakdown of all amounts on the accompanying tables to the left.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

Shelly DuCharme
Associate Superintendent
Gratiot/Isabella RESD

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| <p>Saganing Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arenac County \$276,710.36 City of Au Gres \$8,250 City of Omer \$14,976.21 City of Pinconning \$20,000 City of Standish \$21,500 Arenac Township \$11,040 Au Gres Township \$5,000 Deep River Township \$5,000 Lincoln Township \$35,640 Mason Township \$30,000 Moffatt Township \$4,000 Pinconning Fraser Fire Dept. \$72,175 Pinconning Township \$39,000 Standish Area Fire Authority \$40,000 Standish Township \$42,985 Sterling Area Fire Dept. \$10,000 Turner Township \$10,000 Twining/Mason/Turner Fire Dept. \$4,000 Village of Twining \$4,000 Whitney Township \$12,056.25 <p>Total Government: \$666,332.82</p> <p>Saganing Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Au Gres-Sims School District \$78,028.46 Pinconning School District \$77,085.50 Standish-Sterling School District \$130,457.25 <p>Total Education: \$285,571.21</p> <p>Saganing Total: \$951,904.03</p> | <p>Isabella Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isabella County \$455,384 City of Mt. Pleasant \$236,698.21 Chippewa Township \$18,308.60 Deerfield Township \$96,761.55 Denver Township \$29,194.20 Isabella Township \$8,308.60 Nottawa Township \$75,038.53 Union Township \$217,750 Wise Township \$117,750.82 Village of Shepherd \$26,134 <p>Total Government: \$1,281,328.51</p> <p>Isabella Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beal City Public Schools \$84,555.57 Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$99,735.80 Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$389,487.59 Shepherd Public Schools \$127,729 Renaissance Public Schools \$118,425 Gratiot/Isabella RESD \$51,200 <p>Total Education: \$871,132.96</p> <p>Isabella Total: \$2,152,461.47</p> <p>Grand Total: \$3,104,365.50</p> |
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(Back, left to right) Michigan Rep. Jon Hoadley, Rep. Jerry Neyer, Sen. Roger Hauck and Rep. Greg Alexander pose for a photo with Council members at the 2 percent distribution press conference in Standish, Mich. on May 23.



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Andy Kowalczyk
Superintendent
Pinconning Public Schools



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Kyle Talicska
Assistant Superintendent
Chippewa Hills Public Schools

MMIP

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assets across the country to address unresolved violent crimes in Indian Country, including crimes related to MMIP – “Operation Not Forgotten.”

“This is the third deployment under ‘Operation Not Forgotten,’ which has provided investigative support to over 500 cases in the past two years. Combined, these operations resulted in the recovery of 10 children victims, 52 arrests, and 25 indictments or judicial complaints,” the media release stated. “At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2025 FBI’s Indian Country program had approximately 4,300 open investigations, including death, child abuse, domestic violence and adult sexual abuse

investigations. These efforts will be supported by the Departments MMIP

Regional Outreach Program, which places attorneys and coordinators in the U.S. Attorneys’ Office across the United States to help prevent and respond to cases of missing and murdered indigenous people.”

Special Agent Nicholas DePlonty of the Missing and Murdered Unit was on site and was gracious enough to speak about his efforts in Isabella County.

“Two officers are stationed here on the Reservation diligently working to focus on analyzing and solving missing and murdered cases involving American Indians and Alaskan Natives,” DePlonty said.

Jalene Lewis, victim services coordinator for Behavioral



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

(Left to right) Native Connections Program Coordinator Felicia Otto, Tribal Council Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto and Victim Services Coordinator Jalene Lewis welcome the community at the powwow grounds.

Health Program, publically thanked DePlonty and Special Agent Connor Frisch of the BIA for their efforts in helping heal the community.

Lewis further mentioned The Not Invisible Act Commissioners Executive Summary was also quoted during the event.

The summary stated “There is a crisis in tribal communities. A crisis of violence, a crisis of abuse, and a crisis of abject neglect affecting Indian women and men, Indian children, and Indian elders. The federal government must act now; not tomorrow; not next week; not next month, and not next year.”

Lewis concluded the event by thanking those for attending and those that were part of the planning process.

“As a team, we are so thankful and grateful to all the community members, volunteers, coworkers, Tribal Council members and all who attended to support our advocacy efforts in

such an important movement,” Lewis said. “Our red dress displays doubled across Isabella County from last year’s displays... Thank you to all offices and businesses who allowed a display to be viewed through the months of April and May.”



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Special Agent Nicholas DePlonty provides an overview of the MMIP program being implemented across the nation.

CEO

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experience better through advanced game math and game mechanics.

“The technology is making our front of house teams better by supplying them with real-time

information to better anticipate guest needs. It is also making our back of house better by providing data-driven solutions quicker than we’ve ever seen before,” Nayquonabe said. “Investing in emerging technologies, particularly AI, is important in

regards to competing at a world class level. AI assists everything from strategic thinking, to report creation, narrative development, and personalized marketing campaigns.”

Nayquonabe cautions SCIT also has to be aware of its technology deficit, the gaps in

adoption, implementation, or effective use of technology to create value.

“The more we can close these gaps the more competitive we’re going to be in the market,” he said.

He said “there are three reasons technology deficits come

about: No obvious use, lack of a strategic home and generational resistance.”

“We will be evaluating our core technologies for each of these and working to maximizing what we have while introducing new technologies that support our strategic plan,” he said



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College 2025 commencement honors 18 graduates

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College commencement ceremony recognized 18 graduates. The ceremony was held on Thursday, May 15 inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

The following students earned degrees:

• **Associate of Arts in general science:** Devin Dean

• **Associate of Arts in Native American studies:** Jennifer Daniels, Elijah Otto, Giovanni Velasquez-Pen, Amanda Thiebaut, Charlotte Wakemup, Wesley Hale, Timothy Kern and Emerson Silvernail

• **Associate of Arts in liberal arts:** Evan Alaniz, Faith LeJeune, Jessica Ice, Janelle Henderson, Taylor Oswald and Chloe Danielski

• **Associate of Arts in business:** Sameer Hassan, Jenessa Johnson and Jeremiah Little

To begin the ceremony, Mountain Town drum performed an honor song. During the song, a procession of dancers in regalia were followed by the graduates and SCTC faculty and staff.

Bonnie Ekdahl provided the keynote address.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Eighteen Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates are honored at the 2025 commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 15 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

Chief Tim J. Davis and Sub-Chief Luke Sprague both provided remarks and words of guidance to the graduates.

SCTC President Carla Sineway concluded the commencement by offering words of encouragement.

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INDIAN TRUST SETTLEMENT

Are you an Heir of an Individual Indian Money Account Holder?

\$38 MILLION IS AVAILABLE TO PAY HEIRS. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM IS JUNE 30, 2025.

A \$3.4 billion dollar settlement was approved in a class action lawsuit, called *Cobell v. Salazar*, that claimed individual Indian land, funds and other assets were mismanaged by the federal government. \$38 million is available to pay heirs and awards could be significant.



Who is eligible?

You are eligible for a money award if you are an heir of one or more of the over 17,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders whose *Cobell* settlement awards were not distributed. You must submit a claim form with proof that you are an heir. Claim forms can be submitted online or can be downloaded and mailed to the administrator by **June 30, 2025**. More details are available on the website.

Here's what you need.

Heir eligibility proof includes any of the following:

- A state or tribal probate order identifying estate heirs; or
- A last will and testament approved by a probate order; or
- A small estate document from an approved state in accordance with small estate procedures; or
- Documentation showing the appointment of an estate Executor, Administrator, or Personal Representative; or
- A federal probate order that directs distribution of trust funds or trust lands.

A copy of a tribal, or state, or federal probate order is needed to establish whether the Settlement Administrator can pay the heir(s) directly for the estate's Settlement award.

If you do not have a tribal or state probate order but a personal representative or executor has been named for the estate, funds may be released to the representative or executor and they will be responsible

for distributing the funds according to the wishes of the deceased Class Member.

You must act quickly.

The deadline to file is June 30, 2025.

After the deadline, all remaining funds will be distributed to the Cobell Scholarship Fund, which is managed by Indigenous Education, Inc.

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c/o Kroll Settlement Administration
P.O. Box 5324
New York, NY 10150-5324



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2025



Sameer Hassan
Associate of Arts
in Business



Jenessa Johnson
Associate of Arts
in Business



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Tribal College



Jeremiah Little
Associate of Arts
in Business



Evan Alaniz
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in Liberal Arts



Faith LeJeune
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Jessica Ice
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Janelle Henderson
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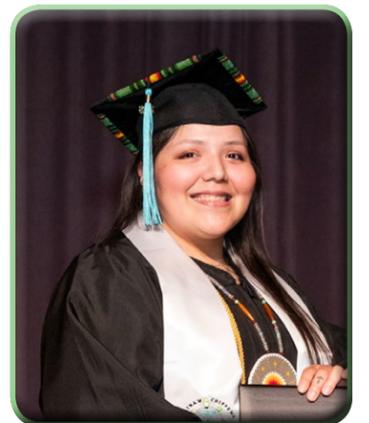
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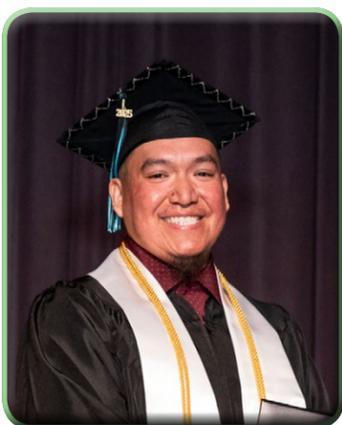
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Wesley Hale
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Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



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Associate of Arts in
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Devin Dean
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Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Mountain Town serves as drum for the graduation ceremonies.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Bonnie Ek Dahl provides the keynote address.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Chief Tim J. Davis shares a message with the graduates.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College President Carla Sineway



Congratulations high school graduates!

Courtesy photos



Andrew Kequom
Mt. Pleasant High School



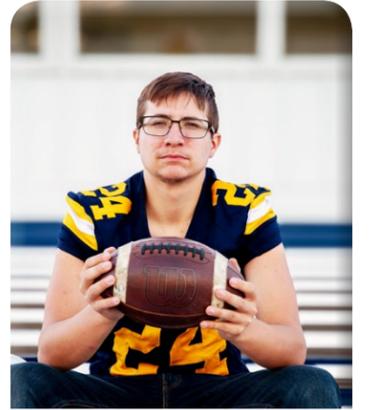
Mia McCreery
Mt. Pleasant High School



Ashani Marie Pelcher
Shepherd High School



Madalynn Rose Sineway
Shepherd High School



Jonathan James Bailey
Shepherd High School



Raegan Sizemore
Mt. Pleasant High School



Taylor Seibt
Clare High School



Alexis Trepanier
Mt. Pleasant High School



Gabriela Cortez Rojo
Mt. Pleasant High School



Ellouise Jean Lambertson
City High, Grand Rapids MI



Dakarii Graveratte
Link Learning



Gabriela Escobedo-Chamberlain
Mt. Pleasant High School



Landen Rowlett
Mt. Pleasant High School



Meadow David
Mt. Pleasant High School



Alayna Disel
Odyssey High School



Josclynn Shaw
Mt. Pleasant High School



LahRae Wilson
Mt. Pleasant High School



Angelita Martinez
Oasis High School



Devin Neyome-Schoenborn
Chippewa Hills High School



Tawny Jackson
Link Learning



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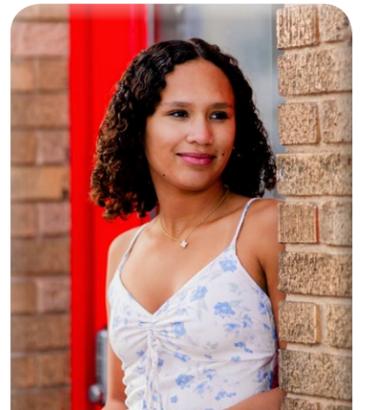
Riana Marie Chippewa
Mt. Pleasant High School



Dylan Bennett
Mt. Pleasant High School



Bailey Burger
Mt. Pleasant High School



Calaya Leonard
Clare High School



Congratulations college graduates!

Courtesy photos



Judy (Waabanoqua) Pamp
Central Michigan University
Master of Arts in Training and Development



Alicia Raphael
Michigan State University
Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication with a business minor



Jacqueline Marie Graveratte
Central Michigan University
Masters of Arts, higher education administration and social justice



Mary Alice Perez
Central Michigan University
BA-Cultural and Global Studies
Undergraduate Certificate in Native American and Indigenous Studies



Mason Squilletts-Peterson
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, Anthropology minor.
Summa Cum Laude



Simon R. Quigno
Trine University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology



Latasha Montalvo
Ferris State University
Bachelor of Science, Integrated Studies



Elizabeth Nelson
Grand Rapids Community College
Registered Dental Assistant



Sophia Nelson
Grand Valley State University
BFA, BS in Education



Kaine Andy
Central Michigan University
BAA in Advertising and Minor in Business Administration



Lucas J. Dye
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Business Administration, major in Economics



Paquieka Sharie Granis
Central Michigan University
M.S. in Human Resources Administration



Jodie Marie Wabazoo Henry
Alpena Community College
Pre Medical Technology



Teri Anglin
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Social Work

Editorial: Ways to better garden while supporting wildlife and pollinators

KATIE HAGER

Environmental Outreach Coordinator

Last month was Garden for Wildlife Month and it's never too late to participate.

Since 1973, May has been Garden for Wildlife Month to raise awareness and collective efforts to embrace gardening for wildlife by how we manage our land, care for our property, and how we can continue to share knowledge of ways to better garden and support wildlife.

As land use develops and the human population continues to grow, wildlife is being threatened and affected everywhere due to loss of natural habitats such as floodplains, woodlands, marshes, wetlands, and ponds. Through increased education and actions, we hope to restore habitats and help recovering wildlife, seek solutions to climate change and

environmentally-friendly alternatives, while prioritizing environmental justice and resilient communities.

Gardening benefits for wildlife include but are not limited to: attracting pollinators; cover/provides habitat and nesting sites; food source; larval host; improves biodiversity; reduces soil erosion; improves water quality; blocks pollutants and stormwater runoff; removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and promotes community involvement.

By planting and landscaping with native species and wildlife in mind, wildlife will be able to be observed and supported from your backyard.

How can you still participate in Gardening for Wildlife?

Organize your garden and select native landscaping with the most wildlife benefits. Set a gardening for wildlife goal. Talk about and share your garden success, failures, and wildlife stories. Organize a

gardening club or plan a foraging walk. Clean up your garden and remove litter from local community gardens or parks. Remove invasive species from your property and view www.misin.msu.edu/ for more information and management recommendations.

The invasive species found most commonly on Tribal properties are: Black Locust, Norway Maple, Autumn Olive, Honeysuckle (Bells, Morrow and Tatarian), Buckthorn (Common and Glossy), Japanese Barberry, Multiflora Rose, European Privet, Dame's Rocket, Narrow-leaved Cattail, Purple Loosestrife, Eurasian Phragmites, Reed Canary Grass, Spotted Knapweed, Thistle (Bull and Canada), Sweet Clover (White and Yellow), Garlic Mustard, and European Frog-bit.

The Importance of Pollinators: The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has approximately 140,507 acres

spread across two locations in central Michigan while a significant portion of the Isabella Reservation is commercial agricultural land (nearly 60 percent), near the Chippewa River, and with many urban areas.

The Environmental Teams' Environmental Response and Integrated Pest Management programs are developing effective and environmentally-friendly approaches to alternative pest management to decrease hazards to people, property, and the environment. Many types of plants, including fruit and vegetable crops, depend on animals for pollination.

In addition to honey bees, many other types of animals

pollinate crops and wildflowers, including wild bees, ants, beetles, wasps, lizards, birds, bats, and butterflies.

We are concerned about declines in pollinator health and are working to protect bees and other pollinators from pesticide risks.

The decline of pollinators can be contributed to some of the following complex interactions among multiple stressors including: pests, pathogens, and viruses; poor nutrition (due to loss of foraging habitat and increased reliance on supplemental diets); pesticide exposure; bee management practices (i.e. long migratory routes to support pollination services); and lack of genetic diversity.

For more information, view or download:

•**SCIT Pollinator Guide:** www.sagchip.org/Planning/pdf/2023/SCIT%20Pollinator%20Guide.pdf

•**SCIT Great Lakes Butterfly Guide:** www.sagchip.org/Planning/pdf/2024/SCIT%20Butterfly%20Guide%20FINAL.pdf



Area school students attend annual K-12 Educational Powwow at Wii Maajikwad

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Students and staff from local schools were introduced to Native culture during the K-12 Educational Culture and Curriculum Powwow. The two-day event was held on April 30 and May 1 in the Wii Maajikwad gym.

An estimated 900 students attended from Shepherd, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, WAY, Shepherd Public Schools, Odyssey, Beal City, Renaissance Academy, Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Sasiwaans throughout the two days.

Each school group participated in three different 30-minute segments. This included powwow demonstrations, cultural workshops, and a snack of cinnamon sugar fry bread provided by Glenna Halliwill.

The Blue House Singers and Dan Jackson served as the host drum for both days.

Adult and youth dancers of all ages showcased several different dance styles for the students.

The event was planned and coordinated by Tribal Education and K-12 Higher Education staff.



Serving as emcee for the powwow was Melissa Isaac. Other presenters included Judy Pamp; Tonya Jackson; and Nathan Isaac, who also provided sound. Student volunteers from Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd high schools were also involved in the event.



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Rock & Roll Hall of Famers Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo deliver impressive performance

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Legendary Rock & Roll Hall of Famers – and husband and wife – Pat Benatar and Neil Giraldo brought their Benatar + Giraldo Spring Tour '25 to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall on Saturday, May 10.

Benatar became a major rock star in the 1980s. Now at 72 years young, Benatar didn't miss a beat, and she sounds just as incredible as when her career first took off.

It's been 25 years since Benatar performed at the Soaring Eagle, she finally made her return for the first time since Aug. 17, 2000.

With Benatar's vocals, Giraldo's guitar skills and the backing band, everyone just gelled together perfectly for the duration of the hour and a half set.

The band kicked off with "All Fired Up," "Invincible," "Ties That Bind," "Promises in



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Pat Benatar belts out during her performance on May 10 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

the Dark" and the Billy Thermal cover "Precious Time."

"With all the crazy going on, we do have one song guaranteed to bring people together," Giraldo said of the song next on the set list.

Loud hollers were heard throughout the venue as the first few notes of "We Belong" blared. During the popular hit, Benatar was joined by Jackie

Popovec, the lead singer of the opening act, The Vindys.

The hits kept coming as they also performed "Shadows of the Night," "Hell Is for Children" and "You Better Run."

Prior to performing the hit song "Love is a Battlefield," Benatar said it is fun for them to change up the songs they have been performing throughout their entire musical career,



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Neil Giraldo performs a guitar solo during the Benatar + Giraldo Spring Tour '25 stop at the Soaring Eagle that Saturday evening.

and they hope it is fun for the audience too.

As the main set came to a close, it was time for the encore. "Disconnected" began the encore, followed by "Everybody Lay Down," which highlighted Benatar's belting vocals.

The last song included the much-anticipated hit, "Heartbreaker," mashed up with Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire." It was the perfect, high-energy

moment to close the show with.

Special guests, The Vindys, opened the show with a 30-minute performance.

The Vindys, hailing from Youngstown, Ohio, began touring with Benatar and Giraldo in 2024. They are known for their 2023 sports anthem "Are You Ready."

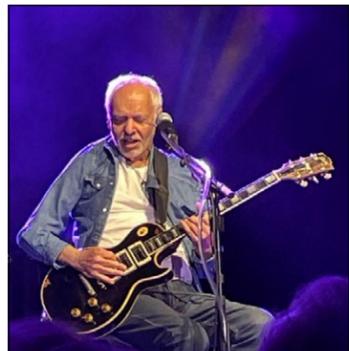
They delivered a lively set that set the tone for Benatar and Giraldo.

Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Peter Frampton makes his return

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Playing an impressive two and a half hour set, English-American guitarist and singer-songwriter Peter Frampton made his return to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.



Courtesy photo

Guitarist and singer-songwriter Peter Frampton makes his return to Soaring Eagle on Saturday, April 19.

Peter Frampton brought his 2025 "Let's Do It Again" tour to the Entertainment Hall on Saturday, April 19. He said it was the last date of this leg of the tour.

He doesn't need glitz and glam or choreography for his shows; he lets his guitar, vocals, and his band shine. Frampton remains seated during the entirety of his performance due to his medical condition which weakens his muscles. In unity with Frampton, his band also remains seated throughout the show. Yet the energy in the room upheld one of the liveliest performances to grace the indoor venue.

Frampton, now 75, began his musical career as a member of the rock bands The Herd and Humble Pie. He later found great success as a solo artist. His live recording "Frampton Comes Alive!" (1976) has been

certified 8x Platinum in the U.S. and produced hit singles.

Frampton and his band kicked off the show with "Day in the Sun," "Lying," the Humble Pie song "Shine On," "Lines on My Face" and "Show Me the Way."

In between songs, Frampton was in great spirits – he repetitively showcased his humbleness, gratefulness and sense

of humor towards the live audience.

The live performance also included "Nassau," with a seamless transition in to "Baby, I Love Your Way." That was followed by "All I Wanna Be (Is by Your Side)," "I Wanna Go to the Sun," and a Soundgarden cover of "Black Hole Sun," during which Frampton used his trademark talk box effect.

Frampton didn't waste time by leaving the stage for the encore. The finale began with "Four Day Creep" and the Nickolas Ashford cover "I Don't Need No Doctor," featuring bass, drum and harmonica solos.

The show closed with The Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps." Frampton told the audience to "be kind to each other" and exited the stage.



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Peter Frampton brings his 2025 "Let's Do It Again" tour to the Entertainment Hall.

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Princess
 Princess is a 6-year-old female chocolate point Siamese mix. Princess has been through a lot, and when she first arrived at HATS, she was in rough shape after suffering from an untreated urinary tract infection for some time. She is also working on losing a little weight and is on a measured portion of over-the-counter urinary care food that will keep her healthy and happy. She is an affectionate girl with a resilient spirit.

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Kansas brings timeless hits to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

Kansas brought their hit songs to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, April 26.

Although many things in life can be fleeting, classic rock band Kansas proved that music is one thing that can remain timeless. Music can rise above just being “Dust in the Wind.”

Formed in Topeka, Kansas in 1973, the band’s career has spanned over five decades. Their catalogue includes 15 studio albums and five live albums, alongside over 30 million total sales worldwide.

Kansas began the night with the synth infused “Point of Know Return” and the pop-rock hit “What’s on My Mind.”

The band slowed it down for the opening of “Play the Game Tonight.” The song’s signature crescendo led into the chorus, energizing the



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Kansas lead singer Ronnie Platt (left) and guitarist Joe Deninzon (right) perform during their April 26 concert at Soaring Eagle.

crowd. The energy remained with the next two songs “Fight Fire with Fire” and “Child of Innocence.”

Next up was the classic acoustic guitar, folk-infused “Dust in the Wind,” one of

the band’s most iconic songs. Though its main theme revolves around the impermanence of life, the song defies that notion with its timeless appeal.

Kansas kept the classic rock vibes coming with “Song



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kansas plays many hit songs including fan favorites, “Dust in the Wind” and “Carry On Wayward Son.”

for America” and the punchy, funk riffs of “Can I Tell You.”

The music continued with “Hold On,” “Down the Road,” “Portrait (He Knew)” and “The Wall.”

The band’s skills were on full display, with a masterful rendition of “Miracles Out of Nowhere.” The song

highlighted the bands patented fusion of group instrumentals, driving guitars and tight vocals.

To close out the night, Kansas performed their epic hit, “Carry On Wayward Son.”

The highlight of the night; the song’s catchy chorus and killer guitar licks had the audience on their feet, singing along.

Cinco de Mayo celebration features Grupo Siggno and Los Palominos

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted a Cinco de Mayo celebration featuring Grupo Siggno and Los Palominos on Saturday, May 3.

Headlining the night was Texas based Tejano band Grupo Siggno. The band has gained a large following for their Tejano music blended with rock, folk, blue and R&B sounds. Their accolades include a Latin Grammy Award for their 2008 album “Six Pack.”

Grupo Siggno’s song catalog includes many hits such as “Ya No Me Importa,” “Amor y Dolor,” “Mejor Dimelo,” and “El Mundo Se Acabo.”

Performing before Grupo Siggno was fellow Tejano band Los Palominos.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of Grupo Siggno perform during the May 3 Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

The group was formed in 1986 by four brothers – James, Jorge, Julio and Johnny Arreola.

Their repertoire of hits include “La Carta Que Nunca Envie,” “La Llama,” “Mi obsesión” and “Te quiero más.”



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Los Palominos members take to the indoor Entertainment Hall stage.

Opening the night’s festivities was Los Estrellas De Oro.

For more information on

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



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Comedy legend Ron White returns to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted legendary comedian Ron White. White filled the Entertainment Hall with laughter during his sold-out show on Friday, April 28.

The Grammy-nominated stand-up comedian, actor and author rose to fame after appearing on the Blue Collar Comedy Tour alongside fellow comedians Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Larry the Cable Guy.

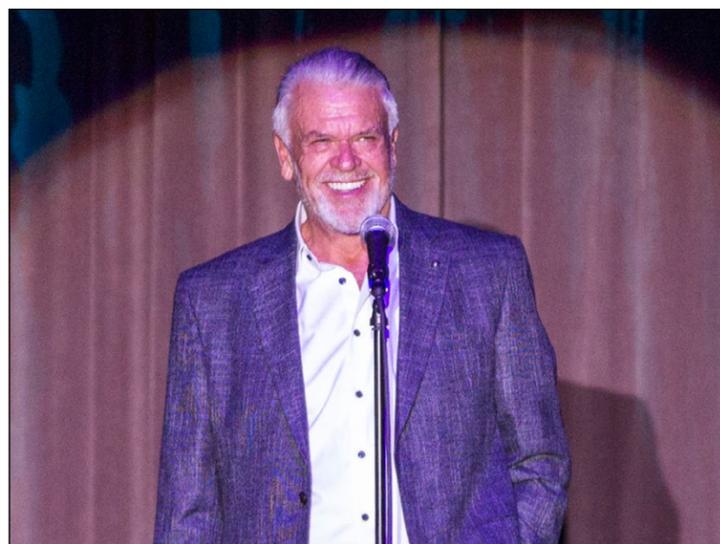
A true master of his craft; White had the audience captivated from the moment he stepped on stage. His jokes may be crude at times, but it always makes for a fun, rollicking good time.

He kept the audience members rolling in their seats while covering a variety of hilarious

observations and quips. From his hijinks traveling during his touring career, trying to “recover” a dental crown he

swallowed and interactions with his elderly mother.

Opening the night for White was comedian Rocky LaPorte.



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Ron White smiles out to the crowd during his April 28 comedy show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

ENTERTAINMENT



BKFC Ice Wars Presents: Battle of the Border

Saturday, June 14
7PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150



Brooks & Dunn

Friday, August 8
8PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$44, \$130, \$151, \$173



Lee Greenwood American Spirit Tour

Monday, June 23
4PM
Entertainment Hall
Tickets: \$28, \$38, \$48, \$55



Creed With Special Guests Mammoth WVH & Hinder

Saturday, August 23
7PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$56, \$146, \$180, \$211



Foreigner With Special Guests Loverboy & Night Ranger

Saturday, July 26
7PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$32, \$65, \$90, \$104



Rascal Flatts With Special Guest Lauren Alaina

Saturday, August 30
8PM
Outdoor Concert
Tickets: \$46, \$136, \$160, \$180



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The Shoe Project sees 338 pairs of shoes donated to Wii Maajikwad, Barryton Elementary

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Students at Wii Maajikwad received a generous donation of brand new shoes on Thursday, May 8. The donations were part of The Shoe Project, which is coordinated by Thrive Church of Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Makaela Grinzing, outreach and engagement director for Thrive Church, shared how the program was created.

“The Shoe Project was born after conversations



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Volunteers from The Shoe Project help fit brand new pairs of Adidas shoes on the feet of Wii Maajikwad students on Thursday, May 8.

that we had with several teachers 12 years ago. Whenever we asked what the biggest needs of the kids at our local schools were, the answer kept coming back to shoes,”

Grinzing said. “Thrive Church has always said that we want to be a church that isn’t just in our community, but a church that is for our community. We believe that one of the best ways to love our community is to help address actual needs instead of assuming we know what they are.”

Grinzing said The Shoe Project has now given away 4,372 brand new pairs of Adidas shoes to students in the central Michigan area in its 12 year history.

Wii Maajikwad was the 13th school to receive the donation. Students at Barryton schools were also gifted shoes this year.

“We generally budget \$35 per pair; so that meant raising around \$8,500 for Barryton Elementary

School. Barryton was a school that had been on our radar for a while, and this was finally their year,” Grinzing said. “It just so happened that because of the wonderful relationship we have developed with the Adidas store at the Tanger Outlets in Grand Rapids, we saved enough on that purchase of shoes to pick up a second elementary school this spring.

“We ended up averaging between \$21-25 per pair, and we delivered shoes to 338 students in two weeks at both Barryton Elementary and Wii Maajikwad.”

The funds for the shoes were raised by the church’s volunteers and members.

“None of this would happen without the radical



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

A total of 4,372 pairs of shoes have been donated to 13 local schools in the project's 12 year history.

generosity of the people who call Thrive Church their home and the faithful servant hearts of the volunteers that help deliver the shoes,” Grinzing said. “Once we decide on a school, it’s a whirlwind of a process that we complete in about a month. Our people get really excited for a Shoe Project, so honestly, the finances tend to come in without asking too hard anymore.”

The next step in the planning process involves working closely with the school staff, Grinzing said.

“After that, I work closely with the school administration to gather shoe sizes from kids and parents, compile shopping lists, purchase a whole lot of tiny shoes, and create a schedule for the day of distribution,” Grinzing said. “It’s a lot of work in a short amount of time, but I wouldn’t trade it for the world. The Shoe Project is easily the best part of my job!”

For more information on Thrive Church, please visit its website at www.thrivechurchmi.com.

Andahwod jingle dress painting



Photos courtesy of Andahwod

Andahwod elders Ellie VanHorn (left) and Judy Banister (right) joined in on a craft day for a jingle dress painting at Andahwod.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) now available

The Elder Services Office is now assisting with the LIHEAP grants for heating, year-round crisis, and weatherization assistance. This program determines eligibility by gross income, including wages, self-employment, contract income, and a payment from mortgages, SSA benefits retirement, and other types of income. Minimum and maximum benefit amounts for assistance are based on household income and

individuals residing in the home for qualifying Tribal Member households. Priority is given to older adults 60 years and older, individuals with disability or young children in the home. Applications can be picked up and assistance with completing the application with the Elder Services program. Please contact Sheligh Jackson at 989-775-4307 for more information. This grant program runs until Sept. 30, 2025.

June 2025 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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Michigan Indian Elders Association Summer Meeting

July 21-23, 2025
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort
6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Purpose: MIEA is a forum to listen to the needs of elders, share resource information and advocate for elders in Michigan.

Itinerary:

- **Monday, July 21:** Delegate and EAB members-only dinner at Andahwod at 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, July 22:** Elder registration, opening ceremony, business meeting, afternoon activities and entertainment.
- **Wednesday, July 23:** Retiring of Flags, conclusion and to-go breakfasts

Hotel information:

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Reservation code: MIEA072125

Registration:

- **SCIT Elders, please call:** Andahwod at 989-775-4300
- **Other tribes:** contact your Tribal Elder's Program



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- Pick up at Andahwod (2910 S. Leaton Rd.)
- Online at www.sagchip.org/senior
- Or through your school's Tribal K-12 office

Deadline: Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Applications (and supporting documents) need to be returned to Andahwod.

For more information, call: Andahwod at 989-775-4300





Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services District One Elders' June 2025 Newsletter

Boozhoo! Elders Powwow Homecoming Trip is around the corner! Everyone who registered should have received their confirmation letter, if not call Sandra - Andahwod Admin I at 989-775-4300.

SCIT is hosting the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) July meeting on July 21-23, 2025. The delegates only dinner is on July 21. All SCIT Elders are invited to attend the meeting on July 22-23.

There are eight rooms available for out-of-town SCIT elders who want to attend the meeting. Rooms will go on a first-come, first-serve basis. Fees and guidelines apply. If you are a SCIT elder and live outside of District One and want a Room Registration Form sent to you, please call Andahwod 989-775-4300.

The MIEA is sponsoring student incentives for Michigan tribal students with perfect attendance or all As.



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- **Nurse's Station:** 989.775.4319

Andahwod CCC & ES business hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. After business hours, or if it is an urgent matter, please call the Security Desk at 989-775-4317 or the Nurse's Station at 989-775-4319.

Sweet Treats Ice Cream Truck

Beginning June 4, the ice cream truck will be at Andahwod every other Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. for about a half hour. Make sure to come satisfy your sweet tooth.

Upcoming dates:

- June 4, 18
- July 2, 16, 30
- Aug. 13, 27



Elder Mother's & Father's Day COOKOUT

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

11:30 a.m. | Andahwod CCC & ES
(2910 S Leaton Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

- **Menu:** Ribs, cole slaw, potato salad, corn and strawberry shortcake
- **Games:** Dorothy Netmop Memorial Bingo
- **Bingo prizes, jewelry bags, door prizes & 50/50 tickets!**



For information, call: Andahwod at 989-775-4300

June 2025 Andahwod events

Coffee Break
Daily | 2:30 p.m.

Sewing
Tuesdays | 10 a.m.

Memory Books
Wednesdays | 1:30 p.m.

Walking Club
Thursdays | 1 p.m.

Euchre
Thursdays | 5:30 p.m.

Elders Lunch
June 4, 18 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mother's & Father's Day Cookout
June 4 | 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Name that Tune
June 9 | 2:30 p.m.

Saganing Bingo with Friends
June 10 | 9 a.m.

Elders Breakfast
June 11, 25 | 9-10 a.m.

Birthday Celebration
June 12 | 2:30 p.m.

Language Bingo
June 17 | 1-3 p.m.

Tribal Ops Closed Juneteenth Holiday
June 19

Elder Fishing at RV Park
June 24 | 5:30-7 p.m.

Potluck & Birthday Bingo
June 28 | 12-3 p.m.

For more information, call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339
***Activities and events are subject to change.*

Title VI Needs Assessment Survey

The Elder Services program is entering the next cycle of Title VI grant funding, as part of this process, Elder Services will be conducting a needs assessment survey as one of the required steps in the application process. We are asking all District I and II elders to contact our office to schedule a time to complete this survey. For your time we will provide each elder completing the survey with a \$15 gift card. The needs assessment will help with the type of services provided to elders in District I and II.

The information is vital to fulfilling the grant application and letting the department understand which services are really needed by elder members.

The National Resource Center on Native American Aging (NRCNAA) provides the survey and synthesizes the data for each tribe participating in the survey. The Tribe has ownership over the data and the data is for the use of the Tribe in establishing service delivery. **We would like to have the surveys completed by June 27.**

To schedule a time to complete this survey, contact the Elder Services Program at 989-775-4300.

How to keep your mind sharp as you age: 12 easy tips

Wondering how to keep your mind sharp as you age? Boosting your brainpower as you age is not a difficult job if you know what to do. Here are 12 actionable tips!

- Eat healthy food
- Learn something new
- Take up a new hobby
- Keep stress under control
- Read more
- Laugh often
- Practice writing
- Play games
- Sleep enough
- Enjoy music
- Exercise
- Meditate

Nimkee Medication Pickup & Drop-off

Andahwod is able to pick up Tribal Elder medications from Nimkee Pharmacy and drop off at their home.

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Call 989-775-4307 to schedule.

Birthday celebrations

Every month, Andahwod hosts a birthday celebration for residents and employees. We are inviting community elders to join us during for these celebrations of cake (or other sweet treat) and socializing. It does not need to be your birthday month to attend. Hope to see you there.



The second Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates: June 12 & July 12

June 2025 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|---|---------------------|
| 1 Chef's Choice | 2 Pizza Tortellini Salad | 3 Sweet & Sour Chicken White Rice Tuna Fish Casserole | 4 Baked Ham w/Mashed Potato Beef Stew Elders Lunch | 5 Bean Soup Meatloaf | 6 Mother/ Father Day Lunch Sloppy Joes, Onion Rings | 7 Chef's Choice |
| 8 Chef's Choice | 9 Sweet & Sour Chicken White Rice Tuna Fish Casserole | 10 Chili & Cornbread Ribs w/Baked Beans | 11 Hominy Soup Shrimp Alfredo Elders Breakfast | 12 BLT Chicken Wings | 13 Baked Chicken w/Mashed Potato Swedish Meatballs | 14 Chef's Choice |
| 15 Chef's Choice | 16 Turkey Al la king Roast Beef Red Potatos & Carrots | 17 Hot Dogs Bacon Wrapped Grilled Chicken | 18 Split Pea Soup Open Faced Roast Beef Sandwich Elders Lunch | 19 Vegetable Beef Beef Tips w/Noodle | 20 Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich Baked Ziti | 21 Chef's Choice |
| 22 Chef's Choice | 23 Baked BBQ Chicken Pork Roast Red Potatos & Carrots | 24 Chicken Salad Sandwich Grilled Pork Chops Mashed Potato Gravy | 25 Chicken Noodle Soup Cod Fish Sandwich w/French Fries Elders Breakfast | 26 Broccoli Soup Grilled Burgers | 27 Egg Salad Sandwich Tacos w/Beans & Rice | 28 Chef's Choice |
| 29 Chef's Choice | 30 Turkey Wrap Mashed Potato Bowl | Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314. | | | *Menu subject to change* <small>*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Bourne Illness. **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you</small> | |



JUNE 2025 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Youth & Family Traditional Healing Clinic

June 2 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.

- Behavioral Health (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.)
- 989.775.4870 or Msteelecyphert@sagchip.org
- Youth between ages 10 to 24 will take priority for appointments

Class of 2025 Graduation Banquet

June 3 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way)
- 989.775.4071 or DSmith@sagchip.org
- Higher education and high school graduates

Community Cedar Garden Box Build

June 5 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

- SCTC Mshkikiikaan (6900 E. Remus Rd.)
- 989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu
- Supplies provided to build 16 garden boxes
- Garden starter seeds will be provided
- Open to the first 16 to register

Honoring Healing & Remembering

June 6 | 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
- 1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
- MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751
- Student roll call, guest speakers, sunrise ceremony, breakfast and lunch provided
- Open to the public, rain or shine

Summer Safety Fair

June 7 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- SCIT Public Safety Building
- 989-775-4699 or SSowmick@sagchip.org
- Music, food, prizes and fun

Historical Trauma & Cultural Capacity Training

June 9, 10 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- SCIT Supportive Housing Building
- 6870 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
- 989-775-4991 OR CHeron@sagchip.org
- Open to the Tribal community
- No registration required
- Speaker: Dereck Stonefish, Native American Training Institute

33rd annual Human Race

June 11 | Registration: 5 p.m., race: 5:50 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
- 989.775.4694 or SPifer@sagchip.org
- www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm
- 5K run and one mile fun run/walk

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 14, 15 | Grand entry at 1 p.m. both days

- 2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI
- 989.775.5600 or powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

People's Powwow Taco Fundraiser

June 18 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (or until gone)

- Pickup at 7th Generation ceremony building
- To order: 989-775-4796
- Taco dinners \$15
- Beef or chicken tacos, beans, and rice

Community Cultural Teachings

June 20 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Sanilac Petroglyphs
- 8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
- MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751

Summer Feast

June 25 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
- 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Eagles Basketball Camp

June 20, 21, 22

- Wii Maajikwad/Recreation Center
- 2875 Gikendaaso Way
- Registration: Recreation@sagchip.org
- Age groups: 7 and under, 8-12, 13-15
- Open to all Tribal youth boys and girls, including youth from other tribes

Chippewa River Cleanup

July 10 | 10:30 a.m., entering water at 11:30 a.m.

- Deerfield Park (2425 W. Remus Rd.)
- KHager@sagchip.org or 989.775.4585
- Registration deadline: June 27, 2025

STEAM^{AG} Open Mic Night

July 19 | 4-8 p.m.

- SCTC Main Campus parking lot
- 5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- Register: 989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu
- An evening of poetry, songs, recitals, instrumental, dance, etc.
- Cash prizes

Intertribal Open Golf Tournament

July 25 | Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

- Maple Creek Golf Course (Shepherd, Mich.)
- 989-775-4522 or Recreation@sagchip.org
- Registration deadline: July 10, 2025 at 12 p.m.
- Three person scramble, \$80 per person

JUNE 2025 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat./Sun. |
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| <p>2</p> <p>Sewing in Saganing 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saganing</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Monday Night Masters 5 p.m. Riverwood Golf Course</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Regular Council Session 9 a.m. Council Chambers</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Beading Circle 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p> | <p>6</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> | <p>1/7</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>8</p> |
| <p>9</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Monday Night Masters 5 p.m. Riverwood Golf Course</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Traditional Healing 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. B. Health Appointments call 989-775-4850</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p> <p>Dance Shield Workshop 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Traditional Healing 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. B. Health Appointments call 989-775-4850</p> <p>Beading Circle 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>12</p> <p>Father's Day Breakfast 10 a.m. Saganing</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>AOVWS Meeting 2 p.m.</p> <p>15</p> |
| <p>16</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Monday Night Masters 5 p.m. Riverwood Golf Course</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Tribal Observer DEADLINE</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p> <p>Lacrosse Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>18</p> <p>Beading Circle 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Tribal Ops Closed Juneteenth Holiday</p> <p>Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> | <p>21</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Monday Night Masters 5 p.m. Riverwood Golf Course</p> <p>Two Spirit Talking Circle 6-8 p.m. SCTC</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Market Pavilion</p> <p>Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Beading Circle 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. SCTC</p> <p>Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>26</p> <p>Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Sweat Lodge 4 p.m. B. Health Appointments call 989-775-4850</p> <p>Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen</p> <p>Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health</p> | <p>27</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p>Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> <p>Ribbon Pants Workshop 2-5 p.m. 7th Gen</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>29</p> |
| <p>30</p> <p>Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health</p> <p>Monday Night Masters 5 p.m. Riverwood Golf Course</p> | |  <p>Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling | |



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Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator I

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. Must be willing to take classes in microbiology, advanced math and beginning algebra courses.

Waste Water Operator II

Open to the public. Sign-on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$1,500 upon one year anniversary. 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. Sign-on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. High school diploma or GED. Three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Water Operator I

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. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft driven equipment.

Water Operator II

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Training in hydraulics, physics, biology, science, or related field will help in learning this field. Must have mechanical skills, not limited to automotive, such as pumps, or shaft-driven equipment.

Water Operator III

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Sign-on bonus: \$1,000 upon six month anniversary, \$2,000 upon one year anniversary. Must be at least 18 years of age. Five years of water operator or related experience.

Grants and 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.

Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check.

Community Project Manager - AWARE

Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Experience in project management, communications and working with school systems and community collaborations and partnerships.

Native American Language Coordinator

Open to the public. Grant-funded position through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field.

Clinical Therapist - RTC

Open to the public. Licensed master'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.

Special Education Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in special education, education or related field. Teaching certificate with special education endorsement. Experience with current assessment requirements and state standards.

Victims of Crime Advocate

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field.

Pharmacy Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pharmacy Technician License. One year experience working in a pharmacy desired.

Physician/Medical Director

Open to the public. MD or DO from an accredited medical school in the United States. Board certified in clinical specialty, preferably in family practice. Current State of Michigan medical license without exclusions or sanctions.

Supplemental Instructor

Open to the public. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

Tribal Code Compliance Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Five years' relevant experience including building construction, inspection and ordinance enforcement.

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.

Registered Medical Assistant PT

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.

Victims Advocate

Open to the public. Associate degree in human services related field, or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience. One-year experience working with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Juris doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan.

Child Welfare Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services, human services or related field. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Two years social services, families first worker, or family preservation experience desired.

Associate Judge PT

Open to the public. Ten years' experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed as active member in good standing by the State Bar of Michigan or other state bar. Desired qualifications: Considerable litigation experience, and a demonstrated interest in working with a tribe.

Dental Hygienist PT

Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hy-

giene desired. IHS and NHSC loan repayment eligible clinic.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience desired.

Interim Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Interim position. Licensed master'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.

Certified Nursing Assistant FT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year of direct care experience desired.

Maintenance Worker

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

Administrative Assistant I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED.

Administrative Assistant II

Open to the public. Grant-funded positions through Sept. 30, 2025. High school diploma or GED.

Assistant Prosecutor PT

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Minimum of one year experience as a practicing attorney or equivalent work experience working in a legal capacity or with a licensed attorney.

Housekeeper

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

Case Manager ICT

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, human services, or related field. One year case management experience.

Anishinabe Language Apprentice

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

Water Quality Specialist

Open to the public. Grant funded position through Sept. 30, 2025. Bachelor's degree in environmental science, biology, fisheries and wildlife, or a related field.

Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant

Open to the public. Family nurse practitioner or physician assistant li-

cense. Master of science degree in nursing for family nurse practitioner.

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 Tribal Members and community members. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Physician

Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty.

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Soaring Eagle

Sous Chef - Banquet

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

F&B Chef

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Four years of hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED.

Crowd Control Summer Concert PT

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

Usher Summer Concert PT

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

Guest Room Attendant PT

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

Line Server PT

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

F&B Cashier PT

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

Saganing

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.

Line Cook

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

Bartender PT

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

Master Plumber

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber.

Saganing Police Officer

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

F&B Attendant FT

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

F&B Attendant PT

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

Inventory Control Driver Warehouse

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

Slot Attendant PT

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.

Security Officer PT

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

F&B Cashier FT

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

Maintenance Worker

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

Cage Cashier

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

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIVIAN JUNE MEREDITH:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 East Broadway Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858 (989) 775-4800. Estate of Vivian June Meredith. Date of Birth: Dec. 18, 1932. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Vivian June Meredith, who lived at 20536 Villa Grande Circle, Clinton Township, MI 48038, died July 19, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dawn Meredith, personal representative, or to both the Tribal Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Dawn Meredith, 20536 Villa Grande Circle, Clinton Township, MI 48038. 734-883-2897.

NOTICE TO STEVEN ESCAMILLA IN THE MATTER OF ONE MINOR CHILD, DATE OF BIRTH 12-17-2024:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Publication of Hearing. Case No. 24-JCW-0005. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minor in reference to the case number listed above. A putative father hearing will be conducted by the court on **Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Steven Escamilla personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minor over the eventual termination of parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in Title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).

JUNE PROMOTIONS



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ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 600 points earned on their ACCESS Loyalty Card from 12AM on June 1, 2025, until 10:55PM on June 28, 2025.



FRIDAYS
5PM-11PM

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**BKFC ICE WARS PRESENTS:
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ENTERTAINMENT HALL
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On June 28 at 11PM, one lucky player will win a New Truck, a Sea-Doo Switch, and \$1,000 in Gas Cards!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their ACCESS Loyalty Card now, until 10:55PM on June 28, 2025. 10X entries earned on Mondays through June 23, 2025, are for the Grand Prize Drawing on June 28, 2025.



FRIDAYS
4PM-10PM

Reel in your share of over \$34,000 in cash and Premium Play!



MONDAYS
6AM-11:59PM

The more points you earn, the bigger your prize. Starting at 200 points for \$5 in Premium Play, you can earn up to 7,000 points for \$250! Swipe at a kiosk to claim your reward.



WEDNESDAYS
4AM-11:59PM

Earn \$5 in Premium Play (up to \$50) for every 300 points earned using your ACCESS Loyalty 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 Loyalty Card from 7AM-11:59PM to play a promotional kiosk game and win up to \$50 in Premium Play!



SUNDAYS
9AM-11:59PM

HERO card holders can earn up to \$10 in Premium Play on slots for every 800 points earned.

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