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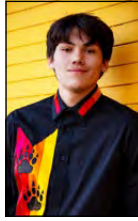
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**Honoring, Healing
& Remembering**
Friday, June 5, 2026

**Mission Creek
Cemetery: 7 a.m.**

MIIBS Site: 8 a.m.

For more information,
please see page 6.

'Every step speaks' during March for Justice, Awareness, and Remembrance of MMIP

ALICIA RAPHAEL

Leadership Apprentice,
Public Relations

May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). On Sunday, May 3, community members gathered at Island Park in Mount Pleasant for the "Every Step Speaks: March for Justice, Awareness, and Remembrance of MMIP" event.

The event brought together families, advocates, tribal members, and supporters to honor MMIP and raise awareness about the ongoing crisis impacting Indigenous communities.

Participants dressed in red and walked one mile together in solidarity, many carrying



Courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijig

District Two Council Member Shirley Houle (left) and MMIP Committee Member Felicia Otto (far right) hold the MMIP banner as the march begins on May 3 in Pt. Pleasant Island Park.

photos or signs of loved ones impacted. The march served as both a remembrance and a call for continued awareness, justice, and healing.

Before the march began, featured speakers: Melissa Isaac, Chief Luke Sprague, and Nick Deplonty (Bureau of Indian Affairs) spoke about

the need for continued education, visibility, and action surrounding the movement. They also shared powerful messages emphasizing the importance of kinship, community support, advocacy, and honoring the lives affected by MMIP.

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Courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijig

Blue House Singers open the MMIP march in a good way.



Courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijig

Community members walk together in solidarity.

"Miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful)" exhibit opens at the Ziibiwing Center

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways held a grand opening on Friday, May 1, for the exhibit entitled "Miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful)."

The exhibit is currently featured at the Ziibiwing Center, and will be on display until Oct. 2, 2026.

It features artwork and writings of 21 members of

the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, including: Adam Avery, Ruben Blackcloud, Dennis Christy, Suzanne Cross, Guy Fallis-baa, Marcella Hadden, Glenna Halliwill, Autumn "Ellie" Mitchell, Norman Neyome-baa, Faith Palmatier, Lisa Passinault, Summer Peters, Jason Quigno, Jolene Quinlan, Alice Jo Ricketts, Charla Riley, Nina Riley-Nahmabin, Charmaine Shawana-baa, Cara Valdez, Robert Wayne-baa, and Victor Whitt.

William Johnson, curator/operations manager for the Ziibiwing Center, shared the following statement about the exhibit during the 11 a.m. grand opening.

"The artwork and writings on display in the 'Miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful): Artistic Expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa's exhibit acknowledge and challenge the traditional beliefs, philosophies and practical knowledge of our ancestors.

They are envisioned and produced through an innate sense of spirituality, connectedness to the land and water and provocative creative thought. These masterful artistic creations provide a glimpse into the individual attitudes

toward oral traditions, our history and contemporary cultural experiences. Ever-changing and evolving, these perspectives honor the beauty of the past while provoking the present to express and support a culture in transition.

No longer content with presenting a momentary view of a "frozen-in-time people," the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's tribal artists have redefined their approach and what it means to be Anishinabe. Constantly reassessing their methods and questioning their own uniqueness, the pressure to balance between the old and new ignites an artistic flame that burns brightly to illuminate a path for artistic endeavors and self-identity.

Our tribal artists have also reimagined their artistic endeavors to take advantage of the accelerated methodologies in order to produce their work. This process of artistic adjustment and self-discovery provides a path for art and literary works to change and move into the future.

At a time when the need for visual beauty and words of healing is stronger than ever, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's tribal



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

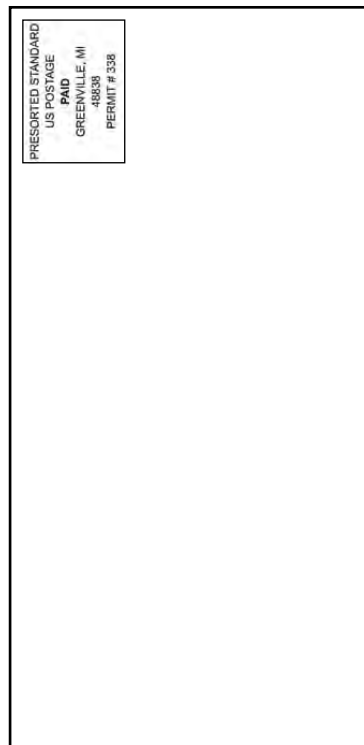
"Miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful)" exhibit is on display at the Ziibiwing Center until Oct. 2, 2026, featuring artwork and writings from 21 tribal members.

artists continue to rely upon their artistic heritage and creativity to honor the master artists of prior generations and to make a true contemporary artistic statement for the future.

Let us depend on these artist's legacy with confidence and with full trust in their

abilities to make us marvel, think deeply and catch our breaths in excitement because 'Miikawaadendaagwad (it is beautiful).'"

For more information on the exhibit on the Ziibiwing Center, please visit www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing.





Frederick "Red" Bennett September 2, 1977 – May 1, 2026

Frederick "Red" Bennett Jr., age 48, passed away Friday, May 1, 2026.

Red was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Sept. 2, 1977, the son of Frederick Sr. and Nancy (Goetz) Bennett. He was a member of Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Red enjoyed anything to do with sports; he liked fishing, golfing, and disc golfing. He loved all of his Michigan teams: University of Michigan, Detroit Lions, and Detroit Red Wings.

Red is survived by his children, Meredith Bennett (DeShawn Atkins), Frederick (Shyland) Bennett III, Elizabeth Bennett, Savannah Bennett, Chastity Bennett, George Bennett, and Everly Bennett; grandchildren Jayda, Jordlynn, Zion, Zaharah, Nori, Kenai, Nova, Nadiyah, Emelia, Zakhi, Nalaja, Nariah; sisters Nyra Bennett and Lillian Bennett; brother "Bit Laden;" best friend Matt Kay; nieces and nephews John Ball, Josh Ball, Rose Bennett, Ethan Bennett, Donny Bennett; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Red was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Christopher "Toby" and Donny Bennett; uncle Dave Bennett; aunt Rose Bennett; niece Shayla Ball; son-in-law Nick Gurtowsky; grandma and grandpa Bennett; and grandma Nyra Goetz.

Funeral services for Red took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, May 15, 2026, at 1 p.m. The family greeted friends and relatives on May 15, beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Kiara Lynn Denman-Bettistea April 29, 1999 – April 24, 2026

Kiara Lynn Denman-Bettistea, age 26, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, April 24, 2026, at her home.

Kiara was born April 29, 1999, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Scott Bettistea and Christi Denman. She attended Mt. Pleasant Public Schools and worked as a lifeguard at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark.

Kiara was a kind-hearted beautiful soul; she was the foundation of her family, always there to hold someone up and let them lean on her. She was known for her sharp sense of humor and electric imagination; she had the ability to make others laugh at a moment's notice. Her smile and laughter always lit up the room.

Kiara loved to spend her time with her family, doing bead work, collecting sports cards, journaling and crafts. Kiara always looked forward to attending and participating in the events put on by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.

She always made the best out of any situation and made sure everyone involved was having a great time. Kiara treasured her time being a mom and was most proud of her son, Aadonis.

Kiara is survived by her son, Aadonis Shananaquet and his father Shannon Shananaquet; mother Christi Denman of Lansing, Mich.; father Scott Bettistea of Mt. Pleasant; siblings Gilbert Franco II, Darwin Alaniz-Bettistea, Jennifer Denman, Quinten Kenny, Austin Chandler, Trenton Kenny, Joce'lyn Fleming, Janessa Kenny; nieces and nephews Larayah, Alex, Alaina, Gilbert III, Zola, Amiri, Amajae; grandparents Earl Bettistea, and Susan Bettistea.

Kiara was preceded in death by her stepfather Sean Earl Kenny; father figure Tyrone J. Fleming; and grandmother Janice Maxine Fleming.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Felix Martinez officiating. A luncheon immediately followed at Seventh Generation, 7957 E. Remus Rd., Mount Pleasant. The family greeted friends and relatives, beginning at 12 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions in Kiara's memory may be made to her son, Aadonis Shananaquet.



Fred Rangel Quiroga

November 27, 1972 – May 20, 2026

Fred Rangel Quiroga III passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Fred was born in Saginaw, Mich., on Nov. 27, 1972, the son of Fred Rangel Jr. and Sally Jane (Carmona) Quiroga.

Fred married Heather in Las Vegas on Oct. 13, 2002. Together they raised two children. Fred worked for the Soaring Eagle Waterpark as a maintenance technician for many years until his health no longer permitted. He was a member of the Saginaw, Swan Creek, Black River Bands of Chippewa.

Fred enjoyed the casino, bingo, traveling, movies, cooking dinners and barbecuing for the family, but mostly he cherished the time spent with his children. He was so proud of them.

Fred is survived by his adoring daughter, Anissa Quiroga (Lincoln), Heather Quiroga, his mother, Sally Quiroga, sisters Christina (Richard) Delacruz of Holland, Mich. and Sylvia Quiroga of Saginaw, Mich., many nephews, nieces, grand nieces and nephews, extended family, his grand-fur-baby Truffles, and many dear and special friends.

Fred was preceded in death by his beloved son, Anthony Jesus Quiroga in 2018, and his father, Fred Quiroga Jr. in 2023. The funeral service was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel in Mount Pleasant on Friday, May 29, 2026 at 11 A.M. with Deacon Bill Rodriguez officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



SCIT POWWOW COMMITTEE RAFFLES

50/50 Raffle

Drawing: Sunday, June 7, 2026
3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow
One winner will receive half of the raised funds.

Summer Package

Drawing: Sunday, June 7, 2026
3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow
Package includes:

- RYOBI 3300 PSI Gas Pressure Washer (\$500 value)
- \$400 Smith & Sons Meat Processing gift card
- \$150 Sagamok gift card

Jelly Roll Concert Package

Drawing: Friday, June 26, 2026
2 p.m. | Black Elk Building

Package includes:

- Two front row tickets to Jelly Roll (July 3 at SECR)
- \$150 Ruth's Chris Steak House gift card

Mary J. Blige Concert Package

Drawing: Friday, July 10, 2026
12 p.m. | Black Elk Building

Package includes:

- Two front row tickets to Mary J. Blige (July 23 at SECR)
- \$150 gas card

PURCHASE TICKETS

Tickets: ▶One for \$5 ▶Three for \$10

Contact Powwow Committee members:
Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Naomi McCormack, Noelle Wells or Brianna Yahbay.
All proceeds benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing powwows

Contact: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

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

Meetings are held 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

Save the Date!

Summer SAFETY FAIR

June 13, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Public Safety Building

Music Food Prizes Fun
Contact: S5owmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699

Public Safety's 30th anniversary
Honoring our commitment to community safety

MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS

GOLF COMPETITION

Earn points for your Tribe!

Thursday, July 16, 2026

The Pines Golf Course
1022 Clubhouse Dr., Lake Isabella, MI 48893
Check-in opens at 8 a.m. | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Age groups:

- Youth 17 and under
- Men, 64 and under
- Seniors, 65 and over
- Ladies, all ages
- Coed: all ages invited

Format: Two-person scramble
Register online: www.sagchip.org/mifo/
Cost: \$35* per player
Admission includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, skins and proximities
Note: This number is based off of 82 players, the price may increase if more than 82 players register

Contact: 989.775.5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org

38th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 17, 2026

Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field

Registration now open
www.sagchip.org/mifo/

For more information, contact: 989.775.4694

20th ANNUAL PEOPLE'S TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Aug. 29 & 30, 2026
Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Open to the public • Free admission

Grand Entries
Saturday, Aug. 29: 1 & 7 p.m.
• Dinner served at 5 p.m. for participants
Sunday, Aug. 30: 1 p.m.

Dignitaries

- Emcee: Jason Whitehouse
- Arena Director: RJ Smith
- Head Veteran: TBA
- Head Dancers: Chosen each session
- Host Drum: TBA
- Invited Drums: Red Willow and Bad River
- Sound provided by: Rezonance Productions

Contests

- ▶ Bass Drum: (Sponsor: Lenny Shomin)
- ▶ Hand Drum: (Sponsor: The Jackson Family)
- ▶ Two Step: (Sponsors: GG's Grub and Jackson Food Stand)

Vendor information:
989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

THE ZIBIWING CENTER WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

Special Recognition TO DIANE STIER FOR BEING A PREMIER LEVEL MEMBER!

ZIBIWING CENTER
The Midwest's Premier American Indian Museum
6850 EAST BROADWAY, MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN 48858
989-775-4750 • WWW.ZIBIWING.CENTRE/STIERWING

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 2 • July 7 • Aug. 4

34th Annual HUMAN RACE

Seventh Generation 2026

NEW DATE: June 10, 2026
Seventh Generation Elijah Elk Cultural Center
7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

5K Run & One-Mile Fun Run/Walk
Registration: 5-6 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

Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, June 5, 2026
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

Hole-in-one prize: \$1,000

- Other prizes: longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt

Pre-registration:

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

Sponsors: Saganing Powwow Committee, Saganing Eagles Landing Marketing, Frank Cloutier, and Midge & Co Luxury Lakefront Homes - Jennifer Flick.

Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCIES

There are current vacancies for TEAB

Send letters/email of interest to:

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

Requirements:

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

NATIVE FARMERS MARKET

All Are Welcome!

Tuesdays: June 2 - Sept. 1, 2026
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:

- SAMACHippeway@sagchip.org | 989.775.4629
- BeAlonzo@sagchip.org | 989.775.4639

Wii Maajikwad Immersion School

Open Enrollment
2026-2027 School Year

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Wii Maajikwad has three immersion classrooms for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. Enrolling a child is a conscious choice for your child to learn Anishinaabe language. There are requirements for parental/caregiver language learning also. Only complete applications will be accepted.

Returning student applications deadline:

- June 4 by 4 p.m. to have priority placement status.
- With completed 24 required language hours.

Next priority is SCIT Tribal Members, then SCIT Descendants, and then all other federally recognized tribes will be placed.

- Applications are accepted on a first come basis.
- Students must be 2 years old by Sept. 1, 2026.
- **NOTE: Children entering the 3-year-old classroom MUST BE POTTY TRAINED as they cannot accommodate diapered/soiled clothes changes.*

Completed application must include all of the following: Birth certificate, Tribal affiliation documents, immunization card, school physical and dental exams, insurance card and \$100 application fee upon acceptance.

** All documents must be submitted with your application which will be date/time stamped.*

Enrollment forms available from:

- Wii Maajikwad:
2875 Gikendaaso Way, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- Online at: https://www.sagchipschool.net

Contact: 989-775-4470 or 989-775-4453

Freedom Walk

Saturday, July 25, 2026
Location: TBD

Happy 2nd Birthday Ngwes!

(May 17th, 2024)

Congratulations Ayla, we are all very proud of your determination

Love,
Mom Dad, R.J., Orry,
Jess and William

Ayla Sisco
Bachelor's Degree
Environmental Studies, CMU

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Tribal Council

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Luke Sprague | District One

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Craig Graveratte | District One

Secretary
Christina Otto | District One

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Council Member
Shirley Houle | District Two

Council Member
Mary Quigno | District One

Council Member
Gayle Ruhl | District One

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee ONE VACANCY

Seeking one individual who is committed to revitalizing Anishinaabemowin.

Vacant positions:
One tribal member community representatives age 25 & over

- Candidates must be a SCIT member and able to attend monthly meetings
- Meetings held with dates/times/location TBD.

For more information, please contact:
Mary Perez at MAPerez@sagchip.org or 989-775-4026

Send letter of interest to:
Howard Webkamigad
ALRD program manager
By email: HWebkamigad@sagchip.org
By mail:
Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
ATTN: Howard Webkamigad
2875 Gikendaaso Way
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

NIMKEE DENTAL NOTICE: Missed appointments

Out of 102 days this year, Nimkee Dental has had:

- ▶ Three people per day not show up
- ▶ 306 appointment slots that have gone unused

* Every appointment is confirmed twice the day before via text/phone.

We are working hard for you. Please work with us, too.

PARTICIPATE IN A NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

This project focuses on identifying health disparities among community members of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. We are looking to identify gaps in healthcare access and delivery to improve health outcomes and develop education programs.

Participants must be 18 years or older to participate.

Confidentiality: Participation is voluntary and will not affect your care. You will not be asked to provide your name or other identifying information.

What to expect: You will be invited to complete an online survey. This may be done on a computer or smart device. Participation time is approximately 10 minutes.

Interested? Scan this QR code

For questions: email us at nguye9k@cmich.edu or varug1e@cmich.edu

COVENANT HEALTHCARE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Principal Investigator: Dr. Neli Ragina, Ph.D. Foust 117 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 21 & 22, 2026
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | SCIT Police Department

Open to Tribal community youth, ages 12-18

Activities include:

- Driving course (using golf carts)
- Shooting courses (using non-lethal ammunition)
- K-9 demos
- Equipment/tool displays

Registration required

Deadline: Friday, July 3, 2026 by 5 p.m.

- Register in person at the Tribal Police Department
- A waiver and acknowledgment form must be signed
- Limited to 20 spots

For more information, please contact:

- ▶ Tribal Dispatch: 989.775.4700
- ▶ Sgt. Craig Wilson: CaWilson@sagchip.org
- ▶ Officer Joe Maxey: JMaxey@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.

Minaadendamowwing – 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.



Natural Resources TRIBAL YOUTH CAMP

June 15-18, 2026 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pick up and drop off: Broadway Park Pavilion (Inclement weather location: Eagles Nest Tribal Gym)

- Lunch, light snacks, and water provided
- **Field trip locations include:** the Little Forks Conservancy Averill Preserve, Forest Hill Nature Area, Chippewa Nature Center, and Chippewa Watershed Conservancy Hall's Lake Natural Area

Open to ages 12-17 (during the time of camp)

Activities planned around:
Great Lakes ecosystems and natural resources

Application open:

- \$40 registration fee
- Limited space available
- Phone policy will be enforced

To receive application:
KHager@sagchip.org or 989.775.4585

*Program funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

INTERTRIBAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 24, 2026

Mt. Pleasant Country Club
3686 E. River Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Door prizes
- Lunch provided

Three-person scramble

Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

- Cost: \$100 per person (\$300 per team)
- Skins included
- Number of flights based on number of entries
- Teams can be co-ed
- Two players must be Tribal Members or descendants of any tribe or employee of Tribal Ops/Migizi/SECR/SEL.C.

Registration deadline: Friday, July 3 at 12 p.m.

*Registrations after Friday, July 3 will require an additional \$10 per player. No registrations will be taken after Friday, July 17.

To register or for more information:
NSawmick@sagchip.org or 989.775.4522

ZIIBIWING CENTER of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways Seeking Tribal Members/Descendants

Currently seeking individuals that can provide guided tours of the Ziibiwing Center's Permanent Exhibit

- Audience: mostly K-12 school groups
- Stipends: \$25 for one guided tour and \$40 for two guided tours daily.
- Training: We will provide free training and call a few days before the guided tour is needed.
- This is scheduled on an as-needed basis.
- The guided tour includes two pre-recorded shows one about creation and the other is about tribal identity.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:

- William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager WJohnson@sagchip.org | 989-775-4730
- Raymond Cadotte, Visitor Services Representative RCadotte@sagchip.org | 989-775-4757

K-5TH GRADE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment packets can be picked up at:
Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way)

With the enrollment packet, please provide a copy of the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Health insurance card
- Immunization records (must be up-to-date)
- Annual physical
- Dental records
- Tribal affiliation information (federally recognized tribe)

- If your child needs updated documents listed above for next school year, please schedule those appointments as soon as possible.

- If you are waiting on records or upcoming appointments, you may still return the enrollment packet and submit any other documentation on the first day of school.

Kindergarteners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.

Contact: Central Registration at 989-775-4453

MANOOMIN "Wild Rice" PROGRAM

Are you interested in learning about our "Food that Grows on Water"?

We will share proper protocol and cultural significance.

- SCTC Land Grant Office is hosting monthly visits to Tawas Lake.
- A liability waiver and a photo release form will need to be signed when registering.
- We can accommodate up to 12 people.
- Please reach out to the contact below to see if there is availability to ride with us.

Dates: • June 5 • July 10 • Aug. 21 • Sept. 18

Harvesting time: Sept. 20-22, 2026

Camp: Sept. 25-27, 2026

Departing: SCTC at 8:30 a.m. (5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

If interested, please contact:
989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu

Chippewa River CLEANUP

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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 26

- Event registration is limited to 25 attendees.
- Must sign a photo and safety waiver.
- Limited number of kayaks and canoes available to reserve.
- Anyone is welcome to attend.
- 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

Native Fest

A Celebration of North American Indian Culture

Indian Car Bingo
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 • 6-9 p.m.

- Registration: 4:30 p.m.
- Fabulous prizes
- \$30 per person
- Open to the public
- Rain or shine
- Youth Council will be selling food

Kids' Night
Wednesday, July 22, 2026 • 6-9 p.m.

- All night fun!
- Bounce houses
- Petting zoo
- Rain or shine
- Photo booth
- Caricatures
- Pony rides
- Yard games
- Balloon artists
- Free and open to the public
- Youth Council will be selling food

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42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

July 24, 25, & 26, 2026

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

Hotel Information:

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www.sagchip.org/pow-wow

*Free Admission **Drug and Alcohol Free Event

For more information, please contact:
PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org or 989.775.5643

RED SWAMP PRESENTS Bagodowe Engiitaading (Lacrosse Tournament)

Friday, Aug. 28, 2026

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

- ▶ Youth game (ages 14 and under) starts at 5 p.m.
- ▶ Adult game (ages 15 and up) starts at 6:30 p.m.

Bagodowe co-ed tournament

- Seven-vs.-seven, double elimination
- Games will be 10 minutes each
- You may bring your own teams
- A draft will fill incomplete teams
- No shoes, bare feet only

Room block with special group rate available at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort:

- Rate available until Aug. 7
- Available for Friday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 29

▶ To book, visit: www.soaringeaglecasino.com

- Choose "Book Now" tab and change Promo Code to Group Code and enter group code: TL082826

▶ Or call: 1.877.232.4532

Contact: 989-775-4782 or DAJackson@sagchip.org

FEATURING:
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Door prizes

RED SWAMP LACROSSE

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

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c/o Tribal Observer
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

INDIGENOUS Journalists Association



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Bringing Your Health Home: CHR Medication Delivery is Here!

Open to District 1 & 2 SCIT elders, ages 60 and older

Skip the trip to the clinic and let us come to you. The Nimkee Clinic Community Health Representative (CHR) team is now offering free medication delivery to our community members.

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1: Call the Nimkee Pharmacy to refill your prescription.
- 2: Request CHR Delivery through Public Health.
- 3: A trusted CHR will bring your meds right to your door!

- Delivery is subject to service area boundaries and medication eligibility.
- Exclusions apply to controlled substances and specialized prescriptions.
- Contact Nimkee Pharmacy for details.

Whether it's a busy schedule or a lack of transportation, we're here to make sure you never miss a dose.

Call 989-775-4695 to get started!

Don't Let Spring Ailments Slow You Down!

From allergies and sports injuries to "oops" moments on the water or in the woods, Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center has you covered.

INJURIES:

- Lacerations
- Sports injuries
- Fish hook removal
- Splinter removal

ACUTE CARE:

- Rashes
- Ear/nose/eye foreign objects
- Abscesses
- Ingrown toenails
- Infections
- Same-day sick visits

We look forward to serving you and keeping our community healthy!

Same-day visits available, call: 989.775.4679

Let's Stay Connected The Right Way!

We love serving our community, and we want to make sure your medical questions get the attention they deserve via an approved and secure means of communication.

Why the change? We are experiencing higher volumes of communication that are coming into the clinic via emails and text messages that aren't encrypted. To keep your "PHI" (Protected Health Information) safe from prying eyes, Nimkee staff will only communicate anything PHI related through authorized, encrypted channels.

PLEASE USE THESE "GREEN LIGHT" METHODS:

- 1: Patient Portal: Log in anytime to send a message.
- 2: Clinic Phone: 989-775-4679. Call us during business hours. Monday-Friday; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Note: If you've sent a text or an email to a staff member's personal account and haven't heard back, it's because we are protecting your privacy! Please call the office or use the portal so we can assist you properly. If you need assistance setting up your portal, call our office and a staff can assist!

2591 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Open: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Phone: 989.775.4600
www.sagchip.org/nimkee

Sub-Chief Graveratte throws out first pitch during Traditions Day at CMU baseball game



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte throws the first pitch before the Central Michigan University baseball game to celebrate Traditions Day at Theunissen Stadium on Friday, May 8.

Prior to the first pitch, Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick smudged the field, followed by a welcome song from the Blue House Singers.



Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Join us on the 92nd anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing. We recognize the suffering, strength and resilience of the children through a day of memoriam and fellowship.

Friday, June 5, 2026
Sunrise Ceremony
7 a.m. | Mission Creek Cemetery
One mile north of Pickard Road on Bamber Road

Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
1111 S. Crawford Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

Speakers:

- Charlee Brissette — Native American Boarding School (NABS) Program Updates
- Jo Troxell — Native American Boarding School (NABS) Oral History Project
- Marcella Hadden — Current and Future Status of Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS)

For more information, please contact:

- Marcella Hadden: MHadden@sagchip.org | 989.775.4076
- William Johnson: WJohnson@sagchip.org | 989.775.4730
- Or email: miibs@sagchip.org

PARKING ONSITE
First entrance
1111 S. Crawford Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Open to the public, rain or shine

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

For your comfort, please bring:
Lawn chair, blanket and umbrella

Silent Auction donations welcome, please contact:

- Charla Riley: CRiley@sagchip.org or 989-775-4756
- Gage Colwell: GColwell@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751

CMU CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY | FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY



Michigan Two Spirit & Indigiqueer Coalition serves to promote cultural healing opportunities

MICHIGAN TWO SPIRIT & INDIGIQUEER COALITION

The Michigan Two Spirit & Indigiqueer Coalition, established by Great Lakes Bay Pride in 2024, serves to promote cultural healing opportunities as a prevention model to address sexual violence, domestic violence, and substance use disorders for the 2SLGBTQ+ relatives within the local communities.

The coalition is made up of 18 members belonging to nine different tribal nations!

In addition to creating safe spaces for the community to engage with culture, language, and teachings, the coalition has been working with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College to format course electives that explore the history of Two Spirit & Indigiqueer people, traveled across Turtle Island to collaborate with leaders in this work, and have formatted of a Social Determinant of Health (SDoH) survey that collects information that will steer workplan initiatives for the next year!

The coalition launched the first ever Pride Month celebration in Mount Pleasant in 2022 and this June, will celebrate the fifth annual celebration. Inclusion, visibility and opportunities to safely exist within our communities, authentically and unapologetically, are pivotal to healing and growth, and we are proud to serve in these efforts. You can follow our journey by visiting www.greatlakesbaypride.org to sign up for our newsletter and information about future events!

"Serving on the Two-Spirit coalition has helped me feel more connected to my identity, community, and culture as a tribal member. It has given me the opportunity to support and advocate for Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer relatives while helping create safer, more inclusive spaces within Indigenous communities. Being involved has also strengthened my understanding of the importance of representation, cultural acceptance, and community healing." - Teri Anglin



Courtesy photos

"I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Two-Spirit coalition. It has allowed me to make new connections, travel, and be a part of something bigger than myself to help my community." - Miranda Pelcher

"Being part of the Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Coalition has been really meaningful to me. It's heart-warming to see more acceptance and more events being created for our community, and I'm happy to be part of something that brings people together." - Mgizi Wemigwan

"Serving on the coalition has been deeply powerful, allowing me to step into my role as a leader and advocate while keeping our community's future at the

forefront. It provides a real platform to ensure our voices aren't just heard, but are actually driving the decisions that protect our people and our traditions. Honestly, it's a profound responsibility that keeps me grounded, connected to our roots, and fiercely motivated to do the work." - Kamie Mandoka

"Serving on the Two-Spirit & Indigiqueer Coalition has helped me connect with others like me and work towards similar goals." - Lacey Biiwaabikobenais Mandoka

"The impact this coalition has had on me is immense; seeing the Two-Spirit community flourish is incredibly powerful. Despite balancing a demanding schedule, discovering the vast number of resources and events available nationwide has been eye-opening. Closer to home, one of my favorite events is Pride in the Park, hosted right here in Mount Pleasant. It beautifully conveys that we, here at the Tribe, are a dedicated safe space for all. This connection has heightened my awareness and made me incredibly proud to contribute to this meaningful work alongside the Michigan Two-Spirit Coalition & Great Lakes Bay Pride." - Niibin Sprague

"Serving on the coalition has made me realize that I have more support in the community than I thought I did. I've also been more involved with helping out my community." - Lucy Cantu

"Serving on the coalition has helped me to feel connected through camaraderie and feel empowered in an area of my life that has long been ignored, hidden, or otherwise neglected. This helps us to build strong identities. This is important because it helps us create stronger safer spaces for Native youth who may be needing mentorship or support and we're here for that. It's not always easy being different but we stand stronger and braver together. With that, we become more empowered and able to tackle issues that affect our communities. As Two-Spirit people we have work to do and a responsibility to help create safer stronger Native communities for generations to follow." - Guadalupe Gonzalez

THE MICHIGAN TWO SPIRIT & INDIGIQUEER COALITION

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH) SURVEY 2026

This survey collects demographic information that helps us evaluate our initiatives and better understand the needs of our communities. It is completely anonymous. You do not need to identify as Two Spirit/LGBTQ+ to complete this survey.

YOUR VOICE. OUR FUTURE. STRONGER TOGETHER.

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GREAT LAKES BAY PRIDE

JUNE 20

Everyone Welcome! 2-5 PM

Drag Show AFTER PARTY

Adults 18+ 7-11 PM

LEARN MORE!

PSA: FRAUDULENT FACEBOOK PAGE IMPERSONATING SCIT POWWOW

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

It has come to the attention of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe that a fraudulent Facebook page is impersonating the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow and messaging individuals requesting money for sponsorships, vendor fees, and event attendance.

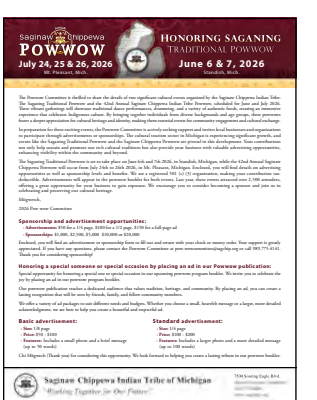
The SCIT Powwow Committee will NEVER solicit payments through Facebook messages, personal accounts, or unofficial pages. All official communication and payments are handled directly by a SCIT Powwow Committee Member - Darcy Pilar, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Naomi McCormack, and Noelle Wells. All vendor payments are paid directly to Darcy Pilar or Seryna Acuna who can be found in the Black Elk building, Monday - Friday; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Darcy Pilar is located in the Treasury Department and Seryna Acuna is located in Human Resources.

Checks and money orders are to be made out to SCIT Powwow and we also accept cash. Please DO NOT send money or share personal information with this fraudulent page.

The SCIT Powwow Committee does NOT have an official Facebook page for the powwow. For accurate information, please refer only to the official Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Facebook page, email communications, and the website - www.sagchip.org/pow-wow/

It should be noted that unauthorized use of the SCIT logo, branding, or official powwow flyers/photos is strictly prohibited. Any reproduction, distribution, or use of these materials for purposes other than personal viewing and sharing from official sources is not permitted.

Any questions can be sent to powwowcommittee@sagchip.org. We appreciate your help in protecting the integrity of the SCIT community. Please share this message to assist in spreading awareness.



The official sponsorship letter is shown above.



Congratulations high school graduates!



Logan Condon
Carson City High School



Gage Chapa
Mt. Pleasant High School



Gabriella Noelle Gardner
Riverton High School



Aniyah Bain
Oneida Nation High School



Violet Jackson Green
Pottersville High School



Samuel Stevens Jr.
Vestaburg High School



Konner Hillegger
Mt. Pleasant High School



Zhaawan Martell
Mt. Pleasant High School



Jayla Faye Trepanier
Shepherd High School



Quinn Pelcher
Mt. Pleasant High School



Oginiihs Zerbe
Mt. Pleasant High School



Isaiah Otto-Powers
Mt. Pleasant High School



Gracie David
Mt. Pleasant High School



Bree Sprague
Shepherd High School



Trevor E. Isham II
Mt. Pleasant High School



Maisie Mena
Mt. Pleasant High School



Azrae Wemigwans
Mt. Pleasant High School



Waasnodeh
Davis-Hernandez
Kearsley High School



Maheengunse Bear
Meskwaki Settlement High
School (Tama, Iowa)



Wadaase McSauby
Union High School
(Grand Rapids, Mich.)



Killian D'Artagnan
Coleman High School



Kristy Palacios
Eastern High School



Leah Palacios
Eastern High School



MacKenzie McMullen
Waverly High School



Danny Leonard
Clare High School



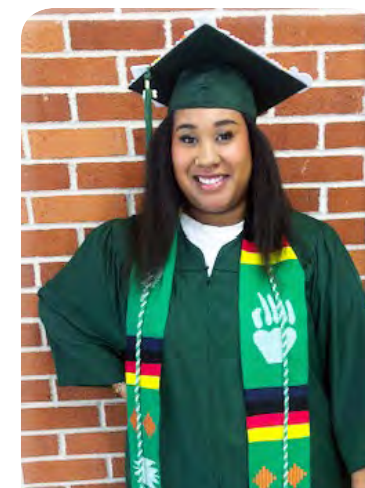
Congratulations college graduates!



Mackenzie Allbee
Michigan State University
Bachelor of Science
in Kinesiology



Phillip Jackson
University of Kansas
Masters of Science in
Environmental Assessment



Kiara (Ekdahl) Smith
Delta College
Associate in Applied Arts,
Child Development



Izabella Benzinger
University Of Michigan
Political Science



Ayla Sisco
Central Michigan University
Environmental Studies



Ian William Johnson
Northwood University
Bachelor's Degree in
Business Administration



Jeffrey Vasquez
Leech Lake Tribal College
Associate in Indigenous
Science, Forest Ecology



Jenna Rios
Arizona State University
Bachelor's Degree
in Public Policy



Elizabeth M. Smith
Northern Michigan University
Bachelor of Science in
Native American Studies



Sheligh M. Jackson
Central Michigan University
Master of Science
Administration – Health Services

Courtesy photos

Congratulations high school graduates!



Nikodin Davis
Mt. Pleasant High School



Jayne Starkey
Morey FlexTech High School



Kannen Quezada
Mt. Pleasant High School/Oasis



Caleb Burger
Mt. Pleasant High School



Manajwiin I. Chippewa
Oasis



Kaya Elizabeth Rose
Sacred Heart Academy

Join **TEAM SCIT!**

AT THE 38TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN INDIAN FAMILY OLYMPICS

Register your family online

- www.sagchip.org/mifo/Participant/Create
- Or scan QR code →

Pre-register by July 9 to be guaranteed a Team SCIT T-shirt.

Free to SCIT Members & their families
**This is an alcohol, smoke and drug-free event.*

Thursday, July 16, 2026

Check-in opens: 8 a.m. | Shotgun start: 9 a.m.
Golf Scramble at The Pines Golf Course
 1022 Clubhouse Dr., Lake Isabella, MI 48893

- Register online at www.sagchip.org/mifo
- Cost: \$35 per player
- Format: Two-person scramble

Friday, July 17, 2026

CMU's Bennett Track & Field

- Registration open from 7:30 - 11 a.m.
- Opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m.

Track & Field competitions and games
 Baby crawl, tot trots, elder walks, archery, various dashes and runs, softball throw, long jump and more!

Contact: SPifer@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694





SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE CLASS OF 2026



Aimee Bird
Associate of Arts
in Business



Kristen Cantu
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



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Renata Chookomoolin
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts (Education)



Tiana Escobar
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Cameron Fleming
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Alexis Fox-Kimewon
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Tristan Green
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Heaven Hart
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Timothy Hertzberg
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Jessica Ice
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Charles Isham
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Quincey Jackson
Associate of Arts
in Business



Nicklas Jerman
Associate of Arts
in Business



David Merrill
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Kaylee Ni
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Earl Pelcher
Associate of Arts
in Business



Linze Ritter
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Phoenix Slater-Snowden
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Joseph Szabo
Associate of Arts
in Liberal Arts



Kayleen Toner
Associate of Arts in
Liberal Arts (Education)



Brittany Wakley
Associate of Arts in
Native American Studies



Twenty-two Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates are honored at the 2026 commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 21 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall. (Not pictured: Calvin Parish, Associate of Arts in Native American Studies.)



Twenty-two graduates receive their diplomas during the 2026 Tribal College commencement

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

As another semester came to a close, 22 Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College students had every right to celebrate as they were recognized for what they've been working so hard for – achieving their associate degree.

The 2026 SCTC commencement was held on Thursday, May 21 at 5 p.m., in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.

The commencement began with drummers providing a song for the procession of youth dancers, graduates, SCTC Board of Regents, and faculty and staff.

Following Anishinaabe Language student Derek D'Artagnan providing the invocation, Chief Luke Sprague provided welcoming remarks.

Chief Sprague gave recognition to the graduates, along with their support systems. He also said in his experience with collaborating with several different Michigan tribes, he has met with many tribal leaders that have begun their educational path at tribal colleges and universities.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Karen Colbert, educator and data scientist, delivers the keynote address during the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's May 21 commencement.

Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte provided remarks. He discussed when he started his educational path, he was a nontraditional student.

"One day I hope to see you up here leading," Graveratte said to the graduates sharing the stage with him.

Karen Colbert, educator and data scientist, delivered the commencement address.

Colbert stated that "some people go through life like a thermometer" and others "go through life like a thermostat." Colbert said a thermometer

has one job: to report the temperature in the room. Whatever the environmental becomes, that thermometer simply reflects what is already happening in one's environment.

"A lot of people spend their entire lives... emotionally out-sourced to the environment around them, and if I lived my life like thermometer, it could have completely devastated the trajectory of my life."

However, Colbert said, a thermostat "does not merely react to the environment; it regulates, it monitors the room, it makes adjustments. It stays committed to the outcome that it was designed to produce."

People that live life like thermostats "do not allow for every obstacle, every opinion, every disappointment, or every difficult season to completely change who they are. They regulate in their emotions, they regulate their discipline, they regulate their reactions..."

SCTC President Carla Sineway announced the conferral and awarding of the degrees.

The turning of the caps' tassel from the right side to



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College President Carla Sineway



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Sub-Chief Craig Graveratte provides welcoming remarks.

The following students have earned an associate degree in business:

- Aimee Bird
- Nicklas Jerman
- Quincey Jackson
- Earl Pelcher

The following students have earned an associate degree in liberal arts:

- Kristen Cantu
- Charles Isham
- Tiana Escobar
- David Merrill
- Alexis Fox-Kimewon
- Joseph Szabo
- Heaven Hart

The following students have earned an associate degree in liberal arts with a concentration in education:

- Renata Chookomoolin
- Kayleen Toner

The following students have earned an associate degree in Native American studies:

Concentration in Anishinaabemowin:

- Cameron Fleming
- Phoenix Slater-Snowden
- Kaylee Ni

Concentration in arts and humanities:

- Tristan Green
- Jessica Ice
- Timothy Hertzberg
- Brittany Wakley

Concentration in history and law:

- Linze Ritter
- Calvin Parish



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

The SCTC commencement ceremony concludes with the drummers performing an honor song.

the left marked the transition from candidate to graduate complete, stirring thunderous applause. Drummers then performed an honor song.

Board of Regents Chairwoman Stormie Wakemup presented the Student of the Year Award to Tiana Escobar.

"(Tiana) shows incredible dedication, resilience, and self-discipline," Wakemup said. "Throughout her college journey, she has regularly met with her success coach and stayed deeply committed to her goals. Even while balancing the

duties of raising a young child, working, and studying, she faced challenges with determination and grace. Despite life's ups and downs, Tiana has kept excellent attendance and performed really well, academically. She is confidently working toward... transferring to (Central Michigan University) to earn her bachelor's degree in social work, where she will surely continue to make a positive difference."

The event concluded with a blessing by President Sineway, and dinner.

THE SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL LIBRARY

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library is a public library open to everyone, located inside and also serving the SCTC. Being a library card holder gives you access to our entire library collection, online resources, our partner libraries, and our interlibrary loan system. We have books, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs and materials for all ages, organized using Maawn Doobigeng (Gather Together), an Anishinaabe system of library organization created by and for this community.

Services we provide:

- Computer access
- Free Wi-Fi
- Paper shredder
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- Curbside pickup
- Free printing
- Laminating
- No overdue fines!

Online resources for finding more information:

- Newsbank for local, national, and international news
- ProQuest History Vault for historical documents from the U.S. National Archives
- Ebooks and e-audiobooks with the Libby app
- ProQuest Indian Claims Insight for treaties, claims, and other historical documents
- Streaming video from Kanopy
- JSTOR for scholarly monographs and ebooks

Services for Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College:

- Textbooks and supplementary books for classes
- Interlibrary loan: Over 6 million items
- Research databases for articles and peer reviewed literature
- Librarian assistance with research and other class support

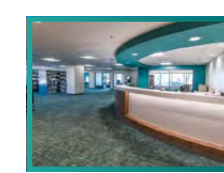
Visit <https://mel.org> to borrow books from any participating library in Michigan

Use your Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library Card at our partner libraries:

- Veterans Memorial Library (Mount Pleasant)
- Faith Johnston Memorial Library (Rosebush)
- Tate Memorial Library (Blanchard)
- Shepherd Community Library (Shepherd)
- Fremont Township Library in (Winn)



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries



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

June 22-26, 2026

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

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

- Registration open to the first 15 to sign up
- Open to middle school students (entering sixth grade or leaving eighth grade)
- Schedule: Field trips and outdoor activities
- Snacks and lunch will be provided

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





SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE
2026 FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

FALL 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL AUG. 21, 2026

Delivery	Code	S	Course Title	CR	Day	Room	Time	Instructor
O-A	ACC 115	1	Financial Accounting	3				Long
F2F	ART 1115	1	Beadwork I	3	T	ROOM 245	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Jackson
O-A	ART 115	1	Art Design	3				Jackson
H	BIO 105*	1	Introduction to Biology	3				Abbas
F2F	BIO 105A*	1	Introduction to Biology Lab	2	T	ROOM 232	3:30 - 5:20 p.m.	Abbas
F2F	BUS 110	1	Introduction to Business	3	T/R	ROOM 329	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 130	1	Business Ethics	3	M/W	ROOM 329	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 150	1	Business Law	3	T/R	ROOM 313	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Antrobus
F2F	BUS 170	1	Principles of Management	3	T/R	ROOM 249	9:00 - 10:20 a.m.	Fowler
F2F	BUS 200	1	Principles of Marketing	3	M/W	ROOM 249	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Wagner
F2F	BUS 201	1	Personal Finance	3	M/W	ROOM 329	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Fowler
O-A	BUS 215*	1	Business Communication	3				Tyler
F2F	CPT 112*	1	Introduction to Computer Technology	3	M	ROOM 340	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Klopf
F2F	CPT 124*	1	Introduction to Spreadsheets	3	W	ROOM 340	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Long
O-A	ECO 202	1	Principles of Macroeconomics	3				Wagner
F2F	ENG 101*	1	Composition I	3	M/W	ROOM 331	9:30 - 10:50 a.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 010*	1	Composition I Lab	2	M/W	ROOM 331	11:00 - 11:50 a.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 110	1	Introduction to Communication	3	T/R	ROOM 331	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Boleman
F2F	ENG 150*	1	Introduction to Literature	3	M/W	ROOM 331	3:30 - 4:50 p.m.	Boleman
O-A	ENG 202*	1	Composition II - W1	3				Boleman
F2F	EVS 120*	1	Environmental Science	3	M/W	ROOM 235	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	EVS 120A*	1	Environmental Science Lab	2	W	ROOM 232	2:30 - 4:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	GEL 100	1	Environmental Geology	3	M/W	ROOM 235	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Miller
F2F	GEO 201	1	Weather and Climate	5	T/R	ROOM 235	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Miller
F2F	MTH 012*	1	Quantitative Reasoning Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 314	10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Crosswait
F2F	MTH 105	1	Intermediate Algebra	4	T/R	ROOM 330	1:00 - 2:50 p.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 120*	1	Quantitative Reasoning	3	M/W	ROOM 314	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 140*	1	Pre-Calculus	4	T/R	ROOM 330	9:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 150*	1	The Teaching of Counting and Whole Numbers	3	M/W	ROOM 330	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Rich
F2F	MTH 023*	1	Statistics Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 314	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	Crosswait
F2F	MTH 230*	1	Introduction to Statistics	3	M/W	ROOM 314	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Crosswait
O-A	NAS 103	1	Survey of Native American Studies	3				Haviland
F2F	NAS 242	1	Topics in Native American Literature	3	T/R	ROOM 214	10:00 - 11:20 a.m.	Peters
O-A	NAS 250	1	Anishinaabe Art	3				Jackson
O-A	NAS 254	1	Contemporary Native American Art	3				Jackson
F2F	NAS 259	1	Anishinaabe History: Beginnings to 1600	3	M	ROOM 214	5:00 - 7:50 p.m.	Haviland
F2F	NAS 261	1	Survey of Native American History	3	M/W	ROOM 214	1:00 - 4:20 p.m.	Haviland
F2F	NAS 263	1	Contemporary Native American Issues	3	T/R	ROOM 214	1:00 - 2:20 p.m.	Peters
F2F	NAS 271	1	Indigenous Storytelling	3	T/R	ROOM 214	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Indgonzalez
F2F	NAS 275	1	Modern Native American Resistance Movements	3	M/W	ROOM 214	3:00 - 4:20 p.m.	Peters
F2F	OJB 101	1	Ojibwe I	3	M/W	ROOM 214	10:30 - 11:50 a.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 102*	1	Ojibwe II	3	M/W	ROOM 243	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 201*	1	Ojibwe III	3	T/R	ROOM 243	10:30 - 11:50 a.m.	Roy
F2F	OJB 202*	1	Ojibwe IV	3	T/R	ROOM 243	1:30 - 2:50 p.m.	Roy
F2F	PHY 101*	1	General Physics I	3	T/R	ROOM 232	5:30 - 6:50 p.m.	Majorski
F2F	PHY 101A* S	1	General Physics Lab	2	T/R	ROOM 235	7:00 - 7:50 p.m.	Majorski
F2F	PSC 120	1	American Government	3	T/R	ROOM 331	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Knott
F2F	REL 180	1	Introduction to Religion	3	T	ROOM 329	5:30 - 8:20 p.m.	Landen
H	SDV 102	1	Foundations for Student Success	3	M	ROOM 314	5:00 - 6:20 p.m.	Green

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SCTC SUMMER EVENTS

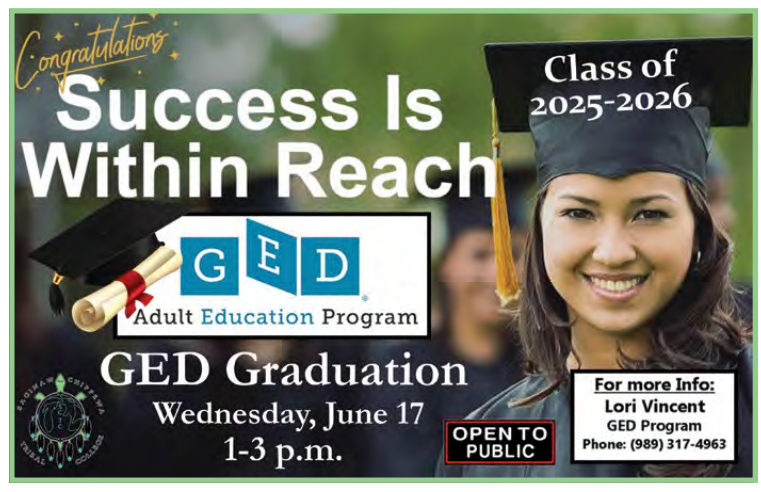
- June 8 | Anishinaabe Traditional Planting Stick Workshop | 2-5 p.m.
- June 10 | Mshkikiikaan Garden Box Build Day | 2-7 p.m.
- June 12 | Last day for students to withdraw for summer
- June 17 | GED graduation at 1 p.m.
- July 3 | Summer courses end (8 week)
- July 31 | Summer courses end (12 week)
- Aug. 5 | Mshiikehn 5K
- Aug. 13 | Big Campus Bash
- Aug. 19 | Fall Orientation

SCTC FALL EVENTS

- Aug. 14 | Admission deadline
- Aug. 21 | Fall registration ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- Aug. 24 | Classes begin
- Aug. 28 | Add/drop ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- Sept. 7 | Labor Day (campus closed)
- Sept. 25 | Michigan Indian Day (campus closed)
- Oct 30 | Last day to withdraw
- Nov. 25 | Thanksgiving break (campus closes at 5 p.m.) *No night classes
- Nov. 30 | Thanksgiving ends (campus opens at 8 a.m.) *Classes resume
- Dec. 11 | Semester ends
- Dec. 14 | Final grades due to Registrar



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Annual K-12 Educational Powwow welcomes area schools to Wii Maajikwad

MATTHEW WRIGHT
 Staff Writer

Students and staff from local schools were presented with Native culture during the K-12 Educational Culture and Curriculum Powwow. The two-day event was held on May 5-6 in the Wii Maajikwad gym.

The event saw 1758 students from Shepherd, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Oasis, Shepherd Public Schools, Odyssey, Beal City, Renaissance Academy, Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Sasiwaans.

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

The Blue House Singers 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 Tribal Elder Joseph Sowmick.



Observer photos by Matthew Wright

MMIP
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Attendees were offered MMIP T-shirts, refreshments, and an opportunity to gather in a supportive environment focused on remembrance and unity. Families, organizations, and community partners came together to show that every step

taken during the march represented love, support, and advocacy for Indigenous relatives and families.

Community involvement continues to play an important role in bringing awareness to MMIP and honor those whose stories must never be forgotten.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijig





Kansas perform iconic rock hits during memorable Soaring Eagle concert



Soaring Eagle welcomes Kansas for a memorable night of hits on Saturday, May 23.

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed legendary rock band Kansas, and all of their iconic hit songs, on Saturday, May 23.

Formed in Topeka, Kansas in 1973, the band's career has spanned over five decades. Their catalogue includes 16 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," followed by "Paradox."

The band slowed it down for the sentimental opening of "Play the Game Tonight." The song's signature crescendo led into the chorus, energizing the crowd.

The energy remained with the next songs "Fight Fire with

Fire," "Jets Overhead" and "Child of Innocence."

Kansas kept the classic rock vibes coming with "The Wall" and "Song for America."

A high point of the night 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.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Kansas bassist Dan McGowan (front left), keyboardist and vocalist Ronnie Platt (front right), and drummer Phil Ehart (back) perform the hit song "Paradox."

Next up was the punchy, funk riffs of "Can I Tell You," followed by "Hold On," "Down the Road" and "Portrait (He Knew)."

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 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.

Jeff Dunham brings "Artificial Intelligence" tour to Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

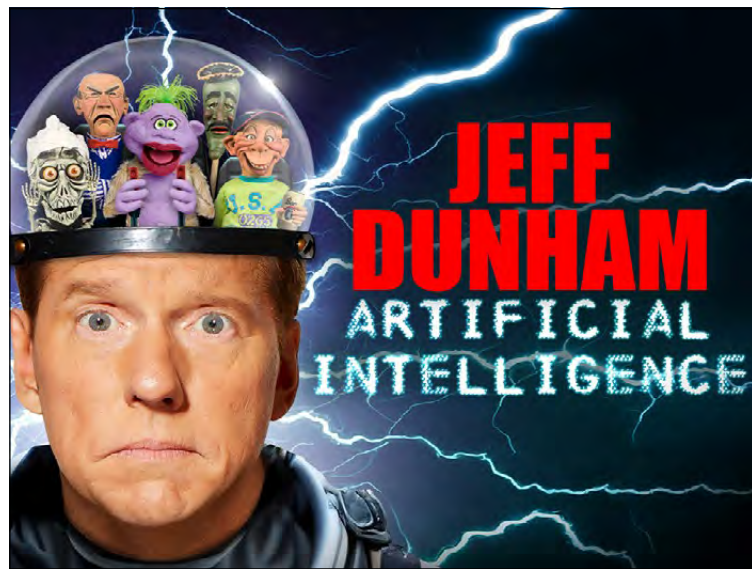
Jeff Dunham brought his unique blend of ventriloquism and stand-up comedy to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, May 8.

According to his website, www.jeffdunham.com, his 12 specials have been viewed nearly 2.5 billion times across and digital and broadcast platforms. He currently holds three of the top-five highest rated programs on Comedy Central.

Fans were treated to all of Dunham's signature politically incorrect, slapstick humor and his iconic cast of beloved puppet characters. This included the Peanut, Walter, Bubba J, José Jalapeño on a Stick, and Achmed. His act is filled with clever jokes, and light-hearted banter between himself and the puppets.

The star of the show was the newest puppet character, an A.I.-powered robot co-host named Pi-R. The robot and Dunham had hilarious banter; showing just how funny it can be when comedy and artificial intelligence collide on stage.

Pi-R had many hilarious moments with the other



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characters. The puppet even seemed to be learning and interacting with the audience.

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Double bill of motown's The Temptations, Four Tops returns to Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Soaring Eagle welcomed back a Motown double bill of The Temptations and the Four Tops on Saturday, March 9, in concert inside the Entertainment Hall.

In matching elegant white suits, the Four Stops got the show started just after 8 p.m., performing a one-hour set.

Sadly, there are no surviving original Four Tops members.

The last surviving member, Abdul "Duke" Fakir, passed away in June 2024 at age 88. The current line up excels in continuing the legacy of the original members.

Current members include Theo Peoples, Ronnie McNeir, Lawrence Payton Jr. (son of original member Lawrence Payton) and Michael Brock.

Their sweet harmonies shined during their most popular hits including "Baby I Need Your Loving," "Bernadette," "Reach Out I'll

Be There," "Ain't No Woman (Like the One I've Got)" and "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)."

The Four Tops serenaded a fan on stage during "Still Water (Love)."

The group discussed a song that they knew was special; they thought it would do better on the music charts. It eventually skyrocketed on the charts when a certain artist named Whitney Houston recorded it. That song is called "I Believe in You and Me."

"But we did it first," the group stated, smiling, and causing audience amusement, before performing their version of the eventual hit.

Next up, and also in matching chic white suits, The Temptations stood shoulder to shoulder at their microphone stands placed center stage. The group also performed a one-hour set.

Otis Williams is the last surviving original member of The Temptations. Joining him are: Melvin Franklin, Eddie Kendricks, Paul Williams and

Elbridge "Al" Bryant.

The Temptations brought Motown nostalgia with their exceptional vocals and sing-alongs to some of their massive hits including: "Get Ready," "The Way You Do the Things You Do," "Just My Imagination (Running Away with Me)," "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone," "My Girl," and more.

Celebrating 40 years touring together, the Four Tops and The Temptations proved they should not throw in the towel anytime soon.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The legendary Motown group, the Four Tops, gets the Saturday, March 9 show started in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The Temptations show off their flawless harmonies and in-synch choreography to the audience as the evening's headliners.

Country music singer-songwriter Dylan Scott brings "Till I Can't I Will Tour" to town

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Country music singer-songwriter Dylan Scott and his deep baritone drawl came to Mount Pleasant for a Friday, April 24 performance in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall as part of his "Till I Can't I Will Tour."

While Scott quickly gained success in 2016 when his debut single "My Girl" became a number one, certified-platinum hit (he closed with this song at the Soaring Eagle performance), his success didn't end there.

In 2021, his song "Nobody" became another chart-topping single, winning Breakthrough Video of the Year at the CMT Music Awards.

"Can't Have Mine (Find You A Girl)" became a 2022 viral TikTok sensation and another certified-platinum hit.

Each of these songs he performed live during the Soaring Eagle show.

His other performances that evening included "Hooked," "New Truck," "I'll Be a Bartender," "Till I Can't, I Will," "Boys Back Home," a medley which included classic country hits, and much more.

Overall, it was an enjoyable, interactive country music show where Scott's old soul and old-school country-feels were a highlight of this performance.



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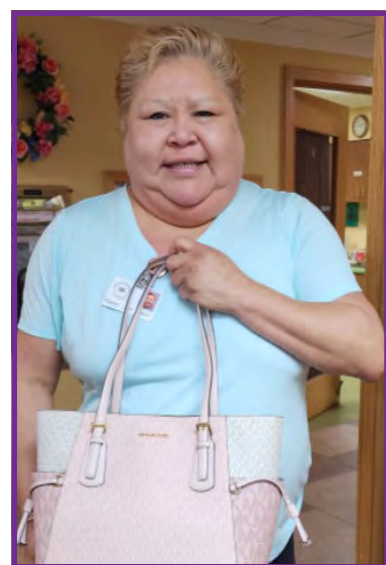
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Andahwod Continuing Care Community and Elder Services
Elders' June 2026 Newsletter

Boozhoo elders! Andahwod has medical equipment available for tribal elders to borrow when needed. We also have personal care supplies available. Please call Lucinda at 989-775-4307 for more information.



Congratulations to our purse auction and raffle winners, Gayle Ruhl (left) and Karen Naganashe (right).

Willie Mena shows off his recent craft at Andahwod.

June 2026 Andahwod events

Coffee Break / Daily / 2:30 p.m.
Sewing / Tuesdays / 10:30 a.m.
Walking w/Patty / Tuesdays / 1 p.m.
Euchre / Thursdays / 5:30 p.m.
Lost & Found Bingo / June 1 / 1-3 p.m.
Elders Lunch / June 3, 17 / 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mother's & Father's Day Cookout / June 5 / Bingo: 3 p.m. / Food served: 4:30 p.m.

Bible Study with Julie Pego / June 8, 15, 29 / 6-7 p.m.
Name that Tune / June 8 / 2:30 p.m.
Elders Breakfast / June 10, 24 / 9-10 a.m.
***Activities and events are subject to change.*

Movie in the CGA / June 15 / 2:30 p.m.
SCIT TRIBAL OPS CLOSED / June 19 / Juneteenth Holiday
Bingo with Friends / June 22 / 1-3 p.m.
Language Bingo / June 23 / 1-3 p.m.

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339



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Upcoming dates:
• June 8, 15 & 29
• July 13 & 27
• Aug 10 & 24

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Snacks will be served

Contact: DePelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4339

Elder Mother's & Father's Day COOKOUT
Friday, June 5, 2026

Andahwod CCC & ES (2910 S. Leaton Rd.)
Dorothy Netmop Memorial Bingo: 3 p.m.

•The family of Dorothy Netmop made a donation to Andahwod to host the bingo for community elders.

Food served: 4:30 p.m.

•Menu: Pulled BBQ chicken, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, fresh veggie platter and pineapple upside-down cake

•Prizes, jewelry bags, door prizes and 50/50 tickets!

For more information and to RSVP:
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Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

June 2026 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 Tuna Casserole Meatball Sub	2 Beef Taco Chicken Strip Basket	3 Elder Lunch Grilled Burgers (Fun in the Sun) Baked Tuna Pasta	4 BBQ Chicken Egg Salad Sandwich	5 Beef Roast w/Red Potato Sloppy Joe	6 Chef's Choice
7 Chef's Choice	8 Breakfast Casserole Pork Loin	9 Chicken Taco Ham & Cheese Melt	10 Elders Breakfast Bean Soup Patty Melt	11 Lemon Pepper Chicken B.L.T.	12 Steak Sandwich White Chicken Chili	13 Chef's Choice
14 Chef's Choice	15 Chicken Broccoli Casserole Zuppa Soup	16 Steak Fajita Pork Chops	17 Elder Lunch Pizza Buffet Pancakes & Sausage	18 Herb Roasted Chicken Egg Salad Sandwich	19 Open Face Roast Beef Chili	20 Chef's Choice
21 Chef's Choice	22 Tator Tot Casserole Ribs w/ Mashed Potato	23 Tostada Chicken Salad Wrap	24 Elders Breakfast Bean Soup Hot Dogs	25 Spaghetti Chicken Bacon Swiss Sandwich	26 Potato & Sausage Steaks on Grill	27 Chef's Choice
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Pullen Elementary second graders practice mindfulness by participating in peace walk



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Second graders at Pullen Elementary participated in the school's first peace walk, in an effort to practice mindfulness, on Thursday, May 21.

The .87-mile walk began outside the school's front doors, traveling south to the the McLaren hospital and looping back to the school's playground.

The idea of the peace walk, supported by the Tribe's Project AWARE program, came to vision as school counselor, Laura Gourlay, offers mindfulness and social emotional lessons at the junior kindergarten through second grade building.

"In October, Bhikkhu Pannakara, a monk from Texas, envisioned and planned a peace walk from Texas to Washington, D.C.," Gourlay said. "It took four months and they traveled 2,300 miles. Along the way, the images of the walk were posted on YouTube, and the students and I took an interest in their travels."

When Pannakara and his walkers arrived in Washington, D.C., Pannakara spoke to thousands of people who gathered at the Lincoln Memorial to welcome them. He asked for the crowd to put their hands

on their hearts and breathe together. The crowd did just that for a long moment together.

"He then spoke and said, 'We each have a box of peace inside of ourselves, but we need a key to open the box.' The key, he said, was mindfulness. The kids and I loved this because mindfulness is something we already practice at Pullen Elementary, so we were excited by his words. We then envisioned that second graders could have their own peace walk."

Pullen kindergartens sat on the sidewalk to wave at the walkers. The walkers sported peace apparel including stickers and homemade signs.

"I wrote a small grant from the Esther Krause Peacemaking Funds at the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, and was awarded funding for magnets and stickers for (Pullen students and staff)," Gourlay said. "(The stickers say) 'Today Is Going To Be My Peaceful Day,' which is what Bhikkhu suggested we wake up and say every day."

The walkers concluded the stroll by gathering in a circle in the school's field and sharing a song together.

Olivia Drexler, community project manager for Project AWARE, said she hopes to see the peace walk expand next year and include other schools, such as Wii Maajikwad.

Nimkee hosts departmental competitions during Community Health & Fitness Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Nimkee Fitness once again hosted a day full of friendly competition among tribal departments during its Health and Fitness Day on Thursday, May 21.

Held at Nimkee's Fit Park, competition time slots occurred in two sessions: From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then from 4 to 6 p.m.

Challenges in the four-themed health-improving opportunities included:

Health and self-care (walking four laps, stretching, attending a yoga class, enjoying healthy snacks provided)

Strengthening for everyday living (box step-ups, chair squats, TRX assisted chin-ups, TRX push-ups, TRX recline rows, farmer's carries and sled pushes)

Participation in hobbies and the outdoors (basketball shots, tire flips, climbing Mt. Nimkee, rowing)

Strengthening and stretching at home (body-weight squats, planks, push-ups, dumbbell curls, hip stretches)

The challenge provided a trophy for the tribal

department with the most points (five people minimum, 10 maximum per team).

With a total of 150 points, Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services won the challenge. Tribal Court came in second with 115 points.

Each competitor received a Nimkee Fitness blender bottle participation gift, and earned raffle tickets toward prizes including: A one-night stay at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel (won by Gwendolyn Sherwood), a Soaring Eagle Spa package (Cloe Warren Elm), a Fitbit Versa 2 (John Silversmith), and a Nimkee Fitness T-shirt (Malessa Wing).



Observer photos by Alicia Raphael

The Community Health and Fitness Day featured friendly competition among tribal departments on May 21.

Trufant Flea Market Day Trip

Thursday, June 25, 2026
Departing Andahwod at 9 a.m.

SCIT elders are invited to ride from Andahwod to the flea market.

RSVP by Monday, June 22

Please call Denise Pelcher at 989-775-4339

JUNE 2026 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) David Bird
Karen Bond
Asuncion Castaneda
Carolyn Harris
Robert Neyome Jr.
Martin Steele | 15) Gloria Loveland
Earl Pelcher Sr.
Alvin Zygmunt
Lillian Steele
John David |
| 2) Kevin Phillips
Donna Moore
Tammy Nowicki
Amy Shawboose
Leona Castaneda | 16) Lawrence Faber
Ernest Nahgahgwon
Geraldine Phillips
William Griffus |
| 3) Patricia Kequom
Loretta Castaneda
Robert McDonald | 17) Dale Bailey |
| 4) Kayle Crampton | 18) Jill Meir
Linnette Weber |
| 5) David Beaulieu
Troy Kendall
Dawn Shaw | 19) Charel Stevens |
| 6) Bethel Merrill
Roberta Starkey
Tammi Craig | 20) Michael Childers
Lori Fuller
John Hart
Richard Russell
Diedra Wilson |
| 7) Mark Jackson | 21) Cheryl Dixon |
| 8) Kimberly Otto McCoy
Vanyork Shawboose
Anita Henry
Eugene Jackson | 22) Penny Elliott
Daniel Rossbach |
| 9) Gary Bird
Lillian Corbier
Lisa Kennedy
Kelli Buback
Eldon Davis
Morgan Pope
Shane Slater | 23) Dawn Jacobs-Marcoux
George Mandoka
Diana Robinson
Marlin Strong |
| 10) Robin Peters
Amy Westcott
Christina Taylor
Stephanie James | 24) Christopher Moses
William Netmop III |
| 11) Douglas Gage
Kelly Garlick
Roger Stevens
Jessica Kahgegag | 25) Dennis Bailey
Shelly Reihl
Annette Saboo-Rogers
Rhonda Severeid
Laura Shawboose
Michael Bennett |
| 12) Charleen Sasse | 26) Craig Benz
Sharon Blevins
George Slater Jr. |
| 13) Daniel Burnham
Anthony Dutton
Harold Isaac Jr.
Elizabeth Kosla
Connie Rosenthal
Angela Davison | 27) Tabitha Jones
Marla Pelcher
Lorraine Bergevin
Deborah Hull
Scott Donovan
Richard Trepanier
Christopher Derus |
| 14) Jeanette Leauraux
Jodie Brown
Kristie Clemons
Richard Cloutier
Patricia Harris
John Quayle
Gregory Mandoka | 28) Rose Greenwald
Ronald Stockel II
Angela Tabor |
| | 29) Robert Riekema
Mac Schoen
Tish Sanchez |
| | 30) Sherry Hawkins
Tammy Salas
Rhonda Salazar
Carole Tally
Jackie Mannie |

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR Michigan Indian Elders Association SCHOLARSHIPS

To qualify for MIEA Scholarship, applicant must be:

- Full-time student; at least 12 credit hours as defined by the university or higher institution of learning OR
- High school graduate or GED recipient
- Applicant must be an enrolled tribal member or descendant of a MIEA tribe.

Deadline: postmarked by June 5, 2026

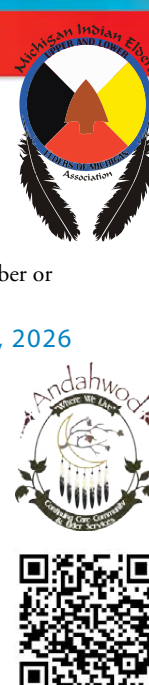
Mail applications to:

Marie "Tootsie" Miller
M.I.E.A. Scholarship Coordinator
202 Ben Neuis Place
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Applications are available:

- Online: www.sagchip.org/senior/index.htm
- Or by scanning QR code →

For more information:
Lucinda Burr at 989-775-4300





JUNE 2026 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Native Farmers Market

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
• Farmers Market Pavilion
(Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads)
• SAMACHippeway@sagchip.org or 989-775-4629

Toddler Time

June 2 | 1-3 p.m.
• Wii Maajikwad/Recreation (2875 Gikendasso Way)
• Recreation@sagchip.org
• Open to infants and toddlers

Powwow Social

June 2 | 6-8:30 p.m., potluck at 5:30 p.m.
• 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
• TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780
• Full regalia encouraged but not required

Honoring, Healing & Remembering

June 5 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (1111 S. Crawford Rd.)
• MHadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4076
• 7 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony at Mission Creek Cemetery (One mile north off Pickard Road on Bamber Road)

Kick Off to Summer Cookout & Kickball

June 5 | 5-9 p.m.
• Broadway Park (2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.)
• YouthCouncil@sagchip.org
• Community encouraged to bring a side dish

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 6 | Grand entries at 1 p.m. & 4 p.m.
June 7 | Grand entry at 1 p.m.
• Powwow grounds (2750 Worth Rd. Standish, Mich.)
• PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org or 989-884-6271

Sweat Lodge with Joe Syrette

June 8 | Arrive at 4 p.m., sweat begins at 5 p.m.
• Behavioral Health (2800 S. Shepherd Rd.)
• 989-775-4828

Higher Education and High School Graduation Banquet

June 9 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
• Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendasso Way)
• DSmith@sagchip.org or 989-775-4071
• Each graduate will receive invitations.

34th annual Human Race

June 10 | Registration: 5 p.m., race: 5:50 p.m.
• 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
• 989.775.4694 or SPifer@sagchip.org
• Sign up: www.sagchip.org/sevengen/events.htm
• 5K run and one-mile fun run/walk
• Event T-shirts for the first 125 registrants
• Post-race dinner served to all participants

Summer Safety Fair

June 13 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
• Public Safety Building (6954 E. Broadway)
• SSowmick@sagchip.org or 989-775-4699
• Public Safety 30 year celebration: Honoring our commitment to community safety
• Music, food, prizes and fun

Natural Resources Tribal Youth Camp

June 15-18 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Pick up and drop off: Broadway Park Pavilion (2451 Nish-Na-Be-Anong Dr.)
• Sign-up: KHager@sagchip.org or 989-775-4585
• Open to ages 12 to 17 (during the time of camp)
• Limited space available

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

June 20 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Isabella County Fairgrounds (500 N. Mission)
• 989-772-5927 ext 3

Community Cultural Teachings

June 20 | 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
• Sanilac Petroglyphs (8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, Mich.)
• WJohnson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4730

Summer Feast

June 24 | 6-8 p.m.
• 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
• TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780

Eagles Basketball Camp

June 26, 27, 28
• Wii Maajikwad/Recreation (2875 Gikendasso Way)
• Registration required: Recreation@sagchip.org
• Age groups: 7 and under, 8-12, 13-15

Two-Spirit Talking Circle

June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28 | 6-8 p.m.
• 7th Generation (7957 E. Remus Rd.)
• LeRuffino@sagchip.org or kt@greatlakesbaypride.org

Chippewa River Cleanup

July 8 | 10:30 a.m., launching at 11:30 a.m.
• Deerfield Park (2425 W. Remus Rd.)
• Registration deadline: Friday, June 26
• Sign-up: KHager@sagchip.org or 989-775-4585

37th annual Freedom Walk

July 25 | Doors open at 7 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m.
• Location: TBD
• Prevention@sagchip.org



Observer Classifieds: To place your ad, call the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096, email observer@sagchip.org, call to make an appointment in the Observer offices in the Black Elk Building or mail to Tribal Observer, Attn.: Classified, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Please have all submissions and payment in by deadline. Classified rates are \$10 for 15 words or less and 75 cents per additional word. Any thumbnail image costs an additional \$15.

Apply to job postings online at www.sagchip.org. * Job postings are subject to change daily.

100 Employment

Tribal Operations

Fresh Water Operator II
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have three years of water operator or related experience.

Fresh Water Operator III
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have five years of water operator or related experience.

Utilities Manager - Waste Water Treatment
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have and maintain EGLE F-2 or Waste-water A. Certification for water treatment operations, testing and maintaining chemical additives.

Waste Water Operator II
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have three years' experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Waste Water Operator III
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have five years experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Utilities Manager - Fresh Water Treatment Plant

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have and maintain EGLE F-2 or Waste-water A. Certification for water treatment operations, testing and maintaining chemical additives.

Prevention Specialist

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

Natural Resources Technician-Seasonal

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Must be able to swim and use a canoe. Desired qualifications: Pursuing a degree in natural resources or related field.

Prosecutor

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

Liaison Family Spirit Home Visitor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in public health, health and human services, social services, behavioral health, or related field. Minimum three years of relevant experience

in field of child protective services, behavioral health, criminal justice, community health, prenatal health care management, or social services.

Police Officer
Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Physician - IHS Same Day
Open to the public. Medical degree or doctor of osteopathic medicine. Current board certification in specialty. Two years' experience working in an outpatient or clinic setting desired.

Registered Medical Assistant - Same Day
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant license. Must be knowledgeable in CPT and ICD 10 codes and medical terminology.

Dentist

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Two years working dentist experience desired. DEA Controlled Substance License or ability to obtain upon hire.

Dental Hygienist

Open to the public. Registered dental hygienist. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired.

Internship

Unpaid internship within Tribal Operations or other tribal enterprises. Open to the public. Must be an enrolled student at a college or university, and provide SCIT with documentation of the university's requirements/scope of work for the required internship. Must currently have a cumulative 2.5 GPA.

RTC Support Technician PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

Data & Evaluation Analyst

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Associate degree in social sciences or related field. Six months of experience in data analysis. Experience with database design and best practice helpful.

SAMHSA Project AWARE Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. 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.

AWARE Elementary Counselor/Family Outreach

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work or counseling from an accredited program. One year experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances.

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)

This online certification course will prepare aspiring pharmacy technicians to effectively assist the pharmacist in the packing and distribution of medication.

Medical Billing & Coding Certification

Train for an in-demand healthcare career in medical billing and coding and prepare for industry certification.

Pharmacy Technician

This online certification course will prepare aspiring pharmacy technicians to effectively assist the pharmacist in the packing and distribution of medication.

Interim Clinical Therapist

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.

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Interim Transport CNA

Open to the public. Interim position. High school diploma or GED. Certified Nursing Assistant.

Tribal Code Compliance Officer

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree in human services or related field. Five years' relevant experience including building construction, inspection and ordinance enforcement. Communication and interpersonal skills to deal effectively with property owners, State, local, and tribal governmental representatives, builders, contractors, other office staff and community-at-large.

Registered Medical Assistant - Third Shift PT

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant license. One-year experience in long term care or clinic setting desired.

Certified Nursing Assistant - Third Shift PT

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

Assistant Prosecutor PT

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Member in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan.

Public Health Nurse - Diabetes

Open to the public. Grant funded. One year of public health or nursing experience. Program planning and coordination of prevention program experience.

Clerical Pool

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

General Labor Pool

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

Soaring Eagle

Line Cook

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

Sous Chef

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.

Kitchen Equipment Tech

Open to the public. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair. Must have a current and must be able to maintain a current Universal Refrigerant Certification.

F&B Cashier FT

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.

Maintenance Worker

Open to the public. One year of demonstrated experience in basic maintenance, grounds keeping.

Bartender (Seasonal) PT

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

Waitstaff (Seasonal) PT

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

Building Maintenance Apprentice

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

Guest Relations Rep PT

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

Grounds Maintenance Worker

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

Building Maintenance Worker

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

Waitstaff PT

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

Steward PT

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

Saganing

F&B Supervisor

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

F&B Custodial Worker

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

Count Team Assistant

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.

Bartender FT

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

Bartender PT

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

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 FT

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

Line Cook PT

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

Inventory Control Driver Warehouse

Open to the public. One year experience in driving vehicles and rigs that require a CDL license.

Maintenance Worker PT

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

Laundry Attendant 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.

Guest Room Attendant

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

Players Club Representative PT

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

Cage Cashier PT

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

JUNE 2026 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Lost & Found Bingo 1-3 p.m. Andahwod	2 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9 p.m. 7th Gen	3 Elders Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Andahwod Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health Lacrosse Stick Workshops 3-5 p.m. & 5-7 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	5 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Mother's & Father's Day Cookout and Memorial Bingo 5 p.m. Andahwod Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	6 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
8 Sewing in Saganing 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saganing Name That Tune 2:30 p.m. Andahwod Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Bible Study with Julie Pego 6-7 p.m. Andahwod	9 Saganing Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9 p.m. 7th Gen	10 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health Lacrosse Stick Workshops 3-5 p.m. & 5-7 p.m. 7th Gen	11 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	12 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	13 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health AOVWS Meeting 2 p.m. Ziibiwing
15 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Movie in the CGA 2:30 p.m. Andahwod Bible Study with Julie Pego 6-7 p.m. Andahwod	16 TRIBAL OBSERVER DEADLINE Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Trading Card Game Night 5:30-9 p.m. 7th Gen	17 Elders Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Andahwod Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health	18 Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	19 TRIBAL OPS CLOSED Juneteenth Holiday Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	20 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
22 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Bingo with Friends 1-3 p.m. Andahwod	23 Language Bingo 1-3 p.m. Andahwod Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9 p.m. 7th Gen	24 Elders Breakfast 9-10 a.m. Andahwod Recovery Talking Circle 9 a.m. B. Health	25 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen Peer 360 at BH Lodge 6-7 p.m. B. Health	26 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod	27 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
29 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Lacrosse Game 5:30-8 p.m. 7th Gen Bible Study with Julie Pego 6-7 p.m. Andahwod	30 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Drums Out 7:30-9 p.m. 7th Gen	SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL LIBRARIES GINDAASAN ENSA GIIZHIGAK (READ EVERY DAY) SUMMER READING PROGRAM JUNE 8 - JULY 31, 2026 Stop by the Tribal Library to sign up and pick up your Summer Reading packet. Now inside the Tribal College 5805 E. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 For more information, contact: LDisel@sagchip.org or 989-317-4789			• SECR Payroll • SCIT Per Capita • SCIT Payroll • Curbside Recycling

HUMAN RESOURCES: Training/Certification Opportunities

Associate Degree Dental Hygiene Program
The Dental Hygiene degree program at Ferris State is the largest in the State of Michigan and one of the largest Dental Hygiene AAS degree programs in the nation.

Criminal Justice Law Enforcement
The Delta College Criminal Justice program is designed to give you specialized knowledge of the criminal justice field combined with a broad general educational.

Water and Wastewater Treatment Technology
Earn an associate degree in water and wastewater treatment technology. When you're done, you'll be able to take licensing exams.

Hotel Management
You will gain a solid understanding of the growing hospitality business — from historical context to the current trends.

Clinical Dental Assistant
This course will provide you with the essential skills and knowledge needed to become a dental assistant, including every aspect of professional dental assistance.

Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
You will learn the professional traits and responsibilities to become a vital part of the healthcare team in a medical office, clinic, hospital, and other healthcare settings.

Medical Billing & Coding Certification
Train for an in-demand healthcare career in medical billing and coding and prepare for industry certification.

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 6 & 7, 2026

Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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

Saturday, June 6

- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Special**
- **Dancer/Drum Re-Registration:** 3-3:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 4 p.m.
- **Special**
- **Retiring of Flags:** Dusk
- **Bingo at Saganing Tribal Center**

Sunday, June 7

- **Breakfast at Saganing Tribal Center:** 9 a.m.
- **Dancer/Drum Registration:** 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Special**
- **PWC Raffle Drawing:** 3 p.m.
- **Hand Drum Contest:** 3 p.m.
- **Blanket Giveaway**
- **Retiring of Flags:** Upon closing

Emcee: Mike Medawis

Arena Director: Gabe Cleveland

Head Veteran: Ray Cadotte

Head Dancers: Selected daily

Sound: Everything Audio Visual

Host Drum: Wind Eagle

Invited Drums: Woodland Stream
and Sturgeon Bay

Admission:

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

**Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult*

Powwow Committee Specials

Ages 17 and older

Payouts: \$500/\$300/\$200

- Woodland Men
- Northern Traditional
- Jingle Dress
- Women's Appliqué

Ages 16 and under

Payouts: \$300/\$200/\$100

- Woodland Junior
- Grass Dance
- Jingle Dress
- Girls Appliqué



For more information, please contact SCIT Powwow Committee:

Phone: 1-800-884-6271 | **Email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow/saganing

This is a drug and alcohol-free event

No dogs allowed on Powwow grounds (service dogs only)



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