

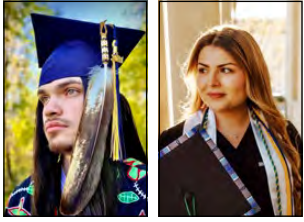


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(Moon of the Strawberry)

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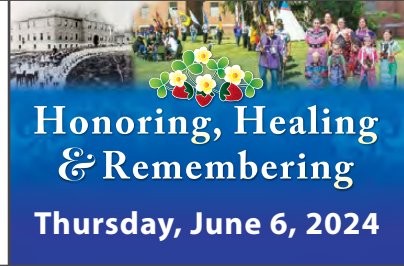
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Mission Creek Cemetery: 7 a.m.
MIIBS Site: 8 a.m.
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Tribal Operations and related departments will maintain regular business hours 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Monday - Friday

“No More Stolen Sisters” brings awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The “No More Stolen Sisters” event was held on Thursday, May 16 from 4:30- to 6 p.m. at the Broadway Park in Mount Pleasant, Mich. The event was held in an effort to bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) movement.

More than 5,700 American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls were reported missing as of 2016, according to the National Crime Information Center, but only 116 of those cases were logged with the Department of Justice.

Eighty-four percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. A 2008 study found that women in some tribal communities are 10 times more likely to be murdered than the national average.

Tribal Council Sub-Chief Luke Sprague provided opening remarks.

“Working together, we can seek change. We can grow together to change the laws and practices that allow this problem to persist.” Sprague said. “This



starts out at the highest levels of our local, State and Federal governments... They spearhead some of these movements, but it takes the communities, like us gathering here today, to bring change. They can bring change with the laws and policies, but the actual awareness starts here. It starts with you. Coming together we can move a community, and a community together can actually move a whole nation.”

A sharing of smudge was held, followed by an honor song by the Blue House Singers.

Next up was a song performance by the DibeindizoKwe Singers.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts asked for a moment of silence before



Behavioral Health staff and volunteers (from McLaren Central Michigan, R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Mid Michigan College and Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, and community members) pose for a group photo before the “No More Stolen Sisters” event on May 16.

sharing a prayer.

The first speaker was Tribal Member Andre’a Ritter, who shared about her experiences and advocacy within the movement.

“There is such a big need for this awareness. It’s something that’s not spoken about very much, and we need that to change,” Ritter said. “But myself, I’m a survivor as well, so I know that not everyone makes it. We still honor them, we still love them, and we still miss them. It’s important to keep their memories going, especially the good ones.”

Ritter also spoke on the



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Andre’a Ritter



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Melissa Pamp

importance of speaking up and breaking the silence.

“For those speaking up, I congratulate you. It’s not easy, but it’s definitely worth it,” she

said. “It’s always another light for someone else that’s going through it. You can make it, you’re not alone.

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SCIT celebrates 43rd gaming anniversary on April 26 at Soaring Eagle

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrated its 43rd gaming anniversary on Friday, April 26 inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort at the main gaming floor entrance.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez provided a welcome and exceeded the events with many Tribal Council members, Tribal Members, Soaring Eagle personnel and casino guests in attendance.

Tribal Council’s Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto opened the celebration with an Ojibwe prayer, and Sub-Chief Luke Sprague made a speech; thanking the Soaring Eagle staff for making the casino function as a “a 24/7 operation.”

Tribal Council Treasurer Maia Spotted Tail discussed the bi-annual 2 percent distributions to local area schools and government.

CEO Melinda Coffin also spoke and wished to thank team members and guests for joining. Coffin mentioned it’s been 43 years, yet the team will “work hard to continue to grow for the future.”

Blue House Singers performed a song to celebrate as dancers moved to the beat of the drum. Faith Carmona-Pego (women’s traditional), Mattea Gonzalez (jingle dress), Cruz Perez (men’s woodland) and James Falcon (men’s traditional) showcased their dance styles to the guests in attendance.

Sub-Chief Sprague cut the



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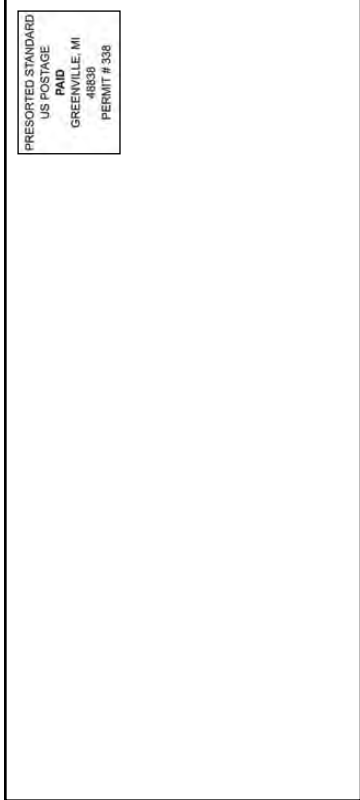
Tribal Council members and Casino CEO Melinda Coffin (far right) pose for a photo after the cake cutting for the 43rd gaming anniversary on Friday, April 26, held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort main gaming entrance.

themed anniversary cake, made by SECR Food & Beverage’s Sous Chef Holly Bigelow and her team.

Complimentary cupcakes were available for all guests

and attendees, provided by the SECR Food & Beverage Department.

Blue House Singers performed an honor song to conclude the event.





Shannon Irene Zander

April 13, 1969 - May 8, 2024

With profound sorrow, we announce the departure of Shannon Irene Zander, who gained her wings on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Shannon was a guiding light in the lives of all who knew her, and her legacy of love and kindness will forever be cherished.



Born on April 13, 1969, the daughter of Micheal Zander and Sharron Sprague, Shannon's life was a testament to the power of love. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1987 and touched countless lives with her generosity and warmth.

Shannon, a devoted Detroit Lions fan, cherished attending concerts, especially performances by local musicians. Her greatest joy came from spending time with friends and family. She was an enthusiastic supporter of her daughter's softball and volleyball games, always cheering her on.

Shannon's love knew no bounds, extending not only to her beloved son, Alex "Alley Cat" Bullion, and daughter, Sabryna "Bean" Yager, but also to her adored grandson, Odin, and to many others who found a second home in her heart.

Shannon's embrace was a haven, her hugs a symbol of genuine connection. She lived her 55 years with the spirit of youth, teaching us all to love with abandon and to embrace our own worth. Her presence was a gift, making each person she met feel uniquely special.

She leaves behind a loving family: her son, Alex (Danielle) Bullion of Lansing; her daughter, Sabryna "Bean" Yager of Mt Pleasant; her grandson, Odin Bullion; her parents, Micheal (Judy) Zander and Sharron Sprague; her cherished grandmother, Irene Barnard; her brother, Dana Sprague; her sisters, Kelly Barnard, Tiffany Zander; her nieces, Haley and Sable; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends.

Shannon also leaves behind a chosen family, whose lives she enriched immeasurably: Leanne (Scott) Fischer, Kathy and Maria Blake, Sandy Guthrie, Natalie Matchett, Melissa Newcombe, Kim (Zach) Trost, Jamie (Chris) Crockett, Lisa Curtiss, Nakkim Gall, Elizabeth (Jerry) Smith, and all of their children and grandchildren. Her extended family includes Tony (Anita) Yager, Tiffany Yager, Cassie (Jay) King, and Krystal (Mike) Fent, all of whom she held dear. She bonded with her coworkers making them part of her chosen family as well, Tess, Jessica, Heather, and the rest of the Salvation Army crew.

A celebration of Shannon's life will be held at "The Farm" at 1081 E. Pickard Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. on June 15th. The family will receive friends starting at 12 p.m. and a memorial service will begin at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to her children.

Shannon's journey on earth has ended, but her spirit soars high, reminding us that love is eternal. Her memory will continue to inspire us to live fully, love deeply, hug a little tighter and hold on a bit longer. Rest in peace, dear Shannon, our Angel on earth gained her wings and will forever be our angel above. Baamaapii.

Mary Margaret Waaboose Lunham

October 5, 1978 - April 19, 2024

Mary Margaret Waaboose Lunham, age 45, passed away at MyMidMichigan Gratiot Hospital on Friday April 19, 2024.

Mary was born to Rocky and Elaine (Pego) Lunham on Oct. 5, 1978 in Mount Pleasant. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.



Mary married Lorenzo Claudio on Dec. 7, 2007 in Mt. Pleasant. She enjoyed going to the casino, and making food from cooking shows.

Mary is survived by her husband, Lorenzo Claudio; father, Rocky; children, Gegek "Kaleb", Waasamoo "Jake," Tobias "Toby" and Kiara; three dogs Cheeny, "Little Lady Princessa" and Zeus; grandchildren, Leila and Elaine; sister, Shawana; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Elaine Pego, dad Kevin Shawnoo; sisters Rose and Segwen; Grace and Buddy Pego and Uncle Bo Pego.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Monday, May 6 at noon. The family received friends from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial took place at Woodland Cemetery. Following burial, a luncheon was held at Seventh Generation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Community Cultural Teaching at ezhibiigaadek asin

(Sanilac Petroglyphs - near Cass City, Mich.)

A ceremonial place of natural beauty & wonder. Join us as we honor the teachings & spirit of the ancestors at this sacred place.

Tuesday, June 20, 2024

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI 48726

Four Hills of Life Teaching & Little People Ceremony with Shannon Martin

- Bring your lawn chair
- Sack lunch provided
- Skirts for women
- Free and open to the public

Share a traditional teaching from your family, or come and listen and embrace the culture in a beautiful and sacred setting.

Honoring the Memegwesi (Little People): Offering Bundle for the Sanilac Petroglyphs

Memegwesi are known to protect Anishinabe children, sacred medicines and sacred places.

Teachings about the memegwesi tell us they protect the people against sickness. In the spirit of reciprocity and respect, we give them a gift bundle to thank them for their important work.



Suggested gifts for the Memegwesi:

- Buckskin & fur scraps
- Needles & thread
- Dry corn & wild rice
- Little tools
- Buffalo jerky & dried fish
- Pennies
- Maple sugar candy
- Small copper items
- Little clothing & hats



Miigwetch for your anticipated donations.

For more information, please contact: MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989.775.4751

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

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

The years may go by but we will always miss you just as much sweet girl

(June 6th)

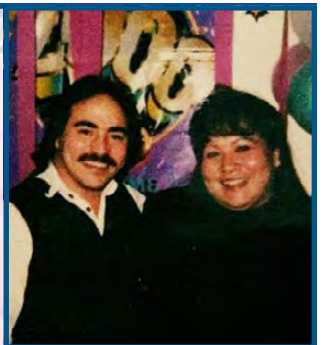


Not a year goes by that we don't think of you!

(June 10th)

Happy Father's Day & Happy Birthday to my Papa Bear & Happy belated Mother's Day to my Mama Bear. I love and miss you both

(June 10th)



We will forever miss you and love you

- Dat Peanut

(June 21st)

TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 23 & 24, 2024
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Police Department

Open to Tribal community youth, 12-18 years of age

Activities include:

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

Registration required

Deadline: Friday, July 5, 2024

- 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

NATIVE FARMERS MARKET

All Are Welcome!

Tuesdays • June 4 - Sept. 17

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Farmers Market Pavilion

Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

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

Welcoming NEW Healthy Food/Native Art

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

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

Now featuring:

Produce grown on SCTC's Food Sovereignty Garden

Mshkikiikaan

(The Place of Medicine)



Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact:

Jasmine Gonzalez, Market Master
989.775.4629 | JaGonzalez@sagchip.org



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 4 • July 2 • Aug. 6

Anjelina Reyes
Congratulations Anjelina!
 I am so proud of you, you shine so brightly! Keep reaching for the stars.
 Love,
 Mom & Aunt Brandy

Happy 3rd Birthday
 baby girl, we love you!"
 (June 2nd)

Congrats
Meish
 We love you so much!
 Gram & Papa

Happy Birthday
 Neeb a leeb
 ♥
 (June 7th)

ZIIBIWING CENTER
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Collections Committee Vacancies

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

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

Interested members need to:

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

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

William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager

- **Email:** WJohnson@sagchip.org
- **Mail:** ZC Collections Committee c/o William Johnson 6650 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **Phone:** 989.775.4730

Freedom Walk
 5th Annual
 2024

Saturday, July 27, 2024
Eagles Nest Tribal Gym

- 7 a.m. – Doors open and registration
- 7:30 a.m. – Welcome and opening prayer
- 8 a.m. – Honoring people in recovery
- 9 a.m. – Walk begins

- Breakfast will be provided.
- The Freedom Walkers will head south on Leaton Road, and then take a left turn on Tomah Road and proceed east until the walkers reach the Hill Campground (Powwow Grounds).

For more information, contact:
 Prevention@sagchip.org

Happy Birthday
 to my other half!
 We love you!"
 (June 13th)

M'no D'biishkaan Austin!
 You are going to do BIG things in this world
 April 24th

Happy Birthday Monkeyfurr
 ♥
 (June 15th)

18TH ANNUAL
People's Traditional POWWOW

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

Dignitaries: TBD at a later date

35th Annual Freedom Walk ART DESIGN Contest

Contest will end: Friday, June 7, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Winner will receive: Overnight stay at the Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, waterpark passes and a \$75 gift card to Nbakade Family Restaurant.

Contest rules:

- Artists can submit art that signifies freedom, sobriety and recovery to them.
- Max of five colors only (black and white is also counted as a color).
- Solid colors only — any shading, shadows or textures will not be used in the final design.
- Hand drawn, painted or digital art is acceptable.
- The design must include the following text: "35th Annual Freedom Walk 2024"
- Submit a high resolution scanned copy, no photos.
- Also submit a short description of the artwork.

Submit artwork to: Prevention@sagchip.org

Happy Birthday auntie, love youuu!"
 (June 14th)

FIFTH ANNUAL OPIOID SUMMIT
 "Raising Awareness, Taking Action, Saving Lives"

Presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

Save the Date! Oct. 28 & 29, 2024
SECR Entertainment Hall

For questions or more information, contact:
 989.775.4805 | Carjackson@sagchip.org



Tribal Council

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Tim J. Davis | District One

Sub-Chief

Luke Sprague | District One

Treasurer

Maia Spotted Tail | District One

Secretary

Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

Sergeant-at-Arms

Christina Otto | District One

Chaplain

Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

Council Member

Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member

David Merrill Jr. | District One

Council Member

Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

Council Member

Ron Nelson | District Two

Council Member

Samantha Chippeway | District One

Council Member

Theresa Peters-Jackson | District One



Wednesday, June 12

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

5K Run & One Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registration: 5:30 p.m. | Race begins: 6:30 p.m.

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

Full course post-race dinner served

Individual fees:

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

Family rate: (Three or more immediate family members)

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

Hand-crafted cedar eagle feather awards for:

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



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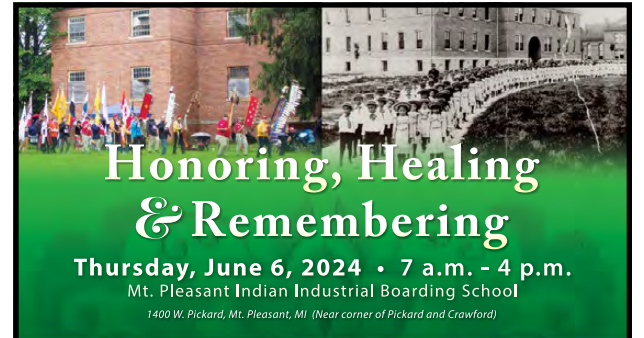


Human Race T-shirts:

For first 125 registrants

For more information, contact:

Jaden Harman | 989.775.4694 | JHarman@sagchip.org



Honoring, Healing & Remembering

Thursday, June 6, 2024 • 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI (Near corner of Pickard and Crawford)

SEEKING DONATIONS for Silent Auction

► Now accepting items

► Items can be dropped off at:

Ziibiwing Center front lobby
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

* Proceeds go to help secure the premises and repairs from vandals/trespassers.

For more information, contact:

Marcella Hadden

MLHadden@sagchip.org | 989.775.4751

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The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

Nbookaawin – Wisdom

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

Zaagidowin – Love

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

Minaadendamooing – Respect

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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery

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

Gwekwadiziwin – Honesty

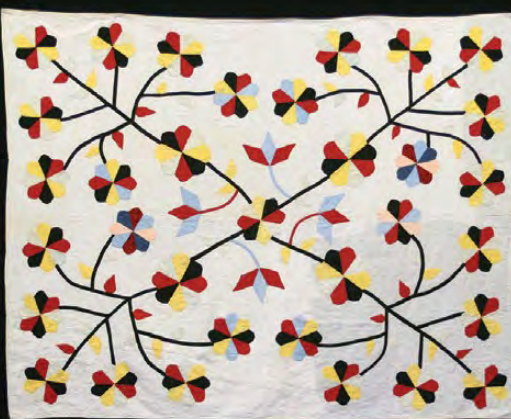
To be honest is to recognize that we have the ability to live our lives with honor and integrity.

Dibaadendiziwin – Humility

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

Debwewin – Truth

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



Kina Gego E'dgomak Aking

Everything That Exists Naturally On Earth

Indigenous Quilts

From the Michigan State University Museum

April 22 to Aug. 4, 2024

At the Ziibiwing Center



District 1 SCIT Elders

Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

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

Requirements:

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

Documentation needed:

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

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

Contact information:

Kim Otto McCoy, Planning Department

- Phone: 989-775-4014
- Email: KMCCoy@sagchip.org



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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

Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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



Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____

Address: _____


City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to:

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

Contact Information:

• Phone: 989-775-4096
• Email: Observer@Sagchip.org
• www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver

Attention Resident Tribal Members:

Blue Card Use at Sagamok DISCONTINUED

as of June 3, 2024

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

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

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

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

- Phone: 989.775.4175 or 989.775.4105
- Email: BusinessRegulations@sagchip.org

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

Spring Fling

Community Quilt Show

June 14 & 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Craft Fair

June 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

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



We are also looking for crafters to fill tables.

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

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



HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

RAFFLE

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

Two prize options: (First winner will get first pick)

- ▶ Prize 1: Meat package (with small freezer)
- ▶ Prize 2: Meta Quest

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

Contact Powwow Committee members for tickets:
 Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith and Reba Navajar. Saganing contact: Sarah Silas

**All proceeds will benefit the SCIT and Saganing powwows*

Contact information: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



40TH ANNUAL

JINGTAMOK

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"Honor our Language"

July 26, 27 & 28, 2024

Grand Entry
Friday: 7 p.m. | **Saturday:** 1 p.m. | **Sunday:** 12 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground
 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hotel Information:

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

Registration:
 Closes Friday at 6:45 p.m. and Saturday at 12:45 p.m.

Vendors: (Must be approved for set up)


- Please email: powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- Or website for application: <http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

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

- **Dance Contests:** TBA
- **Drum Contest:** TBA
- **Committee Specials:** TBA

www.sagchip.org/pow-wow
**Free Admission*
***Drug and Alcohol Free Event*

For more information, please contact: 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



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Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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



You can view the current development at this temporary web address:
<https://cdsc-wsu.org/ziibiwing-center/home>

For more information, please contact:

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

Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, June 7, 2024
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

Pine River Golf Club (2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, Mich.)

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

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

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

Pre-registration: Please email your team name and players to powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

All proceeds benefit the 2024 Saganing Powwow



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship DEADLINES

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

Summer - June 15, 2024

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

June 30, 2024

For processing of yearly Academic Incentive Awards, official transcripts are due

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

For more information, please contact:

Email: dsmith@sagchip.org | **Phone:** 989-775-4071



Honoring, Healing & Remembering

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

Thursday, June 6, 2024

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

1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI (Near corner of Pickard and Crawford)

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

Keynote speaker:

- **Suzanne L. Cross**, Ph.D., ACSW, LLC, Associate Professor Emeritus - MSU, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elder

Speakers:

- **Shawna Patterson-Stephens**, PHD, CMU Vice President for Inclusive Excellence and Belonging
- **Christian Nakarado**, MIIBS Architect
- **Rosita Clarke**, EPA Regional Brownfields Tribal Coordinator, Update on MIIBS Clean Up
- **Charlee Brissette**, NABS, Oral History Project
- **Poem: "Train Ride to Genocide,"** read by William Johnson

Silent Auction donations welcome: Contact NaLambertson@sagchip.org or 989.775.4756

Sunrise Ceremony

Open to the public. Rain or shine

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

Parking: Scan QR code to the right

918 W. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858

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

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

For more information, please contact:

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



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

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

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

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

Contact information:

Kim Otto McCoy

• Phone: 989-775-4014

• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org



Lab Services

The Quest phlebotomist will be on site:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Nimkee Clinic's medical assistants are available for lab services:

Mondays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Lab service hours are subject to change, as necessary.

For more information, please call: 989-775-4600

Pharmacy Services

Nimkee Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meijer Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Cardinal Pharmacy hours:

Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, please call: 989.775.4608

Same-day appointments

We want to ensure that all patients have a positive experience at Nimkee Clinic. If you have a same-day appointment, we kindly ask that you focus on addressing any urgent issues during your visit. To give your non-urgent concerns the attention they deserve, we may schedule a follow-up visit. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Same-day appointments are scheduled for 15-30 minutes

To schedule your appointment, please call: 989.775.4600



Location: Public Safety Building
(Corner of Leaton & Broadway)

Featuring:

- Fire equipment and smoke house
- Police dog and safety information
- Car seat inspections
- Free fire & carbon monoxide detectors
- Sacred Bundle Project
- Free helmets and bicycles for kids and elders
- Free lunch and ice cream
- Police & rescue vehicles
- Recovery information & meeting at noon
- Environmental, fall, water, safety, health information & more!
- Door prizes
- Bouncy house and slip 'n slide
- Kids & adult activities
- Dog & ORV registration
- Picture opportunities

Everything is free!
All are invited!



For more information, please contact:
989-775-4699 or SSowmick@sagchip.org



Niiwin Noodin Powwow

June 8, 2024 | Manistique, Mich.

- Grand entry: 1 p.m.
- 5698W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 8-9, 2024 | Standish, Mich.

- Grand entries: 1 p.m.
- 2750 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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July 13-14, 2024 | Hopkins, Mich.

- Grand entries: 1 p.m.
- 2558 20th St., Hopkins, MI 49328

Saginaw Chippewa 40th Annual Powwow

July 26-28, 2024 | Mount Pleasant, Mich.

- Grand entries: Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.
- 7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

People's Traditional Powwow

Aug. 24-25, 2024 | Mount Pleasant, Mich.

- 7597 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

GVAIL 63rd Annual Traditional Powwow

Sept. 7-8, 2024 | Grand Rapids, Mich.

- 2001 Monroe, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

For more information, please visit:

<https://calendar.powwows.com/events/categories/pow-wows/pow-wows-in-michigan/>

*Information courtesy of www.Powwows.com



SCIT distributes \$3.2 million during Spring 2024 2 percent distribution

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe hosted its semi-annual 2 percent distribution on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 in Arenac County and on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 in Isabella County.

The SCIT dispersed funds, to qualifying local units of government and public schools, derived from Class III gaming at its properties: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel.

“We are once again grateful for the opportunity to share over three million dollars with our local schools and governments,” said the Tribal Council in a statement. “We have committed to having open discussions with our local partners, during our bi-annual roundtables, which assist us in identifying the needs of members in all of our communities. These discussions have made a tremendous difference in our ability to maximize the reach of these shared resources. Chi-miigwetch (thank you) and we look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration.”

Since 1994, the Tribe has now shared in excess of \$289 million.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Bryan Mielke, supervisor for Union Township, accepts the \$125,251.77 on behalf of the township during the Isabella 2 percent distribution on May 29, held in the Black Elk Building. Mielke said some of the funding will help complete Lincoln Road in Isabella County.

The SCIT distributed a combined \$3,251,839.98 during this spring’s distribution ceremonies.

On Tuesday, May 28, \$686,516.64 was distributed in Arenac County to local units of government, with the local school districts receiving \$294,221.42.

Local government officials in Isabella County accepted approved grants totaling \$1,703,326.44 on Wednesday, May 29.

The educational leaders in Isabella County received an additional \$567,775.48.

The Spring 2024 2 percent distribution cycle saw just over 250 individual requests totaling over nine million dollars.

Saganing Government

- Arenac County \$335,749.63
- City of Au Gres \$34,196.80
- City of Omer \$9,976.21
- City of Pinconning \$24,814
- City of Standish \$21,640
- Arenac Township \$14,600
- Au Gres Township \$12,200
- Deep River Township \$7,000
- Lincoln Township \$1,000
- Mason Township \$26,000
- Moffatt Township \$6,000
- Pinconning Fraser Fire Dept. \$60,000
- Pinconning Township \$24,340
- Sims Township \$6,000
- Standish Township \$11,000
- Sterling Area Fire Authority \$50,000
- Sterling Area Fire Dept. \$5,000
- Turner Township \$6,000
- Twining/Mason/Turner Fire Dept. \$20,000
- Village of Twining \$5,000
- Whitney Township \$6,000

Total Government: \$686,516.64

Saganing Education

- Au Gres-Sims School District \$69,427.20
- Pinconning School District \$62,026.33
- Standish-Sterling School District \$162,767.89

Total Schools: \$294,221.42

Saganing Total: \$980,738.06

Isabella Government

- Isabella County \$519,681.78
- City of Mt. Pleasant \$462,000
- Chippewa Township \$296,544.89
- Deerfield Township \$24,379
- Denver Township \$5,000
- Isabella Township \$126,300
- Nottawa Township \$139,169
- Union Township \$125,251.77
- Wise Township \$5,000

Total Government: \$1,703,326.44

Isabella Education

- Beal City Public Schools \$35,983.80
- Chippewa Hills Public Schools \$51,437
- Mt. Pleasant Public Schools \$282,009.43
- Shepherd Public Schools \$131,896.27
- Renaissance Public Schools \$35,187
- Gratiot/Isabella RESD STEM \$31,261.98

Total Schools: \$567,775.48

Isabella Total: \$2,271,101.92

Grand Total: \$3,251,839.98

The Arenac and Northern Bay County distribution took place at the Saganing Tribal Center located at 5447 Sturman

Road, Standish, Michigan on May 28 at 1:30 p.m.

The Isabella County distribution took place on May

29 at 10 a.m. in the Black Elk Building located at 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

MMIP

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Everyone here is supporting the same thing.”

The final speaker was Melissa Pamp, a member Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indian. She is the mother of Nangonhs-Ba Massey, an Indigenous woman, and mother who was murdered in November of 2020.

“She’ll forever be 21, and her life was cut short,” Pamp said. “A mother and father should never have to bury their child. A child should never be motherless.”

Massey was murdered in at an apartment complex in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

“Although Nangonhs was murdered, it was never treated or handled like a homicide,” she said. “Her apartment was never roped off. The main witness has never interviewed. No alcohol or drug screens for anyone but the victim.”

Pamp spoke on the reality of losing your child.

“It’s unfortunate and life-altering when a parent has to bury their child. They’ll never be the same,” she said. “It will be four years this coming fall. Were still working on our healing journey, getting back into culture, powwows, and things that we want to enjoy.”

Pamp also expressed gratitude for those in attendance as well as the advocacy and awareness that is being generated by the MMIP movement.

“I would just like to say keep spreading the word. Keep spreading awareness, working towards change, and supporting each other,” she said. “I just want to leave with these last words. ‘Our value is no longer negotiable’.”

Jalene Lewis, event organizer and victim services coordinator, said Behavioral Health and community partners are “very happy with the turnout” of this inaugural event. Lewis said nearly 200 people were in attendance.

“We can only hope to gain more support, community partners, and attendees in the years to come,” Lewis said.

Behavioral Health’s Victim Services was joined in collaboration with the Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, R.I.S.E Advocacy, Inc., McLaren Central Michigan, Central Michigan University’s Museum of Cultural and Natural History, and CMU’s Museum Studies Program.

Other contributors included Tribal Council, Tribal Police, IT Department, Tribal Observer, DibeindizoKwe Singers, Blue House Drummers, Cecilia



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Sub-Chief Luke Sprague addresses those in attendance.

Stevens, Next Level Graphic and Design, CMU students and many community members.

Red Dress exhibits were featured throughout the reservation and surrounding community beginning in late April through the middle of May. These exhibits locations included: Ziibiwing Center, Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Government Complex, Clarke Historical Library, Veterans Memorial Library, McLaren Central Michigan Hospital, Central Michigan University Libraries, Mid Michigan College and Art Reach of Mid Michigan.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

DibeindizoKwe Singers perform a hand drum song during the No More Stolen Sisters event on May 16.

Resources for victims:

- SCIT Behavioral Health Programs: 989-775-4850
- Nami Migizi Nangwiihgan: 989-775-4400
- McLaren Central Michigan SANE Program: 989-772-6777
- R.I.S.E Advocacy, Inc.: 844-349-6177
- SCIT Victims of Crime Advocates: 989-775-4814
- Human Trafficking Helpline: 888-373-7888

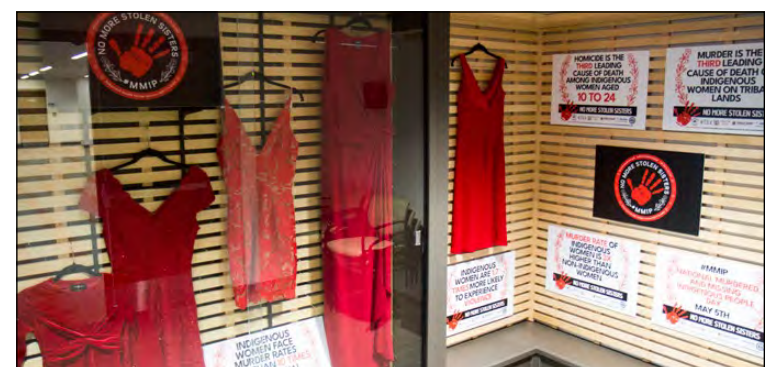
Advocacy opportunities:

- zontausa.org/redress-project-sheet-mmip-vaw-project
- www.zonta.org/Web/Web/Causes/Ending_Gender_Based_Violence.aspx



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Red dresses are on display at the Broadway Park during the event.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

As part of the Red Dress exhibit, dresses are displayed in the Tribal Council chambers.



June 8 & 9, 2024

Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI

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

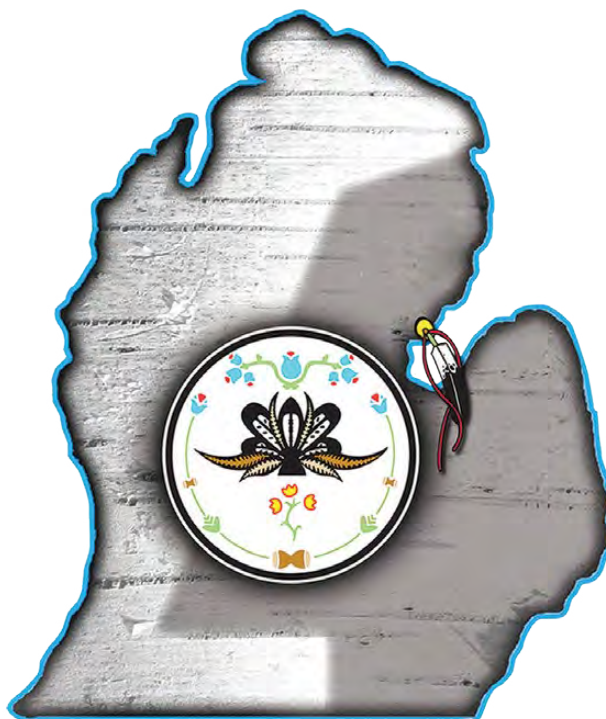
Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

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

** All subject to change*



Admission:

- **\$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend**
- **\$1 for children**

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

Master of Ceremonies:

Mike Medawis

Arena Director: Paul Syrette

Head Veteran: David Merrill Jr.

Head Dancers: Picked daily

Host Drum: Ribbon Town

Co-Host Drum: Kchi Mukwa

Invited Drums: Sturgeon Bay,
Southern Straight

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

Phone: 989.775.4000 | **Email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

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



Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

“Working Together for Our Future”

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Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
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SECR Food & Beverage Department sponsor for Isabella County Restoration House

CHRIS NADOBNY

Food and Beverage Director

The Isabella County Restoration House (ICRH) organizes shelter, clothing and meals for the community's homeless families and individuals that are in need of assistance.

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food & Beverage Department sponsors a meal once a week. Volunteers serve the meals November through April and manage the execution of the donated food for end-of-year fundraising event.

Pictured is the team that executed the Isabella County Restoration House fundraising event (Party For a Purpose).



Courtesy of Chris Nadobny

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food & Beverage Department sponsors a meal once a week for the Isabella County Restoration House.

The team members are as follows, but not limited to, as this is a collaboration of several Soaring Eagle departments that assist throughout the winter, Tribal Council, CEO

Melinda Coffin, Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez, Inventory Control's Matt "Rob" Cetas and Food & Beverage's Betty Riddle, Mark Lambert, LeeRoy Parish,

Andrew Allen, Sara Ferrell, Camron Buckner, Quinn Carson, Lori Guild, James Hoyt, Mike Cuellar and Spring Clements, along with volunteer Jerehsen Nadobny.

Saginaw Chippewa Academy teacher receives CFX Golden Apple Award

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Bambi Howard, first grade teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, received the March 2024 CFX Golden Apple Award. The award, given by 95.3 WCFX, recognizes deserving teachers, educators, volunteers or administrative staff in a mid-Michigan school.

Mrs. Howard has been teaching at SCA for five years.

Fia Roebuck nominated Howard by writing to CFX and stating: "(Howard) is the hardest working teacher I have ever met. She is constantly looking for

ways to better incorporate the curriculum into every day practical activities. She also cares for the kids so deeply. She wants to make sure every child that comes through her door knows that they are loved. She is often at the school for hours after close to make sure the classroom and activities are inclusive and welcoming. She is the best teacher I have ever met."

The Golden Apple Award, presented by the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club, winner receives a \$75 Visa gift card, a pizza party from Papa Johns of Mt. Pleasant, flowers from Three Wishes Floral and Design, and golf from Fields Golf Course in Ithaca.

When Howard was asked what she enjoys the most about her job, she said she "loves the students."

"I have always loved working with children of any age," Howard said. "It is very fulfilling to have students join the class at the beginning of the year with basic alphabet and counting skills and watch them develop into readers and mathematicians. We have three goals in our classroom: 1. Learn to read. 2. Learn to add and subtract. 3. Learn to work as a team. My students can tell you our goals, and which ones they are getting close to meeting. We have a lot of fun and do a lot of hard work."

Howard continued, "One doesn't become a 'Golden Apple' teacher without the support of their fellow teachers. I have learned much from Shara LeValley, our reading interventionist. She has helped me fine tune my teaching skills so my students continue to meet their academic goals."

Howard said she has also been encouraged by Project Aware.



Courtesy photo

Bambi Howard, first grade teacher at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, receives the March 2024 CFX Golden Apple Award.

"The training we have received has helped me to meet my students with a positive trauma informed mindset; giving them a space where they know they are loved and safe with healthy boundaries to help them reach their potential as young people," she said.

Sub-Chief Sprague throws out first pitch at CMU Baseball game



Photos courtesy of Central Michigan Baseball

Sub-Chief Luke Sprague throws the first pitch at the Central Michigan University baseball game to celebrate 989 day at Theunissen Stadium on April 27.

CEO Melinda Coffin receives 2024 Danny Saenz Native American Woman of the Year award



Courtesy photo

Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. (left) and SECR CEO Melinda Coffin (right)



Courtesy photo

Coffin (left) and her mother Ann Shawano (right)

Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens Jr. visited the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on April 24 to present an award to CEO Melinda Coffin.

Coffin was presented the 2024 Danny Saenz Native American Woman of the Year award by Stevens.

"It was an honor to have him travel to our property and deliver this award personally," Coffin said. "We had a celebration dinner at Siniikaung Bistro with Chairman Stevens, Tribal Council members, family and friends."

Adopt a Pet



Gracie

Gracie is a 2-year-old grey and white Pittie mix ready to steal your heart with her sweet-as-pie personality. This cuddlebug loves nothing more than cozying up with her favorite humans. Gracie is a petite bundle of joy looking for her forever home filled with love.



Umbreon

Umbreon is a medium male Domestic Shorthair mix. Umbreon is the purr-fect mix of quirky and cute. This food-loving feline lives for head scratches and face rubs. He has a one-of-a-kind "meow" that sounds like an animal trying to do a cat impersonation. He is seeking a forever home where he can be the center of attention as the only cat.

Humane Animal Treatment Society

1105 S. Isabella Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 Hatsweb.org
Phone: 989.775.0830 Email: hats.publicrelations@gmail.com

*Building is currently closed to walk-in visitors. Adoption visits must be scheduled ahead.



ENTERTAINMENT



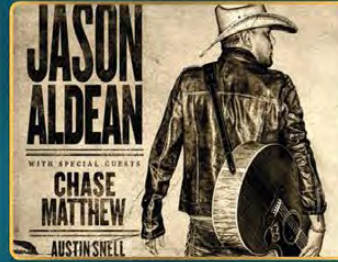
Mötley Crüe
WSG Theory of a Deadman
 Sunday, June 23
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



Lynyrd Skynyrd & ZZ Top
The Sharp Dressed Man Tour
 Friday, August 9
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$38, \$99, \$117, \$147



Mediterranean Eats & Beats
 Friday, June 28
 7PM
 Entertainment Hall
 Tickets: \$150 GA



Jason Aldean
Highway Desperado Tour 2024
 Friday, August 16
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



Free Fireworks Show
 Friday, July 5
 8PM
 Outdoor Venue
 Tickets: Free



Keith Urban
WSG Morgan Wade
 Saturday, August 24
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$42, \$124, \$146, \$163



Miranda Lambert
 Saturday, July 6
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$36, \$84, \$102, \$117



Blake Shelton
WSG Chayce Beckham
 Saturday, September 7
 8PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$62, \$152, \$186, \$217



The Offspring
WSG Simple Plan and Hoobastank
 Friday, July 26
 7PM
 Outdoor Concert
 Tickets: \$26, \$49, \$75, \$86



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

Visit our website SoaringEagleCasino.com for complete entertainment lineup.

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



JOIN THE FATHER'S DAY BINGO BASH

FILLED WITH PRIZES AND PAYOUTS!

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

MAIN SESSION AT 1:30PM

GUESTS CAN WIN ASSORTED GAS CARDS,
 GIFT BASKETS, TVS, TICKETS AND MORE!

SEE BINGO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

FREE HAT!
 First 300 participating
 players!



Introducing Maawn Doobiigeng – the new classification system of the Tribal Libraries

PUBLIC RELATIONS

DEPT.

Last month, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe introduced Maawn Doobiigeng, the new classification system of the Tribal Libraries. The three primary systems of classification that were in place – the Dewey Decimal System, the Library of Congress Classification System, and the Library of Congress Subject Headings – are inherently damaging to Indigenous people and are insufficient for accurately describing and providing access to Native topics.

In 2019, the Tribal Libraries were awarded the IMLS National Leadership Grant to facilitate the creation of a new classification system by members of the community. As of April 2024, this new system, titled Maawn Doobiigeng (Gather Together), has been created and is being implemented into the libraries.

“When I heard about a project that was aiming to decolonize and indigenize the Tribal Libraries, I knew I had to be a part of it,” said Arionna Crispin, project facilitator. “I learned so much about how harmful the previously utilized classification systems are, and I worked with truly amazing people in the creation of this new system. I’m grateful to have been a part of something so incredible and revolutionary, and I hope this work inspires others to make similar changes.”

The awarded IMLS grant served the purpose of addressing the question: “How can



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries



tribal libraries use traditional ways of knowing and being to break free of the colonialist epistemology of existing library organizational systems that reinforce a damaging worldview?”

There were four phases of the grant project: Assess, create, implement and analyze.

The first phase was to **Assess** the cataloging and classification systems currently in place through a decolonizing lens.

Next, the team had to **Create** a system of organization for cataloging and classifying library materials according to Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being. This was followed by having the ability to **Implement** this system to decolonize and indigenize the Tribal Libraries collections.

Finally, gathering data to **Analyze** results and share documentation that outlines how this project was conducted, provided a framework that other libraries could use as a template for decolonizing the knowledge organization of their collections.

“Over the years of doing the work of cataloging and

Navigating the New System

Maang (Loon)
Gimaakewin (Leadership - Internal)
Mnomaajishkaang (Community and Nation Building)
Kchi-naakneewin (Constitution)

Waabizhiish (Marten)
Ezhishiying (Skills and strategies)
Wiidookaagewin (Sports)
Mnisekweng (Cooking)
Zhimaaknishak (Military/warriors)
Naasaab Ezhi-gnowaamdeng (Social Justice)
Aki Gwek-naaknegeng (Environmental Justice)

Giigoonh (Fish)
Enweying (Language)
Enendamaang (Self-expression)
Maanjiinaang (Arts)
Kinooomaageng (Teaching)
Daakenjigeng (Research)
Kinooomaadzeng (Developing skills)
Naanaakdowendameng (Mediation)
Dibaajimowinan (Storytelling)

Aadizookaan
Factual, what we know to be true, and traditional stories and teachings.

Dibaajimowinan
Embellished, creative stories

Anishinaabe(k)
One or more of the contributors identify as Anishinaabe

Jijaak (Crane)
Gimaakewin (Leadership - External)
Kina Ezhwebak (Intergovernmental Affairs)
Gabe-zhiwebak (International History)

Mkwa (Bear)
Gnowendameng Aki (Land management)
Ezaakiigen (Plants)
Emshkikiiked (Herbalists)
Mshkikiin (Plant medicine)
Zhaabwiing (Survival)
Mjidoodameng (Law enforcement/crime)
Kowaabjigeng (Protection)

Waawaashkesh (Deer)
Mnomaadziwin (Community health)
Mnowangozwin (Entertainment)
Ngamwinan (Poetry and songs)
Enendimeng (Psychology)
Ngododewziwin (Family)

Bineshiinh (Bird)
Naadmaadsaang (Self-help)
Mnidoo'aadziwin (Spirituality)
Mnomaadseng (Well-being)
Maamwi-noojimaang (Holistic Care)
E'jiiskijik (Spiritual Leaders)
Waanezhiwebak (What the Future Brings)
Aangwaamseng (Prevention)
Zhitwaawin (Religion)

Mayagi Anishinaabe(k)
One or more of the contributors identify as Indigenous, but not Anishinaabe

Kaawii Anishinaabe-aawsiwok
The contributor(s) do not identify as Indigenous

Binoojiinhik
Children

Nitaawgid
Adult

Eshkniigid
Teen

Courtesy image

classifying the books and other materials in the Tribal Libraries, it became clear to me that the existing systems weren't working well for the community I serve, which led me to write the application for the IMLS National Leadership

Grant,” said Tribal Librarian Anne Heidemann.

Heidemann continued, “The opportunity to turn this work over to the community, to see dedicated community members gather to use their knowledge and experience to create an entirely new-to-libraries classification system, was so exciting and truly an honor. The Tribal Libraries team has now begun the work of reclassifying all the items in the collection, and we look forward to seeing the community enjoy using Maawn Doobiigeng in their libraries.”

A work group of community members was established to create a new system of organization for cataloging and classifying library materials according to Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being.

The work group created this new system, Maawn Doobiigeng, based on the seven original clans and their respective responsibilities, as described in the “Mishomis Book” by Edward Benton-Banai, and based on the cultural knowledge of the group members.

The clan responsibilities were adapted into subcategories that the committee felt best represent both the clan and the types of knowledge traditionally shared in books and libraries. Careful thought was put into each clan and subcategory, with the

understanding that it may need additions or adjustments after implementation.

It was important to the committee that the new classification system also double as a teaching tool, with users of the libraries gaining knowledge of the clans and the Anishinaabemowin language.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries include the public Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Library, the pre-K to fifth grade Saginaw Chippewa Academy elementary school library, and the public two-year community college Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College library. For classification, the former two used DDC, the latter used LCC, and all used LCSH, all of which employ colonialist logic to classify and describe items relating to Indigenous people.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s approximately 120,000 libraries and 35,000 museums and related organizations. The agency’s mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive.

Rental Assistance Program

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

FY 2024 Income Limits Summary								
FY 2024 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$)	27,900	31,850	35,850	39,800	43,000	46,200	49,400	52,550
Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)*	16,750	20,440	25,820	31,200	36,580	41,960	47,340	52,550*
Low (80%) Income Limits (\$)	44,600	51,000	57,350	63,700	68,800	73,900	79,000	84,100
Median Family Income								
Isabella County: \$77,100				Arenac County: \$70,500				

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



Congratulations high school graduates!



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Beal City High School



Atreyu Sineway
Mt. Pleasant High School



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Mt. Pleasant High School



Dominic C. Merrill
Beal City High School



Nevaeh Badger
WAY- Oasis



Meisha Raphael
Suttons Bay, Michigan



Anjelina Reyes
Shepherd High School



Tristan Qualls
Chippewa Hills High School



**Gwezanz Joshua
Michael Wemigwans**
Mt. Pleasant High School



**Thomas Beaver
Dakota Pelcher**
Mt. Pleasant High School



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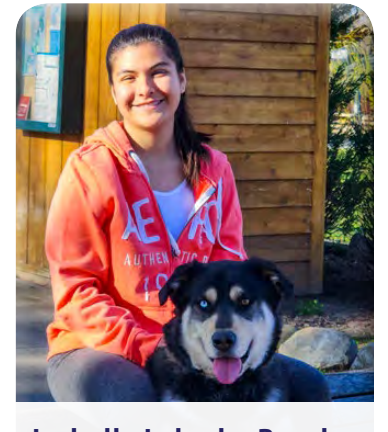
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Clare High School



Jacob Brown
Clare High School



**Angelica E.
Hinmon Sanchez**
Shepherd High School



Isabella Leksche Rosales
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Ava Gwendolyn Wcisel
Clare High School



**Ramon Negrete
Ledesma Jr.**
Mt. Pleasant High School



**Kasina Marie
Naganashe-Laughlin**
Shepherd High School



Raina Niernberg
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Shelayna Collins-Pelcher
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(Honolulu, Hawaii)



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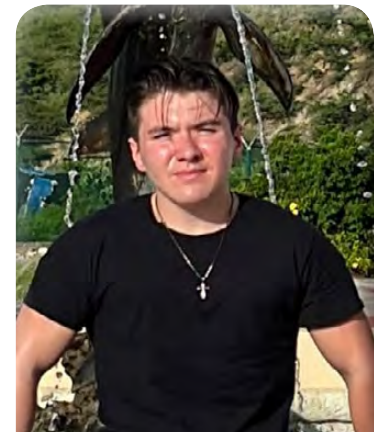
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Mt. Pleasant High School



Tavia Sofia Agosto
Mt. Pleasant High School



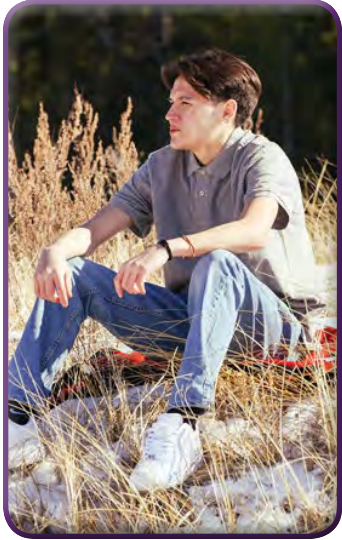
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MIAT College of Technology
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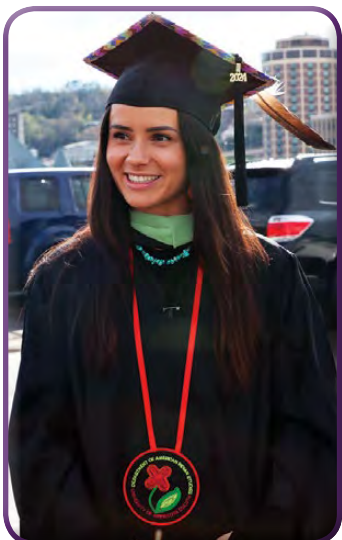
Gage Colwell
Central Michigan University
Bachelor of Science



Sydney Jackson
MJ Murphy Beauty College
Nail Technician/Manicuring



Dayna Maldonado
Mitchell Hamline School of Law
Juris Doctorate



Izabella Ruffino
University of Minnesota
Master's degree in Tribal Resources
& Environmental Stewardship



Hailey Ritter
Ferris State University
Associate of Applied Science,
Major in Dental Hygiene



Diamantina Niezgoda
Saginaw Valley State University
Bachelors in Social Work,
Summa Cum Laude



Miracle Gardner
University of Wyoming
Bachelor's in Secondary English Education,
Minors in Honors and Creative Writing



Carol McCoy
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& Honors Humanities

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Arianna Altman
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Grace Margaret Foley
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Sacred Heart Academy



Joshua Bordeau
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Central High School



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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College second annual



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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College 2024 commencement honors 16 graduates

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College commencement ceremony recognized 16 graduates. The ceremony was held on Thursday, May 16 inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

The following students earned degrees:

- **Associate of Arts in general science:** Callista Sowmick

- **Associate of Arts in Native American studies:** Christian Jackson II

- **Associate of Arts in Native American studies, history and law concentration:** Scott Bettistea

- **Associate of Arts in Native American studies, arts and humanities concentration:** Judy Webkamigad

- **Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts:** Kaine Andy, Jeanene Henderson, Ethan Hunt, Stephan Johnson, Fredrick Leksche and Aryl Ruffino.

- **Associate of Arts degree in business:** Kaylin Jeffrey, Joe James Johnson II, Tamara Lawson, Shelby Pelcher-Hinmon, Miranda Pelcher-Miley, Sierra Snyder-VanArsdale



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Sixteen Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College graduates are honored at the 2024 commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 16 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

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

Professor George Roy provided an invocation.

Sub-Chief Luke Sprague then provided remarks and words of guidance to the graduates.

"I do not know what is in the future for you all..." Sprague said. "Trust me, it is going to get very, very competitive. The challenges are not over yet. Do not quit. Stay resilient and no matter what, nobody can take away all of the hard work you have done to be here today."

SCTC Board of Regents Chair Jordan Fallis provided remarks before introducing the keynote speaker.

"Congratulations to this year's graduating class. It hasn't been easy; the road has been long," Fallis said. "Continue to

prosper and overcome things. No matter what happens in front of you, just stay consistent and be positive knowing that every day counts."

Keynote speaker Dr. Andrew Jolivette (Louisiana Creole/Atakapa-Ishak) is professor and department chair of ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego and the director of Native American and Indigenous Studies at UCSD.

Jolivette is the author or editor of nine books in print or forthcoming, including "Louisiana Creoles: Cultural Recovery and Mixed-Race Native American Identity" and "Indian Blood: HIV and Colonial Trauma in San Francisco's Two-Spirit Community." "Indian Blood" was a Lammy Award Finalist for Best Book in LGBTQ Studies in 2017.

He is a former professor and department chair of American

Indian Studies at San Francisco State University and the 2020-21, MultiRacial Network, Scholar-in-Residence for the American College Personnel Association. He served on the San Francisco State University NAGPRA Advisory Board for several years and during his time as department chair oversaw the NAGPRA Liaison and NAGPRA Program.

He is the series editor of Black Indigenous Futures and Speculations at Routledge, the Board president of the American Indian Cultural Center of San Francisco, and the Board president of the Institute for Democratic Education and Culture.

His forthcoming poetry-cookbook, "Gumbo Circuitry: Poetic Routes, Gastronic Legacies" was published by That Painted Horse Press in 2021. His current book project, "Thrivance Circuitry:



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Keynote speaker
Dr. Andrew Jolivette

Queer Afro-Indigenous Futurity and Kinship" is contracted with the University of Washington Press. A former Ford Foundation postdoctoral fellow, and IHART fellow and mentor at the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at the University of Washington in Seattle, he is

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Judy Webkamigad
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Studies: Arts & Humanities Concentration



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Liberal Arts



Ethan Hunt
Associate of Arts degree in
Liberal Arts



Stephan Johnson
Associate of Arts degree in
Liberal Arts



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Miranda Pelcher-Miley
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in Business



Sierra Snyder-VanArsdale
Associate of Arts degree
in Business

a former Indigenous peoples representative to the United Nations on HIV and the Law and has spoken to audiences in the U.S., Australia, Canada, and the Netherlands.

Jolivéte shared some of his struggles, as well as the struggles facing all Indigenous peoples. He gave a message of growth,

and progress to the graduates.

“You are graduating, you are giving purpose to your life and to those lives around you,” Jolivéte said. “In each and every step, and each and every breath you are taking, you are representing and making your family and community proud. You

have heard the expression ‘be your ancestors’ wildest dreams’. I want you to be your great-grandchildren’s, and your great-great-grandchildren’s wildest dreams.”

Jolivéte also shared wisdom and well wishes with the graduates.

“I want all of you to thrive, I don’t want you to stay in the same place and today you are doing that. You are moving forward and you are thriving,” he said. “You are standing here today, by leading, by sacrificing, and you are standing here today because you have healed so many of the ruptures that have been caused by your journeys. What can I say to you, the current and future generational leaders who will work to reconcile the madness that plagues our world. I wish you love. I wish you joy.”

SCTC President Carla Sineway concluded the

commencement by offering words of encouragement to the graduates.

“The struggles aren’t over, but know you have some skill, and some courage and some strength to go forward,” Sineway said. “What you faced this past year or years, have been challenges. They’ve been

victories, and setbacks, confusion and chaos, and relief and joy... But now you have a story to tell, a story that is well within your heart and soul. It is very valuable, and you have the right to tell it. So, congratulations.”

The ceremony concluded with a traveling song as the graduates joined their families.



Courtesy of Miss Lily Photography

Dancers lead the procession during the grand entry.



“The VibeZ Tour” features Godsmack, Bastian Da Cruz at Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted Godsmack with special guest Bastian da Cruz on Saturday, April 27. The concert was part of Godsmack’s “The VibeZ Tour.”

The show proved to be quite different from Godsmack’s May 2023 visit to the Soaring Eagle. The previous concert, held outdoors, featured intense pyrotechnics and flashy light displays.

The indoor show gave a more intimate setting for fans, with acoustic/electric performances of their most popular songs. The bands’ tight, groove-ridden sounds coupled with lead singer Sully Erna’s powerful, soulful voice made for an equally unforgettable experience.

The band members walked on stage to the classic Pink Floyd song “Time” before transitioning straight into



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Godsmack lead singer Sully Erna performs “Voodoo” during the April 27 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

their hit songs “Love-Hate-Sex-Pain” and “Voodoo.”

The music continued with the haunting guitar riffs and lyrics of “Turning to Stone,” followed by “Spiral” and “One Rainy Day.”

Next up were back-to-back covers of Led Zeppelin’s “No Quarter” and Metallica’s “Nothing Else Matters.”

The hits continued with masterful performances of “Serenity,” “Touché,” “Truth”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Bastian da Cruz performs “I Used to Call” during his opening solo acoustic set.

and “Growing Old.”

The regular set ended with “Lighting Up the Sky,” but the band wasn’t through for the night as they soon returned for encore performances of “Under Your Scars” and “Bulletproof.”

This was followed by the final song, a cover of The Doobie Brothers’ “Long Train Runnin’.”

Taking to the stage before Godsmack was Bastian da

Cruz. From Denmark, the solo acoustic act wowed audience members with his smooth, powerful voice and impressive guitar abilities.

He performed a 30-minute set which included the songs “Walking Away,” “21,” “Going Out Traveling” and “Hero.”

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

Styx rocks two nights at the Soaring Eagle’s Entertainment Hall

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

It wasn’t a ‘grand illusion’ – Styx did indeed perform two evenings in a row. The American rock band’s shows were on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort’s Entertainment Hall. The Friday show was added

after the Saturday show sold out quickly.

Styx transformed rock in the late ‘70s and early ‘80s with atypical rock style delivering power ballads and elements of musical theater with hard rock guitar riffs.

Today, Styx is made up of original member James “JY” Young (guitar/lead vocals), Tommy Shaw (guitar/lead vocals) and Chuck Panozzo

(bass/vocals), with joining members Todd Sucherman (drums), Lawrence Gowan (keyboards/lead vocals), Will Evankovich (acoustic/electric guitars) and Terry Gowan (bass).

The talented musicians kicked off both shows with the upbeat hit “The Grand Illusion,” followed by “Too Much Time on My Hands” and “Lady,” in which Panozzo joined in for during Friday’s show. He sits in with the band for a few numbers each show.

Gowan’s first few piano notes were recognized to be the ever popular “Lady” and the crowd roared, especially when Panozzo was spotted walking onto stage.

Tommy Shaw looked and sounded better than ever. His vocals were precise as he sang the lead on “Too Much Time on My Hands,” “Blue Collar Man (Long Nights)” and “Fooling Yourself (The Angry Young Man),” to name a few. His guitar riffs were also on fire.

James “JY” Young, the longest standing member, has been with the band since the formation and has played on each of Styx’s albums. Young’s guitar skills were on full display throughout both evening of the performance; top notch level.

Keyboardist Lawrence Gowan performed on his 360-degree rotating piano platform. His showmanship is unmatched. Gowan takes lead vocals on several songs, and his facial expressions, movements and mannerisms keeps the audience engaged.

The band basically stuck to the same set list both evenings. The differences included performances of “Light Up,” “Happy Birthday” performed to the drummer Todd Sucherman and “Queen of Spades” on Friday evening only. Saturday’s set added “Sweet Madame Blue.”

More hits performed both evenings included: “Lorelei,” “Miss America,” “Crystal

Ball,” “Rockin’ the Paradise,” “Our Wonderful Lives,” “Khedive,” “Lost at Sea” and ended with “Come Sail Away.”

The audience hollered for more and after a brief moment, Styx reappeared on stage ready to rock some more.

The show came to a close with “Mr. Roboto” and the 1978 smash “Renegade.”



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Tommy Shaw, guitarist/lead vocalist for Styx, shares a laugh with the Friday evening Soaring Eagle crowd on May 3.



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Lawrence Gowan (left), lead vocalist/keyboardist, and James “JY” Young (right), guitarist/lead vocalist, perform the well-known Styx hit, “Lady.”

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More than 1500 local students attend annual K-12 Educational Powwow

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Local students and teachers had the opportunity to experience a dose of Native culture once again this year during the annual K-12 Educational Culture and Curriculum Powwow, held May 7-8.

The powwow was held 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground and Powwow Grounds.

Split into three 30-minute segments, the students' field trip involved the powwow, a cultural workshop, and even had time for food (the ever-popular fry bread with cinnamon and sugar).

Emcee Melissa Isaac provided a welcome each session. Olivia Manitowabi-McCullough served as the arena director, Raymond Cadotte was the head veteran and Dan Jackson was head of the drums.

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

Tonya Jackson gave a regalia presentation, Judy Pamp gave a storytelling presentation and Nathan Isaac presented about round dances.



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

After grand entries and the posting of the colors, a prayer was held each morning. Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts provided the prayer on the first day and Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto took the second day.

An estimated 1,561 students attended from Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, WAY, Shepherd Public Schools, Odyssey and Winn Elementary, WAY, Saginaw Chippewa Academy and Sasiwaans throughout the two days.

Deb Smith, higher education manager, organized the event with the assistance from Tribal K-12 staff.



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ACFS selected as Field Agency of the Year by CMU's Social Work Program

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services was selected as the 2023-2024 Field Agency of the Year by Central Michigan University's Social Work Program.

CMU's Social Work Program sent a letter to Alexandria Mayo, director of ACFS, announcing the award.

The letter stated: "We proudly recognize Anishnaabeg Child and Family Service's outstanding dedication by mentoring social work students during

their BSW (bachelor of social work) practicum experiences. This award also recognizes your agency's many years of service to CMU students and our program."

ACFS serves as a field placement for CMU BSW students during their senior year in the BSW program. During their field placement, interns gain experience in tribal child welfare.

"This academic year, we had two CMU BSW interns – Marissa Neveau and Tabatha Miller," Mayo said. "This year, our interns focused on foster parent recruitment and retention for their project. They hosted a

lunch and learn which provided information on the foster home licensing process with ACFS."

The interns also planned and hosted a well-attended bowling event for current foster homes and foster children.

CMU's Social Work Program held its Field Appreciation Event on April 26 where ACFS received the award. Mayo; Katelyn Pelcher, ACFS supervisor; and five Tribal Council Members (Secretary Jennifer L. Wassegijig, Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto, David Merrill Jr., Brad Bennett, and Samantha Chippeway) attended the banquet held on CMU's campus.



Courtesy photo

Tribal Council members and Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services personnel pose for a photo after ACFS is awarded the 2023-2024 Field Agency of the Year by Central Michigan University's Social Work Program on April 26.

Migizi updates: Certification, composting and campground renovations

FREDRICK KUHLMAN
Migizi Marketing Manager

As one of the most recognized waterparks in Michigan, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel continues to raise the standard for the state's waterpark industry.

In efforts to serve a diverse customer group and create a welcoming atmosphere, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has pursued certification through the International Board of

Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards. IBCCES is the global leader in training and certification for professionals who work with autistic individuals and those with other cognitive disorders.

Certification is a demanding and extensive process that requires training for all staff that will come into direct contact with guests, compliance with property marking and notifications, and ongoing education.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel has met all requirements

and is now listed in the IBCCES Autism Adventure Guide. The Adventure Guide is a digital magazine that features certified destinations and facilities with travel tips for families. It is distributed bi-annually to the IBCCES International network (healthcare providers, educators, and certified travel professionals).

The waterpark will also benefit from another new feature through IBCCES, the Autism Travel Directory – a website created to serve as a resource for families and autistic individuals across the globe to understand their travel options better and learn more about certified destinations and attractions.

Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel is also the first park in the state to create a dedicated sensory room where families and individuals who might be overstimulated can spend time in a quiet setting.

In a continuing effort to care for Mother Earth, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel also applied for and received an award of \$5,290 from IHS to begin a large-scale composting program.

This composting program will help to positively deal with waste that is generated at the park and hotel. Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel, working with other Tribal departments, is in the process of developing an area dedicated to the composting program and is hopeful of launching this initiative in the near future.

Once underway, there is hope that the composting program can be expanded to serve other areas and will positively impact waterpark operations and the Tribal community.

A project continuing from last year, the renovation of "The Hill" campground has taken another step forward in preparation for the season's opening.

A large portion of the roadways in the campground have been resurfaced with asphalt. This new road surface will provide an improved experience for all guests at The Hill and will also help to reduce dust during the dry summer months. This will be helpful during the Saginaw Chippewa Powwow and other events that produce heavy traffic on the campground's roads and trails.

This project in the restoration of The Hill has been extensive and involved all areas of the campground.

In addition to the new road surface, extensive work was done to bring new life to the swimming pool, add new leisure activities, and make The Hill more user-friendly. Work on the campground will continue with the addition of a new play area for children and other features to enhance the experience of staying at The Hill.

Calling all artists for the 13th annual Art Walk

ART REACH OF MID MICHIGAN

Art Reach of Mid Michigan will again host Art Walk Central (Aug. 1-24), an art competition featuring artists from across the state. This is a month-long event and the competition is open to artists of all ages.

New for 2024, the competition has been expanded to include youth artists!

The event will give artists the opportunity to showcase their art publicly, and prizes will be awarded. Over \$6,000 in prize money will be awarded to artists in youth, teen and adult categories.

The public is invited to vote for their favorite art pieces, and two jurors will select the top juried winners. In addition to the art competition, there are events and activities throughout the month of August.

Artists and venues are called to participate in a process months before the event, in order to prepare. Venues include many from previous years and new locations.

Artists are called to register and will be required to confirm a venue they feel best fitting for their art to be displayed. Art Reach is calling all artists to participate. Artists need to register before 11:59 P.M. EST Friday, June 14, 2024.

This year's jurors are Leslie Donaldson and Joey Quiñones.

Artists interested in submitting a design may register on the Art Reach web site (<https://www.artreachcenter.org/art-walk-central>).

For more information on submissions and Art Walk Central, visit www.artreachcenter.org or call Art Reach at (989) 773-3689.

Four new Tribal Police officers sworn in on May 3



Courtesy of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department

The newest addition to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department: Officers Chayse Cline, Jacob Eggers and Andrew Vanhorn graduated from the 114th class of the Delta College Police Academy on Friday, May 3. They began as Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police officers the following week. Photographed left to right are: Officer Jacquob Littlejohn (Arenac/Saganing), Cline, Eggers, Vanhorn, and Sgt. Luke Dixon (Arenac/Saganing).

Eggers joins the Tribal Police in Mount Pleasant, and Cline and Vanhorn join the Tribal Police in the Arenac/Saganing area.



Photos courtesy of Harry Ambis

The new officers are sworn in by Tribal Council to join the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department. (Left to right) Officers Donald Vanbonn, Chayse Cline, Jacob Eggers and Andrew Vanhorn and are sworn in on Monday, May 6 in the Council chambers.



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Great Lakes Bay Pride would like to wish all of the Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ Saginaw Chippewa Tribal community members a Happy Pride Month!

(Editor's note: On behalf of Pride Month in June, two Saginaw Chippewa Two Spirit Tribal Members and two LGBTQ+ allies are featured.)

Lacey Mandoka, Two Spirit Member

I was raised in a time when it was not okay to be "gay." I knew I was different when I was little and that I was not like everyone else. I hated dresses; I wanted to play with trucks and cars, action figures, and toy swords. I never liked dolls or Barbies; I didn't like makeup or nail polish like other little girls.

As I grew older, I saw how the world viewed and treated those who were LGBTQ2S+. I was afraid of not being loved or of being mistreated. I had only ever known one other person who was out before I came out. I always thought she was so cool, funny, had a good caring personality, and most importantly, she was comfortable being herself no matter where she was. I considered her strong and a role model.

With all the ugliness in the world surrounding LGBTQ2S+, I was aware that when I came out, I would have to be prepared to deal with all that came with being out: the harassment, the people being friendly in your face, and then talking behind your back, the aggressiveness from others, the assaults along with foul and insulting slander. But I also knew that there was no more room for self-denial; there was no more room for hiding who I was anymore. It was killing me inside.

When I told my parents and siblings I was "gay," they replied, "We already knew." They weren't surprised at all. They were accepting and understanding.

It was outside of my family household that was unaccepting of who I was. I have faced many ugly, hurtful things since being out, but one of the most beautiful things was the love and support from my family, and I was able to find confidence and self-love. I have been out for 20 years now.

I am a proud Two-Spirit Member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. I am grateful that our community has become more accepting. My involvement with Great Lakes Bay Pride has been incredibly fulfilling and is helping form substantial ways to empower our other LGBTQ2S+ relatives. This opened an unexpected door for me last fall when Gov. Whitmer appointed me to the first-ever statewide LGBTQ+ Commission and I am thrilled to now advocate for our people on that level. Happy Pride Month!!



Guadalupe Gonzalez, Two Spirit Member

Growing up being different was not always easy. Being misgendered was a common thing for me and when I was young it was painful and damaging to my self-esteem to endure that kind of constant questioning and the little sarcastic comments often spewed at me.

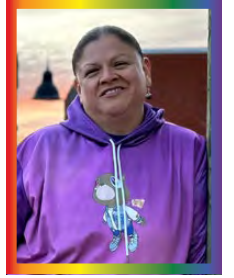
The ones that hurt the most were the ones from people I loved and respected. This was hard for me because at the time I didn't understand why I was different. I thought that something was wrong with me. I questioned my gender and sexuality. I tried to suppress it but I was very unhappy. At age 22, I met someone special and I couldn't and didn't want to hide it anymore.

Eventually, I learned what it meant to be a Two Spirit person and about how colonialism and oppression have impacted the way Two Spirit people are viewed in our society. I've met and learned from so many different people in my own community that have nurtured my spirit and my peace.

Visibility is so important for all minorities and Two Spirit people are no exception. I feel a great sense of responsibility to stay visible in my community without shame. I show up to community functions as I am and I make no apologies for who I am. This alone can make a huge difference for young people; I know this because there are a handful of strong women in our community that I've always looked up to for the same reason. Probably without even knowing it, they opened a door for me to be myself. The ones who had to keep silent about who they were and who they loved. The ones who were true to themselves even if it was in silence. I still remember seeing some of these women around the Rez and thinking how brave they were. I try to remember that often and also acknowledge how lucky I am.

I've never felt unsafe in my community and I know this isn't always common for Two Spirit people. I'm grateful for the love and support I've received from my family and friends. When I first came out, I was afraid to disappoint my family and friends, on the contrary, however, I received much support starting with my own Mother. She said something along the lines of, "Lupe I already know, I've always known and it's ok." That's all I needed but more support followed, and I know how important that is because without it, I don't think I'd be who I am today. I like to keep this in mind and pay it back by creating safe and welcoming spaces for young people in our community like the Two Spirit Talking Circles.

If you have people in your life who might need assurance, don't hesitate to acknowledge them; even the smallest gestures mean a lot. Also on the flipside, try to remember how important words are. Sometimes jokingly, we unintentionally say things or use words that hurt. We might not think that it matters but it does and, in my experience, the most hurtful were from the ones we love and respect the most.



Melissa Isaac, Ally

My Anishinaabe name is Waabizii Kwe (Swan Woman), and I belong to the Nme clan (Sturgeon). As an educator, my focus is on people of all ages, but especially children. I am 'Gizhwaasod': Protector of the Young. The essence of my Anishinaabe identity lies in safeguarding and educating young people, irrespective of their background.

In our ancestral traditions, Two-Spirit relatives were not discriminated against or ostracized; rather, they were treated with kindness and respect. They were valued members of our communities for their ability to connect with both masculine and feminine aspects of existence.

I have a deep understanding of my role as a 2SLGBTQ+ ally. It involves supporting and advocating for the rights, dignity, and well-being of 2SLGBTQ+ individuals by:

- Promoting education and awareness, both for myself and others
- Creating safe, inclusive spaces where our relatives feel welcomed and supported
- Confronting discrimination and prejudice by addressing inappropriate comments or behaviors
- Listening to experiences and supporting the needs of our 2SLGBTQ+ relatives without judgment
- Engaging in advocacy and activism to promote equality and justice for 2SLGBTQ+ people
- Committing to ongoing improvement



Lee Ruffino, Ally

Aanii, Biidaasigaekwe n'dizhnikaaaz, Mukwa n'dodem, Anishinaabe kwe n'daaw, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Community dibendaagwas.

My name is Lee Ruffino, my spirit name is The Coming Of Light woman.

I am proud to call myself a LGBTQ+ ally. I am honored to have been asked to submit a few words in regards to the importance of inclusion for Two Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQ+ people in our community.

I believe it is extremely imperative that we understand and acknowledge that our Two Spirit family and friends are here and they always will be, and they deserve to feel safe and free of any kind of discrimination.

I am whole heartedly committed to making a safe, inclusive place for our LGBTQ+ community, and to use my privilege to be a good ally.

As early as I can remember, I have always been blessed with queer family and friends, I consider myself lucky in this way, because I grew up with the most profound, deepest love and I never knew hate or discrimination, until I was older. There is work needed to be done so that our world can be a more loving place, and I promise to always listen and support to create more of that love in the best way I can. Miigwetch.



Great Lakes Bay Pride is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization on a mission to provide inclusive sexual orientation and gender identity/expression (SOGIE) education, advocacy, networking, and resources to individuals and organizations in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Great Lakes Bay Pride is the region's LGBTQ+ resource organization serving Bay, Isabella, Midland, and Saginaw counties. We serve a plethora of richly diverse communities within the region. As an organization we acknowledge and honor the reality and privilege of residing and working on the ancestral homelands of the Anishinaabek, specifically the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan living on or in proximity to the Isabella Indian Reservation. We are committed to working in collaboration with tribal community members to provide support to Two-Spirit and Native LGBTQ+ individuals that are spread throughout our region. For more information on how you can get involved, please visit our website, www.greatlakesbaypride.org

SCTC Board of Regents member sworn in



Courtesy of Gladys Gates

Shuna Stevens (center) poses for a photo with Tribal Council after being sworn in to serve the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's Board of Regents on Tuesday, May 14 in the Council chambers at 1:30 p.m.

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Friendly competition had during Nimkee Fitness Center's Community Health & Fitness Day

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Bringing a little friendly competition to the community, the Nimkee Fitness Center hosted the Community Health & Fitness Day on Wednesday, May 22, held outdoors at Nimkee's Fit Park.

Points were added up by participation in certain categories or by scoring points.

The health and self-care competitions included: a one or two-lap walk, two minutes on the rowing machine, energy healing, yoga and more.

"Strengthening for everyday living" competitions involved: step ups, suspension training, a grocery kettlebell carry, sled pushes and more.

Hobbies and adventure contests entailed: Basketball shots, a corn hole run, climbing Mt. Nimkee and traditional lacrosse.

Points were also given for chair squats and wrist, lower back and hip stretches.

Plaques were awarded to department champions with the most points. Behavioral Health staffers came in first place with 491 points. In second place, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College earned 483 points and, in third with 475 points was Tribal Council.

The "fittest" SCIT community family was also recognized. Scoring the most points for first place was The Ekdahl



Observer photos by Natalie Shattuck

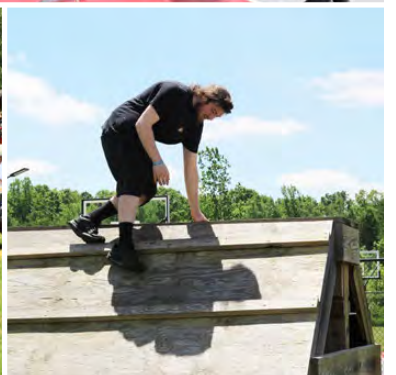
Family with 278 points. Team Trepanier received second place with 276 points.

Competitors had the chance to win several prizes in a raffle drawing. For every two events participated in, the competitors chose which prize drawing to be entered into.

Winners included: Braylee Trepanier (Fit Bit Versa 2 watch), Jaidyn Baines (Apple air pods), Izzy Rollins (BN660 Ninja blender), N'Kai Quigno (\$50 gas card), Paula Quigno (one night stay at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel) and Amanda Flaughter (SECR Spa package with massage and pedicure).

Contenders that participated in four events received a Nimkee Strong blender bottle.

"It was awesome to see our community and the employees being active together," said Jaden Harman, event organizer. "Miigwetch to all of our wonderful volunteers who made it fun and encouraging for all the participants!"




36th Annual
Michigan Indian Family Olympics
Friday, July 19, 2024
Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field
Registration opens: May 6
www.sagchip.org/mifo/
For more information, please contact:
 Jaden Harman at 989.775.4694





GOLF COMPETITION
Earn points for your Tribe!
Thursday, July 18, 2024
Maple Creek Golf Course
 8400 S Genuine Rd., Shepherd, MI 48883
 Check in opens at 8 a.m. | Shotgun tee off at 9 a.m.

Age groups:	• Men 64 and under	• Seniors 65 and over
	• Women, all ages	• Youth 17 and under
		• Coed - all ages invited

Format: Two person scramble
Registration: www.sagchip.org/mifo/
Cost: \$29 per player
For more information, please contact:
 Bernie Sprague at 989.775.5309 or BSprague@sagchip.org

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





Andahwod newsletter update

Andahwod Elder Services will not be sending out a monthly newsletter after September 2024. That newsletter will be the last issue to be sent by mail.

Beginning October 2024, SCIT Elder information and the Andahwod menu will be available in the Tribal Observer. You may also view the Andahwod web page for information.

This transition will save Tribal dollars and staff time, as well as allow SCIT Elders from other districts to see pertinent elder information.



SCIT ELDERS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

June 12 & June 13, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Andahwod Birch Wing

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Elders are invited to be a part of the planning process for elder services.

Come share your ideas on how we can make services better for the SCIT Tribal elder membership.

- Light refreshments will be available

For more information, please contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300



June 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) David Bird
Karen Bond
Asuncion Castaneda
Carolyn Harris
Robert Neyome Jr.
Martin Steele | Eugene Jackson |
| 2) Kevin Phillips
Donna Moore
Tammy Nowicki
Amy Shawboose
Leona Castaneda | 9) Gary Bird
Lillian Corbiere
Lisa Kennedy
Kelli Buback
Eldon Davis
Morgan Pope
Shane Slater |
| 3) Patricia Kequom
Loretta Castaneda
Robert McDonald | 10) Robin Peters
Amy Westcott
Khristina Taylor
Stephanie James |
| 4) Kayle Crampton | 11) Douglas Gage
Kelly Garlick
Roger Stevens
Jessica Kahgegab |
| 5) David Beaulieu
Troy Kendall
Dawn Shaw | 12) Charleen Sasse |
| 6) Bethel Merrill
Roberta Starkey
Tammi Craig | 13) Daniel Burnham
Anthony Dutton
Harold Isaac Jr.
Elizabeth Kosla
Connie Rosenthal
Eliza Peters |
| 7) Mark Jackson | 14) Betty Ashmun
Jeanette Leureaux |
| 8) Kimberly Otto McCoy
Vanyork Shawboose
Anita Henry | |

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| Gregory Mandoka
Jodie Brown
Kristie Clemons
Richard Cloutier
Patricia Harris
John Quayle | 24) Christopher Moses
William Netmop III | Marlin Strong |
| 15) Gloria Loveland
Earl Pelcher Sr.
Alvin Zygmunt
Lillian Steele
John David | 25) Dennis Bailey
Shelly Reihl
Annette Saboo-Rogers
Rhonda Severeid
Laura Shawboose | |
| 16) Lawrence Faber
Ernest Nahgahgwon
Geraldine Phillips
William Griffus | 26) Craig Benz
Sharon Blevins
George Slater Jr. | |
| 18) Jill Meir
Connie Truett
Linnette Weber | 27) Tabitha Jones
Marla Pelcher
Richard Trepanier Sr.
Lorraine Bergevin
Deborah Hull
Scott Donovan
Richard Trepanier | |
| 19) Charel Stevens | 28) Rose Greenwald
Ronald Stockel II
Angela Tabor | |
| 20) Michael Childers
Lori Fuller
John Hart
Richard Russell
Diedra Wilson | 29) Robert Riekema
Mac Schoen
Gaylene Urban
Tish Sanchez | |
| 21) Cheryl Dixon | 30) Sherry Hawkins
Tammy Salas
Rhonda Salazar
Carole Tally
Jackie Mannie | |
| 22) Penny Elliott
Daniel Rossbach | | |
| 23) Dawn Jacobs-Marcoux
George Mandoka
Diana Robinson | | |

June 2024 Andahwod events

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| Daily Coffee Break
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Memorial Bingo and Mother's & Father's Day Cookout
June 7 / 12-3 p.m. | SCIT Elders Strategic Planning Meeting
June 12-13 / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Quilting
June 18 / 2-4 p.m. |
| Euchre
Thursdays / 5:30 p.m. | Saganing Bingo with Friends
June 11 / 9 a.m. | Name that Tune
June 10 / 1-3 p.m. | Potluck & Birthday Bingo
June 22 / 12-3 p.m. |
| Chair Yoga
Friday / 2 p.m. | Elders Breakfast
June 12 & 26 / 9-10 a.m. | Quilt Show & Craft Fair
June 14-15 / 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Bingo with Friends
June 24 / 1-3 p.m. |
| Language Bingo
June 4 / 1-3 p.m. | | | Trufant Flea Market
June 27 / Leaving 9 a.m. |

For more information, please call: 989.775.4300

**Activities and events are subject to change.

Time: 12-3 p.m.

Location: Andahwod

Please join us for Andahwod's Mother's & Father's Day Cookout

Food, Bingo and Prizes!

Memorial Bingo Game

In Honor of Dorothy Netmop

The family of Dorothy Netmop made a donation to Andahwod to host the bingo game.



To RSVP or for more information, please call: 989-775-4300

JUNE 2024 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Hot Turkey Sandwich w/ Mashed Potatoes Chef Salad	3 Goulash w/ Breadstick BBQ Chicken w/ Baked Potato & Veggie	4 Club Sandwich w/ Pasta Salad Famous Chicken Bowl	5 Cook Out Turkey Bacon Ranch Wrap	6 Beef Fajita Three Cheese Chicken Penne	7 Mother's & Father's Day Cookout 12 p.m. Beef Stew	1/8 Chef Choice
9 Chicken Noodle Soup Pork Chops w/ Baked Potato	10 Taco Salad Quesadilla Burger	11 Chicken Salad Sandwich Cuban Sandwich	12 Pea Soup w/ 1/2 Ham Sandwich Pork Nachos	13 Beef n Cheddar Crispy Chicken Salad	14 Chicken Wing Basket Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut	15 Chef Choice
16 Tomato Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich Grilled Chicken	17 Chef Salad In & Out Burger	18 Nashville Chicken Hibachi Beef w/ Veggies	19 Cook Out Pizza Burger	20 Soft Taco w/ beans Chicken Alfredo	21 Bacon Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fish Fry	22 Chef Choice
23 Chicken Tender Basket Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce	24 Street Taco Chicken and Rice	25 BBQ Joes w/ Onion Rings Salmon over Rice	26 Potato Soup w/ Egg Salad Italian Sub w/ Side Salad	27 Swedish Meatball w/ Egg Noodles Pizza	28 Bacon Cheese Burger w/Onion Rings Beef Stew	29 Chef Choice
30 Ham w/ Sweet Potatoes Grilled Steak	Lunch: 11:30 a.m - 1 p.m. Dinner: 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.		Sugar free available upon request Please call kitchen for order at 989.775.4314			* Menu subject to change



JUNE 2024 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Summer Tutoring

Tuesdays (June 18 - July 23) | 1-5 p.m.

- Saginaw Chippewa Academy
- 989-775-4071 or DSmith@sagchip.org
- Open to high school students doing credit recovery

Summer Safety Fair

June 1 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Public Safety Building
- 989-775-4699 or SSowmick@sagchip.org
- Fire equipment and smoke house, police dog and safety information, car seat inspections, free fire and carbon monoxide detectors, Sacred Bundle Project, helmets and bicycle giveaway, free lunch and ice cream, door prizes, activities and more.

Community Sewing Nights

June 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5-8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Honoring Healing & Remembering

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

- Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School
- Sunrise Ceremony: 7 a.m. at Mission Creek Cemetery
- MLHadden@sagchip.org at 989-775-4751
- Welcoming all pipe carriers, tribal flag bearers and jingle dress dancers
- Keynote speaker: Suzanne L. Cross,
- Speakers: Christian Nakarado, Rosita Clarke, Charlee Brissette, Poem: "Train Ride to Genocide"
- Silent auction donations welcome, please contact NaLambertson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4756
- Parking: 918 W. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
- Open to the public
- Rain or shine
- Breakfast and lunch provided

Honoring Saganing Traditional Powwow

June 8, 9 | Grand entry 1 p.m. both days

- Breakfast: Saturday at 9 a.m. at Saganing Tribal Center
- Powwow Grounds (2750 Worth Rd., Standish, Mich.)
- powwowcommittee@sagchip.org or 989-775-4000

Teachings & Sweat Lodge with Traditional Healer Joe Syrette

June 10 | 1 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850
- Teachings in lodge: 1-3 p.m.
- Sweat begins: 5 p.m.
- Offered as prevention, an alternative to or for healing from opioid use disorder.

Class of 2024 Graduation Banquet

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

- SECR Entertainment Hall
- DSmith@sagchip.org or 989-775-4071

32nd annual Human Race

June 12 | Race at 6:30 p.m., registration at 5:30 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4694 or JHarman@sagchip.org
- Individual fees: \$15 post marked by June 9, \$20 after June 9
- Family rate (three or more): \$40 post marked by June 9, \$45 after June 9

Behavioral Health New Teaching Lodge Build

June 13 | 9 a.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850
- Building a new teaching lodge in the Behavioral Health woods.
- Instillation of a new canvas covering

Spring Fling Community Quilt Show

June 14, 15 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org
- Sign up to show off your quilts

Spring Fling Craft Show

June 15 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4339 or depelcher@sagchip.org
- Tables are \$10 each.
- Setup will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Summer Solstice Plant Giveaway

June 20 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (or until gone)

- SCTC Parking Lot (5805 E. Pickard)
- 989-775-4467 or OwHoward@sagchip.org
- Sun, partial-shade or shade

Community Cultural Teachings & Honoring the Memegwesi (Little People)

June 20 | 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Sanilac Petroglyphs
8251 Germania Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
- MLHadden@sagchip.org or 989-775-4751
- Four Hills of Life Teaching & Little People Ceremony with Shannon Martin

Summer Feast

June 26 | 6-8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Traditional Healing with Joe Syrette

June 26 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850

JUNE 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
 Check out the Tribal Observer ONLINE www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling 	1 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	2 Maamwi Da-ma-naang "Playing Together" 1-3 p.m. SCTC	3 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Dance Shield Workshop 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	4 Regular Council Session 9 a.m. Council Chambers Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom
10 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	11 Bingo with Friends 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Saganing Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	12 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	13 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	14 Tribal Observer deadline Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	15 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
17 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health Moccasin Workshop 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	18 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom Lacrosse Night 5-8 p.m. 7th Gen	19 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	20 Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	21 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	22 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
24 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m. B. Health	25 Native Farmers Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Farmers Market Pavilion Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m. Zoom	26 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-3 p.m. B. Health Drop In Basketball 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tribal Gym Drums Out 7-9 p.m. 7th Gen	27 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m. 7th Gen Movie & Popcorn 1-3 p.m. Saganing Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health	28 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health	29 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health
					30 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health



Classifieds

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.

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Tribal Operations

Waste Water Operator II

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

Waste Water Operator III

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

Water Operator II

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

Water Operator III

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

Business Systems

Purchasing Coordinator

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. One year experience with business requisition system program, table structure and reporting tools.

Project Coordinator Native Connections

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

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan; or must be licensed in another state and become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam; or by reciprocity no later than six months after date of hire. If not licensed in any state, then must become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam.

Registered Medical Assistant

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

Grants & Contracts Compliance Coordinator

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

Elementary Teacher

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field or currently enrolled in a teacher certification program, including alternative route programs, and able to obtain teaching certificate within six months of hire. Experience with current assessment requirements, federal and state standards.

Clinical Therapist Family Resource

Open to the public. Interim position. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire.

Strategic Grant Specialist

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

Residential Support Technician

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

Associate General Counsel

Open to the public. Juris Doctor from an ABA accredited law school. Experience as a practicing attorney. Licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan; or must be licensed in another state and become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam; or by reciprocity no later than six months after date of hire. If not licensed in any state, then must become licensed in the State of Michigan following the next available bar exam.

Assistant Prosecutor

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

Dental Hygienist PT

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

Interim Clinical Therapist - RTC

Interim position. 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. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

Clerical Pool

Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma or equivalent. Clerical experience is a plus. Please submit an application if you are interested in working temporarily in an office setting.

General Labor Pool

Open to Tribal Members and community members. Must be at least 18 years of age. Under the supervision of department supervisor or manager, perform general labor tasks to assist staff in housekeeping, grounds work and general maintenance and repair of buildings.

Social Services Specialist

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills. Two years social services, families first worker, or family preservation experience desired.

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Physician

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

AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. One year of experience in mental health services working with children and families of children with severe emotional disturbances. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

NA Language Coordinator

Open to the public. Grant-funded position. Grant funding through Sept. 30, 2028. Bachelor's degree in education, social work, counseling, or human services related field. Two years' experience in project management, communications, and working with school systems. Grant administration experience, including work plan development and implementation. Demonstrated background and experience in program planning, development, evaluation and implementation, and experience working with professional staff.

Licensing Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Two years administrative support experience. Must be able to perform the essential functions of the position.

Soaring Eagle

Slot Project Technician

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of work experience as a slot technician or work experience in an electronic, electrical, mechanical, or computer maintenance field.

F&B Custodial Worker PT

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

Maintenance Worker PT

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

Sous Chef - Pastry

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

Security Officer PT

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must be able to work any shift assigned, including weekends and holidays.

Kitchen Equipment Technician

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

Line Server PT

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

Guest Relations Representative PT

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

Line Cook

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

Culinary Supervisor

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

F&B Chef

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

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Transit Driver

Open to the public. Must be at least 21 years of age.

Finance Cashier FT

In-house, only SCIT Members or current SELC/SECR employees may apply. Must be at least 18 years of age.

Security Officer PT

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

Line Cook FT

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

Beverage Bartender

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

Slot Attendant

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Six months of cash handling or hospitality experience in a fast paced, high pressure environment.

Bartender

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

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.

Waitstaff FT

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.

Chippewa River CLEANUP
Wednesday, July 10, 2024

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 28, 2024

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

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

Tribal Member

RÉSUMÉ Development

Available through Human Resources

Any Tribal Members needing assistance in creating or updating their resume are encouraged to contact Betsey Alonzo to set up an appointment at the following:

Betsey M. Alonzo
Balonzo@sagchip.org | 989-775-5643

Summer Solstice Plant Giveaway
Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(or until plants gone)

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

- Sun, partial-shade or shade

For more information, contact:
989.775.4467 or OwHoward@sagchip.org

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SATURDAYS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Every half hour from 11AM to 11PM, 6 lucky guests
will win \$500 in Free Play!

ACCESS Club members will receive one (1) entry for every 600 points
earned on their ACCESS Club card from 12AM May 25, 2024 until
10:55PM on June 29, 2024.



FRIDAYS IN JUNE
10AM-10PM

Every hour from 10AM – 10PM, two lucky guests
will drop three pucks down the Klinko Board to win
up to \$3,000 in Premium Play!

ENTERTAINMENT



MÖTLEY CRÜE
WSG THEORY OF A DEAD MAN
SUNDAY, JUNE 23 | 7PM
\$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



THE OFFSPRING
WSG SIMPLE PLAN
AND HOOBASTANK
FRIDAY, JULY 26 | 7PM
\$26, \$49, \$75, \$86



LYNYRD SKYNYRD & ZZ TOP
THE SHARP DRESSED MAN TOUR
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 | 7PM
\$38, \$99, \$117, \$147



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From 1PM-10PM, join the hourly drawings to play the
Tower of Cash! Will you keep the cash prize you land on or
continue on for a shot at the Grand Prize?

Access Club members may only win once per drawing day. Receive
one (1) entry for every 200 points earned on their Access Club card
from 12AM May 25, 2024 until 9:55PM on June 30, 2024.
10x entries on Mondays through June 24, 2024



FRIDAYS
12PM-9PM

One winner every hour will take home \$1,000 Cash!



THURSDAYS
6AM-11:59PM

Access Club members who earn 1500 points can
swipe at the kiosk to play the Fun in the Sun Game
for a chance to win up to \$100 in Premium Play.



MONDAYS
4AM-11:59PM

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



EVERY WEDNESDAY
4AM-8:59PM

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

Must be 18 to game. Must be an ACCESS Loyalty Club Member to participate in promotions.
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