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## CMU Basketball highlights Native American Heritage during halftime show

### ALICIA RAPHAEL

Public Relations  
Leadership Apprentice

On Feb. 1, the Central Michigan University men's and women's basketball teams hosted the Bowling Green Falcons on a memorable night honoring Native American Heritage at McGuirk Arena.

The halftime show of both games featured an exciting and vibrant performance by dancers of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, as well as from other surrounding tribes. This event highlighted a variety of men's and women's traditional dance styles, such as jingle, fancy shawl, fancy grass, and woodland.

During the show, Master of Ceremonies Jason Whitehouse explained the cultural significance behind each style of dance to help the understanding of those watching.

Accompanying the dancers was host drum Blue House Singers, who added to the



Courtesy of Central Michigan University

A Central Michigan University basketball player wears the warm-up shirt featuring Aryl Ruffino's woodland floral design during the Feb. 1 game in McGuirk Arena.

immersive experience, representing the heartbeat of the ancestors.

This halftime performance offered the CMU community an opportunity to witness live traditions of Native American peoples, keeping that Native American heritage mutually respected and understood.

A special addition to the halftime show was the unveiling of the woodland

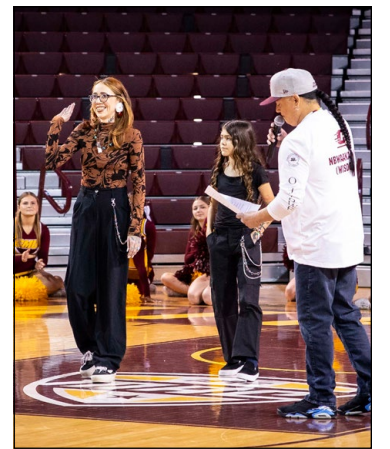
floral artwork on the athletes' warm-up shirts, beautifully designed by Tribal Member and artist, Aryl Ruffino.

Ruffino's design is her interpretation of the beautiful Michigan woodland's plant family. Her design is inspired by the deep connection that Anishinaabek have with the plant medicines.



Courtesy of Central Michigan University

Blue House Singers accompany the dancers during the halftime show.



Courtesy of Central Michigan University

Aryl Ruffino (left) is recognized by emcee Jason Whitehouse for her design.



Courtesy of Jennifer Wassegijg

Youth dancers show off their various styles and regalia.

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## Tribal Council welcomes new Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Language and Culture team

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On Feb. 19, the Tribal Council extended a welcome as the new

Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin "AB" Language and Culture team at Wii Maajikwad introduced themselves in the Council chambers in the Black Elk building.

The "AB" team includes teachers Cecilia Stevens, Matthew "Cub" Sprague, Gloria Mulbrecht, Mattea Gonzalez, Thomas Henry and Shaila Sentes.

Sprague provided Council with an update regarding team activities with a focus on how the team motivates the students to embrace culture and language.

"Our purpose as AB teachers is to instill the students' identity as Anishinaabe, and to fulfill their emotional and behavioral needs," Sprague said.

Cecilia Stevens has dedicated more than 14 years to education, previously working at the Saginaw Chippewa Academy.

"... I strive to instill a love for our Anishinabek culture in

my students," Stevens said. "I enjoy getting to encourage our youth in embracing their Anishinaabek culture and language, helping them achieve their aspirations."

Gloria Mulbrecht said she is honored to work with the students as their fourth grade teacher.

"I work as a cultural teacher to carry on the traditions and skills that were taught to me by our Tribal elders," Mulbrecht said.

Shaila Sentes also provided words.

"Aanii, Ms. Shailandiznikaaz. Nindin ginoo'amaagewiikwe for Kindergarten at Wii Maajikwad for the Saginaw

Chippewa Indian Tribe. Our AB culture and language teachers are essential in helping our students learn and revitalize the Ojibwe language," Sentes said. "We do more than teach; we preserve our traditions and ensure our cultural heritage is passed down to future generations. Through engaging

lessons that include storytelling and different fun activities, our AB teachers connect our students with the rich history of the Ojibwe culture."

Thomas Henry serves as the first grade Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin teacher.

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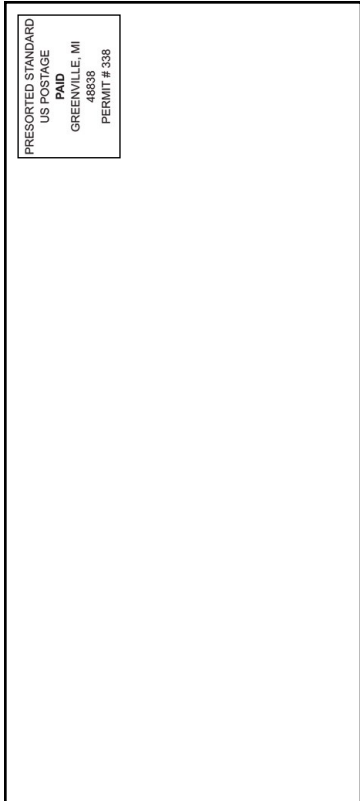


Wii Maajikwad  
"WHERE WE GROW"



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

The Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Language and Culture team at Wii Maajikwad includes: (left to right) Gloria Mulbrecht, Shaila Sentes, Mattea Gonzalez, Thomas Henry and Matthew "Cub" Sprague. (Not pictured: Cecilia Stevens).





## Genevieve Kay Chippeway

September 5, 1953 – February 9, 2025

Genevieve Kay Chippeway, age 71, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at McLaren Bay Region Hospital.

Genevieve was born Sept. 5, 1953, in Mount Pleasant, the daughter of Fred and Frances (Altman) Neyome. She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School and earned her associate degree from Lansing Community College.



Miss Gen, as she was known, worked for the Soaring Eagle Casino in various capacities for many years. She was a slot manager at the Casino and finished her career in the Accounting Department for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, before retiring in 2022.

Gen loved bingo, reading, traveling, and watching her game shows and soap operas.

Genevieve is survived by her husband, Robert Bennett Jr.; children, Darell (Courtney) Chippeway, Starla Fuller, and Teela Chippeway, all of Mount Pleasant; grandchildren Genna, Page, Kayen, Tyler, Sadie, Nyah; and several nieces and nephews.

Genevieve was preceded in death by her parents; daughter Shannon Chippeway; son Ryan Chippeway; and sisters Eva Jackson and Eliza Owl.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel at 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025. A luncheon immediately followed in the Reflections Reception Center. The family received friends at the funeral chapel on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

## John Peter Trepanier

December 14, 1949 – February 5, 2025

John Peter Trepanier, age 75, of Lac Courte Oreilles, Wis., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025.

John was born Dec. 14, 1949, in Hayward, Wis., the son of Walter and Geraldine (Davis) Trepanier. He worked for LCO Development for more than 20 years as a machine operator. John's most recent job was at Sevenwinds Casino, where he was the funniest housekeeper ever!



John loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids. He had a passion for cars and was known for telling his awesome stories, jokes and reminiscing. He loved to laugh, make people laugh and was the life of the party. John will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his sons John P. Trepanier III, James Trepanier, Trent Trepanier Sr., Curtis Trepanier Sr. and Shawn Miller; daughters Fran Owl-McGraw, Deidra "Dena" Wilson, Nichol Miller & Angela Miller; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother Richard "Josh" Trepanier; sisters Jackie Trepanier, Melita Trepanier, Nancy "Kerrina" Miller and Patricia Wemigwans; many nephews and nieces.

John was preceded in death by his parents Walter "Joe Bacon" and Geraldine; significant other Mary Miller; son Timothy Miller; granddaughter Taylor Trepanier; two great-grandchildren; sisters Francine Trepanier and Jolene "Jojo" Wilson; brothers Joseph "Brownie" Trepanier and Patrick Trepanier III.

Tribal funeral rites began at 12 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Pineview Funeral Service in Hayward, Wis. Gary Quaderer Sr. officiated. Military honors were accorded by LCO AMVETS Post #1998. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

## Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

March 1, 2025

### The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan (SCIT)

7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858  
989-775-4581

On or about March 29, 2025 the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Section 105(d) of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to acquire a property known as 3711 S. Leaton Rd., for the purpose of purchasing a residential unit on the Isabella Reservation in Mount Pleasant, Mich., Isabella County. The house will be added to the Housing Department rental inventory, and the estimated cost is \$203,900.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with SCIT, and a copy can be requested for examination by email to Rosalie Maloney, SCIT Housing manager, at [RoMaloney@sagchip.org](mailto:RoMaloney@sagchip.org).

### Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Rosalie Maloney, SCIT Housing manager, at [RoMaloney@sagchip.org](mailto:RoMaloney@sagchip.org). All comments received by March 29, 2025 will be considered by SCIT prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### Environmental Certification

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe certifies to HUD that Tribal Chief Tim J. Davis in his capacity consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows SCIT to use program funds.

### Objections to Release of Funds

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at [Whitegull.Neil@hud.gov](mailto:Whitegull.Neil@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Tim Davis, Tribal Chief

## Maria A. Meyers

March 10, 1934 - February 13, 2025

Maria A. Meyers, age 90, of Weidman, Mich., passed away Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at her home.

Maria was born in Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on March 10, 1934, the daughter of Melitone and Marina (Moncado) Cuellar. She was a cultural advisor at the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Maria loved her Native American culture; she enjoyed beading and dancing at powwows.



Maria is survived by her children, Gloria Sees Through Rain of Weidman, Helen Boisseaux of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Marina (Nick) Nallick of Durango, Colo., Elaine Meyers of Long Beach, Calif., Rick Meyers of Weidman and Jill Rassizi of Lansing, Mich.; grandchildren, Hayden Boisseaux of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Jessica (Mike) McKnight of Aurora, Colo., Alexis Boisseaux of Littleton, Colo., Timothy Lighthall of Minn., Willow Meyers and River Meyers of Weidman; great-grandchildren Aria and Liam McKnight of Aurora, Colo.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents; son William Lawrence Meyers; grandsons William Robert Rooney and Michael Lighthall; son-in-law Jeff Ehaw; and several siblings.

Funeral services took place on Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Richland Township Cemetery in Vestaburg. The family greeted friends on Feb. 17 from 12 to 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

## SCIT POWWOW COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special requests during powwow

(Honor songs, specials, birthday announcements, etc.)

**Please email:** [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

**Deadline:** March 21, 2025

### Vendor applications

**Vendor applications will close:** March 21, 2025

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

### Camping reservations

**Email:** [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

Seryna Acuna will contact you for reservations.

*\*Please note: Elders, vendors and participants will have priority to the limited water and electric hook-up site during powwow weekend. All others will have access to the remaining sites available.\**

### PA system/sound and tabulator

The Powwow Committee is requesting bids for a PA system/sound and tabulator company for the SCIT Powwow on July 25-27, 2025.

**Please email bids to:** [dapilar@sagchip.org](mailto:dapilar@sagchip.org)



## SCIT Powwow Committee VACANCIES

### Attention Tribal Members:

The SCIT Powwow Committee is currently seeking interested individuals to serve on the committee.

### Requirements:

1. Must be Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe member.
2. Must be 18 years of age.
3. Submit a letter of interest

### Please submit a letter of interest to:

**Mail:** SCIT Powwow Committee  
7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Email:** [PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org)

### For more information, please contact:

989.775.5600 | [PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:PowwowCommittee@sagchip.org)

## NEED HELP?

Need assistance in signing up for Medicaid?

### Please contact:

Patient Registration at  
989-775-4670 and they will schedule you an appointment.



Tribal Member

## RÉSUMÉ Development

Available through Human Resources

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

**Betsey M. Alonzo** | [Balonzo@sagchip.org](mailto:Balonzo@sagchip.org) | 989-775-5643



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

Save the Date!

**Aug. 23 & 24, 2025**

Seventh Generation Powwow Grounds

7957 E. Remus Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Dignitaries:** TBD at a later date





"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

## Attention Tribal Members Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings are held at 9 a.m.

### Regular Tribal Council Sessions

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex
- Meetings are open to Tribal Members
- Anyone wanting to be added can call 989-775-4004

### Regular Council Session Dates

- March 4 • April 1 • May 6



## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWOW

Naakdoon Anishinaabe-aadziwin  
"Follow the Anishinaabe Way of Life"

**Save the Date!**  
**July 25-27, 2025**

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

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

\*Free Admission

\*\*Drug and Alcohol Free Event

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

For more information, contact: SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



## EMPLOYEE Raffle

**Drawing: Friday, March 28, 2025**

**1 p.m. | Black Elk Building**

**Tickets: \$5 each**

**Prize: Eight or ten hours of Personal Time Off**

### Contact Powwow Committee members:

Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Noelle Wells, Naomi McCormack, Brianna Yahbay, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague and Elizabeth Smith.

All proceeds will benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows

For more information, please email:  
Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

## Rez Pets

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs!"



Attention Tribal Members and employees, please submit a photo of your pet(s) to show them off in the April 2025 Tribal Observer. Households with two or more pets, please submit one group photo!

Email your photos to Observer@sagchip.org or turn them in to the Tribal Observer office located inside the Black Elk Government Complex.

### Please include:

Owner's name, name of pet, age and breed

**Deadline: Monday, March 17**

### Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan

## HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

**Save the Date!**

**June 14 & 15, 2025**

Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI



For more information, contact: SCIT Powwow Committee at 989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org

## Biboon STEAM<sup>AG</sup> Raffle Fundraiser

**Drawing: March 18, 2025 at 1 p.m.**

**Tickets: One for \$10 or three for \$25**

### Prizes:

- **1st place:** Two concert tickets of choice (donated by SCIT Public Relations) and SECR overnight stay with a \$50 dinner voucher (donated by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort — valued at \$700)
- **2nd place:** Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel overnight stay with passes and dinner voucher (donated by Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel — valued at \$350)
- **3rd place:** SECR overnight stay with a \$50 dinner voucher (donated by Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort — valued at \$300)

\*Proceeds help pay for events, activities, youth camps, community donations and student travel to a conference.



For more information, please contact:  
Kathleen Hart 989.317.4827 at khart@sagchip.edu



*Congratulations*

**Carol White-Pigeon**

on reaching

**THE 40-YEAR  
MILESTONE!**

*We're pretty sure you're only here for the office snacks at this point.*



## Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start**

### Pine River Golf Club

2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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

### Cash prize with a gift

\*All payouts are from donations and will determine the prize.

### Pre-registration:

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

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

## Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations Announcement

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

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

### For more information, please contact:

#### Office of Tribal Licensing & Regulations

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

### Elder Parking Permits

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

### License Plates

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

### Sagamok Loyalty Cards

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





## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Tim J. Davis** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Luke Sprague** | District One

### Treasurer

**Maia Spotted Tail** | District One

### Secretary

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Christina Otto** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Brad Bennett** | District One

### Council Member

**David Merrill Jr.** | District One

### Council Member

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

### Council Member

**Samantha Chippeway** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Peters-Jackson** | District One



**Nimkee**  
Memorial Wellness Center

## Orchard Lab Services

Open for walk-ins, or skip the line and schedule an appointment 989-775-4687

Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Please remember to bring all outside lab orders with you or fax directly to Nimkee Clinic at 989-775-4680.  
\*Lab will remain closed for all federal holidays\*

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

## New reminder system

Nimkee Medical, Dental and Public Health is excited to introduce our new user-friendly reminder system platform!

### Here's what you need to know about the platform:

- 1. Initial reminder:** You will receive your first reminder at the time of scheduling your appointment.
- 2. Second reminder:** Five days before your appointment, you will receive a reminder.
- 3. Final reminder:** A day before your appointment, you will receive the final reminder.

### It is important to respond, respond and respond!

If you do not confirm your appointment, our automated system will continue to contact you. Rest assured, this is done with your best interest in mind. To avoid continual calls/texts, simple reply "yes or no" with your appointment intentions!

### To learn more about our reminder system platform, check out the links below:

- <https://caremessage.docsend.com/view/f7vxyxw3mz9hgj>
- <https://caremessage.docsend.com/view/4xr8cwum29fz7838>

## Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Survey

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

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

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

SCAN QR CODE



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

- ▶ **Easter** — Monday, April 21, 2025
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Friday, Sept. 26, 2025
- ▶ **Veterans Day** — Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025
- ▶ **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** — Monday, Jan. 19, 2026
- ▶ **Presidents Day** — Monday, Feb. 16, 2026



## Ziibwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The Ziibwing 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: Ziibwing Center Community Digital Archive.



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

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

### For more information, please contact:

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

## 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.

## TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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



### Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

### Tribal Observer Advertising

To place an advertisement, please contact the Tribal Observer at 989-775-4096 or [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org) for more information.

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

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

### Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please mail form to:

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

### Contact Information:

- **Phone:** 989-775-4096
- **Email:** [Observer@sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@sagchip.org)
- **www:** [www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver](http://www.Sagchip.org/TribalObserver)



## Red Dress DONATIONS NEEDED

**Red Dress Day: May 5, 2025**  
*National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People*  
**No More Stolen Sisters Event: Coming May 2025**

A coalition of representatives from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, the Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, RISE Advocacy, and McLaren Hospital are joining together to recognize the National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People, also known as Red Dress Day.

**In order to create several Red Dress Day displays, more than 150 red dresses need to be collected.**

- We are seeking clean, new or gently used dresses.
- They can be any size, any length and any design.
- They can be homemade or store purchased.
- If you, or someone you know, has a red dress that is no longer needed, or is willing to sew a simple dress, please consider donating it to this project.
- Donated dresses will not be returned, but kept and saved for use in future years.



**Donations accepted until:  
March 21, 2025**

**Drop off donations in Mount Pleasant:**

- **SCIT Behavioral Health** | 2800 S. Shepherd Rd.
  - **Anishnaabeg Child and Family Services** 2585 S. Leaton Rd.
  - **Tribal Police Department** | 6954 E. Broadway
  - **Trillium Fine Clothing** | 125 E. Broadway St.
  - **ICDC Thrift Shop** | 1008 W. High St.
  - **McLaren Central Michigan** | 1221 South Dr.
  - **Commission on Aging** | 2200 S. Lincoln Rd.
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### Public notice of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members

The following is a list of unclaimed per capita disbursements for deceased Tribal Members. Any person who has been court appointed as the member's Personal Representative of the Estate can contact the Per Capita Office to claim the funds. All monies must be claimed within two years from their date of death, or such monies will be forfeited and returned to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Per Capita Trust.

Tribal Member Name	Date of Death
Adkisson, Chad Allen	08/12/2024
Anderson, Eric John	10/24/2024
Bird, Kevin Lee	07/11/2023
Carpenter, Vivian Lanora	08/08/2023
Funnell, Nancy Caroll	02/11/2024
Glavas, Cree Summer	10/18/2023
Glover, Jessie B	05/06/2023
High, Roger Wayne	04/16/2023
Kelsall, Marcia Sue	12/18/2024
Mcclain, Patrick Lane	07/07/2024
Meredith, Vivian June	07/19/2023
Poulos, Barbara Jean	01/28/2024
Quayle Jr, William H.	07/29/2023
Smielewski, Susan M.	07/11/2023

## Nimkee Fitness

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**Paperwork required:** Current and new members are to fill out new membership and liability forms, along with signing an access expectation sheet.

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*\*Beginning: Thursday, March 6, 2025\**

**For more information, please contact:**  
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## Wii MAAJIKWAD PLAQUE Fundraiser

Plaques will be placed on 18 benches around Wii Maajikwad

**Plaques cost: \$500 each**

- Plaques will have the pre-engraved wording: "In Honor of"
- Maximum letter count for customizable area: 50 letters
- Black plaques only: no colored plaques
- Plaque size: 2"x10"
- Must be a Tribal Member's name

**Payments can be made at:**  
 Accounting in the Black Elk Building

**For more information, please contact:**  
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## 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
- **Phone:** 989.775.4730
- **Mail:** ZC Collections Committee c/o William Johnson 6650 E. Broadway Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

### 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

Working Together To Protect Our Environment

## People's Traditional POWWOW

### Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, May 30, 2025**  
 Maple Creek Golf Course (Shepherd, Mich.)  
 Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

**Registration deadline**  
 ▶ \$80 prepaid by May 2 ▶ \$100 after May 2

**Two person scramble**

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- On course games and proxies to win gift cards
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*\* All proceeds will benefit the annual People's Traditional Powwow in August 2025*

**For more information:**  
 989-775-4780 | TJackson@sagchip.org



## World Water Day 2025 is March 22 for glacier preservation

### KATIE HAGER

Environmental Outreach Coordinator, Planning

World Water Day has been celebrated every year since 1993 on March 22 to raise awareness on water issues including the 2.2 billion people that live without access to safe water. This year's theme focuses on protecting frozen water resources for the future.

"Glaciers are critical to life – their meltwater is essential for drinking water, agriculture, industry, clean energy production, and healthy ecosystems" as stated on the United Nations 2025 World Water Day webpage. Fast-melting glaciers cause uncertain water flows that can have profound water resource impacts on the ecosystems, people, and the planet.

Glaciers are melting faster than ever as the globe continues to get hotter which increasingly makes the water cycle more unpredictable. When water enters the watershed too quickly, the land will not be able to absorb or retain it all, thus flooding and runoff occur. Flooding can be caused by rapid snow or glacier melt, severe storms, and other precipitation events.

Changing meltwater flows can cause flooding, droughts, landslides, and sea or lake level rises putting countless ecosystems and communities at risk. In the U.S., it is estimated that flooding causes billions of

dollars in damages and takes dozens of lives every year.

**Water resources overview:** Your everyday choices impact local water resources – if everyone does their part, we can protect our water for the next seven generations to come.

**Capture and infiltrate:** Plant a rain garden. Install a vegetative buffer between your home and the edge of your property. Choose native plants for landscaping to support local pollinators and reduce maintenance. Install a rain barrel on your property (will need to be monitored for bugs).

**Minimize runoff:** Choose a permeable driveway surface so that water can be absorbed and filtered into the groundwater. Direct your roof runoff downspouts away from your home and driveway and instead into your lawn or garden beds. Keep your fallen leaves out of the roadways and ditches to allow for free-flowing stormwater. Limit your mowed lawn size and let natural parts of your yard remain.

**Eliminate pollutants:** Plant native trees, shrubs, and groundcover vegetation to prevent soil erosion. Keep your car well-maintained and regularly check for drips while repairing any found leaks immediately. Pick up your pet waste to prevent nutrient and bacteria pollution. Instead of salting icy surfaces outside, when able use sand or chip the ice off. Properly maintain your septic



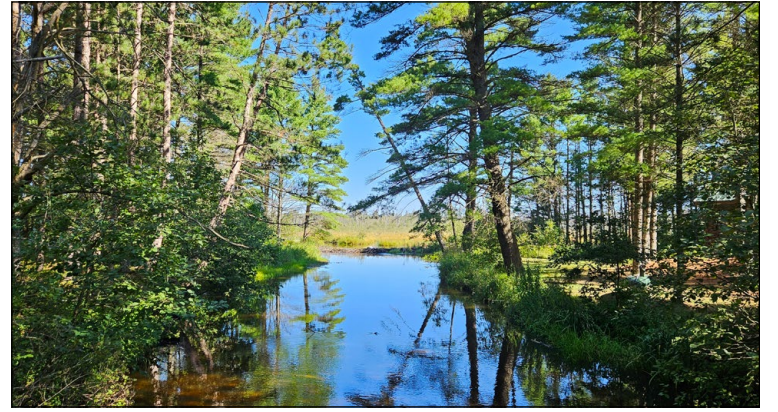
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system – it is recommended to have the system inspected and pumped out AT LEAST every three years for the average home. Use lawn and garden chemicals properly and sparingly. Use your water wisely and water your lawn in the morning around sunrise when everything is cooler to ensure the highest water absorption.

Water efficiency can be achieved through better use of our water resources through water-saving technologies and small, simple steps that we can all take around our homes. Household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost per day; thus, be sure to do routine maintenance and check your faucets and pipes for leaks.

Common types of leaks are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking valves that are often easy to repair, requiring only a few tools and hardware. Fixing household leaks can save homeowners around 10 percent on their water bills.



Courtesy of Katie Hager

Kunze Creek



Courtesy of Katie Hager

Chippewa River

For at-home steps and more information, view: [www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-02/documents/ws-ourwater-detect-and-chase-down-leaks-checklist.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-02/documents/ws-ourwater-detect-and-chase-down-leaks-checklist.pdf)

WaterSense is a voluntary partnership program sponsored by the EPA to label water-efficient products and provide resources to help save water. WaterSense-labeled products and services are certified to use at least 20 percent less water, save energy, and perform as well or better than the regular, non-efficient models.

In homes, bathrooms use the most amounts of water, using more than 50 percent of all indoor water. Approximately 5 to 10 percent of homes in the U.S. have easy-to-fix leaks that drip up to 90 gallons of water or more a day. Heating water is typically the second largest usage of energy in a residential home (after space heating and cooling).

Purchase WaterSense labeled products to ensure water efficiency to reduce expenses and benefit the environment. WaterSense products include: residential toilets, showerheads, bathroom faucets, commercial toilets, urinals, spray sprinkler bodies, irrigation controllers, and point-of-use reverse osmosis systems. More information can be found at: [www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-products](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-products)

#### Did you know?

- Each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home.

- The average family spends more than \$1,000 per year in water costs but can save more than \$380 annually from utilizing WaterSense-labeled products and Energy Star-certified appliances.

- Replacing showerheads with WaterSense-labeled

products can save four gallons of water every time you shower.

- Replacing old faucets and aerators with WaterSense-labeled products can save 700 gallons of water per year.

- WaterSense-labeled faucets or aerators that can be installed on existing bathroom faucets are around 30 percent more efficient than standard faucets while still providing ample flow.

- The average family can waste up to 180 gallons per week, or 9400 gallons of water annually. That is equivalent to the amount of water needed to wash more than 300 loads of laundry.

- Running the dishwasher only when it is full can eliminate up to one dishwashing cycle per week and save nearly 320 gallons of water annually.

- While brushing your teeth, if you turn off the tap, you can save up to eight gallons per day. While shaving, if you turn off the tap you can save up to 10 gallons of water per shave. Assuming you brush your teeth twice a day and shave five times per week, you could save up to 5,700 gallons of water per year.

- As much as 50 percent of the water we use outdoors is lost due to wind, evaporation, and runoff caused by inefficient irrigation methods and systems. A household with an automatic sprinkler that is not properly maintained and operated can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water annually.

#### References:

- *United Nations – World Water Day:* [www.un.org/en/observances/water-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/water-day)

- *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:* [www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/freshwater/watersheds-flooding-and-pollution](http://www.noaa.gov/education/resource-collections/freshwater/watersheds-flooding-and-pollution)



Save the date!

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Wii Maajikwad Tribal School Gym

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Wii Maajikwad  
"WHERE WE GROW"



## Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin

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“I think that culture and language is important because it connects us to those who came before us and it’s a part of who we are,” Henry said.

Mattea Gonzalez offered her insights on the important

work the team is doing.

“It is important because we are preserving cultural identity, enhancing communication and connection with our community,” Gonzalez said. “Overall preserving traditions,

promoting our language, and equipping students with skills to navigate Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin (the good life.)”

Wii Maajiikwad Principal Simeon “Russ” Blackbird said having the opportunities to develop and implement programming that is relevant to our historic, present and

future generations has been a great pleasure.

“The SCIT community is blessed to have young people who are willing to learn and share the language and culture which could enable our young learners to feel a sense of belonging and inner strength,” Blackbird said. “I

look forward to activities that we develop as a team and with the community at large including Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC), Seventh Generation Programs, Parks and Recreation and others. We also look forward to the coming March 8 Round Dance in our new Gymnasium.”

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Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl  
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##### Teen (12-17)

Traditional, Grass, Fancy Bustle  
Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl  
1st - \$200 | 2nd - \$150 | 3rd - \$100 | 4th - \$50

##### Adult (18-49)

Traditional, Grass, Fancy Bustle  
Traditional, Jingle, Fancy Shawl  
1st - \$400 | 2nd - \$300 | 3rd - \$200 | 4th - \$100

##### Golden Age Dance Contest (50+)

Men Combined  
Women Combined  
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Dancers must provide SSN, Canadian Nationals must fill out W-8BEN. CMU is required to withhold 30.00% tax payments made to all non-US citizens.

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### ADMISSION

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## Storytelling event at Wii Maajikwad shares stories, provides students with free books

**KYLA HENRY**  
Youth Worker

The winter season is a time of year that we share stories. Each story told has a meaning attached with them. On Thursday, Jan. 29, Wii Maajikwad held its first storytelling night in the new school.

The storytelling event is another first held in the school, along with many other events to come, said Matthew Sprague, Anishinaabe culture and language teacher.

The event began with wild rice soup paired with fry bread for dinner. After everyone was done eating, the event kicked off with guest storytellers Judy Pamp and Nathan Isaac.

Wii Maajikwad's Anishinaabe Bimaadiziwin Language and Culture team then split into four groups and shared their stories to as spectators rotated around.

As students listened to the stories, the storytellers punched student's punch cards they were provided with. Throughout the event, students received four hole punches. After the four hole punches were complete, students were able to get a free book of their choosing.

The books were gifted to the kids by Sleepy Dog Books Foundation, a non-profit, founded by Riley and Jennifer Justis. They gifted 100 books written by Native authors to the students.

The Sleepy Dog Books Foundation reaches out to area schools and helps host events and gives free books to kids.



Observer photos by Kyla Henry

Wii Maajikwad held its first storytelling night on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Former educators, Riley and Jennifer Justis, have seen how literacy makes a difference in a child's life and how books transform them. Seeing the

impact books make, they then made the Sleeping Dog Books Foundation. The foundation is a helpful resource for the community.

For more books to explore, the Sleepy Dog Books bookstore is located at 120 E. Broadway St., in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

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## CMU Basketball continued from front page

Often when she is creating her art, she holds the ones she loves close while doing so. In this piece, she was thinking of her dear nokomis, Shirley Brauker-ba. Brauker's pottery is known for exhibiting beautiful woodland floral designs.

Brauker's artist journey began in childhood, and she made sure to teach her grandchildren everything she knew. Ruffino's love and passion for art comes from her nokomis and she is forever grateful for the love and guidance given to her.

Ruffino's design was proudly displayed on the warm-up shirts worn by both men's and women's basketball teams, along with some members of the coaching staff. The shirts serve as a preview of the upcoming inclusion on their official game-day jerseys to be worn for Native American Heritage Month in November.

The shirts are now available for purchase through the CMU Bookstore located in the Bovee University Center. Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez helped to organize and facilitate this event, ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

"For us it was truly a remarkable experience to see not only the artwork of a Native American artist on the warm-up shirts this weekend, but it also goes to showcase the tremendous partnership and the mutual respect between the university and the Saginaw Chippewa



Courtesy of Central Michigan University

The CMU women's basketball team wears the warm-up shirts displaying the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

Indian Tribe," Rodriguez said. "These are the kinds of educational initiatives that we hope to accomplish within the CMU community and the greater Mount Pleasant community. It really showcases that there is a tremendous importance behind not only the sharing of the nickname, but the ability to help tell the story of what it represents and we are very thankful and appreciative that Central Michigan Athletics and the university allow us the opportunity to find new and innovative ways to do such."

This halftime show was a direct result of the continued collaboration between CMU and SCIT.

"It's an honor and a privilege to learn firsthand about the history and culture of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe," said Amy Folan, CMU athletic director. "This shirt allows us to share

and honor their tradition through our partnership. Aryl's artwork and story is inspiring, and we are proud and grateful to have this opportunity."

Tribal Council members have emphasized that initiatives as this one

are crucial for strengthening and maintaining the relationship between CMU and SCIT. With these cultural elements, CMU is able to honor and celebrate the Native American Heritage in the community.

## SCIT sponsors food distribution with Greater Lansing Food Bank




Courtesy of Tribal Fire Department



Courtesy of Tribal Fire Department

Members of the Tribal Fire and Tribal Police departments, along with numerous volunteers, braved the temperatures in the teens to help with the food distribution on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The food distribution, sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Greater Lansing Food Bank, provided food for more than 300 families, and ran out of food shortly after the event began.



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## New Cardinal Pharmacy manager ready to help community during flu season

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

As cold and flu season is here, the new Cardinal Pharmacy manager is ready to help the community.

Cardinal Pharmacy Manager Amanda Daugherty was a pharmacy technician for 11 years before going to pharmacy school at Ferris State University and getting her credentials in 2024. During pharmacy school, Daugherty also received her master's degree in business administration from Ferris.

Daugherty said she is ready to meet the challenges in an ever-changing industry.

"One challenge I see in dealing with a lot of medications; we are experiencing drug shortages and navigating how to get the medications needed to the patient in a timely manner," Daugherty said. "We are actively working with wholesalers, manufacturers and other contacts within the industry to bring this medication to Cardinal. We realize some medication is in demand and harder to locate



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Cardinal Pharmacy Manager Amanda Daugherty displays products available during the cold and flu season.**

and we stay in touch with Nimkee and doctors to inform on availability."

Finding alternatives that work through other suppliers and working with Nimkee Pharmacy is a plus for the Tribal community as the Cardinal Pharmacy team is aware of the need during flu season.

Pharmacy Manager Walter Duranczyk said over-the-counter (OTC) medicines that can help with flu symptoms include acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and decongestants.

"Pain relievers like acetaminophen (Tylenol) can help with headaches, muscle aches and fever. OTC medicine ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB) can help with headaches, muscle aches and fever," Duranczyk said. "And aspirin can help with headaches, muscle aches, and fever, but should not be given to children under 16."

Cardinal Pharmacy offers decongestant tablets and nasal sprays that can help relieve a blocked nose along with saline nasal sprays or drops.

"Relief from symptoms can also be found in the cough medicine, we stock at Cardinal," Duranczyk said. "This would include an expectorant that can help thin out chest congestion and a cough suppressant that can help you sleep."

Other remedies suggested include drinking plenty of fluids, including water, warm soup and rehydration solutions. Cardinal also recommends using a digital thermometer to check for fever and, as a precaution, do not take more than one type of pain killer unless advised by a doctor.

"Nimkee doctors know if there is medication that cannot be filled at Nimkee Pharmacy, we may have



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Cardinal Pharmacy Manager Amanda Daugherty (far left) introduces team members (left to right) Walter Duranczyk, Madeline Dolan and Jessie Stough.**

## Individuals at high risk of flu complications

Some individuals are more likely to get flu complications that can result in hospitalization and sometimes death.

Specific high-risk groups include:

- Adults aged 65 years and older
- Children younger than 5 years of age, specifically those younger than 2 years
- Pregnant women
- Individuals with chronic health conditions including asthma, heart disease and stroke, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, children with neurologic condition

Source: MDHHS at Michigan.gov

an alternative right here at Cardinal Pharmacy," Daugherty said. "With the drug shortages, the open communication with the doctors is important."

Daugherty said that Covid testing kits are available at Cardinal Pharmacy and they have an OTC medication section in their facility that provides relief for many patients.

"We can make those recommendations on the OTC medications we have in stock and it is one of the local services you see that is a benefit of being a local, patient friendly pharmacy," Daugherty said. "We have a very dedicated pharmacy staff here along with our workers who help maintain the storefront stocking shelves and cleaning as needed."

Daugherty said the pharmacy has a lot of store brands found this time of year and know they are in demand and they stock an end cap right at the store focused on those needs.

Nimkee Public Health cautions it is very difficult to distinguish flu from other viral or bacterial respiratory illnesses based on symptoms alone. Nimkee Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick said there are tests available to diagnose the flu.

"Your respiratory illness might be the flu if you have fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, and/or fatigue," Sowmick said. "Contact your health care provider if you are having severe flu symptoms or are at high-risk of flu complications."

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### 2: "Becoming a Better Listener"

**Thursday, March 20, 2025: 2-3:30 p.m.**  
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### 3: "How to Have Difficult Conversations"

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025: 2-3:30 p.m.**  
This workshop provides a framework to hold conversations when there are opposing viewpoints, and strong emotions are present.

### 4: "Daily Success"

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# Tips to reduce the risk of seasonal flu

(Editor's note: The following article comes from the CDC website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) and was sent to Tribal employees by Public Health Nurse Sue Sowmick.)

The single best way to reduce the risk of seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications is to get vaccinated each year, but preventive actions like avoiding people who are sick, covering your cough and washing your hands also can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like flu. This also can include taking steps for cleaner air and hygiene practices like cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

These tips will help you learn about actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs.

**1. Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick if possible. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick, too. Putting physical distance between yourself and others can help lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.

**2. Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you're sick. You can go back to your normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, both are true:

- a. Your symptoms are getting better overall, and
- b. You have not had a fever (and are not using fever-reducing medication<sup>1</sup>). After these two criteria are met, there are some additional precautions that can be taken to protect others from respiratory illness.

c. After you feel better, take precautions for 5 days.

**3. Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick. Influenza viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. Wearing a mask is an additional prevention strategy that you can choose to do to further protect yourself and others. When worn by a person with an infection, masks reduce the spread of the virus to others. Masks can also protect wearers from breathing in infectious particles from people around them. If you are coughing and have to go to the doctor, wear a mask please.

**4. Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Note: hand sanitizer does not kill norovirus, handwashing works best in that case.

**5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs can be spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

**6. Take steps for cleaner air.** You can improve air quality by bringing in fresh outside air, purifying indoor air or gathering outdoors. Cleaner air can reduce the risk of exposure to viruses.

**7. Practice good hygiene and other healthy habits.** Cleaning frequently touched surfaces, such as countertops, handrails, and doorknobs regularly can help prevent the spread of some illnesses.



Also, get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

**8. Get a flu shot** – it is not too late!  
**If you have the flu!**

If you have the flu, these measures may help ease your symptoms:

- **Drink plenty of liquids.** Choose water, juice and warm soups to help keep fluids in your body. Ginger ale, Gatorade and bland foods help.

- **Rest.** Get more sleep to help your immune system fight infection. You may need to change your activity level, depending on your symptoms.

- **Consider pain relievers.** Use acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others) for fever, headache or achiness associated with influenza. Children and teens recovering from flu-like symptoms should never take aspirin because of the risk of Reye's syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal condition.

- **If you are high risk** – please call your Doctor or Urgent Care to see if you need further care.

Source: [www.cdc.gov/flu/prevention/actions-prevent-flu.html](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevention/actions-prevent-flu.html)

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## TREATMENT

1. Get lots of rest.
2. Drink plenty of fluids.
3. Take over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to help ease your symptoms.\*

\*Antibiotics will NOT help you recover from a cold.

Make an appointment with a medical provider. There are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating the flu called "antivirals."

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**Tower of Power & War**  
Saturday, March 8  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$47, \$57, \$76, \$82



**Tony Hinchcliffe**  
Friday, March 14  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$72, \$97, \$107, \$114



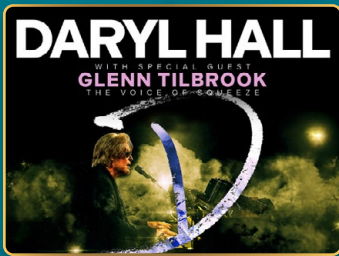
**Boyz II Men**  
With Special Guest Tony! Toni! Toné!  
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Saturday, March 15  
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**Josh Turner**  
This Country Music Thing Tour  
Friday, March 28  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$39, \$51, \$65, \$71



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Los Lonely Boys**  
Friday, April 4  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$47, \$57, \$76, \$82



**Daryl Hall**  
With Special Guest Glenn Tilbrook  
Saturday, April 5  
7:30 PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$62, \$76, \$89, \$96



**Peter Frampton**  
Let's Do It Again Tour  
Saturday, April 19  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
Tickets: \$73, \$95, \$108, \$115



**Kansas**  
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Saturday, April 26  
8PM  
Entertainment Hall  
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# Legendary '90s country music artists Lorrie Morgan, Mark Chesnutt perform

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

Legendary '90s country music artists Lorrie Morgan and Mark Chesnutt provided a double bill of entertainment on Friday, Feb. 14 in Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Entertainment Hall.

Opening the show, Mark Chesnutt performed a 70-minute set beginning at 8 p.m.

The singer-songwriter influenced the '90s country charts with his George Jones and Merle Haggard-inspired honky-tonk sound. Between 1990 and 1999, he had his greatest success with the eight albums he released in that timeframe.

Chesnutt showcased his smooth vocals and guitar skills.

He has had eight singles that have reached number one on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart: "Almost Goodbye," "Brother Jukebox," "I'll Think of Something," "It Sure Is Monday," "I Just Wanted You to Know," "It's a Little Too Late," "Gonna Get a Life," and a cover of Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing."

Headliner Lorrie Morgan performed a 70-minute set, beginning at about 9:40 p.m.

Dressed in a dazzling sequin jumpsuit – with an acoustic



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Legendary '90s country music singer-songwriter Lorrie Morgan headlines the Valentine's Day Feb. 14 show at Soaring Eagle.**

guitar to match – Morgan began her portion of the show with "I Didn't Know My Own Strength," "Watch Me," "What Part of No" and "Good As I Was To You."

On stage, Morgan mentioned and thanked Mark Chesnutt for opening the show.

"You know, great country music is still alive and kicking, ain't it?" Morgan said about Chesnutt's performance. "He is truly a great singer and there will never be another one like him... he's true to what he believes in."

Morgan thanked the audience for coming out to share a night of country music.

"We certainly hope we've picked a couple songs tonight that puts a smile on your face and makes you happy, because that's why we're here: to make you happy, and if you're happy, we're happy..." Morgan said.

"I heard Mark talking about his idol, George Jones, who is also one of my idols," Morgan said. "And I had the pleasure of working with George for a few years... he was my boss for a few years and I was in his band..."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country music artist Mark Chesnutt opens the Friday evening show shortly after 8 p.m.**

"I miss his phone calls, I miss working with him and listening to him, and when I ended up leaving the George Jones show, I ended up recording one of George's big records. It became a big record for me as well," she said, then speaking about the Soaring Eagle audience. "I'm so glad we've got some '80s and '90s country music friends out there."

She then sang Jones' hit she also recorded, "A Picture of Me (Without You)."

With a combination of ballads and up-tempo

material, Morgan kept her vocal capabilities on full display throughout the evening.

Additional songs performed included: "Five Minutes, The Beach Boys' "Don't Worry Baby," "What Will I Do?," "Dead Girl Walking," "Almost Called Him Baby by Mistake," "Me and Tequila," "Except for Monday," "Something in Red" and "Are You Lonesome Tonight?"

Audience members swayed in their seats and seemed to enjoy the evening of nostalgic country music.

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## Bret Michaels and his Parti-Gras Tour gives SECR “Nothin’ but a Good Time”

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

Singer and songwriter Bret Michaels brought the fun, energetic and party-feel of Poison’s biggest hits to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The indoor concert, held on Friday, Jan. 24, was part of the artist’s Parti-Gras 2024 tour.

Michaels is best known for his time as the front man of American rock band, Poison. Throughout his decades-long career, he has sold more than 100 million records.

He also starred in a number of hit television shows. This includes VH1’s “Rock of Love,” the reality docuseries “Life As I Know It” and the Travel Channel’s “Rock My RV.”

Michaels began with one of Poison’s biggest hits, “Talk Dirty to Me,” followed by “Ride the Wind.”

Audience members were next treated to a surprise harmonica solo by Michaels, before the band transitioned in to a cover of Loggins & Messina’s “Your Mama Don’t Dance.”

Michaels was a nonstop ball of energy throughout the show. His signature charisma was on full display during “Look What the Cat Dragged In,” “Something to Believe In” and “Unskinny Bop.”

The audience members swayed back and forth during the chorus of the power ballad “Every Rose Has Its Thorn.”

The next song saw Michaels completely in his



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**Bret Michaels (center) points out to the crowd during the Jan. 24 Soaring Eagle concert.**

element, during a spirited cover of Lynyrd Skynyrd’s “Sweet Home Alabama.”

The concert proved to be a good time for everyone involved. The night fittingly

ending with a rousing rendition of the hit song “Nothin’ but a Good Time.”

## George Thorogood and the Destroyers are still “Bad to the Bone”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

**George Thorogood (center) performs “Who Do You Love?” during the Feb. 15 indoor concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.**

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed George Thorogood and the Destroyers on Saturday, Feb. 15. The band, on their “The Baddest Show On Earth” tour, took to the indoor concert hall stage.

Throughout the 90-minute performance, the artists proved they still have all the attitude and energy during the blues-rock show.

George Thorogood was joined on stage by his bandmates, known collectively as The Destroyers. This includes founding members: bassist Billy Blough and drummer Jeff Simon, alongside newer additions with guitarist Jim Suhler and saxophonist Buddy Leach.

The band kicked off the

night’s festivities fittingly, with the hit song “Rock Party.”

This was followed by two cover performances of Bo Diddley’s “Who Do You Love?” and J.B. Lenoir’s “Mama Talk to Your Daughter.”

Next up was “House Rent Blues,” “One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer” and “Cocaine Blues.” The latter song was dedicated to Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash.

The good times continued with “Gear Jammer” and “Get a Haircut.”

A highlight of the night featured the growling lyrics and aggressive guitar licks of “Bad to the Bone.”

This was followed by covers of Them’s “Gloria” and Hank Williams’ “Move It on Over.”

The night ended with an encore performance of “Born to Be Bad.”

## Country musician Lee Brice presents stripped-down tour with You, Me, & My Guitar

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

It was an intimate evening to witness a storyteller and a gifted musician at work. The country music singer-songwriter, Lee Brice, brought his You, Me & My Guitar tour to the Soaring Eagle on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The show, a 90-minute performance, was a stripped down experience with just what the tour’s title explains

– only the audience, Brice and his guitar(s).

Brice shared his musical journey with the audience, and in between, he played fan favorite tunes with each instrument that was adorned on the stage with him. Each instrument holds a special place in Brice’s heart; he had a story for each.

My goal is to take you on a journey, Brice said to the audience. Music has been a part of my life since the

beginning.

Brice told stories about his first guitar, learning his first chord, performing in church, moving from his hometown to Nashville and, eventually, making his first album.

He performed his many popular hits that have also reached number one on Billboard Country Airplay: “Hard to Love,” “I Drive Your Truck,” “I Don’t Dance,” “Rumor” and “One of Them Girls.”

He also performed his top 10 hits “Parking Lot Party,” “Drinking Class” and “Love Like Crazy,” which was Billboard Year-End’s top country song of 2010. The song also broke a 62-year-old



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Country music singer-songwriter Lee Brice brings his You, Me & My Guitar tour to the Soaring Eagle on Saturday, Feb. 8.**

record for the longest run on the country chart.

Brice also treated fans by playing – video included – his newest single, “Cry.”

It was a special evening for the fans as they enjoyed stories directly from the songwriter and storyteller himself.

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## KC & Sunshine Band proves disco and funk music never went out of style

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

KC & The Sunshine Band proved that disco and funk never went out of style when they gave an exceptionally high-energy and talented performance at the Soaring Eagle on Sunday, Jan. 26.

The spirited and entertaining 90-minute show began shortly after 6 p.m.

KC & The Sunshine Band, a 12-member ensemble, is

led and emceed by front man Harry Wayne Casey since its formation in 1973.

"I don't know if you came with any expectations tonight, but if you came here thinking you're going to see the 23-year-old up here, you missed that 50 years ago," Casey said, at now 74 years old.

The full band, including talented backing singers and dancers dressed in their best dazzling attire, began the show with the up-tempo dance hits, "(Shake, Shake Shake) Shake

Your Booty" and "Boogie Shoes."

Casey often addressed the crowd, sharing tales of the band's musical history, along cracking jokes to the audience.

"You know, the pandemic happened and I gained all this weight," Casey said. "I've never weighed this much in my life... and I thought I might have to rename the band KFC and the Sunshine Band."

The band continued with "I Hear a Symphony," "Yes I'm Ready," "Please Don't

Go," "I'm Your Boogie Man," "Keep It Comin' Love," "Wrap Your Arms Around Me," "Do You Wanna Go Party" and "I Like to Do It."

Casey gave proper credit to the skilled musicians on stage with him and said it is "the best band he's ever had in his entire career."

Casey walked around in the audience during the George McCrae cover "Rock Your Baby." The band then followed with the Four Tops cover "It's the Same Old Song."

Prior to a banging drum solo, the band performed a

medley of "Give It Up," "Brick House" and "Shake Your Body (Down to the Ground)."

KC and the Sunshine Band showed no signs of slowing down. They kept the audience dancing with "Cold Sweat" and "Play That Funky Music," "That's the Way (I Like It)," "Get Down Tonight" and "So Glad We Got Together."

Audience members were hardly in their chairs throughout evening as they were up dancing and clapping along. The memorable encore included "I Gotta Feeling" and "Please Don't Go."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

The funk and disco band, KC and the Sunshine Band, performs a lively show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Sunday, Jan. 26.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Front man Harry Wayne Casey, aka KC, joins his back-up dancers and singers for a dance center stage.

## Comedian Tom Segura brings new material, lots of laughs to Soaring Eagle

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted multi-talented actor, comedian

and writer Tom Segura on Sunday, Jan. 19.

The night, part of Segura's new Come Together tour, featured an hour of highly-anticipated brand new material.

Segura proved he was a master of his craft that night. He frequently left the audience laughing and reeling from his in-your-face, often hilariously uncomfortable candid storytelling.

The comic gained notoriety for his popular Netflix comedy specials "Ballhog" (2020), "Disgraceful" (2018), "Mostly Stories" (2016), and "Completely Normal" (2014). Segura's most recent special "Sledgehammer" released in July 2023 to great success as the top streaming special on Netflix.

Segura is involved in a number of podcasts, including the "Your Mom's House"



Courtesy photo

podcast alongside his wife, comedian Christina Pazsitzky. He also co-hosts with comedian Bert Kreischer on the hit podcast "2 Bears 1 Cave."

His New York Times Bestselling book "I'd Like To

Play Alone Please" release to critical acclaim in 2022.

For more information on upcoming shows, please visit the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort website at [www.soaringeaglecasino.com](http://www.soaringeaglecasino.com).



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## Daddy Daughter date night brings plenty of smiles at annual ball

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Public Relations Manager

On Feb. 16, more than 300 community members attended the 41st annual Daddy Daughter Date Night, held at the Comfort Inn in Mount Pleasant.

Event attendees “laced it up” and had fun “kicking it” at the annual event, with this year’s theme, the Sneakers Ball.

The event is coordinated by Carol Moody of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation.

The event was filled with music, dancing, prizes and shared activities for young ladies of all ages and their dads, or other favorite escort.



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Member Andrew Steele (back, center) celebrates the evening with daughters (back, left to right): Mikayla Steele, Kathryn Pigeon and Rebecca Steele-Snarski and (front, left to right) Stella Moniz and Joy Unzueta.**



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Tribal Council Member David Merrill Jr. enjoys the special evening with his daughters Eleanor (left) and Ember (front).**



Courtesy of Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation

**Carol Moody (left) coordinates the registration while Public Relations Manager Joseph Sowmick (right) sells carnations to the participants.**

## Steps to getting started with Medicare

### ANDAHWOD STAFF

If you’re turning 65, you’re eligible to apply for Medicare. What is Medicare? It’s a federal health insurance program that covers a wide range of services to keep you healthy as you age.

The minimum age for Medicare is 65, but some

younger people with disabilities, end-stage renal disease, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease) may also qualify.

**Determine when you can enroll.** Your Medicare Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) is when you can first sign up for Medicare. It’s based on your 65th birthday and includes the three months before your 65th

birthday month, the month you turn 65, and the three months after.

**Learn about the different parts of Medicare.** Medicare has four parts, each offering different types of health coverage.

► **Part A:** Hospital Insurance (*Based on years of working*)

► **Part B:** Medical Insurance (*Check to see if you need to sign up*)

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*additional premiums/fees*)

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Estimate your out-of-pocket costs. Medicare does not pay for everything. UMR

does not cover everything. Learn more about the costs you’ll be responsible for, including premiums, copayments, and deductibles. Consider how those fit into your budget and what you can comfortably afford.

Contact the Benefits Department if you have any questions and contact Andahwod if you would like literature, pamphlets, or other reading materials on Medicare.

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• **Golf Membership Raffle:** Tickets go on sale in April

### Birthday celebrations

Every month, Andahwod hosts a birthday celebration for residents and employees. We are inviting community elders to join us during for these celebrations of cake (or other sweet treat) and socializing.

It does not need to be your birthday month to attend. Hope to see you there.

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

**Upcoming Celebrations:**

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## MARCH 2025 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 3) Angela Bennett<br>Winona Hancock<br>Susan Pretzer<br>Terri Verga-Nassif<br>Barbara Walraven<br>William Walraven             | 11) Michael Jackson<br>Jolene Quinlan<br>Clifton Chippewa II<br>Bernadette Reyes<br>Stephen Walraven<br>Darwin Ziehmer<br>Jeremy Stevens | 21) Elaine Kraska   |
| 4) Elizabeth Cabay<br>Judith Bennett<br>Herbert Robinson Jr.   | 12) Julia Wixson<br>Brandy Judkins<br>Toni Smith   | 22) Kim Aasved<br>Paige Vanderlooven<br>Kim Oneill              |
| 5) Wanda Brodie<br>Nancy Chippewa<br>Kenneth Vasquez<br>Teresa Bailey<br>Terri Cummings<br>Clifford Saboo Jr.<br>Sandra Tabako | 13) Sherry Bame<br>Douglas Snyder  | 23) Rickie Burnham<br>Harry Jackson<br>Lisa Zangara             |
| 6) Diane Morley<br>Roland Jackson Jr.  | 14) Ronald Judson Jr.<br>Linda Davis   | 24) Kevin Jenkins<br>Larry Bearden<br>Karen Mills               |
| 7) Daniel Cloutier<br>Danny Stevens  | 15) Alice Jo Ricketts<br>Coy McCollum<br>Michael Watson  | 25) Joseph Chamberlain<br>Carolyn Crawford<br>Constance Pallett |
| 8) Margaret Rosario<br>Michelle Eddy<br>Timothy Stevens<br>Lorraine Walker   | 16) Fredrick Bailey Jr.<br>Gregory Pigeon<br>Michael Jackson   | 26) Paul Bird<br>Clifford Chamberlain                           |
| 9) Marsha Gibson<br>Theodore Kowalski<br>Robert Stanton  | 17) LeeAnn Ruffino<br>Joseph Kowalski<br>Patrick Smith<br>Merton Flory   | 27) John Miller Sr.   |
|  | 18) Marion Williams<br>Thomas Bates<br>Rhonda Dutton<br>Wanda Wallace  | 28) Thelma Henry-Shipman<br>Dawn Hunt<br>Kelly Huyser           |
|  |  | 29) Brian Wray<br>Craig Waynee<br>Sabrina Karras                |
|  |  | 30) Janet Barnhart<br>Esther Chatfield                          |
|  |  | 31) John Rhodes   |





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

**Boozhoo!** Hopefully you have received the 2025 Elders Powwow Homecoming Trip registration forms by now. Please mail those in with money order or cashiers check to secure your spot. Here are updates and reminders to this year's trip guidelines.



- Stipend only fees - \$100 per elder. Elder must abide by all trip guidelines and mandatory events.
- RV park fees - \$100 per elder. \$50 for guest/caretaker. Elder and guest must abide by all trip guidelines and mandatory events.
- NEW - SCIT Elder may bring one 40 year and older guest to the Welcome Dinner - \$25 meal fee. Sign up and fee must be paid before attending Welcome Dinner.
- Euchre Tournament in the Entertainment Hall during the Corn Hole Tournament.
- If your paid guest/caretaker is participating in the Slot Tournament we need their Players Club number or Date of Birth.
- SCIT Elder stipends will be available for pick up in the Entertainment Hall during the Community Meeting on Thursday, July 24.

### Andahwod Phone Numbers

- **Gayle Ruhl:** 989.775.4305  
Administrator
- **Sandra Pelcher:** 989.775.4300  
Administrative Assistant I
- **Dawn Chippewa:** 989.775.4308  
Billing/Administrative Assistant II
- **Careena Meyers:** 989.775.4315  
Support Services Manager
- **Galina Kolb:** 989.775.4301  
Resident Care Manager
- **Sheligh Jackson:** 989.775.4307  
Elders Advocate
- **Patty Kequom:** 989.775.4302  
Activities Assistant
- **Denise Pelcher:** 989.775.4339  
Activities Coordinator
- **Maintenance:** 989.775.4313
- **Nurse's Station:** 989.775.4319

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

### ANDAHWOD ANNIVERSARY



**Begins:** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025  
**Ends:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025

**Drawing:** 9:45 a.m. during Elders Breakfast

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

Tickets may be purchased from any EAB Member or at the Andahwod Front Office.

#### Prizes:

- ▶ **1st place:** April 12 Anniversary \$650 bingo packet
- ▶ **2nd place:** \$250 gift card
- ▶ **3rd place:** \$100 gift card

All fund will support elder's activities.



For more information, please contact:  
Andahwod at 989.775.4300

### GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR TRIBAL ELDERS

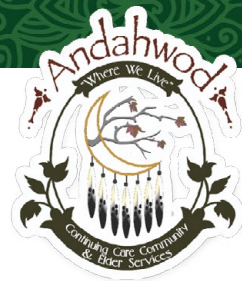
There are grants available for Tribal Elders in the community. Depending on the grant qualifications, the Tribal elder may need to gather documentation pertaining to grant eligibility. For example: Repair quotes, shut-off notice, etc. The following grants are

available to Tribal Elders, *if funding is available and eligibility is met.*

- **Emergency Minor Assistance Program (EMAP)**
- **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**

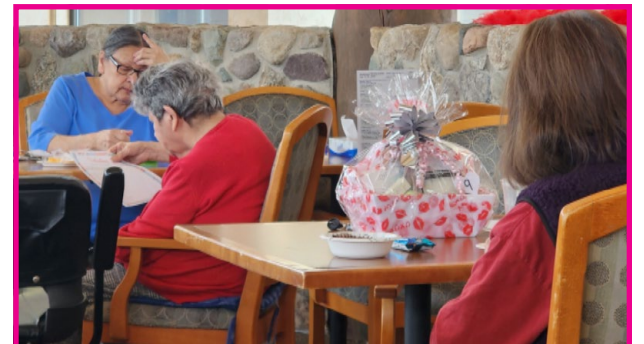
### March 2025 Andahwod events

<b>Coffee Break</b> Daily   2:30 p.m.	<b>Name that Tune</b> March 3   2:30 p.m.	<b>Birthday Celebration</b> March 13   2:30 p.m.
<b>Sewing</b> Tuesdays   10 a.m.	<b>Elders Lunch</b> March 5, 19   11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	<b>St. Patrick's Day Party</b> March 14   2:30 p.m.
<b>Euchre</b> Thursdays   5:30 p.m.	<b>Bay City Day Trip</b> March 11   10 a.m.	<b>Language Bingo</b> March 18   1-3 p.m.
<b>Otago Exercise</b> Thursdays   1 p.m.	<b>Elders Breakfast</b> March 12, 26   9-10 a.m.	<b>Bingo with Friends</b> March 21   1-3 p.m.



**Birthday Bingo & Potluck**  
March 22 | 12-3 p.m.

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



Flossie, Tweedie and Sue working on a Valentine's Day puzzle.

### Nimkee Medication Pickup & Drop-off

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

**Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Call 989-775-4307 to schedule.**

### March 2025 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Chef's Choice
2 Chef's Choice	3 Steak Fritters & Fries Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast	4 Brisket Tacos Stuffed Peppers	5 Chicken Noodle Soup Turkey Club w/ Fries <b>Elders Lunch</b>	6 Chicken Wrap Pork Chops & Applesauce	7 Shrimp Basket Sloppy Joes & Tator Tots	8 Chef's Choice
9 Chef's Choice	10 Baked Chicken Hot Roast Beef Sandwich	11 Corn Bread Casserole Chicken Stir Fry	12 Vegetable Beef Soup Steak w/ Baked Potatoes <b>Elders Breakfast</b>	13 BBQ Pork Sliders Salisbury Steak & Green Beans	14 Honey Balsamic Chicken & Rice Bowl Brats w/ Pasta Salad	15 Chef's Choice
16 Chef's Choice	17 BBQ Sauce Sloppy Joe Beef Stroganoff	18 French Dip Beef Enchiladas	19 Pizza Buffet Chili w/ Corn Bread <b>Elders Lunch</b>	20 Turkey ala King B.L.T Sandwich	21 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Steaks w/Baked Potato	22 Chef's Choice
23 Chef's Choice	24 Chef Salad & Cuban Sandwich	25 Blanket Dogs Spinach & Tomato Linguini	26 Ham & Bean Soup Pork Chops <b>Elders Breakfast</b>	27 Chili w/Baked Potato Tuna Noodle Casserole	28 Shrimp Scampi w/Noodles Meatloaf w/Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	29 Chef's Choice
30 Chef's Choice	31 Hominy Soup & Cobb Salad	<b>*Menu subject to change*</b> <i>*Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a Food Bourne Illness. **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you</i>			<b>Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314.</b>	



## MARCH 2025 | Tribal Community Event Planner

### DK-12 Education Services Homework Lab

Monday - Thursday | 3-5 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad
- 989-775-4071 or [dsmith@sagchip.org](mailto:dsmith@sagchip.org)

### SCTC Beginner Archery Program

Wednesdays & Thursdays | 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- 989-317-4827 or [khart@sagchip.edu](mailto:khart@sagchip.edu)
- Open to all current SCTC students
- Learn range safety and proper shooting techniques.

### Drop In Beading Circle

March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- SCTC Community Classroom
- [TahsFoley@sagchip.org](mailto:TahsFoley@sagchip.org) or 989-775-5804
- Beads, supplies and snacks provided

### People's Powwow Lunch Fundraiser

March 7 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- **To place orders, please call: 989-775-4796**
- Delivery available within Tribal Ops and SECR entities.
- All soups: \$5
- Choice of chicken noodle, vegetable, chili or wild rice
- Fry bread: \$3
- Blanket dog: \$4

### Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance

March 8 | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

- Wii Maajiikwad Tribal School Gym
- 2875 Gikendasso Way, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858
- 989-775-4453

### Sweat Lodge with Joe Syrette

March 13 | Arrive at 4 p.m., sweat begins at 5 p.m.

- Behavioral Health
- 989-775-4850
- This event is for the SCIT community
- Sweat lodge offered as prevention, an alternative to or healing from opioid use disorder.

### STEAM<sup>AG</sup> Pi Day Celebration

March 13 | 12-1 p.m.

- SCTC Community Room
- 5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
- 989.317.4827 or [khart@sagchip.edu](mailto:khart@sagchip.edu)
- Have fun while learning about Pi Day
- Presenter: Dr. Wesley Rich, SCTC instructor
- Featuring "Pi" eating contest and Pi-in-the face contest

### Beading Graduation Cap Workshop

March 14 | 1-5 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- 989-775-4780 or [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org)

### STEAM<sup>AG</sup> Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

March 18 | Sales begin at 9:30 a.m. (until gone)

- SCTC Community Room
- 5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI, 48858
- 989.317.4827 or [khart@sagchip.edu](mailto:khart@sagchip.edu)
- Cost: One for \$6 or two for \$10

### Spring Feast

March 20 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- 989-775-4780 or [TJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:TJackson@sagchip.org)

### HR Community Workshop Series

March 20 | 2-3:30 p.m.

- HR Training Room, Black Elk Building
- 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- **To register: [www.sagchip.org/hr/class-signup.aspx](http://www.sagchip.org/hr/class-signup.aspx) 989-775-5643 or [Balonzo@sagchip.org](mailto:Balonzo@sagchip.org)**
- Becoming a Better Listener: Active listening is a valuable technique that requires the listener to thoroughly absorb, and retain what is being said during a conversation.
- Free workshop
- All materials provided along with a certificate
- [www.sagchip.org/hr/CareerDevelopment](http://www.sagchip.org/hr/CareerDevelopment)
- Future workshops:
  - April 8 "How to Have Difficult Conversations"
  - May 22 "Daily Success"

### Two Spirit Talking Circle

March 24 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation
- [ECrosswait@sagchip.edu](mailto:ECrosswait@sagchip.edu)
- All two spirit people and allies welcome

### CMU 36th annual Celebrating Life Powwow

March 29 | Grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

March 30 | Grand entry at 12 p.m.

- McGuirk Arena, Central Michigan University
- 360 E. Broomfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- [indigenous@cmich.edu](mailto:indigenous@cmich.edu)
- Ages 11 and older: \$10 entry fee
- Children 10 and under: Free
- SCIT Members (with I.D.): Free
- CMU Students (with I.D.): Free

## MARCH 2025 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
3 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	4 Regular Council Session 9 a.m.   Council Chambers Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	5 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	6 Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	7 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m.   Andahwod	1/8 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 2/9
10 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	11 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	12 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	13 Saganing Breakfast 10:30 a.m.   Saganing Community Sewing Nights 5-8 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	14 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m.   Andahwod	15 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 16
17 Tribal Observer DEADLINE Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	18 Recovery on the Rez 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	19 Eagle Feather Teachings 1:30-2:30 p.m.   B. Health Drums Out 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	20 Saganing Spring Feast 1-3.m.   Saganing Sacred Fire Lunch 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen Recovery on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health	21 Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m.   B. Health Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m.   Andahwod	22 Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m.   B. Health 23
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31 Recovery Group 1-2 p.m.   B. Health		 <p>Check out the <b>Tribal Observer</b> <b>ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SECR Payroll</li> <li>● SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>● SCIT Payroll</li> <li>● Curbside Recycling</li> </ul>	



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

Apply to job postings online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org). \* Job postings are subject to change daily.

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**Tribal Operations**

**CEO**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in finance, business administration, hospitality or related field. Fifteen years of combined gaming/hotel/resort hospitality experience. Ten years in a managerial capacity. Three years senior management level at a destination resort/gaming property with over 1,000 employees with Class III gaming experience. Desired qualifications: Master's degree. Destination four diamond resort gaming property and tribal gaming property experience. Tribal gaming experience.

**Water Operator III**

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

**Waste Water Operator II**

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

**Waste Water Operator III**

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

**AWARE SMHA Project Co-Coordinator**

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

**Grants and Contracts Compliance Coordinator**

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

**Clerical Pool**

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

**General Labor Pool**

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

**Dentist**

Open to the public. DDS/DMD degree from an accredited school. Michigan licensed dentist. Must be able to pass background check to meet the employment eligibility requirements as they pertain to the position.

**Child Welfare Prevention Specialist**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social services, human ser-

vices or related field. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered. Two years social services, families first worker, or family preservation experience desired.

**Native American Language Coordinator**

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

**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.

**Dental Hygienist PT**

Open to the public. Two years working experience in dental hygiene desired. IHS & NHSC loan repayment eligible clinic.

**Paraprofessional**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Pass a state or local exam (i.e. Basic Skills Test of Michigan for teacher certification or ETS ParaPro Assessment); or complete at least two years of study at an institution of higher education (60 semester hours).

**Community Project Manager - AWARE**

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

**Clinical Therapist - RTC**

Open to the public. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment. Experience in working collaboratively across multiple organizations and community systems.

**Interim Clinical Therapist - RTC**

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. Experience with co-occurring diagnosis and treatment.

**Special Education Teacher**

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

**Victims of Crime Advocate**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in counseling, social work, sociology, psychology, law enforcement criminal justice, law or related field. Counseling experience within Native American communities, including victims of crime counseling programs, or so-

cial work. An equivalent combination of education and directly related experience may be considered.

**Pharmacy Technician**

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

**Registered Medical Assistant - Andahwod**

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

**Clinical Therapist Family Resource**

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.

**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.

**Cook PT - SCA**

Open to the public. Successful completion of ServSafe certification within probationary period.

**Supplemental Instructor - SCTC**

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

**Bailiff**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. At least 18 years of age. Must be familiar with Native community and have knowledge of contemporary and traditional Native lifestyles.

**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.

**Tribal Code Compliance Officer**

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

**SCTC Registrar**

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in administration, educational administration, or related. Demonstrated understanding of the application of technology to deliv-

er admissions, records and registration. Two years' work experience in registration or admissions.

**Associate Judge PT**

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

**Registered Medical Assistant - Nimkee**

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.

**Maintenance Worker PT**

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

**Physician/Medical Director**

Open to the public. MD or DO from an accredited medical school in the United States. Board certified in clinical specialty, preferably in family practice. Current State of Michigan medical license without exclusions or sanctions. Possess waiver, certifications, and appropriate training to prescribe FDA-approved medications for the treatment of addictions including alcohol and opiates or willingness to complete required trainings and applications within the first three months of hire.

**Soaring Eagle**

**Line Cook**

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

**Kitchen Equipment Technician**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years of experience in commercial food equipment repair.

**F&B Chef**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Four years of hotel kitchen experience, or similar restaurant experience. Two years supervisory experience. Culinary degree from an American Culinary Federation accredited school may be accepted.

**Sous Chef - Banquet**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Three years kitchen experience in a

quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity.

**Sous Chef-Banquet**

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

**Building**

**Maintenance Worker**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year of experience in a building maintenance, technical, manufacturing or similar position.

**Laundry Attendant PT**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Desired qualifications: Three months of hotel housekeeping or laundry experience.

**Saganing**

**Beverage Waitstaff FT**

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

**Beverage Waitstaff PT**

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

**Line Cook**

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

**Bartender FT**

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

**Bartender PT**

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

**Master Plumber**

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Ten years of experience as a master plumber.

**Slot Attendant FT**

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

**Players Club Rep FT**

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

**F&B Custodial Worker**

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

**F&B Attendant**

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

**Maintenance Worker**

Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. One year custodial and maintenance experience. Experience with minor plumbing and carpentry.

**SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO ANASTASIA SIMMONS, ADAM ROBY, LEVI SIMMONS IN THE MATTER OF SEVEN MINOR CHILDREN, DATES OF BIRTH 10-17-2008, 01-11-2011, 09-01-2012, 07-12-2013, 03-14-2018, 03-30-2019 AND 07-10-2020:**

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court Children's Division. Publication of Hearing. Case No. 22-JCW-0002. The Court has taken jurisdiction of the minors in reference to the case number listed above. A hearing for Petition to Terminate Parental Rights to a Minor will be conducted by the court on March 6, 2025 at 10 a.m. in the courtroom at the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 before the Honorable Michelle Horn. IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Anastasia Simmons, Adam Roby, Levi Simmons personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Court continuing its jurisdiction over the minors and the eventual termination of parental rights. Rights of parties as to counsel is set forth in Title II of the Children's Code, Chapter 2.3, Section 2.313(a).

# MARCH PROMOTIONS



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**SATURDAYS IN MARCH**

Every hour from 5PM-10PM, one winner will be drawn to receive \$500 and 100 bonus entries. At 11PM, the prize goes up to \$50,000 in cash for one lucky winner. On March 29, the Grand Prize amount increases to \$100,000 cash!

ACCESS Club Members will receive one (1) entry for every 900 points earned on their ACCESS Loyalty Card from 12AM February 22, 2025, until 10:55PM on March 29, 2025.



**FRIDAYS**  
5PM-11PM

On Fridays in March, every hour, two lucky guests will compete to win a share of over \$99,000 in Premium Play!

## ENTERTAINMENT



**TOWER OF POWER & WAR**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8 | 8PM  
\$47, \$57, \$76, \$82  
ENTERTAINMENT HALL



**TONY HINCHCLIFFE**  
FRIDAY, MARCH 14 | 8PM  
\$72, \$97, \$107, \$114  
ENTERTAINMENT HALL



**BOYZ II MEN**  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST TONY! TONI!  
TONÉ! FEATURING D'WAYNE WIGGINS  
SATURDAY, MARCH 15 | 8PM  
\$75, \$85, \$95, \$101  
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**SATURDAYS IN MARCH**

From 4PM-9PM, one player each hour will throw dice onto a board containing cash prizes! At 10PM, one lucky winner will receive the Grand Prize of a \$5,000 travel voucher and \$500 cash!

ACCESS Club Members will receive one (1) entry for every 200 points. Guests can begin earning entries on February 24, 2025, at 12AM, through March 22, 2025, at 9:55PM.



**MONDAYS**  
6AM-11:59PM

Guests who earn 800 points between 6AM-11:59PM can swipe at a kiosk to play a Lucky Charmz-themed game to win Premium Play!



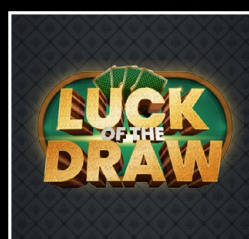
**WEDNESDAYS**  
4AM-11:59PM

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



**FRIDAYS**  
6PM-10PM

Strike gold and dig your way to a share of \$20,000 Cash!



**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**  
12PM-9PM

One lucky winner each hour can win up to \$500 in Premium Play by guessing if the next card is higher or lower. Guess all four correctly, and you'll score a \$500 cash bonus!

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