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Grant provides behavioral health support to SCIT, \$25,000 to tribes

(The following media release is provided by Molina Healthcare and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.)

MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich., April 20, 2026 – Molina Healthcare of Michigan, in collaboration with the Molina Healthcare Charitable Foundation (“MolinaCares”), announced a \$25,000 donation to the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to purchase culturally relevant resources to enhance the engagement and well-being

of tribal members receiving behavioral health services.

The grant aims to address disproportionate rates of substance abuse, suicide, and depression.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan used the MolinaCares grant to purchase smudge kits, The Seven Grandfather Teachings workbooks, Wellbriety books, beaded key ring and earing kits, and dream catcher kits.

Amongst the 12 federally recognized tribes, including



the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, more than 1,000 items were distributed.

The proposed materials will directly support individuals participating in cognitive therapy, counseling, case management, inpatient and outpatient treatment, psychiatric care, and recovery or transitional housing programs.



By integrating these culturally grounded resources, behavioral health providers can create meaningful opportunities to promote healing, self-expression and cultural connection.

“Molina and MolinaCares are committed to closing health gaps for traditionally underserved communities, and this grant supports the critical

services for populations disproportionately affected by behavioral health concerns,” said Terrisca Des Jardins, plan president of Molina Healthcare of Michigan. “By providing culturally appropriate materials, we are meeting individuals where they are, removing barriers to supports needed to improve overall wellness.”



SCIT celebrates 45th gaming anniversary on April 24 at Soaring Eagle

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe celebrated its 45th gaming anniversary on Friday, April 24 at 4 p.m. inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort at the main gaming floor entrance.

Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez provided a welcome and served as emcee for the event. He was joined by Tribal Council members, tribal members, Soaring Eagle personnel and casino patrons in attendance.

Tribal Chaplain Jennifer Wassegijig opened the event with a prayer.

The Blue House Singers provided a welcome song. During the song, dancers from



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The themed cake is displayed during the 45th gaming anniversary celebration on April 24 at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort. The cake was made by the SECR Food & Beverage Department.

the tribal community showcased their dance styles to the guests in attendance. The dancers included Faith Carmona Pego, Cruz Perez, Tammy Salas, Dajia Shinos and Jim Bob Floyd.

Chief Luke Sprague provided welcoming remarks and a brief overview of the Tribe’s gaming history. He also shared an update on the 2 percent

distribution milestone occurring this year.

“This year marks another significant milestone as we surpassed the \$300 million mark of invested resources into our community through 2 percent contributions,” Sprague said. “Those contributions aim towards infrastructure and schools, which deeply impact youth, senior



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Dancers join the Blue House Singers to provide a welcome song and cultural demonstration.

citizens and other vulnerable members of our society.”

Sprague thanked all of the employees and patrons, and finished with a message looking forward to the future of the Tribe’s gaming.

“We are excited to celebrate 45 years of gaming, and also currently we are exploring other opportunities as we evolve in to the future,” Sprague said.

Director of Slot Operations Kirk Walraven and Director

of Marketing & Entertainment Raul Venegas also provided welcoming remarks.

Walraven cut the themed anniversary cake, made by SECR Food & Beverage Department. Complimentary cupcakes were also provided.

The event concluded with an anniversary/honor song performed by the Blue House Singers.

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

For more information, contact:
MHadden@sagchip.org | 989.775.4076

Save the date! Friday, June 5, 2026



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Chief Luke Sprague provides welcoming remarks.



Brian Keith Stevens

August 28, 1968 – April 9, 2026

Brian Keith Stevens, age 57, passed away on April 9, 2026, at his home in Six Lakes with his family by his side.

Brian was born on Aug. 28, 1968, in Lansing, Mich., to Theodore Stevens and Linda (Jackson) Frasier. He married Shannon Swiney on June 23, 1994 and he was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

If one word could capture Brian, it would be “amazing.” Brian will be remembered as a man who truly lived life. He was outgoing, determined, and always pushing beyond what most would consider limits.

He had a deep love for working on cars, finding both joy and purpose in understanding how things worked and making them better. That same passion extended to electronics, where his natural talent and sharp mind allowed him to troubleshoot and fix just about anything. If there was a problem, Brian was the one people turned to because he always found a solution.

Above all, Brian cherished time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also had a special bond with his loyal dog, Bear, and his cat, Mikko, who brought him constant companionship and comfort.

Brian is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Shannon; mother Linda Frasier; step-mother Diane Stevens; children Bryan (Kimberly) Jones, Alexzandria (Brian) Stevens, Kenneth (Meranda) Stevens; grandchildren Brinleigh, Bently, Braylynn, Kolten, Cayden, Lilly-Anna, Zoey, Reese, Elizabeth, Aurora, Isaiah; siblings Russell Stevens, Teddy Stevens, Kenny Stevens, David Stevens, Echo Seger, April Stevens, Gidget Ackerman, Joe Stevens, and Sam Stevens; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Brian was preceded in death by his father Theodore Stevens, sister Brenda Davis, and step-father Mike Frasier.

Funeral services for Brian were held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at Clark Family Funeral Chapel at 1 P.M. with Ben Evers officiating. The family received friends Wednesday from 11 A.M. until the time of service. Cremation followed.

Memorials may be made to the family.



Kimberly Lou Crandall

August 20, 1961 – April 3, 2026

Kimberly Lou Crandall, age 64, of Wyoming, Mich., passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at the University of Michigan Health - West Hospital in Wyoming.

Kimberly was born on Aug. 20, 1961, in Grand Rapids, Mich., daughter of Herman and Laura Mae (McDonald) Sprague. She was a proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She married the love of her life, Jon Crandall, her rock, on Aug. 28, 1993.

Kimberly loved her 1994 Red Ford Mustang, joining “Them Misfits” club, and attending the Metro Cruise with her hotrod. She enjoyed putting together puzzles, bowling, playing Bingo in person or Bingo Blitz online, attending powwows, and taking care of her cats. She loved Christmas and decorating her house for the holidays.

Kimberly is survived by her children, Michael Renkema of Wyoming, and Amanda (Ryan Moyer) Crandall of Wyoming, Mich.; grandson, Bradley James Roek Jr.; siblings, Patricia Sprague, James Sprague, and Cynthia “Cindy” Sprague; and many nieces and nephews, including special niece and nephew, Roberta and Sergio Cornejo.

Kimberly was preceded in death by her husband, Jon Crandall; parents; siblings, Debra Collins, Kathy McDonald Sprague, Anthony Sprague, and Kari Sprague.

Funeral services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 1 p.m. with Michelle Sponseller officiating. Interment followed in the Denver Township Cemetery. The family received friends the day of the service from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Stephen Wayne Randall

November 27, 1951 – April 16, 2026

Stephen Wayne Randall, 74, a beloved and devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Steve was born on Nov. 27, 1951, in Midland, Mich., to the late Lloyd Wayne Randall and Rosemary (French) Randall.

He was a graduate of Midland High School in 1969. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, enlisting in 1972 and achieving the rank of Corporal. During his service, he earned multiple badges and medals, reflecting his dedication, discipline, and commitment.

Steve retired from Dow Corning Corporation for many years as a journeyman electrician.

On April 30, 1976, he married the love of his life, Rebecca Marie Nelson. Together, they built a life rooted in love, family, and unwavering support. Steve took great pride in building the family home where they have lived since 1982 – a place filled with decades of memories.

Rebecca survives him, along with their two daughters, whom he cherished deeply: Amy Linnae (Nate) Krzysiak of Troy, Ohio, and Lorie Kaye Randall of Muskegon, Mich. He is also survived by his siblings: Karen (Doug) Mills of Midland, Mich.; Susan (Tom) Pretzer of Hemlock, Mich.; and Michael Randall of South Carolina. He leaves behind several nieces and nephews, as well as three step-grandchildren who will remember him fondly.

Steve was preceded in death by his sisters, Annie Potts and Barbara Poulos; his brother-in-law, Daniel Poulos; and his beloved grandparents, Steve and Mariann French – especially his grandfather, whom he regarded as his hero.

A proud member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Steve carried a deep appreciation for his heritage throughout his life. He loved his family with his whole heart and was never happier than when surrounded by those he loved.

Steve had a passion for life and a wide range of interests. He was an avid fast-pitch softball player and enjoyed basketball. One of his greatest joys was coaching his daughters in softball for many years.

In the late '80s, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a licensed pilot. He also found joy in riding motorcycles, fishing, and spending time outdoors.

Above all, Steve will be remembered for his love, strength, and quick-witted humor, as well as the deep and lasting bond he shared with his family. His wife and daughters adored him and will carry his memory in their hearts always.

Cremation has taken place with O’Laughlin Funeral Home, Inc., in Coleman, Mich. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date.



Marilyn Ann Bailey

August 16, 1950 – April 22, 2026

Marilyn Ann Bailey, age 75, of Mount Pleasant, passed away at the Isabella Medical Care Facility on the morning of Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Marilyn was born in Clare, Mich. on Aug. 16, 1950. She was adopted by Clarence and Irene (Denemy) Bailey and resided in Honor, Mich. in her youth at the Bailey Family farm. Marilyn graduated from Benzie Central High School with the Class of 1968.

Marilyn provided care for her grandfather Robert Bailey in the home until his passing. Marilyn worked as a receptionist at the Benzie County Satellite Office for the Grand Traverse Band Tribe and was a great asset in her role.

Marilyn was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and lived in Mount Pleasant in her later years. She resided at the Andahwod Senior Care Center and loved her apartment and life there and her cat Tommy.

Marilyn loved her daughter Leigh Anne and her grandchildren very much. She loved going to the casino and showroom for concerts that she attended with her beloved cousins Donna Bailey Day and Christine Day Tueller. They enjoyed many great times together that Marilyn cherished greatly.

Marilyn leaves behind four grandchildren, Eri, Kaine, Hugo and Michi; her nephew Phillip Bailey; sister-in-law Maren Bailey; as well as many cousins, extended family and friends.

Marilyn was a gentle and kind soul and was loved by those that knew her.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Leigh Anne Bailey; parents, Clarence and Irene; brothers John Bailey and Charles Bailey; sister Kathryn Bailey; as well as her biological parents and siblings. Marilyn will be deeply missed by her surviving family.

In accordance with Marilyn’s wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 1 p.m. with Family Members officiating. Visitation will be held that same day from 11 a.m. until the time of service.



HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

ARBOR HELPERS NEEDED

The SCIT Powwow Committee is looking to hire three helpers to build the arbor for the Saganing Powwow.

- ▶ **When:** June 1 - June 3, 2026
- ▶ **Wage:** \$150 per day *Lunch provided

If interested, email: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Michael Dennis Poolaw

December 24, 1948 – March 29, 2026

Michael Poolaw, age 77, passed away on March 29, 2026, in St. Paul, Minn.

The service for Michael was held on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 4 P.M. through Thursday, April 9 at Gichitawaa Kateri Catholic Church.

Interment was held at Elmhurst Cemetery in Saint Paul, Minn., on Thursday, April 9 at 12 P.M.

Alfredetta “Alfie” Ann Jenkins

December 3, 1945 – April 18, 2026

Alfredetta Ann “Alfie” Jenkins passed away peacefully at her home in Mount Pleasant surrounded by her loved ones on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Alfie was born on Dec. 3, 1945, to parents Thomas Chancey and Leona May (Davis) Chamberlain. Alfie and her brother, Alvin were the first set of twins born at CMCH.

Alfie loved bowling, golf, playing video poker and slots at the casino. Alfie graduated from Murphy’s Beauty School before getting a job with Hitachi, so she did not pursue her cosmetology career. She spent more than 10 years working for Hitachi, then went to work for the SCIT at Bingo in the gym. She continued to work for the casino and became supervisor for coat check, valet, and phone operators; working for SCIT for more than 16 years.

Alfie loved the Faith Indian Church of the Nazarene, leading choir, working on fundraiser days where she made awesome blanket dogs and frybread with friends Barb Sprague and Rosie Wassegijig. She really missed the “olden days” music, whether it be gospel, country, or Motown ‘50s and ‘60s.

Alfie is survived by her husband, Michael R. Jenkins, four children, Christopher Moses Sr., Scott Moses Sr., Paul Moses, Sharrie Moses; sisters Juanita Slater and Esther Chatfield; nine grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; lots of nieces, nephews, and her extended family on Michael’s side, George and Patricia Marek.

Alfie wants you to know that she will be waiting on the other side of Jordan for all of you.

Alfie was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Leona, sisters Margaret (Arnold) Sowmick, Joyce (Robert) Francis, Marilyn (Richard) Sprague, brothers Thomas Chamberlain, Robert Chamberlain, and twin brother Alvin Chamberlain, brothers-in-law John Williams, Chuck Slater Sr., and Wallace Chatfield.

Visitation was held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, from 6 until 8 P.M., and again on Wednesday prior to the service from noon until 1 P.M. Funeral Services were held at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, April 22, at 1 P.M. with Joe Sowmick and Rev. Perry officiating. Interment followed in Denver Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Alfie’s honor.



SCIT POWWOW COMMITTEE RAFFLES

50/50 Raffle

Drawing: Sunday, June 7, 2026
3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow
Tickets: ▶One for \$5 ▶Three for \$10
 One winner will receive half of the raised funds.

Summer Package Raffle

Drawing: Sunday, June 7, 2026
3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow
Tickets: ▶One for \$5 ▶Three for \$10
Package includes:

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

Concert Package Raffle

Drawing: Sunday, June 7, 2026
3 p.m. | During the Saganing Traditional Powwow
Tickets: ▶One for \$5 ▶Three for \$10
Package includes:

- Two front row tickets to Jelly Roll
(Friday, July 3, 2026 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort)
- \$150 Ruth’s Chris Steak House gift card

Purchase Tickets

Contact Powwow Committee members:
 Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Naomi McCormack, Noelle Wells or Brianna Yahbay.

All proceeds benefit the Saginaw Chippewa and Saganing Powwows

Contact: Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



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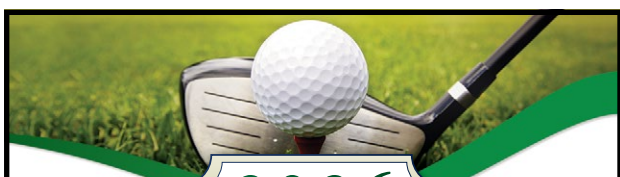
Attention Tribal Members Tribal Council Regular Session Meetings are held at 9 a.m.

Regular Tribal Council Sessions

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

Regular Council Session Dates

- May 5 • June 2 • July 7



SCIT GOLF Membership

Memberships on sale now

- Sales end: Friday, May 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.**
- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families.
 - Includes green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses.

Memberships cost \$300 each

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

Participating courses:

- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
- Firefly Golf Links
- Hidden Oaks Golf Course
- Eagle Glen Golf Club
- PohlCat Golf Course

Attention Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE: There will be a public hearing held on **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers in the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.** This hearing will address the liquor license application presented to Tribal Council by Christopher Nadobny, director of the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Food & Beverage Department or his designated staff. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing requests as follows:

Renewal of Retail On-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if approved would cover Casino Beverage Main Floor Bar #1,2,3,4, High stakes VIP lounge, SECR Casino beverage cart services, Room Service, Banquet Spaces, Portable Bars #1-#13, Legends Diner, Siniikaung Bistro, Entertainment Hall, Hotel Pool and Spa areas, Miijim C-Store, Quick Service Cart Services, SECR Outdoor Concert Venue, SECR Concession Trailer, SECR Slot Palace Bingo Hall, Slot Palace Gaming Spaces in Rooms 'A', 'B', and 'C', Slot Palace Pub, Slot Palace A-side Bar, Little Eagle Café, Ascend Sports Bar, SECR Casino Gift Shop, SECR Slot Palace Gift Shop, any indoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR, and any outdoor service on premises under the auspices of the SECR. Renewal of Retail Off-Premise General License for the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort located at 6800 Soaring Eagle Boulevard. Such license, if renewed would cover the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed by the buyer off premises.

JUNE 1, 2026

Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits or Child Mno Shkiziwin Applications

Forms available beginning March 30, 2026
*You must fill out ONE form completely.

Deadline: Friday, May 1, 2026 by 5 p.m.

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- Post marked forms, email or faxed will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form
- **For questions regarding the TCWP, call the Tribal Clerk's Office at 989-775-4051**

Parents/guardians have the option to participate in the Mno-Shkiziwin program

- **For questions regarding the Mno-Shkiziwin Program call 989-775-4175**

Attention Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE: There will be a public hearing on **Monday, May 11, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers at the Black Elk Building, 7500 Soaring Eagle Boulevard, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858.** This hearing will address the new liquor license application for a Retail Off-Premise General License presented to Tribal Council by Toni Swalley, director of Hospitality of the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel, or her representative. The application which will be reviewed and discussed at the hearing is as follows:

Retail Off-Premise General Liquor License for the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino and Hotel located at 2690 Worth Rd., Standish, MI 48658. Such License, if approved, would cover the sale of alcoholic beverages to be consumed by the buyer off premises for one full year from May 15, 2026 to May 14, 2027, with hours of alcohol service consistent with Section 10 of the Gaming Compact of Aug. 20, 1993, and specifically including hours of service for 7 a.m. Sunday Alcohol Sales and Sales on Christmas Eve until 11:59 p.m., Christmas Day at 12 p.m. (noon) and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.



FREE TREE GIVEAWAYS

Isabella: Friday, May 15

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or until trees are gone)
SCTC (5805 E. Pickard St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)

Saganing: Tuesday, May 19

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or until trees are gone)
Saganing Tribal Center (5447 Sturman Rd., Standish, Mich.)

Contact: KHager@sagchip.org or 989.775.4585

*Program funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

2027 Annual Reports Forms available now

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 30, 2026

Tribal Clerk's Office hours:
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Notarization is required

- Forms available by mail, email and at www.sagchip.org
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2027 Annual Report MUST be filed before/with submitting a Tribal Loan Application.

For more information, please contact:
The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4051

Tribal Observer

Graduate Photos

Please submit information to
Observer@Sagchip.org

College

- Graduate's name
- School
- Field of Study

High School

- Graduate's name
- School

Deadline: May 15, 2026



Tribal Education Advisory Board VACANCIES

There are current vacancies for TEAB

Send letters/email of interest to:

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

Requirements:

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

PARTICIPATE IN A NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY

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

Participants must be 18 years or older to participate.

Confidentiality

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

What to expect

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

Interested?

Scan this QR code



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



Principal Investigator:
Dr. Neli Ragina, Ph.D.
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Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859



37TH ANNUAL

Freedom Walk

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Location: TBD




Tribal Council

Chief
Luke Sprague | District One

Sub-Chief
Craig Graveratte | District One

Secretary
Christina Otto | District One

Treasurer
Alice Jo Ricketts | District One

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Frank J. Cloutier | District Three

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Jennifer L. Wassegijig | District One

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Brad Bennett | District One

Council Member
Tim J. Davis | District One

Council Member
Ronald F. Ekdahl | District One

Council Member
Shirley Houle | District Two

Council Member
Mary Quigno | District One

Council Member
Gayle Ruhl | District One

Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Committee ONE VACANCY

Seeking one individual who is committed to revitalizing Anishinaabemowin.

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

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

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

Send letter of interest to:
Howard Webkamigad
 ALRD program manager

By email:
 HWebkamigad@sagchip.org

By mail:
 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
 ATTN: Howard Webkamigad
 2875 Gikendaaso Way
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858



NIIBING Program 2026

June 15 - July 23, 2026
 No program June 29 - July 2, 2026

- **When:** Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Who:** Students currently in grades K-5 and eligible for K-12 services. *Must have completed kindergarten and be at least 5 years old.
- **Where:** Wii Maajiikwad
- **Cost:** \$75

Registration packets/invoices:

- Available at Wii Maajiikwad
- Registration open now
- **Deadline:** Friday, May 29, 2026 or until filled
- **Ten student maximum per grade level**

Contact: 989-775-4071 or DSmith@sagchip.org




MIKAWAADENDAAGWAD (IT IS BEAUTIFUL):

Artistic Expressions of the Saginaw Chippewa

GRAND OPENING

Friday, May 1, 2026
AT 11 A.M.

On display at the Ziibiwing Center
 May 1, 2026 to Oct. 2, 2026

ZIIBIWING CENTER
 of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways

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The Seven Grandfather TEACHINGS

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

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


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

Zoongide'ewin – Bravery
 To be brave and have courage is to recognize our moral and mental strength and to do what is appropriate.

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

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

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



TRIBAL YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

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

Open to Tribal community youth, ages 12-18

Activities include:

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

Registration required

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

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

For more information, please contact:

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



38th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Friday, July 17, 2026

Central Michigan University's Bennett Track & Field

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

For more information, contact: 989.775.4694

TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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




Subscription rates are \$30 per year.

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

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

Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please mail form to:
 Tribal Observer
 7500 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Contact Information:

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



Ziibiwing Enji-mikwadaa'ying

"Where things/items are definitely sold at Ziibiwing"

VENDOR MARKET

May 29-30, 2026
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Ziibiwing Center

Welcoming vendors selling:
Arts, crafts, fashion, jewelry, gifts and more!

Vendor booth spaces available:
•10'x10': \$20 •10'x20': \$30 •20'x20': \$40

Food truck vendors also welcome!

Open to: Artists and small business owners who are Indigenous or SCIT employees (Tribal Ops, SECR, SELC, Migizi)

Application deadline: May 22, 2026

- All sale items must be new.
- Vendors are responsible for set up and tear down.
- Must provide own canopy, tables, and chairs.

To apply for vendor space, please contact:
989-775-4744 or GHalliwill@sagchip.org

ZIIBIWING CENTER THE MIDWEST'S PREMIER AMERICAN INDIAN MUSEUM
6650 EAST BROADWAY, MT. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN 48858
989.775.4750 • WWW.SAGCHIP.ORG / ZIIBIWING

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

STEAMAG

Summer Day Camp

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

June 22-26, 2026
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

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

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

People's Traditional POWWOW

Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, May 29, 2026
Mt. Pleasant Country Club (3686 E. River Rd.)
Shotgun start: 9 a.m.

Two-person scramble:
\$100 per person
Includes green and cart fees, meal and proxies

- ▶ \$10 skins for cash payout
- ▶ Trophies awarded to winning teams
- ▶ All participants will be entered into door prizes
- ▶ On-course games for various prizes

*All proceeds will go towards the annual People's Traditional Powwow in August 2026

Contact: 989-775-4780 or TJackson@sagchip.org

Natural Resources TRIBAL YOUTH CAMP

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

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

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

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

Activities planned around:
Great Lakes ecosystems and natural resources

Application open:

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

To receive application:
KHager@sagchip.org or 989.775.4585

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

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Land Grant Office

MANOOMIN

"Wild Rice"

PROGRAM

Are you interested in learning about our "Food that Grows on Water"?
We will share proper protocol and cultural significance.

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

Dates: •June 5 •July 10 •Aug. 21 •Sept. 18
Harvesting time: Sept. 20-22, 2026
Camp: Sept. 25-27, 2026
Departing: SCTC at 8:30 a.m.
(5805 E. Pickard Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858)

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

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

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

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

Food Farmacy PROGRAM

A program to educate clients with diabetes to help manage their A1C by consuming healthier foods and increase consumption of fruits, vegetables, and lean meats. Also for clients that are overweight.

12-week program
May 20 - July 22, 2026

- ▶ Participants must attend health education classes at Nimkee Public Health.
- ▶ Each participant receives \$40 per week in credit to buy groceries at: **GreenTree Co-op Market** (410 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant)

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

To pre-register, please contact:

- Toni Smith: 989-775-4638 or ToSmith@sagchip.org
- Tamara House: at 989-775-4612 or THouse@sagchip.org

42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa POWWOW

July 24, 25, & 26, 2026

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

The Hill Campground
7525 E. Tomah Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Hotel Information:

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

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

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

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW

June 6 & 7, 2026
Powwow Grounds — 2750 Worth Rd. Standish, MI
Next to the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino & Hotel and the Saganing Tribal Center

| Saturday, June 6 | Sunday, June 7 |
|---|---|
| • Dancer/Drum Registration: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | • Breakfast: 9 a.m. |
| • Grand Entry: 1 p.m. | • Dancer/Drum Registration: 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. |
| • Special | • Grand Entry: 1 p.m. |
| • Re-Registration: 3-3:45 p.m. | • Special |
| • Grand Entry: 4 p.m. | • Raffle Drawing: 3 p.m. |
| • Special | • Hand Drum Contest: 3 p.m. |
| • Retiring of Flags: Dusk | • Blanket Giveaway |
| • Bingo at Tribal Center | • Retiring of Flags |

Admission:
• \$3 Daily/\$5 Weekend
• \$1 for Children
*Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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

Saganing Powwow Golf Outing Fundraiser

Friday, June 5, 2026
Tee time: 10 a.m. shotgun start

Pine River Golf Club
2244 Pine River Rd., Standish, MI 48658

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

Hole-in-one prize: \$1,000
• Other prizes: longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt

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

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



Nimkee
Memorial Wellness Center

Bringing Your Health Home: CHR Medication Delivery is Here!

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

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

HOW IT WORKS:

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

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

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

Call 989-775-4695 to get started!

Don't Let Spring Ailments Slow You Down!

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

INJURIES:

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

ACUTE CARE:

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

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

Same-day visits available, call: 989.775.4679

Let's Stay Connected The Right Way!

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

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

PLEASE USE THESE "GREEN LIGHT" METHODS:

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

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

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

PSA: FRAUDULENT FACEBOOK PAGE IMPERSONATING SCIT POWWOW

The Powwow Committee is excited to share the details of our significant cultural event organized by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. The Saginaw Traditional Powwow and the 42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow, scheduled for June and July 2026. These vibrant gatherings will showcase traditional dance performances, drumming, and a variety of cultural foods, creating an immersive experience that celebrates Indigenous values. By bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds and age groups, these powwows foster a deeper appreciation for cultural heritage and identity, making them essential events for community engagement and cultural exchange.

In preparation for these exciting events, the Powwow Committee is actively seeking support and interested local businesses and organizations to participate through advertisements or sponsorships. The cultural events sector in Michigan is experiencing significant growth, and events like the Saginaw Traditional Powwow and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow are central to this development. Your contribution not only helps sustain and preserve our rich cultural traditions but also provides you with valuable advertising opportunities, enhancing visibility within the community and beyond.

The Saginaw Traditional Powwow is set for June 6 & 7, 2026, in Standish, Michigan, while the 42nd Annual Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Powwow will occur from July 24th to 26th, 2026, in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Included, you will find details on advertising opportunities as well as sponsoring food and beverage. We are a regional 612 (1) organization, making our contributions tax-deductible. Advertisements will appear in the program booklets for both events. Last year, these events attracted over 2,500 attendees, offering a great opportunity for your business to gain exposure. We encourage you to consider becoming a sponsor and join us in celebrating and preserving our cultural heritage.

2026 Powwow Committee

Sponsorship and advertisement opportunities:

- Advertisements \$90 for a 1/4 page, \$180 for a 1/2 page, \$360 for a full-page ad
- Sponsorships \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000 or \$5,000

Included, you will find an advertisement or sponsorship form to fill out and return with your check or money order. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Powwow Committee at powwowcommittee@sagchip.org or call 989.775.4141. Thank you for considering sponsorship!

Honoring a special someone or special occasion by placing an ad in our Powwow publication:

Special opportunity for honoring a special one or special occasion in our upcoming powwow program booklets. We invite you to celebrate the joy by placing an ad in our program booklets.

Our powwow publication reaches a dedicated audience that values tradition, heritage, and community. By placing an ad, you can create a lasting impression that will be seen by family, friends, and other community members.

We offer a variety of packages to suit different needs and budgets. Whether you choose a small, heartfelt message or a larger, more detailed advertisement, we are here to help you create a beautiful and impactful ad.

Basic advertisement:

- Size: 1/4 page
- Price: \$90 - \$180
- Features: Includes a small photo and a brief message (up to 100 words)

Standard advertisement:

- Size: 1/2 page
- Price: \$180 - \$360
- Features: Includes a larger photo and a more detailed message (up to 100 words)

Click Magswitch (Thank you for considering this opportunity. We look forward to helping you create a lasting tribute to our powwow booklets.)

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan
"Working Together for Our Future"

7208 Hastings Eagle Blvd
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989.775.4600
www.sagchip.org

Sponsorship Request Form

Sponsor Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Print Name of Contact Person: _____
Contact Person's Phone Number: (____) _____
Contact Person's Email: _____
Amount of Sponsorship: _____
Method of Payment: _____

• Make all checks/money orders payable to: SCIT (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)
• Mail to: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe C/O Powwow Committee 7208 Hastings Eagle Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

• Company logo: Vector format logos or all for T-shirts and 30% off T-shirt for print.
• Please email logo or provide copy of it on a CD.
• Email your logo to: 3kacowah@sagchip.org
• For more information, please call: 989.775.4141

* Please send this page only when returning form. ** Please make copy of this form for your records.

Sponsorship Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2026

For Internal Department Use Only

Paid \$: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____ Money Order: _____
Received By: _____ Date: _____
Date artwork received: _____ Date artwork approved: _____
Date artwork sent to you: _____

Powwow Program Booklet Advertising

The SCIT Powwow Committee would like to offer your business the opportunity to be featured in the 2026 SCIT Powwow Program Booklet!

The 2026 Powwow Booklet includes the history of the Saginaw and Annual Saginaw Chippewa Powwows and other information on Powwows and Native Traditions. We would like to include your business in the booklet for an advertising fee of \$50, \$100 or \$150. All monies raised go to help keep the Powwows alive. The period for submission will be **June 15th - August 15th, 2026**. This is an inexpensive way to feature your business.

- \$50: 1/4 page ad (Approximately 4.75" wide x 1.9" tall)
- \$100: 1/2 page ad (Approximately 4.75" wide x 4" tall)
- \$150: Full page ad (Approximately 4.75" wide x 8" tall)

Advertisement Form

Business Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____
Contact Name/Printed: _____
Ad Size (check one): \$50 \$100 \$150

Additional Information or Special Instructions:

- Make all checks/money orders payable to: SCIT (Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe)
- Mail to: Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe C/O Powwow Committee 7208 Hastings Eagle Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
- For more information, please call: 989.775.4141
- Each advertiser will receive one copy of the program.
- Please fill out form completely so that we have all of the information we need to send your program.
- Make sure to include your phone number in case we have any questions regarding your advertisement.
- Please attach a copy of your business card or ad to this sheet and return it with a check or money order to the address at the left.

The official sponsorship letter and forms are shown above. All official communication and payments are handled directly by a SCIT Powwow Committee Member.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

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

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

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

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

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

Any questions can be sent to powwowcommittee@sagchip.org.

We appreciate your help in protecting the integrity of the SCIT community. Please share this message to assist in spreading awareness.

Introducing the Nimkee Dental Staff



Annette Plarske
Dental Assistant



Lisa Wakefield, RDA
Dental Assistant



Jodi Carter
Dental Assistant



Serena Zondlak, RDA
Office Manager



Jaime Tosch, RDH
Dental Hygienist



Rashel Johnson, RDH
Dental Hygienist



Andi Carlson
Dental Clinic Specialist



Jennifer Powell, CDA, RDA
Dental Clinic Specialist



2591 S. Leaton Rd.,
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.sagchip.org/nimkee/dental/

Dental services provided: Now offering extractions and root canals!

- Exams
- Cleanings
- Digital radiographs
- Sealants
- Crowns
- Bridges
- Amalgam restorations
- Partial dentures
- Implant restorations
- Electronic dental records
- Periodontal scaling and root planning
- Periodontal maintenance
- Adult and child cleanings
- Fluoride applications
- Composite restorations
- Complete dentures

To schedule an appointment or for more information, please call: 989-775-4657



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE 2026 FALL SEMESTER CLASSES

FALL 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL AUG. 21, 2026

| Delivery | Code | S | Course Title | CR | Day | Room | Time | Instructor |
|----------|--------------|---|---|----|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| O-A | ACC 115 | 1 | Financial Accounting | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Long |
| F2F | ART 111\$ | 1 | Beadwork I | 3 | T | ROOM 245 | 5:30 - 8:20 p.m. | Jackson |
| O-A | ART 115 | 1 | Art Design | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Jackson |
| H | BIO 105* | 1 | Introduction to Biology | 3 | | ONLINE- Lecture Class | | Abbas |
| F2F | BIO 105A* | 1 | Introduction to Biology Lab | 2 | T | ROOM 232 | 3:30 - 5:20 p.m. | Abbas |
| F2F | BUS 110 | 1 | Introduction to Business | 3 | T/R | ROOM 329 | 1:30 - 2:50 p.m. | Fowler |
| F2F | BUS 130 | 1 | Business Ethics | 3 | M/W | ROOM 329 | 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. | Fowler |
| F2F | BUS 150 | 1 | Business Law | 3 | T/R | ROOM 313 | 5:30 - 6:50 p.m. | Antrobus |
| F2F | BUS 170 | 1 | Principles of Management | 3 | T/R | ROOM 249 | 9:00 - 10:20 a.m. | Fowler |
| F2F | BUS 200 | 1 | Principles of Marketing | 3 | M/W | ROOM 249 | 5:30 - 6:50 p.m. | Wagner |
| F2F | BUS 201 | 1 | Personal Finance | 3 | M/W | ROOM 329 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Fowler |
| O-A | BUS 215* | 1 | Business Communication | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Tyler |
| F2F | CPT 112* | 1 | Introduction to Computer Technology | 3 | M | ROOM 340 | 5:30 - 8:20 p.m. | Klopf |
| F2F | CPT 124* | 1 | Introduction to Spreadsheets | 3 | W | ROOM 340 | 5:30 - 8:20 p.m. | Long |
| O-A | ECO 202 | 1 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Wagner |
| F2F | ENG 101* | 1 | Composition I | 3 | M/W | ROOM 331 | 9:30 - 10:50 a.m. | Boleman |
| F2F | ENG 010* | 1 | Composition I Lab | 2 | M/W | ROOM 331 | 11:00 - 11:50 a.m. | Boleman |
| F2F | ENG 110 | 1 | Introduction to Communication | 3 | T/R | ROOM 331 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Boleman |
| F2F | ENG 150* | 1 | Introduction to Literature | 3 | M/W | ROOM 331 | 3:30 - 4:50 p.m. | Boleman |
| O-A | ENG 202* | 1 | Composition II - WI | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Boleman |
| F2F | EVS 120* | 1 | Environmental Science | 3 | M/W | ROOM 235 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Miller |
| F2F | EVS 120A* | 1 | Environmental Science Lab | 2 | W | ROOM 232 | 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. | Miller |
| F2F | GEL 100 | 1 | Environmental Geology | 3 | M/W | ROOM 235 | 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. | Miller |
| F2F | GEO 201 | 1 | Weather and Climate | 5 | T/R | ROOM 235 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Miller |
| | | | | | R | ROOM 232 | 2:30 - 4:20 p.m. | Miller |
| F2F | MTH 012* | 1 | Quantitative Reasoning Lab | 2 | T/R | ROOM 314 | 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. | Crosswait |
| F2F | MTH 105 | 1 | Intermediate Algebra | 4 | T/R | ROOM 330 | 1:00 - 2:50 p.m. | Rich |
| F2F | MTH 120* | 1 | Quantitative Reasoning | 3 | M/W | ROOM 314 | 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. | Rich |
| F2F | MTH 140* | 1 | Pre-Calculus | 4 | T/R | ROOM 330 | 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. | Rich |
| F2F | MTH 150* | 1 | The Teaching of Counting and Whole Numbers | 3 | M/W | ROOM 330 | 5:00 - 6:20 p.m. | Rich |
| F2F | MTH 023* | 1 | Statistics Lab | 2 | T/R | ROOM 314 | 1:30 - 2:20 p.m. | Crosswait |
| F2F | MTH 230* | 1 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 | M/W | ROOM 314 | 1:30 - 2:50 p.m. | Crosswait |
| O-A | NAS 103 | 1 | Survey of Native American Studies | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Haviland |
| F2F | NAS 242 | 1 | Topics in Native American Literature | 3 | T/R | ROOM 214 | 10:00 - 11:20 a.m. | Peters |
| O-A | NAS 250 | 1 | Anishinaabe Art | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Jackson |
| O-A | NAS 254 | 1 | Contemporary Native American Art | 3 | | ONLINE-Asynchronous | | Jackson |
| F2F | NAS 259 | 1 | Anishinaabe History: Beginnings to 1600 | 3 | M | ROOM 214 | 5:00 - 7:50 p.m. | Haviland |
| F2F | NAS 261 | 1 | Survey of Native American History | 3 | M/W | ROOM 214 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Haviland |
| F2F | NAS 263 | 1 | Contemporary Native American Issues | 3 | T/R | ROOM 214 | 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. | Peters |
| F2F | NAS 271 | 1 | Indigenous Storytelling | 3 | T/R | ROOM 214 | 5:30 - 6:50 p.m. | Gonzalez |
| F2F | NAS 275 | 1 | Modern Native American Resistance Movements | 3 | M/W | ROOM 214 | 3:00 - 4:20 p.m. | Peters |
| F2F | OJB 101 | 1 | Ojibwe I | 3 | M/W | ROOM 214 | 10:30 - 11:50 a.m. | Roy |
| F2F | OJB 102* | 1 | Ojibwe II | 3 | M/W | ROOM 243 | 1:30 - 2:50 p.m. | Roy |
| F2F | OJB 201* | 1 | Ojibwe III | 3 | T/R | ROOM 243 | 10:30 - 11:50 a.m. | Roy |
| F2F | OJB 202* | 1 | Ojibwe IV | 3 | T/R | ROOM 243 | 1:30 - 2:50 p.m. | Roy |
| F2F | PHY 101* | 1 | General Physics I | 3 | T/R | ROOM 232 | 5:30 - 6:50 p.m. | Majorski |
| F2F | PHY 101A* \$ | 1 | General Physics Lab | 2 | T/R | ROOM 235 | 7:00 - 7:50 p.m. | Majorski |
| F2F | PSC 120 | 1 | American Government | 3 | T/R | ROOM 331 | 5:00 - 6:20 p.m. | Knott |
| F2F | REL 180 | 1 | Introduction to Religion | 3 | T | ROOM 329 | 5:30 - 8:20 p.m. | Landen |
| H | SDV 102 | 1 | Foundations for Student Success | 3 | M | ROOM 314 | 5:00 - 6:20 p.m. | Green |

Definitions:

F2F: A regular course that meets face to face as indicated on the semester schedule.

H (Hybrid): There will be regularly scheduled face-to-face meeting times and online components within a hybrid course. The online components may be delivered synchronously or asynchronously. Both face-to-face meeting times and online delivery methods must be scheduled in the syllabus.

ON-A (Online Asynchronous): A course that meets via web-based technologies without regularly scheduled meeting times.

ON-S (Online Synchronous): A course that meets via web-based technologies and has regularly scheduled class times.

*: Check co-requisite or pre-requisite requirements

\$: Additional course fees apply

Day: M=Monday, T=Tuesday, W= Wednesday, R=Thursday

***Course delivery methods are subject to change at any time.

***All courses are scheduled in Eastern Standard Time (EST)

***Classes with an enrollment FEWER than 5 students may be canceled.



FALL SEMESTER 2026

- **Aug. 14:** Admissions deadline
- **Aug. 21:** Fall registration ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- **Aug. 24:** Classes begin
- **Aug. 28:** Drop/Add ends via Empower at 11:59 p.m.
- **Sept. 7:** Labor Day (campus closed)
- **Sept. 25:** Michigan Indian Day (Campus Closed)
- **Oct. 30:** Last day to withdraw
- **Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving Break - (campus closes at 5 p.m.)
- **Nov. 30:** Thanksgiving ends Campus opens at 8 a.m.
- **Dec. 7-11:** Exam Week
- **Dec. 11:** Semester ends
- **Dec. 14:** Final grades due

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS:

In order to register for classes you must take an Accuplacer® placement test and have a complete admission file. Please call 989- 317-4760 4760 to set up your Accuplacer® test or talk to Student Services. Email: studentservices@sagchip.edu | Website: www.sagchip.edu

SUMMER COURSES NOW AVAILABLE
SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL MAY 8, 2026

EIGHT WEEK SESSION: MAY 11-JULY 3, 2026

| Delivery | Code | S | Course Title | CR | Day | Room | Time | Instructor |
|----------|----------|---|-----------------------------------|----|-----|----------------|---------------------|------------|
| Hybrid | BUS 260 | 1 | Human Resource Management | 3 | T/R | Room 313 | 2-1:20 p.m. | Wagner |
| F2F | ENG 010 | 1 | Composition I Lab | 2 | M/W | Community Room | 12-12:50 p.m. | Boleman |
| Hybrid | ENG 101 | 1 | Composition I | 3 | M/W | Room 314 | 10:30-11:50 a.m. | Boleman |
| F2F | MTH 140* | 1 | Pre-Calculus | 4 | M/W | Room 313 | 9 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. | Crosswait |
| Hybrid | MTH 230 | 1 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 | M/W | Room 313 | 1:30-2:50 p.m. | Crosswait |
| Hybrid | NAS 103 | 1 | Survey of Native American Studies | 3 | R | Room 214 | 5-7:50 p.m. | Haviland |
| Hybrid | SDV 102 | 1 | Foundations for Student Success | 3 | M/W | Room 314v | 1-2:20 p.m. | Green |

TWELVE WEEK SESSION: MAY 11-JUL 31, 2026

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Graduates enter: 4 p.m.
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- **May 4-8** | Exam week
- **May 8** | Spring semester ends
- **May 21** | SCTC graduation at SECR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Anishinaabe Traditional Planting Stick Workshop**
May 12 | 3-7 p.m. | Mshkikiikaan (6900 E. Remus Rd.)
- **Cedar Box Garden Build**
May 14 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Mshkikiikaan (6900 E. Remus Rd.)
- **Graduation Cap Beading Workshops**
May 5, 12, 19 | 3-7 p.m. | SCTC Art Room



Soaring Eagle, Saganing employees honored during Years of Service Banquet

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort and the Saganing Eagles Landing Casino &

Hotel hosted a combined Years of Service Banquet. Employees were honored on April 6 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

This year saw a total of 259 employees receiving

recognition. This included awards for five years (69 recipients), 10 years (71 recipients), 15 years (37 recipients), 20 years (25 recipients) and 25 years (31 recipients).

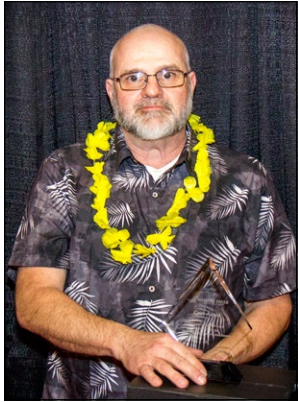
Twenty team members were recognized for 30 years

of service. This included Carl Ames, Dawn Brisboy, Timothy Curtis, Aaron Edwards, Tracy Fancon, Gerald Gimmy, Christopher Helms, Patricia Hilderbrand, Michael Klebs, David Krapek, Gregory Lambert, James

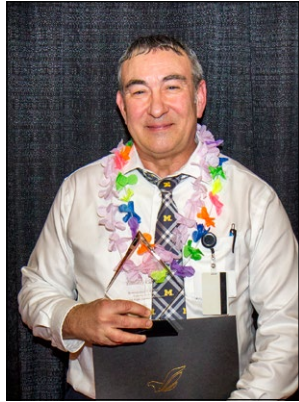
Langlois, Bethel Merrill, Scott Mindel, Harold Norris, Shannon Penny, Jose Reyes, Betty Riddle, Clifford Russell and Margaret Vroman.

Lisa Alsgard, table games supervisor, was recognized for 35 years of service.

Observer photos by Matthew Wright



Carl Ames
30 years of service



Timothy Curtis
30 years of service



Aaron Edwards
30 years of service



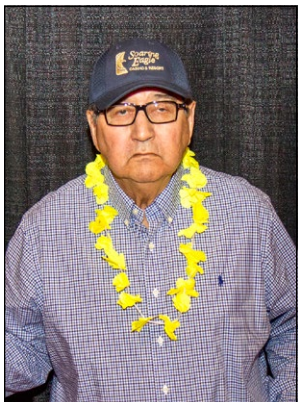
Gerald Gimmy
30 years of service



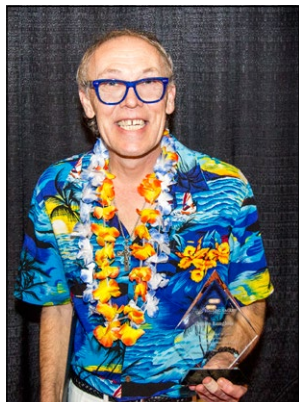
Patricia Hilderbrand
30 years of service



David Krapek
30 years of service



Gregory Lambert
30 years of service



James Langlois
30 years of service



Bethel Merrill
30 years of service



Scott Mindel
30 years of service



Harold Norris
30 years of service



Jose Reyes
30 years of service



Clifford Russell
30 years of service



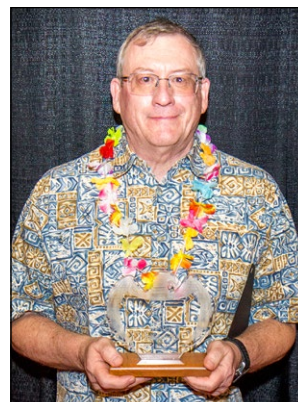
Margaret Vroman
30 years of service



Betty Riddle
30 years of service



Christopher Nadobny
25 years of service



Steven Jablonski
25 years of service



Bernardino Perez
25 years of service



Jessica Johnston
25 years of service



Rebecca Cook
25 years of service



Alberto Bocanegra
25 years of service



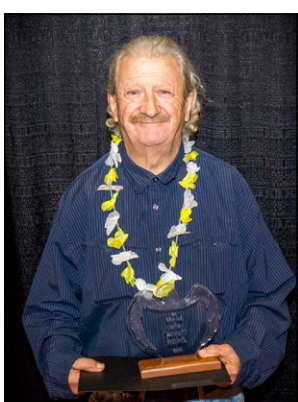
Timothy Ellis
25 years of service



Tamyra Krapek
25 years of service



Lisa Trudell
25 years of service



David Smith
25 years of service



Sondra Gurski
25 years of service



Calvin Knapp
25 years of service



Henry Fellows
25 years of service



Timothy Latzko
25 years of service



Anthony Whitford
20 years of service



Angela Smith
20 years of service



Scott Shuler
20 years of service



Lori Knollenberg
20 years of service



Andrew Kazmierski
20 years of service



Misti Houle
20 years of service



Daniel McCreery
20 years of service

2026 YEARS OF SERVICE Celebration

5 YEARS

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| Zachary Stambaugh | Food & Beverage |
| Donald Brown | Environmental Services |
| Gary Rueckert | Facilities |
| June Fuente | Environmental Services |
| Jeri Franco | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Samandriel Jennings | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Timothy O'Rourke | Transportation |
| Shawn McAulay | Food & Beverage |
| Derian Lorentz | Transportation |
| Shannon Prill | Entertainment |
| Steven Pasche | Poker |
| Andrew Allen | Food & Beverage |
| Jason Symons | Entertainment |
| Jennifer Dusha | Call Center |
| Audie Hawkins | Facilities |
| Harley Wuolukka | Cage-Count |
| Jessica Hawkins | Cage-Count |
| Fallon Bennett | Accounting |
| Phil Bird | Environmental Services |
| Jordan Miller | Call Center |
| Roland Jackson | Facilities |
| Shawn Griffin | Cage-Count |
| Carolina Gonzalez | Bingo |
| Cody Mena | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Bruce Soderquist | Security |
| Angie Marie | Marketing |
| Brandy Jackson | Accounting |
| Sarah Wonch | Food & Beverage |
| Brittany Ranger | Slots |
| Joseph Ihnen | Facilities |
| Dustin Herbers | Security |
| Nickie Hartgrove | Environmental Services |
| Victoria Simmons | Table Games |
| Roger Martin | Food & Beverage |
| Justin Quezada | Table Games |
| Bernardo Elizalde | Sports Betting |
| Akii Champlin | Facilities |
| John Mays | Environmental Services |
| Joshua Anderson | Table Games |
| Harmony Amon | Food & Beverage |
| Tony Mejia | Slots |
| Darian Richardson | Marketing |
| Bethany Diaz | Table Games |
| Stacie Webb | Table Games |
| Venus McGlashen | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Michael Reihl | Facilities |
| Rachel Tucker | Security |
| Dawn Wilson | Cage-Count |
| Katie Huckins | Security |
| Matthew Dubey | Inventory Control |
| Garrett Bennett | Security |
| Tony Lyons | Slots |
| Bradley Zywicki | Security |
| Bradley Wilk | Food & Beverage |
| Jeffery Godsey | Facilities |
| Kayleen Ballard | Cage-Count |
| William Rossen | Facilities |
| Sarah Ingersoll | Cage-Count |
| Dana French | Facilities |
| Shannon Earnhardt | Food & Beverage |
| Ashley Lopez | Cage-Count |
| Ida Giles | Food & Beverage |
| Devin Stanley | Food & Beverage |
| Sheila Tacey | Food & Beverage |
| Allen Goretcki | Housekeeping |
| Damion Coyer | Food & Beverage |
| April Rabadue | Housekeeping |
| June Schuster | Hotel |
| Michael Lauria | Security |

10 YEARS

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| Edward Matthews | Surveillance |
| William Hallman | Environmental Services |
| Kendra Robins | Food & Beverage |
| Kody Klein | Inventory Control |
| Bryan Salisbury | Food & Beverage |
| Tina Beaune | Call Center |
| Jeffery Veit | Facilities |
| Jeannie Kelley | Slots |
| Fernando Flores | Slots |
| Paul Burt | Facilities |
| Philip Howell | Cage-Count |
| Morganne Simmerlein | Transportation |
| Jack Kinney | Slots |
| Dean LaTour | Slots |
| Kendale Recker | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Brandy Carman | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Melanie Bennett-Davis | Cage-Count |
| Radu Fenecer | Accounting |
| Nathan Warner | Facilities |
| Jeffrey Lopez | Slots |
| Benjamin Willis | Facilities |
| Stephanie Spanne | Facilities |
| Debbie Wilson | Food & Beverage |
| Sarah Johnston | Food & Beverage |
| Joann Elliott | Environmental Services |
| Kenneth Singletary | Food & Beverage |
| Chandler Tension | Food & Beverage |
| Caitlin Nelson | Food & Beverage |
| Mary Calvert | Food & Beverage |
| Amber Anderson McKay | Table Games |
| Aubre Goward | Environmental Services |
| Tiffany Bennett | Entertainment |
| Heather Funnell | Food & Beverage |
| Bruce Barcia | Food & Beverage |
| Jennifer Sylvester | Food & Beverage |
| Stacey Wright | Environmental Services |
| Christopher Baker | Marketing |
| Cassandra Hofstetter | Food & Beverage |
| Nicholas Lapeen | Poker |
| Robert Rowe | Table Games |
| Keenan Davis | Facilities |
| Tyler Youmans | Table Games |
| Kelli Markell | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Steven Murray | Food & Beverage |
| Stacey Siel | Food & Beverage |
| Kevin MacConnell | Facilities |
| DeLorean Packard | Food & Beverage |
| Paul Mathey | Table Games |
| Sena Hutcheson | Sales |
| Adam Hill | Slots |
| Johnny Johnson | Security |
| Anthony Hall | Slots |
| Mindy Bliss | Call Center |
| Chasitia Husted | Surveillance |
| Debbie Mcsawby | Rooms |
| Brooke Carlson | Food & Beverage |
| Laura Mehal | Food & Beverage |
| Caleb Gilbert | Inventory Control |
| Zachariah Patten | Security |
| Katherine Lamont | Slots |
| Jeremy Anderson | Inventory Control |
| Brittney Day | Food & Beverage |
| Daniel Shannon | Facilities |
| Gail Powell-Rowbottom | Food & Beverage |
| Amanda VanHorn | Security |
| Roderick Swalley | Slots |
| Laura Ziembo | Food & Beverage |
| Sabrina Branda | Slots |
| Kayla Branda | Cage-Count |
| Jordan Irish | Surveillance |
| Christine Edwards | Slots |

15 YEARS

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| Charlton Atkinson | Table Games |
| Timothy Wong | Environmental Services |
| Dawn Wenzel-Hill | Environmental Services |
| Jeremy Forbes | Table Games |
| Susan Tater | Marketing |
| Warnel Alcantara | Facilities |
| John Taylor | Call Center |
| Brent Toner | Slots |
| Jeremy Judge | Security |
| Rory Dorow | Security |
| David Darnell | Slots |
| Keith LeBlanc | Table Games |
| Jerrett Merren | Call Center |
| Margery Bailey | Accounting |
| Heidi Brethauer | Environmental Services |
| Corinna Harris | Marketing |
| Jessica Bunker | Bingo |
| Jeffrey Owens | Table Games |
| Rose Herrington | Food & Beverage |
| Clinton VonEitzen | Slots |
| Anthony Wentworth | Food & Beverage |
| Jeanine Delong | Environmental Services |
| Angela Roney | Surveillance |
| Cole Marlatt | Cage-Count |
| Kathleen Norris | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Cortni Ordway | Cage-Count |
| Kenneth Protasiewicz | Facilities |
| Jessica James | Slots |
| Cami Green | Food & Beverage |
| Brittany Bender | Cage-Count |
| Susan Duranczyk | Security |
| Richard Elenbaas | Food & Beverage |
| Tammy Mansfield | Marketing |
| Kristie Maillette | Cage-Count |
| Christine Gosen | Food & Beverage |
| Tammy Riley | Security |
| Della Brandel | Surveillance |

20 YEARS

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| Daniel Nicol | Transportation |
| Christopher Bunker | Food & Beverage |
| Brandon Potter | Environmental Services |
| Misti Houle | Rooms |
| Matthew Lonergan | Security |
| L Reed | Table Games |
| Guy Jackson | Transportation |
| Scott Shuler | Slots |
| Andrew Kazmierski | Bingo |
| Casey Pohlman | Food & Beverage |
| Mark Chorbagan | Transportation |
| Stacy Anderson | Table Games |
| Lori Knollenberg | Table Games |
| Benjamin Wilkins | Security |
| Annette Buckner | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Angela Smith | Food & Beverage |
| Anthony Whitford | Inventory Control |
| Lance Peters | Surveillance |
| Ross Blackmer | Food & Beverage |
| John Lybeer | Cage-Count |
| Cynthia Paquin | Call Center |
| Marc VanAlstine | Maintenance |
| Rita Escamilla | Food & Beverage |
| Richard Shuler | Slots |
| Daniel McCreery | Surveillance |

25 YEARS

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| Sherri Mason | Accounting |
| Edward Markel | Food & Beverage |
| Cindy Seeley | Accounting |
| Lisa Trudell | Cage-Count |
| Kimberly Sisk | Food & Beverage |
| David Smith | Food & Beverage |
| Calvin Knapp | Food & Beverage |
| Denise Malish | Slots |
| Christopher Nadobny | Food & Beverage |
| Fredrick Bailey | Slots |
| Jessica Johnston | Cage-Count |
| Alberto Bocanegra | Rooms |
| Sondra Gurski | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Steven Montini | Slots |
| April Morrow | Table Games |
| Kelly Corbett | Accounting |
| George LaFountain | Marketing |
| Nichelle Heintzelman | Hotel Housekeeping |
| Ranee Krolczyk | Call Center |
| Steven Jablonski | Facilities |
| Henry Fellows | Food & Beverage |
| Tamya Krapek | Marketing |
| Raul Venegas | Marketing |
| Timothy Latzko | Food & Beverage |
| Bernardino Perez | Environmental Services |
| Timothy Biernacki | Cage-Count |
| Casey Long | Slots |
| Rebecca Cook | Security |
| Timothy Ellis | Food & Beverage |
| Rachel Rhines | Gaming Administration |

30 YEARS

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| Timothy Curtis | Table Games |
| Aaron Edwards | Table Games |
| Harold Norris | Environmental Services |
| Clifford Russell | Table Games |
| Margaret Vroman | Environmental Services |
| Jose Reyes | Cage-Count |
| Betty Riddle | Food & Beverage |
| Gerald Gimmey | Table Games |
| Michael Klebs | Surveillance |
| Scott Mindel | Cage-Count |
| Dawn Brisbois | Slots |
| Tracy Fancon | Cage-Count |
| Carl Ames | Facilities |
| Bethel Merrill | Table Games |
| David Krapek | Table Games |
| Patricia Hilderbrand | Table Games |
| Gregory Lambert | Facilities |
| Shannon Penny | Surveillance |
| Christopher Helms | Transportation |
| James Langlois | Food & Beverage |

35 YEARS

Lisa Alsgard Table Games





Soaring Eagle welcomes Filter, Finger Eleven and Local H for night of rock

MATTHEW WRIGHT
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort's Friday, March 27 concert featured headliners Filter, with Finger Eleven and Local H serving as supporting acts.

Filter was formed in Cleveland, Ohio in 1993 after front man Richard Patrick left his role as touring guitarist for Nine Inch Nails.

Since then the band has gained a following for their

gritty, industrial, synth-infused rock.

Filter's stage presence featured heavy fog, moody lighting and intense deep colors. Deep shadows enveloped the stage, partially hiding the band members and giving off a brooding, mysterious feeling.

The band began their night with "You Walk Away," "The Drowning" and "(Can't You) Trip Like I Do."

Patrick's powerful voice was showcased during the next

songs, with "Face Down," "All the Good" and "Take a Picture."

The hits continued with "No Love," "Obliteration," "Jurassitol," "Thoughts and Prayers" and "Dose."

Next up was the synth-imbued rock hit "Be Careful What You Wish For" followed by "Drug Boy" and "Welcome to the Fold."

To close out their night, Filter performed the heavy, hard-hitting single "Hey Man Nice Shot."

Playing before Filter was Canadian alternative rockers Finger Eleven.

The group performed a 10-piece set list, consisting of many of their most popular songs. This included "Together Right," "Above," "Adrenaline," "First Time," "The Mountain" and "Good Times."

A highlight of the night featured performances of their two biggest hits in "One Thing" and "Paralyzer."

Taking to the stage first was

American rock band Local H. The band features the duo of front man Scott Lucas on a combo guitar/bass guitar and drummer Ryan Harding.

Their short set included performances of "Back in the Day," "Eddie Vedder," "Bound for the Floor" and "John the Baptist Blues."

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



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Members of Filter are shrouded in fog and shadows during their March 27 Soaring Eagle concert.



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Finger Eleven members perform their hit song "Adrenaline" on the Entertainment Hall stage.

An evening with comedian Larry the Cable Guy held in Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall

NATALIE SHATTUCK
Editor

Comedian Larry the Cable Guy brought his routine and famous

"Git-R-Done" tagline to Soaring Eagle's Entertainment Hall on Friday, April 10.

Drawing in fans from his "Blue Collar Comedy Days,"

Larry continues to deliver one-liners and share his "red-neck" persona and humor. He provided a one-hour performance that evening.

Two of his seven comedy albums have been certified platinum.

In addition to stand-up comedy, he has also acted and provided voice for films, and began a radio career in the early '90s.

Nationally touring stand-up comedian Nick Hoff gave a 20-minute performance prior to Larry.

Hoff's comedy album "Baby Daddy" reached number one on the iTunes comedy charts.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Kimberly Condon (right) poses for a photo with comedian Larry the Cable Guy prior to the April 10 performance in the Soaring Eagle Entertainment Hall.

EVERY STEP SPEAKS:

March for Justice, Awareness, and Remembrance of MMIP

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People



Sunday, May 3, 2026 | 3 p.m.
Island Park (331 N. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, Mich.)

Walk a mile to remember and help bring awareness to our Missing and Murdered Indigenous relatives.

- Please wear red to spread awareness for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) movement.
- Bring pictures of loved ones lost, to carry during the walk.
- Light refreshments and snack foods for everyone

Speakers: Melissa Isaac, and Nick Deplonty, BIA
Free MMIP T-shirt for all participants!

Red Dress exhibits will be featured starting the beginning of April, until the middle of May to bring recognition to this powerful movement.

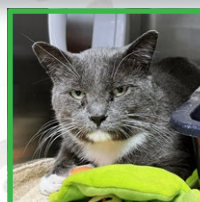
Locations will include:

- **Art Reach Mid Michigan:**
The Red Dress exhibit will run April 27-May 9 with a gallery reception and speaker Marcella Hadden on April 30 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
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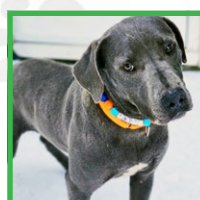
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Tamatoa

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One night only: '90s rock bands Sugar Ray and Soul Asylum grace indoor stage

NATALIE SHATTUCK

Editor

Rock bands Sugar Ray and Soul Asylum played in a double bill at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Saturday, March 21.

The headliner and '90s band, Sugar Ray, performed a 75-minute set. The band plays a mix of alternative rock, pop rock and funk metal.

"Do you remember the '90s? Why am I the only one with frosted tips?" said lead singer Mark McGrath to the audience, laughing.

Sugar Ray began their show with "Words to Me," and their hit songs "Every Morning" and "Someday."

McGrath mentioned he was enjoying his experience at the casino and gave a shout out to the hospitality at Soaring Eagle.

Paying tribute to other artists of the '90s, Sugar Ray



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Mark McGrath, lead singer of Sugar Ray, interacts with the audience during the Saturday, March 21 Soaring Eagle show.

played a medley of OMC's "How Bizarre," Len's "Steal My Sunshine" and Backstreet Boys' "I Want It That Way."

Their set continued with the hit "When It's Over" and "Falls

Apart," followed by another '90s medley with Ginuwine's "Pony" and Ugly Kid Joe's "Everything About You."

Their lively show ended with "Mean Machine,"



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Rock band Soul Asylum serves as opening act, beginning at about 8 p.m.

Ramones' "Blitzkrieg Bop" and "Fly," the hit that gained them mainstream success in 1997.

Soul Asylum opened the show at 8 p.m. with a 75-minute set.

Soul Asylum launched into "Somebody to Shove," "Shut

Down," "Trial by Fire" and "Misery."

The band also performed "Runaway Train" (1993), which won them a Grammy Award for Best Rock Song.

Their portion of the show concluded with "99%," "Just Like Anyone" and "April Fool."

Both classic and new hits featured during STYX concert at SECR

MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort hosted rock legends STYX for a sold-out show on Friday, April 17. Audience members were treated to a full set of hits, both new and old.

Formed in 1972 in Chicago, the group is famous for the signature blend of hard and progressive rock.

To start out the night, Styx performed "Build And Destroy," off their new album "Circling from Above." The album was released in July 2025, and is their 18th studio album.

Following the new single, were many staples of the STYX musical catalogue including "Too Much Time on My Hands," "The Grand Illusion" and "Lady."

Next up were the hit songs "Great White Hope,"

"Light Up," "Lorelei" and "Crystal Ball."

STYX also performed "Rockin' the Paradise," "Blue Collar Man (Long Nights)," "The Best of Times" and

"Fooling Yourself (The Angry Young Man)."

A highlight of the night featured audience members gleefully singing out the inspirational lyrics of the classic ballad

"Come Sail Away."

To close out the night, STYX performed a two-piece encore which included the synth-fused pop hit "Mr. Roboto" and the classic rock song "Renegade."



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

STYX band members come together center stage during the April 17 Soaring Eagle concert.

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

Boozhoo elders! Spring showers bring May flowers. I believe with all this rain we should be seeing lots of flowers and some Morel mushrooms. I hope we start to see more sunny days ahead.

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



SCIT Golf Membership Raffle Fundraiser

- TWO SEPARATE PRIZE DRAWINGS:**
- ▶ **2026 SCIT Golf Membership** (\$300 value)
 - **Participating courses:** Pleasant Hills Golf Club, Hidden Oaks Golf Course, PohlCat Golf Course, Firefly Golf Links and Eagle Glen Golf Club.
 - **Membership includes:** Green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink.
 - ▶ **Second prize: \$250 VISA gift card**

Tickets on sale now
Drawing: Wednesday, May 6 at Elder Lunch
Tickets: ▶ One for \$5 ▶ Three for \$10
Tickets may be purchased from any EAB Member or at the Andahwod Front Office.
**All proceeds benefit Elders activities.*
Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

ANDAHWOD EASTER BRUNCH CELEBRATION



Courtesy photo
James Falcon strikes a pose with the Easter Bunny at the brunch celebration.



Courtesy photo
Teri Rueckert and Toni Leauxaux enjoy their time with a new friend.



Bernice Hendrickson thinks of her best strategy for getting the egg in the cup.



Courtesy photo
Denise Pelcher poses for a photo with the Easter Bunny



Saturday, May 2, 2026
Craft Show: 1-4 p.m. | Purse Auction: 4-5 p.m.
 Andahwod CCC & ES (2910 S. Leaton Rd.)

- ▶ **Open to the public**
 - ▶ **Mother's Day-theme fundraising event**
 - ▶ **Door prize drawings throughout the day**
 - ▶ **Music by DJ Lupe**
- *Half of proceeds will benefit Andahwod Elder Services, the other half will benefit R.I.S.E. Advocacy women's and children's shelter.*
Contact: depelcher@sagchip.org or 989.775.4339



Please join us at Andahwod for
BIBLE STUDY
 With Julie Pego
Every other Monday, starting May 4
 6-7 p.m. | Andahwod, Birch Lodge
 2910 S. Leaton Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Upcoming dates:**
- May 4 & 18
 - July 13 & 27
 - June 1, 15 & 29
 - Aug 10 & 24
- All community elders are welcome
 Snacks will be served
Contact: DePelcher@sagchip.org or 989-775-4339

PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION AND GUARD YOUR CARD

Your Social Security number is key to your personal and financial information. Protecting it is essential to prevent identity theft and avoid scams.

▶ **Don't carry your card daily:** Keep your Social Security card in a safe place. Only bring it with you when absolutely necessary.

▶ **Share only when required:** Always remember that most situations do not require you to show your card. Just knowing your number is usually enough.

▶ **Ask questions:** If someone requests your Social Security number, ask why it's needed and how it will be used. Don't carry papers or cards that display your Social Security number unless absolutely necessary.

May 2026 Andahwod events

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| Coffee Break Daily 2:30 p.m. | Elders Lunch May 6, 20 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Language Bingo May 19 1-3 p.m. |
| Sewing Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. | Elders Breakfast May 13, 27 9-10 a.m. | Potluck & Birthday Bingo May 23 1-3 p.m. |
| Exercise w/Patty Tuesdays 1 p.m. | Name that Tune Bingo May 15 2-4 p.m. | Tribal Operations and Related Offices Closed: Memorial Day May 25 |
| Euchre Thursdays 5:30 p.m. | Bingo with Friends May 18 1-3 p.m. | <i>**Activities and events are subject to change.</i> |
| Lost & Found Bingo May 1 1-3 p.m. | | |
| Craft Show & Purse Auction May 2 Show: 1-4 p.m. Auction: 4-5 p.m. | | |
| Bible Study with Julie Pego May 4, 18 6-7 p.m. | | |

For more information, please call Andahwod at: 989.775.4339

May 2026 Andahwod CCC & ES Menu

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| *Menu subject to change* Sugar free available upon request. Call kitchen for lunch and dinner at 989-775-4314. | | | *Warning: Consuming under cooked foods or eggs could lead to a food borne illness. **Warning: Please inform cashier/staff of any severe food allergies you may have prior to sitting down. Thank you | | 1 Tostadas Cook Out (Chef's Choice) | 2 Hot Dog Basket Veggie Pizza |
| 3 Pork Chops w/Fried Potato Mashed Potato Bowl | 4 Chef Salad Grilled Chicken w/Asparagus | 5 Steak Fritters Taco Tuesday | 6 Elder Lunch Soup & Sandwich Potato Soup w/Fry Bread | 7 Grilled BBQ Ribs Cheese Burger Casserole | 8 Goulash Pork loin w/Red Potatoes | 9 Meatballs Chicken Patty |
| 10 Pulled Pork Sandwich Italian Wrap | 11 Tater Tot Casserole Fish w/Fries | 12 Chicken Fried Rice Chili Dog | 13 Elders Breakfast Cabbage Soup Sloppy Joe | 14 Chicken Souvlaki Spaghetti w/Bread | 15 Baked Salmon Meatloaf | 16 Turkey Club Sandwich Shrimp Basket |
| 17 Chicken Pot Pie Bologna Sandwich | 18 Hot Turkey Sandwich Chicken Bacon Wrap | 19 Taco Casserole Bean Soup | 20 Elder Lunch Potato Bar Chicken Caesar Salad | 21 White Chicken Chili Lasagna | 22 French Toast w/Sausage Stir Fry | 23 B.L.T Beef Stroganoff |
| 24/31 Chef's Choice | 25 Fried Bologna Sandwich Vegetable Beef Soup | 26 Chicken Alfredo Tuna Fish Sandwich | 27 Elders Breakfast Grilled Ham Cheese Sandwich Carne Asada | 28 Turkey Breast Chicken Hibachi Wrap | 29 Chili w/Cornbread Baked Ziti w/Side Salad | 30 Chef's Choice |



Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher serving through youth co-op position focused on culinary arts

KAMIE MANDOKA

Tribal Development Coordinator,
Human Resources

Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher, a junior at Oasis High School, is proving that hard work and passion are the perfect ingredients for a bright future.

Currently serving in a youth co-op position focused on culinary arts, Charmaine has spent the school year honing her skills across different facets of the community.

She began her journey at Wii Maajikwad, where she worked diligently in the school kitchen. There, she was an integral part of the team responsible for preparing and serving breakfast and lunch to students, ensuring the next generation started their days well-nourished.

After three months of dedicated service at the school, Charmaine transitioned to a new environment at Andahwod Continuing Care & Assisted Living. In this rotation, she moved from serving students to cooking for tribal elders. This experience has allowed her to expand her culinary repertoire while giving back to those who hold the community's wisdom.

Charmaine's ambitions don't stop at the co-op



Courtesy of Human Resources

Charmaine Castillo-Pelcher serves in a youth co-op position at Andahwod CCC&ES.

program. After graduating from Oasis High School, she plans to attend the Tribal College to further her education. Her ultimate goal is to one day open her own restaurant, bringing her unique culinary vision to life.

With her experience serving everyone from the youth to the elders, Charmaine is well on her way to making that dream a reality.

MAY 2026 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| 1) Steven Pego | 17) David Flamand |
| 2) Robin Francis Marc Magnell Gerald Ice Robin Francis | John Quigno Vincent Cleveland Paullette Pashenee Cheryl Pontiac Gary Schneider Stacey Scott |
| 3) Federico Cantu Jr. Jacqueline Wemigwans Melvin Ehas Jr. Jason Voorheis | 18) Nathaniel George Travis Kahgegab |
| 4) Brian Chippeway William Federico Frederick Leksche Michael Wayne William Cloutier Brenda Matuskey | 19) Judith Banister Hans Hansen Helen Peters Terrence Frank Deborah Krupiczewicz Ella Powers George Russell Kay Wert |
| 5) Danny Wing Jr. Kurt Trepanier | 20) Robert Bennett Jr. Rachel Francis Gregory Miller Michelle Pierce |
| 6) Tony Starkey David Cyr Kathryn Shanks Charles Slater Jr. Debbie Phillips | 21) April Borton Damian Fisher Angel Jackson Rita Romer Rose Wassegijig Julie Whitepigeon Charles Wright Bobbie Brown |
| 7) Carol Shanks Frances Gonzales Marie Wicks | 22) James Walker Yvonne Dyer |
| 8) Susan Brooks Marjorie Wehner | 23) Larry Pelcher Claudia Spalding Linda Staples Michael David Jr. |
| 9) Steven Godbey Carol Slater | 24) David Rhodes Amy Gearhart |
| 10) Julie Allred Bonnie Klatt Harvey Wright Susan Yamry Daniel Jacobs | 25) Steven Martin Shirley Houle Jonathan Smith James Sprague Carolyn Stolz Johnny Walker |
| 11) Samuel DeFoy Diane Pego Kimberly James Troy Hart Warren Pelcher Amada Alaniz | 26) Amy Braley Toni Leureaux Noel Peters Jennifer Fuller Judy Youmans |
| 12) Craig Graveratte | 27) Frank Davis Norma Jackson Jason Ramirez |
| 13) Duane Pelcher Sr. Gary Henry Mary Reis Frank Romer Rose Henry | 28) James Smith 29) Robert Fallis Warren Gionet |
| 14) Leroy Hall II Consuelo Barron | 30) Paul Schramm Jr. |
| 15) Deborah Grills Sybil Hunter | 31) Kristine Gonsorhik Karen Siminski |
| 16) Joseph Fisher Orville Jackson Bobby Starkey Linda Cook Carolyn Estill David Jackson Allan Slater Jr. Paula Quigno Kyle Richardson | |

Elder Mother's & Father's Day COOKOUT

Friday, June 5, 2026

Andahwod CCC & ES (2910 S. Leaton Rd.)
Bingo: 3 p.m. | Food served: 4:30 p.m.

- Menu: Pulled BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Fresh Veggie Platter and Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
- Games: Dorothy Netmop Memorial Bingo
- Prizes, jewelry bags, door prizes and 50/50 tickets!

Contact: Andahwod at 989-775-4300

SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT

TRIBAL ELDER'S BINGO

TUESDAY, AUG. 25, 2026

Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Bingo Hall
Inside the Slot Palace (7566 Ogemaw Dr.)

More details to come!
*Open to all Tribal elders (must provide Tribal ID)
*50 years of age and older

Contact: Andahwod at 989.775.4300

Elders Lawn Mowing Service

Andahwod Elder Services will be accepting applications for spring and summer lawn mowing in Isabella County.

There are guidelines, applications are available at Andahwod. After approval of application there will be a \$50 fee for the service. We will also have a list of local mowing businesses and community members who provide this service for those who need do not qualify.

Limited spots available.
For more information, call: 989-775-4307

ELDER TRIPS

ATTENTION SCIT ELDERS!
You are invited to attend one of the trips below:

Nashville, Louisville & Cherokee Experience
June 15-21
Join us for an unforgettable journey through music history, Appalachian beauty, Native heritage, and Southern hospitality.

Boston, New England Experience
Aug. 13-19, 2026
Join us for an unforgettable experience through historic Boston, coastal New England, maritime culture, museums, whale watching and marketplaces.

Sign-up day for both trips:
May 22 at Andahwod, beginning at 10 a.m.

- ▶ \$200 per SCIT elder
- ▶ \$400 for non-SCIT elder spouse/caretaker

*Non-refundable cash deposits are due at sign-up

- Trip guidelines, code of conduct, medical and liability waivers must be signed
- SCIT elders may bring spouse/caretaker
- Meals included
- First comes, first serve basis
- Thirty spots available for each trip
- All participants must utilize trip transportation only
- Trips and bus transportation are contracted with Beyond Horizon Travel Agency

Contact: 989-775-4331 or DEPelcher@sagchip.org

Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentive PROGRAM

Student Incentives for Perfect Attendance or All A's!

- ▶ Grades K-4 are ONLY eligible for PERFECT ATTENDANCE
- ▶ Grades 5-12 are eligible for PERFECT ATTENDANCE AND ALL A's

Requirements:

- Student must be a member or descendant of a Michigan federally recognized tribe.

Deadline: Thursday, June 18
Applications (and supporting documents) need to be returned to Andahwod.

Applications are available:

- Pick up at Andahwod (2910 S. Leaton Rd.)
- Online at www.sagchip.org/senior
- Through your school Tribal K-12 office
- Or by scanning QR code →

Contact: 989-775-4300

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED FOR Michigan Indian Elders Association SCHOLARSHIPS

To qualify for MIEA Scholarship, applicant must be:

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

Deadline: postmarked by June 5, 2026

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

Applications are available:

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

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



MAY 2026 | Tribal Community Event Planner

Every Step Speaks: March for Justice, Awareness, and Remembrance of MMIP

May 3 | 3 p.m.

- Island Park (331 N. Main St.)
- QYurack@sagchip.org
- Walk a mile to remember and help bring awareness to our Missing and Murdered Indigenous relatives.
- Free MMIP T-shirt for all participants
- Speakers: Melissa Isaac, and Nick Deplonty, BIA
- Bring pictures of loved ones lost to carry
- Light refreshments and snack foods for everyone

ACFS Dessert Cook-Off

May 6 | 12-2 p.m.

- ACFS Lobby (2585 S. Leaton Rd.)
- JCotter@sagchip.org or 989-430-0532
- Register in person at ACFS by Friday, May 1
- Make your favorite dessert recipes!
- Prizes awarded for First Place and People's Choice
- Winners announced at ACFS Silent Auction and Bingo Night on Friday, May 8,

ACFS Silent Auction and Bingo Night

May 8 | 5-8 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym (7070 E. Broadway)
- WFlowersMurch@sagchip.org or 989-775-4914
- Silent auction bids open at 5 p.m.
- Bingo held from 6-8 p.m.
- Bingo packets: \$10 for nine games
- 50/50 raffle and concessions for sale

Saganing Cemetery Cleanup

May 11 | 10 a.m., lunch served at 1 p.m.

- Saganing Tribal Center (5447 Sturman Rd.)
- **Volunteers needed, please contact:** SCompau@sagchip.org or 989-775-5820

Mt. Pleasant Free Tree Giveaway

May 15 | 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or until trees are gone)

- SCTC Parking Lot (5805 E. Pickard St.)
- KHager@sagchip.org or 989.775.4585

Wewebanaabiiwin Adult Fishing Tournament

May 16 (tentative) | 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Hideaway RV Park (5514 E. Airport Rd.)
- KeRicketts@sagchip.org or 989.944.0495
- Entry fee: \$50 per team
- Catch-and-release tournament

Saganing Free Tree Giveaway

May 19 | 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or until trees are gone)

- Saganing Tribal Center (5447 Sturman Rd.)
- SCompau@sagchip.org or 989-775-5820

Community Health & Fitness Day

May 21 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m.

- Nimkee's Fit Park (2591 S. Leaton Rd.)
- SPifer@sagchip.org or 989.775.4694
- Join in on four themed health improving opportunities
- Participate for a chance to win one of these prizes: Nimkee Fitness T-shirt, Fitbit Versa 2, SECR spa package and one night stay at SEWPH

Two-Spirit Talking Circle

May 27, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28 | 6-8 p.m.

- 7th Generation (7785 E. Remus Rd.)
- LeRuffino@sagchip.org or kt@greatlakesbaypride.org

Ziibiwing Vendor Market

May 29, 30 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Ziibiwing Center (6650 E. Broadway)
- GHallwill@sagchip.org or 989-775-4744
- Vendor application deadline: Wednesday, May 22
- Vendors: Arts, crafts, fashion, jewelry, gifts and more

Save the Date!

Summer SAFETY FAIR

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

Music Food Prizes Fun

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

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

People's Powwow Golf Fundraiser

May 29 | Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

- Mt. Pleasant Country Club (3686 E. River Rd., Mt)
- TJackson@sagchip.org or 989-775-4780
- Two-person scramble
- \$100 per person (includes green and cart fees, meal and proxies)
- Trophies awarded to winning teams
- All participants will be entered into door prizes

Save the Date: Graduation Banquet

June 9 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- Wii Maajikwad (2875 Gikendaaso Way)
- DSmith@sagchip.org or 989.775.4071
- Each graduate will receive invitations in May and will be able to bring four guests.

MAY 2026 | Tribal Community Calendar

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat./Sun. | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SECR Payroll ● SCIT Per Capita ● SCIT Payroll ● Curbside Recycling | <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">Reservation Household CLEAN UP Contact: 989-775-4595</p> </div> | | <div style="background-color: #0072bc; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Saturday, May 16, 2026</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Former SCA parking lot <small>7498 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858</small></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0; color: #0072bc;">Housing tenants and SCIT Members only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepting normal household items. • Not accepted: Tires, refrigerators/freezers, microwave ovens, computers/screens, televisions, oil, paint, chemicals, batteries, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs, pesticides/herbicides. </div> | | <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">1 ●</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">June TCWP Deadline by 5 p.m.</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">Fireside on the Rez 11:30 a.m. B. Health</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">Spirit Bear Talking Circle 7 p.m. Andahwod</p> | <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">2</p> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin: 0;">Fireside on the Rez 6 p.m. B. Health</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">3</p> |
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Tribal Operations

Utilities Manager - Fresh Water Treatment Plant

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

Utilities Manager - Waste Water Treatment

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

Waste Water Operator I

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must have one year verifiable experience in wastewater/water field or directly related experience in plumbing or mechanical plant operations.

Waste Water Operator II

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

Waste Water Operator III

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

Fresh Water Operator II

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

Fresh Water Operator III

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

Fresh Water Operator Intern

Open to SCIT members only. High school diploma or GED. Math test will be required and administered prior to interview.

Maintenance - Waste Water

Open to the public. One year of demonstrated experience in basic maintenance, grounds keeping, and verifiable experience in wastewater or water system operations.

Maintenance - Fresh Water

Open to the public. One year of demonstrated experience in basic maintenance, grounds keeping, and verifiable experience in wastewater or water system operations.

Data & Evaluation Analyst

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

ACFS Supervisor

Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in social work, human services, or related field. Four years of social services: working with children and families experience. One year of experience in child welfare. One year of experience in a supervisory capacity.

SAMHSA Project AWARE

Co-Coordinator

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

AWARE Elementary Counselor/Family Outreach

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

Internship

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

Police Officer

Open to the public. Must be a U.S. citizen and at least 21 years

of age. Must be able to pass departmental fitness evaluation.

Natural Resources Technician-Seasonal

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

Registered Medical Assistant PT

Open to the public. Registered or Certified Medical Assistant license. Minimum of one year experience working as a medical assistant in an outpatient medical clinic.

Public Health Nurse - Diabetes

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

Patient Registration Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Proficient with various computer software applications.

Prevention Specialist

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Associate degree in human services or related field.

Registered Medical Assistant - Same Day

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

Physician - IHS Same Day

Open to the public. Medical Degree or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Current board certification in specialty.

Student Support Tutor

Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. College level math. Must be able to pass math test with a score of 70 percent or better.

Certified Nursing Assistant

Open to the public. Must be able to effectively communicate with residents and all members of the health care team and have good computer skills.

Assistant Prosecutor PT

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

Interim Clinical Therapist

Open to the public. Licensed master's degree in counseling, social

work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain full licensure within two years from date of hire.

Maintenance Worker

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

Health and Human Services Administrator

Open to the public. Master's degree in healthcare administration, public health administration, healthcare finance, or related field. Ten years' experience in healthcare administration or public health administration.

Clerical Pool

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

General Labor Pool

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

Soaring Eagle

Culinary Supervisor

Open to the public. Three years restaurant or banquet cooking experience with increasing levels of responsibility.

Sous Chef

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

Line Cook

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

Kitchen Equipment Tech

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

F&B Cashier

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

Guest Relations Rep PT

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

Alterations Clerk

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

Line Server PT

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

Grounds Maintenance Worker

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

Usher (Seasonal)

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

Bartender (Seasonal) PT

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

Waitstaff (Seasonal) PT

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

Building Maintenance

Apprentice

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

Saganing

Line Cook FT

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

F&B Attendant FT

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

F&B Attendant PT

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

Line Cook PT

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

F&B Custodial Worker

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

Inventory Control

Driver WareHouser

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

Laundry Attendant PT

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

Beverage Waitstaff FT

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

Bartender PT

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.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF DARRYL CLIFFORD JACKSON, DECEASED:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: (989) 775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Darryl Clifford Jackson. Date of Birth: Feb. 16, 1963. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Darryl Clifford Jackson, who resided at 449 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 died Jan. 7, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen Jackson or Joelle Peters, personal representatives, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Stephen Jackson of 449 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-400-9900 or Joelle Peters of 405 N. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-444-9329.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THERESA LYNN JACKSON, DECEASED:

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court, 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, Phone: (989) 775-4800. In the Matter of the Estate of Theresa Lynn Jackson. Date of Birth: Aug. 20, 1967. Notice to creditors: The decedent, Theresa Lynn Jackson, who resided at 449 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 died Nov. 3, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Stephen Jackson or Joelle Peters, personal representatives, or to both the Probate Court at 6954 E. Broadway Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Personal Representative: Stephen Jackson of 449 S. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-400-9900 or Joelle Peters of 405 N. Shepherd Rd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Phone: 989-444-9329.

2026 Summer Youth Worker Program

Summer youth workers needed

Six week program: June 22- July 30

*Summer youth workers adhere to Tribal Operations policies and holidays.

- **Summer youth worker portal:** The summer youth worker calendar, program news and reminders, a call-in link, and other important documents will all be posted in June and updated regularly on the Summer Youth Worker Portal at www.sagchip.org/summeryouth
- **Job applications available at:** www.sagchip.org/careers

*Paper applications also available at Human Resources, Black Elk Building.

Youth workers:

- Must be SCIT member
- Must be 14-18 years old at time of application
- Must be able to attend parent/guardian and youth worker meeting

Applications open: May 1, 2026

Deadline: Positions open until filled

To apply: Scan QR



Pinconning Fraser Fire Department presents ladder truck acquisition project

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

The Pinconning Fraser Fire Department has successfully concluded a decade-long initiative focused on replacing its outdated 1976 Mack Baker Aerial scope ladder truck.

This journey began in 2006 when Dow Chemical Company from Midland, Mich. approached the department with an offer to acquire the aging ladder truck. During the discussions, it became evident that evolving firefighting strategies, coupled with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's plans to develop a casino and multi-level hotel at Saginaw Eagles Landing Casino, underscored the necessity of having a reliable ladder truck in the northern county. Recognizing this critical need, the department accepted Dow Chemical's generous offer, which was made for a nominal fee of just one dollar.

In partnership with the Kawkawlin Fire Department, the Pinconning Fraser Fire Department crafted a comprehensive operational plan to seamlessly incorporate the ladder truck into the regional emergency response framework.

Over the years, the department sought additional funding through FEMA Fire Act Grants but faced challenges that hindered their success. In 2023, the department made a strategic decision to collaborate with Lexipol, a firm specializing in grant writing, to enhance their chances of securing funding for the 2022 FEMA Grant application.

This collaboration proved fruitful when, to the department's delight, the grant was approved in late 2023, resulting in a substantial award of \$957,857.14,



Courtesy of Pinconning Fraser Fire Department

Local government officials, fire authorities, and SCIT representatives come together for a blessing of Pinconning Fraser Fire Department's new Ladder North fire apparatus on Friday, March 27 at the Saginaw Outreach Center in Standish, Mich.

with a required copay of \$47,892.86. With this financial backing, the department initiated the process of soliciting bids and defining the specifications for the new apparatus.

Following a meticulous evaluation process, the Pinconning Fraser Fire Department selected a 2026 Spartan Chassis equipped with a Smeal rear-mounted aerial ladder from R & R Fire Truck Repair Inc. located in Belleville, Mich. This decision was the culmination of extensive discussions with various fire apparatus manufacturers, where the department assessed bids and established relationships based on service history and reliability.

The acquisition of this new ladder truck not only enhances the department's operational capabilities but also significantly improves the safety and efficiency of emergency response efforts in the community.

In accordance with AFG requirements, the 1976 Mack Aerialscope will be retired from emergency service and donated to the Antique Toy and Firehouse Museum in Bay City, Mich., recognizing its valuable contributions to Dow

Chemical and the communities of Northern Bay County and Arenac County.

The acquisition of the new Smeal ladder truck represents a substantial investment, totaling \$1,347,915.

To manage the additional manufacturing costs that have arisen over the past two years, the Pinconning Fraser Fire Department has strategically utilized 2 percent funds obtained from the Tribe.

Furthermore, the department has devised a comprehensive plan to pursue \$390,158 in grants over the next three years, while also committing to setting aside smaller amounts biannually to gradually build the necessary financial resources. SCIT has shown exceptional generosity and support for the community, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of this initiative.

The operational scope of the new Ladder North will extend to any regional department requiring assistance, whether in response to fire emergencies or high-level rescue operations. This innovative approach effectively consolidates the capabilities of three fire apparatus into a single, versatile unit.

Ladder North will be strategically stationed at the Pinconning-Fraser Fire Station 15, ensuring swift response times to the northern communities that have consistently supported this project. The Pinconning Fraser Fire Department expresses its sincere gratitude to the SCIT for its unwavering commitment to enhancing public safety in Northern Bay County and Arenac County over the years, highlighting the importance of community partnerships in fostering a safer environment for all residents.

On Friday, March 27, a collaborative event took place as local government officials, fire authorities, and SCIT representatives come together for

a blessing of the new Ladder North fire apparatus at the Saginaw Outreach Center in Standish, Mich.

District 2 Council Member Shirley Houle performed a smudging ceremony to honor the new truck, symbolizing the community's commitment to safety and service.

For those interested in learning more about this event or seeking additional details, please reach out to Erik Rodriguez at 989-775-4059 or via email at erodriguez@sagchip.org. This collaborative effort not only highlights the importance of community partnerships but also reflects the cultural significance, fostering a sense of unity and respect among all participants.

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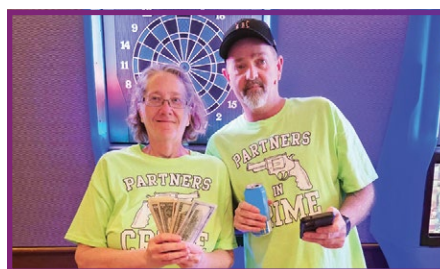
Eagle Division Winners



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FIRST PLACE:
John Sageman (Central Plant)
& Jon Ellis

Bear Division Winners



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FIRST PLACE:
Lanette & Mike Gale

Wolf Division Winners



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FIRST PLACE:
Quinten Quintero (Table Games)
& Janis Kratz (Poker)

Turtle Division Winners



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FIRST PLACE:
Danielle Collins (Slots)
& Salina Jackson



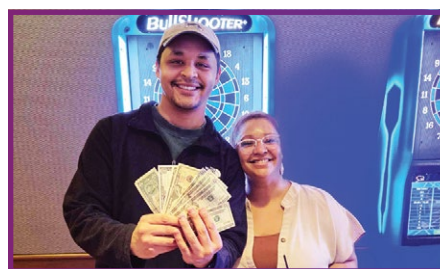
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Tahsheenah Foley (ACFS) &
Dillian Mandoka



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SECOND PLACE:
Steve Phillips (Valet)
& Ashley Oosting



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SECOND PLACE:
Bailey Mitchell &
Eryka Mitchell (Language)



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SECOND PLACE:
Breanna Barnhart (F&B)
& Ben Warner (F&B)