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## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College celebrates grand opening of new campus

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

The grand opening of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College's new campus was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house on Friday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, now located at 5805 E. Pickard St. in Mount Pleasant, is a two-year public college founded in 1998.

The occasion brought in a full house of supporters and began with a welcome by Public Relations Director Erik Rodriguez, a prayer by George Roy of SCTC, and a blessing by Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts.

"My favorite part is when you walk in and see our teachings all around, on every floor (of the building). I want to encourage everyone – it's in our Anishinaabemowin – to study (those teachings), and to speak them, and embrace them in everyday life," Ricketts said.

Blue House Singers performed a welcome song and SCTC President Carla Sineway shared remarks.

"That process (to find SCTC a home) has strengthened us," Sineway said on behalf of the Tribal College. "Sometimes we think that the outcome is what we need to be focused on – but



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**The ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College campus takes place on March 1.**



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Blue House Singers perform an honor song.**



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**SCTC President Carla Sineway speaks of moving to the new campus, now located at 5805 E. Pickard St. in Mount Pleasant.**



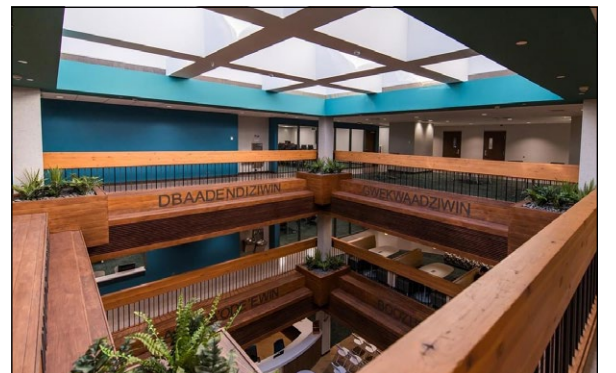
Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**SCTC Board of Regents Chair Jordan Fallis shares his excitement for the future of SCTC.**



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**Brian Keeler, executive vice president of Spence Brothers, speaks about the general contractor role for the project.**



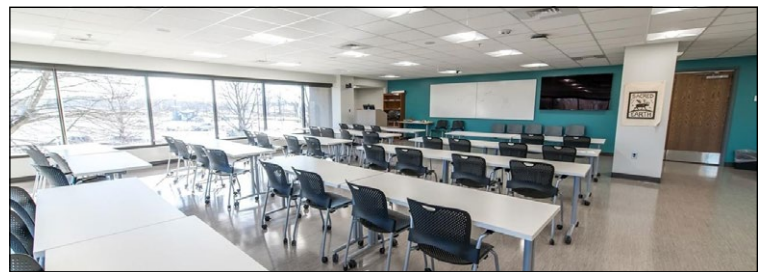
Courtesy of Spence Brothers

**The skylight windows and floors of the SCTC building are photographed.**



Courtesy of Spence Brothers

**Science lab and classroom**



Courtesy of Spence Brothers

**A Tribal College classroom**

sometimes we forget that the journey is just as important, because the journey makes the outcome more valuable."

Sub-Chief and SCTC alumnus Luke Sprague provided remarks.

"For the Spring of 2024, student enrollment is at 161. That's a phenomenal number during

this transition," Sprague said. "... (SCTC) is currently offering four associate degree programs including business, liberal arts, general science and Native American studies."

Sprague shared SCTC was recently awarded a grant that will assist the administration, faculty, and staff in providing

resources to develop a four-year Native American studies degree.

"I believe enrollment is really going to skyrocket," Sprague said.

Jordan Fallis, chair of the SCTC Board of Regents, said he is "excited for the future; to see

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Courtesy of Spence Brothers

**Study area**

## Tribal Liaison position put on the table

**COURTESY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATES OF LANSING**

On March 15, Public Affairs Associates of Lansing informed a new Office of Tribal Legislative Liaison would be created to provide guidance to lawmakers on tribal affairs.

The Office of Tribal Legislative Liaison would be created under legislation introduced this week by Rep. Carrie A. Rheingans (D-Ann Arbor)

and supported by all 12 sovereign nations based in Michigan.

HB 5600 would legally require the legislative council to staff the office with one liaison and two policy analysts. The council would appoint a liaison from a list of three names given to the legislative council.

The liaison would be charged with keeping a relationship with lawmakers and making them aware of the impact introduced legislation would have on tribal communities. The liaison would

check in with each tribe at least once a year and assist lawmakers with legislation the tribes feel is needed.

The liaison would also write up an annual report to let legislative leaders know what the tribes see as their most important policy issues.

Rheingans said the office would be a "tangible commitment to government-to-government relationship building, honoring treaty rights and advancing the well-being of Michiganders."

Jamie Stuck, tribal chair of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, said the legislation is three years in the making and marks a rare movement by the 12 tribes to speak in one, larger voice about the needs of the indigenous community.

"This is a true bipartisan bill ensuring a better process for fostering better government relationships between the Legislature and the 12 reaffirmed nations of the State of Michigan," Stuck said.

PRE-SORTED STANDARD  
FIRST CLASS PERMIT # 338  
GREENLE, MI 48838



## Timothy Peter Bennett

March 26, 1961 - March 1, 2024

Timothy Peter Bennett, age 62, of Mount Pleasant, passed away Friday, March 1, 2024, at Covenant Hospital in Saginaw.

Tim was born in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., March 26, 1961, the son of Robert and Esther (McDonald) Bennett. He was a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

Tim was married to Dawn (Snyder) on Aug. 18, 2007; she preceded him in death on May 15, 2020.

He enjoyed fishing, bonfires, and time with the grandkids. Tim also liked playing cards and dice and watching old western movies and "COPS."

Tim is survived by his children, Jackie (Aaron) Graveratte, Erica Bennett, Keith (Melissa) Bennett, Tina Sceals, Anthony Bennett, Aaron Bennett; step-children Charles (Kathy) Snyder, Terry (Amanda) Snyder; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers Randy Bennett, Robert (Genevieve) Bennett; sisters Lisa Bennett, Rhonda (Mike) Bennett and many nieces and nephews. Tim is also survived by a special caregiver, Melonie Munoz.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son Timothy; brothers Leo and Michael Bennett; and sister Roberta Bennett.

Funeral services took place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at Clark Family Funeral Chapel. Interment immediately followed at Woodland Cemetery. Following burial, a luncheon was held at Seventh Generation. The family received friends that Tuesday beginning at 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



## Paula Bouley

November 20, 1975 - February 24, 2024

Paula Ann Bouley, age 48, of Sterling Heights, Mich., formerly of Mount Pleasant, passed away Saturday, Feb. 24, 2024, at Beaumont Hospital in Troy, Mich.

Paula was born in Mt. Pleasant, on Nov. 20, 1975, the daughter of Allen and Diane (Falcon) Pego. She was member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Paula married Anthony Kargol on Aug. 11, 2022.

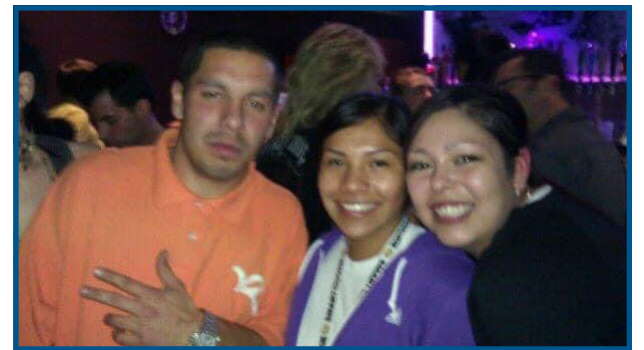
She enjoyed golfing, bowling, and had a love for cats. Paula was a great mom and grandma; she loved cooking and hosting friends and family. Paula was outgoing, always had a joke, and there was never a dull moment!

Paula is survived by her husband Tony Kargol of Sterling Heights; daughters Ashley Bouley of Detroit, Amber Bouley of Berkeley, Calif.; grandchildren Rosa and Malachi; parents Allen and Diane Pego of Mt. Pleasant; brother Waylon Pego of Mt. Pleasant; and sisters Lynnette Bennett of Midland, Candice Pego (Tamara Stack) of Mt. Pleasant, and Tonya (Jesse) Thomas of Mt. Pleasant.

Paula was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Andrew and Theresa Falcon; paternal grandparents James and Grace Pego; brother Allen John Pego; sister Terri Paul; brother-in-law Bruce Bennett; cousin Isaac Pego; and uncle Bo Pego.

Funeral services took place at Clark Family Funeral Chapel on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, at 1 p.m. Interment immediately followed at Woodland Cemetery. Following the burial, a luncheon was held at Reflections Reception Center. The family received friends on Wednesday, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Another 3 year anniversary, time is flying by but you will always be missed Bobby April 17<sup>th</sup>

## Holly Ann Cabay

October 2, 1978 - March 6, 2024

Holly Ann Cabay, lovingly referred to by her friends as Brown Sugar for her sweet and vibrant personality, passed away on March 6, 2024, at the age of 45, in Saginaw, Mich. Born on Oct. 2, 1978, in Midland, Mich., Holly was a cherished daughter to Roger Barringer and Elizabeth Cabay.

Holly's early years were spent in the halls of Standish Sterling High School and Meridian Schools, where she enjoyed playing softball. Her competitive spirit and infectious laughter made her a beloved teammate and friend.

Her adventurous soul led her to a life filled with joy and laughter. Holly's passion for life was evident in her love for concerts, shopping, and traveling. At home, she found solace in tending to her plants and playing with her beloved dogs, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who entered her home.

Holly's legacy is carried on by her adoring sons, Jared Sevilla, Alexander Sevilla, and Trenton Krystyniak, who will forever cherish the memories of their mother's unwavering love and guidance. She is also survived by her brother, Andrew Lowler, and sister-in-law, Emily Kennedy, as well as her niece, Shilah, and nephews, Phoenix, Dakota, Cree, Tarlow, and Denali Lowler.

Preceding her in death were her beloved grandparents, Doris and Kenneth, her Uncle Rick Barringer, Aunt Barbara, and Uncle Tubby, who have now welcomed her with open arms.

Holly's life was a testament to her adventurous spirit, her funny and passionate nature, and her ability to make every moment count. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Holly's funeral service was held on March 14 at the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home-Standish Chapel in Standish, Mich. The graveside service was held at 1:30 p.m. at the Saganing Indian Cemetery on Worth & Whites Beach Rds. in Standish, Mich.



## Tribal Observer

# Graduate Photos

Please submit information to [Observer@Sagchip.org](mailto:Observer@Sagchip.org)

<p><b>College</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate's name</li> <li>• School</li> <li>• Field of Study</li> </ul>	<p><b>High School</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate's name</li> <li>• School</li> </ul>
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Deadline: May 15, 2024

## 2024 Summer Youth Worker Program

Crew Leaders & Summer Youth Workers Needed

- **Six week summer program:** Starts the third week of June. Ends July 31. \*Summer Youth Worker employees adhere to Tribal Operations policies and holidays.
- **New Summer Youth Portal:** Summer youth calendar, interview scheduling, program policies, workshop sign-ups, call-in link, program news and reminders. Important documents will be posted and updated regularly on the Summer Youth Portal at [www.sagchip.org/summeryouth](http://www.sagchip.org/summeryouth)
- **Thursdays are workshop days:** Every Thursday – cultural, financial, career, community
- **Apply starting April 2024 at [www.sagchip.org/careers](http://www.sagchip.org/careers)**  
\*Paper applications will also be available at the Black Elk Building Human Resources front window.

**Crew Leaders:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 18-24 years old
- **Applications open:** April 1
- **Application deadline:** May 1

**TO APPLY:**

Scan QR Code Below

**Youth Workers:**

- Must be SCIT Member
- Must be 14-18 years old
- **Applications open:** April 15
- **Application deadline:** May 20

For more information, please contact:  
Betsey Alonzo, Tribal Development Coordinator  
Phone: 989.775.5643 | Email: [BAlonzo@sagchip.org](mailto:BAlonzo@sagchip.org)

## Spring INTO FITNESS

April 15 – May 5, 2024

**Walk**

- Get outside and walk for a minimum of 20 minutes = 3 Points (per day)
- Record your steps each day!  
10K a day = 2 points (per day)

**Fitness**

- Exercise at Nimkee Fitness for 30 minutes = 4 points (5/week)
- Meet with a personal trainer = 5 points (max 10 points)
- At home exercise for 30 minutes = 3 points (max 6 points/week)

**Adventure**

- Take one activity adventure each week = 6 Points (1/week)

**How to Participate**

- Sign up at Nimkee Fitness!
- Print your own log sheet or pick up one at Nimkee Fitness
- Turn your log sheet into Nimkee Fitness by Tuesday, May 7
- Obtain 25 of the 60 points possible each week to be placed in a prize drawing

**Prizes:** Yeti tumblers, Sagamok Mobile gas cards and Nimkee Strong T-shirt

**For more information, contact:**  
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

## 2024 Annual Reports are now being accepted

Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024 by 5 p.m.

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](http://www.sagchip.org)
- No postdated forms, emails or faxes accepted

Your 2024 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

## NOW HIRING

Summer Concert Series

SEASONAL STAFF

Open interviews: April 30, 2024  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms  
6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Seasonal positions available:

- **Crowd Control:** \$20\* an hour  
\*Wage only for concert nights
- **Usher:** \$20\* an hour  
\*Wage only for concert nights
- **Bartender:** Up to \$15 an hour + tips  
\*\*Requires Gaming License
- **Waitstaff:** Up to \$15 an hour + tips

**Applications available online at:**  
<http://www.sagchip.org/careers>

**Same day hiring**  
No pre-employment cost

**Must be 18 years of age or older**

**Candidates should bring:**  
Two pieces of ID (one being a picture ID)

**For more information, please call:**  
Human Resources at 989.775.5600

Scan here to view open positions!



"WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE"

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

**Regular Tribal Council Sessions**

- ▶ First Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Inside the Council Chambers of the Black Elk Government Complex

- Meetings are open to Tribal Members
- Anyone wanting to be added can call (989) 775-4004

**Regular Council Session Dates**

- April 2 • May 7 • June 4

## Red Dress DONATIONS NEEDED

**Red Dress Day: May 5, 2024**

*National Day of Remembrance for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*

**No More Stolen Sisters Event: Coming May 2024**

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

**In order to create several Red Dress Day displays in our community we need to collect over 150 red dresses.**

- We are seeking clean, new or gently used, dresses.
- They can be any size, any length, and any design.
- They can be homemade or store purchases.
- If you, or someone you know, has a red dress that is no longer needed, or is willing to sew a simple dress, please consider donating it to this project.



**Donations accepted now until: April 19, 2024**

**Drop off donations to:**

- **SCIT Behavioral Health** 2800 S. Shepherd Rd.
- **Trillium Fine Clothing** 125 E. Broadway St.
- **ICDC Thrift Shop** 1008 W. High St.
- **McLaren Central Michigan** 1221 S. Dr.
- **Isabella County Commission on Aging** 2200 S. Lincoln Rd.

**For more information, please contact:**

**Behavioral Health Victim Services**  
 Phone: 989.775.4400 | Email: BHVictimServices@sagchip.org



## Happy Birthday

**Carter Raymond,**

*I love you so much baby boy*  
 April 16<sup>th</sup>



## M'no D'biishkaan Aakeeya & Zalaciah,

*we love you!*  
 April 14<sup>th</sup>



## Happy Birthday Auntie Val,

*we love you always*  
 April 19<sup>th</sup>

## NEED HELP?

**Need assistance in signing up for Medicaid?**

**Please contact:**

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



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

- ▶ **Easter** — Monday, April 1, 2024
- ▶ **Michigan Indian Day** — Friday, Sept. 27, 2024
- ▶ **Veterans Day** — Monday, Nov. 11, 2024



**June 8 & 9, 2024**

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

**Saturday, June 8**

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

**Sunday, June 9**

- **Breakfast:** 9 a.m. (Tribal Center)
- **Registration:** 12-12:45 p.m.
- **Grand Entry:** 1 p.m.
- **Hand Drum Contest**
- **Retiring of Flags**



**Admission:**

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

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

**Master of Ceremonies:** Mike Medawis

**Arena Director:** Paul Syrette

**Head Veteran:** David Merrill Jr.

**Head Dancers:** Chosen daily

**Host Drum:** Ribbon Town

**Co-Host Drum:** Kchi Mukwa

**Invited Drums:** Sturgeon Bay, Southern Straight

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

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

989.775.4000 | Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org



**July 26, 27 & 28, 2024**

**Grand Entry**

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

**Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Campground**

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

**Vendors: (Must be approved for set up)**

- ▶ **Please email:** powwowcommittee@sagchip.org
- ▶ **Online application:** <http://www.sagchip.org/pow-wow>

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

*\*Committee specials, and dance and drum contests TBA*

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

*\*Free Admission \*\*Drug and Alcohol Free Event*

**For more information, please contact:**

989.775.4000 or PowwowCommittee@Sagchip.org



## Happy Birthday Moey Joey,

*We love you*  
 April 7<sup>th</sup>



## M'no D'biishkaan Adan,

*you are loved!*  
 April 24<sup>th</sup>

## Order Establishing Spring Wild Turkey Season 2024

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 6(B), the 2024 Spring Wild Turkey Season shall begin April 1, 2024, and will close June 15, 2024, unless ordered otherwise. The 2024 Spring Wild Turkey Season will allow for the harvest of two male turkeys.

Harvest tags will be available starting March 25, 2024 at the Tribal Business Regulations office at \$10 per tag. Only two tags are allowed.

"Other Indians!" may not hunt on Tribal Trust or Tribal owned Fee Land.

<sup>1</sup> Other Indians as defined in Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 104 subdivision 52.

Per Tribal Ordinance 11, Section 105 subdivision 5(B) animal harvest must be reported within 72 hours of take, by phone, email or online.

Please refer to Ordinance 11 on the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe website for rules and regulations.

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe**

**Donald L. Seal**

Community Engineer, Planning Department



## Tribal Council

### Chief

**Tim J. Davis** | District One

### Sub-Chief

**Luke Sprague** | District One

### Treasurer

**Maia Spotted Tail** | District One

### Secretary

**Jennifer L. Wassegijig** | District One

### Sergeant-at-Arms

**Christina Otto** | District One

### Chaplain

**Alice Jo Ricketts** | District One

### Council Member

**Brad Bennett** | District One

### Council Member

**David Merrill Jr.** | District One

### Council Member

**Frank J. Cloutier** | District Three

### Council Member

**Ron Nelson** | District Two

### Council Member

**Samantha Chippeway** | District One

### Council Member

**Theresa Peters-Jackson** | District One

## 2024 SCIT GOLF Membership

**Memberships on sale until: Friday, May 3, 2024**

- Open to Tribal Members, employees and their families.
- Includes green fees and discounts on apparel, range, food and drink at participating courses.

**Memberships cost \$250 each**

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

**Participating courses:**

- Pleasant Hills Golf Club
- Maple Creek Golf Club
- PohlCat Golf Course
- Firefly Golf Links
- Eagle Glen Golf Club

**Cart Membership Raffle (optional)**  
**Drawing: Friday, April 5, 2024 at 12 p.m.**

- Win a cart at your favorite course. (Limit may only win once)
- One cart membership available at each course.
- Tickets: One for \$5, or five for \$20

## Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Transportation Services

Trouble finding transportation to your appointments that maintain your recovery?

**What's available:**

- Gas cards, bus tickets, direct transport by staff, and taxi with 24-hour notice.
- Transportation to any recovery-related appointments.
- Can include going to a job interview (not ongoing work), other appointments/meetings that help maintain recovery.
  - AA/NA meetings
  - Court dates
  - Medical
  - Counseling

**Call today to see if you qualify for assistance:**

**Jacqueline Wemigwans**

- Phone: 989-775-4860 or 989-775-4850
- Email: JaWemigwans@sagchip.org

**Behavioral Health**  
 2800 S. Shepherd Rd.  
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

**Culture is Prevention**

*\*MDHHS Substance Use Disorder Transportation Grant.\**

## SCTC Land Grant INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

**Positions Available**  
 Provides SCTC students access to new experiences, research, and hands on learning opportunities working with professionals in the field.

**Application deadline:** April 12, 2024 by 5 p.m.  
**Provides up to \$1,306 for the summer to qualified students.**

► **Start date:** May 6, 2024    ► **End date:** Aug. 23, 2024

**Criteria:**

- Must be an enrolled SCTC student
- Must be able to do physical labor
- Commit to eight hours per week
- Must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher
- Must be enrolled in at least one STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Ag, Math) related course

**If interested, please contact:** Kathleen Hart at 989.317.4827 or khart@sagchip.edu

\*If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, please contact Mary Pelcher, 1-989-317-4967, mpelcher@sagchip.org or mpelcher@sagchip.edu. Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is committed to the full inclusion of all qualified individuals. As part of this commitment, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College will ensure that persons with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations.\*\*Non Discrimination Statement: Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC) and its Board of Regents is committed to providing a non-discriminatory and harassment-free educational and working environment for all members of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College community, including students, faculty, administrators, staff, and visitors. It is the policy of SCTC that no person shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination, including harassment, in employment and admissions, in education, or in any program or activity for which the College is responsible, on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identification, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, medical condition, veteran status, marital status or any other characteristic protected by institutional policy or tribal or federal law.\*\*

## 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.

## Is Foster Parenting for You?

**Help us keep our children safe**  
 There is a need for emergency foster care homes, respite care homes, and primary foster care homes.

**Help us keep our people strong**  
 A foster home can be a family, married or single parent, who agrees to provide quality care for children in foster care. This quality care includes sharing love, providing security, stability and understanding.

**A foster parent applicant is:**

- At least 21 years of age
- Have a stable and permanent home
- Of good moral character
- Of good physical, mental, and emotional health

**If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a foster parent, please call:**  
 Anishnaabeg Child & Family Services at 989-775-4901

# TRIBAL OBSERVER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Advertising

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

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

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

## Tribal Observer Subscription Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Contact Information:**

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



**NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS**  
MMIW

Kina bi maad ziim gak Kchi pii tend da kwad  
"All life is sacred"

**No More Stolen Sisters**  
An MMIW Event

**Thursday, May 16, 2024**

- ▶ Time: 4:30-6 p.m.
- ▶ Location: Broadway Park  
2451 Nish Na Be Among Dr.  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

- Spread awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Movement
- Guest speakers and light refreshments

**Red Dress exhibits will be featured all throughout the community starting the end of April, until the middle of May to bring recognition to this powerful movement.**

**Locations in Mt. Pleasant will include:**

- Ziibiwing Center: 6650 E. Broadway Rd.
- Clarke Historical Library: 250 E. Preston
- Veterans Memorial Library: 301 S. University Ave.
- McLaren Central Michigan Hospital: 1221 South Dr.
- Central Michigan University Libraries: 250 E. Preston
- Mid Michigan College: 2600 S. Summerton Rd.
- Art Reach Mid Michigan: 111 E. Broadway St.

*The Red Dress exhibit will run from April 29 until May 7, with a gallery reception and speaker on May 2 from 5-6:30 p.m.*

**For more information, contact:**  
989.775.4400 | BHvictimservices@sagchip.org

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

**Tribal Member Elders-Age 55 and older or Tribal Members with a documented long-term disability**

**EAHRP guidelines, D. 3. and EAAP guidelines, D. 3 homeowners insurance requirement has changed.**

**Homeowners insurance is no longer needed to qualify for:**

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

**Contact information:**  
**Kim Otto McCoy**  
• Phone: 989-775-4014  
• Email: KMcCoy@sagchip.org

*Building Connected Communities*

**A SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WALK**

Welcome to Mt. Pleasant  
RISE

**Save the Date! Saturday, April 13, 2024**

Registration: 1 p.m. | Event time: 2 p.m.  
Location: Island Park (331 N. Main St., Mount Pleasant)

Please join Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Behavioral Health Victim Services, Victims of Crime Program, and RISE Advocacy Inc. at the south shelter of Island Park for our walk in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

- ▶ Free event, everyone is welcome
- ▶ Participants will receive a free T-shirt  
\*Limited quantity (first come, first serve basis)
- ▶ Pre-registration is encouraged  
(registration also available on event day)

**Featuring:** Fun crafts & activities, informational booths and self-defense demonstrations

**To pre-register or for more information, please contact:**

- Behavioral Health Victim Services:  
989.775.4400 or BHvictimservices@sagchip.org
- RISE Advocacy Inc. - 24 Hour Crisis Line:  
844.349.6177

**HONORING SAGANING TRADITIONAL POWWOW RAFFLE**

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

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

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

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

**Contact Powwow Committee members for tickets:**  
Darcy Pilar, Elizabeth Chivis, Carla Bennett, Noelle Wells, Dabian Sprague, Seryna Acuna, Niibin Sprague, Elizabeth Smith, Christina Cross and Reba Navajar.

\*All proceeds will benefit the SCIT and Saganing powwows

**Contact information:** Powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

**NOW ACCEPTING BIDS:**  
For cooking and preparing fry bread and blanket dogs

**Event: K-12 Educational Powwow**

- Two day event (May 7 & 8, 2024)
- Time: 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. each day
- 800-900 pieces of fry bread needed each day
- 300 blanket dogs for first day
- We will purchase supplies

**Bids due by:** April 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.  
**Send bids to:** Deb Smith at dsmith@sagchip.org

**For more information, please contact:**  
Deb Smith at 989-775-4071 or dsmith@sagchip.org

**Nimkee Fitness**

**24/7 ACCESS**

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

**Access prohibited:** It is prohibited to enter the facility after business hours without filling out the 24/7 access paperwork.

**Staff:** Fitness staff will be available from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to assist with the access paperwork.

**Yoga Class | Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

**For more information, please contact:**  
Nimkee Fitness at 989.775.4690

**Sagamok Express Loyalty Cards**  
For Tribal Members (Blue Card holders)

Sagamok Express Loyalty Cards for Tribal Members living inside the tax agreement boundary area (blue card holders) are available for pick-up at the Business Regulations window.

- ▶ Confirm phone number when picking up cards at Business Regulations.
- ▶ Download Sagamok Express Mobile App.
- ▶ Register card on app.
- ▶ Use card by swiping at pump or register before paying.

\* Fuel and cigarette tax exemption discount applied automatically to transaction.  
\* Loyalty Cards will take place of Tribal Member Blue Cards and can be used in-store and at the pump beginning Feb. 1, 2024.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**  
**Business Regulations**  
989.775.4105 | cdsineway@sagchip.org

**ZIIBIWING CENTER**  
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

**Collections Committee Vacancies**

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

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

**Interested members need to:**

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

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

**William Johnson, Curator/Operations Manager**

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

**Attention Tribal Members: Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE:** There will be a public hearing held on **Tuesday, May 8, 2024 at 8 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 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 Blvd. 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, Mijim 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. This license, if issued, will be for the duration of one full year from May 24, 2024 to May 23, 2025, 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. and New Year's Day until 4 a.m.



## New Youth Position: Co-op Youth Worker

The co-op youth worker position is designed to provide SCIT 11th and 12th graders with valuable work/school experience. This experience will introduce youth to the workplace, imparting them with valuable employment skills connected to their studies.

It is a unique opportunity for Tribal youth to earn income while earning real high school credits through actual workplace experiences within a Tribal Operations department. This opportunity will assist youth in identifying individual potential career paths and opportunities of interest within the Tribe, as well as gain self-confidence, career awareness, financial literacy, and interpersonal competencies needed to succeed in high school, higher education, and workplace environments.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- 11th or 12th graders
- Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Must be eligible to earn high school credits
- Must provide a letter from high school advisor/counselor recommending participation and placement
- Must obtain work permit from high school, which is accredited by the State of Michigan

### If interested, apply for position at:

<http://www.sagchip.org/careers/>

### Or scan QR code ▶



### For more information:

**Betsey M. Alonzo, MSA, GCDF**

HR Tribal Development Coordinator

Phone: 989.775.5643 | Email: Balonzo@sagchip.org

## June 2024 Tribal Child Welfare Affidavits

**Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2024 by 5 p.m.**

Forms accepted beginning Tuesday, April 2, 2024

### Tribal Clerk's Office hours:

**Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

### ▶ Notarization is required

- Forms are available by mail, email and online at [www.sagchip.org](http://www.sagchip.org)
- Postmarked, emailed or faxed forms will not be accepted
- The Tribal Clerk's office must have the original form

### For more information, please contact:

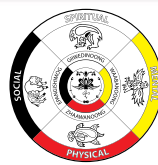
The Tribal Clerk's Office at 989.775.4051

## Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Scholarship DEADLINES

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

### Summer - June 15, 2024

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



### June 30, 2024

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

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

### For more information, please contact:

**Deb Smith, Youth Leadership Manager**  
Email: [dsmith@sagchip.org](mailto:dsmith@sagchip.org) | Phone: 989-775-4071



## Introduction to the Performing Arts

**Thursdays: April 11 - June 13, 2024**  
6:30-8:30 p.m. | Saginaw Chippewa Academy

### Description of course:

- This free workshop is for those ages 13 - 99 years old.
- My Turn Performing Arts' Introduction to the Performing Arts is a 10-session weekly course covering the basics of performing arts, including theater, dance, singing and spoken word.
- We will discuss foundational questions like, What is performing arts? What is the goal? How is performing art different than participatory art? What are the tools we use? How do we prepare and train with our tools?
- Students will increase comfort and confidence, while working on stage presence and vocabulary, character development, movement for stage, vocal skills, story adaptation for the stage using various modalities, and technical needs of performing arts.
- We will put all of this into a performance experience by producing a short play to be performed for local communities.



### To register or for more information, contact:

Michelle at [MyTurnPAC@gmail.com](mailto:MyTurnPAC@gmail.com) or 989-466-5861

### District 1 SCIT Elders

## Hazardous Tree Removal PROGRAM

### Maximum \$1,000 per District 1 SCIT Elder homeowner Requirements:

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

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

### Contact information:

**Kim Otto McCoy, Planning Department**

• Phone: 989-775-4014

• Email: [KMcCoy@sagchip.org](mailto:KMcCoy@sagchip.org)



Working Together To Protect Our Environment

## Spring Fling Community Quilt Show June 14 & 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Craft Fair June 15 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Location: Andahwod

Attention community quilters, would you like the chance to show off your quilts? Sign up to show your quilts.

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

### We are also looking for crafters to fill tables.

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

### To sign up, please contact:

989-775-4339 or [depelcher@sagchip.org](mailto:depelcher@sagchip.org)



## Ziibiwing Center Community Digital Archive ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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



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

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

### For more information, please contact:

- Email: [ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org](mailto:ZiibiwingQuestions@sagchip.org)
- Phone: 989-775-4733 or 989-775-4748

## People's Traditional POWWOW

## Golf Outing Fundraiser

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

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

**Two person scramble: \$100 per person**

- Lunch at the turn
- Proxies
- Other fun games
- 50/50
- Skins

\*All proceeds will go towards the annual People's Powwow in August 2024

### For more information, contact:

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



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

### Save the date! Thursday, June 6, 2024

- Student Roll Call
- Guest speakers
- Sunrise ceremony
- Breakfast and lunch provided



Guest Speaker: Isaac Murdoch  
[www.isaacmurdoch.com/biography/](http://www.isaacmurdoch.com/biography/)

### For more information, please contact:

- Marcella Hadden: [MLHadden@sagchip.org](mailto:MLHadden@sagchip.org) | 989.775.4751
- Noelle Wells: [NWells@sagchip.org](mailto:NWells@sagchip.org) | 989.775.4750
- Or email: [miibs@sagchip.org](mailto:miibs@sagchip.org)



## Annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance held March 9

### MATTHEW WRIGHT

Staff Writer

The annual Saginaw Chippewa Round Dance was held on Saturday, March 9 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.

The emcee was Beendigaygizhiag Deleary with Little Man Quintero serving as the stickman.

Serving as pipe carrier was Steve Pego.

Invited singers included Aaron Chivis, Kwake Hale, Vito Buckanaga, La'kota Raphael, Dan Jackson and youth singer Caden Pego.

The event was sponsored by the Saginaw Chippewa Academy, Education Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Project Aware. Sound was provided by ReZonance Productions.

Students from local schools were honored during the Round Dance. Those student are listed to the right.

### Round Dance Student Honorees:

- **Beal City Public Schools:** Lexie Prill, Braxton Chamberlain, Allie Jackson, Bryant Prout, Isaac Jackson, Gidget Stevens
- **Fancher Elementary:** Zoi Springer, Abel Swarhout
- **Ganiard Elementary:** Mila Swarhout, Caleb Hendrickson
- **Pullen Elementary:** Liylah Rantanen, Julian Pelcher
- **Mt. Pleasant Middle School:** Abraham Graveratte, Gnaajwi Pego
- **Mt. Pleasant High School:** Alexis Trepanier, Joaquin Jackson
- **WAY-Oasis:** Thomas Pelcher, Neveah Badger
- **Shepherd Public Schools:** Finnigan Belonga, Lillian Loonsfoot, Ashani Pelcher, Jared Myers, Quenten R, Zoey D, Fay Wemigwans, Ethan Pigeon
- **Renaissance Public School Academy:** Allana VanOrder, Lawrence Jackson
- **McGuire Elementary:** Ayannah Bennett, Liam Altman
- **Vowles Elementary:** Maeleea Alaniz
- **Kinney Elementary:** Lavontae Barnes
- **Saginaw Chippewa Academy:** Lunara Pego, Rashaun Redstar, Kyleen Lozicki, Marcel Magness, Farron Davis, Mia Velazco, Alayna Ray Jackson, Marcus Quintero, Gabriel Moniz, Gimiwan Isaac-Traver, Malachi Reyes, Athena Ireland-Trofatter



Observer photos by Matthew Wright



## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Branch Chief receives recognition from Tribal Council

### JOSEPH SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On March 20, Tribal Council honored U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Branch Chief Litsa Williams for her 31 years of service.

Williams has built an impressive career working with the SCIT Environmental Team, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and many Tribal administrations throughout the years.

Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, with Council members Brad Bennett and Frank Cloutier and SCIT Environmental Specialist

Sally Kniffen, offered the traditional Pendleton blanket "gift of warmth."

Erik Rodriguez, public relations director, said Williams began her career working on a natural resources damage assessment related to releases of PCB contaminants from General Motors facilities along the Saginaw River.

"She served as the technical lead for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Trustee Council that reached a \$28 million settlement with General Motors," Rodriguez said. "In 2010, Williams helped manage U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service responses at

the Deepwater Horizon spill in the gulf and the Enbridge Line 6B pipeline release near Marshall, Mich."

Kniffen was present in Council chambers during Williams' honoring with Legal Associate General Counsel Michael Fisher, formerly of the Environmental Team. Kniffen said Williams provided her technical expertise and presentations at several Tribal conferences at state and national levels.

"Her guidance and organizational skills will be deeply missed and we wish her well in her new endeavors," Kniffen said.



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Branch Chief Lisa Williams (center) is honored with a Pendleton blanket from Tribal Council for her 31 years of service (left to right: Tribal Councilman Brad Bennett, Tribal Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, Williams, Environmental Specialist Sally Kniffen and Tribal Council District Three Representative Frank J. Cloutier).**

## April 2024 Tribal Elder Birthdays

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| <p>1) Willard Chapoton III<br/>David James<br/>Carla Sineway<br/>Joseph Smith Jr.<br/>Thomas Walker<br/>Christine Giovannone<br/>Christina Flamand</p> <p>2) Mike Frank</p> <p>3) Peggy Harris<br/>Sharon Matthews<br/>Robert Sharon<br/>Christine Bird<br/>Mary North<br/>Laura Yoder</p> | <p>4) Judy Jackson<br/>Crystal Hodge<br/>Jennifer Goodwin</p> <p>5) Kimi Alani<br/>Westbrook Shawboose</p> <p>6) Jesse Helms<br/>Gerry Leureaux<br/>Shelly Rickert<br/>Mary Russell</p> <p>8) Cathleen Matthews<br/>Eleanore VanHorn<br/>Mark Cyr<br/>John Quinn</p> | <p>9) Edward Matthews<br/>Lisa Snyder<br/>Janice Wilcox</p> <p>10) Sena Hutcheson<br/>Paul Moses<br/>Wendy Chapman</p> <p>11) Barbara Sprague<br/>Maury Francis<br/>Stephanie Sprague</p> <p>12) Randolph Holy-Day<br/>Ursula Gibbons</p> <p>13) Lawrence Collins</p> <p>14) Rena Bird</p> <p>15) Raymond Fisher II<br/>Laurie Jackson<br/>Paula Howlett<br/>Marietta Stanley<br/>Michael McCreery</p> | <p>16) Debra House<br/>Russell Stevens<br/>Leslie Bennett</p> <p>17) Jon Bennett Jr.<br/>Wanda Lautner<br/>Robert Mays</p> <p>19) Valerie Moore<br/>Kermit Paul Jr.<br/>Craig Perez</p> <p>20) Joseph Collins<br/>Kari Ellis<br/>Leo Bennett Jr.</p> <p>21) Annette Buckner<br/>Raymond Cloutier<br/>Theron Fisher</p> <p>22) Charles Benz<br/>Ethel Lingford</p> <p>24) Monica McQuarter</p> | <p>25) Brenda Franco</p> <p>26) Darlene Wilson<br/>Gladys Hall<br/>Carolyn O'Neal<br/>Teresa Reyes</p> <p>27) Marie Kequom<br/>Alta Arroyo<br/>Jovain Shawboose<br/>Linda Smith<br/>Mary Perez<br/>Emma Cantu</p> <p>28) Stephen Bonnau<br/>Glen Tolfree Jr.<br/>Tracy Cousins</p> <p>29) Robin Dutton<br/>Tonia Jewell</p> <p>30) Lou Loiselle<br/>Lawrence Zocher</p> |
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## Tribal Court Magistrate appointed to Commission on Juvenile Justice by Gov. Whitmer

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Public Relations Manager

On March 7, Tribal Court Magistrate Carol Jackson received her oath of office and activated her appointment to serve as a member of the Michigan Commission on Juvenile Justice, appointed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Tribal Court Associate Judge Kevin Hesselink presided over the swearing in of Jackson for a term commencing Feb. 27, 2024 and expiring Aug. 26, 2026.

In an Office of the Governor letter dated Feb. 27, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer stated, "I have every confidence that you will find great personal satisfaction in this important position and that the State of Michigan

will benefit from your background and experience."

Jackson said she feels it is "a great honor and truly humbling" for the opportunity for a seat at the table on the committee.

"Gov. Whitmer recognizes the importance of our tribal communities and youth," Jackson said. "With the demands of societal, social impacts, along with mental health matters, we continue to work for positive outcomes as the decisions of today will have lasting effects for future generations to come."

Jackson continued, "The committee appointment gives us a voice to assist all tribal communities to be included for additional funding sources within the State of Michigan. I would like to personally thank our Tribal Council for their

guidance, leadership, and support; along with Tribal Chief Judge Michelle Horn, Senior Judge Kevin Hesselink, the Tribal Court staff, and Judge Allie Maldonado as we strive to influence positive outcomes and to brighten future generations."

Hesselink said he was honored to preside over the Oath of Office ceremony for Jackson.

"That committee advises the governor on all matters related to juvenile justice and works collaboratively with state agencies to develop and implement juvenile delinquency prevention and rehabilitative services and programs," Hesselink said. "As a reminder to all of us of the good we can do as a Tribe and a people, it is important to take note, as we do now with Carol Jackson, when one of our Tribal citizens and leaders



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Magistrate Carol Jackson (far right) poses for a photo after she is sworn in for the Michigan Commission on Juvenile Justice on March 7 (left to right: Tribal Court Associate Judge Kevin Hesselink, Jackson's relatives Janice Ash and Stuart Jackson, and Magistrate Jackson).**

is given an opportunity to have high level impact beyond the borders of our reservation."

Gov. Whitmer extended her thanks to Jackson for taking on this challenge and working with her to build a strong and bright future for the State.

"It is a great and noble privilege to serve the people of Michigan," Gov. Whitmer said in the letter. "I know that you will do the people's work with excellence and integrity and that you will never take lightly the responsibility the people have given you."

## Anishinaabemowin Language Carnival inspires learning in a traditional way

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Public Relations Manager

On March 1, teachings in a traditional way could be experienced all over the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym at the inaugural Anishinaabemowin Language Carnival. The event offered several different games and encouraged players to speak in and learn Anishinaabemowin.

The carnival was sponsored by Seventh Generation, Sasiwaans and the Anishinaabe Language Revitalization Department and its Committee. Good medicine from the western door was shared as the smell of white sage welcomed everyone.

ALRD Committee member Elder Mary Pelcher offered a blessing for the food.

"(The carnival) was a fun and fantastic way for families to learn a bit of Anishinaabemowin," Pelcher said. "The students loved the interaction with all the games, the prizes were great incentives to encourage



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**The inaugural Anishinaabemowin Language Carnival is held March 1 in the Eagles Nest Tribal Gym.**

pronunciation. I liked that this was a safe place to practice your Anishinaabemowin. Niishin 7th Gen!"

Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager for Seventh Generation, said the Language Carnival gave families a chance to speak the beautiful Anishinaabemowin with others in the community, and said it warmed her heart.

"Ngichinendam! (I am happy!) Simple phrases, commands, questions were used, and that is alright. It is difficult for me to use Anishinaabemowin at times, because I only know a little," Ruffino said. "But for the sake of

our children, I love to see these kinds of events, so that they have a chance to use the language with their family and friends in a fun, friendly environment. I hope that we can do more events that showcase

Anishinaabemowin, it is good for our spirit."

Language Committee Chairperson Shawn Kimewan volunteered at the carnival with her husband, Larry Kimewan (primary language specialist at Sasiwaans) at the Aapiish teg "Where Is It" table, identifying body parts.

"It was so uplifting for the both of us to see the community, Sasiwaans students and their families working together to complete each language activity," Kimewan said. "It was truly a rewarding experience when Larry witnessed some of his former Sasiwaans

graduates showcasing their language abilities they still carried with them and their eagerness to learn more."

Mary Perez, administrative assistant II for ALRD, worked the Emiinwaang (Fruit) Plinko game.

"The kids were excited to try to win two tickets from me for saying 'o'zaww-min-gaanh-en' which is plural for oranges... It was great to see their eagerness and how proud they were afterward," Perez said. "Parents were having a good time conversing with one another and hearing laughter throughout the night was precious. I can see this being an annual event, and I hope this event encourages our Tribal departments to get involved, as well as creative, in offering their versions of a game in Anishinaabemowin."

Eric Sowmick, cultural representative for Seventh Generation, created the Giigoonh "Fish" game.

"Having balance and patience when playing this game is the

key; it's pretty hard using a fishing pole to scoop up a little animal on a magnetic hook without balance and patience," Sowmick said. "It was awesome to see so many families with their kids to come out and be a part of this community event along with several of our Tribal Council members past and present..."

Seventh Generation's Tonya Antoine ran the Wiikbidoon (sucker pull) game.

"The kids were so eager to win prizes and tried hard to speak Anishinaabemowin," Antoine said. "I look forward to seeing more events that incorporate the language. If we do not use, it we will lose it and we have come so far as Anishinaabe people to go backwards."

Three parents received a special community recognition for promoting language preservation within their family – Tristin Jackson, Evelyn House and Dave Merrill Jr. each were awarded a night stay at Soaring Eagle Waterpark and four waterpark passes.

## Trading card game spirit alive and well as lots of fun was in the cards at 7th Generation

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**  
Public Relations Manager

On Feb. 28, the trading card game spirit was alive and well as lots of fun was in the cards at Seventh Generation.

The Japanese Pocket Monsters, known as Pokémon,

were the theme for the evening.

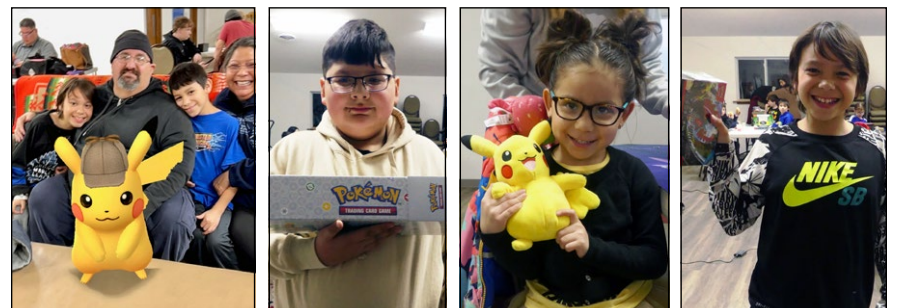
Tonya Antoine, administrative assistant for Seventh Generation, said the first Pokémon night brought in all kinds of people.

"We had a great turn out of people and a wonderful door prize table of donated gifts from Modern Explorers Guild and

community members," Antoine said. "Free boxes of cards were made available to attendees to build their deck, playing space and movie during the night of trading amongst a wide range of age groups."

Cultural Representative Dan Jackson said the event was an attempt to see what the communities' interest would be.

"I was surprised with this being our first effort at this where the turnout was larger than expected," Jackson said. "We received very positive feedback on the event and I was happy to see so many community members having a good time..."



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**Seventh Generation hosts a trading card game evening on Feb. 28.**

Community member Alejandra Mata played a major part of organizing the event.

Seventh Generation volunteers helped with providing a community meal. A variety of sandwiches, chips, veggies and cookies were offered.

Lee Ann Ruffino, cultural manager, said Seventh Generation plans to host a trading card game night with a variety of different

card games once a month.

The owners of Modern Explorers Guild were supportive of the Tribal trading card game night and offer an array of games including "Magic: The Gathering," "Disney Lorcana" "Pokémon," "Dragon Ball Super" and "Yu-Gi-Oh!"

The next trading card game event at Seventh Generation is scheduled for April 6.

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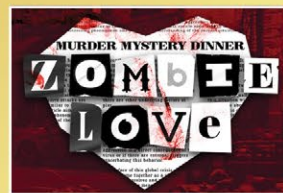
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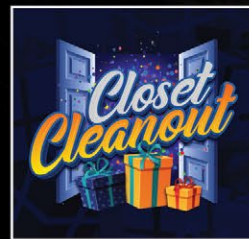
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# Rez Pets: It's Raining Cats and Dogs!

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**Owner:** Robert W. Juckniess  
**Name:** Hiro  
**Age:** 25 months  
**Breed:** Shiba Inu



**Owner:** Brandon Hart  
**Name:** Marceline  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Tortoiseshell



**Owner:** Michelle Turpin  
**Names:** Nandor, Guillermo and Nadja  
**Ages:** 5 months  
**Breeds:** Orange Tabby Cats



**Owners:** Peyton & Brady Russell  
**Names:** Gus Gus and Tiger  
**Age:** 5 months  
**Breed:** Unknown



**Owner:** Wendy Bartys  
**Name:** Beej  
**Age:** Unknown  
**Breed:** Chihuahua/Papillon



**Owner:** Frances Mena  
**Name:** Chompers  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Peekapoo



**Owner:** Kelly Walworth  
**Name:** Remi Doodle  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Labradoodle



**Owner:** Chris Ruppel  
**Name:** Swisher  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** Beagle/Jack Russell



**Owner:** Austin Kraska  
**Names:** Sargent Peppers & Axl  
**Age:** 6, 3  
**Breed:** German Shepherds



**Owner:** Jenny Strong  
**Name:** ZooZoo  
**Age:** 11  
**Breed:** Siamese



**Owners:** Nick & Wendi Bovear  
**Names:** Lola, Riley & Maggz  
**Age:** 11 months, 1, 15  
**Breed:** Shih Tzus



**Owner:** Kim Howe  
**Name:** Buster  
**Age:** 13  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Samuel Cloud  
**Name:** Samson  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Cane Corso



**Owners:** Gayle Ruhl & Lars George  
**Names:** Izzy & Lemmy  
**Ages:** 2, 6  
**Breeds:** Calico, Orange Tabby



**Owners:** Denise & Harry Pelcher  
**Name:** Daisy  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Cavipoo



**Owners:** Elijah & Isaiah Otto-Powers  
**Name:** Petey  
**Age:** 5  
**Breed:** Rescue



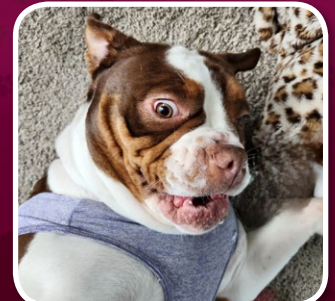
**Owners:** Jenny Newland-Tyrrell  
**Names:** Cleo & Sam  
**Age:** 5, 11  
**Breed:** Yorkie and Tuxedo



**Owners:** Rich & Barb McEnhill  
**Names:** McCoy & Murray  
**Age:** 7, 8  
**Breed:** Beagles



**Owners:** Dave & Pam James  
**Name:** Dinky Doolittle  
**Age:** 8  
**Breed:** Yorkie/Chihuahua/Dachshund



**Owners:** Candace, Jay & Bella Benzinger  
**Name:** Harlee Jae Benzinger  
**Age:** 2  
**Breed:** Olde English Bulldog



**Owner:** Kay McGuire  
**Name:** Rosie, Hank & Bo  
**Age:** 2, 7, 5  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever and German Shorthaired Pointer



**Owner:** Raven Wemigwans  
**Names:** Maverick & Aahnii  
**Age:** 2, 6  
**Breed:** Australian Cattle Dog and Czechoslovakian Vlach



**Owners:** Craig & Marlene Waynee  
**Name:** Lucy  
**Age:** 14  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever



**Owner:** Karen Roy  
**Name:** Taz  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Tabby



**Owner:** Alyssa Andy  
**Names:** Major & Duke  
**Age:** 9, 4  
**Breed:** English Bulldog and German Shepherd



**Owners:** Sam Anglin & Amy Andrews  
**Name:** Stella  
**Age:** 10  
**Breed:** Pomeranian



**Owner:** Makayla Shaw  
**Name:** Gus  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** American Staffordshire Terrier



**Owners:** Lindsay Drumm & Nicholas Ross  
**Name:** Tucker  
**Age:** 6 months  
**Breed:** Rough Collie



**Owner:** Heather DeMoines  
**Names:** Midas & Luna  
**Age:** 6, 3  
**Breed:** English Mastiffs



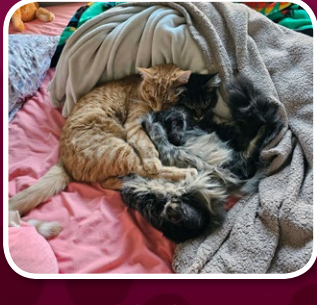
**Owners:** Tammy Allbee Family  
**Names:** Cash, Thor & Jim  
**Age:** 8 months, 6, 5  
**Breed:** Yorkie, Pom mix, YorkiePoo



**Owner:** Sue Tater  
**Names:** Holly and Nikki  
**Age:** 7, 4  
**Breed:** Jack Russell/Chihuahua mixes



**Owner:** Jodie Henry  
**Name:** Yano  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** American Shorthair



**Owners:** Rachel Bailey & Joshua Pelcher Jr.  
**Names:** Loki & Rocket  
**Age:** 1, 1  
**Breed:** Domestic cats



**Owners:** Cheyanna & Cody Mena  
**Name:** Longo  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Rescued Pit



**Owner:** Debbie Peterson  
**Names:** Eddie Vedder & Sadie  
**Age:** 15, 5  
**Breed:** Domestic Shorthairs



**Owner:** Brandon Henry  
**Name:** Beefy  
**Age:** 8  
**Breed:** American Shorthair



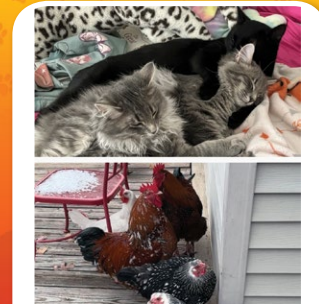
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**Name:** Jagger  
**Age:** 7  
**Breed:** Chocolate Lab



**Owner:** Jenna Wrath  
**Names:** Mia & Junior  
**Age:** 4, 3 months  
**Breed:** Golden Retriever, Labrador Retriever



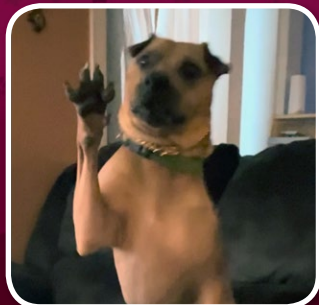
**Owner:** Morgan Berry  
**Names:** Diesel & Biscuits  
**Age:** 1, 3 months  
**Breed:** Maine Coon, Domestic Shorthair



**Owner:** Michael McCreery  
**Breed:** 4 chickens, 2 roosters, 3 cats



**Owner:** Kendra Taylor  
**Names:** Zara, Stella & Odemin  
**Age:** 4, 4 months, 2  
**Breed:** Golden Retrievers and YorkiePoo



**Owner:** Sherry Hawkins  
**Name:** Frankie  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Sharpei/Pitbull



**Owner:** Lanette Gale  
**Names:** Simon and Stitch  
**Age:** 2, 2  
**Breed:** Long Hair Tuxedos



**Owner:** Elizabeth & Rich Holbrook  
**Names:** Archibald Angus & Fahrd Furfoot  
**Age:** 10 months, 14  
**Breeds:** Scottish Fold/Ragdoll and American Shorthair



**Owners:** Ella & Emerson Fox  
**Name:** Oliver Montgomery Fox  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** Bernadoodle



**Owner:** Laura Lund  
**Name:** Oscar  
**Age:** 4  
**Breed:** Tabby



**Owner:** Riana Chippewa  
**Name:** Phoebe  
**Age:** 6  
**Breed:** Chihuahua



**Owner:** John  
**Name:** Fonzy  
**Age:** 3  
**Breed:** German Shepherd



**Owner:** April Stevens  
**Name:** Dustie, Cookie & Matilda



**Owner:** Darlene Chippewa  
**Name:** Whitey, Nilla Vanilla, Snowball, Sugar Cookie and Murray  
**Age:** 3, 2, 2, 6, 14  
**Breed:** Four Doodles and a Terrier

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### Frigg

Frigg is a 3-year-old female Domestic Shorthair mix. Rescued from a hoarding situation, Frigg discovered the beauty of love. In her foster home, Frigg blossomed into an affectionate companion, welcoming gentle pets. Back at the shelter, she is a little more hesitant. Rescued from a challenging past, she's adjusting with courage and when she's in a stable, loving home, she will continue to make progress.



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### Hans

Hans is a 5-year-old Bloodhound mix. He is not just a dog, he is a gentle giant with an extra-large heart. Hans adores people; making him the perfect match for adults seeking a loyal and affectionate pet. Hans gets along well with most other pets. His passion lies in natural tracking instincts. He's a born explorer with a nose for adventure; making him an ideal companion for those who enjoy hiking or scent work activities.



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## U.S. Eastern District Court officials tour SCIT facilities with Tribal Council, Tribal Court

### JOSEPH V. SOWMICK

Public Relations Manager

On March 11, court officials and dignitaries from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan visited the Tribal Court and met with Tribal Council.

Chief Judge Michelle Horn said the Tribal Court had the pleasure of hosting the U.S. Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris and a group from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, including pretrial services and probation officers.

“Opening the doors and forming working relationships with our federal partners allows us to collaborate and expand access to the services we have available in the community,” Horn said. “Continued collaboration will lead to positive outcomes for community members. I am thankful that they were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to visit and learn more about our court and services we provide. I look forward to working with them in the future.”



Observer photo by Joseph Sowmick

**On March 11, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council met with officials from the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (left to right: Sub-Chief Luke Sprague, Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto, U.S. Probation Officer Keith Stotts, Council Secretary Jennifer Wassegijig, U.S. Pretrial Officer Jason Hildebrandt, U.S. Pretrial Officer Brooke Rosebrock, U.S. Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris, U.S. Pretrial Supervisor Brandi Baltes, Council Member Brad Bennett and U.S. Law Clerk Jessica Laguerre).**

Morris said she enjoyed meeting the people who are so helpful in providing information they use for bond or sentencing decisions.

“We were honored to be able to watch a session of the Healing to Wellness Court and I was particularly impressed with the positive changes made since my last visit,” Morris said. “The use of a circle for discussion and the fact that Chief Judge

Horn sat on the same level in the circle provided a sense of shared purpose and connectedness that is very effective. We always learn much when we get together.”

Carol Jackson, magistrate for the Tribal Court, said the Court welcomed the dialog to collaborate as an integral component regarding access to programs and services that are available in the Tribal community.

“It also creates better understanding of our court programs, processes, jurisdiction and culture for positive outcomes with their clients to potentially lessen recidivism,” Jackson said. “Collaboration is a wonderful tool with our federal partners and look forward to more discussions in the future.”

The U.S. District Court staff also met with Behavioral Health and toured the Residential Treatment Center.

Sarah Winchell-Gurski, coordinator for the Residential Treatment Center, said the staff explained Behavioral Health’s services and discussed its strong relationship with the Federal probation agents, including CBT (cognitive behavioral therapy) groups.

Winchell-Gurski said the U.S. District Court staff were encouraged to refer individuals to drop-in recovery support groups as another resource they can utilize in the area, even for those that do not attend Behavioral Health.

“The Eastern District Court officials agreed that this was definitely an opportunity to build positive connections that are mutually beneficial,” Winchell-Gurski said.

## U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan speak about the visit

*(Editor’s note: On Monday, March 11, U.S. Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris led a group from the U.S. District Court, Bay City in visiting the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court. The group met with members of Tribal Council and court staff, and had the opportunity to observe a wellness court session. The group also toured Behavioral Health’s Residential Treatment Center and meet with the staff.)*

### Brandi L. Baltes, supervisory U.S. pretrial services officer Eastern District of Michigan

“The visit and response in fostering a collaborative working relationship was overwhelmingly positive and has allowed the Pretrial Services Agency in the Eastern District of Michigan the opportunity for an up-close look at the inner workings of their system and practices and to establish partnerships. I was thrilled to learn and observe that their court is heavily-rooted in evidence-based practices as well as cultural teachings and traditions. The common goal and theme of the day was undoubtedly ‘change your mind, change your behavior.’ What a pleasure it was to listen and learn and understand that both entities have the same focus and mission to be the agent of change and assist individuals during a most difficult time in their lives with resources, skills, tools, and opportunity.”

### Keith Stotts, U.S. probation officer Eastern District of Michigan

“...I was impressed with learning about how the Tribal Court has worked to incorporate evidence-based practices along with traditional teachings as a way to build members up. It was very powerful to see Tribal Court officials sitting in a circle with the participant to encourage positive change and connecting with their culture. I made a lot of great connections and I will definitely reach out in the future and offer the same if I can ever be of assistance.”

### Brooke Rosebrock, U.S. pretrial services officer Eastern District of Michigan

“...It was a very welcoming and informational day learning about the programs and services available to tribal members, so we can make appropriate referrals and better assist individuals. As a former State drug court agent, I enjoyed attending the Healing to Wellness Court session and experiencing its uniqueness and supportive environment. We thank Magistrate Jackson for giving us a great tour and everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to explain the roles, answer questions, and share personal experiences.”

### Jessica Laguerre, U.S. law clerk to Magistrate Judge Patricia T. Morris Eastern District of Michigan

“... Witnessing the healing ceremony afforded me the opportunity to see the Court’s commitment to helping an individual in need and reminded me of the human element present in all the cases brought before the justice system. Attending the ceremony reminded me that it is important that we never lose sight of this, and always remember the ultimate purpose of our roles...”

### Tracey Klich, project administrator for Healing to Wellness Court

“Collaboration efforts are an important component between the Federal government and Tribal governments to help those who struggle with substance use disorders. Federal government officials witnessed our first court review hearing with our Adult Expansion grant today. Knowing the federal government officials were there watching how the Chief Judge Michelle Horn and the AHTW staff sat in a circle with the first participant was humbling. Sitting in a circle provides a sense of connectedness, compassion and empathy for all who are involved. It is imperative we are aware of the resources available to us and the relationships we have developed to acknowledge and help those who are in need.”

## Naak-do-wen-ma-daa Shkakamikwe (Let’s take care of Mother Earth)

### KATIE HAGER

Environmental Outreach Coordinator

On Earth Day (April 22), government and non-government organizations, businesses, and individuals around the world act to help restore the world’s resources, improve farming practices, rebuild soils, restore native vegetation and wildlife, and improve water quality making not only a local impact, but a worldwide impact as well.

One of SCIT’s guiding principles is to follow cultural teachings that tell us, “As human beings, our original responsibility is to care for our Mother Earth in the same way she cares for us.”

By working together to protect Mother Earth, we keep her beautiful and healthy. In turn, she keeps us all healthy, both for our generation and the next seven generations to come.

As a Tribal community, we can strive to achieve environmental sustainability within our own community, homes, workplaces and backyards.

Maamwi Naak-do-wen-ma-daa Shkakamikwe (Let’s Take Care of Mother Earth Together)

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- Skip plastic and buy more environmentally-friendly, sustainable products such as glass or paper products
- Avoid using single-use plastics or throw-away items such as grocery bags
- Speak up for Mother Nature. Reduce, reuse, recycle and remove waste by doing your own cleanups
- Pick up trash on your walk or run
- Calculate your environmental footprints: food, energy, water, carbon, plastic consumption, etc.
- Advocate for climate education and do your part to learn more
- Go pesticide-free and learn how you can better manage pests without harming the environment
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- Check for leaking water faucets
- Grow an organic garden



## MIIBS Committee springs forward with boarding school building remediation plans

**JOSEPH V. SOWMICK**

Public Relations Manager

On March 18, Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School (MIIBS) Committee members joined contractors for an onsite review of the ongoing remediation of three structures of the property.

Marcella Hadden, tribal historic preservation officer and MIIBS Committee chairperson, has been on the forefront of the building remediation and said it's time for healing to begin when things fall into place.

"That is exactly what has happened with the MIIBS Committee and progress at the school," Hadden said. "Future plans for the buildings include getting back what we lost such as culture, language and arts, and a place for healing and remembering the children through a memorial and museum. We should never forget what our ancestors had to endure as children and by telling their story, we keep their memory alive."

William Johnson, curator/operations manager for the Ziibiwing Center, said this success would not have been attained without the support from Tribal Council.

"They have sanctioned our Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School Committee," Johnson said. "We are indebted to Honorable Alice Jo Ricketts for her commitment to serving on the committee. She provides the love and direction from our governing authority. Miigwetch for giving us the honor to serve the Anishinaabe people."

Christian Nakarado, a Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Tribal citizen, is a principal of Slow Built Studio. Nakarado has worked with the MIIBS Committee and Tribe throughout the past few years.

"It has been without a doubt the most significant design project I've ever worked on, and the process of collaborating with our team has always been rewarding," Nakarado said. "At each meeting, I get the sense that all of us feel a profound gratitude to one another, as well as a sense of our responsibility to both ancestors and future generations in doing this work."

Jessica Flores of Preservation Forward, LLC, a comprehensive historic preservation consultancy, is under contract with SCIT through a grant from National Park Service (Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grant

for a historic preservationist and a structural engineer). Flores joined Hadden, Johnson, and an array of contractors diligently working on the remediation and historic preservation of the three buildings.

"It's my honor to serve as the historic preservationist on this important project alongside the team and the tribal historic preservation officer," Flores said. "It's my hope that through this project we can continue to share the story and promote the message of the MIIBS."

The Tribe received a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant in the amount of \$1.7 million in May 2023 after MIIBS Committee Member Breanna Knudsen applied for it. The grant will be spread throughout five years.

Wayne Krupp, Green for Life regional manager of Industrial Hygiene Services, is assisting with the abatement and the mitigation of potential health hazards regarding the MIIBS remediation.

"The biggest components that we have been responsible for is the asbestos abatement and taking care of any asbestos contaminated materials within the building," Krupp said. "This would include lead-based paint within the structure and our team is working to mitigate those hazards as well."

Chuck Badgerow, project manager for Environmental Resources Group, said some of the difficulties in the project is to get to those areas that have been impacted with the lead-based contaminants.

"We certainly need to take care and properly clean those materials we would like to preserve and much of the challenge is cleaning and moving debris of the past to get to the impacted areas," Badgerow said. "The idea is to work with the MIIBS Committee to save those designated areas of historical and architectural significance as much as possible. I have seen the building materials of tin and some beautiful benches in the gym... I've never seen wrought iron quite like that before and our team looks forward to salvage and restore them."

Keith Ritsema, project engineer of JDH Principal Structural Engineers, said three building structures have been reviewed.

"The design process for developing structural improvements and remediation where necessary to address past deterioration and architectural changes has begun," Ritsema said



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis Photography



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**Tours highlighting the remediation efforts will be offered by the MIIBS Committee during the annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremonies scheduled for June 6. The photos show the care and respect given while various contractors work to restore the woodshop of the boarding school.**

MIIBS Committee members since Nov. 21, 2023 are: Chairperson Marcella Hadden, Vice Chairperson Kathleen Lett, Treasurer Zach Francis, Secretary/Public Relations Erik Rodriguez, Tribal Council Chaplain Alice Jo Ricketts, community member Daisy Kostus and Environmental Department's Phil Jackson.

Other departments supporting the Committee includes: Tribal Police Chief Harry Ambs, Construction Manager Tom Keuom, ALRD Outreach Language Specialist Isabelle Osawamick, Director of Utilities Shannon Peters and Safety Manager David Chatfield.

Ex officio members include Colleen Green of Ferris State University, Colleen Wilson-Rood of Central Michigan University and Mindy Bailey, NRHP advisor.

Anita Heard, research center coordinator for Ziibiwing, said it can be "a heart breaking job" looking for MIIBS children's public records to try to discover what happened to them.

"Of the children that survived, some joined the military for work, some were relocated to a sanatorium in hopes to cure tuberculosis and, if they were lucky, some returned back to their home," Heard said.



Courtesy of Marcella Hadden, Niibing Giizis Photography

**ERG Industrial Hygienist Patrice Austin-Nathan provides analysis of materials found on site at the MIIBS remediation.**

"The children come from locations all over the State of Michigan, from Baraga, Bay City, Kalamazoo to Sugar Island.

"Some children from out of state, so far away – Alaska, New York, Oklahoma, Red Lake Minnesota, and a bit closer, Wisconsin Lac Corte Oreilles and Lac Du Flambeau. These children were shuffled from boarding school to boarding school upon request or by insistence of the superintendent."

Heard also noted many student were then shifted to Haskell, Flandreau, Carlisle and several other locations.

The annual Honoring, Healing and Remembering ceremonies held at the boarding school is set for Thursday, June 6.

### Ribbon cutting

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the young leaders that will come out of this college."

Brian Keeler, executive vice president of Spence Brothers (the general contractor for the project), said this facility is a "game changer" and will allow students a chance to "excel in education while embracing Tribal history and culture."

"Nearly 90 percent of the dollars that went into this project through Spence Brothers; it was given back to local subcontractors, which obviously is important in our region," Keeler said. "They live here, they work here, they play here. So that is really important from our perspective; to make sure money is given back to the communities we build in."

The construction team reported this was one of the best groups

they've worked with, mentioning the ability to make quick decisions to keep the project moving forward was commendable.

Student Senate President Niibin Sprague led the ribbon cutting ceremony with support from Tribal Council, SCTC representatives and Board of Regent members.

The event concluded with the Blue House Singers performing an honor song and SCTC representatives provided guided tours of the facility.

The event was catered by Mountain Town.

In 1998, the Tribal Council adopted a resolution establishing a tribally-controlled college and forming a governing Board of Regents. While the primary focus was to build a bridge between Tribal Members and higher education, the college was chartered as a public institution for all people in the community, according to the SCIT Public Relations Department.



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**Exterior of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College building**

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## American country music singer-songwriter Justin Moore performs at Soaring Eagle

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**  
Editor

Small Town USA felt a lot larger during Justin Moore's show at the Soaring Eagle on Saturday, March 9, from the hollers radiating throughout the Entertainment Hall.

The American country music singer-songwriter performed a 90-minute show, beginning just after 8 p.m.

Justin Moore and his band launched right into fan favorites "Bait a Hook" and "You Look Like I Need a Drink."

The third song performed, "This Is My Dirt," is Moore's new single and title track of his new album.

"Going to play some old stuff tonight... going to play some new stuff as well," Moore said to the audience. "We've got a brand new album."

Moore continued the show with "Somebody Else Will," "Til My Last Day," "Kinda Don't Care," and the Waylon Jennings cover – the theme from "The Dukes of Hazzard," "(Good Ol' Boys)."

"(This is my) 17th year on the road," Moore said to the audience. "That's hard to believe."

Additional songs on the set list that evening included: "The Ones That Didn't Make it Back Home," "99 Problems," "With a Woman You Love," "Lettin' the Night Roll," "If Heaven Wasn't So Far Away," "We Didn't Have Much," "You, Me, & Whiskey," "Small Town USA," "Point at You," "Backwoods" and "Why We Drink."

Moore paid homage to the Toby Keith by performing the late artist's "Should Have Been a Cowboy." Moore ended the show with Mötley Crüe's "Home Sweet Home."



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

Country music singer-songwriter Justin Moore performs a fan-favorite hit, "Bait a Hook," during his March 9 show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

## Peter Frampton's "Never Ever Say Never Tour" makes stop at SECR

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

The Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort welcomed Grammy Award-winning guitarist Peter Frampton on March 16. The sold-out, over two-hour show was part of his "Never Ever Say Never Tour."

The night began with the hit songs "Golden Goose," "Lying" and "Shine On."

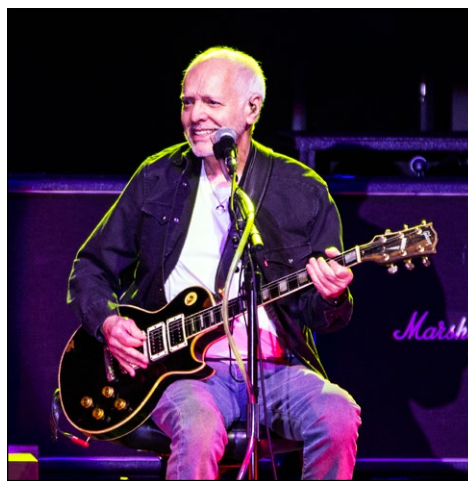
Frampton was confined to a chair during the majority of the concert, due to a progressive muscle disorder. This didn't stop him from wowing the audience, as his musicianship was as polished as ever. This was on full display during the hit songs "I Got My Eyes on You," "Lines

on My Face" and "Show Me the Way."

Frampton's lead guitar skill wowed the audience during an instrumental cover of "Georgia (on My Mind)."

The set list featured eight songs from his legendary album "Frampton Comes Alive!" The album, released in 1976, remains one of the top-selling live records of all time.

Songs performed from the album included "Baby, I Love Your Way," "All I Wanna Be (Is by Your Side)," "I Wanna Go to the



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

Peter Frampton out to the crowd during his sold-out show at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on March 16.

Sun," "(I'll Give You) Money" and "Do You Feel Like We Do." A highlight of the night



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Peter Frampton (far right) and his bandmates perform "Lying."

was an instrumental cover of Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun."

To close out the night, Frampton performed three straight covers, beginning with Ida Cox's "Four Day Creep"

and Nickolas Ashford's "I Don't Need No Doctor."

The final performance was a memorable one, as Frampton gave an emotive cover of The Beatles' "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

## Tesla delivers high-voltage dose of rock and roll at Soaring Eagle

**MATTHEW WRIGHT**  
Staff Writer

American rockers Tesla supercharged the atmosphere inside the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort on Friday, March 15. The sold-out show also featured Ohio-based rock and roller Kurt Deimer.

Tesla instantly energized the crowd with the opening chords of "Lady Luck."

Guitarists Frank Hannon and Dave Rude combined for an unforgettable duo. Their guitar solos really show off the chemistry the two have; with it often devolving in to a dynamic six-string conversation of guitar licks and riffs.

This was on full display during the hit songs "Modern



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Tesla lead vocalist Jeff Keith looks out to the crowd during the March 15 concert at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Day Cowboy," "Hang Tough" and "The Way It Is."

Next up was a cover of James Gang's "Walk Away," followed by the soft acoustic intro of "Gettin' Better."

The bluesy, driving rhythms of "Heaven's Trail (No Way Out)" gave way to the hit songs "Miles Away," "Changes" and "Love Me."

Lead singer Jeff Keith's raspy yet soulful voice, was on full display during the power ballads "What You Give" and "Love Song."

Tesla ended the night with the hit songs "Little Suzi" and "Signs."

Opening for Tesla was rock singer-songwriter Kurt Deimer. He performed many songs off his debut 2021 album "Work Hard, Rock Hard." This included "Burn Together," "Naïve," and "Watcha Sayin'."



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Tesla guitarists Dave Rude (left) and Frank Hannon (right) come together during the solo of "Modern Day Cowboy."



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Kurt Deimer (left) belts out lyrics on the Entertainment Hall stage.



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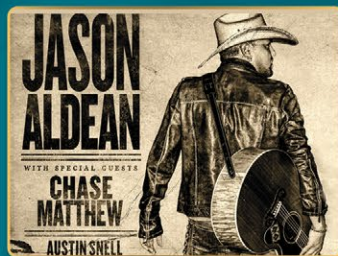
**Grand Funk Railroad & Foghat**  
 Saturday, April 13  
 8PM  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$39, \$49, \$65, \$72



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**The Sharp Dressed Simple Man Tour**  
 Friday, August 9  
 7PM  
 Outdoor Concert  
 Tickets: \$38, \$99, \$117, \$147



**Zombie Love**  
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 Tuesday, April 18  
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 Ballroom  
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**Jason Aldean**  
**Highway Desperado Tour 2024**  
 Friday, August 16  
 7PM  
 Outdoor Concert  
 Tickets: \$54, \$144, \$178, \$209



**STYX (2nd Show)**  
 Friday, May 3  
 8PM  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$62, \$76, \$89, \$96



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



**Tacos & Tequila**  
 Saturday, May 11  
 6:45PM  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$50



**Aaron Lewis**  
**The American Patriot Tour 2024**  
 Friday, December 20  
 8PM  
 Entertainment Hall  
 Tickets: \$39, \$51, \$65, \$71

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## 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 March 11 in the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Entertainment Hall.

The event honored employees who have achieved five years (70 recipients), 10 years (57 recipients), 15 years (36 recipients), 20 years (27 recipients), 25 years (59 recipients), and 30 years of service (15 recipients).

This year saw a total of 263 employees receiving recognition. SECR honored a total of 219 employees, with SELCH honoring 44.

The event was put on by the Soaring Eagle Guest Experience team; Director Sena Hutchenson; and specialists Bethany Hinmon and Niibin Sprague.

Samuel Beeg, slot technician, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Human Resources Director Louanna Bruner shared the following about Beeg:

“Sam served four years in the 43rd Munitions Maintenance Squadron in the United States Air Force. He recalls a time when driving a rough terrain forklift and had to turn around in an empty revetment. He made a tight turn but did not tilt the body of the vehicle. As he felt the right side come up he quickly prayed, ‘Lord, I’m just an airman with one-stripe, please don’t let me flip-flop this thing!’ His prayers were answered and the vehicle landed upright on all four wheels. Sam, we are grateful that the Lord was looking out for you that day and even more grateful that you chose Soaring Eagle...”

Tina Dennis, slot supervisor, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Slot Manager Tonya Claybaugh said Tina is very special to the Slot Department.

“Her kind and caring ways have touched many people,” Claybaugh said. “Through the years, she has made holidays special by bringing in her own decorations and purchasing apparel for our team members.

She’s the first to wish you happy birthday or be a listening ear for anyone who needs it. In fact, making others happy is what Tina does best. From the bottom of our hearts, Tina, the Slot Department thanks you very much for everything you do!”

Joseph Fairchild, security manager, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Bruner shared the following about Fairchild:

“Joe states that being here 30 years has been the biggest accomplishment. However, he looks forward to retiring someday, but is quick to say ‘I’m too young to retire.’ He has made good snowmobile, motorcycle, and firing range friends in his 30 years at SECR. Joe’s been through it all with us, from the card room, to bingo in the gym, the Slot Palace and then this beautiful property, which he remembers walking through the stud walls and how muddy it was.”

Terri Granger, revenue auditor, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

“Terri is a very kind and giving person,” said Patty Howard, revenue auditing manager. “She has been a wonderful friend to the many people who have passed through our Accounting department over the last 30 years. It has been a pleasure to work with Terri, she is a really special person and we are proud to have her on our team!”

Susan Monroe, revenue auditor, has worked with Terri for 23 years.

“I have noticed over the years that Terri is willing to help anyone in need and is an overall very friendly person,” Monroe said. “She loves her cats and has an uncanny ability to do a lot of home repairs herself.”

Michael Henry, slot performance senior manager, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

“Michael would like to say that he appreciates the opportunity the Tribe and Casino has given him for working at the Casino,” Bruner said on behalf of Henry. “He’d also like to thank the Tribe for employing a few of my family members of the years, including his mom, his father, some of his sisters, and some of his nieces.”



Observer photo by Matthew Wright

The 25 years of service award recipients pose for a group photo during the March 11 banquet held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

Henry’s sisters, Kelli and Kerri, provided the following statement: “Our brother dotes on his nieces and nephews and spoils them rotten and they love him so much. Mike opens his home for family parties and Sunday dinners. He takes excellent care of our mom and has provided her with a home to live in.”

Paula Hively-Fletcher, facilities admin assistant II, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Bruner shared the following about Hively-Fletcher:

“Paula’s husband, Ernie, is very, very proud of his wife. She came to Soaring Eagle Gaming with certifications from (Central Michigan University) for executive secretaries, legal secretaries and office managers. She can type 95 words per minute! Ernie said this is just the second job Paula had. In fact, Michelle Turpin shared that she began working with Paula in 1993 in the Accounting department when those offices were at Petro Plaza. (They) instantly clicked and became friends.”

Norma Jean Rapp, bingo floor worker, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

“Norma is always striving to do her best,” said Andrew Kazmierski, bingo senior manager. “The majority of the customers know Norma and love seeing her. Her fellow team members enjoy working with her too. They all have their own stories about Norma and how she made their experience at bingo better. Norma always comes to work with a positive attitude and is a true joy to work with and brightens up your day when you see her...”

Marilyn Schafer, finance supervisor, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

“I always get compliments from newer supervisors learning the position how Marilyn would take them under her wing and help – she was always very helpful and patient with them helping them grow into the supervisors they are today,” said Denise Case, senior finance manager.

Don Schlegel, security director, was honored for reaching 30 years of service.

Schlegel’s son, Sully, a surveillance monitor, said of his

father: “Your success is a testament to your tenacity and your unwavering commitment. From the 30 years itself, to your willingness to jump in as interim director whenever needed.

But what sets you apart is your unique ability to infuse laughter and positivity into the workplace. Your laughter, your kindness, and your genuine enthusiasm make the Soaring Eagle a better place for everyone. I cannot remember a time when I told another employee you were my father and I did not receive a story or stories of times where you made them laugh. Thank you for being such a great role model and for showing us all what it means to achieve your goals with grace and humility.”

Nicci Tice, finance supervisor, was honored for

reaching 30 years of service. Tice started her finance career with the Tribe on Oct. 28, 1993 as a finance worker.

“From day one, Nicci has not been afraid to take a chance or think outside the box,” said her manager, Denise Case. “She’s very easy to get along with and always quick-witted. She’s very adaptable and acceptable over the years regarding changes within the department. If you want an honest answer on how a process is working, new or old, just ask Nicci.”

Not in attendance that night, were 30 year recipients: Joseph Clevenger, table games supervisor; Steve Lemke, surveillance manager; Carrie Quackenbush, surveillance monitor; and Denise Case, and count room senior manager.

### YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

<b>5 YEARS</b>			
Erica Alexander Donald Bordeau Claudia Campbell Barbara Davidson April Gorski Lisa Neigh	Finance Cashier Supervisor/Facilities Slot Attendant Security Officer Guest Services Supervisor Finance Cashier	James Nichols Victor Nichols David Rhead Alice Scovill Lisa Topolewski Micheal Williams	Maintenance Worker Security Officer Count Team Supervisor F&B Supervisor - Landing Access Club Rep. Inventory Control
<b>10 YEARS</b>			
Sarah Bauer BethAnn Brown Andrew Byce Jr Sarah Compeau John Duyser Daniel Fairchild Judith Graves	Access Club Rep. Security Officer Supervisor/Facilities Slot Attendant Slot Supervisor Security Officer Slot Attendant	Michael Ingersoll David James Jared Kuehnemund Angela Nowak Corey Santos Shawna Thayer	Slot Supervisor Slot Technician Supervisor Maintenance Worker Housekeeping Supervisor Slot Technician Guest Services Supervisor
<b>15 YEARS</b>			
Tyler Brady Dorothy Cassel Timothy Cochran Jessica Dittenber-Guntermann Christina Fitzpatrick Annette Goodman Jody Grappin Dale Gwizdala-Compau Kathleen Jankowski Melissa Little John Morgan Mary Martha Osborne Sandra Osier Cora Pfund	Finance Supervisor Finance Supervisor Surveillance Technician II Housekeeping Supervisor Slot Supervisor Finance Cashier Finance Supervisor Supervisor/Facilities Slot Attendant Maintenance Worker Surveillance Technician II Maintenance Worker Slot Attendant Slot Technician		
<b>20 YEARS</b>			
Gary McLellan		Finance Director	
<b>25 YEARS</b>			
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**Robert VanWert**  
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**Benjamin Tison Jr. (left)**  
**Dawn Tison (right)**  
25 years of service



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**Suzanne Donaldson (left)**  
**Roger Donaldson (right)**  
25 years of service



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**Carmen Deaton**  
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**David Salisbury**  
25 years of service



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**Tanya Bardy**  
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**Henry Kubin**  
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**Amanda White**  
25 years of service

## SOARING EAGLE CASINO & RESORT®

# YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

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### 5 YEARS

<p><b>Melissa Barnum</b> Line Server <b>Amanda Bebee</b> Casino Beverage <b>Kandace Bellingar</b> Cashier - Ascend <b>David Bennett</b> Banquets <b>Christian Benson</b> Custodial Worker - Native Grind <b>Schalynne Bueno</b> Waitstaff - Banquets <b>Michael Bugh-Liburdi</b> Slot Attendant <b>Donald Buning</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Antonio Butera</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Kevin Cantu</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Cole Cummings</b> Poker Dealer <b>Tyler Emiling</b> Security Officer <b>Thomas Foster</b> Heavy Equipment Operator Apprentice <b>Kristy Gibson</b> Culinary Supervisor - Legends <b>Kristy Gibson</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>James Goff</b> Laundry Attendant <b>Amy Groeneveld</b> Security Officer <b>Dennis Haas</b> Guest Room Attendant <b>Tina Hartzog</b> Line Server - Associate Dining</p>	<p><b>Patrick Hogan</b> Floor Upholstery Cleaner II <b>Erika Huntoon</b> Finance Supervisor <b>Jessica Kandaris</b> Call Center Agent <b>Justin Keatts</b> Entertainment Usher <b>Travis Kendall</b> Call Center Agent <b>Alicia Ketner</b> Steward - Legends <b>Edward Kozitzki</b> Security Officer <b>Priscilla Kurash</b> Massage Therapist <b>Mathew LaCross</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Ronda Lawler</b> Steward - Banquets <b>Amir Leureaux</b> Plumber Apprentice <b>April Lopez</b> Guest Services Supervisor <b>Scott MacDonald</b> Table Games Dealer <b>William Maczynski</b> Security Officer <b>Kimberly Makela</b> F&amp;B Cashier-Sub Shop <b>Gerald Martin</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Lacey Martinez</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Aaron Mayes</b> Finance Cashier <b>Eva Ojeda</b> Environmental Services Attendant</p>	<p><b>Robert Perry</b> Floor Upholstery Cleaner II <b>Robert Rodriguez</b> Bell Person <b>Kiara Rosario</b> Finance Supervisor <b>Brittney Salas</b> Waitstaff - Legends <b>Madison Shawnoo</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Roxanne Shea</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Sean Silsbury</b> Slot Technician <b>Abigail Smith</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Niibin Sprague</b> Guest Experience Specialist <b>Jason Stevens</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Eric Stites</b> Carpenter <b>Brenda Thompson</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Zachary Tubbs</b> Promotions Assistant <b>Lisa Washington</b> Security Officer <b>Shelby Wilmot</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Alberta Wisley</b> Steward Diner</p>
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### 10 YEARS

<p><b>Chad Adamczak</b> Security Office <b>Ashley Anguiano</b> Revenue Auditor <b>Lafey Blain</b> Laundry Mechanic Technician <b>David Bronder</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Amber Brooks</b> Finance Cashier <b>Amy Cain</b> Poker Dealer <b>Leland Chamberlain</b> Inventory Control Warehouse Driver <b>Kimberly Chamberlain</b> Guest Relations Supervisor <b>Glen Coffin</b> Heavy Equipment Operator <b>Barbara Dakota</b> Line Server Coffee Shop <b>Pierre Dawson</b> Slot Attendant <b>Jill Elliott</b> Bingo Attendant <b>Paul Faber</b> Journeyman Electrician <b>Joseph Fritz</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Jason Fuller</b> Slot Attendant</p>	<p><b>Mandy Gallagher</b> Poker Dual Rate Supervisor <b>Victor Galloway</b> Slot Attendant <b>Wendy Greve</b> Slot Attendant <b>Jason Hamp</b> Call Center Lead Agent <b>Jessi Hart</b> Front Desk Supervisor <b>Robert Hernandez</b> Line Cook LittleEagle <b>Janelle Jackson</b> Surveillance Tech I <b>Kaylin Jeffrey</b> Front Desk Manager <b>Tommy Key</b> Inventory Control Warehouse <b>LeAnn Kipp</b> Slot Attendant <b>Derek Kosloski</b> Waitstaff - Legends <b>Heather Marsh</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Lisa Marshall</b> Waitstaff - Casino Beverage <b>Maribeth Moreno</b> Front Desk Supervisor <b>Lillian Olson</b> Finance Manager</p>	<p><b>Jon Perry</b> Count Team Associate <b>Margaret Riddle</b> Promotions Assistant <b>Tammy Salas</b> F&amp;B Cashier - Central Deli &amp; Slice <b>Steve Shaydik</b> Finish Carpenter <b>Chelsea Silorey</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Jodi Starkey</b> Security Supervisor <b>Troy Turner</b> Slot Technician Supervisor <b>Raven Wenigwans</b> Marketing Manager - Sponsorships/Promos <b>Kristi Whittaker</b> Accountant <b>Mindy Wiggins</b> Security Officer <b>David Williams Jr</b> Finance Supervisor <b>William Wing</b> Laundry Attendant <b>Judy Youmans</b> Table Games Dealer</p>
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### 15 YEARS

<p><b>Patrick Baraton</b> Line Cook - Ascend <b>Ruth Bryant</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Heather Edinborough</b> Slot Attendant <b>Jose Gonzalez</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Kristina Griffus</b> Director iGaming &amp; Sports Betting <b>Michael Haley</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Tracey Hinds</b> Line Cook Ascend <b>Ronald Johansen</b> Building Maintenance Worker</p>	<p><b>Timothy McCullough</b> Senior Executive Casino Host <b>Steven McKay</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Aaron Metcalf</b> Accounting Manager <b>Alicia Owl</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Michelle Rodabaugh</b> Environmental Services Supervisor <b>Jessica Roney</b> Front Desk Supervisor <b>Gavin Salter</b> Security Supervisor <b>Eric Smith</b> Security Supervisor</p>	<p><b>Calvin Sneary</b> Supervisor - Casino Beverage <b>Stephanie Szymanski</b> Call Center Supervisor <b>Lloyd Whitt</b> Guest Room Attendant <b>Chad Widrig</b> Master Plumber <b>Nathan Williams</b> Table Games Supervisor</p>
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### 20 YEARS

<p><b>Dennis Albaugh Jr</b> Security Supervisor <b>Joshua Blake</b> Guest Relations Manager <b>David Bryant</b> Security Supervisor <b>Kori Carter</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Michelle Colosky</b> Finance Cashier <b>Melisa Colton</b> Sales Manager - Tour &amp; Travel <b>Samantha Cornell</b> Housekeeping Assistant Manager <b>Fauna Dean</b> Steward - Central Deli &amp; Slice <b>Kelley Ellul</b> Call Center Agent</p>	<p><b>Bret Forquer</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Lori Guild</b> Function Service Banquet <b>Philip Hallam II</b> Security Officer <b>Shelley Huntoon</b> Call Center Lead Agent <b>Kimberly Keatts</b> Hotel Housekeeping Manager <b>Jack Krause</b> F&amp;B Manager-Ascend <b>Joseph Lugo</b> Count Team Associate <b>Shawn May</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Vicki Munro</b> Call Center Lead Agent</p>	<p><b>Kurt Patton</b> Security Supervisor <b>Tina Peters</b> Finance Cashier <b>John Rexford</b> Security Officer <b>Melissa Shuler</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Heidi Smith</b> Uniform Supervisor <b>Michele Steed</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Tina Turner</b> F&amp;B Supervisor - Native Grind</p>
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### 25 YEARS

<p><b>Matt Ames</b> Sales Manager - Corporate Incentives <b>Frank Andrews</b> Security Officer <b>Brian Bardy</b> Marketing Manager - Advertising/PR <b>John Burns</b> Lighting Technician <b>Melissa Carrier</b> Facilities Manager <b>Carmen Deaton</b> Count Team Associate <b>Jill DeLeon</b> Table Games Manager <b>Derek DeVerney</b> Slot Technician <b>Roger Donaldson</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Suzanne Donaldson</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Leslie Fisher</b> Waitstaff Banquet <b>Lee Fisher</b> Finance Cashier <b>Julie Franz</b> Guest Room Attendant <b>Gina Gepford</b> Slot Attendant <b>Melinda Hale</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Rhonda Haught</b> Slot Attendant <b>Gilbert Hendrickson</b> Director of Cage &amp; Count <b>Pam Hernandez</b> Sous Chef - Associate Dining</p>	<p><b>Cynthia Hickerson</b> Line Cook - Banquets <b>Patricia Howard</b> Revenue Audit Manager <b>Theresa Howard</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Gloria Howell</b> Environmental Services Attendant <b>Mary Johnson</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Keith Kleinbriel</b> Slot Technician <b>Henry Kubin</b> Production Manager <b>Robert Logan Jr</b> Count Team Associate <b>Cathy McDuff</b> F&amp;B Supervisor - Legends <b>Amber McQueen</b> Finance Trainer and Scheduler <b>Julia Oatman</b> Director of Sales <b>Carl Osborn</b> Inventory Control Supervisor <b>Patricia Parish</b> Finance Cashier <b>Tayla Peet</b> Laundry Attendant <b>Richard Peters II</b> F&amp;B Supervisor - Central Deli <b>Alan Post</b> Carpenter <b>Michael Quinlan</b> Security Officer <b>Lucia Riker</b> Laundry Supervisor <b>Sherry Rusztowicz</b> Guest Relations Representative</p>	<p><b>David Salisbury</b> Carpenter <b>Freeman Savage</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Erick Shahin</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Robert Slaughter</b> Slot Technician <b>Dirk Smith</b> Security Supervisor <b>Dawn Tison</b> Finance Cashier <b>Benjamin Tison Jr</b> Count Team Associate <b>Norma Villarreal</b> Front Office Manager <b>David Wasalaski</b> Inventory Control Warehouse Driver <b>Richelle Weaver</b> Line Server Associate Dining <b>Dorothy Welch</b> Laundry Attendant <b>Antonio White</b> Table Games Dealer <b>Amanda White</b> Poker Dealer <b>Jennifer Wilkins</b> Slot Attendant <b>Lorenzo Williams</b> Slot Attendant <b>Allen Wittbrodt</b> Slot Attendant <b>Randall Woods</b> Surveillance Monitor</p>
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### 30 YEARS

<p><b>Samuel Beeg Jr</b> Slot Technician <b>Denise Case</b> Sr. Mgr. Count and Coin <b>Joseph Clevenger</b> Table Games Supervisor <b>Tina Dennis</b> Slot Supervisor <b>Joseph Fairchild</b> SER Security Manager</p>	<p><b>Terri Granger</b> Revenue Auditor <b>Michael Henry</b> Slot Performance Senior Manager <b>Paula Hivley-Fletcher</b> Admin Asst II Facilities <b>Steve Lemke</b> Surveillance Manager <b>Carrie Quackenbush</b> SER Surveillance Monitor</p>	<p><b>Norma Rapp</b> Bingo Attendant <b>Marilyn Schafer</b> Finance Supervisor <b>Donald Schlegel</b> Security Manager <b>Nicci Tice</b> Finance Supervisor <b>David Winegardner</b> Security Manager</p>
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### Drop In Beading Circle

April 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | 12-1:30 p.m.

- Project Venture youth space (Tribal Gym)
- 989-775-5804 or [TahsFoley@sagchip.org](mailto:TahsFoley@sagchip.org)

### SCTC STEAM<sup>AG</sup> Student Organization Meeting

April 3, 17 | 12-1 p.m.

- SCTC Land Grant classroom
- 989-317-4827 or [KHart@sagchip.edu](mailto:KHart@sagchip.edu)

### Community Sewing Nights

April 4, 11, 18, 25 | 5-8 p.m.

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

### Film Screenings: CO<sub>2</sub>MMON GROUND

April 4 | 7:30 p.m.

- Mid Michigan College, Community Room

April 5 | 7:30 p.m.

- Broadway Theater

April 7 | 4 p.m.

- Mid Michigan College, Community Room
- 989-317-4827 or [khart@sagchip.org](mailto:khart@sagchip.org)
- Free for all SCTC students and SCIT Members
- General admission: \$8
- Student/senior admission: \$5

### Trading Card Game Night

April 9 | 6-8 p.m.

- Seventh Generation
- 989-775-4782 or [DAJackson@sagchip.org](mailto:DAJackson@sagchip.org)

### Maamwi Da-ma-naang "Playing Together"

April 7 | 1-3 p.m.

- Eagles Nest Tribal Gym
- [MiMcCreery@sagchip.org](mailto:MiMcCreery@sagchip.org) or 989-775-4882
- Board, card and traditional games

### Elders' Breakfast

April 10, 24 | 9-12 a.m.

- Andahwod

### Pinwheels for Prevention

April 12 | 1-4 p.m.

- Plants with pinwheels giveaway at ACFS for everyone who wears blue on Friday April 12.
- ACFS
- 989-775-4901
- For Child Abuse Prevention Month

### People's Powwow Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

April 3, 17 | 8-10 a.m. (or until gone)

- Pick up at Seventh Generation kitchen
- **Delivery available, call: 989-775-4796**
- Breakfast burrito: \$5 each (cash only)

### "Building Connected Communities" a sexual assault awareness walk

April 13 | Registration at 1 p.m., event begins at 2 p.m.

- Island Park (Mount Pleasant, Mich.)
- **Preregistration is encouraged: 989-775-4400 or [BHvictimservices@sagchip.org](mailto:BHvictimservices@sagchip.org)**
- Free T-shirt for participants (while supplies last)

### Poetry Slam Saturday "Roots of Our Heart" Honoring Our Connection to Turtle Island

April 20 | 1 p.m.

- SCTC new campus
- [STEAM@sagchip.edu](mailto:STEAM@sagchip.edu)

### STEAM<sup>AG</sup> Student Movie Night: "Water Crystals" Dr. Emoto

April 23 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- SCTC Land Grant classroom
- 989-317-4827 or [khart@sagchip.org](mailto:khart@sagchip.org)
- Food available for donation
- Celebrating water is life!

### Elder Birthday Bingo and Potluck

April 27 | Potluck starts at 12 p.m., Bingo at 1 p.m.

- Andahwod
- 989-775-4300

### SECR Open Interviews

April 30 | 1-5 p.m.

- Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort Ballrooms
- 989-775-5600



## APRIL 2024 | Tribal Community Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat./Sun.
1 <b>Tribal Ops Closed</b> Easter <b>Recovery Group</b> 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	2 <b>Regular Council Session</b> 9 a.m.   Council Chambers <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	3 <b>Eagle Feather Teachings</b> 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health <b>Elders Aquatics Class</b> 2 p.m.   SEWPH <b>Drop In Basketball</b> 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym <b>Drums Out</b> 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	4 <b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen <b>Acupuncture</b> 4-6 p.m.   B. Health   989-775-4850 <b>Euchre</b> 5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health	5 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	6 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health
8 <b>Recovery Group</b> 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	9 <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 2-3 p.m.   Zoom <b>Language Bingo</b> 1 p.m.   Andahwod	10 <b>Eagle Feather Teachings</b> 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health <b>Elders Aquatics Class</b> 2 p.m.   SEWPH <b>Drop In Basketball</b> 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym <b>Drums Out</b> 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	11 <b>"Rumble" documentary</b> 1 p.m.   Saganing <b>Euchre</b> 5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health	12 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 11:30 a.m.   B. Health <b>Key Chain Workshop</b> 5-7 p.m.   7th Generation	13 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health
15 <b>Tribal Observer deadline</b> <b>Recovery Group</b> 1-2 p.m.   B. Health <b>Name That Tune</b> 2:30 p.m.   Andahwod	16 <b>Bingo with Friends</b> Leaving Andahwod at 9 a.m.   Saganing <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	17 <b>Eagle Feather Teachings</b> 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health <b>Elders Aquatics Class</b> 2 p.m.   SEWPH <b>Drop In Basketball</b> 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym <b>Drums Out</b> 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	18 <b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen <b>Euchre</b> 5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health	19 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 11:30 a.m.   B. Health <b>Bingo with Friends</b> 1-3 p.m.   Andahwod	20 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health
22 <b>Recovery Group</b> 1-2 p.m.   B. Health <b>Wigwas Bowl Workshop</b> 5 p.m.   7th Gen	23 <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	24 <b>Eagle Feather Teachings</b> 1:30-3 p.m.   B. Health <b>Elders Aquatics Class</b> 2 p.m.   SEWPH <b>Drop In Basketball</b> 5:30-8:30 p.m.   Tribal Gym <b>Drums Out</b> 7-9 p.m.   7th Gen	25 <b>Teledoc Lunch &amp; Learn</b> 12 p.m.   Saganing <b>Sacred Fire Lunch</b> 12-1 p.m.   7th Gen <b>Euchre</b> 5:30-7 p.m.   Andahwod <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health	26 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 11:30 a.m.   B. Health	27 <b>Fireside on the Rez</b> 6 p.m.   B. Health
29 <b>Recovery Group</b> 1-2 p.m.   B. Health	30 <b>Recovery on the Rez</b> 2-3 p.m.   Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SECR Payroll</li> <li>• SCIT Per Capita</li> <li>• SCIT Payroll</li> <li>• Curbside Recycling</li> </ul>		<p>Check out the <b>Tribal Observer</b> <b>ONLINE</b> <a href="http://www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver">www.sagchip.org/tribalobserver</a></p>	



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**Tribal Operations**

**Chief Financial Officer**  
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in accounting or related field. Ten years experience in financial management with increasing responsibilities for a multi-faceted role; direction, and planning required. Five years experience as a CFO or controller/comptroller.

**Youth Co-Op**

Open to the public. Youth enrolled in school in 11th or 12th grade. Must be a member of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Must be eligible to earn high school credits.

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

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

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

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

**General Labor Pool**  
Open to SCIT Members only. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Social Services Specialist**  
Open to the public. Eligible employer for public student loan forgiveness as a nonprofit. Bachelor's degree in social services or human services. Must be able to effectively communicate and have good computer skills.

**Clinical Therapist - ICT**  
Open to the public. Grant funded position. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years for date of hire.

**Clinical Therapist - Family Resource Program**  
Open to the public. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire. Excellent computer and communication skills.

**Interim Clinical Therapist Family Resources**  
Open to the public. Interim position. Master's degree in counseling, social work, human services or related field. Limited licensed individuals who can obtain licensure within two years from date of hire.

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

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

**Certified Nursing Assistant PT**  
Open to the public. \$500 bonus after successful completion of 90-day probation. High school diploma or GED. One year nursing experience desired.

**Early Childhood Manager**  
Open to the public. Bachelor's degree in education or related field. Two years experience and training with early childhood programs. One year in a supervisory capacity.

**SCTC-Adjunct Faculty**  
Open to the public. Temporary position: July 8-19, 2024. Master's degree required in identified discipline.

**Supplemental Instructor Summer Courses**  
Open to the public. Temporary position: May 6 - June 28, 2024. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

**Supplemental Instructor Academic Catch-Up**  
Open to the public. Temporary position: July 8 - Aug. 16, 2024. At least 60 completed credits towards a college degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or above.

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

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

**Clerical Pool**  
Open to SCIT Members only. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Soaring Eagle**

**Central Plant Operator**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Three years of experience in a central plant, mechanical equipment environment, or licensed HVAC.

**Sous Chef - Pastry**  
Open to the public. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age.

years of age. Three years kitchen experience in a quality operation specializing in food production. One year in a supervisory capacity. Desired qualifications: Culinary degree from an ACF (American Culinary Federation) accredited school.

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

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

**Valet Parking Attendant PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a valid State of Michigan driver's license, with the proper designation.

**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.

**Journeyman Plumber**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age. High school diploma or GED. Must be at least 18 years of age. Seven years of experience working as a plumber. Commercial experience desired.

**F&B Custodial Worker-FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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**F&B Custodial Worker**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

**Finance Cashier PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Maintenance Worker PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**F&B Attendant**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

**Beverage Waitstaff FT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

**Beverage Waitstaff PT**  
Open to the public. Must be at least 18 years of age.

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

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

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*To all who participated in the*  
**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Constitution Revision effort**

I hope you gained knowledge by participating in this act of Tribal sovereignty as a Tribal Member. While it is still a concern of retaining the Saginaw, Swan Creek, and Black River Bands bloodlines I cannot continue this pursuit. I wish all of you well and hope you feel empowered to pursue exercising of your rights as a Tribal Member.

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# TRIBAL FOOD VENDORS



**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE FOR FOOD VENDORS DURING SOARING EAGLE'S SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES!**

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## Central Michigan University hosts 35th annual "Celebrating Life" Powwow

**NATALIE SHATTUCK**

Editor

Central Michigan University students and local area residents had the perfect opportunity to experience Indigenous culture once more this year during CMU's 35th annual "Celebrating Life" Powwow.

The CMU Powwow was held March 23-24 in the John G. Kulhavi Events Center of the McGuirk Arena. Grand entries began at 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday.

This year's dignitaries included: Emcee Joel Syrette, Head Veteran Ray Cadotte and Arena Director Little Man Quintero.

The host drum was Bear Creek, along with dignitaries Head Dance Judge Gozy White and Head Drum Judge Beendigayzigh Deleary.

After Saturday afternoon's grand entry, Joe Syrette (Anishinaabe Ojibwe from Rankin Reserve Batchewana First Nation, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada) provided a welcome.

One thing I want to keep in mind to the singers, dancers, and all the relatives watching in the stands, is we came here to seek a good life and heal



Observer photo by Natalie Shattuck

**Grand entry is underway on Saturday afternoon, March 23, of the 35th annual "Celebrating Life" Central Michigan University Powwow in the McGuirk Arena.**

through song and dance, Syrette said.

Following the flag and veteran songs, Emcee Joel Syrette introduced CMU's Provost/Executive Vice President Nancy Mathews.

Mathews took the time to acknowledge the Tribe and CMU Powwow Committee, which consists of student leaders, and the Office of the Indigenous Affairs "for helping with many of the things behind the scenes that make today such a special occasion."

Sub-Chief Luke Sprague was also introduced and provided a welcome. Sprague introduced his fellow Council members in attendance Saturday afternoon:

Sgt.-at-Arms Christina Otto, Samantha Chippeway and David Merrill Jr.

"Thank you (CMU) President Davies and Central Michigan University to continue to promote Indigenous culture," Sprague said. "We share the Chippewa name and in doing so, we must continue to strive to educate and highlight the true meaning behind it. We must also continue to bring awareness about the rich culture that helps others better understand us as Anishinaabe people."

Sprague mentioned the CMU Powwow Committee, and the "countless hours spent by dedicated students does not go unnoticed."



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**Sub-Chief Luke Sprague (right) acknowledges those who have made the powwow possible as Emcee Joel Syrette (left) supports.**



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**CMU Provost/Executive Vice President Nancy Mathews provides welcoming remarks.**

Sprague also acknowledged Kasey Perez, head of Native American Programs, Office of Indigenous Affairs, for her leadership and assistance of the student-based committee in supporting this event once again.

Several contests were held throughout the weekend, including: a drum contest, teen dance, youth dance, golden age dance (50 and older) and adult dance (18-49).

Committee specials included "Luck of The Draw" and "Switch Dance" (first place received \$500, second place won \$300 and third place won \$200 for both competitions).

A woodland special was also scheduled (men's and women's woodland competitions), in which winners received \$250 for first places).



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**Head Veteran Ray Cadotte is photographed in the powwow arena during the Saturday afternoon intertribal dance.**

General entry cost \$7. Admission was free for children (10 and younger), SCIT members and CMU students.

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